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HEAVY LOSS FROM FIRE SATURDAY

Broke Out In Asheboro Bargain House Saturday Night—Causes Big Damage.

Fire breaking out in Mr. B. B. Brooks' store, the Asheboro Bargain House, in the Allen building on Worth street in the business district of Asheboro Saturday night about 9:30 o'clock, completely ruined the stock of goods, damaged the building to the extent of a thousand dollars or more, and W. A. Gregory's store next door to the extent of approximately \$2000. The fire apparently originated from the stove in the Asheboro Bargain House. Mr. Brooks had closed his store about an hour prior to the discovery of the flames, leaving a fire in the stove. From the path taken by the flames it is evident that the stove pipe became disconnected falling against some shelves packed with dry goods, spread to the ceiling and up into the second story of the building.

Charlie Catelett, who occupied the rooms above Mr. Brooks' store, discovered the flames when he went to the bathroom in the back part of the building to get a pitcher of water. He gave the alarm and the fire department for about two hours grappled with the flames. Owing to the dense smoke pouring out of the building it was impossible for the fire fighters to immediately locate the blaze. Streams of water were poured into the building from front and rear and through the skylight. Before the flames were checked a large part of the ceiling in the building was burned and the fire had broken through into the stock room of W. A. Gregory's store next door.

Mr. Brooks' stock of goods amounting to approximately \$8,000 was completely ruined by fire and water. The stock was covered with insurance to the amount of \$4,000. The damage to Mr. Gregory's stock from both fire and water will amount to \$2,000 or more. The goods in his stock room on the second floor were totally destroyed and water coming through the ceiling damaged the stock in the store. Mr. Gregory's loss is covered by insurance.

Ben Morgan's Home Is Destroyed By Fire

The residence owned and occupied by Ben Morgan, in Tabernacle township about twelve miles from Asheboro on Caraway just to the left of state highway 75, was totally destroyed by fire last Sunday about night. The fire originated, it is thought, from a defective fuse or chimney in the second story of the building. Parts of the roof and upper story were falling in when the fire was discovered by the family. So quickly did the flames spread that Mr. Morgan was able to save little or no furniture and only a part of the family wearing apparel. A small amount of insurance was carried on the building.

The house was a two-story structure, containing fourteen rooms. It had not been built many years and was in excellent condition, being one of the best rural homes in the county.

Ed Burton of Trinity Dead

Marion Ed Butler, aged 50 years, died at his home in Trinity township Tuesday following a stroke of paralysis last Friday. Mr. Burton was a native of Haywood county but had lived in Randolph several years. Funeral services were conducted at Hopewell church yesterday afternoon.

In addition to his widow he is survived by six daughters, Mrs. Alice Smith, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Annie Lanier, of Thomasville; Mrs. May Holmes and Mrs. Beanie Moore, of Trinity; and Misses Maude and Pearl Burton, of Trinity; one son, Henry Burton, of the United States army, stationed in California.

William J. Buckner Dead

William J. Buckner died at his home in Chatham county Monday night from hemorrhage of the brain. Mr. Buckner's wife died Friday before and was buried Saturday. Mr. Buckner was a member of Big Meadows Baptist church.

COOLIDGE GETS LARGEST PLURALITY IN HISTORY

Total Vote Exceeds Combined Number Given Davis and La Follette.

President Coolidge polled more votes in the recent election than both Davis and La Follette combined and had a plurality in the popular vote of 7,339,827, the largest ever given a presidential candidate.

Complete official returns show the vote for Mr. Coolidge was 17,718,789, as against 8,378,962 for John W. Davis, and 4,822,319 for Robert M. La Follette. The total popular vote for three candidates was 28,920,070. In 1920 the total for all candidates was 26,711,183. Despite his plurality of 334,960 more than was given Harding in 1920, the Coolidge vote totaled 433,411 less than that received by Mr. Harding, due to the presence in the field of a third strong candidate. Harding's total was 16,162,200.

Davis received a smaller vote by 768,391 than did James M. Cox in 1920. Although La Follette received 696,299 votes more than did Theodore Roosevelt in 1912, his vote was scattered so that he received the electoral vote of only his home state, Wisconsin. In 12 states La Follette polled more votes than Davis. These states were California, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

The largest plurality given by any state was Pennsylvania's 992,289 for Coolidge. The largest Coolidge total was New York's 1,820,058. Coolidge's smallest plurality was in Nevada, which he carried by 1,674, and his smallest total vote was in South Carolina where he polled only 1,123 votes.

Texas gave Davis his largest plurality—350,185. Three other southern states returned Davis pluralities ranging within a few hundred votes of one another—Georgia with 93,900; North Carolina with 92,517, and Mississippi with 92,105.

In North Carolina Davis polled 284,270 votes, Coolidge 191,763, and La Follette 6,651.

Son of W. A. Craven Is Seriously Injured

The sixteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Craven, of Moffitt, sustained a fractured skull Christmas day when an improvised gun he had made from an iron pipe exploded and a plug fitted in one end of the pipe struck him on the forehead penetrating the skull just above one of his eyes. Medical aid was summoned and young Craven is improving slowly, but is not out of danger.

The boy had made a gun out of an iron pipe by closing one end of the pipe with a tight fitting plug and covering this plug with a block of wood. The pipe was then filled with a quantity of powder, a place filed out for application of a match. When the lighted match was applied the powder exploded forcing the plug out through the block of wood and into the boy's forehead, embedding it in his skull.

Miss Jennie T. Clarke Dies At Winston-Salem

Miss Jennie Thornley Clarke, for the past 15 years a member of the faculty of Greensboro College, Greensboro, died at a Winston-Salem hospital Saturday morning, after an illness lasting a month. She was 60 years of age.

Miss Clarke taught history and political economy at Greensboro College and was known to hundreds of young women in North Carolina, who studied under her. She was a graduate of Peabody College for Teachers and the Sauveur School of Languages and had taken graduate courses at the University of Chicago and Harvard. She was a member of the Baptist church. Before coming to Greensboro she was a member of the faculty of Georgia Normal College. She was born in Charles City county, Virginia, but for a number of years her family had lived at Cedarstone, Ga., where the body was taken for interment.

Miss Clarke was well known in Asheboro having visited the late Mrs. Hancock during her life time and after her death her daughter, Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer, Miss Clarke was associated with Mrs. Hancock for several years at Greensboro College.

Mrs. Roxie Hubbard Dead

Mrs. Roxie Hubbard died at the home of her father, John Ashley, in South Asheboro, Saturday. Mrs. Hubbard had been to see her husband who is a patient in the government hospital at Johnson City, Tenn., and was stricken while en route home on Friday afternoon. The funeral services were conducted at West Bend Sunday afternoon, after which burial followed. The deceased is survived by her husband, parents, and several brothers and sisters.

Member World's Champions Visits In Asheboro

Mr. Wade Lester, of Newton, was a visitor in Asheboro from last Friday until Sunday. Mr. Lester was a member of the Washington ball team of the American League, 1924 world's champion, and took part in the series as regular catcher. He has been sold to the Memphis team of the Southern Association and will play with that team next season. Mr. Lester plays ball during the summer season and during the rest of the year practices law at Newton.

MEET TO PROMOTE HIGHWAY NO. 75

Held In Lexington Last Tuesday—John W. Clarke, of Franklinville, Chairman.

A meeting was held in the court house at Lexington Tuesday afternoon to promote the hard surfacing of state highway No. 75 along its entire route. Representatives from the ten counties traversed by this route were present. The Asheboro delegation was composed of Arthur Ross, D. B. McCrary, W. J. Armfield, Jr., and Congressman William C. Hammer. Mr. John W. Clarke, of Franklinville and I. F. Craven, of Rameur, and a number of others from these two towns were present.

In a resolution offered by E. E. Raper, of Lexington, it was declared the sense of the meeting that Route 75 be hard surfaced and authorized the committee appointed to present the matter to the state highway commission and urge the necessity of this important road work being done at the earliest possible date.

A committee consisting of three men from each of the ten counties traversed by No. 75 was appointed. John W. Clarke, of Franklinville, was named chairman of this committee, which includes from this county also I. F. Craven, of Rameur, and D. B. McCrary, of Asheboro. The members of the committee from Chatham are Walter D. Siler, John Siler, and J. Q. Seawell; and Davidson is represented by J. T. Hedrick, Wade H. Phillips, and G. W. Mountcastle, of Lexington.

At a Rotary luncheon which preceded the meeting in the court house talks were made by Arthur Ross and Congressman Hammer, of Asheboro, relative to Route 75.

At the meeting held in the court house talks were made by Chairman John W. Clarke, of Franklinville; H. B. Varner, E. E. Raper, State Senator H. D. Townsend, J. R. and T. E. McCrary, and J. T. Hedrick, of Lexington; and Arthur Ross and Wm. C. Hammer, of Asheboro.

From the report of the meeting to the News and Observer we quote: "Mr. Hammer pointed out that highway 75 is 12 miles the shorter route from Lexington to all points west to Raleigh than by the Central highway. He and Mr. Ross, also emphasized that this route would feed the railroads rather than deprive them of traffic and also serve a group of counties somewhat short on hard roads."

A steady rain during the day deferred several delegations expected, but telegrams were received from several of these points pledging cooperation.

Fatal School House Fire

Thirty-three are dead and twenty are confined in hospitals, some suffering from fatal injuries, as a result of a fire in Babbs Switch rural school house, near Hobart, Oklahoma, Christmas eve. More than 200 persons including children and their parents in the building on the occasion of a rural Christmas tree when the fire occurred. A lighted candle on the tree ignited a ball of cotton and the flames spread despite every effort to smother the flames. In the panic which ensued many were trampled underfoot in an effort to reach the one exit which the frame school building afforded. The teacher, a young woman, lost her life trying to save some of the school children.

This tragedy recalls the Collingswood school fire at Cleveland, Ohio, in March 4th, 1908, when 172 pupils and two teachers lost their lives.

Cotton Ginned In North Carolina

The United States Department of Commerce announces that the total cotton ginned in the State this year up to December 13th was 761,835 bales as compared with 987,511 bales for the same period last year. In Randolph county there has been ginned, according to the report, 1,570 bales, as against 1,880 for the same period last year. Montgomery county has ginned 5,180 bales this year as against 5,337 for the same period last year. Davidson county has ginned for the period 1,880 bales against 1,995 for a like period in 1923.

Republican Vote In South Falls Short

The complete figures of official election returns show that the Republican vote in the Southern states for President Coolidge fell off 25 per cent from the vote cast for Warren G. Harding in 1920. The only Southern state in which the Republicans showed any gain was in Texas. The greatest loss was in Tennessee. In North Carolina Mr. Harding in 1920 polled 232,848 as against 191,763 for Coolidge in 1924, a loss of 41,085 votes.

In eleven Southern states generally classified as the "solid south", Mr. Harding in 1920 polled 941,413 as against 704,456 for Mr. Coolidge in 1924, a loss of 236,956.

Miss Faye Caveness On College Weekly Staff

Miss Faye Caveness, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Caveness, of Coleridge, and a student at Davenport College, at Lewis, is a member of the staff of the college publication, the Davenport Weekly Record, as circulation manager.

TRINITY TRUSTEES VOTE CHANGE COLLEGE NAME

Will Comply With Terms of Duke's Benefaction—Will Be Duke University.

The Board of trustees of Trinity College in a meeting at the college in Durham Monday morning voted without a dissenting voice to change the name of Trinity College to Duke University in compliance with the terms of James B. Duke's huge benefaction. Trinity College is to continue as an integral part of the university to be known as the college of liberal arts and sciences.

As a result of the compliance with the terms laid down in the benefaction Duke University will get a generous donation of \$6,000,000 for buildings for the university and the annual income of 32 per cent of the trust fund of \$40,000,000, which is estimated will run to \$500,000 annually. The value of the trust fund is expected to increase as the stocks comprising it advance in value.

The college has already an endowment of \$3,000,000, and this with the additional endowment will make Duke University the richest endowed college in the South and one of the richest in the country. It is planned to begin at an early date a complete remodeling of the campus. A number of existing buildings will be torn down to make room for large structures and some already standing will be remodeled.

North Carolina Hens Lay 566,100,000 Eggs

Approximately 566,100,000 eggs were laid by the 6,000,000 hens in North Carolina during the past year, according to V. W. Lewis, livestock marketing specialist of the North Carolina experiment station. Five and one half million of these hens live in rural districts, while the other half million live in the back yards of city homes.

Eleven per cent, or 660,000 of these hens are what Mr. Lewis terms "artificially" that is bred poultry that will lay 170 eggs per year. The other 89 per cent he calls "poletariat" as they will lay only 85 eggs each per year. According to Mr. Lewis the number of eggs produced last year will average only 221 eggs each for the 2,559,123 people in the state.

Lower Typhoid Death Rate

The mortality figure of the Department of Commerce show that the death rate in North Carolina from typhoid fever fell off largely in 1923 as compared with 1922. In 1922 the deaths from this cause numbered 298, of these 154 being whites and 144 colored, while in 1923 there was a total of 260 deaths, 131 being whites and 129 colored, the death rate per 100,000 having decreased from 11.2 in 1922 to 9.7 in 1923. The death rate among the colored for both years has been more than twice that of the whites in comparison with the population.

NEWS IN BRIEF

O. L. Nance, of Thomasville, has been arrested and put under bond in two cases of alleged immorality with a neighbor's wife. Nance and his wife have been separated and living apart for some time.

Number of Convicts Get Freedom

Over 500 convicts gained their freedom under Governor Morrison's parole order. Thirty-six reports have been received from sheriffs showing that 311 inmates of jails and convict camps in their counties had been liberated. Forsyth county lead with the liberation of 61 prisoners and Mecklenburg was next with 36. Randolph county had no prisoners coming under the terms and conditions of the Governor's orders.

SEAGROVE ITEMS

Miss Blanche Reddick, of Winston-Salem, is spending the Christmas holidays with Miss Canary Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Russell, of Alexandria, La., were the guests of relatives here during the holidays.

Mr. Samuel Aumer, of Pennsylvania, is spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. Lacy Harper.

Mrs. A. F. Lowdermilk, of Hemp, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Henry Yow.

Miss Ruth VonCanon, of High Point, is spending her Christmas vacation with relatives here and in Star.

The Misses Comer of Steeds gave a party Saturday night to a few of their friends.

An entertainment was given by the Sunday school of Union Christian church Christmas Eve.

Arrested For Stealing Nunnery King's Car

Clyde Spoon, young white man, of High Point, was arrested in Asheboro Monday night on a charge of stealing an automobile belonging to Nunnery King, of Randleman, several weeks ago. King's car was stolen while parked on a street in High Point.

Robert Upton, of High Point, was arrested while driving the car, but insisted that Spoon had stolen the car. Upton was released on \$500 bond and prayer for judgment continued until today. He was re-arrested upon the arrest of Spoon and his bond increased to \$750.00.

The United States Veterans' Bureau will begin today the issuing of adjusted service insurance. Certificates to World War veterans who have made application. Cash payments to those whose service entitles them to \$30 or less will be made beginning today.

Harding's Sister Weds



Miss Abigail V. Harding, sister of the late President, was married last week to R. T. Lewis, Marion O. real estate dealer. They will honeymoon in Bermuda.

ARTHUR ROSS WILL BUILD A VENEER PLANT IN ASHEBORO

To Remodel Old Cox Lumber Company Plant And Erect Other Necessary Buildings

Mr. Arthur Ross will in the spring convert the plant and buildings of the old Cox Lumber Company into a veneer manufacturing plant. A number of alterations and repairs will be made on the existing buildings and others necessary to the operation of a veneer plant will be constructed. Mr. Ross uses quite a large quantity of veneer at the Home Building and Material Company and the veneer plant will be an auxiliary to this lumber plant. However, the surplus will be placed on the market.

The buildings of the Cox Lumber plant are now used by the Home Building and Material Company as warehouses. To relieve this situation the company will erect as soon as the weather permits in the spring a large brick warehouse near the present machine rooms of the Home Building and Material Company.

Liberty Is Assured of An Overall Factory

News comes from Liberty that an overall and shirt factory for that town is assured. It develops that R. A. Kohloss will move the machinery from his plant at Salisbury to Liberty. Messrs. J. H. and H. C. Johnson have begun the erection of a building 50 feet by 135 feet in which the machinery will be set up and the factory operated. Mr. Kohloss hopes to have everything in readiness for beginning operations early in the spring. The factory will furnish employment to a number of women and girls.

The plant has an authorized capital of \$100,000, and \$20,000 paid in by R. A. Kohloss, of Salisbury, G. L. Kohloss, of Mount Airy, James H. and H. C. Johnson and J. D. Gregg, of Liberty.

Woman Burned To Death

Mrs. J. M. McMichael, aged 42, was burned to death at her home at Stokesdale last Friday. The woman was subject to epileptic fits and it is supposed that she was taken with a fit and fell into the fire. Her husband died several years ago and since his death she has been living with neighbors and sometimes spending a day or night at her home.

Mrs. Hunsucker Has Narrow Escape

Mrs. G. F. Hunsucker, wife of the chief of police of Troy, had a narrow escape from death one day the first of the week when her night gown caught on fire while she was seated before the open fireplace. Quick work on the part of Mr. Hunsucker in extinguishing the flames probably saved her from being burned to death.

Bruce Craven In Auto Accident

Bruce Craven, of Trinity, who was riding in his car driven by W. T. Parkin near the country club at High Point, Tuesday night of last week, was thrown from the car and badly bruised when the automobile collided with a milk delivery truck. Craven was taken to the Guilford General hospital where his injuries were treated. Parkin was badly shaken up in the accident but not seriously injured.

Dam Breaks Killing Nine

Nine persons are known to have been killed, seven are missing, and 21 injured as the result of the breaking of a dam at Sultville, Va., Thursday night of last week. A wall of mud and water engulfed the mill settlement of the Mathieson Alkali works in the valley of the Holston river, carrying death and destruction in its wake. People were caught in their homes like rats in a trap.

Sultville is a historic town in the Virginia Blue Ridge, where Washington's and Lee's armies in turn got their chief supply of salt in two American Wars.

Denton Man Narrowly Escapes Death

W. D. Westmoreland, young white man of Denton, narrowly escaped death Thursday of last week when the automobile he was driving turned over near Thomasville, planning him underneath the car. Westmoreland is said to have driven his car off the road to escape collision with another car.

FATAL ACCIDENTS MAR HOLIDAYS

Great Number of Auto Accidents—Associated Press Reports 70 Deaths.

Automobile accidents, fires, trains, and hunting accidents levied a heavy toll on life in the country during the holiday season. With the exception of the unfortunate accident which resulted in a fractured skull for a young son of W. A. Craven, near Moffitt, Randolph county people so far as can be ascertained did not share in the great number of accidental deaths and injuries.

The Chicago office of the Associated Press reported 70 deaths in the United States due to Christmas accidents, some of which are included in the following paragraphs.

Four persons were killed in Guilford county and others injured. Four persons were killed in an automobile wreck near Richmond, Va. A man and his wife were killed in an automobile accident near Birmingham, Ala.

And this list is by no means complete. Three automobile accidents, all resulting in injuries, occurred on the High Point-Thomasville road near High Point Tuesday. Misses Hazel and Ethel Modlin were knocked down by a car while walking along the road and badly bruised. A white man and a negro each driving a Ford had a head on collision resulting in injuries to both.

E. P. James sustained three broken ribs and collar bone Tuesday afternoon in Greensboro when struck by a car driven by G. H. Cummings. A bus and a Ford roadster collided Tuesday afternoon in Greensboro resulting in several injuries to Miss Irma Bundy, of Jamestown, who was driving the roadster.

Meyer Levin, aged about 30 years, was killed Sunday night when his car left the road at a bridge between Burlington and Kernersville tumbling down an embankment and pinning Levin beneath the automobile.

Mrs. Gertrude Sides, of Kannapolis, was run over and fatally injured by a car driven by Peter Parker at Statesville, Sunday night. The wheels passed over her right side inflicting serious internal injuries from which she died within an hour.

J. D. Powell, of Ashalie, was killed Thursday night at the Summit Avenue railway crossing in Greensboro when his car was struck by south-bound train 35.

Three children of Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Martin, of Hamlet, were electrocuted at Roberdell last Friday when they came in contact with a high power transmission wire which fell to the ground after having been severed by a shot fired by the oldest of the children.

Mr. King Opens Up Property

Mr. G. H. King has opened up a street in West Asheboro at the west end of Sunset avenue directly south and intersecting with the street running parallel with Sunset avenue. He has graded his lots which are on the east side of this street, sowed them in grass, set out flowers, and has planted a row of sugar maples along the street. He has named the street Spring Garden. Mr. King has built three nice bungalows with all modern conveniences on these lots and expects to build others in the spring.

Asheboro To Have a New Hosiery Mill

Hugh Parks and others have organized a corporation with a capital stock of \$200,000 authorized, with \$75,000 paid in, for the purpose of manufacturing hosiery. The plant will be built in Asheboro. Work will be started on the mill building, which will be two-story and of brick construction 100 feet by 60 feet, as soon as the weather permits. The mill is expected to be ready for operation in the spring or early summer.

The corporation, which will be known as the Parks Hosiery Mills, Inc., will install 40 or 50 knitting machines at first and will place additional machines as business warrants. The building will have capacity for 100 machines. The kind and quality of hosiery to be made has not been definitely determined.

MRS. SARAH LUCK DEAD

Mrs. Sarah Luck, wife of A. J. Luck, of Archdale, died Thursday afternoon after an illness lasting for some time. She had been taking treatment at a High Point hospital until a few days before her death. She was born in this county June 21, 1870. She was married twice, first to William Allred, and after his death to Mr. Luck. Mrs. Luck was the daughter of S. W. and Isabelle Kivett.

Mrs. Luck is survived by her husband, one son, Earl Allred, of Archdale; one brother, S. W. Kivett, Jr., of Roseboro; five sisters, Mrs. A. E. Osborn, of Worthville, Mrs. L. E. Spencer, of High Point, Mrs. George Glasgow, of Kansas, and Mrs. Mary Michael, of Greensboro; and by four grandchildren, two stepdaughters, Mrs. Bessie Hurley, of Randleman, and Mrs. Blanche Harris, of Danville, and a stepson, Calvin Allred, of Greensboro.

In 1867 an ostrich hunter, named O'Reilly, came upon some diamonds which had been found on the banks of the Vaal. Two years later the "Star of South Africa" valued at \$60,000 was dug out of the wall of a mud hut at Du Toit's pan and within ten years ten thousand diggers were working in the mine on alluvial soil.