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## WRECK AT JAMESTOWN

One Passenger, Mrs. M. S. Hiatt, of High Point, Killed—A Number Are Injured.

High Point, N. C., March 20.—As a result of last night's wreck of Southern train No. 43 at Jamestown, one person, Mrs. Mack Hiatt, of High Point, is dead, three others, Miss Mary Green, of Thomasville; P. H. Carroll, of Oak Hill, Va., and Miss Taroline Biggers, of Thomasville, are very seriously injured and 24 others have been treated for injuries and slight bruises. Railroad officials doubt if the exact cause of the wreck will ever be known. Miss Green, of Thomasville, has a fractured skull and other injuries. P. H. Carroll, is suffering from several deep wounds on arm and head, and his condition is very serious. Miss Biggers, of Thomasville, fractured left leg, which may have to be amputated.

The passenger was crushed by derailed freight cars of regular freight train 74, which was speeding northward on a parallel track. The passenger was pulling away from the Jamestown station, hardly having gained motion when the wreck occurred.

That portion of the passenger train which emerged from the wreck carried the injured to High Point, five miles south, and they were moved to a hospital there. The first death, that of Mrs. Hiatt, occurred within an hour after reaching the hospital. None of the trainmen were injured.

The freight train was moving northward rapidly when one lumber-loaded car slipped out of the train and led the stampede. This first car catapulted into the passenger train. The heavy steel of the baggage coach resisted the impact but the next car, a passenger coach, gave way to some extent. It remained for the third car to receive the burden of the assault and it was crushed. Right behind the lumber car was a heavy oil tanker, which added resistless weight to the breach made by the more fragile car. Other cars followed and a mass of broken wood and twisted steel was the result.

## Officers Conduct Long Still Hunt for a Still.

Asheville, March 18.—Following the track of the blockade distiller of corn juice over trails covered with snow in the mountains of Mitchell, Avery and parts of Burke and McDowell counties, Deputy Collector John M. Newton and Special Employee Charles Stewart, this week covered about 100 miles of territory in a general raid which ended with the destruction of one of the largest outfits captured in recent months.

Near Ingalls postoffice in Avery county a fine copper still of 76.5 gallons capacity was located after many old blockade sites had been found, these having been abandoned for better fields for operation. Twelve fermenters of beer ready for distillation into whiskey were discovered together with some low wines. The total loss to the owners of the plant is approximately \$500, considering the value of the product when ready for the market.

Services at the Episcopal church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

## School Closings.

Chapel Hill school, taught by Misses Mary Poteat and Tracy Sigmon, had a strikingly successful entertainment Friday night, March 10. The house was full to overflowing at an early hour, friends, relatives and visitors having come from far and near to hear these capable young people of Chapel Hill community give their exercise, which marked the closing of a successful term of school. Among the selections calling forth much applause and deserving of especial mention were "The Proposal", a song by Nancy England and Carl Corpening, the two recitations, "Catching a Train" and "Alameda", by Misses Lurline and Gladys Ashworth, and the play entitled "College Girls." This play was of especial merit, not only on account of the natural way the girls presented it, but also because the play is one that is of a higher standard than the average plays usually selected for such entertainments. There are many good plays of the same type but of the other objectionable type—their name is legion—and selection is a matter of good judgment on the part of the teacher.

Prizes for spelling were awarded to Tenny Poteat and Lillie Smith; for perfect attendance to Reuben Poteat and Thelma Holland.

An interesting program of songs, pantomimes, drills, recitations and plays was given last Friday night at the East Marion school. The teachers of this school, Misses Mary McKoy, Mattie Hicks and Annie Gibson, realize the needs of this school in regard to the calls of the Domestic Science department lately installed. It was to add to the further equipment of this work that the entertainment was given. All the selections given were very creditably rendered, but the pantomime, "Swanee River", and a drill, "Sunflowers", were mirth provoking, showed time in training and received hearty applause. The songs given by the entire school were among the best heard in any school. In the "Flower Drill" also the sixteen small girls showed the result of careful training. The profits from the small admission fees amounted to \$15.00.

At the C. C. and O. school last Saturday night, March 18, a program consisting of songs, pantomimes, recitations and a play was given. The occasion was the closing of this year's term of work. The audience, a large and attentive one, listened with interest to the exercises rendered by the little children, the boys and girls of the school. The program reflected credit upon the teachers and those rendering it. "Peterkins and Polly", sung by two children, and the little Quaker song, "Twas Thee, Twas Thou," were listened to with much interest, as was also the play, "The Economical Boomerang." The "Goodnight Drill", by the wee white robed maidens carrying their candles was especially impressive. Prizes were awarded for perfect attendance and spelling. This was followed by a talk from Mr. W. R. Bailey. The teachers of this school are Misses Stacy and Lonon, and they are to be congratulated upon the smoothness and success of their year's work as well as upon the work for the program.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

### THOMPSON'S FORK.

Thompson's Fork, March 20.—Misses Hettie Crawley and sister Della of Harmony Grove, visited their sister, Mrs. Will Toney, here Saturday and Sunday.

Vanulus Brown of Glenwood visited homefolks here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Browning are visiting relatives in Morganton.

Thomas Cuthbertson made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

Mrs. Maggie Hemphill, who has been on the sick list, is improving.

Andrew Watson and son, John, of South Creek, made a business trip to this place one day last week.

A. J. Simmons was called to West Virginia during the week on the account of the illness of his son, Loyd, who has pneumonia.

Mrs. J. N. Cuthbertson visited homefolks in Morganton last week.

D. C. Brown made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

### WOODLAWN

Woodlawn, March 20.—Mrs. M. W. Yancey spent several days in Statesville the last week.

M. L. Good made a business trip to Marion last Friday.

Curtis Tate was in Marion Saturday on business.

Miss Wilma Corpening is home from Salem College on account of sickness.

Jas. C. Goforth has been on the sick list with grippe, but is able to be on duty again.

Getting out acid wood seems to be the principal occupation in this part of the county this spring.

M. L. Good lost a good cow the other day. She was foundered on corn.

Farmers are preparing to plant corn when the weather gets warmer.

We trust and pray that the officers of our good county will look into this liquor question more closely and stop so much moonshine. Its effects are felt in our religious work. Revenue officers, please take notice.

### GARDEN CITY

Garden City, March 20.—Miss Rebecca Hennessee spent the week-end at Pitts, N. C., with Mrs. Bob Hennessee.

Miss Maud Elliott and Geo. Chapman attended the closing exercise at East Marion school, Friday night.

Miss Nelle Gibbs of Nebo spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks. She was accompanied by Miss Ruby Giles.

Several of the Garden City boys are attending the spring term of Marion Graded School.

Miss Lennie Curtis has returned home after spending several weeks in Marion.

Mrs. J. E. Jameson has been sick for several days but is improving fast.

The Ladies Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. H. A. Gibbs Saturday afternoon.

### ASHFORD

Ashford, March 20.—Mr. and Mrs. S. M. McCall spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Spruce Pine.

Miss Louise Brown has returned home from Woodlawn where she has been teaching school.

Misses Myrtle McGee and Maurice Conley attended the closing exercises of North Cove school Friday night.

J. E. Wilson made an extended trip to Burke the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Joe Lonon and daughter, Laura, visited relatives at Pitts Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. J. B. Lonon was in Marion shopping Saturday.

Todd McCall made a business trip to Burke county last Friday.

Ed. English returned home from Tennessee last Thursday, where he purchased a fine team of black horses.

Mrs. J. C. Conley is visiting relatives in Greensboro and Connelly Springs.

Sunday School at Concord was organized last Sunday and officers and teachers were elected for the next quarter as follows: Walter Brown, Supt.; Mack Lonon, assistant supt.; Ethel Wilson, senior teacher; Todd McCall, intermediate teacher; Mamie Wiseman, pri-

mary teacher; M. M. Conley, card teacher; Maurice Conley, secretary. We hope all of the people of the community will attend regular and we can have a successful Sunday School.

The Ladies Aid Society will hold their next meeting at the church next Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. All the members are urged to be present at this meeting.

Charles Wilson made a business trip to Marion Monday.

Joe Conley spent Tuesday in Marion.

### Chas. F. Mott Arrested Here.

Styling himself at Forest City as "R. Smith" and at Marion as "N. Silverti," a stranger who is said to have made some unprecedented offers of soap and premium bargains in the name of a non-existent St. Louis firm, was arrested here last Friday night by Sheriff Laughridge and Deputy Sheriff Curtis at the request of Chief of Police J. T. Smith, of Forest City. The prisoner was taken to Rutherfordton where he was placed in jail. According to the officers he admitted that he is Charles F. Mott, supervisor of Syracuse, N. Y., wanted at that place on charges of bribery and conspiracy. The prisoner is said to tally with a photograph of Mott, for whom there is a reward of \$1500.

### The High School Meet.

The Bryson City Times notes "Reports are coming in daily from high schools which expect to take part in the contests in April. To date, however, only eight schools have been heard from definitely. Murphy, Clyde, Mills River, Sylva, Iotla, Marion, Almond and Andrews will be in literary events, while all of these schools except Murphy and Almond will be represented in athletics."

The Twentieth Century club met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. W. Neal. The subject for discussion was "Palestine." The roll call brought out many interesting current events. The following papers were read: "The Life of David," by Mrs. Story; "A Study in the Geography of Palestine," by Mrs. Reid; "Manners and Customs of the People of Palestine," by Mrs. Gay. The hostess served her guests with delicious refreshments.

### To The Public.

I have been informed through reliable sources that a report has been circulated in Marion that my children had "scarlet fever" during the Christmas season, and that Dr. Jonas and myself concealed this fact from the public for fear of injuring my Christmas trade. I wish to brand this report as a malicious falsehood. I may be financially poor but I haven't descended to the depths where I would endanger the lives of hundreds of children for the sake of a few dollars. Anyone wishing to verify this statement can do so by consulting my physician, Dr. Jonas, whom everyone knows is an honest christian gentleman and a reliable and conscientious doctor.

Respectfully,  
R. B. NEAL, Marion, N. C.

### Democratic Convention Called.

That, whereas the State Democratic Executive Committee has fixed the dates of Precinct meetings and County Conventions, the Democrats in the several precincts in McDowell County will take notice that they will hold the precinct meeting in their respective precincts on April 15th, 1916, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of selecting delegates to the County convention which will be held in Marion on April 22, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of selecting delegates to the State convention to be held in Raleigh on April 27, 1916, and to transact such other business as may come before said convention. This the 21st day of March, 1916.

J. D. BLANTON,  
Chairman McDowell County Democratic Executive Com.  
W. M. McNairy, Secretary.

## STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The contract for the erection of the great festival chorus auditorium at Black Mountain has been awarded to Elliott Brothers, of Hickory, for \$245,000.

Representatives of a number of weekly newspapers, nearly all west of the Ridge, met in Asheville last week and organized the Western North Carolina Press Association. Noah M. Hollowell, editor of the Sylvan Valley News of Brevard, was elected president.

The death sentence imposed upon Mrs. Ida Ball Warren, the first woman in North Carolina ever sentenced to die in the electric chair, was commuted to life imprisonment Tuesday by Governor Craig. The governor also commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of Samuel Christy, convicted with Mrs. Warren of the murder of her husband in Winston-Salem.

H. H. Taylor, a colored citizen who lives at Warrenton, has issued a call for a State convention of colored Republicans to meet in Raleigh April 24. The call is issued from the headquarters of the North Carolina Republican Executive Committee (colored), and is signed by Taylor and Chas. N. Hunter of Raleigh, secretary, with the names of committeemen from the ten congressional districts.

The Mimosa Inn, a popular resort hotel near Tryon, was destroyed by fire Friday morning. The hotel at the time was filled with visitors and although no lives were lost or no one injured, many of the guests lost their trunks and personal belongings. The fire is said to have started in the boiler room.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### For Treasurer.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Treasurer of McDowell county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I promise, if nominated and elected, to serve the people to the best of my ability.

M. G. POTEAT.

I hereby offer myself as a candidate for the office of Treasurer of McDowell County, subject to the action of the Democratic party, with these reasons: First, the fact that we have never had a paying office in this end of the county; second, my faithful service to the party.

A. W. GILLIAM.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Treasurer of McDowell County subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

A. W. GRAYSON.

### For Register of Deeds.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Register of Deeds of McDowell County subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

R. L. C. GIBSON.

### For Sheriff.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of McDowell County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. If nominated and elected I promise to serve the people to the best of my ability.

J. R. LEDBETTER.

### For the House.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Representative from McDowell County in the lower house of the next General Assembly, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

MILES P. FLACK.