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ENSIGN YOUNG MISSING.

ROBERT S. YOUNG, JR., DISAPPEARS FROM BROOKLYN NAVY YARD.

Nothing Has Been Heard from Him Since 10 O'clock Tuesday Night—Left Note Saying He Intended to Brown Himself.

Robert S. Young, Jr., son of Dr. Robert S. Young, of this city, who was stationed on board the torpedo boat destroyer Perkins, and who had been reported as having intended to brown himself. The first intimation of the young officer's disappearance reached here by press dispatches in the afternoon papers and immediately the whole town was agog with excitement. The dispatch was shown to the father of the young man by a friend and was his first intimation of his son's disappearance. Dr. Young and Senator Hartsell, his brother-in-law, immediately began to communicate with Washington and New York by long distance phone and telegraph but all efforts by them to get information concerning him proved futile, and up to today no word concerning him has been received.

Dr. Young did not know that his son was under restraint for staying over time on his shore leave and even this charge is of a trivial nature, and according to discipline maintained in the navy would in the case of an officer, be followed by probably a severe reprimand and require him to stay on board ship for a short length of time without leave of absence. For this reason friends and relatives of the young man cannot attribute his being under restraint as the sole cause of his disappearance.

Mrs. Young is in an Atlanta hospital, where she recently underwent an operation, and her sister, Mrs. L. Hartsell, left last night to be with her.

The announcement of the engagement of Ensign Young and Miss Bessie Merritt, of Norfolk, Va., was recently published in a number of the papers, the wedding to take place in the fall. It is said here that the young lady is visiting in Baltimore and that Ensign Young was there to see her only a short time ago but had returned to his ship several days before he secured the leave of absence that he overstay and caused him to be confined to his ship.

Dr. Young went to Charlotte last night to be with his mother, Mrs. Sarah Virginia Young, but returned to the city this morning and is in constant communication with the navy department concerning his son. He will leave at any time those he is in communication with deem it advisable.

MR. HARTSELL INTERVIEWED.

He and Dr. Young Went to New York Sunday Night to See Ensign Young, and Found Him in Apparent Good Spirits.

The Tribune reporter interviewed Mr. L. T. Hartsell who made the following statement:

"Some days ago Dr. Young received a letter from his son, Ensign Robert, which was of rather a despondent tone, and in response telegraphed him asking if any thing was wrong, and if he could be of any service to him. Robert replied saying that he was sorry but there was nothing that he could do. On receipt of this message Dr. Young and I left on the train last Sunday night for New York. We found Robert on the Perkins in apparent good health and spirits. We staid on the ship for several hours, and in response to inquiry about his letter he stated that he had a case of the blues, and that there was nothing he desired except a little money to pay some outstanding debts. Neither Dr. Young nor myself had the slightest idea that he was not allowed to go ashore. Of course an officer is never under guard and there was not the slightest indication that he was under any restraint. Neither Dr. Young nor I knew that Ensign Young had been absent without leave or that any charges of any kind had been preferred against him. Our first notice appeared in the paper.

The following are associated press dispatches from New York regarding the mysterious disappearance of Ensign Young.

New York, July 12.—The most mysterious disappearance that has stirred up the Brooklyn New York officials in many years is that of Ensign Robert S. Young, who vanished

from his quarters aboard the torpedo boat destroyer Perkins, moored in the navy yard, some time after 10 o'clock last night.

In reporting the disappearance of Ensign Young to the Navy Department in Washington today Rear Admiral Leutze, commandant of the navy yard, announced that the Perkins had been thoroughly searched and the waters about the destroyer carefully explored.

The missing young officer was under restraint and under guard at the time of his disappearance. He was not seen by any of the officers or crew on watch to leave the destroyer. Captain Pringle, of the Perkins, filed charges against the ensign several days ago complaining that he had been absent without leave. A court-martial was being arranged. The young man was placed under guard and confined to his cabin. He appeared very despondent and spoke to no one.

He was seen reading in his cabin at 10 o'clock last night.

About half an hour later he was missed. The Perkins was searched and an alarm sent throughout the navy yard then boats were sent out to search the waters in the neighborhood of the destroyer. Not a trace was found of the young man. His clothing, his revolver and all his possessions were in his cabin.

The missing ensign is twenty-five years old and his home town is Concord, N. C. He was graduated from Annapolis two years ago.

New York, July 12.—Ensign Young was seen last aboard the Perkins at 10 o'clock last night. Two weeks ago he was absent five days without leave and upon his return Captain Pringle of the destroyer sent him to the wardroom. An inquiry into his conduct was to have started today.

A revolver was found in Young's cabin with all the cartridges unexploded, but with one of the cartridges indented by the impact, indicating that an attempt had been made to fire.

MISSIONARY DAY AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL.

The Missionary Workers of Lutheran Chapel, near China Grove, N. C., feels that their year's efforts have not been in vain, for their closing work of the year on the second Sunday in July was the crowning success in the history of the Society. Each year finds them advancing in missionary intelligence as well as finances, which marks "onward" as their motto.

At 11 o'clock Rev. J. J. Long, pastor of St. John's, Cabarrus county, delivered a scholarly address based upon Acts 3:6, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I unto thee; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and work." His eloquence soon grasped the attention of the crowded audience and led all to see how they could give something, and that all that was needed was a willing heart.

At the close he satisfactorily met two of the greatest arguments of anti-missionary unbelievers. The address throughout was couched in language and delivered with clear diction. In appreciation of Mr. Long's services he was made a life member of the Woman's Society. The morning service was interspersed by music specially prepared by the choir. Conspicuous among the songs was the selection, "Nearer My God to be," as a ladies quartette by Misses Mary Bostian, Lala Brown, Edna Brown and Mary Patterson. The forenoon collection, together with the birthday and thanks offerings of the members of the society, amounted to \$42.61. In the afternoon the children and young people very creditably rendered the service, "Song of June tide. This was followed by an address by Mr. George Park, of the class of '11 of Roanoke College. In his address Mr. Park showed careful thought, imbued with true missionary spirit. In tender language he touched upon the great need of workers among the different nations; and lastly upon our own work in Japan, telling why our forces are concentrated upon that one great nation. The children brought in their mite boxes which contained the results of their efforts to increase a nickel. A prize had been offered to the one who had gotten the most. This was won by Master Frank Bostian, whose box contained \$3.00. The prize was a beautiful gilt-edged book of Worship. The contents of the boxes returned with the afternoon collection was \$20.27, making for the day a grand total of \$62.88.

There is still a little more to come in from each of these two societies, and the Young Peoples' Society has not yet made any report of their work. This will come later.

FROM MT. PLEASANT.

Capt. Henry Hurt in Falling Barn.—A Bad Storm.—Personal and Other Notes.

The Mt. Pleasant railroad has suffered ill luck. Capt. W. P. Henry, chief engineer of the surveying corps now located here, was seriously hurt yesterday afternoon by being caught in a barn that was blown down. They were at work extending the line across the old Shankle place, now owned by Dr. A. W. Moose, when the rain storm came. They took refuge in an old barn, little expecting a storm of cyclonic proportions. The barn was blown down. Capt. Henry was caught by falling logs and sustained serious injuries, the exact extent of which it has been impossible to ascertain. His back, lower left ribs and hips seem to be the more injured. As yet no internal troubles have become evident. Others present immediately released Capt. Henry from his perilous position and summoned Dr. Moose in the midst of the storm. The injured man was brought to town as soon as possible and is now resting very well. He is at the home of Mrs. M. E. Welsh, where the corps has been stopping during their work here. Mrs. Henry was notified by wire at her home in Winston and is expected here today.

The storm at this particular place was little short of terrific cyclone, and many amusing stories are now told of the escape of other members of the party and many visitors who had gone to see the survey in progress. Dr. A. W. Moose was in the barn at the time and was within a few feet of Capt. Henry when he was hurt. Dr. Moose affirms most solemnly that he was not in the least bit frightened, yet he has no explanation as to what really did happen and how. All the others present had become sufficiently frightened to seek safety in the fierceness of the storm outside, among whom was Mr. E. W. Foil, who, in striking contrast to Dr. Moose, freely admits that he had visions of the pearly gates of another world. Others found their way into an old cellar where they remained until the sun shone brightly and all was peace and tranquility.

There was considerable electrical display in town but very little wind and everybody was surprised to hear of the young cyclone on the Shankle place.

Coming just at this time the people feel that the accident to Capt. Henry is a sad blow for the railroad. Everybody was in a rejoicing mood that today the survey would reach town. Mr. McCanness made a flying trip late last evening but gave out no announcements. He will return today when it is likely that the future work will be determined.

The local telephone office does not receive the weather reports as formerly. These are now handled by the Bell Telephone Company and may be had by calling Mr. C. G. Heilig's store after 11 o'clock.

Miss Mary Moody, of Albemarle, is visiting Mrs. H. W. Barrier.

Miss Ruth Misenheimer has returned from a visit to China Grove.

Quite a large number of visitors attended the Reunion at Misenheimers Springs Tuesday. They report a record breaking crowd.

Miss May Lyerly, of Crescent, is visiting Miss Mary Barringer.

Prof. G. F. McAllister joined the Elks in their trip to Atlantic City where he is spending the week.

Mr. P. R. Moose is spending today in Greensboro.

Miss Elma Welsh has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. S. H. Long, in Charlotte.

Miss Ethel Corzine entertained her friends on the Institute Campus last evening.

The residence of Mr. J. L. C. Miller was struck by lightning yesterday afternoon but no serious damage was done.

Mr. Von Cannon's barn was struck by lightning, set on fire and entirely consumed with all its contents during the storm.

Just as this letter goes to the mail we learn that Capt. Henry had a fairly good night but there are indications this morning of internal troubles.

Mt. Pleasant, N. C., July 13.

Runaway Tuesday.

A horse belonging to Mr. George Untz became frightened at an ice wagon Tuesday afternoon and ran away. The animal was being driven along Spring street by Mr. Untz and met an ice wagon opposite the home of Mr. J. B. Sherrill. Just as the horse passed the wagon he started to run, going up Spring street to the corner of Franklin avenue where the buggy hooked a hydrant, throwing Mr. Untz to the ground. The horse then turned up Franklin avenue and went into Union street, being finally caught at the Locke Mills. Mr. Untz received a badly bruised hand but was otherwise uninjured. The buggy was only slightly damaged.

See The Times for job printing.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. HARRIS

From the Pen of An Old Friend Now Living in Alabama.

Mr. Editor:—I am deeply grieved to note the death of my old and lasting friend, "Dick" Harris. More than forty years ago he welcomed me to citizenship in Concord and during the thirty years of my business career in the dear old town he was my constant friend, aiding me not only with his influence but his patronage. I always held him in high esteem. He was a distinctive character. There was none like him, always entertaining, suggestive and instructive, brilliant and witty. As Sam Jones used to say, his anecdotes illustrated. Though often ridiculous in the extreme they were "sharp as a two edge sword." Many times when reflecting on old times I have laughed aloud when repeating some of Dick's pithy sayings. I remember him not only thus, but as a genius, a man of brains as well as a soul, a discoverer of men and character. His political success verifies this. But for this he could never have been repeatedly elected to public office as he was. It gives me genuine pleasure to record that I have never heard of infidelity to a trust committed to him. He leaves an untarnished record of which his heirs and friends are proud. Concord will not be the same without Dick Harris. I don't know just how I would feel to be there and find that he also has gone. How rapidly my old friends are crossing the river. One by one they are passing away. Dr. Lilly, his wife, Mr. Oglesby, Paul Means, J. M. Odell, C. E. Sides—I dare not enumerate, the list grows so rapidly. Verily, this life is a mystery. Away from native home, friends and kindred I often wonder why it is so. Why am I here? Why my own family is scattered. One son spent months on the Pacific coast, near the border of Oregon and California and now bathes in the Salt Lake of Utah. Another in the great State of Texas; another in St. Louis, another in Gadsden, Ala., and the baby boy divides his time between Pittsburg and Atlanta, reducing the once large and happy family that lived so long in Concord to myself, wife and two daughters. Why? I wonder why we are thus scattered. I certainly never contemplated coming to Alabama, and am sure neither of my boys expected to reside in their respective homes. We can only accept conditions as they are and believe that the hand of God is in all our movements. May we be submissive to His guiding hand. My brother Henry, writing from the old home in Montgomery county, says so many of our once large family and connections once living in Concord, have left that he can't bear to go there. "To use his words: "Montgomery are so scarce there, that it almost breaks my heart to think of the town." Yet I hope one day to see the remaining friends that are left. But I will write no more. I meant only to lament the death of my old friend and extend the sympathy of my wife and self to his widow and children. My wife says that on her last visit to Concord no one greeted her more cordially than Dick Harris or seemed gladder to see her. May we all meet again.

C. G. MONTGOMERY.
Mobile, Ala., July 8th, 1911.

Increase in Taxable Values About \$1,000,000.

The county board of equalization completed its work Tuesday and as soon as the few changes made by them can be entered on each lister's books the exact amount of property valuation of the county can be had. There are only a few changes made, and very little complaint was made before the board of the new system of listing taxes. The total amount of the real estate and personal property valuation of the county for the year 1910 was \$6,491,791. County Tax Assessor Furr states that this amount will be increased by approximately \$1,000,000 this year, although the exact figures may be a little under this amount.

New Firm to Occupy Store August Fifteenth.

Work was started Tuesday morning on remodeling the Dayvault store-room. This store will be occupied by Parks Bros., of Waxhaw, who will move here and conduct a store in the building. A new plate glass front will be added and a number of improvements will be made on the interior. The work will probably be completed about August 15, the time the new firm intends beginning business here.

Rain Ahead of Prayers.

Richmond, Va., July 11.—Within half an hour after Governor Mann issued a proclamation today calling upon the people of the state to pray for rain, refreshing showers fell upon the capital, at least reducing the temperature 20 degrees from the maximum of today, which was 97 degrees, in about 20 minutes.

NEWS FROM KANNAPOLIS.

New Warehouse.—The Y. M. C. A. Work.—Evangelistic Services to be Held.—Many Other Interesting Items.

Kannapolis is rejoicing over the fine showers of the past few days, which have been indeed refreshing, not only to vegetation, but to man and beast as well, as all seem to have taken on a new life and we are greeted with bright smiles now instead of the sickly sun-grin of a week ago.

Work on the new warehouse for the Patterson-Young Mercantile Co., is progressing, and the work will be pushed to completion. When this building and the new brick store building is finished, main street will look like one of the thoroughfares of some of our cities.

Mr. W. R. Campbell has moved here from Charlotte and has established a shoe and harness shop at the Kannapolis livery stable on main street.

The latest arrival is Mr. C. V. James, who moved here from Mount Pleasant and has charge of the Spooler room in the Cannon Mill.

Mr. L. G. Brown, the popular second hand in the Patterson Mill spinning room, is able to be out again after a severe illness of the past two weeks.

The Y. M. C. A. is still true to its motto "Always something doing." Last Thursday night was the small boys Bible class night and the attendance was very good.

Friday night was the Ladies' night and more of the ladies are taking advantage of the baths and everything in the hall and seem to enjoy the privileges of the institution.

Saturday evening the ball game between the Y. M. C. A. and the Cincos on the Forest Hill diamond, resulted in a victory for the Cincos, in a score of 5 to 9 in favor of the Cincos. This game was reported Monday in The Tribune. Our boys came home with the determination to win the next game and to this end are practicing more every evening. The manager of the team, Mr. R. C. Probst, and assistant manager, Mr. J. W. Stratford, will make arrangements with some team for a game for Saturday evening.

The moving picture show was not as well attended Saturday night as usual on account of the threatening weather. Mr. Owens went to Charlotte, and conferred with a film exchange man and will be prepared for better service in this entertainment soon.

Sunday evening the Mens' Bible Class met as usual, and had a very edifying lesson on the first Missionary journey of St. Paul. The attendance was gratifying. Rev. A. M. Marshall, of Durham, met with the class as a very welcome visitor.

Monday night 16 of the larger boys answered to their names in the roll call of the Bible class. The Bible character they studied was Jonathan. There was also an interesting meeting of the band, Prof. Ludwig says the boys are very much in earnest and are getting along fine.

The Cannon sluggers played a crub game on the boys diamond which was a fine game for the boys. They are practicing to play a match game soon. Tuesday several new members were received and a number of renewals also. Most of the time was taken up with Y. M. C. A. business.

Wednesday night was prayer-meeting night. This service is held in the auditorium every Wednesday night. There was also a business meeting of the band.

Rev. Thomas W. Alton, the well known evangelist will begin a meeting in the hall under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Sunday night at 8 o'clock. He will be assisted in the services by a special evangelist singer. Mr. R. F. Stevenson, secretary of the Spencer Y. M. C. A., in a letter to Mr. Owens, states that Mr. Alton is one of the best evangelists he has heard. Arrangements are being made for the meeting.

The belated report of the work of the Y. M. C. A. here for May is as follows: Paid memberships, 359; average daily attendance, 194; attendance at Bible classes, 178; attendance at religious services, 67; attendance at educational classes and gatherings, 80; attendance at gymnasiums, 407; attendance at unclassified social gatherings, 980; number baths taken, 920; 61 boys were on three outings; 15 visits were made to sick and injured. We have seen reports from a number of Y. M. C. A.'s, but none to get ahead of Kannapolis.

Mr. R. E. Clapp was called late Tuesday night over the phone to the bedside of his mother, who is critically ill at her home in Newton. Mr. Clapp made the trip by night in his automobile.

Rev. O. M. Marshall preached twice here Sunday to a very appreciative audience.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT NEW GILEAD.

Interesting Addresses by Revs. Barringer and Causey and Mr. J. C. Fink.

Soon last Sunday morning people began to arrive at New Gilead for the Memorial service and by the time for opening a large number had gathered.

The opening consisted in songs by the choir, Scripture reading and prayer by the pastor, after which recitations were rendered by five girls. Also the song, "Tell Mother I'll be There," was impressively sung by a chorus of girls. Rev. Paul Barringer was then presented and gave an address for which no one was better fitted.

He spoke of the peculiar interest he has in New Gilead, having served as its pastor for 21 years.

Very touchingly he described finding the child in its mother's arms and laying his hand on their heads in baptism, of their growth, confirmation and marriage and of visiting them in their own homes and of how he had been burdened for their development into citizens of high character. He also paid a beautiful tribute to the faithfulness of those that labored with him, whose bodies lie in their graves near by.

A collection was taken to be used in cleaning off and beautifying the grave yard.

One enjoyable feature of the day was the dinner which was in abundance and most temptingly prepared. Warm hand-shakes, kindly greetings and a rehearsal of the past filled up the noon hour which seemed to pass all too quickly.

We were entertained in the afternoon by addresses by Bro. J. C. Fink and Rev. W. H. Causey, of Concord. Bro. Fink said that he was taken by his sainted mother near half century ago to the altar in Gilead church and there consecrated to the Lord and in coming back Sunday he felt like he had gotten back home. His subject was: Time Past, Present and Future, and was full of rich thought, encouraging all to act for God in the present, live in the sunshine of His love and be controlled by love, for God is love.

Mr. Causey spoke on our Sacred Heritage. Rejoicing in the heritage we have received from those that have lived before us both temporal and spiritual, emphasizing the importance of our being diligent in labor so that those coming after us should have a large heritage. He said there would likely be a day similar to this in 75 or 100 years, then what would those living see in the history of our lives that would inspire in them nobility of purpose.

With singing "When the Roll is called up Yonder," benediction by Mr. Barringer, the Memorial service was a record of the past. D. C. C.

SURVEY FOR DRAINAGE OF COLD WATER CREEK.

Engineer and Assistants Started the Survey Work Wednesday Morning.

Engineer W. W. Wetmore and his corps of assistants started a preliminary survey of Cold Water creek Wednesday in the Cold Water drainage district. A petition signed by a majority of the landowners was presented to the Clerk of the Court some time ago and the drainage district decided upon as follows: Beginning at Hileman's mill on Big Cold Water creek and runs to Charles M. Isenhour's land and on same land to Will Litaker's on same creek. The district is ten miles in length and there are 68 landowners in it, 58 of whom signed the petition and 9 opposed. A bond of \$50 per mile has been placed to cover the expenses of the preliminary survey. If the engineers report favorably on the proposition this money will be used to pay the pro rata part of the landowners who posted it. C. I. Ervin and G. M. Lore, two disinterested citizens, have been appointed a board of viewers under the law, and they with the engineer, who is appointed by the State Geologist, are required to furnish a report within thirty days.

There is very little doubt but that the engineer will decide that the plan to drain the fertile creek bottoms along Big Cold Water, embraced in the drainage districts, will be feasible, and the unanimity shown by the property owners in joining in the movement assures its success.

Catawba Families Plan Big Reunion.

Newton, July 11.—The numerous Bockett and Abernathy families have planned a big family meet at Calvin Baker's mountain, August 10. These are allied families will gather at a great picnic on the mountain, an ideal picnic ground, partake of a genuine Catawba Dutch dinner and listen to family history and addresses.