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SILER CITY HAD BIG DAY

Great Crowd Attends Siler City Celebration of Fourth

Major McLendon Makes Good Speech.

Siler City's celebration of the Fourth seems to have equalled the expectations of the good people of that town. Great throngs attended and the program as published last week was carried out in good style.

The big event of the day was the address of Major McLendon, of Durham, which is favorably commented upon by competent hearers. The recreation and sports events were also successfully executed.

It was one of the largest crowds gathered in Chatham in many a day.

The baseball game resulted in a victory for the Siler City team over the Greensboro team with which they played.

Bible League Hears Speech By Richards

South Carolina Governor Raps Al Smith's Candidacy - Evolutionists Attacked

Charlotte, July 1.—Featured by an address by Governor Richards, of South Carolina, in which he took general shots at Al Smith's prospective presidential candidacy, the North Carolina Bible league, a fundamentalist organization, met here today.

Governor Richards was elected honorary member of the organization. The meeting consisted mainly of a series of addresses belaboring evolutionists and modernists. After a morning session, the delegates had lunched and reconvened this afternoon to formulate plans for a campaign to educate North Carolinians against the theory of evolution.

Another speaker was the Rev. W. McWhite, of Raleigh, who also attacked the assertions of the so-called evolutionists.

The Bible league, originally the committee of 100, today for the first time announced the definite policy to which it is committed, a program for increasing the "love of the Bible" and rigid opposition to any theory or any persons who are antagonistic to the Bible.

Governor Richards expressed the hope that "the American people will never elect for President of the United States a man who stands for the sale of liquor."

MUST TEACH TRAFFIC LAWS TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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State traffic laws must be read and explained in weekly lessons to high school students, it is pointed out by C. W. Roberts, secretary to the Carolina Motor Club. Not only must the law with reference to school buses be read and explained, but all state laws relating to automobile traffic. The law limits the rate of speed of school buses to 25 miles per hour and provides that cars must come to a full stop when loading and unloading passengers. Care are forbidden to pass school buses while they are either loading or unloading pupils. The speed limit in any school zone in the State is 15 miles per hour.

MURCHISON REUNION

The Murchison clan had their annual reunion at Mt. Vernon Springs last week. It was a great time for the members of that good Chatham family. But the Murchisons, like many other families, have scattered to the four winds and the visages came from several states and several sections of North Carolina. Mr. E. A. Murchison was again chosen president.

Edison says every man should marry—and marry young. He is correct. That will increase our field inventors. You know—inventors of alibis.

Separk Reveals Huge Operations in Liquor

Hakes Disclosure At Trial Of Himself and Stephenson For Forsythe's Death

Raleigh, July 1.—Raleigh lawyers, policemen and civilians generally were figuring tonight on the magnitude of rum operations disclosed at Smithfield today, where Robert Separk and Robert Stephenson, tendering pleas of manslaughter in causing the death of Mighty Forsythe November last, took sentences of four to eight years.

Judge Harris, who is a life long friend of the boys who were with Forsythe the night that he was killed, opened his court to the defendants and what Separk told was quite aptly. Judge Harris told the defendants that he had hoped many years to be able to avoid passing judgment upon them. "I gave you a chance once, Robert," the Raleigh jurist told Separk. "I am going to give you another chance, but you must go to the penitentiary first." The judge did not desire to hear any character witnesses. He knew Separk and Stephenson, who were driving a rum car that carried Forsythe the night of his death. Evelyn Britt, Durham girl, was also with them.

The death of Forsythe was dramatic enough. After taking the dead man to the hospital they left for parts unknown, but a wreck of the automobile gave Separk trouble between Raleigh and Durham. The killing of Forsythe occurred in Clayton. The evidence is strong that it was an accident and that the car threw drunken Forsythe out. The court does not believe the rival rum runner was murdered.

But the liquor business appalled. Judge Harris asked Separk what he had been doing and Separk admitted that he hauled liquor. The justice asked how often he carried a cargo and Separk said every day. "How much at a time?" Judge Harris continued, and Separk declared from 66 to 75 gallons at a time. "How many trips did you make?" Judge Harris asked. "About 500," Separk replied. He told Judge Harris that he ran his liquor car every day for 14 months. If that is true, he transported something like 35,000 gallons in that year and a fraction.

Judge Harris thought, of course, that the community all about Raleigh absorbed this liquor, but not so. Separk declared that he brought it all to Raleigh and distributed it among negroes. "Who were they?" Judge Harris asked. "I know every negro in Raleigh by his first name, and none by his last name," Separk said. He told the court that he convened his patrons by blowing a whistle. Sometimes the police got on his trail, but he threw them off with a smoke serene. This was done in self-defense, he said. He did not think it was unlawful, for the police were going to shoot him and he was dodging their bullets.

The thing appalled. Separk was confident that he spoke conservatively when he said he made 500 trips to New Bern and back. Nobody here can understand how he avoided so long the police. They were after him always, but he said he brought his booze into Raleigh and distributed it here and here only.

Separk had a great time today. The natives looked on him with undisguised envy. There is nothing commercial-minded about Separk. He made no money hauling liquor. He loved to transport it and to ride in his automobile. When he was finally taken he had saved nothing. He went into Johnston county jail, remained there a season and bored himself out. He never appeared to seek money. He was chasing fame always.

Evelyn Britt, Durham girl, who also faced trial on the murder charge, decided to fight the case and her case went over to August term of court and her bond reduced from \$10,000 to \$3,500.

It isn't where you live or how you do things that makes you civilized—but the distance you think beyond your immediate horizon.

Traffic Fatalities Last Year Were 453

This Number Represents 13 Per Cent Increase in State—New York Led Country

Raleigh, July 1.—Motor vehicle fatalities in North Carolina in 1926 totaled 453 as compared with 401 during 1925, it was announced today by the state board of health. The percentage of increase was 13 per cent.

Fatalities at highway crossings claimed 54 lives last year as against 31 in 1925.

New York, statistics show, had the greatest number of motor fatalities, while Nevada had the least. A total of 2,234 lost their lives in New York, while 31 died in Nevada.

The total number of motor fatalities in the United States, according to statistics furnished the board of health, was 21,111 in 1926, as compared to 19,977 in 1925.

Fatalities at highway crossings in all the states in 1926 totaled 2,064 compared to 1,784 in 1925.

Ten per cent of the 21,111 in 1926 were killed at highway and railroad crossings, compared to nine per cent in 1925.

Twelve per cent of those killed in motor accidents last year in this state died at crossings, as compared to eight per cent in 1925.

Mrs. Tyler's Sister Drowned at Badin

Mrs. R. E. Lee, a sister of Mrs. W. H. Tyler of Goldston, died last Thursday while trying to rescue her niece, Miss Ida Lee Rowe of Newton who was about to drown in Badin Lake. Mrs. Lee had a heart attack while attempting the rescue. The burial took place at Badin Friday, the funeral being conducted by her pastor Rev. G. H. Rhodes of the Lutheran church.

Veteran Stedman Dead at Age of 83

Mr. O. W. Stedman, who formerly lived near Asbury church, but has in recent years resided with his daughter, Mrs. O'Connor, at Jonesboro, died Sunday, and was buried at Asbury Monday. The funeral services were conducted by Pastor Chafin, of the Asbury church, and Revs. O. A. Hinson of Jonesboro, and Rev. Mr. Stanfield, a former Jonesboro pastor.

Mr. Stedman was a Confederate veteran. He served four years in the armies of the sixties. He was a member of Asbury Methodist church for many years, and was highly esteemed.

S. S. Convention At Brown's Chapel

The Hadley Township Sunday school convention meets at Brown's Chapel Saturday, July 16. A committee composed of representatives of the four churches comprising the convention met and made out a full program for the occasion. Selected as speakers and leaders are Mr. J. T. Mann, Prof. H. G. Self, Rev. H. G. Dorsett, Mr. W. F. Jones, Mr. J. L. Griffin, Rev. C. M. Lance, Prof. W. R. Thompson.

LINDBERG

Paris — Lindbergh's visit cost France a lot of money.

The lights alone, to show the way to Paris, cost a nice sum. The biggest searchlight in the world, on Mont Valerien, west of Paris, sent its rays 200 miles all that Saturday evening. All the aerial lights of northern France were kept burning long after Lindbergh landed.

The furniture bill, if it could be calculated, also would be high. At the city hall and at the chamber and senate receptions the crowds clamored wildly onto rare old tapestried chairs and divans, fragile consoles and desks, and left torn fabrics and broken and marred wood-work.

Besides this, the expense of public displays, "wine of honor" ceremonies, medals, flowers and flags was considerable.

Work In Full Swing At Duke University

More Than 500 Men Now at Work On 5,000-Acre Campus Getting Ready For New Buildings

Durham, July 2.—The dream of James B. Duke, which captured the imagination of the world when it was made known in December, 1924, through his magnificent endowment, is now something more than a dream—it is approaching reality.

Few people today realize the great amount of work that has been done toward the realization of the plans that the great benefactor had at Duke university. Even the old grads who returned for the 75th commencement were so engrossed over the dozen new buildings on the old campus to pay a visit to the new campus of 5,000 acres, a mile away, where hundreds of men are preparing the foundations for two score or more beautiful buildings.

For many weeks scores of three-mule wagons, many tractors, and a battery of steam shovels have been engaged in what is possibly the greatest dirt-moving project ever undertaken in the state of North Carolina. The entire surface of a mile-long plateau is being leveled, graded, and prepared for the gigantic building program that is to start shortly. Visitors who have cared to ride over a newly-laid concrete highway through the Duke campus to the scene of the operations have been astonished at the vast amount of work done in converting a wooded plateau into a cleared, leveled area where dozens of stone buildings will be erected at a cost that may exceed \$20,000,000.

Here more than two dozen engineers and surveyors, under the direction of W. S. Lee, chief engineer for the Duke endowment, are locating building sites, marking off a dozen miles of roadway, and completing the preliminary work for the greatest single construction project ever attempted in the south.

Surrounded by woodland of rare natural beauty and a scene of quiet peacefulness a completed university plant will rise up within a few years to prove that dreams come true, that the visions of a far-sighted and generous man can be converted into useful and serviceable materials. The realization of his daring dream has begun.

"We are going to build as economically as possible," said Mr. Lee recently. "Loss of time and delay mean loss of money, therefore we are going to build as rapidly as possible, but build well." It has been Mr. Lee, who, as chief engineer for the Southern Power company, has superintended the construction of some of the south's most powerful hydro-electric stations. He is now prepared to devote his full time to the Duke university project.

COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION TUESDAY

The county commissioners and the board of education met Tuesday instead of Monday. The commissioners devoted that day to the usual routine and set another day for the consideration of the budget, which is quite a job. Mr. Rigsbee has the various items of the budget worked out and the sum total varies only about \$100.00 from the expenditures of the past year. The budget and the levy will have to fit, by the requirements of the new county government law. At least, money cannot be appropriated that is not provided for in the levy. There are to be no more deficits.

ICE CREAM SUPPER AT MOUNT PLEASANT

The ladies of Mount Pleasant church, in Baldwin township, will serve ice cream and other refreshments, on the church grounds Saturday, July 9, beginning at four o'clock p. m. The proceeds will be used for repairs of the church house. Your presence and co-operation will be genuinely appreciated.

If women's skirts keep on getting shorter we for one are going to quit worrying about this ever becoming a petticoat government.

Compass Solely Responsible for Failure

Would Have Easily Reached Paris But For the Accident - 19 Hours in Crossing Ocean

Ver-Sur-Mer, France, July 2.—This tiny seaside village of Normandy sprang into world wide fame today, because it marked the end of as romantically adventurous and hazardous a trial as ever was cut through the air in the history of aviation.

Commander Richard Evelyn Byrd and his three companions in scientific aerial adventure were compelled to land here at three-thirty o'clock this morning (French standard time), bringing their great transatlantic plane "America" down out of a pitch black rainy night onto the shore line in water which they could not see.

The machine, in which they had left Roosevelt field, New York, 42 hours earlier, was badly damaged in striking the water and was quickly flooded up to the aviator's shoulders.

Shaken up and bruised, the four airmen—Byrd, Lieutenant George Noville, Bert Acosta and Lieutenant Berndt Balchen—quickly pumped up the pneumatic air raft carried for such an emergency, and made their way to shore, 200 yards distant.

Tonight their three-motored plane rested on the beach like a storm-battered bird, its landing gear torn away, its wings badly damaged and everything about it soaked from lying in the water most of the day.

The brave four, terribly fatigued—having had only a few hours sleep since the end of their trip—enjoyed the comfort of untrammelled rest at Caen, capital of the department of Calvados, as guests of that city. It was decided that they should not be forced to undergo the rigors of the reception awaiting them in Paris, before having at least one good night's sleep.

The successful landing here—successful in that the crew miraculously escaped serious injury—brought an end to long hours of circulating over France in the blackness of a rainy night, with compass out of order, fuel tanks draining fast, and visibility so poor that any attempt to land was almost suicidal.

The America, which was meant to land at Le Bourget field, Paris, and then go back to the United States the first round trip flight between New York and the French capital, did her part nobly, and so did her part nobly, and so did the did the men who steered her through the long hours of fog, rain and darkness.

It was the failure of their compass to do its part after the French coast had been reached, at Cape Finisterre, that made it impossible for them to locate their goal and caused them to wander about until only a few gallons of fuel sloshed in the great tanks.

There was no chance for them to get a course and keep it, nor opportunity in the circumstances to know where they were. A dismal, blinding rain beat down upon them, and they could see no land, no lights—nothing but a sky of inky black.

Except for the mechanical accident of the compass ceasing to function, Commander Byrd has no doubt that he would have achieved his goal before midnight last night. The motors functioned perfectly during the whole trip — through fog, rain and wind; over land and sea.

The airmen were 19 hours in crossing the Atlantic, but not once did they catch a glimpse of the water, so dense was the fog through which they flew; nor could they during those hours see the sky or anything except their plane, and sometimes the mist was so thick that their eyes could pierce it no further than the ends of the wings.

A correspondent for the Associated Press who flew here from Paris as soon as the news of the landing being known asked Commander Byrd whether he was satisfied from his experience that commercial transatlantic aviation was feasible.

"It is possible," the commander

The Figures Must Be Made Public

County Commissioners Must Publish Report of Budget in the Newspaper of County

Raleigh, July 4.—Now that the board of county commissioners has adopted the budget estimates getting the amount of money expected to be spent in the counties during the year ending next June 30, the board must take steps to make these figures public.

The new law provides that a summary of the budget estimates, that is, the money the departments and subdivisions of the county propose to spend, be published in at least one newspaper published in the county. This statement must show at least the total appropriation recommended for each separate fund or function.

Other figures must be made public, so that the taxpayers may know what is being proposed in the way of activities and expenditures. For example, the rate of taxation for county purposes and the rate for each subdivision which will be necessary to levy in the current fiscal year must be worked out by the county accountant and published.

The publicity now required of all county affairs involving money will put a new responsibility on the county commissioners and other officials. The people will not only have an opportunity of seeing how their money is being spent, but they will be able to make comparisons between the efficiency of their officials and those of other counties.

Full and complete settlement by the sheriff or tax collectors for the 1926 tax levy was due to be made to the Board of County Commissioners last Monday. Reports received at the county government advisory commission indicate that most of the counties have had their tax sales.

As soon as the settlement is made with the board, the tax sales certificates should be turned over to the county accountant or other designated officer for collection. When this is done the sheriff becomes automatically relieved of further tax collecting until the tax list for the 1927 taxes and receipt books are put in his hands on October 1, after he has properly qualified.

In the few counties having injunctions against the sale of land for taxes until the early fall, the sheriff or tax collectors must continue to collect the 1926 taxes, so that these officials will be required to spend nearly the entire year in tax collecting and fail to get the three months' relief from this work that the sheriffs of the other counties do.

The tax certificates under the new law bear a rate of 20 percent per annum for the first year on the amount of the tax due and the sheriff's cost.

President Coolidge's lame wrist has been attributed to a handshake with a newly appointed U. S. marshal from North Dakota. One might say from "being in the clutch of the law."

replied. "It will surely come, but it will come more slowly, for it is all a matter of evolution.

"I haven't any doubt that we would have reached Paris had it not been for the behavior of the compass, due to some local affection. Perhaps it was something in the plane with magnetic qualities that threw the needle off."

The North Pole hero was dead tired from his three sleepless nights. He accepted in modest fashion the congratulations showed on him and seemed to feel keen disappointment at not having achieved his goal. But he tried his best to hold his head high, smile and accept what had happened at its proper value—in that it was merely a technical accident.

When he first was congratulated by the correspondent, he said: "You congratulate me, but I feel that may-be I need kicking more than congratulations."

The other fliers also kept up their good humor.

BUCK OLDHAM IN JAIL AGAIN

Leads Long Chase Sunday But Was Caught That Night - Ordered Back on Roads by Governor.

Buck Oldham, a youngster who seems bent and determined to spend a goodly part of his life on the roads or in the penitentiary, is back in jail after being paroled on condition of good behavior.

The Governor having withdrawn his parole and ordered him put back in prison, Deputy Emory Thomas of Bynum, catching sight of him and Henry Hearne and Will Brasington in a car Sunday gave chase. Oldham led the chase through Pittsboro and on to the edge of Siler City, where the officer shot his tires down. Oldham jumped out and fled, escaping in the woods on the skirts of town. Hearne and Brasington did not attempt to escape, and were arrested on the charge of aiding and abetting in the escape of Oldham and lodged in jail for a few hours.

Sheriff Blair and several deputies surrounded the Oldham home that night and caught Buck as he tried to escape, and lodged him in jail.

Hearne and Brasington were given a suspended sentence at the June term of court, but the suspension, as well as the Record recalls, was upon condition that they keep the peace as far as Mr. Thomas, whom they had assaulted, is concerned. However, we are informed that their case will be presented to Judge Harris, and if the suspended sentence does not go into effect they will be held accountable only for what appeared to be the aiding and abetting of the escape of Oldham.

Five People Drowned In Draggry Undertow

Husband Gives Life In An Effort To Render Aid to His Young Wife

Elmore's Inlet, Topsail, July 4.—Caught in the vortex of a whirlpool that swirled and eddied in the rough ocean breakers a short distance off shore this afternoon, five persons, members of a picnic party, were drawn to watery graves by an undertow that was as tenaciously irresistible as it was deadly. Other members of the party, including the nine year old son of two of the whirlpool's victims, succeeded in freeing themselves from the suction and regaining safe water but were powerless to aid their friends who were drawn down and swept out to sea. Tonight no trace of the bodies had been found but seasoned salts who largely compose the searching party, worked grimly into the night, hopeful that the bodies would be washed ashore when the tide turned.

Those drowned included Troy Woodcock, 35, of Rocky Point and his wife, Mrs. Nettie Woodcock, 30, of Rocky Point Miss Susie E. Bloodworth, 22, of Charlotte, formerly of Rocky Point; Miss Annie Wake Bloodworth, 18, of Rocky Point, her sister, and Leon Barnhill, 15, of Hamstead. Mr. and Mrs. Woodcock's son, heeding the advice of the father only a few minutes before he sank beneath the waves, fought his way back to safety. The father gave his life in an effort to aid Mrs. Woodcock.

The party which included several others set out from Rocky Point early yesterday for a day on the beach across from Elmore's inlet. They carried their dinner to enjoy picnic fashion. Harlee Crews who operates a gas boat in Topsail waters was employed to take the party across the sound to the beach. The boat was piloted by J. W. Hunt.

However, engine trouble developed before the party had been put across the sound and it was necessary to tie the small craft up to remedy the trouble. The party impatient to get in the surf, completed the journey on foot, walking

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