



TWO YOUNG LADIES HORRIBLY BURNED

From the Explosion of a Kerosene Oil Lamp. Fire Ruined Their Home.

Miss Lessie Westcott of Manteo is now in a critical condition from the terrible burns sustained.

News was received here Tuesday of a horrible accident that occurred at Manteo Monday afternoon in which two young ladies were terribly and fatally burned.

A kerosene lamp exploded in the home of Misses Bessie and Lessie Westcott in Manteo and their clothes became saturated with the oil which quickly ignited.

The furniture and tapestries of the room were soon in a blaze and before the young ladies could be rescued they were frightfully burned. Miss Lessie Westcott is so badly burned that she is not expected to live. They were removed to the home of a friend where medical aid was rendered.

The flames in the residence were finally checked but not until the building was gutted all the furniture being completely ruined.

The young ladies are 18 and 16 years old and are the daughters of the late Captain Joe Westcott, who died suddenly last fall, while enroute to his home from the life saving station. They have lived in their home in Manteo since the death of their father. They are prominent and are well known in that section.

LATER—Manteo, Jan 11—Miss Lesie Westcott, a daughter of the late Captain Westcott, of the New Inlet Life Saving Station, was burned to death here yesterday. She was alone at the time of the accident. A lamp fell on a red hot stove in the sitting room, either being accidentally knocked off of the mantel by the young lady, or being caused to crack and fall by reason of the great heat. The stove and a part of the floor was covered with burning oil, which the young lady must have tried to extinguish with her dress. Her body was soon a mass of flames. Her cries brought her older sister, Miss Bessie who was in another part of the house. The latter seized a quilt and put out the flames, but not until her sister's entire body, with the exception of the face and head, had been burned. She had also probably inhaled some of the fire. She was taken to the home of Mr. D. W. Etheridge, which is nearby. Several physicians were soon on the scene, but despite their best efforts she died about 12 o'clock last night.

The deceased was a beautiful and popular young lady, about 17 years of age, and was engaged to be married. The funeral services will take place at the Baptist church tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. D. A. Tedder, the Pastor will be assisted by Rev. A. W. Price, of the Manteo Methodist church and by Rev. W. R. Haight, of Elizabeth City, who is conducting a protracted meeting at the Roanoke Island Baptist church.

Citizens Bank Elects Officers

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens Bank last Tuesday the old board of directors was elected as follows—M. N. Sawyer; T. P. Nash, Dr. O. McMullan, W. C. Glover, F. M. Grice, F. F. Spencer and H. T. Greenleaf Sr.

At the close of business for the year 1909 on January 1st this bank declared a semi-annual dividend of 7 per cent making a dividend of 13 per cent for the year 1909.

Farmers Held An Interesting Meeting

Agriculturists Discussed Important Questions

The Farmers are Greatly Interested in Everything that Pertains to Farming

The following institute was held at the Court House last Monday. A large crowd of farmers were present to hear the discussion.

The following subjects were discussed:

Soil Improvement or Corn Culture—by F. B. Newell.

Live Stock on the Farm—by Dr. W. G. Chrisman.

Insect Pests and How to Combat Them by—Franklin Sherman Jr.

Afternoon

Farm Machinery; Pork Growing—by—F. B. Newell.

Some Diseases Common to Live Stock by—Dr. W. G. Chrisman.

Flies, Mosquitoes and other Insects Which Affect Health and Comfort, by Franklin Sherman, Jr.

ANNOYED BY BURGLARS

The residents of this city, for some time past have been greatly annoyed by would be burglars who always attempt to enter residence, when the man of the house is away from home thereby greatly frightening the female members of the household.

A few nights ago, Mrs. Ernest Sawyer was greatly frightened by a would-be burglar who attempted to gain an entrance into the home while Judge Sawyer was away. The intruder was frightened away but the incident left Mrs. Sawyer in a highly nervous state.

A burglar also has attempted to enter the home of Jerry Wilcox on Road street, while he was away. The burglar greatly frightened Mrs. Wilcox but she retained presence of mind enough to get a pistol and then the burglar fled.

It is believed that the would-be burglar watches the residences and makes sure before hand that he will not engage a man in his adventures.

The police is on the watch and if they capture a burglar it will go pretty hard with him.

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39 Lake Drummond Canal & Water Co. V. LeRoy Steamboat Co.
40 The Imperial Co. V. C. W. Howell.

9 C. G. Harris V. Forman—Blades Lumber Co.

41 Lizzie Ives et al V. Chas Gring.

42 Norfolk & Southern R. R. V. Commissioners of Pasquotank County

43 Norfolk & Southern R. R. V. E. City.

44 Miles Jennings V. Farmers Mfg. Co. et al.

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REALISTIC ROMANCE

That Begins Back East and Ends Here. Generous Uncle Bill Gives Timely Advice to His Newly Married Niece.

In a remote hamlet back East lived a demure maiden and a bashful man, who had for some years been living with but one and the same object before them. Both were hopeless victims of "love microbes," that were doing the most effectual work under the direction of Cupid himself. Finally Harry suddenly "woke up" one day and decided that procrastination was the thief of time and bliss, he immediately set about to bring matters to a focus. Very soon there was a wedding, and it wasn't long before their Uncle Bill Taylor, of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, wrote effusively of what he termed "grip," and proposed that if they would locate here, he would start them up in life. Very soon they began to bid loved ones adieu, and were soon speeding in this direction.

"When the train pulled in, generous Uncle Bill was at the depot to greet and welcome the much elated couple, and after hearty congratulations, conducted them straightway to The Southern Hotel. It was at breakfast the next morning while partaking of a tempting menu, that being politely served, that Uncle Bill first unfolded his plans to the appreciative newcomers, obligating himself, first of all, to build and furnish them a modern home. "But in the meantime," he said, "you will find this a pleasant and most agreeable place to live, since it is widely known as our best appointed and zealously managed hotel, and a favorite with the 'Knights of the Grip' under the good management of Mr. A. S. Neal and T. C. Jones, the assistant, who personally look after the welfare of those under the roof of the Southern Hotel.

"Come said the generous Uncle, rising from the breakfast table, "the pleasure is now mine to introduce to you our town, your future home. Then, too, I want to arrange to build the new house right away. And of course it is important that we select a pleasant and healthful location where we may have agreeable environments about us." Uncle Bill was soon astir, and the young couple were eager and beaming with expectancy.

"First, we will go in and confer with Mr. N. R. Parker, our well informed and wide ake real estate man here, where is always listed the best residence and business properties in the town, or in the country about, who will honestly represent same." Just a little later the trio were courteous, ly received at the office and it wasn't long before Mr. N. R. Parker had a check for an attractive residence site on which Uncle Bill will at once have erected a handsome residence.

"Now I am at sea said Uncle Bill. It beats all how they build houses these days, considering the way they built them fifty years ago. Why, the modern houses of today have conveniences and comforts that one of my time never dreamed of. But I know who can help us out of this dilemma," said he, suddenly remembering J. W. Martin, as a man abreast of the times in this branch of the building business, and a man of original ideas and uniform tastes in practical architecture and building, also as being actively associated with the building interests here. Mr. J. W. Martin very soon has the plans ready for a pretentious \$5,000 residence for the bride.

The exterior is a renaissance of gothic effect, symmetrical in appearance and commodious to a degree in its interior arrangements and is just what the bride had longed for. The construction of which will at once be begun, by him who is also busy on the Kramer Block and First National Bank jobs.

Good lumber and good material go hand in hand with good workmanship when it comes to building a good house, said Uncle Bill, and much depends too, upon the quality of the Mill work used in obtaining a finished effect. Now about the lumber mill work and sash doors, blinds and sundry requisites coming under this head.

I am going to see the Kramer Bros. and Company, our live and best known exponent of lumber and building material here. The yards, sheds and ware rooms are always filled with rough and dressed lumber of all dimensions, and the manifold requisites in building material, adequate to meet the demands of an exacting public. It is needless to say that Kramer Bros. and Co., did furnish the bill of lumber and everything for the whole job. Uncle Bill remarked that he found these people very prompt and agreeable to do business with.

It is the task of the painter and decorator that counts most in obtaining artistic and harmonious results, chipped in the bride. For, said she, it is the painting and decorating, when executed by a capable artisan, that argument of the attractiveness of both the exterior and interior of the home rendering it pleasing and inviting.

Then interrupted Uncle Bill, "I'll take no chances on botchery but I'll see Davis and Williams, who are artists with the brush, employing all the time competent men who wield the brush with dexterity and if we give the painting, paper-hanging, and decorating to Davis and Williams we can rest assured of getting good workmanship and a well furnished house, painted and decorated artistically in ship-shape, and on-time too at a reasonable cost.

In my earlier days, remarked Uncle Bill, the practice use of electricity was unknown it did not enter into the construction of building at all but the conveniences it affords are manifold. How about the electrical equipment for our new house. I am going to see C. S. Pritchard, who will wire the house, install the fixtures, put on the door bells, and give us chandeliers and fixtures exquisite in taste and appropriateness, and do everything right. I expect Hettie will want electric curling irons and flat irons too. C. G. Pritchard does everything electrical and equipped for subserving the best interest of the people as an electrical engineer and contractor, and also as dealer in electric supplies and fixtures in many unique and classic designs and effects.

Well, it is up to me to furnish your new residence remarked Uncle Bill, and it shall be furnished in just as good taste and as completely as your good judgement and tact will permit or dictate. How grand she exclaimed, beaming with joy and expectancy. Uncle Bill then bade the couple to come with him to R. E. Quinn Furniture Company, our live exponent of furniture and well informed house furnishers, where he handles every thing that is smart, useful and dainty, needed to fit out the cottage and mansion on whatever scale is desired. The trio were politely received at the store, where after conferring with the conversant and assiduous management, Hettie soon selected some exquisite furniture for her parlor and her living room and bed rooms as well as dining room and kitchen furniture also carpets, rugs and matings. Her purchase in fact included all essential requisites. Hence the progressive R. E. Quinn Furniture Co., got the order to fit out the house from top to bottom. The bride said she was surprised o such a complete and well appointed furniture store in Elizabeth City.

In my kitchen, Uncle Bill, I want a Faviote range, some table cutley and a manifold list of cooking utensils, continued Hettie. For these we will go to D. M. Jones. This is the same firm who sold us the builders hardware, paints, oils and hardwood mantels etc. some weeks ago, remarked the liberal Uncle. There you can fit out your culinary department on whatever scale you wish. The stock is large and the collection of utensils and wares is indeed cosmopolitan. I know of no better, more reliable or agreeable house to patronize.

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THE F & M LINE MAKE LARGE EXTENSION

Three Steamers Now Engaged in the Service of this Company To Have Daily Route to Currituck.

The stockholders of the Farmers and Merchants North Carolina Line met in this city last Tuesday for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year.

The meeting was largely attended by the stockholders from Currituck and other points. The following officers were elected: J. T. Volkman, President and Treasurer and W. P. Ashburn Secretary. The officers of the company report a very prosperous years business for 1909.

The stockholders advised that the line of this company be extended, and the officers of the company will enter into a contract at once looking to that end.

The company now has three steamers engaged in its service. The Es-telle Randall plying on the route between Columbia, Elizabeth City and Norfolk; the steamer Blanche plies between this city and Norfolk through the Dismal Swamp Canal, and in the near future the steamer Corsair will ply on a daily route between this city and points in Currituck.

First National Bank Elects Officers

The stockholders of the First National Bank held a meeting Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year.

The old board as follows was elected—C. H. Robinson; L. S. Blades; J. B. Flora; D. B. Bradford; P. H. Williams; W. T. Old; M. H. White; E. R. Daniels; L. C. Blades; O. F. Gilbert; J. A. Kramer. The directors have elected the following officers—C. H. Robinson President; L. S. Blades Vice-President; W. T. Old Cashier and W. G. Gaither Jr. Assistant Cashier.

At a meeting on January 1st the bank declared a semi-annual dividend of 6 per cent after the reserve fund had been increased.

Mercantile Bank Elects Officers

The stockholder of the Mercantile Bank held a meeting in the office of the bank last Tuesday to elect a board of directors for this year.

The old board was elected as follows—George M. Scott; J. Q. A. Wood; W. J. Woodley; J. A. Rucker; A. L. Aydlett; T. W. Williams; H. H. Lavenstein and J. H. White. This bank was established ten months ago and during these ten months this bank has established itself firmly and now enjoys a large patronage. The directors and officers of the bank are fine business men.

Cotton and Peanuts Will be Increased

Mr. William Nixon, of Sunbury, one of Gates County's most prominent and prosperous farmers, was in the city last Tuesday enroute to Hertford and Edenton to look after his farming interests in these sections.

Mr. Nixon makes a specialty of growing cotton and peanuts and he ranks as a very progressive scientific farmer.

He stated that the acreage of peanuts and cotton in his opinion will be greatly increased in Gates County this year.

GUM NECK NEWS

Gum Neck, N. C., Jan 12—The Christmas holiday are now over, and the people are now getting down to the work of the New Year. The holidays passed off without an incident to mar the joyousness of the occasion. Everybody in this section greatly enjoyed the event. One of the most delightful events of the holidays was the auspices of the Debations Society. This entertainment was given in the Piney Grove School house, and the event was largely attended. Visitors from every part of the county was present.

The school house had been decorated in evergreens for the occasion. The speeches were excellent, each member acquitting himself with a great deal of credit. The music was excellent and it delights us to hear so many people speak in such high praise of the event. It is the consensus of opinion that the young men of our society ought to have the medal for good speaking. The entertainment was conducted by Mr. B. B. Jones.

Ralph Patrick and family have returned to their home in Jerry after having spent the holiday with relatives here.

Calendar Pasquotank Superior Court JANUARY TERM, 1910

- MONDAY 17th
- 1 H. T. Greenleaf V. Land and Lumber Co. et al.
 - 2 D. B. Bradford et al V. J. B. Griggs et al
 - 3 M. G. Morrisett V. Elizabeth City Cotton Mills.
 - 4 Weinberg & Co. V. Saffer Bros.
 - 5 Allie Jones V. Walter C. Jones.
 - 6 Andrew Overton V. Lillie Mae Overton.
 - 7 William Burden V. Georgia Burden
 - 8 James E. Bryant V. Jane C. Bryant.
 - 9 Rowland Johnson V. Maggie Johnson.
 - 10 Culpepper, Griffin, Old and Grice Co. V. S. T. Owens.
 - 11 J. H. Lincoln et al V. LeRoy Steamboat Co.
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 - 13 Wiley Moore V. Henry Lindsey.
 - 14 Willis I. Liverman V. Charlotte B. Liverman.
 - 15 Emma Williams V. Matthew Williams.
 - 16 Miles Cartwright V. Tenie Cartwright.
 - 17 George W. Johnson V. Mary Johnson.
 - 18 Kramer Bros. Co. V. Mt. Lebanon A. M. E. Z. Church.
- TUESDAY 18th.
- 19 H. C. Tunis V. Buffalo City Mills Inc. et al.
 - 20 Maggie Brown V. Sam Brown.
 - 21 James E. Askew V. Georgia Askew
 - 22 Allen Smith V. Clara Smith.
 - 23 Henry Bowe V. Lena Bowe
 - 24 S. H. D. Price V. Hattie Price.
- WEDNESDAY 19th
- 25 W. H. Basnight V. East Lake Lumber Co.
 - 26 E. F. Aydlett V. Andrew Brown.
 - 27 Wallace C. Rose V. E. City Cotton Mills.

THURSDAY 20th

- 28 Tet Imperial Co. V. G. W. Cartwright
- 29 E. F. Aydlett V. N. T. M. Met Higs.

FRIDAY 21st

- 30 Thos J. Newlin V. R. T. Whitehurst