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AS DEEP A MYSTERY NOW AS EVER.

Whatever to the whereabouts of Ensign Young. The disappearance of Ensign Robert S. Young, Jr., remains today as deep a mystery as when the news flashed throughout the country only a week ago. And despite the strenuous efforts of relatives and the naval officials not a single clue has been ascertained that tends to lead to his whereabouts.

His Father Now in New York—May Have Been Overcome by Heat—Full Contents of Note Left Not Given to Public—Thought He is Still Living—Water Has Not Yet Been Drugged.

The high tension of anxiety with which Concord has been eagerly awaiting any new developments in the mysterious disappearance of Ensign R. S. Young, Jr., is unabated, and everywhere and on all sides you may hear the question, "Have you heard and news from Robert Young?" Dr. Young left here Friday and arrived in New York next morning, and will lose no time in probing the matter to the bottom. Mrs. Young has been notified of her son's disappearance and she will remain in Atlanta for several days yet.

The Suicide Theory Gains Ground With His Friends.—His Ship Sails Without Him.

Special to Charlotte Observer. New York, July 16.—As the days roll by and no tidings come of the missing North Carolina ensign, Robert S. Young, Jr., who was attached to the torpedo boat Perkins, which sailed today, and who mysteriously disappeared leaving a suicide note, all theories that he is still alive are exploded and Young's friends and associates shake their heads and sadly say, "I guess he is dead, poor fellow."

Up to a late hour tonight no word has been heard from any of the many seachers throughout the country that would indicate that the ensign was still alive. Anxious inquiries of friends and relatives at the Brooklyn navy yard regarding news of Young are met with "Not a word, his whereabouts are still a mystery." This does not come from the head officials, but from attaches of the yard who are presumed to be in close touch with headquarters.

The commandant, Lieutenant Pringle, has not a word to give out on the subject, although he is said to have reported to Washington that the young Southerner is still alive. If this is a fact, the attaches of the yard and Young's associates on the Perkins assert that the ensign is apparently in deeper trouble than has yet come to light. They are of the opinion, however, almost to a man that Young's body will soon be found in the waters hereabouts. They point to his romantic love affair with the pretty Virginia maiden, Miss Bessie Hayden Merritt, and the report that she had killed him. This, with his pending court martial trial, and the extreme hot weather which is believed to have affected his already troubled brain, is believed to have led him to determine to end all by jumping into the bay. Hence his suicide note and disappearance.

yard at 6:15 o'clock this morning to take part in the naval maneuvers at Gardner's Bay. There were reports current about the navy yard that Ensign Robert S. Young, who disappeared on Tuesday night last, had returned to his ship in time to sail with her, but it was stated authoritatively that these reports were not true and that the ensign was still absent when the Perkins pulled out. The destroyer was to have sailed Saturday, but was detained because of a delay in the delivery of oil for her engines.

A New York dispatch to the Baltimore evening Sun of Saturday says: Reports to the effect that Ensign Robert S. Young, Jr., of the United States destroyer Perkins, who mysteriously disappeared from that vessel last Tuesday night, leaving a note threatening suicide, had returned to the vessel, were denied at the Navy Yard tonight. Lieut.-Com. J. R. P. Pringle, at present in command of the Perkins, which is in drydock stated: "We have heard absolutely nothing from or concerning Ensign Robert S. Young, Jr., since he disappeared last Tuesday. He has not returned, and the case stands now precisely as it has since his mysterious disappearance."

Several officers at the Navy Yard believe Mr. Young's body will eventually be found in the Wallabout basin, into which they believe he jumped. Others say that they don't believe he committed suicide. The harbor police searched the Wallabout basin with drags Wednesday without success and have ceased efforts to find the missing man's body in the water.

A New York dispatch to Sunday's Charlotte Observer is as follows: "The whereabouts of Ensign R. S. Young, Jr., who mysteriously disappeared from the destroyer Perkins, is yet unknown to the general public. While the Brooklyn naval commander, Lieutenant Pringle, would not admit to The Observer correspondent that he had either seen the young man or his father, who had come on here from North Carolina, the latter, it is asserted, has paid a visit to the commander and himself has disappeared, but has carried with him the assurance that his son, is alive. Some of Young's associates still assert that he is love-sick, and will turn up married. This opinion, however, is not shared by several of the navy yard officials, who still believe that Young's body will eventually be found in the wall about the basin, into which they believe he threw himself.

Both Lieutenant Pringle and Admiral Letzma make it plain that they do not believe Young a suicide and hint at a love affair, but they decline to commit themselves on a direct question. Nor will they admit that Young's father is or has been in New York. One thing appears certain: Ensign Young is either involved in more serious trouble than a love affair or is a suicide.

A Washington dispatch to The New York Sun says: "The excessive heat of the last few weeks is believed by the naval authorities to have been primarily responsible for the disappearance of Ensign R. S. Young, Jr., of Concord, N. C., who was attached to the torpedo boat destroyer Perkins at the New York navy yard, and for the suicide ten days ago of Lieut. Thomas D. Ozburn of the cruiser Tacoma at the same yard.

Papers concerning both cases which have been forwarded to Washington by Rear Admiral E. H. C. Letzma, commandant of the New York yard, indicate that both officers had complained of having suffered greatly from the heat and each appeared to have resorted to the use of stimulants as a result.

Admiral Letzma telegraphed to the department this afternoon expressing the belief that Young did not kill himself but had disappeared for the purpose of escaping trial. At the request of Dr. R. S. Young of Concord, N. C., father of the missing ensign, Senator Overman of that State called at the Navy Department this afternoon and was informed by Acting Secretary Nicholson of the facts so far as they are known. Senator Overman appointed Young to the Naval Academy and has known him all his life. He declared his belief that Young was not a suicide and was surprised that he was to face a Court martial, declaring he had always been of the most exemplary habits. On the theory of non-suicide the navy yard basin and slips will not be dragged for a few days at least.

Morgantown, W. Va., July 14.—"Edgar Allan Poe was not killed by excessive drinking, but was the victim of a thief, who drugged the poet in order to get possession of a purse of \$1,500, which he was carrying at the time of his death in Baltimore." This is the declaration of Dr. Charles W. Kent, professor of English literature at the University of Virginia, who is delivering a series of lectures on the literature of the South.

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

To Be Held in Concord, Mt. Pleasant and Harrisburg August 1, 2 and 3rd.

Farmers' Institutes will be held at Concord, Tuesday, August 1, Mount Pleasant, Wednesday, August 2, Harrisburg, Thursday, August 3, beginning at 10 o'clock. At the same places and dates will also be held institutes for women by Mrs. F. L. Stevens and others. The objects of these Institutes are to bring together the women from the farm homes, that they may become better acquainted and talk over among themselves subjects tending to the betterment of conditions in rural homes, such as better and more economical foods and better methods of preparing them, home sanitation, home fruit and vegetable gardening, farm dairying, poultry-raising, the beautifying of the home and home surroundings, etc.

Let the wives and daughters come out to these meetings in large numbers. Interesting programs have been prepared for these meetings.

A premium of \$1 will be given for the best loaf of bread baked and exhibited by a girl or woman living on the farm. A premium of \$1 will be given for the best pure-bred pig between 8 and 12 weeks old exhibited by a man or boy living on the farm.

The Institute will be conducted by Prof. F. L. Stevens, of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, with competent assistants, who will discuss questions of interest to the farmers.

A question box will be opened in the afternoon, and a full discussion of the subjects presented will be given. All farmers and their wives, sons and daughters, and all others interested in farming and the betterment of the farm homes, are urged to attend these meetings and join in the discussions.

Morning sessions will open at 10 o'clock and afternoon sessions at 1:30. Bring a book and pencil to take notes.

Missionary Service at St. John's.

Interesting missionary services were held yesterday at St. John's Lutheran church, morning and afternoon services being conducted. The annual Sunday school exercises were held at 10 o'clock, at which the attendance was large and the offering most gratifying. At 11 o'clock the preaching service was held and a most interesting sermon was preached by Mr. Bruner Petrea, one of the three theological students of the church. After an intermission of two hours, during which dinner was served on the grounds, the congregation re-assembled and a children's missionary service was held, consisting of songs, recitations and dialogues. An able address was delivered by Rev. Chas. P. MacLaughlin, of Concord. A most gratifying offering for missions was taken, amounting to \$70.00.

No. 12 Township S. S. Convention.

A large congregation attended the No. 12 township Sunday school convention at Forest Hill Methodist church last night. The meeting was presided over by President M. B. Stickleby. Rev. Dr. J. C. Rowe and Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin delivered able and eloquent addresses on the Sunday school and its work. Secretary D. C. Caldwell read the reports from the various Sunday schools in the township which were gratifying. Mr. J. C. Fink was elected president for the ensuing year and Mr. D. C. Caldwell was re-elected secretary. The secretary's report will be published in full in this paper as soon as it is tabulated by that official.

Increase of Pay of Rural Carriers.

The local postoffice department has received an official notice from the Postmaster General of the increase in salaries of rural mail carriers. The new salary scale gives an increase from \$864 to \$960 for carriers on routes between 22 and 24 miles long. This increase affects two local carriers, Messrs. George Barnhardt and J. H. Ritchie. Carriers on routes 24 miles long get an increase from \$900 to \$1,000 and Messrs. W. H. Heglar, O. T. Umberger, J. Mack Caldwell and G. W. Means have routes of this length.

Senator Atlee Pomeroy of Ohio refuses to become interested in Mr. Bryan's suggestion that he would make a good running mate on a presidential ticket with Judge Walter Clark, of North Carolina. The names of Clark and Pomeroy were on the now famous list published recently in The Commoner as men who would be satisfactory to Mr. Bryan. The name of Judson Harmon was conspicuously missing.

WHEN THE ODELL MILL WAS STARTED.

Clipping From the Concord Sun of July 14, 1881, Giving Names of Stockholders, Etc.

We have recently come upon a clipping from the Concord Sun of July 14, 1881, which has an article in regard to the organization of the Odell Manufacturing Co. which will be of interest. The following is the article in full:

THE NEW FACTORY.

List of its "Lubricators"—Charter—Right Down to Business. The first meeting of the directors of the new cotton factory, held on the 14th, was reported in the Sun last week. Last Tuesday a second meeting was held and the report of the committee to draft a petition for a charter, was accepted, and after looking over a few minor details the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the clerk of the superior court.

We give the list of stockholders and the amount of their subscriptions:

- J. M. Odell, \$15,000; I. F. Patterson, \$2,000; R. C. Lentz, \$2,500; J. A. Odell, \$5,000; W. H. Branson, \$1,000; O. R. Cox, \$3,000; C. R. Makepeace, \$2,500; D. Curtis, \$5,000; W. R. Odell, \$5,000; D. R. Hoover, \$1,500; G. M. Lore, \$1,500; Elam King, \$2,000; D. F. Cannon, \$2,000; J. W. Cannon, \$2,000; P. B. Fetzer, \$2,000; W. J. Montgomery, \$2,000; Mrs. R. M. Mix, \$1,000; Mrs. L. M. McKinnon, \$1,000; M. W. Johnston, \$2,000; A. J. Bost, \$2,000; Mrs. F. L. Thornwell, \$1,000; A. H. Moss, \$2,000; Mrs. C. Mills, \$1,000; W. R. Kinley, \$1,000; E. D. Lentz, \$500; E. Foil, \$500; H. S. Puryear, \$1,000; R. M. White, \$1,000; C. W. Trice, \$500; J. R. White, \$500; J. M. Wharey, \$1,000; M. H. Winecoff, \$1,000; W. H. Lilly, \$1,000; T. W. Smith, \$200; R. W. Allison, \$4,000; J. P. Allison, \$1,000; T. W. Morrison, \$100; A. E. Lentz, \$200; D. B. Morrison, \$200; T. E. Wyche, \$100; Mrs. M. R. Dusenberry, \$200; William Smith, \$500.

The charter is expected to be granted the company in about three weeks. It provides for a capital stock of eighty thousand dollars, with the privilege to increase the same to two hundred thousand dollars, divided into shares of one hundred dollars. The company will be officered by a president, secretary and treasurer and three directors. It will be governed as the majority of the stock directs. The stock is non-assessable and the stockholders are not individually liable for the company's debts.

The company will continue to receive subscriptions through the secretary, W. M. Smith, until the charter is granted. David Cannon, Jno. Odell and Geo. Lore, the committee to negotiate for machinery and building material, are provided with ten per cent. of the subscriptions as a preliminary outlay and are already at work. Hurrah for the new factory!

HIDDEN CHECK FOUND.

Miss Jennie Smith the Lucky One to Solve the Problem—Another Next Saturday.

The Tribune's Hidden Check Page was the talk of the town Saturday afternoon, and hardly had the paper reached the homes and business houses before the people were separating the letters and forming them into a sentence. In all public places could be seen parties pondering over the letters and in a short time the search began. "I got it," said one young man in a drug store crowded with people, "it's behind something on Depot street and I'll find the something in a few minutes." "It's somewhere about the Southern station," said another and so on it ran. But to Miss Jennie Smith belongs the distinction of solving the problem accurately and also belongs the check for \$5.00. "Behind the Piedmont cigarette sign in front of the People's Drug Store," was the sentence and Miss Smith succeeded in making it successfully.

On next Saturday The Tribune will publish the Hidden Check Page again, with a different set of letters, and the check hidden in a different place, of course watch for it.

Asheville Preparing to Entertain the Juniors.

Asheville, July 15.—The members of the Junior Order United American Mechanics of Asheville are looking forward with keen interest to the meeting here August 22 of the state council. It is expected that there will be in attendance when the state council meets at least 700 to 800 representatives and convention visitors, and the local Juniors are determined that the visitors shall have the best time of their lives.

WEATHER REPORT.

Fair today and Tuesday except local thundershowers.

GOOD ROADS TRAIN.

To Be in Concord July 28.—Let Us Make it a Big Day.

The Southern Railway good roads train will be in Concord on Friday, July 28. This train will run in connection with the United States Department of Agriculture, and will carry a number of road building experts who will give free stereopticon lectures and practical instruction for building good roads.

There will also be exhibited on this train working models, run by electricity, of improved road building machinery.

The free lectures and demonstrations will be conducted by L. E. Boykin and H. S. Fairbanks, road experts from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. W. J. Hurlbut, agent, land and Industrial department, Southern railway, and representatives of the American Highway Association and of the State will accompany the train. The object of this train is to give practical instruction in the building and maintenance of improved roads, with the view of inducing their construction and saving millions of dollars annually to the farmers on the movement of their crops to the railway.

It is proposed to make this the biggest day Concord has had in several years. To this end the Merchants' Association has taken the matter up and detailed announcements will be made later. There is nothing more important to us than the building of good roads, and every person should be interested in it.

The train will reach Concord at 10 a. m. It will reach Salisbury at 3:30 p. m., July 27, and Albemarle at 2 p. m. on July 29.

Good roads mean cheaper hauling, less wear and tear on team, harness, wagon and driver, higher land values, more profitable crops, better schools and churches, better conditions generally for every phase of rural life.

A good road brings prosperity and happiness. It is one of the best investments. The South is awakening to the vast importance of good roads. It means to have better highways throughout its great agricultural sections. Its farmers, merchants and manufacturers are alive to the necessity, and are seeking ways and means for the improvement of its roads.

Capt. Henry's Funeral.

Salisbury Post 15th. The funeral services of Capt. R. P. Henry, chief engineer of the Salisbury-Monroe Railroad, who met a tragic death at Mt. Pleasant were conducted from the residence in Winston this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. J. E. Abernethy, pastor of Centenary church, of which Capt. Henry was a member, assisted by Rev. Mr. Richardson, of Mt. Pleasant.

Accompanying the remains to Winston yesterday were, besides the wife and son, Rev. Mr. Richardson of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. M. R. Smith of the engineering corps, Mayor Shuping of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. N. B. McCannless, of Salisbury, president of the railroad on which Capt. Henry was at work.

This morning's Winston-Salem Journal says: "When Mrs. Henry reached home she found a letter addressed to her late husband, who was one of the best known civil engineers in the State, telling him that he had been elected engineer to construct the water mains to Charlotte from the Catawba river. This was one of the many high tributes to the engineering skill of the late Capt. Henry—but it came too late."

Salisbury Couple Married Here.

Mr. J. L. Wright and Miss Ila Ramsay, of Salisbury, were married yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the parlor of the St. Cloud-Normandy Hotel. Mr. C. C. Klutz, of Salisbury, came to Concord yesterday morning on the train and secured the license and made other arrangements for the marriage, the young couple with Miss Kessler, Miss Aaron and M. L. Carter arriving about noon in an automobile. The party went to the First Baptist church and waited until services had been concluded and then secured Rev. S. N. Watson to perform the ceremony. They stayed at the hotel for lunch and returned to Salisbury by automobile. Friends of the young people say that it was not a runaway marriage but reports from Salisbury indicate that it was.

"Goat-Riding" is Put Under Ban By Elks.

Atlantic City, July 15.—No more "horse-play" will mark initiations into the Elks' fraternity. The Grand Lodge's last important action was the abolishment of "goat-riding" and all other forms of amusement for those already Elks. The fight had been on for a decade against the practice.

SHALL WE HAVE THE NEW ROAD?

Concord Can Get on Line of Proposed Road from Norwood to Charlotte if It Makes the Proper Effort.

The proposed Norwood-to-Charlotte railroad continues to be a matter of live concern to the citizens of Concord, and several of the city's public spirit citizens have kept in close touch with the promoters of the road. One of the gentlemen stated yesterday that although there had been little outward manifestation of the interest here for this road that he felt almost sanguine over the way a number of men of affairs here had talked to him concerning it, and that he was assured that if the road is constructed, and every indication pointed that way, that Concord could secure it if it makes the proper effort.

Mr. G. Ed. Kestler, who has always taken an active interest in matters of this kind pertaining to the city, and who was appointed by Mayor Wagener on a committee to investigate the proposition for a new railroad for Concord, has been in communication with the men behind the Charlotte-Norwood road and has received word from them that they will give the citizens of Concord every consideration when the matter is brought up and definite plans were made.

It will be well for the people of Concord to begin at once toward deciding upon some plan to present Concord's advantages and possibilities to the officials when the route is finally decided upon.

Weekly Report of the Concord Public Library.

Books taken out by adults.....	87
Books taken out by children.....	96
Total.....	183
No. borrowers added during week..	40
No. books presented during week..	15
No out today.....	129

We have every reason to be encouraged in our work. The outlook is very bright.

MRS. J. D. LENTZ, Librarian.

FOREST HILL NEWS.

Personal Items of Interest from the Northern Part of the City.

Mr. J. A. Adams, superintendent of the Springtime mills at Chester, S. C., spent Saturday in Concord with his friend, Mr. C. E. Stratford.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bangle and Miss Netta Watkins, of Charlotte, spent Sunday in the city with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Watkins. Miss Netta Watkins has completed her course at the business college and has accepted a position in Charlotte.

Mrs. C. E. Ader, who has been visiting Mrs. W. A. Wood for a few days, left Sunday afternoon for Salisbury, where she will visit for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hudson, have returned from a week's visit to relatives at Georgeville.

Messrs. W. A. Wilkinson and Merl Crooks spent Sunday afternoon at Center Grove.

Messrs. J. A. Fowler and A. Hearne, of Charlotte, spent Sunday in the city with Mr. J. A. Fowler.

Miss Thelma Gaddy, who has been visiting her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McInnis, returned to her home in Charlotte yesterday. She was accompanied by her aunt, Miss Nora McInnis.

Miss Mary Carter, of Hillsboro, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. J. H. Kizziah, on North Union street.

Mr. J. W. Miller, who has been living in Kannapolis for several months, will move his family to Concord this week. Mr. Miller has accepted a position with Brander mill.

New Civil Engineer for Salisbury-Monroe Road.

President N. B. McCannless of the Salisbury-Monroe Railroad, informed The Charlotte Observer correspondent at Salisbury Saturday that he had employed Civil Engineer S. T. Hanes of Mocksville, as chief engineer, to succeed the late Capt. R. P. Henry, who met a tragic death in a storm at Mount Pleasant last week. Mr. Hanes, with a corps of assistants, will take up the work of survey near Mount Pleasant where Captain Henry had reached, beginning tomorrow morning, and the work will go on uninterrupted.

First Mecklenburg Melons.

Charlotte Observer, 16th. Sustaining the record which he has successfully maintained for three successive years, Mr. W. P. Wilson of Long Creek township drove into Charlotte yesterday with the first Mecklenburg watermelons of the season. They were handsome specimens and were quickly bought up. Mr. Wilson's reputation for success in growing melons is widespread in the county, as the products of his vines are uniformly of high quality.