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TRAIN HITS TRUCK TWO MEN KILLED

Ray Curtis and Toney Shade Killed in Accident at C. C. & O. Railroad Crossing.

Returning from work on the Nebo High School building with C. W. Buchanan at the wheel, a very distressing accident occurred at the C. C. & O. railroad crossing at Marion Junction Monday afternoon, when the afternoon passenger train struck the large truck on which Mr. Buchanan and his gang of workmen were returning home.

There were several workmen on the truck and according to their statements the truck was moving along at a leisurely gait and hearing no sounds thought that there was no train in sight. Just as the truck came upon the crossing the south-bound train came in at a high rate of speed. Several of the workmen jumped from the truck, two of them landing between the rails. Ray Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Curtis of this place, was struck by the engine, but lived several hours. He was rushed to Dr. G. B. Justice's office where every effort was made to save his life. His injuries were fatal and nothing could be done to save him. He was a lad of only about seventeen or eighteen years and is well known in Marion. He had worked only one day with Mr. Buchanan on the Nebo school job. Toney Shade, colored, was killed instantly. He was knocked about 40 feet, an arm and leg cut off, head badly crushed and his whole body horribly mangled.

Seeing the approaching train Mr. Buchanan gave his engine all the gas possible and had barely emerged from the track when the engine went by striking the two men who had jumped in the vain effort to save their lives. The news of the accident spread quickly and in a short time a large crowd had gathered at the crossing to view the gruesome sight of the negro laborer lying by the road side with his body horribly mangled.

Young Curtis was well known among the large circle of friends in Marion. His funeral was conducted from the home of his parents on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. J. C. Story and Rev. J. T. Bowden officiating. The sympathy of the community goes out to the stricken parents and relatives in their awful hour of grief.

N. C. SENATE POSTPONES ACTION ON SUFFRAGE

Raleigh, Aug. 17.—National enfranchisement of women apparently was defeated in North Carolina today so far as the coming election is concerned. Opponents of equal suffrage, long victorious here, were successful in one of the most bitterly fought contests ever staged in the state senate.

Their success was measured by the narrow margin of two votes, the count being 25 to 23, but it was sufficient to lay on the table a resolution to ratify the Susan B. Anthony suffrag amendment. It postponed action until the next regular session in 1921.

Suffrage leaders, however, may make another effort tomorrow. They may attempt to recall the resolution, but even the leaders were not confident this could be done.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION.

The Grand Theatre wishes to announce that the management has secured another picture treat for Marion, in Huckleberry Finn, the most famous of all American stories, by the great humorist Mark Twain, which will be shown for two days next week, Wednesday and Thursday.

This picture is produced by the leading film company of the world, the Paramount-Arcraft Co., and no pains or expense have been spared to make it a worthy presentation of the adventures of this character so well loved by all Americans.

GIBBS-KIRKPATRICK.

On last Wednesday afternoon at six o'clock Miss Pearle Gibbs and Mr. Geo. W. Kirkpatrick, both of Marion, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gibbs, Rev. J. T. Bowden, pastor of the First Baptist church of Marion, officiating.

The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion in green and white, and the cut flowers used were pink and white dahlias.

Little Misses Mary Anna Miller and Argyle Edwards entered first, carrying the ribbon and flowers. Next came little Miss Virginia Tyler, niece of the bride, who carried the ring. The groom entered with his brother, Mr. N. G. Kirkpatrick. The bride entered with her sister, Miss Ola Gibbs, and was handsomely gowned in a dark blue traveling suit and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. There were no other attendants.

After an informal reception was held the bride and groom left for a honeymoon in Western North Carolina.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick is one of the most popular young ladies in this section and is well known throughout the state, having taught music for the last few years. Mr. Kirkpatrick is a young man of splendid character and is prominently connected with business interests, and holds a responsible position with the Coca Cola Bottling company in Marion. Their many friends wish them much happiness.

The out-of-town guests present for the occasion were: Mrs. L. G. Kirkpatrick, mother of the groom; Mrs. W. B. Ramsey, Mrs. N. E. Aull, and Mrs. H. P. Williams, of Hickory; Mrs. W. B. Lindsay, Mr. A. G. Kirkpatrick and Mr. M. G. Kirkpatrick, of Charlotte; Mr. R. B. Stappe, of Asheville; Miss Myrtle Cole, Miss Jessie McChaffey and Mrs. B. C. Gibbs, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Mrs. Clyde C. Riddle, of Gastonia; Mrs. G. C. Anthony and Mrs. C. C. Gibbs, of Bridgewater, and Mrs. Laura Price, of Rutherfordton.

LOWER PRICES FORESEEN IN LATE CROP REPORTS

Washington, Aug. 13.—Crop reports indicate somewhat lower prices for foodstuffs, according to the monthly bulletin of the United States chamber of commerce committee on statistics and standards, made public tonight. Slackness in textiles, some leather products, and metal lines, however, are classed as indications of "more a waiting and readjustment period in a moderate way than the prelude to any marked change."

"Unless experience is misleading, the new purchasing power of the railroads will be a strong factor in maintaining both prices and the volume of business," the bulletin asserts in commenting on the rate increases recently granted.

The automobile industry, the bulletin adds, "gives indications of approaching the peak of production for the present," while building operations are hampered by high prices of material and labor to the point where "only the most imperatively necessary construction can and will proceed."

BRIDGEWATER DAMS PROBABLY SAVED FLOOD

The almost continuous downpour of rain during the past week reminded people through this section of the rains preceding the memorable flood of July, 1916. It is generally believed that lands along the Catawba river and its tributaries would probably be flooded now but for the checking influence of the big dams at Bridgewater. The water in the lakes is higher than it has been since the dams were completed and is running over the spillway at a depth of several feet.

The smaller streams in the county have been up considerably but the river has not shown an alarming rise.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, Aug. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Strickland of Smithfield, have returned home after a visit to relatives and friends in Montreat, Lake Junaluska and Old Fort.

The Junior League of the Methodist church gave an ice cream supper Thursday night on the parsonage lawn.

Miss Dula, who teaches in the Los Angeles school, is spending the summer with relatives in Old Fort.

Miss Mamie Wadley of Edenton arrived in Old Fort Tuesday to visit relatives awhile before the opening of school.

The children of Mrs. John White of Asheville have returned home after an extended visit to their grandparents in Old Fort.

Mrs. Sallie Parker of Spartanburg is visiting at the home of J. M. Gibson.

Mrs. M. L. Hoghey and son of Jupiter are visiting Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Mock.

Rev. Mock began a protracted meeting at Bethlehem Tuesday night.

Misses Mildred and Geneva Bird of Black Mountain have returned home after a short stay at A. C. Tates.

Ross and Jack Hoffman are on a vacation visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hoffman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bradley returned Saturday from a visit to Kingsport, Tenn.

Mrs. P. H. Mashburn and daughter, Miss Madeline, are in Asheville this week attending the Musical festival.

Mrs. T. M. Chaney and two children left Tuesday for Winston-Salem where they will reside.

Miss Helen Wadkins of Raleigh is visiting Mrs. P. H. Mashburn.

James Whitley of Rock Hill, S. C., is in Old Fort spending a part of his vacation.

Capt. Artz has recently returned from a business trip to New York and Boston.

Jos. A. Padgett left Monday for Chadbourn, to accept the superintendency of the school of that place.

Little Miss Nannie Sue Sandlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sandlin, celebrated her birthday Saturday night. Incidentally, Capt. James H. Paine has the same date for his birthday. Miss Sandlin invited him and Mrs. Paine and a few others over to cut the birthday cake, which contained 43 candles for Capt. Paine and Nannie Sue. You can figure out for yourself how many of the candles were for Mr. Paine and how many for Nannie Sue.

CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Route 2, Aug. 16.—Miss Evelyn Gettys spent the week-end at her home near Bridgewater.

Miss Francis Hicks spent the week-end with homefolks near Old Fort.

Miss Sallie McKelvey of Marion is visiting at the home of John Ross.

Mrs. Tom Parker and daughter, Miss Minnie, of Marion, visited relatives here the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Jolly and Miss Ellie Jolly of Marion visited the former's daughter, Mrs. Ed. Vess, during the week. Edmund Davis of Marion spent the week with homefolks here.

Alfred Lavender says he has grown the largest cucumber on Crooked Creek. It measures 13 inches in length and is 13 inches around. Can any one beat it?

Stanly Robertson was on the sick list for a few days last week, but is reported to be improving.

The decoration services at Bethel were well attended Saturday in spite of the inclement weather.

NEALSVILLE

Nealsville, Aug. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Brackett of Landrum, S. C.,

are visiting relatives here.

Nelson and Hazel Parker of Rock Hill, S. C., are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Goforth.

Mrs. J. H. Rayburn and daughter, Mrs. H. A. Brown, left Thursday to visit relatives in Columbus, Ohio.

Miss Maggie Goforth of Salisbury is visiting relatives here.

Miss Vina Rayburn of Rutherfordton is spending some time here with her parents.

Mrs. J. A. Swann was shopping in Marion Thursday.

Mrs. C. F. Wood of Johnson City, Tenn., spent the week-end here with relatives.

Mrs. Thomas Porter of Old Fort is visiting relatives here.

Misses Vina and Verla Rayburn were shopping in Marion Friday.

Mrs. W. M. Wilson of Sugar Hill spent Saturday night here with her mother, Mrs. D. C. Brown.

Miss Elizabeth Morris of Forest City is visiting her parents here this week.

Mrs. Maggie Link of Marion is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. W. Goforth, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson were shopping in Marion last Friday.

Sigrid Westmoreland made a visit to Canton last week.

DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, Aug. 16.—Miss Annie Cowan opened school at Macedonia last Monday.

Miss Bedie Melton of Golden Valley opened school at the Cowan school last Monday.

Mrs. Bobbie Kirksey of Morganton visited relatives here last week.

Ernest Dixon and two sisters of Gastonia visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. T. B. Landis and two boys were shopping in Marion last week.

A revival meeting started at the Methodist church yesterday at 11 o'clock. Hope it will be a success.

Rev. J. H. Bradley of Asheville is doing the preaching.

The Methodist church has been newly covered recently.

Misses Lona Goforth and Inez Daves visited relatives and friends in Lawndale recently.

Van and Herbert Mangrum of Detroit are home for a few days.

Cronje Laughridge is visiting his brother, Thermal, in Atlanta, Ga.

Roby Brackett and Arthur Walker have accepted positions in Forest City.

Beecher Denton of Lawndale spent a few days here recently with his father, Rev. J. R. Denton, who is getting old and in very feeble health.

Hamp Bates of Georgia is visiting relatives here this week.

CATAWBA VALLEY

Old Fort, Route 1, Aug. 16.—Farmers are getting anxious for the rain to subside so they can get their wheat threshed.

Misses Mary and Minnie Bradley, who have typhoid fever, are improving slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Silver visited the latter's mother on Mill Creek yesterday.

Bulow Kelley, who has been engaged in business at Winnsboro, S. C., came home the last of the week.

The school at Oakdale is progressing nicely with Miss Geneva Allison and Mrs. William Hicks as teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. John Scruggs of Cliffside spent a few days last week with the latter's mother, Mrs. S. C. Kelley.

E. H. McCall of Marion was a visitor here last Thursday.

We are glad to learn that the school at Siloam is progressing nicely under the management of Misses Lula Hicks and May Allison.

Miss Frances Hicks was shopping in Marion last Saturday.

"The platform adopted by the Democratic party at San Francisco is a promissory note, and I shall see to it that it will be paid in full, every dollar and every cent."—Governor James M. Cox.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The fifty-ninth North Carolina State Fair will be held in Raleigh this year October 18 to 23. The premium list is now ready for distribution.

Hamilton C. Jones, of Charlotte, has been appointed assistant district attorney for the western North Carolina district to succeed David B. Smith, resigned.

Passenger train No. 16, running between Asheville and Salisbury, was detoured Saturday night via of Spartanburg, S. C. Trouble on the mountain caused the detour.

Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy, has given assurance to heads of the Old Hickory association that he will be in Asheville for the big reunion September 28-29 to deliver an address to the veterans of the world war.

President H. W. Chase, of the University of North Carolina, has announced the temporary appointment of Dr. John James Davis, for 15 years professor of French at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, to the department of romance languages at the University.

Construction of the proposed building to house the department of agriculture, contemplated for the immediate future, has been postponed until after the regular session of the General Assembly next January, as the department's request for an appropriation of \$200,000 will not be made at the special session.

RUTHERFORD MAN DIES AT HANDS OF HIS SON

Harland Plemmons, 17 Years of Age, Admits Doing the Shooting—Boy Lodged in Prison.

Rutherfordton, Aug. 14.—One of the most horrible crimes in the history of Rutherford county occurred two miles east of Forest City yesterday morning when Harland Plemmons, the 17-year-old son of Mr. Clontz Plemmons, shot and killed his father with a 32 caliber pistol. The exact cause of the horrible affair is a mystery. When some neighbors reached the house shortly after the shooting, the son said that he had killed his father in defense of his mother as he was trying to hit his mother with a chair. The mother and wife said the truth would be known some day while the dying father told neighbors that his wife got the pistol and told his son to kill him and that she was mostly to blame for his death. The wife also said that her husband was a mean man.

Neighbors and intimate friends of the family say they have never known or seen any family trouble, and that the father was a hard working, honest and agreeable man and good citizen. He is a native of Buncombe county, and has several brothers and a father in Asheville, his father being a member of the police force of the mountain metropolis. Plemmons lived at Marion the first six months of 1919, Cliffside one month following his residence in Marion, and Henrietta since July, 1919, and moved to the farm the past February. His wife is a native of Madison county, her maiden name being Tumi Case.

Plemmons' body was carried to Asheville yesterday for burial. His son, who did the shooting, was lodged in jail here. He acknowledged the shooting.

Plemmons leaves a wife and seven children, whose ages range from four months to 20 years. The county authorities are puzzled as to the exact cause of the horrible affair. Plemmons and his wife were well known people.