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Son Places Dynamite Under Bed Of His Mother While She Sleeps

WILL BROADWAY MAKES NIGHT TRIP FROM THOMASVILLE TO SLAY MOTHER

Officers Capture Him at His Home Thomasville.

Infant Child Injured, May Die—Mrs. Jane Broadway Suffers Injuries. Money Lost Back of Deed.

Will Broadway, of Thomasville, is in jail at Albemarle, his mother, Mrs. Jane Broadway is suffering from injuries, and her little granddaughter—a babe of but few weeks—is probably fatally injured, as a result of the attempt on Tuesday night about 10:30 o'clock to dynamite the sleeping room in which Mrs. Broadway and the child were sleeping.

Officers appeared on the scene soon after the explosion, and when Mrs. Broadway was questioned as to whether she suspected any one she replied that she thought her son will must have done the deed. He lived at Thomasville, and Sheriff Furr and his deputy John Fulton set about tracing the fellow to his home. He was captured and brought back to Albemarle, where he has been committed to the county jail.

A car was seen to drive in the roadway near the house shortly before the scene. The house owned by Mrs. Jane Broadway is located near the T. F. Underwood store in West Albemarle. The car in question drove up hurriedly, snapped off the lights, backed out towards the barn, and in a few moments drove rapidly away.

The dynamite was placed on the heavy oak sill just beneath the floor of the room where Mrs. Broadway was asleep. The sill was literally torn into shreds, an immense opening blown through floor and walls, the iron bed torn to pieces, the mattress torn, and Mrs. Broadway was thrown across the entire room. She was badly bruised about the body, and yesterday when seen by the Press man said she could not lie down. The little four-week-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Mc Lester was asleep in the same room. The child's head was badly crushed, and the skull seems to show a long opening, as if torn in two. Little hope is entertained for the child. Mrs. Broadway will recover if no complications set in. A bureau in the room was literally torn to pieces, and the escape of those in the room was marvelous.

Back of the tragedy is a story of money madness and greed. Mrs. Broadway had a son, George W., who met honorable death in the service of his country on the 29th of September, 1918. He was a private in Co. L, 120th infantry, A. E. F. Following his death, insurance under government plans has been coming to the mother in monthly stipends. The young man carried a policy for \$10,000.

Mrs. Broadway owns the building where she now lives and other property. Her son, Will, of Thomasville, came here about Easter of this year. His mother made certain promises of giving him a home, and leave her property to him, at her death if he would stay with her and take care of her. His stay of five weeks here was filled with threats. When he left he told her he would burn her alive or blow her up with dynamite, she alleges. The events of Tuesday night fitted so well into these threats that suspicion pointed to him at once.

Sheriff Furr and Mr. Fulton left Albemarle about midnight. They reached Thomasville shortly after 4 o'clock in the morning, secured an officer, and drove three miles out to where Will Broadway lived. They saw evidence of the car having been freshly driven into the home garage, and when examined the motor was still quite warm. Broadway said his uncle near Lexington had phoned for him to come to see him; that he had been there; that he left his uncle's about 9:30; that he was detained on account of a storm. The officers drove by the uncle's place, six miles this side of Lexington, and questioned the latter. He said that the prisoner had been there about 7 o'clock Tuesday evening; that he had not called for him and had no business with his nephew at all. This gives very conclusive proof that Will Broadway drove his car to Albemarle and carried out his diabolical plan of murder. When questioned by the officer, he said that no one was with him.

Mrs. Broadway is a woman upwards of 60 years of age. She is heavily built, and the experience has been a distinct shock to her. Her husband has a prison record, and none of the family know where he now resides. Mrs. James McLester, a daughter, resides with her, and another daughter, Mrs. Mary B. Hunt, resides at Thomasville. Her son, Will, aged 32 years, has a wife and one child. He made many threats against his mother while here and made life miserable for her. He seemed to be angered at his failure to get money from her, and this is thought to have fired him up with his mad intentions of killing her. No date has been set as yet for the preliminary hearing.

Meeting Merchants' Ass'n Court House

There will be a meeting of the Merchants' association at the court house Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. J. E. Davis, O. A. Swearingen, C. M. Ivey and W. A. Overcash, of Concord, will address the meeting and show up the advantages of the association at Concord and can give actual results and benefits to be secured. Don't forget the date and let the court house be crowded.

Contract Let for Oiling Badin Road

Work to be Completed in 30 Days. Norwood Road Wants It—Hard Surface to Rowan Line.

At its regular session Monday, our county board of road commissioners took prompt action on the appeal of Mrs. Jane Badin and Albemarle citizens and those living along the highway to have the road between Albemarle and Badin oiled.

Contract was awarded the Bituminous Earth Road company for doing the work. Catchitine, a bituminous material, similar to that employed by the state highway commission in its work over the state, will be employed, and Mr. W. B. Catthings, president of the company, who has been most largely associated with this class of road surfacing in the state will give the work his personal supervision.

The county will prepare the road bed by scarifying and shaping, and the contracting company will make two applications of the bituminous substance and sharp sand or grit. The contract calls for 18 feet width of road bed, and six miles in length, connecting with route 74 just east of Albemarle.

Total cost approximates \$2,500 per mile, contract price 25 cents per square surface yard. Work will begin at earliest possible date, and it is estimated that 30 working days will complete the job.

It is of interest to note that the road board is looking after other routes in the county. The route Albemarle to Norwood is a part of the state project No. 80, and the state is being urged to get busy on this at once. While county pro rata funds are said to be deficient, ways and means will probably be devised so that there may be no unusual delay. The link Albemarle-Salisbury is also coming in for attention. Two routes are claiming attention—one via county home; the other directly north over Second street, via Holt school house. The latter seems to be the favored route. It is probable that one or the other of these routes will be decided upon soon, and that work may begin on a hard surface road to Rowan county line.

OVER SIX THOUSAND MILES ARE UNDER MAINTENANCE

State maintenance forces are maintaining 6,156 miles of state highway system, according to figures from the maintenance department of the commission. These forces are at work daily to keep the state highway system in first class condition and are doing so. The cost of this work is being paid by those who use the roads since the revenue for carrying on the work is derived from the license tax on automobiles and the tax on gasoline.

MR. BOB AUSTIN BUYS THE LEONARD PROPERTY

Mr. Robert L. Austin has purchased the John Leonard home place on East Main street. It is a 10-room frame building, located on a lot of miles this side of Lexington, and is a slightly more than an acre, and is a valuable piece of property. Mr. Austin will make improvements on it and place it in good condition for anyone desiring to rent it.

WIRING THE YADKIN HOSPITAL

The Carolina Electric and Plumbing company has a full force engaged at wiring in the Yadkin hospital, in readiness for lighting fixtures and currents for equipment.

The hospital is slowly and surely making its way towards a finish, and the promoters hope within a short time to get the interior finish well under way.

Tobacco Crop 80 Per Cent Normal.

According to the September 1st crop report released by the United States Department of Agriculture on September 9, the condition of tobacco on September 1st was 77 per cent. This condition indicates a production for North Carolina of \$235,296,000 pounds as compared with 278,320,000 pounds produced last year. This expectation is about the average crop for the past five years.

Burglars Ransacked Albemarle At Night

Visited Several Stores Saturday Night—Only Slight Clue As To Guilty Parties.

Our little city was given quite a shake-up Sunday morning when the news began to filter around that burglars had visited some of the prominent stores of the town.

The J. C. Penney company, Albemarle Novelty, and Riff's department store, all in a line; the Morton and Furr wholesale grocery, and Auten-Wolfe company, garage, all had been entered with varying results, except the Riff store.

The methods employed the use of a glass cutter, making an opening in the lower corner of glass, inserting hands to turn night latch, and making entrance through the door. At Riff's store, the screen door was cut, hole made through the glass panel of rear door, and latch turned. But a heavy bar to the door which was well secured prevented opening the door.

The Novelty store claims a loss of \$135 in cash. A dollar bill was removed from a lady's wallet left on desk. Penney's store showed a bungling job from the burglars, who left a bloody trail and many finger prints. The wholesale grocery concern finds it hard to check up on what was lost, but packages of cigarettes, cigars, and other things were missing. The Auten-Wolfe company had about \$10 in small change, which was taken.

Blood hounds were placed on trail, and our authorities have been active in trying to follow trails, which lead very distinctively to at least two suspects. At this writing, it appears that the guilty party or parties have made good their escape.

Town Fathers Reduce Taxes City Property

Ten Cents Off On \$100 Valuation Over Last Year.

At their last meeting, our city board of aldermen ordered a new levy of taxes on city property, reducing the tax from \$1.90 on a hundred dollar valuation to \$1.80. The distribution shows 35 cents general, 30 cents school, and \$1.15 special.

The auditor who has been going over the county books was delayed in making a complete audit of the city's financial affairs, and the commissioners have been retarded in their action just a little because of this delay.

They show some commendable pride over being able to start their administration with a slight show towards economy.

CROP CONDITIONS FAR BETTER THAN PAINTED, JETER

Raleigh, Sept. 14.—Crop conditions in western North Carolina are not nearly so bad as they have been painted, F. H. Jeter, editor of farm publications for the extension division of state college said today on his return from a trip to the mountains.

Mr. Jeter visited three counties—Buncombe, Henderson and Transylvania—and he reports some good crops in those three.

"While the crops are short, of course," said Mr. Jeter, "the people up there are not starving by any means."

In fact he said, he found considerable optimism among the farmers that the season would yet turn out better than was expected.

Some good crops are reported in Transylvania. But in all three counties Mr. Jeter says he saw some good fields of bottom land corn, good sorghum, good crops of potatoes and considerable hay.

MOUNT HOLLY POSTAL CLERK IS SHOT BY NIGHT BURGLARS

Robbers entered the post office at Rocky Mount Tuesday night, took the pistol away from young J. M. Burgess, only clerk on duty, robbed the office, and made good their escape. Burgess was shot in the abdomen, and is thought to be in a serious condition. There were four of the robbers in the party.

LIONS PRAY FOR MEMBER.

An impressive moment at the last meeting of the Lions club was when a member was called upon to offer prayer in behalf of the president of the club—Dr. C. M. Lentz. Lion Pickens couched in his earnest petition the feelings of the large body of men present, who want to see Dr. Lentz restored to health. It is of interest to all friends here and elsewhere that Dr. Lentz is in good way towards recovery. Last week, there seemed to be but little, if any, hope.

More Hot Days Than Any Year.

Saturday was the 72nd day this summer when the mercury went to 90 or higher in Charlotte. This exceeds any previous record since Uncle Sam started keeping tab on local weather 47 years ago. The nearest approach was in 1899 when there were 98 days having temperature above 90.

Words of Wisdom. "It isn't the cost—it's the upkeep that worries me," says the amateur aviator.

One Thousand Pupils Twenty-Seven Teachers

Wicassett-Efrid Schools Claim One-Eighth of Public School Pupils of County.

On September 7, the Wicassett-Efrid graded schools opened with a large enrollment. Short but appropriate exercises were held at the opening of each school. Every teacher was present, and several visitors who made talks suitable for the occasion. Rev. R. A. Swearingen conducted the opening exercises and treated the children to some real fun and merriment. Messrs. S. H. Hearne, Z. V. Moss, H. L. Horton and Rev. W. B. Graham made excellent talks. Then Professor Ritchie made assignment of the pupils to the different grades and the teachers went to work immediately. The work was done quickly and orderly and the schools started off with ease. The opening registered 1,000 pupils and 27 teachers.

These schools are the largest schools in the county and one-eighth of the children in the county attend them. Many boys and girls are fitted here for life and the record of many of the pupils are enviable in the business world.

Much pride is taken in these schools by the teachers, pupils and patrons as well as the mill companies and that alone make a good community to live in.

The names of the teachers who have been employed this year are as follows: Misses Nan Smith, Florence Leffer, Mary Clayton, Kathleen Lisk, Esther K. Williams, Hattie Greer, Fannie Lisenby, Lee Ora Williams, Lillie Mae Mabry, Ila Harward, Mary Setzer, Mary Lowder, Nannie Lewis, Mae Wilson, Adelaide Dunstan, Annie Miller, Mabel McAllister, Annie Rae Reeder, Murtis Maynard, Julia Jerome, Annie Lee Pursley, Mary Simpson, Virgie Lee Harward, Cora Lyerly, Kate Kelly, Frances Gregg, and O. D. Ritchie, superintendent.

Ex-Justice W. A. Hoke Died Suddenly, Raleigh

Wm. A. Hoke, former chief justice and for 20 years an associate justice of North Carolina supreme court, died suddenly at 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning at Rex hospital, Raleigh, from what the physicians believe to have been an attack of angina pectoris.

Judge Hoke was born at Lincoln, October 25, 1851. He received his early education and training at the school in Lincoln of Wetmore and Smith, and then took up law under his father. He was licensed to practice law October 25, 1872, at the age of 21. He opened his first law office at Shelby, and later moved to Lincoln, where he practiced until his election to supreme court bench in 1891.

Because of his estimable record and the great respect in which he was held by the legal profession and the laity generally, his elevation to the chief justiceship by Governor Morrison was accepted with state-wide commendation, and no member of the supreme court ever enjoyed a more popular respect and admiration among the people than he.

"The world is a little better for his having lived," Judge Stacy wrote. He has added to the sum total of human happiness. A great judge has been called to his eternal reward in the full faith of the Christian religion.

ROBERT LA FOLLETTE WINS NOMINATION FOR SENATE SEAT

Robert M. La Follette, son of the late senator, has won the nomination for his father's vacant seat in the United States Senate, overwhelmingly against his three Republican opponents. Wisconsin remains true to form and the cause of the progressive party is apparently to continue, under the banner of the late leader's son. La Follette did not receive support from the old line Republicans, and his victory is a significant one.

MISS WILSON TAKES CHARGE.

Miss Delano Wilson, of Lowrys, S. C., has arrived in Albemarle, and will take up the work of county demonstrator, made vacant by the resignation of Miss Marjorie Holmes.

Miss Wilson comes to us highly recommended, she being a graduate of Winthrop college, and having had several years' experience in her work.

For the past three years Miss Wilson has been doing extension work in Washington county, prior to that she taught several years in the state schools of Tennessee.

The Press reporter called on Miss Wilson and found her getting ready for her new work. She says she likes Albemarle already, and that she has an excellent place to board in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Snuggs.

MUTILATE MONROE MAN.

A hooded band called Turner Blanchard, 32, from his home in Monroe Sunday morning, and performed a dastardly operation on him. "Now you will pay your grocery bills," is the only clue offered as a cause for the offense, and Blanchard knows no reason why he should have been so treated. He is father of eight children, and works in one of the textile mills at Monroe. Arrests are expected to be made, and parties are under suspicion.

Mr. Jack Cooper Died Friday of Paralysis

A Craftsman Who Never Slighted a Job—A Good Man.

Mr. J. B. Cooper, 68, died at his home on Pee Dee avenue Friday morning after a short illness, and following an attack of paralysis. He had been in feeble health for some time, but only recently did his illness assume vital form.

Mr. Cooper came to Albemarle several years back from the Tuckertown settlement, where he and his brother—in fact, the entire family of male members—carried on a cabinet shop. They were masters of the square, the saw, and smoothing plane. Their craftsmanship had a stroke of genius which placed their work in demand at all times. No matter how much one wanted "Uncle Jack" to do a "cheap" piece of work, he invariably put his best into it even at a small price. This principle guided Mr. Cooper through life. Honest, honorable, a Christian, loyal to church and home. He will be missed by relatives and friends alike.

He is survived by his widow, three daughters and two sons. These are: Mrs. M. M. Almond, Misses Hattie and Mae Cooper; Messrs. J. W. and Charles Cooper. Mr. J. E. Cooper, a brother, resides here.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday morning from Central Methodist church, Rev. C. M. Pickens officiating. Serving as pall bearers were neighbors and friends of the deceased: Messrs. Ross Babb, Eli Hamilton, H. A. Blackwelder, R. B. Ritchie, J. C. Parker, and J. E. Casper.

The remains were deposited in Fairview cemetery, where many floral tributes were in evidence to express the esteem of friends.

Stanly Farmers Had a Fine Educational Tour

Farm Agent Phillips Tells of Trip. Stanly Had 23 Men of the 56 in Party.

Twenty-two Stanly farmers were assisted in making a farm tour through North Carolina by way of Greensboro, Oxford, and through Virginia to Washington, and back by way of the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia. The party was out 11 days visiting places of interest and studying different farm problems. The members of the party displayed great interest in this trip and in all the educational stops along the way. They were particularly impressed with the dairying and grass farming, soy beans, and small grain.

They observed the same dry weather conditions as they had been witnessing at home. All the men were free to express themselves that the trip had made them appreciate home a great deal more.

Many compliments were paid these men for their progressiveness in making a trip of this kind at practically every stop made. A good many of the prominent leaders in Virginia could hardly understand how a trip of this kind could be gotten up.

It certainly speaks well for the county that these men had enough interest and courage in the face of the dry season to venture out on an educational tour of this type. They went to study and learn and not for a big boom, but it is thought that they had both. I have never seen men have any better time than these farmers from Stanly, Cabarrus, Rowan and Davie. They thoroughly enjoyed each other's company and everything that happened along the way. Out of the 56 in the party, Stanly had 23.

The party was organized with A. F. Mabry of this county, president; J. H. Barrier, of Cabarrus, vice president; J. E. Crayton, of this county, secretary; R. L. B???, chaplain. The men were made to feel that the tour was theirs and not the agents in charge. The agents were helping them get the most out of the trip.

Perhaps the most profitable part of the trip was the daily meetings which were held at the close of the day to discuss the things that had been seen during the day and to point out the points of interest to be seen the next day. Each meeting was opened with prayer. Here each member had an opportunity to refresh his mind on the most outstanding things seen.

JEWISH STORES CLOSE TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY

Albemarle has several well-regulated orthodox Jewish stores, and these have established patronage. These merchants will observe Saturday, Jewish New Year, and their stores will be closed. The Press is authorized to make this announcement for Wolf's Fashion Store, Samuel's Ready-to-Wear, New York Bargain Store, and Riff's Department Store. Take notice as to Saturday, September 19.

APPEAL TO MOTORISTS FOR CAREFUL DRIVING

Raleigh, Sept. 13.—Ten thousand letters have just been mailed to North Carolina citizens by Stacey W. Wade in which Mr. Wade declares that the accident peril stalks us night and day. He appeals to recipients of the letters for "your consistent intelligent assistance and your constant attention when driving on the streets, to help in making our streets safe."

Citizens Protest Against Employing Funds To Repair Old Court House

Opinion Prevalent That a New Building Should Be Erected—Doubtful If County Would Vote Bonds.

The need for a new court house, and the fact that the question has been brought up by our county commissioners through a consideration of steps to be taken, calls forth from many citizens an expression of their individual views upon the question.

At this time, the roof of the old building is in a bad condition, and aside from objectionable points as to location of the old and its disagreeable subjection to noises, Stanly's house of justice is in a bad state of repairs. Attention of some sort should be given it, and immediately.

Plans Considered. Whether to spend a small amount in cleaning the old building, scouring and repainting, and giving it a thorough renovation—all at the smallest possible cost; or to spend fifty or sixty thousand dollars for remodeling and converting the old property into as nearly a modern structure as the investment would allow; or, finally, to build an out-and-out new structure are the questions to be decided.

Small Amount for Repairs. Taking them up in order, the first could be for temporary purposes only, and to bring about the delay in the latter—that of a new building. Probably \$5,000 would be required as a minimum of expense, and the county would be but little better off than at present.

\$50,000 to Remodel Old. As to the second, the expenditure of any sum approximating \$50,000 to redeem the old building and make a new one of it calls for protests from many business men whose opinions are worth while. There are arguments, 'tis true, to show that the amount would represent only the annual outlay in interest, and that a few years hence a bigger and better structure could be erected. But it is hard to get away from the appearance of throwing away money when such a step is contemplated, and it is hard from the layman's standpoint to understand just how the old structure can be converted into a building free from bothersome noises which now make it impossible to hear ordinary proceedings of a court, public speeches, or entertainments of any nature which seek the court house auditorium for expression.

A New Structure. As to the third and last plan, the erection of a new court house would call for the investment of \$250,000 more or less. A bond issue would be required. Under legislative enactment, this question must first be submitted to the voters of Stanly county for decision. Herein is the rock upon which the new structure must seek its foundation or its downfall.

Argumentative and Suggestive. Before a new building is entered into, to vote bonds would mean to overcome the prejudice in the minds of our people against creating a new debt of any kind, and against voting for bonds.

This prejudice is rather deep-seated, and before it can be overcome, it is absolutely necessary that the leaders become united in their approach to the question; that the question itself be freed for all times of any taint of politics, and the county pride of voters be appealed to in a way to inspire patriotism and the need for prompt action.

The Press is inclined to believe that politics at present has no place (Continued on page 4.)

Three Negroes Drown When Boat Capsizes

Jadin, Sept. 12.—The heaviest tell of life known in the history of the Badin lake took place last night when three negroes were drowned at one time. Four negroes were in a small boat paddling their way from a mosquito camp located about 10 miles up the lake and were met with a heavy wind due to a passing thunderstorm, the waves being so high that it capsized the boat. Lucius Branch, pling to the boat and was saved, while Fred Adams, Aaron and Coleman Smith met their death. All the negroes are married. The bodies have not been recovered.

EIGHTY-FOUR MILES OF PAVEMENT LAID IN AUG.

According to figures from the construction department of the State Highway commission 84.23 miles of paving was laid during August. This was divided as follows: Concrete 38.22 miles; asphaltic concrete 17.26; sand asphalt 8.63 miles; and concrete base 20.12 miles.

25-YEAR HEAT MARK BROKEN AT RALEIGH

Raleigh, Sept. 12.—Heat records which had stood for 25 years were broken here today when the thermometer climbed above the 90 degree mark for the 55th day of the summer. In 1900 the little red fluid expanded above the 90 mark 54 days during the summer of that year.

Wife—"Oh—I'd like to go away. Someplace—anywhere—to some spot where I would be all alone—cut off from all the rest of the world."

Hubby—"Ya might try the telephone booth at the corner drug store."

A very earnest request is being sent out asking each member and friend to be out Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.—Mrs. Geo. N. Cooke.

Those of our members who were out to hear Rev. Holmes last Sunday night, we feel sure, enjoyed his splendid address, dealing with the Episcopal faith—its strong and weak points.

Next Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock, we are to have the pleasure of again having Archdeacon Hardin, of Salisbury, to conduct a service for us.

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