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TOM KING KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE

Wreck Occurred Sunday Afternoon On Dillard-Pine Hall Road—Two Young Men In Car With King Held By Coroner's Jury.

Tom King, aged 22 years, an employe in a furniture factory at Martinsville, Va., was instantly killed Sunday afternoon when the automobile in which he was riding turned over on a curve near the home of Dock Carter in Beaver Island township, this county. Gilmer Young and Roy Gatewood, of Martinsville, who were also in the car, were only slightly bruised. The car, a Dodge roadster, was being driven by Gilmer Young at the time of the accident.

Coroner C. R. Helsabeck was called and an inquest was conducted, the verdict of the jury being that young King was accidentally killed, and recommending that both Young and Gatewood be held for further investigation. The bond of the former was fixed at \$1,000 and the latter at \$500, both bonds being furnished.

The body of young King was carried to Martinsville Monday for interment. He is survived by his parents and other relatives.

Walnut Cove News Items

Walnut Cove, April 28.—Misses Nina and Essie Morefield left today for Charlotte to visit their sister, Mrs. J. B. Gwyn.

Miss Gladys Morefield has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. D. C. Taylor, at Gap.

Mr. E. O. Creakman is remodeling his residence and converting it into the bungalow type.

The Stokes Motor Car Co. is expecting two car loads of Oldsmobiles and Chevrolets this week.

Ford Company Will Open Plant In France

Edsel B. Ford, President of the Ford Motor Company, today confirmed reports from Paris announcing that the company had acquired property and buildings for the establishment of an assembly plant at the French capital.

"Negotiations for the acquisition of the Paris property, which have been under way for some time, have just been concluded," Mr. Ford said. "We will at once begin making additions and necessary alterations to meet our assembly requirements."

"Production at the new plant probably will start about August 1 and will provide for the assembly of 150 cars and trucks a day according to our present plans."

The Paris property, which has an area of approximately 16 acres, is known as Oxythie, a plant formerly devoted to the manufacture of oxythie products, located on the banks of the Seine river and about five miles out from the heart of the city.

While the present factory buildings, with a floor space of 132,000 square feet, differ somewhat from the type standard with the Ford Motor Company, they are well constructed and will need but few alterations. Plans include the construction of an addition which will add 85,000 square feet of floor space in order to permit installation of equipment necessary to carry out the Ford system of progressive assembly. This equipment will include an assembly line more than 400 feet long.

Location on the Seine at the French capital will permit all water shipments of manufactured automobile parts from this country in which Ford ships will participate when the company enters trans-Atlantic shipping, a new departure expected during the coming summer. Ships carrying Ford automobiles parts will dock at Havre, where the cargo will be trans-shipped to barges for delivery to the plant at Paris.

The present assembly plant in France is located at Bordeaux.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Beck, Attorney John R. Smith and Rev. Dr. McCabe, of Martinsville, Va., were visitors here Monday. Mr. Beck is publisher of the Henry County Bulletin.

About the only thing President Coolidge really likes to spend is a busy day.—Norfolk Virginian Pilot.

LAUDS SCENERY IN STOKES

Director Of Public Utility Information Bureau Visits Points Of Interest In County.

S. E. Boney, director of the North Carolina public utility information bureau at Raleigh, was a visitor in Danbury a few days since. Mr. Boney visited a number of points in Stokes securing information for his bureau. He was very much impressed with the beauty of our mountain scenery, and it is his opinion that more and visitors will be attracted to this section each summer. Mr. Boney has visited every section of the State and he thinks the "land of the sky" has very little on this section for natural beauty.

SERMON FOR MEN NEXT SUNDAY

Will Be Delivered By Rev. Billy Sunday—Thousand Turned Away From Tabernacle.

Winston-Salem, April 26.—This was Billy Sunday's biggest day in Winston-Salem. Hundreds, if not thousands, were turned away from the afternoon service for lack of room in the big tabernacle. A hand-raising vote showed about 50 per cent of the congregation were from out of town. They came from various towns and cities, as well as from the rural communities.

Information has been received that, before the meeting closes, delegations are coming from Charlotte, Roanoke, and even Newport News, Va., where Mr. Sunday conducted his last campaign. It is learned that busses are being put in shape at Newport News for the trip to be made by motor.

Next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock Evangelist Billy Sunday will preach to men only at the Piedmont Warehouse Tabernacle, Choir Director Rodenheaver announced yesterday.

Motor Cars and Taxes

A man who has taken the pains to gather the figures finds that the automotive (motor car) industry pays more taxes than all the railroads and the street railways combined. That means that the folks think the motor car is worth the money, or that they must have it, regardless of cost, which amounts to the same thing. And the railroad and street car people will say that the automobiles should pay more, seeing what they have done to the railroad and street car business. Certainly the figures do not prove that the automotive industry is paying too much or that the railroads are paying too little. If the public will build and maintain, at their own cost, tracks for the railroad cars and street cars to run on, as they do for the automobiles, the steam and electric line people will no doubt be willing to squeeze out a few more dollars in taxes.—Statesville Landmark.

Willing to Wait

Salesman (at motor show)—"This is the type of car that pays for itself, sir."

Prospective Buyer—"Well, as soon as it has done that you can have it delivered at my garage."—Boston Transcript.

Merely Ornamental

"They tell me you have a model husband, Mrs. Hicks."

"Yus, sir, but 'e ain't a workin' model."—The Humorist (London.)

S'blood!

"Want to go on a sleighing party?"

"Sure. Who are we going to slay?"—Rutgers Chanticleer.

Lincoln county farmers are planning to ship spring chickens to the cities of the section again this year. Last spring they sold 8,000 fryers at a good profit and one farmer now has 300 ready, reports county agent Graham Morrison.

We fancy that if Senator Borah has a pet cat, he strokes its fur up toward the neck.—Houston Post-Dispatch.

LIST-TAKERS' FARM CENSUS

Tax Supervisor Carroll Asks Farmers To Have List Ready For Turning In To List-Taker.

Tax Supervisor E. W. Carroll requests that farmers prepare at once a farm census report to be turned over to the township tax-lister next month. The report should show the number of acres in small grain, acres in cow peas for hay, acres in soy beans for hay, acres in clover, and number of acres in other cultivated or wild grass for hay. It should also show the acreage of the farm, and how much cultivated by owner and by tenants, acres cleared, in woods, in pasture, etc. Acres in tobacco, in corn, wheat, etc. Blanks will be furnished farmers by list-taker.

This list is not for taxation purposes but is only for information for both federal and state governments and is very important.

Marriage License

Recently Register of Deeds John Taylor has issued license for the marriage of the following named couples:

Thomas Lea Nale to Mary Bell Rumley, John Young to Patience Fulton, John W. Hairston to Lessie Street, Edgar Smith to Carrie Booth, Claude R. Stone to Mae Pulliam, Edgar L. Dodson to Willie Vernon, Eugene Dulin to Alice Maddocks, Jess Gatewood to Lillie Mabe, Chas. Cox to Jennie Cox, Cleods I Covington to Nellie Hunter, Wm. D. Hairston to Mary Gibson, William Jackson to Sarah Amos, Arthur F. Lawson to Alice Martin, T. Paul Martin to Virginia Jackson, John H. Boles to Bertha Calhoun, C. W. Needham to E. D. Joyce, Roy Mitchell to Pearl Young.

Dangerous Sweets

The other day agents of the government raided a candy warehouse in one of the larger cities of the country and piled in the middle of the street tons and tons of bright boxes of candy. The people who saw the performance were frankly amazed until the agents secured baseball bats and began to pound the liquor and brandy, which had been stored in the candy, much in the same candy boxes. It was then that the manner that cherries or other fruit and juices are stored, began to pour into the street.

Members of the police department were present to keep back the crowd which gathered, attracted by the commotion and the smell of whiskey.

It is just possible that a great and flourishing industry was wrecked by the action of the government agents. To be sure, it is something new to have rum candy discovered and destroyed on such a large scale. A great many people who have a fondness for a nip occasionally, will no doubt be saddened by the thought of all that good brandy going to waste, but others will be equally enthused over the fact that the law is thus upheld and that those who dared to flaunt its solemn majesty in derision are discomfited to a degree.

Poisoned candy, for that is what it was, is something new, but in reality it is old as the hills, for evil has long tried to assume the guise of purity, danger frequently becomes innocent in appearance, and deceptiveness is one of the lures of alcohol and drugs.—Greensboro Record.

Lucy Aunt May

"Mummy, has Aunt Betty got a little baby?"

"Yes, dear."

"Has Aunt May?"

"No, she has a little dog instead."

"Oh, I suppose she had first pick!"—Progressive Grocer.

Don't abuse the hen because she wants to set. Instead, put her in a slatted coop, feed her well and give plenty of water. Generally she will be ready to get back to laying in two or three weeks.

Our old copybooks and our old reader used to be full of adulations of economy; though we never thought it would get into politics.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Washington landlords will know what to do with the Congressmen's pay increase without being told.—South Bend Tribune.

WALNUT COVE HIGH SCHOOL

Commencement Exercises Will Begin Sunday—Other News and Personals.

Walnut Cove, April 29.—Mr. T. C. Hartman spent the week-end with relatives in Salisbury.

Misses Velma Burge and Katherine Hutcherson spent the week-end with Miss Elizabeth Sparger in Greensboro.

Mr. J. S. Fulton, of Greensboro, was in town Monday.

Mr. L. C. Hanks, now with State Highway Commission, spent the week-end at his home in Elkin.

Mrs. John Lewis, Willard and Opal Lewis left Tuesday to visit relatives in Tennessee.

The grading for hard-surface road was begun Tuesday, starting above water tank.

Miss Sarah Mitchell left Wednesday to visit relatives in Hillsboro.

Mesdames Marion and Armfield, Mt. Airy, attended the services at Episcopal church Sunday night.

Thomas King, aged 22, of Martinsville, Va., was instantly killed near here Sunday afternoon, when the car in which he was riding left the road and turned over, pinning him under the car. Gilmer Young, driver, and Harry Gatewood were thrown clear and not badly hurt.

Mrs. C. M. Jones spent several days last week with her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Beeson, who has been very ill.

Mr. E. G. Gilmer has returned after several weeks absence on account of sickness. We are glad to see him looking so well.

Miss Estelle Rierison, Mr. and Mrs. Sanders Rierison, Jr., spent the week-end with their parents here.

Mesdames W. M. Parrish, with daughter, Katherine, O. H. Parrish, W. H. Livingston and son, Edward, and W. B. Hull, of Greensboro, spent Thursday with Mrs. Paul Fulton.

The commencement exercises of Walnut Cove High School will begin Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at school auditorium with baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Mr. Lloyd Wilson, High Point. On Wednesday evening a program by the primary grades will be given. Thursday evening a grammar grade program, Friday evening a play by the High School and Saturday evening the graduating exercises.

Mr. H. C. Austin spent Friday afternoon in Elkin.

How Many More Cars?

For several years speculation has been going on as to how many automobiles the United States will finally use. All early estimates have been greatly exceeded and there are today about 16,000,000 cars and trucks in actual service.

As there are only about 25,000,000 families, it may be seen that at the present rate of automobile sales it would not be long until there would be a car in use for every family. But this is impossible to imagine, as there will always be many families unable to possess a car.

The limit, then, must be somewhere between the two figures above mentioned. It does seem reasonable that the country could absorb more than 4,000,000 or 5,000,000 additional motor vehicle until we have a greatly increased population.

Last year about 3,500,000 automobiles were produced, of which probably one-half were required to replace worn-out cars. The factories will hardly be able to keep up this production and find a sale for the output. While there is room for a great increase of automobiles in foreign countries, we so far have marketed only about 10 per cent of American-built cars abroad.

It appears, therefore, that a considerable curtailment of production will shortly be necessary and that the greater demand will be for replacement only. Competition in selling will no doubt be keener than ever in the future, as the factories of the country will be unable to market their maximum output.

Recent showers have helped the situation considerably in regard to young tobacco plants. Only a very small per cent of the farmers will have a shortage of plants. The rains have also greatly helped the wheat crop, which is looking promising now.

KING SCHOOL BEATS PINNACLE

But Loses To Westfield Boys In Ball Game—New Church Started—Other Items.

King, April 27.—King high school triumphed over their old rivals, Pinnacle high school Friday afternoon. The game was fast but too many errors were made on both sides. Meadows and White handled the stick the best for the visitors, while Barber starred for Pinnacle. Slate and Hooker staged a fast game around the key-stone sack and pulled a speedy double in the fifth inning. Boyles pitched a winning brand of ball never in danger of losing the game with White handling the mit in big league style. The final score stood ten to seventeen.

Dr. R. C. Fowler, of Winston-Salem, was among the business visitors here Saturday.

Miss Mallie Redman, who is teaching in the high school here spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents in Pilot Mountain.

Mr. P. H. Newsom is preparing to attend the state convention of Modern Woodmen of America to be held at Elizabeth City May 6th and 7th.

The Standard Oil Co. is installing another large tank at their service station on the E. P. Newsom corner. The fast increasing business of this up-to-date station makes this improvement necessary.

Miss Louise Norman spent the week end with her parents at Dobson.

The King all stars lost to Francis in a game of base ball played on the Westfield diamond Saturday. The score stood thirteen to fourteen.

Large crowds from this place are attending the Billy Sunday meetings at Winston-Salem.

Dr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Griffin attended the Billy Sunday meeting at Winston-Salem Sunday.

The Fowler-Jones Lumber Co. is preparing to open up a place of business here. They will carry in stock all kinds of building material. King has been in need of a business of this kind for a long time, and it is predicted they will do well here. They have secured a location on North Depot street.

Rev. E. A. Holton, of Winston-Salem, will preach in the hall over the Bank of Stokes County Sunday, May 3rd, at 3:00 o'clock p. m.

The first brick was laid today on the Moravian church on West Main street. Rev. E. A. Holton and James Hall, of Winston-Salem, were present. Rev. Hall held a prayer for the safety of the contractor and the men who will build this new church.

Those who took part in the first brick laying were Messrs. B. F. Pulliam, J. S. Grabs, O. O. Grabs, W. J. Fulk, G. M. Allen and W. M. West. Also Mesdames S. W. Pulliam, B. F. Pulliam, R. S. Helsabeck, Minnie Alley, Gaston Allen, G. E. Stone, E. A. Moser and little Billy Helsabeck, Junior Stone, Eddie White, Glen Moser and Francis Alley.

Rev. Paul Herman Newsom preached at Brown Mountain Sunday at 11:00 o'clock A. M.

Captain C. J. Kirby, who holds a position with the Southern Railway Company, spent Sunday with his family in Walnut Hills.

A Fable—1925 Model

Once upon a time there was an 18-year-old flapper who used to love to stroll down the Main St., powder her nose at every shop window mirror and devour seeds of ice cream, etc. This damsel was one of the best customers William Wrigley ever had and knew all the mints up to and including double and pepper. She also won first prize from a cosmetic concern for having on the best make-up in her class in school. Then one day there came a sheik who persistently wooed the flapper. The said young sheik was a gay young weight who slept on a pool table a great deal, and it is said that he "once" carried a whole twenty dollar bill in his balloonated trousers. He and the young flapper kept on their foolishness till one day they got married without knowing why or how come. Each was positive the other had a job, and the truth was that neither was on speaking terms with a paymaster. Bang! The end of a perfect romance. She's back at home. So's he.

Moral: Find out where he works before you say "yes."—Exchange.

H. B. VARNER DIED MONDAY

Was Among Leading Citizens of the State—Former Commissioner of Labor and Printing.

Lexington, April 27.—Henry Branson Varner, president of the North Carolina Motion Picture Theater Owners association and former state commissioner of labor and printing, died here tonight shortly after 9:00 o'clock of pneumonia which developed 10 days ago following a business trip to Charlotte.

Colonel Varner's condition had been exceedingly grave the last few days, but Sunday he was thought to have shown positive signs of improvement. Late today there was a sudden turn for the worse, and the patient soon sank into a state of coma. He did not regain consciousness before his death.

Funeral Tomorrow.

Funeral plans are as yet indefinite, but the services likely will be held some time Wednesday.

Besides his wife, who before marriage was Evelyn Pearce, of Washington, he is survived by his mother, one sister and one brother, of Denton, N. C. He was married to Miss Pearce less than a year ago.

Colonel Varner was born at Denton, April 12, 1870. He had little opportunity to attend school, never advancing above the grammar grades, but by constant application to duties he had carved for himself a distinct place in state affairs and in business. His first work was at a saw mill in Davidson county, for which he received ten cents a day. Later he sold fruit trees several years.

Published Newspaper.

In 1896 he bought The Lexington Dispatch, which paper he owned and edited 27 years, until he sold it in 1923. His work as an editor gained him wide recognition, and during his newspaper career he served for a time as president of the North Carolina Press association. He was president of the National Editorial association one term years ago.

During his activities as publisher, Colonel Varner established and published the Southern Good Roads Magazine. He continued the publication of this from 1910 to 1918.

In State Service.

For two terms he was state commissioner of labor and printing, from 1900 to 1908. From 1912 to 1920 he was chairman of the state prison board. In 1912 he was state chairman for the Underwood campaign for the presidency.

Colonel Varner was democratic candidate for Congress in the seventh district in 1916, but was defeated by L. D. Robinson, of Wadesboro. For four or five campaigns he was chairman of the Davidson county democratic executive committee.

Operated Picture Shows.

Ten or 12 years ago Colonel Varner became interested in motion picture theaters. At that time he leased a house in Lexington where he built up a large business. Two years ago he organized a company which bought the house he had formerly leased and built a plant in which he expended \$250,000. He then extended his operations, operating theaters in Badin and Thomasville, and was to have opened a new theater in Concord next Monday night. A few months ago, when the motion picture theater owners were holding their annual meeting in Charlotte, Colonel Varner was re-elected president of the state organization, an office he had held several years already.

News From King R. 2

King Route 2, April 28.—We are having a lot of dry weather through this section at this writing, although the farmers are hauling fertilizer and planning for a large crop.

The wheat crop is looking very well at this writing, but if it doesn't rain soon it will be a short crop.

Mr. J. R. Hutchison, of King, is building a road through this section.

Misses Faye Tillotson, Eunice Lawson, Gertrude Masencup, and Messrs. Austin Garner, Nomie Hooker, and Fount Smith, of King High School, went to the R. J. Reynolds auditorium to see the Carolina play-makers last Saturday night. They report an enjoyable and interesting trip.

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