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TWO MEN KILLED IN EXPLOSION OF SEABOARD ENGINE

ACCIDENT OCCURRED NEAR YOUNGSVILLE

Engineer H. W. Gerow and Colored Fireman Dead; E. J. Murphy, Brake man, Probably Fatally Injured—Engine Completely Demolished, Four Freight Cars Derailed and Fifteen Others Wrecked; Trains Torn Up For About 100 Feet; Railroad Officials Still Investigating Cause, Engineer Gerow and Fireman Jim Jones Both of Raleigh; Brakeman Not Expected To Live.

Raleigh, Nov. 27.—The three men riding in the cab of the engine were hurled 100 yards, two of them being killed instantly and the other was probably fatally injured, when the boiler of the locomotive on Seaboard Air Line northbound freight train No. 86 exploded one mile south of Youngsville last night from causes as yet unknown. Two hoboes who were riding on the train were saved through the providence that is supposed to guard their kind.

Engineer Gerow Killed. The dead men are H. W. Gerow, the engineer, and Jim Jones, the colored fireman, both of Raleigh. They appeared to have been scalded to death. E. J. Murphy, of Middleburg, the head brakeman was taken to the Wake Forest College hospital, at Wake Forest, where it was reported early this morning that he is not expected to live. He was scalded over almost the entire body, received a broken arm and a severe fracture of the skull, which is believed to have affected the brain. So badly were the men disfigured that for several hours after the injury, the identity of Gerow and Murphy was obscured by railroad employes.

Engine Demolished. The explosion was of such violence that the engine was completely demolished, the boiler being completely severed from the trucks, and the cab thrown backwards about 100 feet. Four freight cars were scalded and fifteen others wrecked.

Tracks Destroyed. The track was completely destroyed for about 100 feet, the rails being blown away and a part of the road bed destroyed. For the present, all trains between Raleigh and Richmond are being detoured by the Southern and Atlantic Coast Line, but railroad officials expect that the damage will be repaired in time to restore trains to their regular runs before noon today.

Investigate Cause. Railroad officials stated this morning that further investigation would be required to establish the cause of the explosion. However, the two hoboes, both of whom were white men, who were riding upon the train, stated that they became alarmed by a peculiar noise the engine was making about fifteen minutes before the accident and walked back over the cars to the rear of the train for safety.

The telegraph operator at Wake Forest, three miles south of the spot where the explosion occurred, stated that when the train passed its station, the engine was not pulling and seemed out of order.

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. Field Day will be held on the afternoon of the County Seventh Grade Commencement day, under the auspices of the County School Extension.

This event has been planned because we believe that physical education and properly directed play is as necessary to a child's growth and training as any part of the regular curriculum. So we hope that teachers and parents will encourage the boys and girls to spend a part of each day in earnest practice on the athletic events listed below, not only with the hope of winning next spring but more especially to get the benefit of daily practice on health building exercises.

- Boys Events**
- 80-90 lbs.—Standing broad jump; 50 yard dash; Basket ball throw; 200 yard relay 4 boys.
 - 90-115 lbs.—Step-Hop-Jump; 60 yd. dash; Base Ball throw; 240 yd. relay.
 - Over 115 lbs.—Running High Jump; 70 yd. dash; Shot Put; 250 yd. relay; 4 boys; Pole Vault.
- Girls Events**
- 10-12 Years—Shuttle relay, 6 girls; All up relay, 6 girls; Basket Ball throw; 40 yard dash.
 - 12-14 Years—Shuttle relay, 6 girls; All up relay 6 girls; Basket Ball throw; 50 yard dash.
 - 14-16 Years and over—Potato race 6 girls; All up relay 6 girls; Basket Ball throw; 60 yard dash.

BOX PARTY. There will be a box party given at the Mitchell's School house, Saturday night, December the 10th. Everybody is cordially invited to come.

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. For a great many years the sessions were held at Morehead City in the summer; but for the past ten or twelve years the meetings have been held at the Thanksgiving season in Raleigh, Charlotte, Greensboro and Asheville. The attendance is purely voluntary but the numbers have increased to such an extent that only two or three cities in North Carolina are able to furnish the accommodations demanded. This year the sessions were held in Raleigh and there were not far from 2500 progressive, daring, and enthusiastic school workers present.

The general sessions were of peculiar interest this year. Instead of classic music at the opening of each session, community singing in which the entire audience could participate was the order of the day. It was worth the trip to Raleigh to hear, perhaps, 4000 people singing some of our best known old time songs.

On Thursday evening we were favored with a chorus of school children from the Raleigh public schools. This chorus was composed of about 800 children from the grammar grades and the singing was fine. The auditorium was crowded from bottom to top and hundreds of people were turned away for lack of even standing room.

There were three dominant ideas stressed in the general sessions: Physical training for all the children, sight singing as a regular public school study, and the question of whether North Carolina shall renege or go forward in her educational program.

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 and with all the power, fire and eloquence of which he is master, he pledged his administration to a program of progress. On Friday evening, Dr. Alphonso Smith spoke on the "Crisis in North Carolina Education." He discussed the material progress the state has made within the past decade and the growth of the schools. In answering those who say we must call a halt in our onward march, he called up in retrospect some of North Carolina's great educational leaders who have finished their earthly tasks and received their promotion. He began with D. Archibald Murphy and stated unhesitatingly that this man was the first man in America to work out a plan for the education of all the children of a state. 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. He next reviewed the work of Calvin H. Wiley and his efforts to keep the schools going during the trying days of the war between the States. Coming on to men of the present generation he recalled to the attention of the audience the pleadings of McIver, Aycock, and Graham. With all the power of which he is capable Dr. Smith shouted, "What would these all say to us if they could speak in audible voice to us tonight?" He said there could be but one answer. "North Carolina must go forward."

SANTA CLAUS ON THE SCREEN! That is what you will see, children, when you come to the Community Center meetings this week and next. Santa Claus in his shop on "The Night Before Christmas," Santa Claus in his sleigh, Santa Claus coming down the chimney and filling the little boys stockings. Come and see the pretty snow flakes come down and learn the little story given in this picture. Come and see a whole reel of famous flights and fliers trips in balloons, dirigibles, aeroplanes and seaplanes. Come and see Mutt and Jeff. Come and take a trip through the Land of the Sky, our beautiful North Carolina mountains. Visit the country around Chimney Rock, and see some of the wonders of our famous Blue Ridge. In this picture you will see a well known person from this country. Can you guess who it is? Bring your friends with you and enjoy the games after the pictures. Come and have a good time!

Schedule

- Friday, Dec. 2—Wood.
- Saturday, Dec. 3, 8 P. M.—Louisburg Graded School, Miss Williams' room.
- Saturday, Dec. 3, (night)—Royal, Tuesday, Dec. 6—Cedar Rock.
- Wednesday, Dec. 7—Seven Paths.
- Thursday, Dec. 8—Sandy Creek.
- Friday, Dec. 9—Bunn.
- Saturday, Dec. 10—Roberta.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

SMALLPOX. There are a number of cases of smallpox near Oak Ridge School in Cypress Creek township. The children of this school are in danger of catching the disease. I am going down there prepared to vaccinate all who will submit to treatment. I am also ready to vaccinate all who want to be.

G. E. MALONE,
Health Officer.

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 as to give opportunity to measure the man, lawyer and Jurist, and

Whereas, after so measuring Judge Bond we desire to express to him and to the public our estimate of him:

Therefore, Be It Resolved that as a Bar, in the estimate of lawyers of the Court, we esteem and hold Judge Bond to be one of the ablest, most efficient, impartial, learned, industrious and courteous Judges that ever adorned the Superior Court Bench of North Carolina; a Judge, who in the conduct of his courts presides with an ease and dignity which impresses all people, and one who is doing as much to stimulate and encourage confidence in and a higher respect and reverence for the Judicial department of our state in all its functions as any man in North Carolina. That we admire his clear cut rulings, supported always by reason and authority in such convincing way and manner as to take away the sting of being defeated before the court, and we applaud his clear, concise, plain and yet thorough charge to a jury, which always gives it a clear idea of its duties and functions as well as the law applicable to the issues and enables it to arrive at a verdict with intelligence and understanding.

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.

Resolved Further, that these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the court and copies sent to the press.

The Clerk, Sheriff and other officers and the Court stenographer desire to join in these resolutions.

CHAMION SPELLER OF NORTH CAROLINA.



WILSON MORTON, Louisburg.

Thirteen years old, and an all round boy, Wilson Morton is the champion speller of North Carolina Grammar Grades, so declared after the contest held in the Raleigh High School auditorium November 23.

But Wilson isn't a spelling freak. He isn't a freak of any sort. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Morton, of Louisburg, and his father is the superintendent of the Duke Foundation for Louisburg College. Wilson is a boys' boy, generally good at all his studies, with a particular aptitude for cartooning.—News-Observer.

Franklin County is justly proud of its young son, Mr. Wilson Morton, who won the championship at spelling in Raleigh on Wednesday of last week when he outspelled eighty-four others in the seventh grade spelling contest during the Teachers Assembly. The spelling was written and Wilson stood alone in the eighth elimination—spelling 270 words correctly without missing one. He was accompanied by Miss Grace Hill, of the Royal school who came within one round of winning the second prize. Both are to be congratulated for their excellent work in retaining Franklin's reputation as the banner county in all spelling contests.

Both Louisburg Graded School and the Royal school are delighted, which is shared in by all the people in the County, with the success of its two, well chosen representatives.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the James Post American Legion will be held, Wednesday, December 7th, at 7:30 p. m. in the Club rooms. Election of officers for 1922 will be held. Each member bring every ex-service man that they can. Oysters and coffee will be served.

Mr. S. W. Purvis went to Salisbury Wednesday.

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 where he completed the necessary arrangements for bonding his storage warehouse, and now has it in full working shape for the accommodation of all the people in Franklin county who wish to store cotton and hold for a better price.

Mr. Howell informs us that his house will hold three thousand bales of cotton and he now has above seven hundred bales stored, having started his storage feature since the 17th of November. His charges are only 50 cents a bale which provides against loss of any kind. He expects to install a complete sprinkler fire system and hold in a few weeks, and after the present tobacco season is over he will be in readiness to store to the full capacity of his house.

Mr. Howell informed us that through his system money was especially easy to get. That it places him and those of his patrons in direct connection with the representatives of the War Finance Board and has been assured that the funds are limited only by the amount of cotton that is stored.

The people of Franklin are glad to know that Mr. Howell has taken this progressive step for their accommodation and will show their appreciation by giving him a full share of patronage.

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." The word was omitted thro a mistake on some one's part. We regret the omission.

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 11 spellers from 44 counties. We are glad to have Franklin County's banner county. President Latham said this had caused so much state interest that he wanted the spelling contest continued again next year.

The first issue of The Red and White 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 Williams 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. Algernon 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 keynote 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 of 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.

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.

MR. A. M. JONES DEAD.

Mr. A. M. Jones, one of Franklin County's progressive planters, died at his home near Engle side on Monday after a short illness. He was 49 years old and leaves a wife and six children and three sisters, Mrs. J. O. Beasley, of this County, Mrs. Washington and Mrs. Farrow, of Granville county. Mr. Jones was a devout Christian and a man of fine qualities, being a neighbor who will be missed in his community.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday at Trinity church and were conducted by Rev. Mr. Loy, after which the interment was made in the beautiful little cemetery nearby.

The pallbearers were Messrs. Wilson Macon, John Reavis, G. M. Manning, H. C. Dickerson, O. S. Macon and A. W. Wilson.

The floral tribute was profuse and especially pretty and the large number in attendance spoke the popularity of the deceased.

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.
Miss L. E. Jarman, Sec.

BEGIN ORGANIZATION

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING ASSOCIATIONS GETTING IN SHAPE

Township Representatives to Meet in Louisburg Saturday To Get Instructions About Township Units.

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.
- 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 to 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 Warrenton, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Yarbrough Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Bickett, of Raleigh, Mrs. B. W. Ballard, Miss Kate Ballard, Misses Mary Elizabeth Cheatnam and Nellie Joyner, of Franklinton, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Yarbrough this week.

MISS HARRIS ENTERTAINS BOOK CLUB.

The home of Miss Jessie 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. W. 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 Xmas 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 6th, and continuing through Friday. Dinner will be served from 12 to 2 on Friday, Dec. 6th. A fine opportunity to purchase Christmas presents at reasonable prices. A cordial invitation to all.