

HORSE IS BURNED IN MORNING FIRE

Two Separate Fires at North Henderson In Three Hours Sunday

A horse belonging to I. H. Murphy was burned to death when the Murphy stable to the rear of his store in North Henderson was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning, around 3 o'clock. This was the second fire to occur there within the space of about three hours, the first being a stable and storage belonging to H. A. Clouton.

Firemen answered both alarms promptly, but since the property involved was outside the city limits and some distance removed from fire hydrants, there was little they could do other than to use their booster tanks. These, however, saved adjacent dwellings and other buildings from being wiped out.

Fire Chief E. T. Shepherd said today he did not know the origin of the blaze in either instance, nor did he know how much insurance was carried, if any, by either of the property owners.

All of the structures destroyed by fire were in the narrow strip of land between residences and stores facing the national highway on the front and the main line tracks of the Seaboard Air Line railroad on the rear.

The first fire attracted a large throng of onlookers. The glare of the flames in the sky gave the appearance of a major fire, but those who went to the scene found only the storage and stable buildings aflame. The alarm for the first fire came in about five minutes after the stroke of midnight, and the second shortly after 3 o'clock Sunday morning.

Fire Chief Shepherd said that in his opinion the second fire did not originate from a spark or ember from the first fire, although the buildings were separated by only a few hundred feet.

Rotary To Meet—The weekly session of the Rotary Club will be held Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock at the Busy Bee cafe dining room.

T. P. A. DELEGATES GO TO GOLDSBORO

E. G. Shaw, of Henderson, To Be Offered as State President of Travelers Society

The delegation of nearly a dozen members of the local Post 1, Travelers Protective Association of North Carolina, will go to Goldsboro at the end of the present week for the annual convention of the State organization, and it is expected that E. G. Shaw, Henderson member, will be elevated to the office of State president at the meeting.

Mr. Shaw will be presented for the office, and is not expected to have serious opposition for the office. He has long been one of the most active members of the State association, and ranks among the two or three best membership solicitors in the T. P. A. in the United States.

Rev. I. W. Hughes, rector of Holy Innocents Episcopal church of Henderson, is State chaplain, an office he has held for nearly 20 years in succession, and he is expected to be re-elected to that place again.

MR. HALE PREACHES AT DABNEY CLOSING

Sermon Sunday Afternoon Heard by Large Audience at School

Rev. A. S. Hale, pastor of the First Baptist church of Henderson, preached the commencement sermon at the start of the closing exercises of Dabney high school, held Sunday afternoon in the school auditorium. The school graduates twelve seniors this year, it was stated by Prof. B. A. Scott, the principal. Miss Gidays Taylor, of the faculty, was directly in charge of the program Sunday afternoon.

Miss Helen Kimball's music class will appear in recital at the school tonight in a continuance of the commencement program, and on Thursday night the Class Day exercises will be held, in charge of Miss Clyde Hunter, also of the faculty.

The graduating exercises will be held Friday night, with Miss Katharine Baxter, faculty member, in charge.

J. B. GEE ATTENDS RED MEN MEETING

J. B. Gee was in Burlington today attending the annual convention of the Great Council, Improved Order of Red Men, of North Carolina, in which he is a leader. Mr. Gee is a past grand sachem, highest office in the State organization, and for several years he has been a member of the organization's death benefit board. So far as was learned, Mr. Gee was the only Red Men's tribe delegate to go from this city.

BANKS ARE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY

All Henderson banks were closed today in observance of Confederate Memorial Day, an event celebrated only in North Carolina. Aside from the closing of the banks, no other business in the city came to a full holiday halt for the occasion. Bank officials and clerks rested or left the city for recreation, personal trips or other forms of relaxation.

Blue Mold Concern Here But Planting Is Started

Under Normal Conditions Crop Outlook for 1937 Is Regarded As Bright in This Section; High Cotton Prices Luring Some Growers

Blue mold in tobacco seedbeds was declared by growers today to be a menace and a concern, though hardly at the stage of alarm, as the first transplanting from the beds to the growing fields goes under way in this section. Here and there farmers have set several acres and continued favorable weather for another week will see additional acreages set for the growing season.

So far there is no large scale worrying as to the supply of plants, although damage has been sufficient to justify a more or less widespread belief that there will hardly be any surplus, and the opinion is expressed in well informed circles that the Vance county tobacco crop in 1937 will certainly be no larger than last year. That appears to be true of Eastern North Carolina's vast New Bright Belt and the border territory also, according to advices here.

One factor in the tobacco situation is the diversion of some acreage to cotton in sections. With cotton selling close to 14 cents, with a possibility of fifteen cents by harvest time in the fall, discerning growers feel that there is more money for less effort in cotton than through the long, tedious process of caring for tobacco on the same amount of land.

With normal seasons, it is believed that 1937 offers bright prospects for farmers in this section of the country, both as to cotton and likewise for tobacco.

While blue mold has not yet assumed the menacing proportions here as that which prevails in the eastern belt it may yet develop seriously for growers. An indication of the extent of the damage in the tobacco belts of the State as a whole is seen in the estimate of K. J. Shaw, of the Agricultural Experiment Station at N. C. State College, Raleigh, who this week said that this dreaded disease of seedling plants, will before it makes its final bow, will have taken approximately 25 percent of North Carolina's 1937 tobacco crop. They heavy infestation, first noted in the far southern Georgia belt, spread rapidly to North Carolina plantbeds to take the heaviest toll since 1932, according to Shaw.

Georgia growers, caught in its grip, flocked to this State to buy plants, paying as much as one cent per plant. He said sufficient plants to set an acre were valued at \$50. So acute has the situation become, even in portions of North Carolina, that theft of plants at night has become widespread. Shaw reported one Johnston county farmer saying night prowlers had stolen three acres of plants from his farm.

Shaw said nearly three-quarters of the crop has been set in the South Carolina border territory. In Eastern North Carolina possibly a fourth of the transplanting has been carried out. Planting on a large scale is looked for there this week, and Shaw expressed the opinion that this year's crop would not exceed the 1937 acreage.

From Pitt county comes the report that the blue mold situation in the Greenville area is "exceedingly critical," with the county agent declaring that unless weather conditions in the immediate future prove more favorable, the mold will become more menacing than was at first thought.

Theft of plants there is already being reported.

A report from Wilson is that farmers there have for the past two weeks been standing guard at night over their plantbeds in fear of thefts. Armed with shotguns, landlords and tenants have kept the nightly vigils as a protection to their source of supply for the tobacco crop.

One Wilson county farmer, a large grower, said last year \$5 would buy enough plants to set an acre. This year the plants cost a penny apiece, he said, and it might as well be said they cost \$100 for an acre's supply, for they can't be had at any price. Outlandish prices have been offered growers for surplus plants, but there have been few plants for sale, as the general belief is that prices will be high for the 1937 crop. A farmer might sell \$3,000 worth of plants, this grower said, but if set in the fields, will probably bring the grower \$15,000 in the sale of tobacco.

SEAL SALE HERE REACHED \$144 SUM

Mrs. D. D. Hocutt Headed Successful Easter Cripple Seal Sale

A total of \$144.07 from the sale of seals for the benefit of crippled children was raised in Vance county during the Easter season when seals were sold by the school children of the various schools, it was announced today.

This work was under the leadership of Mrs. D. D. Hocutt, director sponsored by the Vance County Welfare Department.

Prizes offered to the school and to the grade reporting the most sales went to the West End school for the school reporting the largest sale, and to Miss Elizabeth Graham's grade in West End school for the grade reporting the largest sale.

The colored graded school also received a prize of \$2.50 for their cooperation in the work.

Mrs. E. R. Austin, superintendent of the welfare for Vance county, expressed appreciation for the cooperation and response given to the drive.

GOVERNOR HOEY TO VISIT CITY LATER

Governor Clyde R. Hoey is to come to Henderson at some early date to speak before adult Bible classes, but the date is yet to be fixed by the governor, according to J. B. Gee, member of a committee handling the matter with the governor. The governor himself has for many years been the teacher of a men's class in his home church in Shelby, and more recently has been teaching a class in Raleigh. The invitation to the governor to come here was recently extended and the executive was favorable to the idea but could not at the present name a definite date.

LOUISBURG GROUP GIVES PLAY HERE

"The Soldier of the Cross" Presented at M. E. Church at Night

A group of students of Louisburg College, Louisburg, presented a two-act play in the basement of the First Methodist church Sunday night, in lieu of the regular Sunday evening preaching services, and the performance was attended by both adults and children, with a sprinkling of visitors from other churches.

The students revealed noteworthy dramatic ability by their work, and gave a play, written by Marie Jensen, with a touching and inspiring theme pertaining to mission work. Its title was "The Soldier of the Cross."

Frank Stearns had the leading role and did in exceptionally fine fashion. Opposite him appeared Miss Julia Brown Hugin, who was equally good. Misses Blanche Warren and Margaret Riggan also had prominent parts.

During the intermission between the acts a group of students sang hymns appropriate to the story contained in the play. This type of work, along with other activities, is being emphasized in Louisburg College, which is now presided over by Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, former pastor of the First Methodist church here, who took over the duties of president of the institution on April 1, following his election to the post upon the death of the late Dr. A. D. Wilcox. It was the first visit of a Louisburg College group here since Mr. Earnhardt became president. He was not with the group that appeared here Sunday night.

MINOR CHARGES IN RECORDER'S COURT

Seven Defendants Given Hearings Before Judge R. E. Clements

Recorder R. E. Clements had seven defendants in county court today, all of them facing minor charges.

Algie Henley was charged with assaulting and using profanity, and the prosecuting witness appeared in court and withdrew the charge upon payment of the costs.

Floyd Edwards was charged with assault, and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the costs and showing good behavior for 12 months, particularly toward Silas Henry.

Laura Hill, Negro woman, was charged with bedding and co-habiting, and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the costs and conviction of violating the laws of Vance county for the next 12 months.

Elvin Jeffries, Negro, was sent to the roads for 60 days for bedding and co-habiting.

Phil Hawkins, Negro, was convicted of being drunk and with resisting an officer. He was given 30 days on the roads, commitment not to issue upon payment of a fine of \$5 and costs and showing good behavior for 12 months.

Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of a fine of \$2.50 and costs of court as to George Murphy, charged with being drunk.

EPISCOPALIANS GO TO DIOCESE MEETING

Annual Convention of North Carolina Group in Winston-Salem Tuesday, Wednesday

Rev. I. W. Hughes, rector of Holy Innocents Episcopal church, today led a delegation from his congregation to Winston-Salem to attend the annual convention of the North Carolina Episcopal Diocese, which formally convenes there tomorrow morning for a two-day meeting.

In addition to the rector, the lay delegation will consist of R. E. Clements, E. G. Glenn, S. P. Cooper and F. B. Robards.

Mr. Hughes and several of the laymen left this afternoon and the others go tomorrow.

DRUNKENNESS PUTS SEVERAL IN COURT

Four of Six Defendants Before Mayor on Drunken Charges

Public drunkenness placed four of the six defendants in city court today before Mayor Irvine B. Watkins. Clyde Davis entered a plea of guilty to being drunk, and was fined \$5 and costs.

Walter Brodie, Jr., Negro, was convicted of carrying a concealed weapon, a pistol, and was given the alternative of paying a fine of \$50 and costs or spending 30 days on the roads.

Sotnewall Harte paid \$5 and costs for being drunk in a public place.

Prayer for judgment was continued until May 17 in the case of Robert Brame, charged with taking rolls at Evans Bakery.

Arch Joyner entered a plea of guilty to being drunk, and was fined \$5 and costs of court.

Chester Ball was fined \$5 and costs when he entered a plea of guilty to being drunk.

CAN YOU ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS?

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1. What is a seismograph?
2. In what country is the Clyde river?
3. What is the name of the supreme judicial tribunal of France?
4. In the U. S., what is internal revenue?
5. Name the last czar of Russia.
6. What is a catechism?
7. What woman made the first solo flight from Hawaii to California?
8. In classical mythology, who was Vulcan?
9. What is insomnia?
10. On what peninsula in Alaska is the city of Nome?

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Closing Program There Gets Under Way With Services Sunday

Rev. R. E. Brown, pastor of the First Methodist church, preached the sermon at the closing exercises of Aycock high school, six miles east of the city, Sunday evening. The exercises were held in the auditorium of the school, which was thronged with parents of the children and patrons and friends of the institution in general.

The commencement sermon was one of a series of events in the commencement program at Aycock school of which Prof. W. C. Poe is the principal. The school will turn out a large graduating class this year, and exercises now in progress mark the end of what is generally considered one of the school's best years.

MARRIAGE PAPERS THREE ON SATURDAY

Three marriage licenses were reported today at the Vance Registry as having been issued Saturday.

Clarence Edward Smith and Sarah Hattie Crafton, both of North Henderson, secured papers.

Two colored couples, John Burchett and Rosa Bullock, and John W. Solomon and Maggie Lee Foster, the latter couple of Franklin county, were issued papers to wed.

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ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
*Bonds and Stocks	\$39,546,991.00	Unearned premiums	\$11,505,392.00
Real Estate	192,358.49	Reserve for claims	18,027,532.00
Premiums in course of collection (not 90 days overdue)	4,860,635.97	Reserve for taxes and expenses	1,632,061.76
Interest accrued	191,610.35	Reserve for all other liabilities	1,000,000.00
Cash on deposit and in office	2,871,385.77	Capital	\$2,250,000.00
All other assets	190,390.91	Net Surplus	13,438,386.73
*Total Admitted Assets	\$47,853,372.49	*Policyholders' Surplus	15,688,386.73
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