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BERT VUNCANNON KILLED BY TRAIN

Mr. W. A. Vuncannon, who is better known in Asheboro as Bert Vuncannon was instantly killed on the yards of the Southern railway in High Point last Friday morning, when he was caught under the rear truck of a freight car that had split the switch.

Mr. Vuncannon had been in the employ of the railroad for the past five years and was at the time of his death a brakeman. He was killed in an unusual manner. He stepped from the rear of a shifting engine to investigate the source of grating and bumping noise. The second car back of the engine had split a switch and the rear end was riding on a side track while the front was on the main line. Thus he was caught in a death trap being unable to get out of the path of the approaching car. He had caught under the rear truck of the car and dragged for 20 feet. His body was badly mutilated.

Mr. Vuncannon was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vuncannon who lived in Asheboro until a few years ago. He was married to Miss Annie Wall, a daughter of Mr. Simeon Wall of Mt. Gilead about fifteen years ago. Every one who knew Bert Vuncannon respected him as a man of honor and integrity. His death was a distinct shock to his relatives and friends in Asheboro. The funeral was conducted in High Point and interment in the local cemetery, a large crowd of friends being present.

Surviving the deceased are his widow, his parents and the following brothers and sisters, three brothers A. M. Vuncannon of Kansas, and S. C. and A. O. Vuncannon, of High Point, five sisters Mrs. R. C. Boyd, Mrs. Arthur Devin and the Misses Cora and Lottie Vuncannon all of High Point.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

What Our Field Correspondent Hears and Thinks—Matters of Public Interest Discussed

There is but little sickness in and around Asheboro. Advertising will help your business and your new customer. Try it and see.

It is hard to keep a working man down, and also a blind tiger.

John Barleycorn is said to be dead and buried, but his ghost is walking around Asheboro.

When it comes to automobiles Guilford county stands at the head of the list in the State. Davidson holds second place and Mecklenburg third.

One thing for our people to do is to plant orchards and cultivate them as we do corn and cotton.

The Courier has a fine hold on the people. They like it and read it. It pays to advertise in it.

If you are going to borrow a thing and never return it, rub out the owners name and write your own in its place.

Mr. Jake Polakavetz, of Troy, is building ten nice brick bungalows for rent. The homes will contain six rooms with sun parlor, and nice porches.

Mr. R. C. Moser's house is assuming proportion that looks as if it might be one of the most imposing residences, on Randleman Route 2.

Mr. J. M. Betts, who has been making his home in High Point for some time, has returned to the good old town of Asheboro.

How much we could accomplish and how strong we should be, if we did not fret.

Quite a number of houses will be built in Asheboro this spring. It looks as though the song of the blue birds will be "drowned" out by the hammer and saw chorus this spring.

All Randolph schools are doing satisfactory work this year.

Asheboro is becoming quite a distributing center for stock, principally mules and horses.

"Boast for Asheboro" is a pretty good motto, but it sounds sorter queer when the job it is printed on comes from an out of town printer. Moral—trade at home and bring your job printing to The Courier.

Work will soon be completed on the addition to the Ramsey Furniture Company at Ramsey. The improvements now being made on this plant will cost one hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. E. C. Watkins, who is general manager of this concern is one of the county's foremost business men and a most highly respected citizen. He is popular with the employees of the plant and is one of Ramsey's most progressive citizens, always interested in the welfare of his town and community, and is found active always in helping to promote every movement of a progressive nature. He is regarded by his friends as a stable and energetic man, capable of handling any proposition that comes along.

The matter of breaking up blockade liquor is in the hands of the people as well as the officers. They must demand action on the part of the officers and must help them.

H. E. MATTERS

W. H. Willis

Special revival services begin at the Methodist church on March 17th.

A city-wide canvass will be made Sunday afternoon in the interest of Sunday school attendance.

At eleven Sunday the pastor will preach on the "Sunday School and the Home." Officers and teachers are requested to sit together.

A series of sermons on Asheboro's growth will conclude Sunday night, the biggest for the last.

LAST LYCEUM ATTRACTION MARCH FIRST

The last Lyceum Attraction, which was arranged by the Woman's Club, will be given at the court house on next Thursday night, March 1st, at 8:00 o'clock. Glen L. Morris an entertaining lecturer on scientific subjects has a wonderful collection of electrical instruments which will be of great interest to the audience. Mr. Morris' lecture will be of special interest to the school boys and girls. He has established wireless clubs in many towns which have proven not only beneficial but popular. His lecture is educational, timely and entertaining.

The Woman's Club announces that on account of the interest the young people may have in the subject they have reduced the price to 10c and 25c. All school children will be admitted for 10c.

RAMSEUR NEWS

School Folks Guests of Confederate Veteran Who Relates War Reminiscences—Social Events.

The McNeil's entertained the O'Henry's at the school building Saturday night, "Lovers of all ages" was presented to the great enjoyment of those present after which a fruit salad course was served. A Valentine game was then played which was greatly enjoyed. The stage was decorated with ferns and potted plants, while the gymnasium was fittingly decorated for the occasion with charts, arows etc. The evening was full of pleasure and profit to all who attended.

Miss Syble Henry gave her Sunday school class a party Saturday from 10:30 till 12 a. m., at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Tate. Fruit salad with hot chocolate and whipped cream were served by the hostess, also Valentine sandwiches was a part of the delicious course. Everything was decorated with Valentines of various designs, while games of hearts were played. A very pleasant hour was spent by the members of the class.

The Ramsey Motor Company put on a free entertainment at the auditorium Friday night. Ford and Fordson tractor pictures were shown as well as a lot of educational pictures, mountain scenery, etc.

The Home Economics department expects to serve oysters, etc at the school building Friday night February 23.

Miss Madge Moffitt spent the week end at home Miss Kelly and Messrs. Bray and Mariette of Elon were her guests.

Miss Lillie Pentress of Franklinville is spending a couple of fortnights with Mrs. M. E. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Kirkman and Mr. W. E. Ferree of Roxboro, spent the week end with relatives and friends here.

Mr. Guy Lane of A. and E. College at Raleigh, spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday here with parents, Capt. and Mrs. W. D. Lane.

A number of our Masonic brethren attended lectures at Asheboro last Saturday night.

One of the grades of Ramsey graded school spent the history period today last week at the feet of a teacher of experience in the person of "Uncle" Murphy Burris, at his residence near town. He made the visit worth while to those young Americans by giving them some first hand facts regarding the war between the states. In addition to relating some of his thrilling experiences he made a patriotic appeal to these future citizens of our State to keep it a free white man's land. Uncle Murphy can always tell you just where he stands on these questions and rights for which he fought and suffered severe wounds.

Messrs. W. E. Marley and E. E. Crisco visited Mr. Alfred at Randleman hospital Sunday.

Mr. H. F. Brady and family were visitors at Asheboro Sunday afternoon.

ARRESTED FOR PASSING BOGUS 20 DOLLAR BILLS

John H. Hauser, Jr., an his nephew Leslie Hauser, who live near Yadkinville, were arrested last Saturday on a charge of passing bogus money in Salisbury and in several places through Rowan county. Mr. Henry E. Thomas a secret service agent, of Charlotte has been working on the case for some time and it was through his information that the men were finally apprehended.

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL URGES LEGISLATION TO SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL MEASURE

More than one hundred and forty Trinity high school students in mass meeting last week voted to send letters of encouragement to our representatives and senators in the legislature for their support of the requests of the presidents of our state institutions. Immediately letters were addressed to our legislators asking them to support so far as is possible all measures which are for advancing education in North Carolina.

We have 22 seniors and more than three fourths of them expect to go to college this fall. As this is the case in nearly all of our high schools we believe it will be nothing less than a calamity and disgrace to let up on the educational program started two years ago.

We believe all people of influence and prestige should at once dispatch letters of encouragement to our representatives asking them to remember the youth of our state and pass legislation accordingly.

OUR RALEIGH LETTER

General Assembly Has Only One More Week of Grinding. No workers Compensation Act.

Raleigh N. C., February 20th—One more week after the present week will witness the close of the present session of the General Assembly, and probably every legislator here will be glad when it is over. There has been some talk of an "extra session."

It is by no means an assued necessity that the present Legislature shall ever be called upon to assemble again, and if these "extra sessions" can be avoided without positive disadvantage to the well being of the people the State should be saved the expense of the average "extra."

As far as actually known or believed by those in a position to know best, it is not probable that the report of the inquiry into the exact status of the State's finances by the expert accountants now at work on the subject will necessitate an extra session, even if their work is not sufficiently completed to dismiss anxiety by the time the Legislature adjourns. In the meantime, the Legislature will proceed with its financial legislation and appropriations for the institutions of the State along the lines mapped out already and in process of accomplishment when the recent debate over the finances arose.

Among the measures claiming action this week and next week are those to increase the number of Superior Court judges and to change the compensation of solicitors from the fee system to flat salaries, the latter providing salaries of \$4,000 minimum up to \$5,000 maximum, the latter to apply where the solicitor has more than ninety days of court. If the latter bill is enacted, the present pay of solicitors will be cut, on the average, fully one-half in some districts.

No Workers' Compensation Act
At this writing it looks like the salary bill will go through, but that the judges' bill will fall by the wayside.

There will be no legislation on the oft-mooted "workmen's compensation" proposition. The workers of the State are not united on the advisability of such legislation, and the representatives of labor appearing before the judiciary committee last Saturday raised serious objections to some of the provisions of the bill presented by Senator Parker of Alliance and Messrs. Lindsay Warren and Moore of the House. Just as was the case two years ago, when the contention ended without any definite action.

Finishing Touches

The Finance and appropriations committee of the House are working hard now drafting the revenue and appropriation bills. They are expected to be in their appearance this week. The appropriations bill will stick to the sum recommended by Governor Morrison for the educational and charitable institutions, it is confidently believed, and the appropriations for maintenance will follow closely the recommendations of the Budget Commission. A half million for the development of fish and game possibilities in eastern waters, Governor Morrison's proposal is thought certain to be included.

The bills submitted to the people constitutional amendments limiting the bonded indebtedness of the State to five per cent of the assessed valuation of property and for the protection of the sinking and to be created before the session adjourns, will get into the House early this week, the Senate having voted its favor of them both.

The bill of Senator Parker, of Wayne amending the election law so as to provide that aspirants for public office of fifty or more voters putting him in nomination as a candidate in the primary (with certain exceptions named) ought to be enacted. It would eliminate some undesirable and open the way for better and more modest men to accept public service.

The bill providing for a tax on bachelors and the companion piece to tax "old maids" (how old not stated) fell overboard and is said to have gone so deep into the overflow that no submarine can ever rescue it.

DAVIDSON COUNTY TO HAVE HISTORY

Rev. J. C. Leonard, pastor of the First Reform church, is preparing a comprehensive history of Davidson County. Mr. Leonard has written a number of papers concerning his county and has considerable data which will help in the preparation of this history. Impetus was given to this movement last fall when preparations were being made for the Centennial celebration. Dr. Leonard has asked all Davidson County citizens to assist him by sending material for his history. He expects to give a full account of the soldiers who have participated in all of the wars since the Indian war. Davidson county is to be congratulated.

LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL DEFEATS SILER CITY HIGH SCHOOL

A very thrilling game of basket ball was witnessed by a large number of fans last Saturday afternoon between Liberty and Siler City high school players. Both teams were in splendid shape and fought a hard fight from the start to finish. The Liberty boys won the battle by a 21 to 18 count.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Republicans Fear Democrats Will Dominate Parliamentary Proceedings in Next House. Miss Old Leaders Who Were Defeated.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Claude Kitchin has persistently claimed ever since the November election that the Democrats would be able to control the next house of representatives. Mr. Kitchin has meant by this control that the Democrats could, if they would, elect the speaker and organize the committees of the house. The Republicans have nominally 18 majority but this majority is made up of Wisconsin, Minnesota and other western progressives who are as hostile to many of the policies of the eastern Republicans as the Democrats are. Mr. Kitchin is reported to have written pledges of some of these progressives that they would support him for speaker and help the Democrats organize the house without any bargaining.

This report has not disturbed Republican leaders because they do not believe Mr. Kitchin will ever be able to return to the house and without his activities the Democrats could never hope to win the speakership. But what does greatly disturb the Republicans just now is the well grounded fear that the Democrats will dominate the parliamentary proceedings of the next house. The maneuvers of the Democratic leaders in the present house, with their handful of followers have often frustrated the best laid plans of the Republicans with their majority of 160.

In the next house the Republicans will not only have lost their dependable majority but on their side there will not be left one resourceful parliamentary leader. Their greatest parliamentary leader in years, James R. Mann is dead; their floor leader, Frank W. Mondell, will be retired. Neither Nick Longworth nor Graham of Illinois, the two rivals for floor leadership, have shown any real skill and resources as a parliamentary leader. Longworth has been beaten to a frazzle by the Democrats. He ignominiously lost his celebrated battle to put dye stuffs in the embargo list in his passage at arm with John N. Garner, of Texas.

Speaker Gillett is a skillful parliamentarian but if his party re-elects him speaker he can not come to its assistance in a battle on the floor. On the other hand the Democrats will have a group of a half dozen or more of as able parliamentarians as have sat in the house for years. The Republicans are woefully outmatched in every one of the following men when it comes to knowledge of rules of the house, reasons for these rules and their executions. These men are Garrett Garner, Crisp, Wingo, Cannon of Missouri who was the late Champ Clark's parliamentary coach and the obstreperous Blanton of Texas.

As an illustration of what a comprehensive knowledge of the rules of the house means to a member and the importance to the whole house, take Thomas L. Blanton as an example. He is without any knowledge of statecraft, possesses no skill as a debator and is generally regarded as a tanning nuisance. Blanton with his knowledge of the rules can deprive some of the ablest debators in the house of the privilege of the floor in the most critical moment. In his readiness to spring a trap he knows no party and his whole career in the house goes to show what a man who knows the rules and is aggressive and persistent with his knowledge and knows nothing else worth knowing, can do to spoil the plans of others.

The rules of the house, the exceptions to them and more especially the reasons for both are so complicated that few members of the house ever thoroughly learn them. They are the pitfalls of some of the ablest leaders. The Republicans depended too much on Mann to rescue them in an emergency and now without him they are forlorn. The Democrats were made to fear Blanton and had to learn the rules in self defense.

The course of the next house may determine which party will elect the next President of the United States. Indeed it is almost sure to do so and that is why the Republicans after taxing stock of the situation feel so anxious at their deficiency in parliamentary skill.

WEDDING IN TROY

A beautiful wedding was solemnized in Troy last Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Beaman, when their daughter, Miss Teey Gladys, became the bride of Mr. Jhn Eston Griffin, of Woodland. The home was beautifully decorated with jonquils and southern smilax. The impressive ceremony was performed by the bride's uncle Rev. Sherman Beaman of Asheville, N. C. The young couple have a score of friends throughout the State who wish them happiness.

CAUGHT ROBBING MAIL

Arthur B. Freeman, a clerk in the postoffice at Troy was placed in jail last Saturday when he failed to furnish a bond of \$1000.00. Postoffice authorities had been previously notified that mail had been frequently missed at this office. The arrest was made shortly after some marked money was found in the possession of Freeman which had been marked by the postoffice officials.

He is a brother of C. M. Freeman, postmaster of Troy.

FARMER HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING BURNED

Farmer high school building was totally destroyed by fire last Thursday afternoon between 3 and 4 o'clock. The fire originated from a defective flue. When the fire was discovered, by Miss Hope Hubbard, one of the teachers, the roof had already begun falling in. It was impossible to save any part of the building; the piano and a few desks however were saved. Farmer has one of the best high schools in the county. Prof. D. N. Cheatham of Greenwood, S. C. is in charge of the school and the following teachers: Misses Eurie Teague, Cora L. Williams, Dolly Vickory, Linnie Dorsett and Hope Hubbard. This is a splendid community and the citizens will no doubt begin making plans at once for the erection of a new building. The school will be conducted in some vacant dwellings for the remainder of this year's work. The insurance on the house and contents was \$3,500.

DOINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

Milliken Bill Passes Second Reading in House—Bill to Tax Bachelors—Other Bills

The Miliken bill for the control of secret orders passed its second reading in the House last week by a vote of 70 to 42.

Representative Hauser, of Stokes has introduced a bill to tax all bachelors of 40 years and over, the money to go to single women of 30 or more.

The bill proposed by the department of public welfare to raise the age of consent to 16 years, passed its second reading in the Senate but upon objection from Senator Moss, of Nash, was carried over for third reading.

E. B. Ficklin, of Greenville, a member of the state prison board, has introduced a bill restricting attendance upon executions to witnesses and officials and prohibiting the publication of descriptive accounts of electrocutions in the newspapers.

The American Legion bill prohibiting the use of soldiers' bodies for dissecting purposes by medical students passed the House.

A bill by Representative Martin, of Washington, requiring register's of deeds to issue no marriage licenses unless eight days intervened between notice and solemnizing of ceremony, has passed the House.

The administration measures proposing constitutional amendments to limit the State's power to contract indebtedness and to protect the proposed sinking fund passed the Senate last week.

Representative McFarland, a bachelor of Rutherford, retaliated for the bachelor tax bill by introducing a bill to fine every single woman declining a bona fide offer of marriage \$1,000 or send her to the roads for six months.

Another new bill would reduce the salaries of State officials and school teachers ten per cent. Still another would give free text books to the school children of the State.

A bill by Representative Townsend of Harnett, would provide for the printing of reports of the State superintendent of public instruction, and Representative Connor, of Wilson, has introduced a bill to provide for the appointment of trustees for cemeteries in towns and cities throughout the State.

Senator Parker of Wayne asks in a bill, introduced in the Senate, that 50 constituents of a candidate file papers, guaranteeing that the candidate will abide by the decision of the primary.

The House has passed a bill to provide a penalty for peering into a room occupied by a woman.

Both houses have passed a bill providing that the State shall receive and care for the old Bennett place near Durham where Gen. Joseph E. Johnston surrendered to Gen. Sherman. A sum of fifty dollars a year may be appropriated for the upkeep of the place.

Representative Bowie's bill to appropriate money to build a railroad through the northwestern counties of the state, the "lost provinces," has passed the House by a vote of 60 to 43.

FORMER RANDOLPH CITIZENS BUILD GREATER

Mrs. G. L. and J. N. Elder of Hope-well, Va., have recently built a new and modern store building which is considered a credit not only to Hope-well but to the State of Virginia. It has been under construction for several months. The Elder building contains two other stores besides the drug store, which have been let to local concerns. On the second floor are offices. The Elder boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Elder, formerly of Randolph County. They have been successful in every undertaking and The Courier congratulates them.

MR. HALL DIES

Mr. Thomas Hall, who was accidentally shot by a gun in his own hand last Friday died at his home near Thomasville, Saturday night. The funeral services were at Pleasant Hill Methodist church Sunday afternoon and interment followed in the local cemetery.

MEETING OF RANDOLPH COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The executive committee of the Randolph County Sunday School Association will meet in the Presbyterian church next Sunday, February 25th at 2 o'clock. All interested Sunday school workers are invited.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUBMIT PLANS

A plan to keep up the improved roads of Randolph County to be submitted to the Commissioners March, 1923.

There were originally sixteen townships in the county, each about the same size.

The plan is to employ sixteen reliable men, each to furnish a bond of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars for the faithful performance of his duty; each to furnish the following equipment, one good team, one good wagon, one good turning plow, one good single stock plow, one shovel and one rake. The county to furnish one or two good drags, all other expenses except upkeep of drags to be borne by owner of teams.

Each man with team to receive Four (\$4.00) Dollars per day for ten hours work no overtime allowed, each man must put in all his time on the road and to be paid for actual time made, if for any reason he is not on the job then he is to receive no compensation. It is estimated that each team will make about twenty two days per month, or \$88.00, this multiplied by sixteen townships will be \$1408.00 per month or \$16,896.00 per year each man to be under the direction of the general superintendent of roads and each man to be responsible for his own township.

Then the plan is to organize two crews consisting of one foreman and 1 helper, each to take charge of one engine, or large truck, and one large road machine, each at an expense of \$75.00 per month for foreman and \$55.00 per month for helper; each truck and road machine to spend one week every sixty days in each township, to help the man with team to put his road in first class shape.

The above cost for gasoline and cost of General Superintendent, will cost the county around \$6,100.00 per year; which added to the amount estimated for the sixteen townships will cost around \$22,996.00 per year for upkeep and each township will get its proportional part of the money spent.

We will want to build some new roads in the county. This should be done under a contract properly laid out by a competent engineer. If we can spend one half of our road income and keep up the roads, and spend the other one half for new roads we will have accomplished something no other county has ever accomplished.

There may be times when the general superintendent will have some special work to be done and he can call his sixteen teams and his road equipment together and do the special piece of work.

This plan is submitted to the people of Randolph county for their criticism and if you have any objections to offer or any improvement to offer, write the chairman and state your ideas.

The above plans submitted by COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

LUMBER PLANT DESTROYED BY FIRE IN GREENSBORO

The plant of the Guilford Lumber Company and part of the lumber yard of E. E. Bain and Son was destroyed by fire Monday night. The loss is estimated to be \$215,000. The Guilford Lumber Company is fully covered with insurance, but E. E. Bain and Son loss is around \$15,000 with no insurance.

The origin of the fire has not been determined. It is reported that the Guilford Lumber Company will rebuild immediately.

ASHEBORO'S R. F. D. NO. 1, EXTENDED

The citizens in the Kemps Mill section are gratified over the extension of the Asheboro R. F. D. mail route. About three months ago a petition was sent in for the extension of this route, and notice was given that the route would be extended.

The route formerly stopped at Mr. Z. S. Moffitt's residence. It has been extended a mile and a half, to Five Points. It furnishes a great convenience for many of the citizens in that community enabling them to get their mail at least a day earlier.

COL. P. M. PEARSALL, PROMINENT MAN DEAD

Col. J. M. Pearsall, chairman of the state board of elections, died at his home in New Bern early Wednesday morning, following a week's illness of pneumonia.

Colonel Pearsall was taken ill at Raleigh on Tuesday. He returned to his home Tuesday night and pneumonia developed.

Colonel Pearsall was well known in political and masonic circles throughout the State. He took an active part in the campaign of Chas. B. Aycock for governor and served 4 years as private secretary to Governor Aycock. He had been chairman of state board of elections for two years.

He is survived by his widow and one son.

REV. W. L. MANN PASTOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. W. L. Mann has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church in Asheboro. Mr. Mann comes highly recommended. He graduated from Davidson college in 1917, later completing the theological course in the Union Seminary, Richmond, Va. He is a native of Alamance county his home being at Helens.