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FIRE AT TROY

Plant of Guilford Lumber Company Destroyed

Night Watchman's Lantern Exploded in Boiler Room—Fire Spread Rapidly—Rough Lumber and Finished Product Burned—Loss \$25,000 to \$50,000—Presbyterian Church and a Number of Cottages Near Lumber Plant Endangered.

Troy, July 23.—Fire, the largest and most destructive that has ever occurred in this town originated last night about midnight in the plant of the Guilford Lumber Manufacturing Company, completely destroying the plant and a large portion of the lumber yard. Thousands of feet of rough lumber were stacked on the yards and the sheds were filled with finished lumber ready for shipment.

The loss cannot be stated accurately, but at a conservative estimate it will be from \$25,000 to \$50,000, partially covered with insurance.

The fire had its origin in the roof of the boiler room, the explosion of a lantern used by the watchman being the cause. When the lantern exploded fire was scattered among the timbers of the building, which were covered with dry sawdust, and so fast did it spread that before the watchman could give the alarm the building was in a mass of flames.

Other Buildings Endangered

The lumber plant was located just outside the corporate limits, but was near the main business section of town, and had it not been for the stillness of the night the damage that would have been done is incalculable. For a time little hope was had for saving the Presbyterian church, which was located just across the street from a corner of the Guilford plant. Several cottages were also in danger but for a slight wind which turned the course of the flames they would have been destroyed also.

The Guilford Lumber Manufacturing Company is a branch of the Greensboro firm of the same name. Its plant here was one of the largest lumber plants in this section and was one of the largest manufacturing establishments in Troy. It was located here more than 12 years ago, being moved from Asheboro to Troy, and has been the means of giving employment to hundreds of people, bringing thousands of dollars to the town. Should the company decide not to rebuild it will be a great loss to the town and section.

Confederate Veterans

Headquarters Randolph Camp No. 1646, United Confederate Veterans.

Asheboro, N. C., July 23rd, 1912. The members of this camp are hereby notified that the annual reunion of the North Carolina division of United Confederate Veterans the 7th and 8th of August 1912.

Reduced rates on the railroads have been applied for and the exact fare from any station can be learned by inquiring of the local agent. All Confederate Veterans are cordially invited to attend this reunion.

All who enjoyed the hospitality of our hosts four years ago and are able to attend will be glad to accept this invitation.

A. C. McAllister, Commander.
P. H. Morris, Secretary.

Special Rates to Good Roads Association Convention

Arrangements have been made with the railroads for excursion rate to Charlotte and return on account of the North Carolina Good Roads Convention which is to be held there August 1 and 2, from all points in North Carolina and from Portsmouth, Suffolk, Boykins and Danville, Va.

These excursion tickets will be on sale going from July 31 and on trains scheduled to arrive at Charlotte before noon of August 2. Passengers must plan to reach original starting point not later than midnight of August 5. The excursion rates are on file at the depot, and, in each case, is approximately equal to one fare plus one-third, except where the original fare is under one dollar.

JOSEPH HYDE PRATT
Sec. N. C. Good Roads Associa.

Miss Ferree Entertains

Ramseur, July 19.—Miss Leyer Ferree entertained a number of her friends this evening at a social in honor of her friend, Miss Lillie Richardson, of Asheboro.

The guests began to arrive about 7:30, and were met at the door by Mrs. H. F. Brady, sister of the hostess, and were ushered into the reception hall, which was handsomely decorated for this occasion. There they were met by Miss Ferree, who welcomed them in her charming manner.

Games were played, and music by Miss Ferree and Miss Pauline Smith added very much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

At about 9:30 the guests were ushered into the beautifully decorated dining room. There dainty refreshments were served by Miss Ferree and Mrs. Brady. After faring sumptuously for awhile they returned to the reception hall and played until eleven o'clock.

Those present were, Misses Dixie Carter, Pauline Smith, Pearl Leonard, Lula West, Olivia West, of Ramseur, and Miss Lillie Richardson, of Asheboro; Messrs. Lee Craven, Fred Leonard, Oren Forrester, Fred Burgess, Wooley Marley, of Ramseur, and E. J. Craven, of Warrenton.

At about eleven o'clock the guests departed for their various homes.

Mrs. Moore Entertains

Mrs. W. J. Moore was hostess Tuesday afternoon at a cubical heart party given on the porch and lawn of her residence as a compliment to her nieces, Misses Beattie Hyton, of Winston-Salem, and Gladys Porter, of Waycross, Ga.

The occasion was enjoyed by friends of the hostess and of the young lady guests, whose former visits here attracted them many friends and pleasant acquaintances.

In effecting a decoration scheme which in its very simplicity was lovely sweet peas in abundance were used.

The prize, an attractive white fan, was won by Miss Cora Redding making the highest score.

Ices and cake were served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Wannie Bulla.

A Delightful Reception in Ramseur

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. King was a scene of loveliness as well as merriment when about twelve friends of Miss Beulah and Essie were honored with an opportunity of visiting their home and enjoying their hospitality.

The guests were received by Miss Essie who were honored with an opportunity where they were at once made to feel at home and after a short time of jolly conversing the guests were invited to the lawn and under the soft rays of the moon many interesting games were played in which happiness reigned supreme.

They were then invited into the dining room which was quite enchanting in its loveliness. Here indeed it seemed as if fairies had made busy for a while. Delicious ice cream, cakes and other refreshments were served in lovely taste.

About eleven o'clock the guests departed thinking themselves lucky to share such an evening of jolly fun.

Those present were, Misses Jessie Whitehead, Ollie Spoon, Carrie Scott, Lola Jones, Mary Cox and Messrs. Samuel B. Black, J. Clyde Luther, Wesley Phillips, Glenn Scott, J. Preston Cox, Clyde Akin and E. R. Baldwin.

"Boys' Day"

Worthville Union Sunday School will observe "Boys' Day" next Sunday, July 28. Old boys, young boys, good boys and bad boys are invited to be present and take part in the exercises. Boys will have singing, recitations, etc. At 10:00 o'clock Rev. J. A. McMillan of Asheboro will address them during the Sunday School hour. At 11:00 o'clock he will preach to the boys. Everybody invited to come. "Boys' Day" souvenir badges will be given to all boys present at Sunday School.

GENERAL NEWS

Baltimore, Md., July 22.—Peter Pryal, formerly quartermaster on the steamship Majestic, of the White Star Line, and long since retired, declared Saturday that he had seen Captain Smith, commander of the Titanic, on the street here and addressed him. He said he knew him well, having served under him years ago.

Kearny, N. J., July 2.—Many persons are suffering from mosquito bites never before so large and vicious as at present. Thomas Devoe, aged 19, died last night at his home here of blood poisoning due to a mosquito bite.

Greeley, Colo., July 22.—That the style of woman's clothing today was responsible for both the murder of Julia Connors by Nathan Swartz, in New York, and for shooting affray yesterday in Denver is the opinion of Dr. G. Stanley Hall, president of Clark University, Worcester, Mass., expressed here: "While this is an extreme case," Dr. Hall said, "to my way of thinking the reason given by Swartz opens up a wide field of careful study. The present-day fashions arouse in the minds of men and particularly young boys a feeling of sex consciousness." Dr. Hall said probably the high altitude was partially responsible for the so-called sex degeneracy in Denver. By "sex degeneracy," he explained, he meant young persons matured more rapidly in the West than in the East.

Wilmington, July 22.—On the eve of a two weeks' term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases, police officers headed by Chief of Police Fowler raided two so-called social clubs early yesterday morning, arresting six in one and four in the other on charges of gambling. They gave bond for appearance before the recorder today. This is believed to be only the beginning of a series of police department raids of which Conneliman B. C. Moore has charge during the present term of court. One restaurant was also raided and a quantity of beer found in the place. It is said that at the recorder's court today the identity of two detectives who have been engaged for the past several weeks in gathering evidence against blind tigers and gambling joints will be revealed.

Franklinville News

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Phillips and daughter of Greensboro spent Sunday here with his brother J. L. Phillips.

Clarence Parks visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Parks near Paris Cross Roads Sunday evening.

Mrs. W. C. Jones is on the sick list this week.

T. M. Jennings attended meeting at Gray's Chapel Sunday.

W. C. Vestal is tickled some more. It's a ten pound Democrat.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Cranford of Farmer spent Saturday in the city with their daughter, Mrs. F. A. Newson, and returned to their home Sunday accompanied by their daughter and some of her small children.

Messrs. Peter Alfred and B. A. Alfred are building nice residences on their lots on Asheboro St., near Rev. J. F. Alfred's poultry farm.

Isham Jones has been indisposed for a few days.

We are having nice showers of rain and corn and vegetable crops are looking fine, but wheat that has been thrashed was the poorest that we have had in this section for years.

George Martindill of Fayetteville was in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hayes of Durham spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Pattie Luther.

Mr. John Burrow who has the contract for the brick work has a lot of the brick ready and will soon go to work on the new M. E. church which will be built on a vacant lot near the depot.

Hattie the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cox died Sunday night and was buried in the M. E. church cemetery Monday evening. Rev. J. F. Alfred conducted the funeral services. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of all our people.

REMARKABLE HIGH POINT BED

By Thornwell Haynes.

High Point, N. C., July 20.—A bed in which T. DeWitt Talmage, Thomas Edison, Zeb Vance, Bishop Marvin and L. Benson, the author of "Fifteen Years in Hell," have all slept is a remarkable bed—almost too remarkable for belief—but it exists, and is in the possession of Mrs. Jarrell, of High Point. Think of it! One of America's greatest divines, the world's greatest inventor, a marvelous governor, one of the greatest bishops the nation has ever had, and the country's greatest drunkard, all sleeping, and dreaming perhaps, in the same bed. And there is something more remarkable about it still, in the house wherein stood this remarkable bed every governor who ruled the State of North Carolina fifty years has spent the night. Even the celebrated Siamese twins, who created such a furore with Barnum and Bailey's circus, had to come and lay themselves down in this bed—not once, but many times.

Just now this old house, always known as Jarrell's Hotel and which three generations ago was built not forty miles from the center of the state, is being torn down to make way for a moving picture show, a magnificent brick and stone structure, but if the shades of the old hotel's departed guests, and all they did, could pass before us they would make the western scenes and love dramas seen to be thrown upon the screen very tame.

The commencement at old Trinity College, the first institution of higher learning in North Carolina, then situated at Trinity, seven miles from High Point, and later removed to its present location at Durham, was one of the greatest annual events in the state, and as the orator at this commencement, Dr. Talmage came three different years, always stopping and spending the night at Jarrell's hotel. Of course there was no road to High Point and the doctor always traveled by what was known as the old plank road which stretched from Fayetteville to Winston-Salem, N. C., a distance of one hundred and twenty miles. This was at that time the greatest novelty in road building in America. The planks were eight inches wide and ten feet long, thus containing a total of over five million feet. The road was owned by a joint stock company which established toll houses at regular intervals, but within a few years the planks wore out and the up-keep was abandoned as a losing proposition.

When Bishop Marvin slept in the old Jarrell bed it was also on the occasion of Trinity commencement whether he came on two different occasions to deliver the baccalaureate sermon. He, too, traveled over the old plank road, and in 1872, the date of his last visit, he was the officiating clergyman at the marriage of Miss Emma, the daughter of Dr. Baxter Craven, then the president of Trinity, to Prof. Edwin Pegrim.

The occasion of Luther Benson, the reformed drunkard, stopping at Jarrell's is especially interesting. He had been secured by the temperance organization of the state to come South and lecture in behalf of the prohibition cause. Upon arriving in Greensboro he got on a drunk and came down to Jarrell's at High Point to sober up, whereupon the saloon keepers, with the intention of strengthening their cause, immediately issued circulars, signed by prominent citizens, setting forth Benson's escapade, and scattered them all over the state. A few days later Benson was to lecture at Shelby, a small town in the southwestern part of North Carolina, and thousands of people, knowing the circumstances, gathered to hear just what his defense, if any, would be. Upon his arrival in Shelby everybody was on the alert, none more so than Thos. Dixon, the author, who at that time was a barefoot boy jostled here and there in the crowd. On his way to the place of speaking a copy of the widely scattered circular fell into

Benson's hands for the first time, but unabashed he mounted the platform surrounded by the multitude breathlessly awaiting to denounce his hypocrisy, and slowly and in a clear and distinct voice he read the circular. Then looking around in careful earnestness upon the thousands of upturned faces, he exclaimed: "Men and women, I am here to tell you all of it is true—so great is the power of this terrible demon drink." And from that he proceeded to give one of the most powerfully convincing lectures he ever delivered.

After a successful lecture tour throughout the state, Benson returned to his native home Indiana, and later was elected from there as United States congressman.

Thomas Edison, the great inventor, made two visits to this section, on each of which he spent several nights at Jarrell's. For a long number of years considerable quantities of gold have been found in Randolph and Macon counties, and on Mr. Edison's first visit he brought an instrument with which he thought gold could be located, but after several unsuccessful attempts he acknowledged his failure and returned to his home in the North. In 1906 he came again looking for monazite, but with no more success than formerly.

If you have not read perhaps you have heard of a book called "A Fool's Errand." The author was Judge Tourgee, a Northerner, known down South as a "carpet-bagger," who soon after the war came to North Carolina and eventually became a man of great wealth. Most of the manuscript of the book was written while stopping at Jarrell's, and the intent of the author was to show that the fool's errand consisted in his coming South and trying to civilize North Carolinians. The book had quite a sale for a number of years, and to the extent of bringing considerable money to the judge, belied its name.

A family of O'Malleys from New Haven, Conn., who frequently stopped at Jarrell's on their way to and from St. Augustine, were among the wealthiest guests the old hotel ever had. It may be remembered by some that most, if not all, their wealth was lost later in defending a son of the family, Ed O'Malley, who was indicted for the murder of Miss Jennie Cramer—a murder which at that time, and for years after, was spoken of as the most sensational in America.

There was a Dr. Whitmore, also of Connecticut, an immensely wealthy man, who frequently stopped here; also the sons of Governor English, of Connecticut, and Senator Robertson. These young fellows often shot as many as fifty quails a day in the territory surrounding High Point, all of the birds being turned over to the hotel.

Being on the direct route from the North to Florida, many wealthy Northerners, passing to and from the winter season South, stopped over. Among the many was a Mr. Chapin, of Boston. It was he of whom it was related that when shown to his room by the old negro porter, he remarked: "Well this isn't so bad after all." He referred to the Brussels carpet and furniture, which in the eyes of the old darkey were the grandest furnishings this side the golden streets of the new Jerusalem, and such scant recognition of their grandeur incensed Sambo to such a degree that he came down the steps two at a time muttering, "I jes' hope he'll be so full er dese d—Yankees deir feet'll outten de winders."

Yes, the Siamese twins slept here, too. The reader may know that after their contract with Barnum and Bailey was finished they bought a home in North Carolina where they lived until their death, with the exception of the occasion they were induced to return with Barnum and Bailey's aggregation long enough for his trip around the world. Of course every one is acquainted with their love affairs.

So the old landmark that sheltered the good and bad, the preacher and sinner, and many other characters

TO RAISE FUND FOR M. P. ORPHANAGE

Denomination Throughout America Will be Asked to Aid.

Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer, president of the church mission board and the church orphanage committee and a member of the executive committee of the orphanage attended the meeting of the building committee at High Point Monday of this week.

Reports received yesterday from five of the sixty teams engaged in a statewide canvass to raise a fund of \$15,000 for the beginning of work on the Methodist Protestant church orphanage to be located near High Point showed that in two days of the allotted ten and with fifty-five teams in the rural sections yet to report, more than half the total fund had been raised. The total subscriptions as reported to the officers of the finance committee aggregated \$8,071.75. The teams reporting had assignments in the cities, Greensboro, High Point and Asheboro teams making especially fine returns.

It was stated yesterday that the raising of \$15,000 is merely the beginning of a campaign to extend throughout the territory of the Methodist Protestant church in America with a view of raising by individual subscription a fund of \$50,000 for the church orphanage. With the first \$15,000 the finance committee proposes to buy a farm upon which an option is now held and to erect the first building. The home, while under the influence of the Methodist Protestant church is to be opened to all homeless children who prove worthy. Admission will be restricted to no state lines.

The plan of the finance committee is to raise the first \$15,000 and then launch a broader campaign. Their purpose is to solicit subscriptions from the twenty-two thousand members of the church in North Carolina, the forty thousand members in Maryland and the hundreds of thousands of members throughout the South and the nation. Subscriptions will be restricted to members of the denomination, however. Outside help will be asked because the orphanage is to be a home for worthy children of any denomination or for those who are aligned through inheritance with no denomination. It is simply to be a place of refuge for any worthy homeless child, and it is on this ground that the committee will base its appeal for aid to all people. The twenty-three Methodist Protestant churches in Baltimore, Md., have signified a desire to help the movement and desire to help the movement and to a realization.

The committee believes that the first campaign will secure more than \$15,000, but trusts that this amount will be available at once. This sum is required to buy the farm and erect the first building. The proposition, says the Greensboro News, has appealed to all members of the church in this state and the members of the committee have expressed gratification at the magnificent and liberal response which has been shown during the first two days of the canvass.

Farmers' Union Picnic

There will be a Farmers' Union picnic at Graves' Siding, ten miles south of Asheboro, on Saturday, August 10. Everybody bring baskets, will have a long table to fill. Several speakers will be present. We expect the Farmers' Brass Band to furnish the music. Speaking will begin at 11 o'clock. A Member.

The Asheboro Township Sunday School Convention will meet at West Bend M. E. church the first Sunday in August at 3:00 p. m. We want each school to be well represented. D. M. SHARPE, Pres.

which perhaps were not just what the world thought them, is being demolished. Come the great inventor who slept here and tears away his comfortable bed, and brings more wonderful scenes before the eyes of sober people than ever a drunkard beheld in his wildest delirium.