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And Observer Building Burns.

High, April 24. — Fire completely gutted the handsome story building of the News-Observer this evening, the loss and contents valued at \$100,000, being almost a loss with something like 50 percent protection. Hon. Joseph Daniels, Secretary of the United States Navy, is the principal owner of the plant. The News-Observer moved into the well equipped building in

the loss in equipment includes a four-deck Howe press, color equipment, five typing machines, complete stereotyping plant. About all that was saved from the flames was the principal part of the mailing books of the business office, which was chucked into the street before the business office force had to almost for their lives. The big loss, which has been in service scarcely a year, may not be as bad as the flames may not have gotten into the press room with enough force to warp or otherwise wreck it.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. The alarm was given at 6 o'clock. The flames were then bursting through the third-floor windows, and opening of doors leading into second-story front turned flames in that direction and near catching the business force. Business Manager Harry Bagley and a number of ladies and other employees were in the basement and working way up the rear elevator shaft to the upper floors.

It was just before the night of the plant came on duty, accounting for all the reason of the building being gutted, except for the janitor, and earlier in the day laid out on a section of the third floor that needed repairs. He was the flames burst through the shaft, all in a few seconds from the basement, and during the time it took him to get to the business office to give the alarm and then the stairs back to the floor again smoke and flames had so increased that he was barely able to make his way through the smoke back again to the first floor.

The fire department was called in fighting the flames. Soon after the high pressure was turned on at the water plant, the big water main running into the city and leading the tower burst, and the department was thereafter dependent on the water stored in the tower to combat the flames. Proceeding alongside The News-Observer building is the E. J. Small Printing House of five stories and for one while great flames played upon the wall of this, being kept inside only by the metal shutters of the doors.

It was already had the flames been before Business Manager Bagley had a temporary office open two doors down the street in the apartment building, and the Times plant, and the other printing presses were utilized in getting the issue of The News and Observer for Friday morning. He will tell his own story of the fire and carry full news service.

Aldermen Nominated.

In accordance with the call the aldermen met last Thursday and nominated the following who will be placed before the people May 6th to be chosen for the office of Alderman for the city of Burlington for the ensuing two years. First ward, W. P. Ireland and Dr. T. J. Faucett, were nominated to succeed themselves, second ward, C. C. Walton and Ed. J. King, third ward, Prof. Stout and G. King were nominated to succeed themselves, fourth ward, W. Montgomery and H. J. Moore. Several other names were mentioned before the various committees at their meetings but were unsuccessful.

Contest At Graded School.

A contest was held at the Graded School Friday night to determine who shall be the successful ones to enter the contest for commencement. The following recited and declaimed: Jacob H. Durham, Paul Davis, Emogene McCullock, Ruth Browning, Mary Sue Browning, Sallie Patterson, Nina Ingle, Dorothy Faucett, Elizabeth Faucett, Mary Dameron, Minnie Mary Ellis, Miriam Workman. Only four are to speak commencement, those are Mary Sue Browning, Minnie Mary Ellis, Nina Ingle and Emogene McCullock. Five of the teachers acted as judges. The recitations were all fine.

Championship Game, Va. Vs. N. C.

Danville vs Burlington will meet Saturday at the Piedmont Park and play what may naturally be expected a good game. Danville having won the championship last year in the high school circles of Va. and Burlington being the winners in the "Old Tar Heel State," much interest is centered for this game which will necessarily attract a large crowd. Go out and root for the boys.

Burlington Lumber Company Bankrupt.

The Burlington Lumber Company was announced bankrupt last week and Mr. W. K. Holt appointed receiver. The corporation has been in business for about seven years and during this time has had many rough places to pass over, financially speaking. It has been largely through the untiring efforts of Mr. W. E. Hay that has kept it in existence. We are sorry to have this firm fail as this first failure of any importance in our town for some time.

An Old Fashion Score.

The game of ball which was played at The Piedmont Park last Thursday evening was one of the old fashion kind in the way of score, which was thirteen to nothing in favor of Burlington. The game was played between Burlington and Elon College and was from beginning to finish a complete victory for the home team. Evan took the box in the beginning for the home team but it was soon found that any body could pitch so four or five of the other players did some stunts.

Sharpe—Garner.

Mr. C. Sam Sharpe of Mebane and Mrs. Lillie May Garrison Garner were married Wednesday evening at the home of her sister Mrs. W. A. Mebane on Front Street at 8:30 o'clock. The wedding was a beautiful quiet home wedding only a few relatives and friends being present to witness the ceremony which was pronounced by Rev. D. McIver. Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe are spending some time visiting Washington and other Northern cities and on their return will make their home at Mebane.

Little Negro Boy Shoots Girl.

Thursday evening while playing at the home of Weldon Walker, colored, the little negro boy Odus Shavers son of Ben Shavers of the Sugar Hill district shot and killed Agnes Bane. The boy picked up a rifle that he supposed was not loaded and told the girl he was going to shoot her pointing at her and pulling the trigger the supposed unloaded weapon fired the load taking effect just above the eye. Death was instantly. The boy was twelve years old and the girl eight.

Sam Thomas Breaks Collar Bone.

Sam Thomas one evening last week while returning from Oxford stepped from the train that passes here at 9:17 and fell breaking his collar bone. Medical assistance was rendered and Sam is able to be at his post of duty.

Debate At Elmira.

Friday night at the Elmira school house a debate which was listened to by a well packed house was much enjoyed when the query, Resolved "that we should have woman suffrage" was discussed by A. A. Apple and Geo. D. Smith of the affirmative and E. C. Rumbley and Ed. Hanford for the negative. The argument for both sides was fine, this was occasionally intermingled with burlesque humor and figurative language. Our friend Hanford weaving some sun bonnet boques in telling how the woman of fashion and style has left and forgotten the home training. Prof. Rumbley gave numerous statistical facts, while Mr. Apple upheld the pure true good and noble in woman claiming if we had her assistance in politics our elections would not be so corrupt. Geo. Smith was the "Star" of the occasion for humor, getting off some excellent points for the affirmative. The judges were: Miss Mary Walton, Rev. Libby, Mr. Wilbur Clapp, Geo. Smith and Mr. McIntyre. The affirmative unanimously won the query.

Burlington Defeated Winston.

Burlington High School defeated Winston-Salem in a close game of ball at the Piedmont Park Saturday afternoon by a score of one to two. Up to the ninth inning the game was steady and except one score made by Winston in the first neither side marked. A two banger by Meador caused a bit of excitement but not until the last inning did either side become wild when two scores were made by the home team. At this time the spectators mounted their seats in the grandstand and the cheers applause and rooting was exciting even to those on the diamond. What looked to be a pitchers battle royal with the score in the balance of the visitor was changed.

A Snake Story from R. F. D. No. 7.

One day last week a cow which lives at her home on R. F. D. No. 7, was hitched out to graze. After the good woman of the house had finished her morning tasks around the house she went to the field to move the cow. Upon arriving where the animal was hitched she saw a monstrous black snake near the cow, her husband was summoned from the nearby field and with weapon in hand proceeded to kill the reptile who attempted a fight having raised more than twenty inches from the ground in front of the man. By the time the first was killed a second snake was also seen and likewise killed. The object of the snakes being near the cow is not known unless it wanted to milk the cow.

An Expression of Appreciation.

The strength and beauty of a united effect in a common cause were handsomely manifested in our county commencement on last Saturday. The people in every relation to the schools and school work responded readily to the movement and gave us the great good and glorious day. To one and all, teachers and committeemen, patrons and pupils, friend and helpers, who bore any part whatsoever, I wish to express to you my grateful appreciation. Your cooperative was beautiful, your demonstration was grand and we are most grateful and glad. We are especially thankful to the Street Car Co. for a division of its proceeds of the day with the enterprise and to the Graham Graded School for the use of its splendid building and grounds. Most sincerely, J. B. Robertson, Supt. of Co. Schools.

Mr. Brooks Takes First Ride.

Mr. W. J. Brooks the successful winner of the Indian Motorcycle in the great voting contest of The State Dispatch received his prize Monday and was carried out that evening for his first ride. The machine was driven by Wade Huffman Mr.

Brooks doing the holding on stunt. His many patrons on R. F. D. No. 7 who he has been serving so faithful for these many years will doubtless see Mr. Brooks spinning around on his new machine.

Miss Carrie Collins Entertains.

Miss Carrie Collins delightfully entertained the members of Miss Blanche Aldred's Sunday School Class last Friday evening at her home on Railroad street after the arrival of the guests numerous games were played and some delightful music rendered.

Then came a delicious course of refreshments, consisting of cream, cake and lemonade. All present enjoyed the occasion very much and only hoped that a similar occasion may occur. These present were Misses Beulah Lea, Pattie Hunter, Bertie Tate, Susie Copeland, Thelma Fowler, Mabel Cates, Carrie Collins, Verla Wilburn, Stella Cates, Blanche Alred among the visitors were Misses Gladys Copeland, Virgie Garrett, Ruth King, Kathleen Collins.

Chapter Eastern Star Organized.

Mrs. Dildine and Miss Blanche Johnson of Greensboro were in our town Friday evening and organized Elizabeth chapter No. 41 of Eastern Stars. Rev. Patton of Elon College was also present and took part in this organization. The following officers were elected. Mrs. Lena Hall Isley, W. M. Rev. Patton W. P. Mrs. R. H. Whitehead A. M. Miss Bertha Cates and Miss Willie Patterson. C. A. George Isley Sec. and C. A. Walker, Treas. The organization was full of enthusiasm which insures that the Chapter will do well and add new members readily.

Thursday evening at 7:30 a meeting of the newly organized chapter will be held for the installation of officers.

Choral Society Rehearsing.

The Burlington Choral Society which for the past year has been under the direction of Prof. Wade Brown of Greensboro will give its annual concert at the Graded School Auditorium on the night of May the 9th. Much preparation is being made for this concert. It will consist of a large number of voices besides solos and other music. All music lovers should come and spend a pleasant evening.

Chinese Laundry to Move.

The Sing Lea Laundry are arranging to move into the brick building on Spring street owned by Mr. C. F. Rauhut. Arrangements to put water into this building are being perfected. The laundry will probably move in within the next two weeks. This is an ideal place for a laundry being a slight improvement over the present location.

Crowson Gets Job.

O. F. Crowson, editor of the Burlington News and professional job hunter landed a plum the other day, being appointed to a clerkship of the rules of the committee. He was a candidate for the Burlington Postoffice. —Asheboro Bulletin.

Mule 40 Years Old.

James T. Terrell of Mebane, N. C. No. 2, owned a mule that died Apr. 25th, 1913. This mule was forty years old this Spring, and was never sick a day in his life this animal was probably the oldest in the State, and was a good faithful animal and had been well taken care of.

Bob Bennett Hit With Rock.

Bob Bennett was hit on the head with a rock by some unknown party who immediately ran and has not been apprehended. A gash of several inches was cut requires the attention of a physician who took several stitches. No reward has been offered for his arrest. The party is under suspicion and will doubtless be caught.

The Great Educational Rally.

Last Saturday, April 26th, was the greatest day educationally that Alamance County has seen for the past year. It was the occasion of the second annual commencement of the public schools of the county.

The day was an ideal one, and on the trains and street cars and from the roads in every direction people came to take part in the exercises which were held at Graham, N. C.

At eleven o'clock the parade formed at the graded school building, headed by the Onida Band. A large Alamance banner lead and this was followed by the schools under their respective township banners. Each school had its own banner and was accompanied by its teachers. There were 1500 children in the parade, representing 50 schools and it was a most inspiring sight. The graduates headed the pupils, and were followed by the Tomato Club girls in their charming costumes, the Corn Club boys, and the Domestic Science girls in their dainty caps. The line of march, was to the Court house, around it, and back to the graded school grove, where the exercises were held.

County Superintendent, J. B. Robertson made a short speech introducing State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner, who made the address of the day. Mr. Joyner's address lasted an hour and a half and was intensely interesting throughout. He said that this is his seventh county commencement this year, and nowhere has he seen a larger, more inspiring attendance. He said that he has a large family than any other man in the State, having 730,000 children of which 450,000 are white and the rest black. He said he has been a native of North Carolina for 200 years, his residence beginning with the German-Swiss settlements here that long ago. He spoke chiefly on what education means and the importance of childhood. He said the civilization of any country can be measured by the place it gives to childhood. He said education of the right sort means money, manhood, mastery. The only way to make money out of matter is to mix brains with the matter. He gave as an example Massachusetts, which has ten times as much wealth as our State, although she has such small resources, and showed that her supremacy is due to her realization of the aforementioned fact. The entire speech was a gem, and was listened to with a just interest by all who could get near enough to hear.

This was followed by the presentation of diplomas to the seventy graduates from the various public schools of the county and the certificates of honor to the 180 pupils who have made a perfect record of attendance for the year. Supt. Robertson presented these in fitting words. The Altamahaw school lead in this, receiving 18 certificates, Green coming second with 15. Mr. Charlie Newlin, a teacher, had six in his school last year who received these certificates, and had but five this year. On being asked why he fell behind he replied that the sixth one is in college this year.

Dinner was eaten picnic style on the grounds. Immediately after two contests in recitation were held by the graduates, one in the Court house and the other in the opera house. The prizes, Histories of American and English Literature, were presented to Elsie Hadley and Lorraine Green winners of the Center and Sylvan schools, respectively. After this Field Day exercises were held by boys from the three High schools on the graded school campus. These were especially good and resulted as follows: 100 yard dash, Perry of Graham, 1st; L. Isley of Friend; 2nd. Mile run, Moser of Friendship, 1st; Homewood, Friends; 2nd. High jump, B. Isley, Friendship, 1st, 5-1-2 ft.; Homewood, Friendship, 2nd, 220 yard dash, Coy Williams, Graham. Shot put, L. Isley, Friendship, 1st Carr Scott, Hawfields; 2nd. Run and Broad jump, L. Isley, Friendship, 1st; Perry, Graham, 2nd.

In points, the schools were as follows: Friendship 35, Graham 14, Hawfields 5, and Sylvan 4.

Following this the president of the Senior class of the State University, Mr. Stokes, presented the cups and medals to the winners of them at the State district Athletic meeting, held in Chapel Hill recently, at which Friendship won first place. Several were given to Alamance boys and the formal presentation produced great applause.

The exhibit of school floats around the Court house was the final event of the day. These showed great originality and individuality, and reflected great credit upon the schools represented. Worthy of special mention were those of the following schools: Glenwood, Belmont, Mountain, Hawfields, Woodlawn, Spring and McCray.

During the whole day the graded school building was open to the public and in it was the exhibit of the various schools. Three rooms were filled with specimens of drawing and composition, and these were fine. The halls were lined with photographs of different schools and school houses. The Tomato Club has a creditable exhibit in the hall. The lists of the graduates and of the honor pupils of the entire County were mounted. There were lists also of the private donations for improvements of the various schools and these amounted to \$1800.00 for the County.

To the efficient superintendent, Mr. J. B. Robertson, is due the credit for the great success of the day. He has been working for it ever since the first commencement a year ago, when he made such a success in starting the movement in this County.

White Child Accidentally Shot.

Dee Moore colored shot the seven year old child of Mr. Jim Norton who lives back of the old railroad shops. The shot was fired quite a distance away from the child and was not intended to hit the child who happened to be in range of the bullet. The bullet passed thru the child, entering the back and was taken out of the breast by physicians. The bullet was fired from the same gun that killed the little negro girl last week.

Cantanta at Presbyterian Church.

Quite a crowd attended the Cantanta at the Presbyterian Church Tuesday night which was given under the direction of Professor Blythe, assisted by Mrs. Blythe and the choir. For some time the choir has been under the training of Mr. Blythe. The selection of the evening was "Pentecost Pardon and Peace" No admission was charged but a silver offering amounting to \$32.00 was presented to Prof. Blythe. The music loving people of our town seldom have the pleasure of witnessing such a treat.

Miss Elizabeth Garvin Entertained Her Friends.

Miss Elizabeth Garvin was hostess to a large number of her friends last Friday night in honor of her Miss Wiggs of Salisbury. Progressive Rock was the chief game of the evening the score being a tie between Ralph Holt and Herbert Coble and pardoner Miss Ruth Lea Holt. A very delightful course of refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Lorraine Isley, May P. Ruth Browning, Ruth Kate Meadors, May Kerr, Sally.

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