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SERIOUS RESULTS FROM MANY AUTO WRECKS

A Series of Accidents in This Section Cause Great Suffering and Loss of Property

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Every age has its problems. The airplane will no doubt play an important part a few years hence, but at this time the automobile comes in for no end of talk. The number of accidents that have disturbed the peace and welfare of this section during the past few days is something to think about. It is not every time that blame can be attached to any one when these fearful accidents happen. The volume of traffic, the speed at which cars are run and the lack of ability to understand the traffic signals, all contribute to the many accidents.

The collision of two cars this week on the Fancy Gap road caused the serious injury of two citizens, Mr. W. H. Woods and Lonnie Edwards, both of this city. Mr. Wood is manager of the Coveland orchards. The two cars met just out of the city limits and came together with such force as to practically ruin both cars and injure both men fearfully. Mr. Woods was cut about the head by broken glass and injured in the body making it necessary that he have hospital treatment and remain in the hospital for several days. Mr. Edwards was painfully bruised, the bone just under the eye was broken. Some misunderstanding as to signals is supposed to have caused the cars to run together. Mr. Wood understood that Mr. Edwards was intending to leave the main road and turn into a filling station. Mr. Edwards had no such intention, and hence the wreck.

Your average citizen who has a sound mind does not want to be entangled with the law. This was strikingly proved this week when two skilled workmen of this city C. F. Edison and Geo. Gates became entangled with the law as the result of a bit of freedom that goes beyond what the law permits. They had worked hard during the week and some citizen up in Virginia had got in touch with them and promised to deliver some good whiskey just over the line if he were met there at an hour soon after noon on Saturday. Mr. Edison is the owner of a new car, and in it they proceeded to meet the Virginia citizen according to appointment. From him they bought a liberal supply of whiskey for their own use and a few quarts for some of the neighbors who thought they too needed some. With three gallons in the car they returned and just before reaching the business section of the city they avoided, or thought they did, contact with the police by turning down Hines street, intending to use the back streets east of Main and thus avoid the heavy traffic.

As bad luck would have it they ran square into a farmer's wagon soon after leaving Main street and broke up his front wheel. Of course a crowd gathered and some one phoned the police. The situation was embarrassing. The men with the car and the liquor were familiar with the law and the penalties, fines, confiscation of the car and so forth. Just over the sidewalk from where the wreck happened the weeds were high and the thought struck the men that in the weeds was a much better place for that liquor than in a brand new car. And so they quickly dropped the containers full of liquor over the sidewalk and hastened away from that place. Naturally they expected to be followed, and just what to do was the problem. After going a few hundred yards over back of the home of Mr. Z. T. Smith a hurried consultation decided the men to desert the car and foot it with haste into the thickets along the river only a few hundred yards away. One of them hesitated not a bit when he approached the river, but plunged in and sought concealment on the opposite bank. The other came down the bottom in the direction of Minick's mill. Mind you, all this goes to show the high regard men have for the law. In a few minutes the police were on the trail and found both men who submitted when they saw that they were in for it. Frankly they told the whole story and showed a disposition to come clean with the officers. They even gave the name of the man who sold them the liquor. When the case was heard in the local court Tuesday the men were let off with the cost and a fine of \$50.00 each, the new Ford sedan to be sold and the proceeds to go into the school fund.

It will be a sad day when we become so minded that we lose interest in the failure of our fellows. We profit by their mistakes. Otherwise this story would not be worth what it should to the public. Last Saturday night a party of young people of this city, Arlys Marshall, Willie Ledford and some girl friends, secured a good automobile and went out for a ride. They had a half-gallon fruit jar of liquor in the car. Somewhere down the hard surface road the men had some kind of a difficulty or disagreement,

the particulars of which are unknown to us, but it was of a nature that caused young Ledford to get out of the car and foot it back to the city, a distance of several miles. That is the first chapter of the story, the second follows.

Joe Hudson, a man of but little property and a tenant on another man's land, lives a few miles south of this city. Last Saturday evening he and his ten year old son and some other friends made up a party to come to town and hear Cyclone Mack, the great evangelist. Mr. Hudson had a two-horse wagon, but he had only one mule, so he borrowed the horse from a neighbor and, with the two animals hitched to his wagon, the party came to preaching. After the service was over they hitched up their team and started on the journey for home a distance of several miles. They were careful enough to have a lighted lantern as the law provides, which law is ignored by most folks. A few miles down the road imagine the consternation created when a car coming at a terrific speed dashed head-on into the wagon and created a scene that it would be hard to describe. The automobile came squarely against the two animals and hit in such a way as to cause the tongue of the wagon to penetrate the radiator about the center and with such force as to drive the automobile against the team with force sufficient to instantly kill the horse and so injure the mule as to make it impossible for it to stand, and there in the ditch by the roadside, its body quivered in the death agonies for an hour before it died. The automobile was driven up to the wagon wheels before it stopped. The tongue passed through the radiator, and the front seat and, as luck would have it, passed between the two persons on the front seat. The ten year old son of Mr. Hudson was thrown between the wagon and the automobile and so bruised about the head that it was necessary to carry him to the hospital where he lingers between life and death. Strange to say no other person was seriously injured in the wreck.

A peculiar feature of the sad affair is that after the wreck young Ledford footing it back to town came upon the wreck and found that the car which he had hit had the wagon. Having no part in it and being thoughtful of the future he recalled how they had a half-gallon of liquor in the car. So he was minded to take a look for the jar of liquor, and sure enough, it had escaped injury in the smashup, and there it was ready for future use, that is what was left of it, for he tells how the drunken condition of the men in the car caused him to be left by the wayside to foot it back to town. But when he found the liquor it occurred to him to be the way of prudence to destroy that liquor before any officer came. This he did, and as bad luck would have it for him, some persons saw him do it. Now he is indicted for transporting, for did he not have the liquor in his possession and did he not transport it when he removed it from the wrecked machine? He certainly did, the officers say, and is liable for his act.

And now all this sad case will be aired in the court and the truth or falsity of all the above story shown up as soon as the little boy down in the hospital is removed from the shadow of death, if he ever gets out of the shadow.

We submit that this is some story for young folks to think about when they make plans of a similar nature which it seems that many do.

These are given as some of the most important wrecks about this city during the last few days. There are others, but the particulars are not known to us. As many as a half dozen cases of driving under the influence of liquor have developed in the past week. As a side light on all this it is now current talk that one can buy all the liquor he wants or needs, if you think of it that way, for the sum of two and a half dollars the gallon. Not so long ago the price was up around ten dollars per gallon, but something has caused the price to slump to a point unheard of before in these parts. And why about it, you would be astonished to know how hard it is to catch a bootlegger. Report has it that a favorite way now is for a citizen just north of the line to make agreement with a citizen of this state to deliver the goods at an agreed place in the woods right near the line. The idea is that officers from both states would hardly approach at the same time. If by chance an officer from either state should be made wise to the rendezvous then it would be a simple matter for the dealer to step over the line and have the laugh on the officer. Thus they play safe. Various and sundry ways are used to escape detection and put over the deal in a way to avoid any embarrassment to either buyer or seller.

Dr. Taylor Passes 79th Milestone

Only Living Confederate Officer in County. At Age of 14 Was Appointed Postmaster by Jef. Davis. Spy and Active at the Age of 79.

Dr. W. S. Taylor, passed the seventy-ninth milestone at his home in this city last Saturday. For a man of his age he is as active as one would expect to see. His health has not been good for several years, but he has recently had some new teeth made and he would today be actively engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery if he only had his eyesight. Some years ago his eyes failed and he is barely able to see well enough to walk the streets. He has no hope that he will ever see well again and is resigned to his lot. Comfortably fixed in a financial way, he passes the time as best he can, often coming up town unaided and meeting and talking with his friends. He says he misses very much the joy of reading the medical magazines as was his custom for many years. Old friends constantly come to him for advice as to their health and insist that he do something for them. But he no longer prescribes, but advises that some younger doctor be consulted.

This week the Doctor recalled the time when he served the Confederate government as post master at Toms Creek when only fourteen years of age. At that time Toms Creek was the first stop for the stage on the road from this city to Winston-Salem. Dr. Taylor's father had been postmaster, but for some cause he could not serve and not desiring to move the office the appointment was given to young Will. Then a mere lad.

It was about this time that Stoneman came through this part of the country with a regiment of cavalry. The soldiers lived off the country as they passed through and as they came by the home where Dr. Taylor lived as a boy they were marching two and two abreast. One of them in a playful mood paused at the boy and held out his hand and said, "here son," as if he were in the act of giving him something. Boy like, young Will held out his hand as requested and the soldier deposited in it a small round stone about the size of a partridge egg, and laughed as he did it. It had quite a different effect on the youthful rebel and instantly he hurled the rock back at the soldier as hard as he could and, as luck would have it, hit him a sound blow. The other soldiers enjoyed the prank and had a hearty laugh at the soldier who got hit and the incident passed off with every one laughing at the soldier. Dr. Taylor says now that it was the nearest he ever came to killing a Yankee, for he did hit one with a rock.

In a few days the soldiers were beyond the mountains and were fighting to capture the salt works. Young Taylor had a brother in the army fighting at the Salt works and he too became fired with the spirit of battle, though only fourteen, and slipped away from his home and "ran away," as he expresses it, to join the army. He had not been gone long before his father missed him and hastily followed. Once he fell into the hands of his irate father he got a sound thrashing for his enthusiasm. If let alone he would have seen service in the army beyond a doubt.

People live in this section by the thousands who during the many active years of Dr. Taylor received medical and surgical aid at his hands. They will read with pleasure that, with the exception of his eyesight, he is active and as well as men of his age usually are.

Cyclone Mack Paints Picture of Flood

Interest Growing, Only Words Of Praise For Great Preacher

Great crowds continue to flock out to the Lovill warehouse to hear the inimitable "Cyclone Mack" proclaim the gospel. Last Sunday two congregations estimated at eight thousand thronged the tabernacle. In the afternoon Mack preached a wonderful sermon to men only, and when the invitation was given about one thousand men responded and took his hand promising by the help of a Divine Power they would be better husbands, fathers and sons.

Sunday evening he preached on "Believing God because God was God and God saying so made it so". Many preachers, and laymen say this was the greatest sermon ever heard preached in this town, when the invitation was given over a thousand came down and consecrated their lives to the Lord.

Monday night was the time set aside for the colored people, and many attended and the atmosphere was charged with shouts and praise the Lord and Halleluiahs. Mack preached on Noah and the flood, and you could see the trees falling and the oxen hauling the logs to the saw mill and the lumber being prepared for the great ship, and the scantlings being planed and the thousands of workmen busy, while Noah preached to the Antediluvians that God had revealed his purposes to him and judgment was coming. You could envisage the society folks riding down the roads by Noah's Ark, and saying the old fanatic had roof trouble—and that they were going to cut that Noah bunch in the future and that they wouldn't receive any more invitations to their card parties, and festivities. When the Ark was finished Mack portrayed the birds flying in and the animals walking in and the insects crawling in while Noah entreated, pleaded and begged the folk to come into the ark. His delineations were so vivid that you could hear the door closing and see a nation being shut out from the Ark. Then in the distance a black funnel shaped cloud began to arise and the lightnings began to flash and the thunders began to roll on the heels of the lightning, and the great drops of rain began to fall, and the world begins to turn black, and the wind rises to a gale and the gate to a hurricane and the hurricane to a storm and the thunders roll and the lightning flash and the clouds burst, and the people are running to the hill and high hills and mountains while great waves mountain high are submerging a nation and sending them down into a watery grave.

These wonderful word paintings and delineations time and time again were interrupted by white and colored shouting and cheering the preacher. Only two or three hundred dollars of the incidental expenses remain unpaid and that will be wiped out by Sunday.

Very few criticisms are being heard. The people have nothing but praise the encomiums for this hard working evangelist.

WESTFIELD WILL HAVE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

Commissioners Refuse to Demand Fishing License—Advisory Board Appointed

F. L. WALKER GETS WELFARE OFFICE

The commissioners of this county transacted the regular routine of business at Dobson last Monday, it being the first Monday which is the regular time for the meeting. The important event of the occasion was the order to build a new school building at Westfield. This matter has been hanging fire for years. Westfield is on the county line between this county and Stokes and the school is patronized by folks on both sides of the line. By agreement the school is supported by both counties. Just why we do not know, but the two counties have been unable to get together on the erection of a new and modern building until now.

The cost of the new building will be \$25,000.00, Surry to bear about two-thirds of the cost and Stokes the remainder. Beyond question this building is needed and Westfield being one of the best sections of the county, is entitled to a comfortable building. The work of erecting it will proceed at once.

In addition to this new building at Westfield, a new building for the colored folks who lived in the section east of this city about the Quarry, will be erected at a cost of about one thousand dollars. Plans also call for the addition of four rooms to the High School building at the Quarry. As we understand the order has not been made for all this but, by agreement, it will be put in the budget and the work will be done this year. No other new school construction for this year is contemplated.

A month ago a long petition of citizens asked that folks in this county be required to pay a license if they fish. The request was granted and it was ordered that all those who fish pay \$1.10 for the license. Last Monday a new turn was taken in the matter when four petitions came up from different sections of the county with hundreds of signers asking that they be allowed to fish without being required to take out license. They were given their request and the following is a part of the order made, which is plain enough.

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Surry County, that an annual resident county license tax of \$1.10, or in lieu of such license a daily fishing permit to cost 50c is hereby required of all male persons above the age of sixteen years who fish by any other methods, other than with single hook and line, for under this resolution persons fishing with single hook and line are not required to pay a fishing license tax in Surry County.

The election of Mr. L. F. Walker of Elkin to the position of Welfare Officer by a joint meeting of the county board of commissioners and the county board of education was a part of the proceedings last Monday. By a strict party vote Mr. Walker got the position. As the two boards now stand when all are present the Democrats have three votes and the Republicans five. Before Mr. Walker can take office he must get the endorsement of Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, head of the state welfare department. It will be recalled that a few years ago after Guernsey Robertson had been holding this office for some years and had made a fine record, Mrs. Johnson stood by him when, on a strict party vote, the effort was made to replace him with a Democrat. Mrs. Johnson tries to lift her department above politics, and when she finds a man filling the position of county welfare officer to her liking she retains him if she can regardless of the politicians. It is known that she is well pleased with the record made by Fred Armfield and desires that he continue in office because of his fine record.

Under the new ruling of the department the man who gets this position now must have two years of college training, or its equivalent, and must be able to show that he has the elements of leadership and can do the work of the office. All this must be determined by Mrs. Johnson. Some weeks ago she requested Mr. Armfield to make formal application for the place, but knowing the political complexion of the present county officials, he declined to do this, but it is very well understood that before he is replaced by any one the new official must be able to measure up to all the requirements if he is to get the job. Otherwise Mr. Armfield will be retained.

As a part of the requirements of the department of agriculture the commissioners appointed the following citizens from the various townships to act as counsel to the farm agent:

Mount Airy Township: C. L. Badgett, W. E. Merritt.
Dobson Township: J. A. White, N. J. Maith.
Stewart's Creek Township: W. A. York, Luther Beamer.
Franklin Township: Geo. Hayes, I.

F. Armfield.
Pilot Mountain Township: J. W. Denny, S. C. Carson.
Westfield Township: Walter Hill, F. H. Jessup.
Shoals Township: C. W. Key, Willis E. McKinney.
Long Hill Township: John Simmons, S. M. Stone.
Eldora Township: W. L. Chilton, G. T. Jones.
Elkin Township: J. M. Gentry, Fuohs Pyron.
Bryan Township: J. A. Swift, J. F. Thompson.
Marsh Township: W. L. Cockerham, M. G. Sneed.
Rockford Township: L. R. Key, Lee Perkins.
Siloam Township: W. T. Crisman, W. S. Fuller.
Appointed by the Board of County Commissioners on the 3rd day of June, 1929.

Judge Parker Speaks On Ideal Citizenship

Sets High Religious and Citizenship Standards. \$7,500 For Eleven Year Course

The closing exercises of the Mount Airy High school were held in the Grand theatre last Friday night with the crowning event being the address by Hon. John J. Parker, Judge U. S. Circuit Court.

Judge Parker was introduced by his friend and former classmate in college E. M. Linville. In presenting Judge Parker Mr. Linville emphasized that Judge Parker is a native North Carolinian and resides in Charlotte rather than Richmond, Va., though his duties require that he spend considerable time there.

Judge Parker fulfilled the highest hopes of those who invited him to make the address to the graduates and his friends in this city. He expressed his appreciation of the invitation to speak to the high school graduates and set high ideals in citizenship for their standard.

He compared the present day with the past century from the viewpoint of law enforcement and education and also prophesied the effect education would have upon citizens as to their attitude toward enforcement of law and their conduct as future citizens.

He stressed the importance of education, the importance of citizenship and of being a serious-minded, thoughtful people.

He compared the United States with other nations and told why Americans are superior. We are a free people, free to think and act as the majority thinks and wants to act—another reason is that America has been a religious nation. He told the graduates the future generation depends on the conduct and religious atmosphere and the serious-mindedness of the present generation. If the present day young people become the parents they should be the next generation will be fine, religious, capable people. If they are slack towards their duty to God and law enforcement the result will be a laxer generation and a people without regard for religious freedom and would eventually degenerate as have other nations throughout the world's history.

Judge Parker called attention of the graduates to the fact that some statistician has estimated the cost to the state of \$7,500 for each boy or girl who graduates from high school after eleven years study and tried to impress on them the duty of each graduate to make good. They owe a debt to the State and whether or not that debt is paid depends on the type of citizen they make and the value of their life to the country. He urged them to continue educational development. The future developments in science, history, education and research depend on the young people of today—if they heat the present generation which has produced the radio, automobile and airplane they must use their abilities to good advantage.

Following the address Prof. Brown presented the graduates to Supt. Fenderson who in turn presented them to Dr. Martin chairman of the school board who presented the diplomas.

New Money On Display

The new U. S. paper money in denominations of 1-2-5 and 10 dollars can be seen in the window of Leonard's jewelry store.

The new money will not be placed in circulation until July 10.

It is estimated that the saving to the government in putting out these small bills will amount to \$1,000,000 per year.

Editor Hildebrand, of the Elkin Tribune was a visitor in the News office Thursday.

Local Nurses Pass State Examinations

The names of the 219 members of the nurses class, who successfully stood the examination held by the North Carolina Board of Nurse Examiners in Raleigh on April 23, were announced Saturday, June 1. Only 10 persons who stood the examination failed to pass.

Examinations are given by the board in the spring and fall of each year. Last fall a class of 225, the largest in the history of the board, stood the examination, but the percentage of failures registered then was larger than for the April test.

In the graduate list were included the names of Miss Bertha A. Wright, Miss Edna V. Wagoner, Miss Annie P. Clarke of the Martin Memorial Hospital School of Nurses of this city.

John Frank To Wed.

The following announcement has been received by friends of the groom-elect in this city: "Mrs. Louise Snow Cousins requests the honour of your presence at the marriage of her daughter Rebecca Snow to Mr. John Praffer Frank on Saturday, the fifteenth of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine at half after eight o'clock, North Highlands Methodist Church, Birmingham, Alabama."

Goes To Jail On Probable Cause

Raymond McDowell, of this city, charged with the high crime of murder, was given a hearing in the Recorder's court in this city Monday and sent to jail without bond. He stands indicted for the murder of Ben Rigney some weeks ago, an account of which has been given in former issues of this paper. Mr. Rigney was murdered and from the beginning of the case some things have pointed to the guilt of McDowell. Many who are familiar with the case doubt if there is sufficient evidence to convict before a jury, but the evidence was considered sufficient to demand a hearing before the high court. The fact that Rigney was last seen with McDowell and that McDowell fled the county when the finger of suspicion pointed to him, and the further fact that he has told what is considered conflicting versions of connection with the case, all this tends to create a strong sentiment that he should be tried by a court empowered to deal with such cases.

Three Things The Mayor Would Have You Do

Mayor W. G. Sydnor wants us to say to the folks about here that there are three things he would have them bear in mind. First, there is too much double parking here on our streets. It is dangerous, it is against the law and must be stopped. Second, when the fire-truck starts to a fire a dozen or five dozen automobiles fall in behind and trail the truck to the fire and then proceed to block the works by being in the way and making trouble for the firemen. Third, there are too many automobiles running around here with only one light, and often with no tail light. The mayor would have the people take notice and obey the laws and not have to pay out good money in the courts because of these petty violations.