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## HEAVY TOLL TAKEN AS TORNADES CUT PATHS ACROSS THREE STATES

Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee Are Hit.

MORE THAN 140 ARE DEAD.

Score of Town, Villages and Farms Swept With Disastrous Effect—Loss Reaches Millions—Tornadoes Sweep Down With Suddenness, Obliterating Everything in Their Path—Rose Hill, Miss., Believed Wiped Out.

Birmingham, Ala., April 20—A death list which tonight stood at more than 140 and a property loss of many millions of dollars was the toll exacted by a series of tornadoes which today swept a score of towns, villages and isolated farms in eastern Mississippi, northwestern Alabama and the southern counties of Tennessee.

Communication with many of the stricken districts was difficult but fragmentary reports agreed that the tornadoes swept down with deadly suddenness, obliterating everything that lay in their path. In at least one case—that of Rose Hill, Miss., practically the entire town is believed to have been destroyed in several instances all members of a family were reported to have been caught in the debris of its home.

Striking first apparently in Lauderdale county, Mississippi, about 10 o'clock this morning, the storms swept a narrow path across the remainder of the state, carrying destruction to a dozen or more communities. About the same time effects of the same or similar disturbance were reported from counties in the northwestern corner of Alabama, the extreme force of the wind being expended before the Tennessee line was reached, in Williamson and Maury counties.

Meridian, Miss., the heart of a rich farming district, suffered heaviest, according to late reports, with a death list of 21. The village of Glen, Alcorn county, numbered its dead at 17; Aberdeen 10; Ingomar 6; Egypt 5; Baker 5 and Bay Springs 7. A lumber camp near Philadelphia, Nashoba county, lost 12 workers killed and 30 were injured, several of whom may die.

In Alabama the rural districts around Sheffield, Gurley, Little Cove and Waco, sustained the full force of the storms and with some sections still cut off, a score of bodies have been recovered.

Across the Tennessee line 160 miles from Blasted Meridian, tornadoes cut a swath through forests and orchard. Only three deaths are known to have occurred in the state, however.

### Storm's Death Toll.

Reports from the series of tornadoes that swept Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee show the following deaths: Mississippi—Bay Springs, Jasper county 7; Aberdeen, Monroe county 21; Amory, Monroe county 3; Rose Hill, Jasper county 6; Meridian, Lauderdale county 21; Runnel's Bridge, Lauderdale county 2; Deemer Lumber Camp, near Philadelphia, Nashoba county 12; Egypt, Chickasaw county 5; Glen, Alcorn county 10; Ingomar, Union county 6; Keownville, Union county 2; Baker, Union county 5; Starkville section, Oktobbeha county several.

Alabama—Neheman section, Colbert county 4; Gurley, Madison county 3; Waco, Franklin county 1; Little Cove 2; Marion county 20. Tennessee—Williamson county 1; Maury county, near Burwood 2.

### BARACA-PHILATHEA PROGRAM.

The following program has been arranged for the Franklin County Baraca-Philathea Union which meets with the classes of the Louisville Baptist Church May 1st and 2nd.

- Saturday afternoon, 3:30—Sermon, E. E. White.
- Saturday Evening.
- 8:00-8:15—Devotional Exercise, Maie Hayes.
- 8:15-8:45—Address (Representative from State Convention).
- 8:45-9:00—Round Table.
- 9:00—Social Hour.
- Sunday Morning.
- 10:30-10:45—Devotional Meeting, Jessie Clay.
- 10:45-11:15—Business Meeting.
- 11:15-12:00—Address, J. M. Broughton.
- 12:00—Dinner.
- Sunday Afternoon.
- 2:00-2:10—Song Service.
- 2:10-2:30—Address, Rev. T. D. Collins.
- 2:30-2:40—Reports of Committees.
- 2:40-3:00—Presentation of Banner. Adjournment.

Next thing we know these new fangled critics who are burning to "save daylight" will be trying to turn the sun back an hour.

If you haven't paid your Poll Tax for 1919 you will not be allowed to vote. Pay it before May 1st.

### THE RE-VALUATION ACT.

The Revaluation Act is contained in Chapter 84 Public Laws of N. C. 1919 and we wish that every citizen could read the act itself. Though too long for publication in this issue we will in future issues publish the most important section of the act itself with such comment and explanation as may be necessary to answer the questions that may arise in regard thereto. To begin with we would say that we have an abiding faith in the wisdom of our people to form a fair conclusion as to the merits of a question when that question is properly presented and our faith in the integrity of our people to act fairly upon an honest conclusion is equally strong. Much has been said during the past year relative to the merits and demerits of the Re-valuation Act, but we doubt very seriously if 5 per cent of our people have ever read any part of this act and we feel that it is due the people, as well as the act in question, that the said act should be understood before any final conclusion as to its merits or demerits is reached.

No one presumes that any act of a general assembly can be perfect, but by correction and amendment any act should be made as nearly perfect as it is possible for human intelligence to effect and in regard to this act the Democratic Platform carries this plank.

No less fundamental as a public virtue than economy in expenditure of public funds is the necessity for equality of the tax burden upon every citizen. Careless administration of inadequate laws that result in gross inequality is no less vicious, in effect, and barely less intolerable, than practiced favoritism.

We solemnly declare that the one purpose of the Revaluation Act, enacted at a time when the State is decreasing its revenue from the property tax, and by unanimous vote of the Democratic and Republican members of the General Assembly, is to equalize the tax burden between all the people of the State as nearly as careful administration of just laws can accomplish this great purpose, and we solemnly pledge that under Democratic control it will be used for this single purpose. We call upon all the people of the State to co-operate in this great purpose, to remove as far as possible all discriminations and inequalities in the listing and valuing of every class of property for taxation, to the end that every citizen may be required to contribute no more than his just share of the public burden, and we pledge the party to the enactment of appropriate amendatory legislation to correct any injustice to any citizen or class of citizens that may develop in the administration of our tax laws.

### Limitation of Tax Rates.

The Revaluation Act has justified its enactment by placing much property on the tax lists that has heretofore escaped taxation, and by correcting inequalities in revaluation, thereby relieving the honest taxpayer from unjust burden. It has for the first time shown the people of this and other states the wealth and resources of North Carolina, and has enabled the State to take her proper place among her sister states, all of which will be of incalculable benefit to the State if the rate of taxation for State, county and municipality is properly safeguarded. The pledge of the General Assembly to reduce every tax rate levied in the State for any purpose in proportion to the revised valuations of property will be and must be kept inviolate and we pledge the General Assembly to submit an amendment to the Constitution, at its special session when it will have full reports on revaluation sufficient to enable it to name a just and equitable rate, limiting the rate of tax that may be levied by State, county and municipality that may not be exceeded except by vote of the people, and based on the principle of reducing the rate as the increase in valuation may justify and require.

### RED OAK COMMENCEMENT.

We are in receipt of invitations as follows: "The Graduating Class of Red Oak High School invite you to be present at their Commencement Exercises, April twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh, nineteenth hundred and twenty, School Auditorium, Red Oak, North Carolina."

CLASS ROLL—Gladys Estelle Sledge, Rachael Mae Moore, John Wayland Sledge, William Guy Weaver, Willie Matthews, Mary Tiny Clay, Clara Lucille Parker, Ruth Augusta Current, Mable Alexandria Guffy, Eva Wesley Harper, Dollie Taylor. MOTTO: "Perge." FLOWER: Red Rose. COLORS: Red and White. PROGRAM.

Friday Night, April 23, 8:00 P. M.—Elementary School Entertainment. Sunday Night, April 25, 8:00 P. M.—Baccalaureate Sermon, Dr. H. E. Rond thaler, President of Salem College. Monday, April 26, 4:00 P. M.—Music Recital. 8:00 P. M.—Senior Class Day Exercises.

Tuesday, April 27, 10:30 A. M.—Graduation Exercises. 3:00 P. M.—Baseball Game. 8:00 P. M.—Commencement Play, "No Trespassing."

Some people are bragging around that we are the richest nation in the world. But we always were that. No country on earth can produce women to compare with ours.

### REVIVAL DOING MUCH GOOD.

To Close Sunday Night—Meeting Continuing at Baptist Church This Week—Fine Sermons and Singing at Each Service.

Immense congregations have been greeting the preachers and singer leading in the union evangelistic meeting each night at the Baptist Church and the revival effort has already resulted in much good to the community including both church members and unsaved. More than forty persons have professed conversion and will be received into the different churches co-operating in the series of services at the conclusion of the special work next Sunday night.

One of the best meetings of the week was held at the Court House Tuesday at 11:30 a. m. when the court room was almost entirely filled with men—professional, business men and farmers. Mr. Collins was at his best in the point and practical gospel message he preached and several men responded to the invitation to forsake sin and live for the Lord. The music consisted of a male quartet selection by Messrs. Candler, Collins, Wolslagel and Jackson, a duet by Mr. Collins and Mr. Wolslagel, and a solo by the visiting song leader.

It was unanimously decided by the stewards and deacons of the churches to continue the meetings through this week and till the close of the campaign next Sunday at the Baptist church as this is the largest auditorium in the city. Capacity congregations were present last Sunday and it is anticipated that with favorable weather more than can be accommodated will be on hand during the closing days of the meeting which has been one of the most fruitful that has been conducted in the city for many years.

The Rev. Mr. Collins began preaching last Sunday morning and will continue through Sunday night. His sermons are clear, simple, and forceful and many are responding to his invitations from day to day.

The music under Mr. Wolslagel's direction has surpassed anything that has been heard in any revival meeting previously held in Louisburg. He has been assisted by many of the local singers and the Louisburg College girls. He will leave Monday morning for Smithfield where that evening he plans a two weeks meeting in the Baptist church. His friends in this city will be sorry to see him go but will follow him with their prayers and best wishes as he continues to sing the gospel throughout the southland.

### THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAKES VISIT.

On Monday, April 13th, the Board of Education and Supt. E. L. Best spent the day in Wilson County, studying the school situation in that county. It was indeed an interesting report that was given to the editor of the Times. "I am sure there is no county in the State that is doing more educationally than Wilson," said Supt. Best. This big piece of work is being done as a result of consolidation. Many schools were visited and Supt. Coon's plan of consolidation was studied in detail. Their visit to two schools will illustrate what is being done. At Stantonburg a modern brick school building is about completed with all the conveniences of running water and electric lights. It contains 12 or 15 class rooms, with a kitchen for domestic and work room for manual training. On the same lot is a 10 room teacherage for the principal and her teachers. The teacherage is furnished by the district from bed room and sitting room furniture to table linen. The teachers do their own housekeeping and this year their expenses will average about \$16 per month. This district has enlarged its boundaries, almost the entire township and 6 or 7 trucks are being used.

The next school visited was the 12 room brick building in Gardner township, located not in a village, near a country store or church but out in the open country on a large tract of land. The High School building in the town of Wilson is not better built or more adequately equipped than this country school. Examining this township contained 5 one-room schools and several 2 and 3 teacher schools. All children in this township will now have the advantage of this strong elementary and high school and no child will walk further than two miles. It will require 7 trucks to transport the children to this school. A teacherage the same size as the one at Stantonburg has been completed and garages for the trucks are being built. These two typical country schools illustrates the plan for educating the country children in Wilson County. 27 trucks are now being used in the county and plans have been made for 65 to run in the fall.

### PUBLIC SPEAKING.

Announcement has been made that Hon. W. M. Person, candidate for the nomination for State Senate, will address the voters of Franklin County in Sandy Creek township at Gupton, (Alston's Store) on Saturday, April 24th, 1920, at one o'clock followed with a barbecue dinner at two o'clock. The invitation extended is to all who are interested in the political issues of the day.

### CEDAR ROCK NEWS.

This is the first time you've heard from us but we shine instead of shout.

The school is progressing nicely and we hope to have the commencement the latter part of this month which will be announced later. Attorney J. M. Broughton, from Raleigh, will make the address. The teachers spent the week end of Mar. 26th at Bunn, the home of the intermediate teacher.

The people of the community have begun preparations for both a new school building and church. They expect to have both completed by Sept. 1, 1920.

Two plays, "Axin Her Father," and "Jumbo Jim" were given at Cedar Rock, Wed. April 7th. The proceeds amounted to \$52 which goes to help pay for the piano which has been bought during this school year.

Misses Lillian Jones, Gladys Peace and Messrs. Zolite Horton and Haywood White from Bunn attended these plays.

Miss Ione Richardson spent Easter at Greensboro.

Misses Lanie Horton and Eunice Wellons spent Easter at Smithfield, the home of the latter.

Misses Eunice Wellons, Ione Richardson, Lanie Horton and Eula Dean, and Messrs. Willie Dean, Spencer Boone, Edward Dean, and L. D. Brown took a flying trip to Clayton and Smithfield a few Sundays ago.

Mr. E. S. Fughum who has been ill for the past two months seems very much improved.

Misses Myrtle Parrish, Lucile Ingersoll and Claudine Sykes who are attending Meredith College spent Easter at home.

Misses Mary Smith and Eleanor Long from Red Oak were at home Easter also.

Mr. Boone Sykes who has taken a business course at Richmond, has returned home.

Miss Leah Cooke who has been teaching at Pearce School is at home.

Mr. Everett Inscow from A. & B. College was at home Easter.

Messrs. Spencer Boone, Rix Dean and Edward Dean called at Mr. Jeff Boone's Wednesday night.

There was an ice cream supper given at Cedar Rock Friday evening, April 16th.

The teachers and pupils are working on commencement and expect to have the primary exercises on Tuesday evening, April 27th. Everybody is invited.

The primary children of Cedar Rock will give their commencement on Tuesday evening, April 27th, at 8:30 o'clock. The program is very interesting and we expect everybody to come. Admission free.

We hope to call again soon.

"CUPID."

### ROCK SPRING ITEMS.

As you didn't hear from us last week we will let you know we are still on the living list.

A large crowd attended Sunday School Sunday afternoon.

School closed Tuesday having had a successful session.

Miss Effie Tharrington left Wednesday for her home.

Miss Cathleen, Bettie and Mr. Robert Moore spent Saturday night at Mr. R. H. Place's.

Mr. Leon Timberlake spent Saturday night at home.

Misses Mustian, Arleer Geoghegan and Mr. Charlie Geoghegan came for Miss Viola Geoghegan Sunday P. M.

Messrs. Rufus Strickland and Edward Strickland went to Seven Path's Thursday night.

Mr. Richardson and family spent Sunday with his sister Mrs. J. B. Wilder.

Miss Kate Clifton and Lily Perry spent the past week at Mrs. Milton Strickland's.

Miss Josephine Timberlake, Messrs. Leon Timberlake and Luther Young spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. J. W. Cards.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilder and Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wilder went to Louisburg preaching Sunday night.

Miss Lillian Young spent the week end at Wakefield.

Mr. Rufus Harris and Misses Beta and Musa Harris went to preaching at Louisburg Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Place spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Card.

Miss Effie Tharrington spent Sunday evening with Miss Dannie Card.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Harris went to Piney Grove Sunday.

We are sorry that Mrs. Bryant Strickland is at the Mary Elizabeth hospital, hope she will soon recover. "Three Broken Hearts."

### BRYAN LOST IN OMAHA.

Omaha, Neb., April 20.—Returns from the first twenty-five precincts—twelve in Douglas county (Omaha) and thirteen outside of Douglas county—out of 1849, show William J. Bryan running last among the eight candidates for delegate-at-large on the Democratic ballot. Those returns show the four Hitchcock delegates leading with two of the Bryan delegates only twenty votes behind.

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Information Concerning The Health of the People of Franklin County, Worth Your Attention.

Dr. J. E. Malone, Health Officer.

We have just returned from Charlotte at which place we attended a large enthusiastic and interesting meeting of N. C. Association of the County Health Officers. It was the largest attended meeting we ever had. We heard of more good health work and more money raised for the work than ever before in the history of the Society. It made us long for some of this good work in Franklin and more money to do it with. The Health Officers from all over the State were present. Most of them with splendid reports of their work along all health lines. I want my people and especially the women all over the county, to join me in a renewed effort to keep Franklin County up at the head in Public Health work. We are going to get the women to help me put in some good hard work at once with this object in view. So look out for me to call upon you.

### CHESSON-EGERTON.

Invitations reading as follows have been received by friends in Louisburg: "Mr. Frank Nicholas Egerton requests the pleasure of your company at the marriage of his daughter, Kathleen to Mr. Ernest Sinclair Chesson, junior, of Wednesday, the fifth of May, at nine o'clock in the evening at his residence in Louisburg, North Carolina.

Enclosed are cards reading: "Will be at home after the eighteenth of May, at Two hundred and seven Church St., Elizabeth City, North Carolina."

The bride is one of Louisburg's most charming and accomplished young ladies and is the younger daughter of our townsman, Mr. F. N. Egerton, former President of the Farmers and Merchants Bank. She is especially and deservedly popular among her hosts of friends and admirers.

The groom is one of Elizabeth City's most promising and popular young business men.

The many friends of the contracting parties will look forward to the coming event with much interest.

### JUSTICE HIGH SCHOOL.

"The Senior Class of Justice High School request the honor of your presence at their Graduating Exercises, April twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and twenty, ten-thirty A. M."

CLASS ROLL—Joe Mann Wheelless, James Elijah Wheelless, Clara Gray Hayes, Monnie Webb Stallings, Mary Edith Howard, Ethel Greene Delbridge Kelley, Lucile Wheelless, Vivian Mae Wheelless, Carrie Belle Hayes.

PROGRAM

Friday, April 23rd, 8:30 P. M.—Op-eretta, Primary Department.

Sunday, April 25th, 8:30 P. M.—Baccalaureate Sermon, Rev. Frank K. Poole.

Wednesday, April 28th, 8:30 P. M.—Exercises by the Grammar Grades and Lower High School.

Thursday, April 29th, 10:30 A. M.—Class Day Exercises.

Thursday, April 29th, 8:30 P. M.—Senior Play, Clouds, Class.

Marshals—Bernard Stallings and Ola Hayes.

The preliminary arrangements have been made for the Democratic National Convention at San Francisco.

With summer coming along the cost of living surely will begin to decline. Grass is cheap.

### MICKIE SAYS

IF YA LIKE US 'N OUR PAPER, THEYS TWO WAYS YA KIN SHOW US 'TIL WELL SURE APPRECIATE 'EM—SLIP US ANY NEWS 'Y COMES 'ER WY 'N PAY UP FER 'ER PAPER WHEN ITS DUE WITH-OUT WAITIN' FER A STATEMENT—IF YA DO THAT, YOU'LL BE A REGULAR 'L L GLOOM BUSTER



Pay your Poll Tax on or before May 1st—Saturday one week—if you want to vote for your choice in the primary.

### MOVING PEOPLE

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Folks And Their Friends Who Travel Here And There.

Mrs. T. D. Collins went to Richmond Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Egerton and baby, of Rockingham, are visiting his father, Mr. F. N. Egerton.

Dr. S. P. Burt and Dr. J. E. Malone left Sunday for Charlotte to attend the Medical Convention.

Mrs. N. B. Allsbrook left this week for Scotland Neck, where she will attend the Riddick-Whitehead wedding.

Mrs. William Person and little daughters, Mary and Josephine, of Birmingham, Ala., is visiting her brother, Mr. W. M. Person.

Mrs. Ben W. Brown and children, of Petersburg, Va., after visiting her mother, Mrs. Caddie V. Strickland, returned to her home on Tuesday.

Mrs. S. Lancaster, of Newton, is visiting relatives in and near Louisburg.

### TRIED FOR ARSON.

Johnnie Leonard, of Cedar Rock township, was given a preliminary hearing before Esq. W. B. Morton on Tuesday under a charge of Arson, for burning the home of Mrs. George Griffin. After hearing the evidence he was required to give a bond of \$2,000. The warrant was sworn out before Esq. T. W. Stokes and removed to Dr. Morton.

Immediately after giving the above bond he was arrested on a warrant to keep the Peace, sworn out before Esq. G. S. Earp. This case was also removed and sent before Esq. T. W. Stokes who set the trial for Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock and allowed the defendant to give a \$500 bond for his appearance.

### ROCK SPRING ITEMS.

Some are sorrowing and some are rejoicing.

There was quite a large crowd at Mr. J. W. Cards Tuesday night.

Miss Effie Tharrington went home Wednesday.

Misses Dannie Card and Winnie Cheaves and Messrs. Willard and James Cheaves and J. B. Wilder went to Flat Rock Friday night to a play. They report a joyful time.

Miss Dannie Card spent Friday night with Miss Winnie Cheaves.

Miss Hazel Wilder spent Saturday night with Miss Winnie Cheaves.

Mr. Leon Timberlake came home Saturday and went back Sunday.

There was quite a large crowd at Mr. Place's Saturday night we all had a fine time.

Messrs. Rufus Place, Willard Cheaves and Mr. J. B. Wilder were callers at Mr. J. W. Card Sunday morning.

Mr. Richard Baker spent Saturday night with Mr. Rufus Place.

Misses Edna Byron and Laura Lynn Harris and Mr. Karl Byron went to Wilton Saturday to visit some of their relatives.

Mrs. G. W. Poythress spent the week end with her sister near Zebulon.

Remember girls this is leap year why don't you come to see us. We get tired of going all the time. Tell B. F. W. to bet again and lose another five dollars. X. Y. Z.

### BUNN HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

Dr. John A. Ellis pastor of Pullen Memorial Church, Raleigh, N. C., preached an excellent sermon Sunday P. M. to the Seniors and their friends. He took for his text Math. 20-26.

The Primary and Intermediate grades will have their program April 22, 8:15 o'clock.

Friday, April 23, Commencement day. The final exercise Friday night, April 24, 8:15 o'clock.

Come to all these exercises. If you want a good dinner and plenty of it, come for dinner Friday 23rd.

### BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

The Board of Elections for Franklin County met in Louisburg on last Saturday with Messrs. B. W. Ballard and A. F. Johnson present for organization. A. F. Johnson was elected Chairman and J. M. Lamm was elected Secretary.

The Board will meet again Saturday for the purpose of appointing the Registrars and poll holders for the various voting precincts in Franklin county.

### LOUISIANA DEMOCRATIC BY USUAL LARGE MAJORITIES.

New Orleans, La., April 20.—The Democratic ticket headed by John M. Parker, for Governor, was carried into office in the general election held today throughout the State. The Republican candidates for Governor and Lieutenant-governor polled the usual

Republican vote.