

FIERCE FIRE AT BETHEL THIS A. M.

HALF A BUSINESS BLOCK WIPED OUT BY CONFLAGRATION IN THAT CITY. FIRE RAGED FOR HOURS.

LOSS IS \$40,000

Went to History of the Town, Firemen Make Brave Fight and Finally Succeeded in Getting Flames Under Control.

(Special to Daily News)

A disastrous fire, which wiped out half a business block, occurred this morning at Bethel, and resulted in the loss of property to the amount of \$40,000. The amount of insurance carried is not known. The following buildings were almost completely destroyed:

- Hotel Hdw. & Para. Co.
- Stout's Hotel.
- Bethel Bank & Trust Co.
- J. E. Denton's store.

For hours the volunteer fire department fought the blaze in the attempt to check the spreading flames. The buildings were close together and in spite of the efforts of the firemen, who were assisted by practically the entire population, the fire burned for several hours. At times the heat was so intense that no one could get very close to the blaze. Some of the contents of the various buildings were saved, but for the most part everything was lost.

91 Gallons Seized by Local Police During Last Month

Mayor Kugler, in an interview with a representative of the Daily News, last night stated that the local police had seized over 91 gallons of liquor during the month of June.

"That doesn't sound big enough," replied the reporter. "How many gals would that make?"

The mayor figured for a second. "Seven hundred and twenty-eight," he finally announced.

The reporter then took the pencil and reducing this to half-pints—the usual size of the bottles—found out that it made 1,456 half-pints of liquor.

Dr. Brown, who was listening to the conversation, then grabbed the pencil, and after doing a little figuring of his own, had the following to announce:

"There are about eight drinks in each half-pint. This would go to show that over 10,748 drinks have slipped their way to thirsty throats and been shut off into the gutter."

After which each of those present indulged in a chocolate milk-shake.

HIGHEST PRICES PAID FOR fresh country eggs: cash or trade. J. E. ADAMS & CO.

MUST KNOW NAME

We have received an interesting article, signed "M. M. W." For his benefit and also for the benefit of other readers, we again wish to state that we must know the author of all articles for publication. We will refrain from publishing their names, if they so desire, but it is necessary that we know the writers ourselves.

CLOSED MONDAY ON ACCOUNT of holiday. You will save money by taking advantage of our Saturday's low prices and buy enough to last until Tuesday. J. E. ADAMS & CO.

WHY SHOULD WE WORRY?

For we are going to have a jolly good time on the excursion to Norfolk Wednesday, July 7. Train leaves Washington at 10:40 A. M., and returning leaves Norfolk, Friday, 9th at 10:00 A. M. This will give two days and two nights in Norfolk, and a day's trip each way. A. J. Bester and Company, Managers. ROUND TRIP FARE \$8.00. 7-10-15.

Goods Roads Work In Hyde County

F. J. Berry Tells of Interesting Interview With Road Superintendent of Swan Quarter Township.

That Beaufort county might obtain some good suggestions from Swan Quarter township regarding "good roads" work, is the opinion of F. J. Berry of this city, who recently discussed this matter with W. W. Mason, of Swan Quarter, superintendent of the road work which is being conducted in that section.

"They are making considerable improvement in the roads around Swan Quarter," stated Mr. Berry, "and Mr. Mason was kind enough to explain to me the method of procedure which is being carried out there."

"The work is being done with a kid road grader, which originally cost them \$25.00 and which is giving excellent service. Mr. Mason's force consists of three laborers and five horses. He figures the cost of the work per day as follows:

Three men, at \$1.....	\$3.00
Superintendent.....	1.50
5 horses, including feed, 5.00	
Total, per day.....	\$9.50

"Three of the horses are used in hauling the grader. One two-horse plough is used when the road is heavy, and two six-horse ploughs are employed when the work is not so hard. I have talked with several men who have recently been over the roads in that section and all of them are loud in their praise over the kind of road that is being constructed. I have heard some of the men say that better progress is being made by Mr. Mason and his force than is made by the convicts in our county. Of course, I don't know personally whether this is true or not. One thing is certain, however, and that is that they are getting their work done there a good deal cheaper than we are."

Wants Clerk's Union To be Organized Here

Believes That Union, Composed of Local Store Clerks, Would Offer Many Advantages.

Editor Daily News,

Dear Sir:

I have always been greatly interested in the development of Washington and am glad to see that so many projects are being brought up at the present time for the development of the community. I have a suggestion which I would like to make for the consideration of your readers.

It is this: Why not organize a clerks' union in Washington? There are unions of this kind in all cities and they are of great benefit, not only to the clerks who work in stores, but to the merchants and other residents of the city as well.

I understand that there are one or two merchants in the city who will not close their doors promptly at eleven o'clock Saturday night. If the store-clerks of the various business establishments were united, they would regulate this matter themselves and there would be no

further grounds for complaint or dissatisfaction. Then, too, I believe it would be a good thing if the clerks were given a half-holiday one week during the summer months. This is being done at Elizabeth City and other cities in the State and none of the merchants are losing anything because of it. In fact, it gives the clerks a chance to gain a rest and prepares them for better handling of the next day's rush of business. In Elizabeth City all of the stores close at noon Friday.

There are many advantages to be derived from a clerks' union and I bring up this matter in order that others of your readers might offer their views in the proposition and state whether it is practical here or not. There are a number of other unions in Washington; why not a clerks' union?

Very truly yours,
S. L. H.

Are Again Raising Wheat In County

Farmers Are Raising 15 to 18 Bushels to Acre. Crop Has Been on Increase for Last Few Years

That the farmers of Beaufort county are again paying considerable attention to the raising of wheat was proven by the several wagon loads of this product which, during the last day or two, have been brought to the Haven's Grain Mill for milling into flour. The farmers report that the raising of the crop has been very successful and that they grew as much as 15 to 18 bushels to the acre. The wheat is of an extra fine quality and is being milled into a high grade of flour. About 800 bushels have been brought in for milling so far.

When asked this morning whether he expected any great quantity of the wheat to be brought to the mill for milling, Frank Rollins, manager of the grain mill, stated that he believed that there was still considerable in the county, although not much attention had been given to the raising of this crop in Beaufort county during recent years.

"Before the civil war," said Mr. Rollins, "the farmers of this county raised a good deal of wheat and made good money out of it. After that, however, the western wheat became so cheap that the farmers in this section gradually gave up this crop and turned their attention to raising other crops. This caused the local mills to discontinue operations and for a period of about ten years the farmers had no place to mill their wheat."

"We have had our mill running for about five years and each year the crop has increased. It is growing steadily and those of the farmers who are raising it are making good at it. The soil and climate of

this section is favorably adapted to the growing of this crop and I believe that it will not be long before practically every farmer in Beaufort county is raising at least a small amount of wheat.

"The farmers who had their wheat milled here expressed themselves as greatly pleased with the grade of flour and stated that they were gradually increasing their acreage."

BASEBALL PRACTICE

Local Players Tried Out Pleming Park Diamond Yesterday.

A number of local baseball players worked some of the stiffness out of their legs and arms yesterday afternoon by indulging in a hard practice on the Pleming Park field. The grounds were in fairly good condition and an excellent practice was held. The boys hope to be able to play a game on the field in the near future.

SAYS BAKER

It has been wisely said that Business is as sensitive as a woman. It goes where it is invited, stays only where it is well treated. It faints under ill-treatment and dies under brutality. It gets sick if ill-nourished, needs careful treatment to regain health, requires stimulation in hot weather and cannot stand cold storage!

Our business is in a healthy condition. No winter to sell or summer too hot but what you will find us right on the job waiting for you. BAKER'S STUDIO.

WALL OF BREAD FOR RUSSIAN SOLDIERS



This picture, taken in the Carpathians during the recent mighty struggle for possession of the passes, shows bread for the Russian army piled up like a wall along a roadside.

BIG CROWD ENJOY DAY AT OCRACOKE

MANY VISITORS ARE AT ISLAND TO ENJOY NUMEROUS ATTRACTIONS.

GOOD PROGRAM

Pony Penning Contest Held This Morning. Boat Races This Afternoon. Mr. Small to Speak.

(Special Correspondent)

With the finest of weather prevailing, large crowds present from Morehead, New Bern, Washington and other points, the Fourth of July celebration was begun this morning at Ocracoke in a most auspicious manner. Several hundred visitors were present to enjoy the day's events.

Early rising is the custom at Ocracoke and by eight o'clock this morning practically all of the visitors were out on the beach, visiting various points of interest on the island and sailing about in boats. The scene presented a most picturesque and attractive appearance. Many cameras were brought into play to snap the many pretty views and sights.

The pony-penning contest was begun at 9:30 and furnished considerable fun and excitement for the many who witnessed this interesting event. A number of the animals were sold on the spot for good prices.

The motor-boat races will be held this afternoon. There are a number of contestants for the cup which is to be offered as a prize and competition promises to be exceedingly keen. Most of the boats spent the morning in practicing over the course while their crews tinkered with the engines and made sure that no trouble would arise to prevent them from coming in first at the finish line.

A large delegation from Washington arrived yesterday morning on the schooner Relief. They report having had a most enjoyable trip across the sound and only one or two felt any ill-effects on account of sea-sickness. Congressman Small was one of the party and will speak here this afternoon.

A dance was enjoyed at the hotel dancing pavilion last night. Excellent music was furnished and the dancing continued until late at night. Another dance will be given tonight.

The deadly submarine habit is spreading. A Galesburg, Ill., man tried to smoke a cigaret while under water and was promptly drowned. The cigaret was a fatal loss.

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AN ENJOYABLE PARTY.

Visitors Honored Last Night With Delightful Garden Party.

A garden party was given last night in honor of Miss Hannah Eure of Winton, and Miss Louise Satterthwaite, of Pateolus, by Misses Kathleen and Carol Willis and Mr. Russell Willis at their home on East Main street. The occasion was a most delightful one and heartily enjoyed by all present. The home was attractively decorated with Japanese lanterns. A number of amusing games helped to pass away the evening and several excellent selections were played on the piano. Singing was also enjoyed. Ice cream and cake were served late in the evening.

The invited guests were Miss Hannah Eure, Jack Harris; Miss Louise Satterthwaite, Roy Stockwell; Miss Kathleen Willis, T. M. Eure. Miss Carroll Willis, Henry VanNorthwick; Miss Mary Belle Ricks, of Fairmont, N. C., Selby Whitely; Miss Mabel Ricks, Gerald Whitely; Miss Minnie Woolard, Russell Willis; Miss Ruby Miller, Miss Annie Chancey, Miss Polly Campbell, Miss Lizzie Kelly, Heber Winfield; Miss Mary Cutler, James Russ; Messrs. Tom Raxnor, Archie O'Neill, Jamie Willis, Aurelius Willis, Misses Eloise Mitchell and Jennie Mitchell, James Mitchell; Miss Eula O'Neill, Sugg Fleming; Miss Alice Whitely, Miss Aldine Whitely, Kenneth Whitely; Miss Elsie Foreman, Miss Lucile Rhodes, Peter Rhodes; Ernest Harding; Miss Etta Lee Campbell, Ed. Miles, Miss Margaret Wicks, P. Foreman; Miss Sallie Willis, Harry Willis; Chaparrone, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thompson, and Mrs. Frank Kuhn, Mrs. James Gallagher and Mrs. D. R. Willis.

IS IN HOSPITAL.

Capt. J. B. Gossett Taken Ill Yesterday and Will Undergo Operation.

Capt. J. B. Gossett, who has in charge the local activities of the American Rescue Workers, has been taken to the Powle Memorial hospital, where he will be operated on tomorrow. During his illness, the local work is being carried on by his daughter, Capt. Mable Gossett. Miss Gossett will appreciate the assistance of the residents of Washington in carrying on her father's work.

GIRLS ARE CAMPING.

Campfire Girls Enjoying Outing in the Country.

Members of the local Camp Fire Girls have left on a three-day camping trip on the Car-Skaden farm. They are in the care of Guardian Jennie Cox and Mrs. Francis Cox. They expect to be gone over the Fourth.

SPECIAL LOW PRICES SATURDAY on all Groceries, Dry Goods, Shoes, etc. J. E. ADAMS & CO.

CELEBRATION MONDAY BELHAVEN

HUNDREDS OF VISITORS EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT ON THAT DAY.

MANY FROM HERE

Washington Residents Will Leave This Afternoon, Tomorrow and Monday. Interesting Program.

A large number of local residents will leave this afternoon for Belhaven to witness the celebration which is to be held in that city on Monday. Others will leave here via automobile tomorrow and still more will leave on the afternoon train Monday afternoon. It is expected that between two and three hundred Washington residents will be in Belhaven on Monday to view the many events that are to feature the entertaining program which is to be put on.

The program will start at ten o'clock and the program committee has so arranged the various events that there will be "something doing" every hour from that time until midnight. Numerous races, automobile races, automobile parade, calisthumpian parade, baseball game and balloon ascension will be carried out during the day. A baseball game will be played between Aurora and Belhaven at 3:30. Fireworks and dancing will be the principal means of diversion in the evening.

The merchants of Belhaven have raised a good-sized sum to cover the expense of the day's celebration and hundreds of visitors are expected from all over this section of the State.

RESOLUTIONS

Adopted by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church, Washington, N. C.

Whereas, our Heavenly Father has removed from our midst to the Heavenly Home our friend and co-worker, Mrs. Edward Lee Archibald; Therefore we, the members of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, do resolve:

- 1st. That, while we bow in submission to the will of God, "Who doeth all things well, and makes no mistakes, we deeply feel the loss of our friend, who cheerfully and self-denyingly was foremost in all good works.
- 2nd. That the Presbyterian church has sustained a great loss—in one who in past years faithfully joined in singing the sweet songs of the sanctuary, and who now in the "heavenly mansion" joins in "singing the songs of praise to the Lamb. "We loved thee well, but Jesus loved thee best! Good night, good night, good night."
- 3rd. That we deeply sympathize with the bereaved family.
- 4th. That these resolutions be spread on our minutes, and a copy sent to the sorrowing family, and also published in the Daily News.

MRS. C. M. BROWN, JR. MARTHA B. FOWLE, LILY V. TELFAIR.

KICK, KICK! WE LIKE TO BE kicked if you have anything to kick about. It makes us try harder to please you. J. E. ADAMS & CO.

FIFTY MEN ATTENDED MEETING

BUSINESS MEN'S LEAGUE WAS FORMALLY ORGANIZED AT MEETING WHICH WAS HELD LAST NIGHT.

ELECT OFFICERS

Will Appoint Permanent Secretary. By-Laws to be Drafted. Mr. ... Working on Their ...

An enthusiastic meeting in the Chamber of Commerce rooms last night, the "Business Men's League" was formally organized, officers were elected and plans discussed for future work. About fifty business and professional men of Washington, Belhaven, Pinetown and other cities in this section were present.

W. P. Henry, field manager of the Merchant's Mercantile Agency, again explained the purpose of the organization and the details connected with its operation. Several of the business men present made short talks, expressing themselves heartily in favor of the measures to be adopted.

An election of officers was held and the following were elected: President, J. K. Hoyt. Vice-President, J. F. Buckman. Treasurer, C. M. Little.

It was decided to elect a permanent secretary, who will be paid on a commission basis. Upon motion, the following committee was appointed to wait upon several local men in order to secure a permanent secretary: W. H. Russ, E. K. Willis and Z. N. Leggett.

C. A. Flynn, E. K. Young and M. F. McKeel were appointed a committee to draft by-laws for the League.

A number of the merchants present stated that they were at present working upon their lists and expected to have them completed within a short time. These will all be sent in to the central office and the book will be published, containing the names of all the residents of this and adjoining counties.

B.P.O.E. Met Last Night

Building Project is Discussed. No Definite Action Taken. Committee to Continue in Power.

A well-attended meeting of the local B. P. O. E. lodge was held last night. The committee, which had been appointed to investigate the proposition of building a home for the local organization, made a satisfactory report and were requested to continue their efforts in this project. It is not known whether immediate action will be taken or not. Some other plans may be evolved which will be as satisfactory and can be carried out without the expense necessary for the erection of a new building.

DANCE AT PAVILION.

Large Number Present to Enjoy First Dance at Park.

A most enjoyable dance was given by the young men of the city last night at the new pavilion which has just been completed at Washington Park. A large number were present and participated in the dancing until a late hour. The floor proved to be in excellent shape and the pavilion is in every way superior to the old one.

VERY BEST KETCHUP AND LEM.

on slice Apple Jelly. Phone 97. J. E. ADAMS & CO.

New Theater TO-NIGHT.

Essany Offers IRONHOOD BILLY'S VENGEANCE Edison Offers "TRACKED BY THE HOUND" Two Reels

MONDAY NIGHT 13th Episode "BILLY'S"