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Hundreds of Lives Lost by Tornado in Central West.

Upwards of Fifty Killed in Town of
Mattoon, Ill.—Business Section
Destroyed; 1,000 Homeless.

Chicago, May 26.—Spring tornadoes, making their appearance earlier than usual in the central West, caused the deaths of more than one hundred persons today and yesterday, the injury of several hundred more and property damage which cannot be estimated because of serious loss in growing food crops.

Mattoon, Ill., was the heaviest sufferer in the storms, from 50 to 70 persons being killed there late today. This was more than twice as many killed in Kansas on Friday when the village of Andale virtually was wiped out and heavy toll taken in the surrounding country, the dead being estimated at from 24 to 30. The storm today wrecked the northern half of Mattoon, including nearly all the business section and rendered 2,000 persons homeless.

While the principal force of the storm struck Mattoon, other sections of Illinois were visited by vagrant tornadoes which left death and destruction as they twisted through a rich farming territory.

Hail followed the wind in many places, beating growing crops to the ground.

THE GARDEN SCOUTS OF HENDERSONVILLE.

The Woman's Club of Hendersonville was asked to perfect a practical plan by which the garden scouts could work most effectively within the city. A committee, composed of Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Frank Ewbank and Mrs. W. P. Whitmire, was appointed to arrange details.

Now that food production is the most vital subject of the day and the home garden has become a question of supreme importance, it is of especial interest to the Hendersonville people to know that the garden scouts' movement of the town is no longer a talk of possibility, but has become an actual fact.

Those of us who in the spring attempted to do "our bit" by planting gardens, have realized how difficult it has been to obtain necessary labor. As a consequence gardens have suffered, and foodstuffs have not matured as rapidly as they would have under the proper cultivation. The garden scouts were organized by the North Carolina Agricultural Department to meet this need, and clubs are rendering valuable aid in other towns.

On your side, a part of this state organization, and have volunteered for the service from purely patriotic motives. When we em'oy them we are not only benefitting ourselves at the present time, but are training a corps of efficient assistants for the coming spring when perhaps, the necessity of gardening will be even greater than it is today.

To many of these young gardeners a hoe is no stranger. They are accustomed to the work and have learned much of the art of weeding, hoeing etc. However, that the fields may produce in their fullest abundance, these boys will be guided in their work by leaders of recognized agricultural ability. Rev. Cawthon, R. E. Curtis, Mr. Fleming, farm demonstrator, and others, have very generously volunteered to act as overseers for a few hours each week and will accompany the boys into whatever field they may be called. These gentlemen will place a valuation upon the services rendered and the boys will be paid accordingly. Next winter when food is perhaps scarce and prices high we will realize, in a measure, what a debt we owe these gentlemen who have so quickly responded to the call for help and given willingly of their time and strength not, primarily, that the garden scouts' movement might be a success, but that they might assist, even in this small way, the cause for which we bear arms today. It is one way of rallying 'round the flag. Let us hear from other capable men who are willing to serve as leaders in this work.

We think it fitting that the names of the boys who form the garden scout club, and who have willingly decided to sacrifice a summer's play that they might be of service to others, should be printed in all of our town papers. They are: Gaither Rhodes, Harry Holtzclaw, Cameron Shipp, Edward Patterson, Zashariah Bacon, Otis Fuller, Everett Brock and Clarence and Lewis Durham.

We are pleased to know that some have already sought to avail themselves of this opportunity to have their gardens cultivated. We are certain there will be more. To those who desire such assistance, a message to Mrs. W. P. Whitmire, phone 345-W will within a few hours time, bring the scouts with a competent leader into their gardens.

B. Y. P. U. TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

The meeting hour of the B. Y. P. U. of the East Hendersonville church has been changed from Thursday night to Friday night at 8:00.

A business meeting will be held Friday evening, June 1st, at which time the election of officers will take place. It is essential that each and every member be present and come prepared to take part in the business meeting.

GERTRUDE SHIPMAN
President.

ARM OR FARM



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Tuesday, June 5th, Registration Day for All Men 21 to 31 Years

Local County Registrars Named—It is very Important that All Men of Proper Age Should Register.

LIST OF REGISTRARS.

- West Hendersonville—Robert Means Oates, Gordon Fleming Lexington.
- East Hendersonville—Jerry Madison Stepp, William Hill.
- Flat Rock—John Philetus Patton.
- Rugby—Joan Leander Allen.
- Horse Shoe—Joseph Pinkney Johnson.
- Green River—Henry Emerson Erkin.
- Raven Rock—James Clinton Staton.
- Upward—Winfield Scott Young.
- N. Blue Ridge—William Alonzo King.
- Edneyville—George Walton Lyda.
- Bat Cave—DeWitt Talmage Freeman.
- Clear Creek—Thomas Pinkney Rogers.
- Hoopers Creek—Robert Walter Fletcher.
- Mills River—John Taylor Osborne.
- Etowah—James Wilson Morgan.
- Bowman's Bluff—Robert Jackson Fletcher.
- Crab Creek—John Brown.

Washington, May 29.—Men who claim exemption from army draft when they register next Tuesday, will be required later to explain fully why they believe they should not be called. Provost Marshal General Crowder announced today. Public authorities will determine the exemption of each individual on the basis of the second and more ample explanation, not on the briefly stated reason given the registrar Tuesday.

All men who are married or who belong to classes which may be exempted, will not necessarily be subject to exemption. Furthermore, every man between the ages of 21 and 30, inclusive, must register, regardless of his claim to exemption, unless he is a soldier, sailor or officer actually in federal, military or naval service.

Each man must state his full name, age on last birthday, street address, date and year of birth, occupation and the kind of establishment where he is employed; military experience; whether he is single or married at present; whether he has a father, mother, wife or child, brother or sister under 12 years of age dependent solely on him for support; whether he is a state or federal officer; whether he is a native-born American; or whether he or his father is naturally, or has taken first papers.

Men past 31 should not try to register, as they will be refused and will only confuse the system.

Marion Trice returned from the A. and M. College of West Raleigh Saturday, and will spend the summer in the city.

COLONEL WILLIAM E. HOLT OF LEXINGTON DEAD.

One of the State's Leading Manufacturers and Wealthiest Citizens Passes Away.

Lexington, May 20.—William E. Holt, Sr., one of the state's leading manufacturers, died at his home here this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the age of 77 years following an illness of two weeks. The funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock and the interment will be here. Surviving are the widow, one son, William E. Holt, Jr., of Lexington, and five daughters, Mrs. Cuthbert Vivian, of Springfield, Mass., Mrs. David L. Malsby, of Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Robert M. Oates, Mrs. Robert L. Tate, and Miss Emily Holt, all of Charlotte. Banks Holt, of Graham, and Lawrence S. Holt, of Burlington are surviving brothers.

The deceased was a son of the late Edwin M. Holt, of Alamance county, founder of the Alamance mills, one of the first important cotton manufacturing plants in North Carolina. He had large cotton mill holdings here, in Alamance county and at Charlotte and Henrietta, and was interested in several of the most valuable hotel properties in North Carolina. Mr. Holt was also probably the largest holder of the North Carolina 6's and North Carolina railroad bonds in the state. His estate is valued at several million dollars.

For more than 50 years he has been actively identified with the constructive industries of the state and was largely instrumental in promoting the great advance in cotton manufacturing in this section of the state.

Sunday, May 13, Mr. Holt suffered a stroke of paralysis from which he later rallied. Three days ago reaction began and he gradually sank into unconsciousness, until the end came quietly this afternoon.

HORSE SHOE CURVES.

H. W. Allen of Hendersonville and Thos. J. Rickman of Asheville were visitors at Horse Shoe on Monday.

Clarke Moffitt is at home for a few days.

Miss Sue Cannon is visiting in Brevard.

Frank Johnson and bride of Asheville visited his mother on Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kitchen on Sunday, a son.

Miss Bessie Pole is at home for the summer.

FAMOUS MINSTRELS COMING.

(Press Agent.)

The old Kentucky minstrels one of the largest ever at Hendersonville, will pitch their tents on 3rd avenue East for one night's performance only, on Thursday, June 7. These shows have always given the public a snappy clean performance and it is safe to say that there will be a large crowd out to see them, for who among us do not believe in the old adage that mirthful comedy brightens life.

Madeline Justus, the nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Justus, was carried to the Merriwether hospital on last Thursday afternoon. She has been critically ill with throat trouble, but is reported to be getting along nicely.

Western Carolina Editors Met at Marion, N. C.

When the editors of the weekly newspapers in Western North Carolina organized about a year ago they adopted as one of their guiding principles an educational policy—an undertaking wherein the publishers would visit various towns in Western North Carolina and better acquaint themselves with the places visited and publish their impressions for the information of their readers. The scribes are invited and entertained at the expense of the town visited, such town considering it a rare treat to gain valuable publicity at such a reasonable cost.

In carrying out this policy the Western North Carolina weekly Press association met in Marion on last Friday and Saturday and were pleasantly entertained by Editor S. E. Whitten and the Marion Board of Trade.

Most of the publishers visited Marion for the first time and were surprised to find it such a busy industrial center. Editor Sentelle of the Canton Observer, who doesn't hesitate to use an immoderate expression to describe his sentiments, summed up the situation figuratively when he declared that "Marion is just lousy with industries." He was then completing the automobile tour of the town Saturday morning. The Marion business and professional men took the scribes over the town and showed them points of interest and a visit was made through the plant of the Clinchfield Manufacturing company, a big cotton mill that is now more than doubling its capacity.

The industrial plants in Marion include four cotton mills with an investment of about two and one-half million dollars; two hosiery mills, four furniture factories, a veneer plant, a tannery, two flour mills, a glove factory, two novelty factories, two planing mills, two lumber companies, a bakery and some smaller plants. The town has two wholesale grocery stores and between 40 and 50 retail stores; two banks with total resources of over \$300,000 and two good hotels, where the editors were entertained.

Marion claims to have more mileage of concrete sidewalks per capita than any other town in the State. The town shows signs of growth and activity as well as civic pride in the street improvements now under way, whereby \$40,000 will be expended in building asphalt streets. The town has electric lights and sewer system and justly claims the position of the "Border Land of the Sky," which enables it to have a gravity line of mountain water. Marion has an up-to-date high school building.

The town, including the mill villages about a mile distant, has a population of about 6,000. Marion is the county seat and largest town in McDowell county, is located on the central highway across the state and by reason of its altitude of about 1,400 feet is putting in a bid for some summer tourists. It has two competing railway lines extending in five directions and has sixteen passenger trains daily, being on the Asheville-Salisbury division of the Southern.

How Marion Grew.

The business men of about every town, large or small, crave industrial plants and Marion was not an exception. About seven years ago Attorney J. W. Pless of Marion (formerly of Brevard, where he was associated with W. A. Gash in the practice of law, having left this town in 1900) read in the French Broad Hustler of Hendersonville, where he took his course in law, that some Spartanburg capitalists wanted to locate in Hendersonville but couldn't get a \$75,000 subscription of support. Mr. Pless and other Marion live-wires seized the opportunity and invited the cotton mill men to Marion and no trouble was experienced in raising a subscription in excess of the required amount. The Marion Manufacturing company was established. It prospered, then came other plants of like character until now the town has an investment of about two and one-half million dollars in this type of industries, and when Hendersonville grows pensive and holds industrial mass meetings it always take occasion to celebrate the eventful date on which it dropped its candy. It has recognized its mistake over and over again in its efforts to win some industrial plants to supplement its touristic bank roll.

Incidentally it will not be amiss to say for the benefit of the friends of Mr. Pless that he has made good in Marion, where he has built up a flattering professional business and accumulated considerable means. He has one of the finest residences in Marion and has invested in it and the adjacent property something like \$25,000.

Marion, while enjoying a most prosperous state, evidently has a bright future before it. It is ideally situated in the foothills of the mountains with good climate and water; has competing railroads, is within the center of a good farming country with diversified crops ranging from those peculiar to mountain climate and soil to that of cotton.

Business of Publishers.

The meeting was fairly well attended and the sessions on Friday night and Saturday morning were interesting and profitable.

The following members were present: Miss Beatrice Cobb, Morganton News-Herald; Horace Sentelle, Canton Observer; S. E. Whitten, Marion Progress; Jesse Daniel Boone, Waynesville Mountaineer; Dan Tompkins, Jackson County Journal; E. B. Gilbert, Marshall News-Record; B. L.

Interned Germans to be Sent to Hot Springs

(By Parker R. Anderson.)

Washington, May 26.—Secretary of Labor Wilson announced today that he had decided to lease the Mountain Park hotel, at Hot Springs, for the use of some 3,000 or more interned Germans and that the first consignment of the prisoners of war will be sent to Hot Springs within 10 days. It is realized, however, that all of the Germans now being in detention camps and otherwise because of the war, cannot be taken care of at Hot Springs without building a great many buildings at government expense and, therefore, only such a sacrifice taken care of immediately will be sent to the Mountain Park hotel. The others will be made comfortable on government property in western North Carolina, probably at Pisgah Station, where they will be used to build roads through the government's forest lands in that section.

It will be remembered that the government at first leased or rather thought they had leased the property at Lake Kanuga. It developed, however, that Mr. Gresham, whom the government agents dealt with, did not have what the government termed a clear title to lease the property for the use desired. Members of the Kanuga club objected and upon investigation Secretary Wilson decided that it would not be wise to hold Gresham to his contract.

Secretary Wilson and Assistant Immigration General Hampton are well pleased with the Hot Springs property and believe it will even better serve the needs of the government for the purpose desired than Lake Kanuga. The mountain section of North Carolina has been pronounced by the department the most healthful section from the Pacific coast to Maine. In a statement issued today Secretary Wilson said:

"The Mountain Park hotel is said to be one of the handsomest properties of the kind anywhere and the location of the detained Germans at that point will insure healthful conditions and an opportunity to take outdoor exercises, which is of course difficult at immigration stations, which are only adapted to detention for short periods of time.

"The department of labor is of the belief that any improvement which it may be necessary to provide in order to care for these people should go upon government land rather than upon private property and is shaping its course to that end. The Hot Springs property is taken because it is ready for immediate occupancy, while a few months time will be required to make ready the detention camp on public lands now available for the purpose and admirably suited for an internment settlement."

The selection of the North Carolina site for the Germans will bring a large amount of business to that section of the country. In addition if the Germans are put to work to build a government road from Brevard across the mountains in the government property it will also add largely to the value of property and increase business in western North Carolina. All considered, it is thought that North Carolina is exceedingly lucky in having the Germans sent to Madison county.

ZOLLIE ALLEN LOSES AN EYE.

A peculiar and serious accident happened to Mr. Zollie Allen of Shaws Creek Saturday. He and Mr. Tom McCullough were standing near a tree upon which Mr. McCullough was beating with a stick of wood, when a splinter flew off of the stick and struck Mr. Allen in the eye. The wound was so painful that Mr. Allen was sent to a hospital in Asheville, and its stated that the sight of the eye will be completely lost.

Lansford, Old Fort Sentinel; R. L. Sandidge, Jr.; Bryson City Times; L. Edwin Gill, advertising representative of Asheville; Noah M. Hollowell, Brevard News.

The newspaper men enjoyed the delightful experience of having a lady to convene with them for the first time and they were enthusiastic in electing her to membership. Miss Cobb apparently enjoyed her new surroundings and can be depended upon hereafter to add the feminine touch of refinement to the meetings.

Many questions of interest to the publishers were discussed. Resolutions were adopted pledging the support of the association in co-operation with the American Red Cross. Another resolution urged senators and representatives in congress to vote against the proposed increase in second class postal rates. A vote of thanks was extended to Editor Whitten and the Marion Board of Trade for their hospitality.

Editor Sentelle was elected treasurer to succeed W. F. Little of Tryon, who has retired from the publishing and entered the banking business.

While the association is supposed to meet quarterly, in view of the fact that some matters of importance need to be attended to with a full attendance of all the members and by reason of the delayed meeting in Marion it was decided to hold the next meeting on schedule time in Asheville on June 8 and 9. This will be purely a business meeting with no social features attached. The semi-annual election of officers will take place at this meeting. There will be some informal discussions. "Handling Subscriptions" will be the only subject for formal discussion. This will be led by Noah M. Hollowell, who will be followed by others in a round table discussion.