

THE STATE NEWS

A Digest of Things Worth Knowing About Old North State Folks and Things

William Brown, an orphanage boy of 13 years was seriously burned by electric wires on the orphanage ground, Thomasville, and little hope of his recovery is held. The boy had climbed a tower of the Southern Power line and tied the string of his kite to the pinnacle and had descended to the ground to watch its movements when it became entangled, he ascended the tower to disentangle the line of the kite and it is believed received a shock and fell across a lower wire which fired his clothing, inflicting severe burns in his flesh before and after he struck the ground.

Shortly after waiving preliminary hearing on charges of assault on a female and assault with a deadly weapon, J. A. Garcia, former night captain of Raleigh police, was charged with assault with intent to commit rape in a warrant sworn to before Justice J. E. Owens. The hearing was waived before Justice E. Lloyd Tilley, who raised Garcia's bond to \$1,000 while declining to grant request of the private prosecutor that it be raised to \$2,500 from \$500 under which he has been shown the charges were made February 22.

Fifty-four people were burned to death in North Carolina last month, according to the January violent death report of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health. It was the first time in many months that the automobile death total did not lead the list. In January there were a total of 48 people killed in automobile accidents, two of which died at railroad grade crossings.

As a joke, several girls at Flora McDonald College, in Red Springs, wrote Henry Ford a letter telling him they were hungry and mistreated. The letter was a joke and forgotten, but Ford took it seriously and sent a representative to Red Springs to investigate the conditions at this college. Dr. E. C. Yarboll, president of the college has written Mr. Ford a letter of apology.

Mystery surrounds the sudden disappearance of 13-year-old Julian Whitener, son of A. A. (Mike) Whitener, prominent lawyer of Hickory and one of the leading Republican politicians of the state, who told his mother he might go to Charlotte with a traveling salesman last Saturday, and has not been found since. It is believed he has been kidnapped.

The Banking Department of the Corporation Commission mailed to creditors of the Bank of Belhaven checks aggregating \$21,332.18. These checks represent payment in full to preferred creditors of this bank.

Best Known Street In All Tarheelia



HERE is one of the most familiar street scenes in North Carolina, it is busy Fayetteville Street in Raleigh, the principal business street of the State's capital city. It will be more familiar to readers of this newspaper with the hard surfacing of the road between Edenton and Williamston when Main Street Elizabeth City and the main street of the capital city will be united by one continuous ribbon of concrete.

Durham is the only city in the south, with the exception of Richmond, Va. visited by Dr. Franz Berthold and Dr. Helmoth Westphal, prominent German political economists, during a visit of four weeks in the United States to study municipal administration. They were advised by the national institute of public administration to study Durham's system of government.

Although examination by Dr. E. S. King, called when the lifeless body of Carl J. Salisbury of Hamilton College campus, resulted in the theory that the boy had died from acute indigestion and a heart attack, later investigations revealed that the young student had committed suicide. No motive for the deed could be given by the youth's friends or instructors.

The State measles total for 1928 is now over 20,000, it was learned from the Bureau of Epidemiology of the State Board of Health. In 1927, which was considered a year of measles epidemic, the total for the 12 months was 32,000. If the epidemic continues at its present rate, and there is no sign of abatement, according to health authorities, the 1927 mark will be passed within three weeks.

Bids on 16 projects calling for 115 miles of concrete and dirt roads in scattered sections of North Carolina and on one bridge in Jones county, will be received by the State Highway Commission on March 13. The only county in this section which will get in on this is Chowan. It will get 4.2 miles on Route 321, from intersection of Rts. 32 and 321 to Perquimans county line.

Jury sitting in the superior court of Wilmincton in the case of W. D. Caldwell and wife vs. Martin O'Brien and wife suing for \$15,000 for alleged breach of contract, returned with a verdict awarding the plaintiffs fifty cents damages.

Congressman Theodore E. Burton, of Ohio, is slated for the keynote of the Republican State Convention to be held in Raleigh, April 11, it was announced at Republican State headquarters. Federal Judge I. M. Meekins has wired headquarters of Burton's acceptance, and David L. Blair has written the office in Raleigh his occurrence in the choice of a speaker.

Mrs. Robert Critz and children, of Winston-Salem, have made a gift of \$100,000 to Union Theological Seminary, at Richmond, Va., for the establishment of the Robert Critz professorship of Christian education. The gift is made as a memorial to the late Robert Critz, for many years a citizen of Winston-Salem.

Charles Seffort and Brahm LeFrazz, two 15-year-old Craven county boys who went out in a boat last Saturday and were believed to have been drowned, were found Sunday asleep in a Fishing Camp four miles below New Bern. The boys were safe, and not worried at all. At least 150 men and the New Bern firemen had been searching for them.

A powerful plea for the State to deny matrimony to all types of hereditary degeneracy, which he said was about 10 per cent of the population, was made by Dr. William Louis Poter, president emeritus of Wake Forest College in an address before a luncheon meeting of the State-wide Institute on Parental Education, held at the Woman's Club.

Fully 25 per cent more counties of North Carolina today are provided with electrical power sufficient for manufacturing purposes over the number so equipped two years ago, Wade H. Phillips, director of the Department of Conservation and Development, reveals after a review of the power situation.

State Senator Frank L. Grier, of Statesville, died in Philadelphia where he was rushed for treatment by a specialist for pernicious anemia. Senator Grier was the youngest member of the State Legislature being only 28 years of age when he first took his oath of office in 1927.

The suicide of W. H. Edmundson, 50 years old, one of the largest and wealthiest land owners of Wayne and Greene counties, who shot himself the other day is still unexplained. At the time of his death he was in good health, was insured to an amount in excess of \$100,000, said by some to have been \$145,000.

Wrecking his car and not having \$45 to pay for repairs, got J. E. Riggs, Jr., of Charleston in bad. He was arrested near Aberdeen, when an automobile inspector found from 300 to 400 quarts of various good liquors in his car. Riggs is in the Carthage jail.

On Uncle Sam's payroll there are two women who are listed as Village Mail Carriers in the United States. One of these is in the far west. The other is Kate E. Philpot, of Williamston, North Carolina. Miss Philpot has been in the service since 1918.

A new graduate school of religious education, under the joint auspices of Duke University and the General Sunday School Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will open at Lake Junaluska for its first summer session, July 24, and will continue to September 3.

Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, of Wyoming, former governor of that state and first woman governor in the United States, will speak before the Chowan College Club of Charlotte, on March 20, Miss Carrie McLean, is making arrangements for the affair.

The largest poultry car in the history of Rutherford county was loaded there the other day. A total of 19,794 pounds of poultry were loaded which netted the 275 farmers who shipped it a total of \$3,940.64.

The way is being paved for work to begin on the Inland Waterway extension from Beaufort to the Cape Fear on July 1, when the Federal appropriation of \$5,000,000 becomes available, it was reported to the State Transportation Advisory Commission.

The new automatic state telephone system has been formally inaugurated in Raleigh.

Stepping from in front of one car into the path of another, Thomas A. Riggs, 65, a resident of Camden county, was seriously injured, in an accident near South Mills Monday night. Riggs is in the Elizabeth City hospital.

Lois, four-year-old daughter of C. E. Rosser, of near Jonesboro, died following an operation for cancer of the stomach.

W. H. Edmundson, 50, land holder of Wayne and Greene counties, whose body was found in the home at Statesville, committed suicide by shooting himself.

James Wells Barber, 74, prominent for many years in shipping circles, died at his home in Pinehurst from heart trouble, had been ill for about four months. (Continued on page five)

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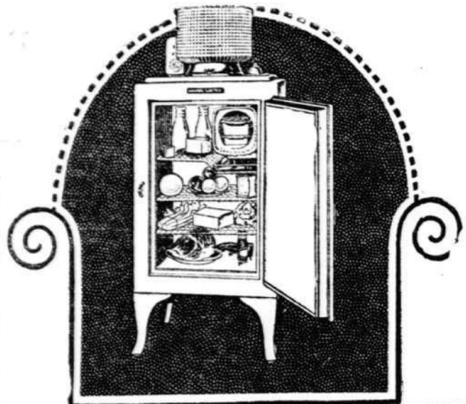
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