

**AN INSANE FARMER
WRECKS A SCHOOL.**

Was Grappling With Principal Of School When Dynamite Was Exploded, Both Perishing.

Bath, Mich., May 18.—Touched off by an apparently demented farmer who fell victim to his own device, two dynamite explosions at the consolidated school here today brought death to at least 28 persons—22 of them pupils in the school. Most of them were tots ranging in age from 6 to 8 years, forty others injured, were in Lansing hospitals.

The dead, in addition to the 22 pupils whose bodies have been recovered tonight, were the farmer, Andrew Kehoe, who served as treasurer of the school district; E. E. Mueck, the principal; Miss Hazel Weatherbee, third grade teacher; Glenn Smith, Bath postmaster, and Nelson McFarlan, a Bath resident. The latter two were passing the building at the time of the explosion.

More Bodies in Ruins.
Search of the ruins was continued until darkness overtook the workers, after State police had estimated that from a dozen to fifteen bodies remained to be located.

The explosions at the school followed in only a short time a blast at the nearby farm home of Kehoe. The blast and subsequent fire demolished the Kehoe home and barn.

The entire north wing of the school, a three-story brick structure, was leveled by the blasts, which caught all the pupils indoors, over their books or engaged in recitation periods in their rooms.

Survivors of the disaster described the explosion as an "awful crash" followed an instant later by the crashing of the walls and the falling of the ceilings. Many of the pupils were crushed at their desks as the tons of brick and beams crashed down.

Elaborate Preparations.
State police, probing in the tangled wreckage of the school, found that elaborate preparations had been made

Notice Trustee's Sale of Land.

By virtue of authority vested in the undersigned trustee in a certain deed of trust executed the 19th day of Sept., 1924, by Minnie Cox and J. A. Cox for Sophia Samet to secure an indebtedness of \$2,000.00, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Surry County, N. C., in book 89, page 255, default having been made in the indebtedness therein secured and at the request of the holder, I will sell for cash, to the highest bidder, at public auction, in front of the Bank of Mount Airy, Mount Airy, N. C., on

Saturday, June 11th, 1927, at 1 o'clock P. M.,

the following described real estate: Beginning at a stake on Spaugh street in the town of Mount Airy, N. C., on the corner of lot No. 20 of the sub-division of the W. T. Purvis property as sub-divided by the Atlantic Coast Realty Company on June 2nd, 1923, by I. W. Barber, engineer, and runs with the line of lot No. 20 N. 89 deg. W. 190 feet to an alley; thence with said alley N. 40 deg. E. 56 feet to the corner of lot No. 23, Sophia Samet's corner; thence with her line and the line of lot No. 23 S. 88 deg. E. 190 feet to Spaugh street; thence with Spaugh street S. 4 deg. W. 56 feet to the beginning. The same being lots 21 and 22 of said survey.

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for wrecking the building.

The basement was criss-crossed with a network of wires which were connected to more than 500 pounds of dynamite scattered in various places. Search of the ruins was interrupted for a time while unexploded dynamite was removed. State police said Kehoe apparently had carried the dynamite into the school building during the night and arranged his wiring.

He was seen to drive up in his automobile in front of the building soon after classes convened. Completing his plans, he is believed to have run a wire from his automobile, in which other explosives were stored, to the charges in the basement. Rifle shells, several of which were found near the battered automobile served as fuses.

Grappling With Fiend.

At this point, witnesses said, Huyck ran from the building and grappled with the farmer, who set off the explosive by firing a rifle into the rear of his automobile. The detonation which killed both Kehoe and Huyck set off the dynamite placed in the basement, burying the teachers and pupils under tons of debris. Panic ensued among the school children with the first rumble of the blast outside. Terrified, both teachers and pupils rushed to the exits, only to be caught beneath the falling walls and ceiling loosened by the second blast. Some leaped to the ground from lower floor windows while others stumbled over the bodies of their playmates in a mad rush for the doorways.

State police checking over the ruins of Kehoe's farm building late today found a charred home-made battery manufactured from a spark plug, a small can of gasoline and a coil. Several hundred feet of wire were attached to the device and it is believed this was the mechanism used to wreck his home. A sign on a fence on the farm bore the words "criminals are made and not born." Kehoe, a mortgage on whose farm was recently foreclosed, is believed to have dynamited the school as revenge for a controversy some time ago with the school board over taxes. Neighbors today said he had complained that taxes were so high he could not meet the mortgage and that the board had refused his request for a reduction. A bitter quarrel with the other members of the board followed.

Dr. R. H. Herring Resigns His Pastorate At Sanford

Sanford, May 19.—Rev. R. H. Herring, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church, has tendered his resignation to take effect August 1. Dr. Herring, who is a native of Surry County, has served the local congregation for about four years. During that time the church has made great progress in all lines. One of the important things accomplished is the erection of the large handsome new edifice at the corner of Summit Avenue and Steele street, a building that would do credit to a much larger congregation.

Dr. Herring is a preacher of ability and power and has endeared himself to the people of the community regardless of denominational lines. He has not announced his plans for the future.

Notice of Trustee's Sale of Land.

By virtue of authority vested in the undersigned trustee in a certain deed of trust executed by Daniel Phillips and wife Sallie Phillips to the undersigned trustee for the Workman's Building & Loan Association on the 19th day of Nov. 1925, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds in book 94, page 228, to secure an indebtedness of 600.00. Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness therein secured and at the request of the holder I will sell for cash to the highest bidder, at public auction, in front of the Bank of Mount Airy, Mount Airy, N. C., on

Saturday, June 4th, 1927, at 1 o'clock P. M.,

the following described real estate: Beginning on the east side of road near bridge and running with middle of road north 55 1/2 deg. west 105 feet to a stake in middle of road; thence north 11 deg. east 195 feet to corner; thence south 72 1/2 deg. east 105 feet to corner of fence as now stands; thence 2 1/2 deg. west 69 feet and south 23 feet and south 26 deg. west 133 feet to the beginning. See deed from H. B. Ashburn and wife to Sandy Wright, July 21, 1923, and deed from Sandy Wright to Robert Ashburn, January 21, 1925. Also 10 shares stock of Workmen's B. & L. Association in the 32nd series.

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SCHOOL ELECTION AT ELKIN IS CALLED OFF

Opposition To A Heavier Tax Causes Indefinite Delay After A Meeting Of The Citizens.

Elkin Tribune, May 19.—At a joint meeting of the board of commissioners and the city school board on Tuesday evening, a decision was made to defer for an indefinite period the school bond election, which had been set for the 30th day of May.

This call meeting of the town officials followed a mass meeting of the citizens last Saturday evening in the school auditorium when the proposition was discussed in a feverish manner, both by opponents and proponents of the bond issue. While none could dispute the fact that Elkin needs more room to house her children of school age comfortably, many feel that a heavier tax rate will impose too great a burden upon the people who are already struggling against a heavy bonded indebtedness.

Speaking in favor of the bond issue at Saturday evening's meeting were Judge J. F. Hendren, R. H. Chatham, chairman of the school board, Dr. E. G. Click, a member of the board, Prof. J. H. Alfred, superintendent of the city schools, and Mr. J. L. Powers. Speaking against it were Prof. Z. H. Dixon, Senator S. O. Maguire and Attorney W. M. Allen.

At no time in Elkin's history have the citizens been more stirred over a public matter, and it, perhaps, was a wise decision to postpone the election until a later date. Elkin, however, is not the only town where agitation reigns over the school situation, for according to circulating rumors, Mount Airy is engaged in a battle of even greater intensity, brought about by a condition somewhat similar to the one existing here.

Considering Dr. Murphree As Successor To Dr. Potent

Raleigh, May 18.—Dr. Albert Alexander Murphree, president of the University of Florida since 1909 and proposed in 1924 by the late William Jennings Bryan as Democratic nominee for President, is regarded by members of the board of trustees of

Wake Forest College as a probable successor to President William Louis Potent, who resigned last December, after reaching the age of 70 and was elected president emeritus and professor of biology effective upon the selection of his successor.

However, Gilbert Stephenson, chairman of the committee appointed by the board of trustees to select a successor to Dr. Potent, stated that his committee has taken no action as yet and final action cannot be taken until the board of trustees meets on June 1 and numerous other suggestions have been made.

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