

Bolton Plant Is Swept By Flames

Sawmill Building, Lumber Conveyors And Green-Decks Destroyed By Fire On Thursday Night

The old Waccamaw Lumber Corporation plant at Bolton, which is now being dismantled by a salvage company and the Riegel Paper Company, was swept by flames early Thursday night in a conflagration which for a time threatened all the surrounding buildings.

The sawmill building, the lumber conveyors and green decks were destroyed before the fire was finally brought under control, sparing shipping sheds, the planing mill and residences nearby. A favorable wind was termed largely responsible for the flames being confined to the relatively small territory.

Had the fire occurred Wednesday night when a heavy southwest wind was blowing across the section, the entire community might have been destroyed.

The fire is believed to have been caused by an acetylene torch which workmen were cutting up old machinery to be junked. Workmen quit their work for the day at 5:30 o'clock and the fire was discovered at 6:30 o'clock.

Raging flames made quick work of the tinderlike structures, while the wrecking crew engaged in junking the plant was powerless to do anything but prevent spread of the flames to the whole community.

4-H Club Member To Win Tuition

State's Outstanding 4-H Club Youth Will Win A 4-Year Agricultural Scholarship To State College

A four-year agricultural scholarship will be given the farm boy selected as North Carolina's most outstanding 4-H Club member in 1933, L. R. Harrill, of State College, has announced. In addition, a scholarship to the 4-H Short Course, which is held at State College each summer, will be awarded the boy selected as the most prominent club member in each county.

Any bona fide club boy is eligible to compete for the awards, which are being made by the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau through A. G. Floyd, state representative and a graduate of State College.

Previous winners of these scholarships will be ineligible for the contest, except for county winners who may continue to compete for the State award.

The winner of the four-year scholarship must be eligible to enter and his application for admittance to State College must be accepted prior to the opening of the institution the fall following the making of the award. Otherwise, Harrill said, the prize will be given the first alternate or revert to the 4-H scholarship fund.

Contestants will be judged on all 4-H activities. The club member's record of production as shown by project record books will count 50 points; participation in club and community activities will count 15 points; leadership activities will be good for 20 points; the member's own story of his club experiences will count 10 points; and high scholastic record will count 5.

Expert Answers Farm Questions

Advice Given On Rooting Grape Vine, Making Chocolate Milk And Testing Seed Corn

Q: When is the best time to root scuppernon and muscadine grape vines?

A: Scuppernon and muscadine grape vines should be rooted during the fall or early spring. The vines should be laid flat on the ground or placed in a shallow trench and covered with soil several feet from the end of the vine. The rooting vine, of course, should be left connected with the parent vine until rooting has taken place. If the vines are very long, soil may be placed on the

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"Buccaneer" And "Rosalie" Coming To Carolina Theatre

One of the greatest casts ever brought together for a motion picture appears in Cecil B. De Mille's epic production of America's struggle for survival during the War of 1812, "The Buccaneer", which opens Thursday at the Carolina theatre. Fredric March, the lead, portrays one of the most colorful and important, but least known, characters of American history, Jean Lafitte, the pirate king of the early nineteenth century who held the entire Caribbean in his grasp. NEXT WEEK Nelson Eddy and Eleanor Powell are co-starred for the first time in the lavish musical, "Rosalie", which comes to the Carolina Monday for a four day engagement. The musical also includes such favorites as Frank Morgan, Edna May Oliver, Ray Bolger, the new European sensation, Ilona Massey, Billy Gilbert and Reginald Owen in a story that concerns the love and adventures of a West Point cadet and a Princess of mythical Romanza. Outstanding among the numbers is the "Romanza" set, which covers more than sixty acres and was filmed entirely at night with the aid of twenty-four cameras. This set was so large that lights had to be rented from every major studio in Hollywood for its operation. Twenty-five hundred

Says Document Is Bulwark In N. C. State Government

In Perhaps The Last Charge In Columbus From The Eminent Jurist, Judge Crammer Praises N. C. Constitution

SAYS MUCH PROGRESS SINCE CIVIL STRIFE

Progress Made By State Since 1872 When Reconstruction Ended Was All Accomplished Under Present Constitution

"I am glad that we in North Carolina do not change our Constitution every time the wind changes", Judge E. H. Crammer, told the Columbus grand jury Monday morning, in a charge in which he lauded the constitution as the bulwark of our state government.

"We have respect for our Constitution, and believe in the document in which we live and move and have our being. It seems almost miraculous—I guess it was a miracle—that after the close of the Civil War in the period of Reconstruction the people of North Carolina were utterly prostrate, with only their honor left, the banks all closed and the carpet baggers here to harass them and to ruin and enslave us—that the same constitution which stood behind us in those days still guarantees us life and liberty in this great state of ours", Judge Crammer said.

"I say, it seems miraculous that we could have accomplished as much since the last of the Carpetbaggers were put down in 1872 as we have, and all this has been accomplished under our constitution. So watch those folks who want to change the constitution every four days, because we don't want our great document changed every time the moon changes."

"Our constitution laid the foundation of this state in the fear of God, and I am telling you this morning that the states which forget God do not live—they cannot live. Where are the governments which once ruled over Rome, Greece, Babylon? Judge Crammer said that the Constitution guaranteed the people of North Carolina equal rights. "If the law cannot protect the lowest and most humble man from the most obscure mountain or seashore shack then the governor sitting in Raleigh has reason to tremble with fear, for a state which cannot protect its humblest citizen cannot protect its highest. No state which has two kinds of justice can long live because Almighty God won't let it live. We say in our constitution that we guarantee a man life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Judge Crammer prefaced his remarks to the jury by saying that he always enjoyed coming to Columbus county, and that he liked to meet his friends and meet new friends when he came to this county to hold court, and said that he would not be holding many more courts in the county because of his retirement at his present term. He has been on the bench more than 18 years.

"The law has brought you here this morning", said Judge Crammer, emphasizing the importance of the law and the courts of the state. The law he said, is a rule of action governing our lives. "We in North Carolina have amended the general rule in this case—We say that we are freest of the free, and we say that there is no power in this state, but rather three separate branches: legislative, administrative and judicial, and we say that the law is a rule of action prescribed by the law-making powers of the state.

"We do not have absolute democracy in this state, in the sense that there is absolute rule by the people. We have in North Carolina what we call delegated authority, and representatives of the people make our laws for us."

COTTON GROWING IN U. S. BEGAN IN THIS COUNTY (Continued from page one) William Hilton. They explored about seventy-five miles of the Cape Fear River and its branches and bought from the Indians thirty-two square miles of land for some beads and other trinkets. The Lords Proprietors declined to confirm this sale but did make a satisfactory grant of land to them. A few months later, Sir John, governor and commander-in-chief, set sail with his colonists from Barbadoes and began their settlement in May 1665. Some historians say there were six hundred of them, but the Colonial Records indicate that there were considerably less than that number. Sir John remained with them only a short time before he held large interests.

The colonists located their settlement at the junction of a small stream with the Cape Fear River. They called it "Charles

Towne," and for two centuries the little stream has been known as Old Town Creek, or Town Creek. It is on the west side of the river, about seven miles south of Wilmington.

"It was here that these British colonists from Barbadoes planted for the first time in North America and grew successfully the Barbadosian, or black-seeded cotton, known as the Sea Island cotton, which has the longest staple in the world.

"The new crop did well in its new location, but the settlement on the Cape Fear lasted only about two years. The people were dissatisfied with their location and decided to move further south. This they did, but they were careful to take enough cotton seed along with them in order that they might continue planting the crop on their new farms.

"And that, according to the Colonial Records of North Carolina, is the way that King Cotton received its start on the American continent. It has spread far and wide since that time, but Charles Towne, on the Cape Fear River, will always have the distinction of being the birth-place of the crop in this country."

JUDGE JOHN B. WARD IN COURT (Continued from page 1) sentence being suspended upon payment of the costs and upon the further condition that the defendant stay off the lands of J. L. Sprunt for a period of two years.

Joseph Eagles, colored, pleaded guilty to charges of making assault with a deadly weapon. He was taxed with the costs in the sum of \$20.00 to M. A. Northrop for damages to clothing. He entered a plea of nolo contendere to charges of transporting and was taxed with the costs of that action.

LITTLE BITS OF BIG NEWS (Continued from page 1) How the rambling wooden structure caught was not determined. The hotel is not operated in the winter.

Insult A Japanese soldier was reported Friday to have slapped the face of John M. Allison, ranking United States diplomat at Nanking, when he refused to obey the soldier's order. A second American, whose name was not reported, was said to have been handled also by the Japanese soldiers at the same time.

Suggests Means Securing Spacious Facilities Free (Continued from page 1) ing charges are high and the ships have to come from distant shipyards where the machinery is junked. Uncle Sam is somewhat of a sticker for not paying the freight on things he gives away.

The matter is being followed up to ascertain its possibilities. Ascentable Mayor Horner has been thanked for his interest.

BILL PROVIDING FUNDS FOR VETS HOSPITAL PASSED (Continued from page 1) favor of the construction of the hospital here, local citizens secured several offers of attractive building sites.

No effort will be spared this week by residents of this section as they seek to interest Uncle Sam in bringing his new hospital to Southport.

Organizations Will Work For Bridge Facilities (Continued from page 1) same time the club has information to the effect that the State Highway Commission would be receptive to a request to build a \$75,000.00 permanent steel drawbridge across the canal.

Boat traffic on the canal is increasing at a rapid rate so is traffic to Fort Caswell. A wooden pontoon bridge for this point would be far out of date and inadequate before it could be placed. The general local idea is that the Highway Commission should be asked for a steel drawbridge that will handle both road and water traffic.

While having its own views that a steel bridge can be obtained it is understood that both Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and the local organization are perfectly willing to work for whatever the Fort Caswell interests may desire the matter.

WATERWAY VESSEL BURNS IN RIVER NEAR SOUTHPORT (Continued from page one) ever-lightening boat on a bank to the west of the channel. The vessel sank in eight feet of water. Capt. Tolar and the crew took hurriedly to a life boat and sculled eight miles with the tide down river to Orton plantation, where they landed and awakened the household of J. Laurence Sprunt, owner of the plantation. There they were given restoratives, badly needed after a four-hour pull in a chilling rain with the men inadequately clothed in the apparel they had been able to seize as they abandoned the sinking vessel.

On the boat with Capt. Tolar were J. W. Willis, first mate; Harry L. Tomas, chief engineer; E. W. Shipp, first assistant engineer; Dick Davis, cook; Carl M. Sawyer, able bodied seaman; W. Maston, ordinary seaman, all of Norfolk, and Capt. W. M. Guthrie, pilot, of Southport, who boarded the vessel at Wrightsville Sound. Capt. Tolar said the vessel and the cargo were a total loss but said he was unable to estimate the value of either.

He and Capt. Guthrie both expressed their appreciation for the kind treatment afforded them and the members of the crew at Orton

plantation. "They were very kind to us made us as comfortable as shipwrecked men ever could be. We waked them up in early hours of the morning they came out, took us in treated us swell. We certainly appreciate it," Capt. Tolar said.

TWO CANDIDATES HAVE ANNOUNCED (Continued from page one) While a member of the legislature, the local attitude made an enviable record. "My cousin to run again has been at the insistence of my friend Mr. Frink said. Prior to 1928 served as clerk of court in Brunswick county for four years.

B. J. Holden, who was of court succeeding Mr. Frink also has announced his intention to seek re-election. "I have led the county to the best of ability," he said Monday, "am seeking re-election upon basis of my record. I appreciate the words of friendly encouragement that have greeted my announcement."

SINCLAIR SEEKS SOLICITOR'S (Continued from page one) Democratic circles throughout section of the State, having served four years as Chairman the Democratic Executive Committee of New Hanover County and also upon the State Democratic Executive Committee. Sinclair is 36 years of age, member of the Presbyterian church, and resides with his father in Wilmington.


Robert Marlowe Goes To Payne-Turner (Continued from page one) soon as he entered the room. Marlowe said that he ed on Payne, and that the "hung his head".

The local boy said that he ed on the stand for about ten minutes and was required to relate the events that transpired on the night he was forced Payne and Turner to carry to Hallsboro. One of the last for defense cross-examined about his statement that T pointed a gun at him, he said

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