

TWO MEN KILLED IN EXPLOSION OF SEABOARD ENGINE

ACCIDENT OCCURRED NEAR YOUNGVILLE

Engineer H. W. Gerow and Colored Fireman Dead; E. J. Murphy, Brake Man, Probably Fatally Injured...

Engineer Gerow Killed. The dead men are H. W. Gerow, the engineer, and Jim Jones, the colored fireman, both of Raleigh...

Engine Demolished. The explosion was of such violence that the engine was completely demolished...

Tracks Destroyed. The track was completely destroyed for about 100 feet...

Investigate Cause. Railroad officials stated this morning that further investigation would be required to establish the cause of the explosion...

LIST OF ATHLETIC EVENTS FOR FIELD DAY.

Circular letters relative to the County Field Day have been sent to all the teachers of the county...

Boys Events. 80-90 lbs.-Standing broad jump; 50 yard dash; Basket ball throw; 200 yard relay 4 boys.

Girls Events. 10-12 Years-Shuttle relay, 6 girls; All up relay, 6 girls; Basket ball throw; 40 yard dash.

BOX PARTY. There will be a box party given at the Mitchell's School house, Saturday night, December 10th.

THE NORTH CAROLINA TEACHERS' ASSEMBLY.

The North Carolina Teachers' Assembly was first organized at Waynesville in 1884 and with the exception of two years has held meetings each year since its organization...

On Thursday evening we were favored with a chorus of school children from the Raleigh public schools...

On Wednesday evening His Excellency, Gov. Morrison, in his address of welcome took occasion to discuss at some length the educational situation in North Carolina...

He argued further that if North Carolina had carried out Judge Murphy's plans, she would be today the leading state in the Union in point of educational efficiency...

SANTA CLAUS ON THE SCREEN!

That is what you will see, children, when you come to the Community Center meetings this week and next...

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

SMALLPOX. There are a number of cases of smallpox near Oak Ridge School in Cypress Creek township...

ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting of the James Post American Legion will be held, Wednesday, December 7th...

WILSON MORTON, Louisburg. Thirteen years old, and an all round boy, Wilson Morton is the champion speller of North Carolina Grammar Grades...

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RESOLUTIONS

Of The Bar of Franklin County in Appreciation of Hon. W. M. Bond, Judge.

Whereas, the Hon. W. M. Bond, Judge of the Superior Court of North Carolina, has presided over the Courts of Franklin County during the Fall Terms, 1921, and

Whereas, it has been the pleasure of the Bar to conduct with him said terms of Court in that close relationship which should exist between the bench and the bar...

Resolved, that we express our appreciation to him and to the public our estimate of him.

Resolved Further, that we express our pleasure in having Judge Bond to preside over our courts and look forward with pleasure to his return to our district.

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BONDS WAREHOUSE

Mr. J. S. Howell Makes Progressive Move For Louisburg.

Mr. J. S. Howell, one of Louisburg's most progressive and enterprising business men returned from Raleigh last Saturday...

Mr. Howell informs us that his house will hold three thousand bales of cotton and he now has above seven hundred bales stored...

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WHO CAN CRITICISE.

The following letter from Dr. A. H. Fleming, Secretary of the Franklin County Fair Association has been received for publication:

Dear Sir:—I read with much interest your reference to an unsigned letter which you had received in regard to the Midway of the Franklin County Fair and am truly sorry that you did not publish it any way.

The Franklin County Fair Association welcomes criticism. It was built on criticism—not encouragement and is today the best County Fair in the State. This is not my opinion. It is the opinion of nearly all the experts sent here by the State.

A county fair is very much like a church. It takes a lot of fine singing, good organ playing and free acts, to get a lot of people there, but once there they hear the sermon and get a little out of it after all.

There are two kinds of criticism; honest and unfounded. The Fair is always glad to hear honest criticism and in every case makes an honest effort to make things better, but unfounded criticism does not hurt the Fair but on the other hand often shows what kind of a person the "better than thou" critic is.

A gentleman came to me and said he thought the dance in the forty-nine camp should be stopped. I asked him had he seen it, he told me, no. He was a liar because I had seen him in there twice myself.

I told him the dance was just the same that he saw when he went to a dance in any home or public hall, except the girls with the carnival were sober and the men from home were half drunk trying to make dates with every one of them. Two days after this conversation one of the girls came to me and showed me a note from the same man, asking her for a date. Another man who does not believe in Fairs takes himself and several of his family to the Fair Monday afternoon when everything is all ready to open Tuesday, sees it all free then stays away the remainder of the week and talks about it.

A lady who had been trying to get a \$6.85 blanket for ten cents and failed came to me and wanted the little stand closed. I went to see what was the trouble; played three times, whined at the man running the stand and made him give her a blanket so she says Fairs are not so bad after all. I do not want it understood that I am making any defense for an unclean Midway, because I am not. Midways are as necessary evil as dishonest critics. In defense of the Fair I have this to say that those who have criticized it have hurt it no more than they have helped it and that is none. Just ask the next person you hear criticize the Fair what he has ever done to help it?

Probably the writer of your letter is a man who owns an automobile and has money enough to go to Raleigh or other cities where the dances for young men and ladies are run under the direction of the Woman's Club, the City Police or stopped entirely. Perhaps he goes to the Academy of Music or the Auditorium and sees a Russian Shimmy Dancer. If he is at the dance he stays reasonably sober and if at the Theatre, he keeps his mouth shut. Were he to get as drunk at the city dance and make the same indecent proposals to the young dancers there that he does in the forty-nine dance he would adorn the lower, knotted end of a well stretched hemp rope. Were he to say the same things to the Russian Dancer that he does to the dancer in the girl show at the Fair he would be thrown out of the Theatre. I am sorry but frank to admit that all the trouble with the Midway is right here at home. Let these critics, if they are honest, and want reform begin at home. I can give them the names of many men and women to go to see. Perhaps they will find their name at the head of the list.

Yours very truly, A. H. FLEMING, Sec'y. Franklin Co. Fair Association.

FRANKLINTON SCHOOL NEWS.

In the article last week about Parent-Teacher Association, there was a statement, "The Superintendent is to blame," which should have read, "The Superintendent is NOT to blame."

Hurrah for Franklin County! You should have heard the applause in the Auditorium when Little Morton, of Louisburg, the speller of 170 words, was introduced as the champion speller of North Carolina, having spelled down 41 spellers from 41 counties. We are glad to have Franklinton's new school paper has arrived to the delight of the student body. Elizabeth Farnell is Editor-in-chief, Clifton Mitchner, business manager.

Misses Bessy Stacey and Sarah Wilkins attended the football game Thanksgiving Day to see Carolina victorious.

Miss Ward, fifth grade teacher, spent Thanksgiving Day at her home in Durham.

We are very sorry indeed to lose from grade nine Ingraham Cotton, whose father will become Presiding Elder and move to Washington, N. C.

Messrs. Algonon Joyner and B. Clarence Cooke, of grade eleven were visitors in Raleigh on Thanksgiving Day.

Miss Mary Gordon witnessed "Robin Hood" at the Academy of Music Nov. 24. She reports a very entertaining evening.

"Uncle Ephraim's" Summer Boarders at the Globe Theatre of Franklinton, second Tuesday night after Thanksgiving Day. Proceeds for benefit of school.

Teachers' meeting at Franklinton Graded school Oct. 1. The Disarmament program will be discussed in its various phases as supplementary work growing out of Dr. Brooks' "Education for Democracy."

The teachers who attended the Teachers Assembly at Raleigh returned more than ever impressed with the bigness of the teaching profession. At a luncheon of the Administrative Women Miss Mabel Cooper of Union county discussed the question, "How long will it be before teaching becomes a profession in North Carolina?" She said she didn't know how long it would be but not until second grade certificates were eliminated. She said in her country there are only four this year and she thinks they will be eliminated by next year.

The big keynotes of the assembly were the encouragement of religion and music in the public schools. Dr. Harry Clark told of one school man whose system requires the reading the Bible. The fellow reads the required amount, slaps the Bible together, and says, "There it is, believe it if you want to, I don't believe it, I read it because I have to."

Dr. Brooks brought down the house by saying that the next course of study for N. Carolina will include music along with the other studies.

The assembly is delighted with its amiable and brainy president for next year, Dr. Charles E. Brewer, president of Meredith College, and one of the most able school men of the south. In the opinion of many the assembly has never had his superior as presiding officer.

BOX PARTY AT CEDAR ROCK.

We are requested to state that there will be a box party at Cedar Rock school next Tuesday night. Everybody is invited to go out.

U. D. C.

The Joseph J. Davis Chapter U. D. C. will meet with Miss Sallie Epost at Louisburg College on Tuesday afternoon, December 6th, 1921, at 3 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

Mrs. C. K. Cooke, Pres. Mrs. L. E. Jarman, Sec.

BEGIN ORGANIZATION

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING ASSOCIATIONS GETTING IN SHAPE

Township Representatives to Meet in Louisburg Saturday To Get Instructed About Township Duties.

The state office has instructed each county to elect its township and county officers. This is necessary so that no time will be lost when the time arrives for the election of the Board of Directors, which will take place the latter part of January and February.

Township representatives will meet with Mr. J. A. Mitchner, County Chairman, Saturday, Dec. 2, when definite dates for the election of township and county officers will be decided upon.

The membership in each township will meet at some designated place and elect the officers for the township and elect delegates to the county election. The township officers will be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and a Membership Committee of five. Each township will be allowed one delegate to the county election for each 100,000 pounds of tobacco signed and one for each 100 bales of cotton signed.

The county officers will be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and an executive committee of three.

Your attention is called to the importance of getting every grower of cotton and tobacco to sign the contracts for the following important reasons:

- 1. The larger the amount the Association has to sell, the smaller the actual cost of selling will be to each grower.
2. The more of the crop the Association has to handle the greater will be its influence in the market.
3. The more your township has signed the greater will be your representation at the county election.
4. Your time for signing is most important. Don't delay the matter longer. "Procrastination is the thief of time." Do the job today and let show go the other counties that Franklin county farmers are for a fair business method of marketing farm crops.

AMONG THE VISITORS

Mr. Frank Taylor, of Chester, Pa., is visiting his sister, Mrs. C. C. Hudson.

Mrs. E. A. Kemp returned home the past week from an extended visit to Baltimore.

Mrs. S. W. Purvis left Wednesday to be at the bedside of her grandmother at Greenville, Tenn.

Mr. Herbert Alston, Misses Laura and Maria Alston and Miss Maria Parker, of Warrington, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Yarbrough Monday.

MISS HARRIS ENTERTAINS BOOK CLUB.

The home of Miss Jesse Taylor Harris was the scene of a delightful occasion on November 17th at the meeting of the Thursday Evening Book Club.

Progressive Rook was played and enjoyed by all. After several games delicious refreshments were served in two courses. The Thanksgiving scheme was carried out in favors and decorations.

RED, WHITE AND BLUE.

Capt. E. N. Williams, of Sandy Creek township was in Louisburg the past week exhibiting an ear of corn gathered from his fields that contained a combination of colors representing our National flag—red, white and blue. Those who know Capt. Ed. are fully aware of his true spirit of patriotism, but were surprised to see him spreading it to his corn crop.

BAZAAR TO BE GIVEN BY THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

As announced earlier these ladies will hold their Bazaar on December 6th in the Club rooms of the American Legion Post. They will be ready to serve the public at 4 p. m. Besides fancy articles of many kinds and a variety of Christmas cards, they will have candies, oysters, salads and ice cream. They hope that the public will give them the liberal patronage heretofore accorded them.

BAZAAR.

The ladies of the Methodist church will hold their Bazaar in the James Club Rooms, opening at 7:30 on the evening of December 8th, and continuing through Friday. Dinner will be served from 12 to 2 on Friday, Dec. 8th. A fine opportunity to purchase Christmas presents at reasonable prices. A cordial invitation to all.