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BAD WRECK AT GREENLEE

Asheville-Spencer Freight Was Derailed at Greenlee Station Saturday Morning.

Damage estimated at \$50,000 was sustained when Southern freight train No. 52, bound from Asheville to Spencer, was wrecked at Greenlee, six miles west of Marion, Saturday morning. No members of the crew were injured.

Between twenty and twenty-five cars, the majority of which were loaded with coal, were derailed, obstructing traffic on the railroad for over eight hours.

The train was in charge of Conductor Vick Goodwin, with Engineer J. Harrison at the throttle. Members of the train crew said the derailment resulted from a broken wheel on one of the cars. The train comprised sixty cars. It was moving along at a fair rate of speed when one of the cars left the track, dragging the others after it.

The wreck train was sent from Asheville to clear the right of way. The wreck occurred at 8 o'clock Saturday morning, and it was well into the night before the track had been made passable. It was necessary to transfer passengers and mail on trains Nos. 15, 22, 11 and 12.

Death of Mrs. S. B. Grant.

Mrs. Harriet Nanney-Grant, wife of S. B. Grant, died at her home at Red Top on July 9. Mrs. Grant had been a sufferer for several months and death was not unexpected. She was a little more than 75 years old and had been a member of the church about sixty years. Her life was devoted to the service of the Master. She was a quiet, unassuming woman but was always at her post of duty. She and Mr. Grant had been married a little more than 53 years and lived an unusually happy wedded life. Ten children were born to this union, six of whom, with the husband, survive. They are: Mrs. Ella Davis and W. F. Grant, of Marion; Lee Grant and Mrs. R. C. Murphy, of Old Fort; Mrs. William Gilbert Gilbert and L. M. Grant, of Uree. The deceased is also survived by one brother, B. L. Nanney, of Dome.

The funeral services were conducted at Stone Mountain Baptist church by Rev. J. A. Nelson. The large attendance at the funeral and the unusually large floral offering attested the high esteem in which Mrs. Grant was held.

Two Copper Stills Captured.

Deputy John Lail and Gus Poate made a raid Monday on a blockade plant located at Hankins, which resulted in the capture of a copper still with the capacity of about 65 gallons. There was over 500 gallons of beer at the still, which was poured out before leaving. In a raid near Garden City, Tuesday, Mr. Lail, assisted by L. O. Lawing, captured a big copper still on the Conley place. It was well equipped and in good running order, with a capacity of about 110 gallons. The officers poured out about 1000 gallons of beer and brought the still to town.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Adams, of Bowling Green, S. C., and Miss Mattie Smith, of Hickory Grove, S. C., spent the week-end with Mrs. N. C. Jones.

Weaver Introduces Bill to Recognize Service of U. S. Soldiers.

Washington, July 27.—Congressman Weaver Saturday introduced in the house a bill for the purpose of showing the government's recognition of the splendid service of the American soldiers in the war with Germany. It provides for all officers and enlisted men an additional payment of \$30 per month for each month of service rendered, not exceeding a total of one year's pay at the rate of \$30 per month. It applies to all men and officers in the United States army and in the naval and marine services. Under this bill, if it should pass, every soldier who served a total of one year would receive an additional payment of \$360.00, and the soldiers serving less than one year would be paid at the rate of \$30 additional per month.

Mr. Weaver also introduced a bill providing for the appropriation of \$20,000 for the purchase of a site and erection of a postoffice building at Murphy, and another bill appropriating a similar amount for the site and erection of a building for the postoffice at Bryson City.

North Carolina Baptists Are Asked for \$5,500,000.

Quotas for the different States for the \$75,000,000 campaign of the Southern Baptist denomination were fixed by the executive committee for the campaign in conference at a meeting in Nashville, Tenn. North Carolina is asked for \$5,500,000.

Of the \$75,000,000, foreign missions will get \$20,000,000, home missions \$12,000,000, seminaries and training schools \$3,000,000, aged ministers' relief \$2,500,000. The remainder will be appropriated to the different State needs, in proportion to the amounts contributed by them.

Pulverized Limestone.

The North Carolina State Department of Agriculture has very large holdings of limestone in East Tenn.—a tract of about 226 acres estimated to contain not less than 150,000,000 tons—and a small pulverizing plant that can put out about 50 tons a day. This limestone is given to the farmers of North Carolina at cost of production, plus the freight.

The stone is milled to pass a ten mesh screen and analyzes from 80% to 90% calcium carbonate and carries a small percentage of magnesium carbonate. It is known as a high calcium limestone.

The capacity of the plant is now being increased somewhat and we expect to run day and night, beginning about Aug. 15th or 20th. This will double our present output. Orders reaching us early can likely be filled in time for use this summer and fall. Address all orders to W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, Raleigh.

Cuthbertson-Bost.

Sergt. Preston A. Cuthbertson, of Nebo, who is at present stationed at Fort Williams, Me., and Miss Myrtle Bost of Nebo were married at the home of the bride's brother, F. H. Bost, in Newark, N. J., on Wednesday, July 23rd, Rev. J. R. C. Clark officiating.

Citizens of No Mean Country.

Americans do not usually underestimate their own achievements. The eagle ordinarily is allowed to do a full measure of screaming. But America and Americans have not yet realized the full extent of their achievements during the World War. That is the pith of a remark made the other day by Secretary of War Baker. And he backed up his assertion by some astounding facts and figures. Statistics compiled by Colonel Leonard P. Ayres, chief of the statistics branch of the General Staff, have also been published to illustrate the size of the job we performed. No red-blooded American can read the following record without feeling a thrill of pride and gratitude that his country was able to perform so heroic a part in saving civilization from strangulation by the Huns:

We spent \$21,850,000,000, or \$1,000,000 an hour, in the war.

Our armed force, when the armistice was signed, aggregated 4,800,000 men.

We sent 2,086,000 overseas and 1,390,000 of them saw battle service.

In one month 306,000 men were landed in Europe.

The battle deaths of the war were about 50,000, the wounded totaled approximately 236,000, and the deaths from disease 56,991.

The Quartermaster's Department purchased 131,800,000 pairs of wool stockings, 85,000,000 undershirts, 83,000,000 drawers, 300,700,000 pairs of shoes, 26,500,000 flannel shirts, 21,700,000 blankets, 21,700,000 wool breeches, 13,900,000 wool coats, and 8,300,000 overcoats.

American engineers overseas constructed eighty-three new ships berths and 1,000 miles of standard and 638 miles of narrow-gauge railroads.

The Signal Corps strung 100,000 miles of telephone wires, and 40,000 American-made motor trucks were sent across the Atlantic.

Machine guns produced in the United States aggregated 226,557. Our production of rifle ammunition had reached 3,500,000 rounds by the end of the war.

American aviators brought down 755 enemy airplanes.

Before the armistice 13,574 twelve-cylinder Liberty Motors had been produced by American factories.

The American Air Service totaled 200,000 men, compared with 1,200 when the United States began hostilities.

American divisions were in battle for two hundred days and engaged in thirteen major operations.

At the end American divisions held a front longer than the British.

Our artillery once fired 1,000,000 shells in four hours, a record without parallel in history.—Forbes Magazine.

Weather Report.

Thomas McGuire, Sergeant U. S. Army, reports the temperature and rainfall at Marion station for the week as follows:

Maximum	90 degrees
Minimum	65 degrees
Rain	.06 inches
Sunshine per cent	78

The annual convention of the United Confederate veterans will be held in Atlanta in October.

Wart on Potatoes; a New Disease.

Mr. L. E. Yocum of the bureau of plant industry, plant disease survey, United States Department of Agriculture, was in Marion last week. Mr. Yocum is directing the attention of Irish potato growers to "warts on potatoes," a new disease for this country and a dangerous one—the more dangerous because so far no remedy has been found. The disease has not yet appeared in this part of the country but inasmuch as it threatens the potato industry the department is endeavoring to advise folks about it in advance.

Potato wart causes very serious losses in England Ireland, and other parts of Europe. In some places the disease is so severe that potatoes can not be grown profitably.

The parasite which causes wart is spread most frequently by using diseased potatoes for seed.

The disease is recognized by rough spongy outgrowths varying from the size of a pea to that of the tuber itself, being produced on the tuber especially at the eyes or at injured places. The outgrowths are light brown at first but with age become black and the mass readily decays, causing soil infestation from the pores liberated. Soil infestation lasts for years. The disease does not effect the tops, so watch while digging and report promptly all suspicious cases.

Mr. Giles Returns to Marion to Engage in Insurance Business.

G. W. Giles, who has many friends in Marion and McDowell county, has opened an office in the post office building where he will again be engaged in insurance and real estate business. Before entering the military service Mr. Giles was secretary and treasury of the Marion Insurance and Trust Company for more than six years.

He is considered one of the best posted insurance men in Western North Carolina. Since returning from overseas duty he has been offered positions by some of the largest insurance concerns in the country. He has however, chosen to go into business for himself in Marion, for the reason, as he expresses it, "that Marion is the best town and McDowell the best in Western North Carolina;" then, too, his friends are here and he has more intimate knowledge of insurance rates on every class of property here than he could possibly have in any other locality.

Ged Giles, as he is familiarly known, has been distinctly relating himself to the business life of Marion since his graduation from the Marion High School several years ago. His close attention to business and his accurate knowledge of insurance rates have made for him a reputation among the business people of Marion and insurance people throughout the State.

Mr. Giles spent only a very short time in the training camp before being transferred to France. He has had very little to say about his overseas duty; it is known, however, to some of his intimate friends that he spent seven days on one front and thirty-nine days in a field hospital.

Marion and McDowell county will welcome him into the business world and we have no doubt that many will consult him about their insurance policies and insurance rates.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

DYSARTSVILLE.

Dysartsville, July 28.—Frank Upton has returned home after service overseas.

James L. Laughridge and family of Marion visited relatives here Sunday.

Will Landis has accepted a position with The Davis Pharmacy in Marion.

Miss Mamie Goforth is visiting in Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Lillie Landis expects to open school at Laurel Hill soon.

Mrs. Maggie Morrison of Bridgewater visited her mother, Mrs. Harriett Taylor, last week.

John and Van Mangum and Festus Carswell left Monday for Detroit, Mich.

Bratcher Laughridge visited relatives in Spencer last week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Spratt, July 14, a daughter.

James H. Walker lost a fine horse recently.

Real Estate Transfers.

B. L. Ashworth to W. B. Lassiter and wife, land in Mount Ida addition, \$10 and other consideration.

D. C. Davis to F. M. Davis, 3 acres in Crooked Creek township, \$15.

Charles Henley to William E. Willis, four tracts in Burgin addition, \$810;

F. E. Ross to W. B. Hogan, 25 acres, \$600.

J. Albert Foster to S. L. Logan, three tracts, \$300, etc.

G. F. Stroud to R. V. Horton, 8 1/2-10 acres, Crooked Creek road, \$822 50.

W. C. Smith to B. S. Lassiter and wife, land near Presbyterian church, \$100, etc.

J. E. Walton to Minerva Texas Hall, land adjoining J. W. Walker, Gilbert and Williams, \$650.

A. E. Belk to Carter and Luther Davis, land in New Fort, \$10, etc.

Salie Salmon Knapp to A. E. Belk, land in New Fort, \$10, etc.

Mrs. A. G. Hadley to Samuel E. Sentele, land in Crooked Creek township, \$10, etc.

J. L. Sandlin to G. W. Sandlin, one-half interest in lots 25 and 26 of Burgin addition, \$463.

J. C. Cole to Henry Rodgers, land in Old Fort township, \$300.

W. H. Hawkins to Bob Goodrum, land in Mount Ida Park addition, \$110.

United States condemnation proceedings, land for Forest Reserve: I. H. and J. C. Greene, 270 acres at \$3 an acre; 68 acres at nine dollars an acre; J. M. Houck and D. E. Hudgins, 15 acres at seven dollars an acre; J. W. Johnson 137 acres at twelve dollars an acre; and Etta Stroud 43 acres at four dollars and a half per acre.

W. R. Chambers, commissioner, to J. W. Winborne, land in East Marion addition, \$261.

W. T. Morgan and J. W. Winborne, commissioners, to Sam McCall, lot at Nebo, \$290.

W. R. Chambers, commissioner, to A. L. Finley, lot on Garden St., \$925.

Roads Badly Damaged.

Fragmentary reports reaching the office of Road Commissioner Frank Page indicate that the roads of the state are badly damaged as a result of the rains and floods of the past week. These reports are incomplete because of the delayed mail facilities, and because of the road engineers and supervisors of the various counties have been unable to furnish a detailed report of conditions. Mr. Page believes, however, that the damage will be considerably more than the fifty dollar allotment for maintenances can take care of, and that the counties themselves will have to provide additional money to put the road beds back into anything like good condition.

R. L. Provest, of Hazelwood, was here on business Tuesday.