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TORNADOES SWEEP CAROLINAS AND LEAVE TRAIL OF DEATH

Sixty-One Known to be Dead in South Carolina as Result of Yesterday's Tornadoes---Several Killed in North Carolina.

Yesterday appears to have been a day of tornadoes in Both North and South Carolina and in South Carolina a trail of death and destruction was left in the wake of the winds of destruction.

At Horrell Hill, 20 miles from Columbia, S. C., sixteen persons were killed and property damage was great when two cyclones met there. At this place 75 children were trapped under the fallen walls of a school house and three of them were killed.

From Florence, S. C., comes reports of the killing of fifteen persons, the injury of fifty more and great property damage. Anderson, S. C., reports the death of eight persons and property loss extending over a million dollars. Several were killed around Timmonsville, S. C., death list of sixty-one is made up from various sections of the state.

North Carolina reports three deaths near Durham and many injured. Rocky Mt., gives property loss at over a million dollars and many injured.

Shipping Season Short Around Clarendon

Duff Won Premium For Early Berries; Good Acreage in Irish Potatoes; Sweet Potatoes a Good Crop; Attending Court

Clarendon, April 29—A large portion of the population of Clarendon and surrounding country is attending criminal court in Whiteville this week as witnesses and spectators. Two very important cases sent up for hearing before the higher court from Magistrates courts here, will probably be tried this week. The first case, wherein Pearl Best, a colored school teacher, is charged with an assault with intent to kill Connor Bullock, the story of which has already been published in this column. The other case is also for assault with intent to kill, and is the famous school closing fight case in which Daniel and Clarence Todd came near being stabbed to death. There are four defendants in this case held for the present term of court. The outcome of both cases are being watched with much interest by the public.

Misses Jessie Best and Constance Harrelson, who have been teaching in the Fair Bluff high school the past term, returned to Clarendon the latter part of last week, the school having closed Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Grainger motored over to Laurinburg last Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Todd.

Miss Sueola Gore and Mr. Ernest Blackman, of Vineland, were among the Sunday visitors to Clarendon.

Miss Eva Grainger returned Sunday from a few days visit with her grandparents in Laurinburg.

Mr. Hosea A. Garrell, who has been right sick at his home on rural route one, is reported as improving.

Transplanting tobacco is moving along rather slow on account of the scarcity of plants. Only a few farmers have had plants large enough to plant and the crop will be two or three weeks late.

Fishing is becoming a very popular pastime with a good many of the young people hereabout, as well as some of the older ones. From the catch of some of the fish seen it would seem that they were rather "small fry" and should be given more time to grow.

Mr. Duff McPherson, of Rt. 1, won the premium for early berries this year. Last year he carried in the first crate to Whiteville which sold for \$15.00, with an additional \$10 offered by the chamber of commerce. We believe, for the first time, Lewis Motor Co., of Tabor offered ten gallons of gasoline and two quarts cylinder oil as a premium for the first crate of berries carried to Tabor with a Ford motor. Mr. McPherson captured this prize and sold his berries at \$10.00. His was not the first on the Tabor mar-

ket, but the first to be hauled with a Ford.

Mr. John B. Cox, of Guide, candidate for county commissioner, was here one afternoon last week greeting his many friends.

From what we can gather from the growers the strawberry crop will be short and the shipping season will not cover more than two or three weeks. The weevils are claiming heavy toll on some of the farms. The prospect, however, is for a very fine quality of fruit. A few crates have been moving for the past week and car lot shipments will be going forward within next few days.

There is quite a little acreage planted in Irish potatoes in this section this spring, and the crop is looking prosperous. Bugs are giving some of the growers a great deal of trouble, it is said.

One of the most profitable crops growing in this section is sweet potatoes, which can be produced at small cost, and every year the demand is becoming greater, at good prices. Several carloads were shipped from this county the past winter and spring at an average price of about \$1 per bushel.

Road conditions have improved greatly during the past few days since dry weather has set in, and several of the road overseers are making some much needed repairs on their sections. If others would follow their example they would find that their sections would be in much better condition than if they wait until next winter to have the work done.—J. D. Frink.

THE WOMEN SHOULD TAKE PART IN CAMPAIGN

Mrs. Maud Park Urges That They Draw Up Planks For The Party Platforms

Buffalo, April 25.—Addressing the National League of Women voters at its fifth annual convention here last night, Mrs. Maud Wood Park, its president, said that details of the league's immediate program must be regulated by the fact that a national election was impending. She urged upon women the importance of taking part in the legitimate activities of their parties. Planks covering the issues most important to women should be prepared and presented to the platform committee of the political parties and to the candidates.

"In all the efforts of the league," Mrs. Park said, "it has had the advantage of the opportunity afforded by the enfranchisement at one time of approximately 20,000,000 women. In the nature of the case, this opportunity will last only a few years and it can never come again. Only for a few years shall we have the possible advantage of an enormous number of new voters, untrammelled by carelessly made political affiliations, which with no bad political tendencies to undo and therefore, free to form good political habits from the start.

Mr. Russ Reelected at Cerro Gordo School

Notes About the School and Faculty; Tobacco Growers Have Plenty of Plants; Many Visitors Here and There

Cerro Gordo, April 29.—On last Friday night the school committee of the Cerro Gordo high and graded school met in the Truckers' Bank & Trust company's building in for the purpose of employing a principal for the school for the 1924 and '25 term. A number of the patrons of the school were present at this meeting. Professor C. C. Russ was again selected and he has signified his willingness to accept. Professor Russ will work with the committeemen and the committeemen will likewise work with him in selecting and employing a corps of teachers for the next term. While an announcement has not been made it is thought by many that some of the recent faculty members will return for next season and it is also believed that one or two of the teachers of last season are not very desirous of returning. The correspondent has no wish to put any personal feelings about any matter in this or any other news letter to this paper. Neither do we wish to assume a dictatorial position as to whom the committeemen and the professor should employ, at the same time, perhaps, it will be nothing amiss for us to say that it is a mighty good plan to consider "Home" and its surroundings first. I do not doubt that many teachers accepted employment out of the county last season that could have done well at teaching in their home county and home towns. We are glad to say that one or two of the home girls taught in the local school last session and the patrons of the school, large numbers of them are liberal with their favorable comment regarding the work.

Planting cotton in this section is about finished up at this time. For the past two or three years the acreage planted to cotton in this community has been very greatly reduced. This season, however, an increase is reported. One good and well-informed farmer tells your reporter that he is of the belief that the acreage is increased fully 20 per cent.

The Rev. F. T. Wooten, pastor of the Cerro Gordo Baptist church, preached two very interesting and well attended sermons in the local church on last Sunday morning and in the evening at eight o'clock. The Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, pastor of the Methodist church here, preached a splendid sermon to a good sized congregation in the evening.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Nance will rejoice to learn that Mrs. Nance is improving from a recent illness.

Miss Hudley, a member of the faculty of the Hallsboro school during the recent term, departed for her home in Rocky Mount, Va., Monday morning of this week after having been a guest of Miss Grace Emily Williamson for the past week-end. Miss Williamson was the efficient music teacher in the Hallsboro and Fair Bluff schools during the session just recently closed.

Mrs. Bert Stephens and children, of near Orrum, Robeson county, spent the day last Sunday with relatives and friends in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Avant and family, Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Turlington and family, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Walker and family, Mrs. W. W. Avant and Mr. P. K. Avant motored to Bolton last Sunday and there enjoyed a birthday celebration of their sister and daughter, Mrs. W. T. Horne, at that place.

Mrs. W. W. Snow and two children, little Miss Marjorie Francis Snow and, W. W. Snow, Jr., accompanied their husband and father to their home in Fort Bragg on last Sunday after having spent a week with Mrs. Snow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Baswell.

A copy of a recent issue of the Bladen Journal is in the hands of your correspondent and in that live paper it is seen that a lady down at Bladenboro, one of the largest towns in our sister county, is seeking the office of Register of Deeds. That

Many Road Sentences this Term of Court

Number of Cases Disposed of; Understood that Clarendon Cutting Affray May Be Continued to Next Term of Court

Superior court convened Monday morning for a two weeks mixed term and with Judge Calvert presiding. A great deal of interest has been manifested throughout the week and attendance has been good despite the fact that this is a very busy season for the farmers.

It was reported today at noon that the cases against the Cribbs and Richardson's, growing out of a cutting affray at Clarendon some time ago, would probably be continued to a later term of court on account of new developments. A number of cases have been tried and convictions secured without the judge having passed sentence at the time this is being written. Following is a list of convictions in which judgments have been pronounced:

Wesley Graham, escape from chain gang, two months additional on roads.

L. J. Duncan, f. and a., 18 months on roads.

Lewis Smith, having liquor, \$50 and costs.

Elbert Watts, retiling, \$20 and costs.

Pearl Best, assault, costs.

Clemon Bowen, assault with deadly weapon, eight months on roads.

Will Floyd, assault, six months on roads.

C. F. Monroe, having liquor, three months on roads.

Denial was made in a public statement issued in Winston-Salem April 22 by Walter E. Brock, state campaign manager of W. G. McAdoo for president of certain statements that Governor Neff of Texas was credited with making to the effect that the Democrats of North Carolina had voted against the candidacy of Mr. McAdoo in the recent party convention held in Raleigh.

While the words "athlete" and "football" have been accepted by the French academy, the highest dictionary authority in the world, it has refused to admit the word "baseball."

goes to show that Columbus is not the only county in which a lady is desirous of political honors.

The tobacco growers in this section are very busy along now transplanting one of their most important crops. While in some sections there is reported a scarcity of plants it is said that the planters hereabouts are not suffering from want of plants although they are small and have not reached the growth that they would have at this time of the year under more favorable weather conditions.

Mr. A. E. Powell, of Whiteville, was in town one day recently.

Miss Heanie Stone, who taught in the Smith school near Clarkton during the past school year spent a day or two the first of this week in Clarkton.

Mrs. D. E. Welch and children, Martha Jane and George, are at Mrs. D. E. Welch and children, Martha Jane and George, are at home after a visit with relatives near Columbia, S. C.

Mr. H. G. Avant and little son, H. G., Jr., made a trip to Bladenboro, Clarkton and the Council sections of Bladen county one afternoon last week.

Mrs. Martha Jones left last Saturday for Garland, Sampson county, where she is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Jones, the former being the Atlantic Coast Line agent at that place.

And now that the school here has closed the correspondent is attached to the belief that ere long she will be able to report a wedding or so in which some of the former faculty members figures. One of the local barbers remarked recently, "It's worth double price to shave 'Pete' since the close of school and the department of one or two of the teachers." When asked for an explanation as to the "howcome it" the shaver replied "He's so long-faced."

BERRY PEOPLE ARE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT 1924 STRAWBERRY CROP

Chadbourn People Predicting Seven or Eight Hundred Car Loads of Berries from This Territory.

Chadbourn, April 30—The first of the 1924 car lot shipments of berries from this point to the northern markets moved out from the yard here Saturday evening and this car was followed by another one Tuesday and one will go tomorrow, Thursday.

Tuesday the berries were bringing \$5 to \$5.50 per crate. Today the market advanced to six dollars per crate and predictions are that the price will mount steadily through this week and next week. The general opinion among buyers and parties interested in berries is that the price will be good this year. The quality of the fruit that has heretofore been offered has been rather poor. This is accounted for by a frost early during blooming season. Practically all the berries offered so far this year were nipped by this frost and they have been rather spotted.

Many well informed buyers and growers are predicting that there will be 7 to 8 hundred cars of berries handled out through this territory this season. Last year the shipping amounted to 550 cars. The territory includes all of Columbus county and a portion of Horry county, S. C., around Loris, a few miles from Tabor.

The weevils are said to be present in small numbers and a difference of opinion appears to exist whether or not they will accomplish any damage. One big grower stated today that he did not think the damage from weevils would amount to anything worth considering. Growers and buyers are alike in saying that the prospects for a big crop are better than they have been at any time within ten years. Good fruits is expected to make up the offerings from now on and it is believed that the price will be good, although not so high as last year.

Musical Recital

The musical recital of the Chadbourn high school will take place Friday night of this week and a treat is promised lovers of music who may attend. The closing exercises of the school will take place about May 12th and a splendid program is being arranged and will be announced in detail in next week's paper. It is understood that Dr. Sykes of Cooker college will deliver the annual address on May 12th.

He Felt Frisky

Stanly News-Herald.

"I am feeling like celebrating," said Rev. Q. C. Davis to the News-Herald one day last week. "I have just received the receipted bill for the payment of the last quarter in college for my last child. With the exception of one year," he continued, "I have had a child in college constantly for the past 25 years, and you can imagine how I feel on having made the last and final payment. I have a mind," he went on to say, "to take thirty or forty cents, go to a cafe or some place and get a little blow it in and have a big time."

The fifth annual re-union of the Methodist Orphanage Alumni Association came to a close April 21 after a meeting of three days at the orphanage in Raleigh. Fifty-two members of the association were present.

Neal Brady has obtained his release from the Birmingham club of the Southern league and has signed to pitch for the Ludlow team of the Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio league.

Manager Shollenberger has finally signed a first sacker of his Moline Mississippi Valley league team. The newcomer is George M. Henshaw. He has played for the last three years with industrial teams.

Conway played the local ball team on the grounds here Tuesday evening with a large turnout of local fans to add zest to a really interesting with a large turnout of local fans gave the local team a score of 11-3 against Conway. Fair Bluff, which has always been looked upon as having the best ball team of any town in the county, will play the locals here Thursday evening and a snappy game is looked for. The home boys have some really first class men on their team and interest in the national game has been revived this year by the return home of Alex Wilkins who has been studying art and science in California for the past three years. It is understood that a regular town team will be open to challenges from all the nearby towns at the close of the berry season.

Tomato growers have put out a considerable acreage in plants during the past few days. It is said that the plants were unusually fine ones and that they are already beginning to grow and flourish. It is understood that more than twenty acres are being planted in the immediate neighborhood of Chadbourn. Most of the crop will be shipped to northern markets and wherever there is a good demand. The balance will be handled locally by a canning factory which is expected to be in operation the last of June.

Indications are that a great deal of cotton has been planted in this section this year and many growers are reporting that they already have good stands. The gin here has not operated for the past two or three years and prospects are for its running again this fall, provided, the farmers are able to combat the boll weevil and make a crop.

It is said that Messrs. Paul and R. E. L. Brown will have their canning factory in operation about the first of June. This will be in time to take care of a considerable amount of late strawberries and will insure everything being in readiness for other products, such as tomatoes, cabbage, lettuce, cucumbers pepper, grapes, etc. The canning factory is expected aid to truckers in this territory and there is no apparent reason why it should not also become a big addition to the business life of Chadbourn.

Babid Dog Bites Young Negro Girl

Animal Not at First Supposed to Be Mad; Girl Receiving Pasteur Treatment; Several Dogs Bitten On The Sweet Farm

Ruth Lennon, ten years old negro girl, is having the pasteur treatment administered by the county health officials for bites she received on the hand Saturday from a dog owned by J. L. Ludlum and which was later discovered to be mad.

Ludlum, a colored man, lives near the Sweet Farm, three miles west of Whiteville. The Lennon girl lives on this farm and Saturday she was attacked by the dog which bit her on the hand. Later on during the day the dog bit a number of hogs and dogs on the above farm and then killed some chickens. The colored man owning the chickens killed the dog and subsequent investigations led to the discovery that it was rabid.

O. J. Peterson, of Clinton, who a few days ago made announcement of his candidacy for the position of Commissioner of Labor and Printing, was moved by the announcement of candidacy of Commissioner Shipman as made Wednesday to declare that "There are other men big enough to hold Mr. Shipman's job."