

TRINITY COLLEGE BECOMES DUKE UNIVERSITY

Trustees Vote Unanimously to Accept Offer of \$6,000,000 Foundation

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Window Wiring Trapped Crowd in School Fire

Hobart, Okla., Dec. 25.—Crawling on hands and knees, dodging between scuffling feet and straining body, a tiny girl, Lella Biggers, four and a half years old, escaped without a scratch from the Babb's Switch Christmas eve holocaust in which 34 persons lost their lives.

"I crawled until I got out into the cold," was the simple way in which Lella described her escape. The child was listed among the missing in early lists of the victims. Her two brothers, Walter and William, died in the fire and her mother, Mrs. W. E. Biggers was probably fatally burned.

It is believed a number of other small children escaped injury or death in the same manner. Twenty persons injured in the fire are still in hospitals. All are considered to have at least an even chance for recovery.

A committee of Hobart citizens has been appointed by the Mayor to provide for the care of children orphaned by the fire and to work toward rehabilitation of the home life to Babb's Switch. A movement is under way to raise funds for a monument to those killed in Oklahoma's worst tragedy. The monument would be placed either in Hobart or on the site of the fire.

Authorities said they expected to take no action toward investigating the Babb's Switch fire. Vigilance of the school trustees in placing wire netting over the outside of the school windows to keep out vandals was held chiefly responsible for the heavy loss of life. Could the windows of the one story structure have been used as a means of egress virtually all of 200 persons in the building could have escaped, it was believed.

Babb's Switch is a prosperous farming community seven miles south of Hobart. Cotton and wheat are the principal products. The population is about 250.

Library is Short of Dictionaries Bar Cross-Word Fans

New York, Dec. 2.—A dictionary shortage faces the New York Public Library as a result of the demands by cross-word puzzle fans it was said yesterday by H. M. Lydenberg chief reference librarian.

So acute is the shortage at the library Mr. Lydenberg said that officials are contemplating either purchasing a new stock of dictionaries or else denying their use to those who want them chiefly to aid in solving cross-word puzzles. There are 150 English dictionaries in the library and it is estimated that upward of 500 people daily are seeking their use.

To help meet the problem Charles F. McCombs superintendent of the main reading room announces that dictionaries are to be removed from the shelves in the reading room. They will be lent only to those who give assurance that they wish to use them "for legitimate reference purposes."

Mr. Lydenberg said there would be no objection to use of dictionaries and other reference works to help in solving cross-word puzzles were it not for the fact that the demand has been too great to take care of. "We have arrived at the deplorable state" he said "where it is necessary to bar the cross-word puzzle fans from using our dictionaries. Either that or we'll have to order more dictionaries."

Family Has Narrow Escape in Saltville Flood

Home Is Swept From Foundation By Swiftly Moving Stream of Muck—Family Floats On Beam To River Where They Manage to Reach Shore

Bristol, Va., Herald, Dec. 25. Rev. W. E. Fuller, pastor of the River Bend Baptist Church, near Emmett's in Sullivan county, Saturday brought to Bristol a remarkable story of the Saltville flood Christmas eve. His son, Robert Fuller and the latter's wife and eight months old babe and two others of the family were saved in a most remarkable manner. The family lived in the flood area below the big muck dam.

About 8 o'clock Wednesday night the dam let loose and the sea of lime muck poured down upon them along with the other occupants of the village. No alarm had been given and the first warning was the terrific crash caused by the onrushing sea of lime muck striking the side of the house, a frame cottage. Instantly the house was in motion and the rooms were flooded with muck.

Mr. Fuller managed to get his wife and babe and Mrs. Fuller's brother, Arthur Pauley, aged eleven, and the latter's sister Gladys Pauley, aged fifteen, on a sixteen foot length of timber that was floating near the door. The entire family of five, including the eight months old babe clutched in the arms of the mother, clung frantically to the timber. They drifted out into the darkness with the onrushing sea of muck, growing in volume. The night was very dark on account of the rain and clouds and they were unable to see but realized that they were drifting. After they had drifted a distance later ascertained to have been over three hundred yards into the Holston river, Mrs. Fuller, with the babe in one hand, managed to grab an overhanging limb. This brought the raft to a stop.

Touched Bottom

Mr. Fuller let down in the water and found he could touch bottom. He realized that the raft was close to the bank on account of the overhanging limbs. Gladys Pauley, his fifteen year-old sister-in-law, was straggling from the large amount of lime muck swallowed and had fallen from the raft. He recovered her and wading in the roaring sea almost to his chin he pulled her to the bank. The others were shouting for help and a Mr. Combs one of the rescuers waded out to the raft and pulled Mrs. Fuller and the eight months old babe to shore.

Other help came and the entire family was saved but it was found that Mrs. Fuller and her eight months old babe were in bad condition from exposure and burning from the lime. They were taken to the hospital. It is feared that the babe will permanently be blind due to the burning of the lime. Mrs. Fuller swallowed a large quantity of the lime muck. She was also bruised and otherwise injured when the house was crushed by the impact of the muck striking it. Mr. Fuller is apparently uninjured save a few scratches. Gladys and Arthur Pauley, the two other children saved from the raft, are in the hospital. Gladys' condition is regarded as serious.

The Fuller case is considered the most remarkable rescue of the flood. Mr. Fuller not only saved himself but his entire family. The family is of course greatly saddened by the knowledge that the infant girl will probably lose her sight permanently.

Eight Still Missing After Break of Dam

Saltville, Va., Dec. 27.—With 14 bodies recovered, search of the muck lime deposit that overspreads a score of acres in the Holston river valley near here was continued today to account for eight persons still missing after the disastrous dam break of Christmas eve. More than 200 men kept up the search today, while Saltville completed plans for the burial of its dead. Six bodies recovered in yesterday's search brought the total of known dead to 14. It was believed the final death list would reach more than a score.

Large Appropriations Are Sought From Legislature

Educational and Other State Institutions in North Carolina Ask Large Amount But Budget Commission Will Prune Requests

CHRISTMAS DAY SPENT SIMPLY AT THE WHITE HOUSE

President Visits His Office But Finding Nothing to Do Returns Home For Hour With His Family.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The simplicity that attends observance of Christmas in rural Vermont marked the day at the White House and in a measure precluded the entire life of the capital. Whether by design or not, observance of the holiday throughout Washington partook of the quiet and simple manner of celebration of President and Mrs. Coolidge partly through the inherited custom of their Vermont forebearers and partly because of the recent vacancy in the family circle.

Cabinet members remaining in the city for the holiday observed the festival with members of their families, and those of high and low degree in official and private life followed much the same plan. There were few of the receptions and parties that once marked the day in the capital.

The Usual Routine Mr. Coolidge refused to permit the holiday to interfere entirely with his routine. He and Mrs. Coolidge, although late in retiring last night because of the Christmas carol service on the north lawn of the White House and the benefit supper they served to the singers afterward in the state dining room, arose and had breakfast at the usual hour.

Nine o'clock saw the President in his office, but a clear desk greeted him and so he wandered through the executive offices seeking among the desks the overnight accumulation of mail. Finding this he sorted it out, taking with him a few letters that appeared most likely to be addressed to his personal attention, and then taking a seat beside the policeman's desk in the main lobby read the morning newspapers.

Attend Church Services

Returning to the executive mansion he spent an hour with Mrs. Coolidge and John, the son, and the White House's only Christmas guests Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Stearns, of Boston, and the entire party drove to the First Congregational church for the union Christmas day services, held under the auspices of the Washington Federation of Churches. Ministers representing the leading Protestant denominations of the city participated in these services and a sermon entitled, "The Abiding Joy of the Shepherds," was preached by the Rev. Charles Wood, of the Church of the Covenant, Presbyterian.

Again before luncheon Mr. Coolidge visited his office and finding there Rudolph Forster, White House executive clerk, went over a few matters with him. Late in the afternoon he went out for a long walk in the sharp air of a partly cloudy day.

Mr. and Mrs. Stearns were the only guests at the Christmas dinner to-night, at which the place of prominence was given to a monster turkey raised on a government reclamation project in Wyoming and sent to the White House by the Lion's club, of Riverton, Wyo.

The government departments, which closed Wednesday noon, will re-open tomorrow but Congress will not re-convene until next Monday.

The North Carolina budget commission meets this week in Raleigh to begin pruning down requests of state institutions for maintenance and improvement for the next two years. The report of the budget commission will be made to the legislature.

A total of \$19,200,215 is sought by A. T. Allen, state superintendent of public instruction for educational needs.

For White Education For the education of white persons he asks \$5,900,351 for maintenance for the next two years, that including salaries and all other running expenses. For permanent improvements which means buildings, etc, he asks \$11,006,384. That is a total for white persons of \$16,906,715.

For negro education he asks \$687,000 for maintenance and \$1,576,500 for building and permanent improvements, a total of \$2,263,500.

The University of North Carolina leads the educational institutions of the state in requests for maintenance. This educational center is requesting \$2,027,495 for its maintenance program. North Carolina State comes second with a request of \$1,364,000 for the biennium period North Carolina College for Women runs third with a request for \$1,140,124 for administration and maintenance.

State College State college is out in front in requests for permanent improvements. This institution wishes an appropriation of \$2,727,500 for permanent buildings and improvements of its present plant. The university comes second on this list in this respect with a request for \$2,445,000. North Carolina Teachers college is considering considerable expansion during the next biennial period and takes rank of third in this respect with a request for \$2,058,634. North Carolina for Women comes fourth with a request for \$1,950,250.

Among the propositions under consideration by the education superintendent is the construction of a new normal school for white children. An appropriation of \$900,000 is asked for this purpose. Among the institutions for charity and correction, the state hospital at Morganton is requesting the greatest amount for administration and maintenance. This request totals \$1,040,522 for the two years divided into equal amounts for each year. The State hospital at Raleigh comes second with a total request of \$997,400, also divided into equal portions for the two years.

Among the departments of state government, the state board of education leads in requests with a total for administration of \$648,000. The state board of health is second with a total of \$799,515.

The tuberculosis sanitarium is the leader among the charitable and correctional institutions in requests for permanent improvements. A total of \$1,081,526 is asked by this institution while the Caswell Training school comes second with a total of \$1,075,000. The Soldiers Home and the North Carolina School for Deaf, alone among the institutions, do not request any bond issues for permanent improvements.

The Negro Agricultural and Technical college will be the largest beneficiary of the proposed construction program for negroes if it is consummated. This institution will receive \$376,500 for new buildings. It also will receive the greatest amount for maintenance, \$262,000 being asked for this purpose.

The allowance for permanent improvements to be appropriated by the 1925 legislature, if the plan laid out in 1921 is followed is three million dollars against requests for approximately \$17,000,000. The requests for administration and maintenance total approximately \$25,200,000 which is an increase over the last biennium of about \$9,000,000.

Greenwood, S. C., Dec. 25.—Yellow belly, used here as Christmas decoration, attracted considerable attention. This particular bird, \$100 is said to be quite rare and to have never seen any of its kind.

No Funds Until 1926

None of the institutions, individuals or other beneficiaries of the fund will receive any of the proceeds until 1926, Mr. Duke said. Allotment of all of the returns during 1925 have already been made in the form of development and enlargement of the Southern Power company under way. \$10 million dollars, in addition to profits from the company this year will be devoted to the enlarging expansion now being done," Mr. Duke said. He placed this total figure around \$15,000,000, reminding that to be added to the business which the trust fund is to be developed in half an hour or more Mr. Duke of the glory that can be North Carolina's and the wonderful future for this state, but he always did it by adding: "If the people will only work." He believes in recreation, diversion, but as the end of work.

Industry Feels Effect of Prison Labor

Washington, Dec. 20.—T. A. Finch, Thomasville, writes Senator Overman expressing his interest in the so-called Feas-Parker bill which is to state prison made goods in interstate commerce and says in part. "We are very much interested in the passage of this bill for the reason that the furniture industry, particularly the chair branch, is feeling the effects of prison production, which is being marketed in open competition with the goods made by wage earning laborers."

Shoots Another Girl in Mistake For Wife

Greenville, Dec. 17.—Miss Vera Moore, Western Union telegraph operator, who was shot and killed in the Western Union office at Atlanta last Sunday night by Claude Roark, night supervisor, was a sister of Mrs. J. B. Smith, 1200 Richmond avenue, this city. According to information received here, the husband of Miss Moore resided in the same building as the Roark family. He was shot and killed by Roark also an operator in the office. The husband had violently quarreled with her and she had some time had the shooting. For some reason Roark shot Miss Moore instead of his wife. The Roark family had a young woman who died instantly. Not until Miss Moore fell and the defendant realized his mistake.

Engineer of Monitor Dies of Pneumonia

Elizabeth, N. J., Dec. 26.—Daniel K. Lester, 85, engineer on the Monitor in its famous battle with the Merrimac, died last night of pneumonia. Before becoming engineer of the Monitor during the Civil war he was an engineer on a Mississippi river train transport. For 45 years he was chief engineer of ferries operating from New Jersey points to Staten Island.