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Blackwood Firms Resumes Work

Logging and saw mill operations of the Blackwood Lumber company, of East LaPorte, were resumed Monday morning with 175 men being put back to work.

Three logging and lumber trains are now running. One of the large saws in the band mill is in operation, the average daily output of which will be 35,000 feet.

Officials state that only old employees will be put back to work.

State News

Original Washington Celebrates

A birthday cake, 30 feet wide, iced with stucco and adorned with four foot candles in red and blue, was centerpiece of an impressive program Monday when Washington, N. C. celebrated her 200th anniversary of George Washington and the fact that, before any other American community the N. C. City took Washington's name as her own.

Prominent Baptist Dies

Walters Durham, treasurer of the Baptist state convention, and banker, died in Raleigh, Saturday of heart attack.

Presbyterian Campaign

As part of the southwide effort in March to raise \$4,000,000 for the church's benevolent work, the N. C. synod of Presbyterians will seek \$737,000 from its 535 churches.

\$100,000 High Point Fire

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the old portion of the Giant Furniture Company, High Point, early Friday, with a loss in excess of \$100,000, largely covered by insurance.

Asheville Banker To Prison

C. J. Hawkins, former assistant cashier of the Central bank, Asheville, began his term in state's prison, Friday for embezzlement of funds.

Ray Fisher is Convicted for Killing Will Ensley

Judge A. M. Stack on Sunday morning sentenced Ray Fisher, Sylva Collegiate Institute student and football player, to serve not less than 25 or more than 30 years in the state prison for the killing on Nov. 25 of Will Ensley, Sylva Paperboard engine operator.

Fisher was placed on trial for his life Thursday morning. The state contended that the slaying of Ensley contained every element of murder in the first degree, and introduced evidence to show the young man had gone to the home of Ensley early in the afternoon of the day of the killing and that Ensley had ordered him away telling him if he caught him about the house anymore he would kill him; that Fisher went to the home of his grandfather, two and a half miles away, secured his uncle's pistol, and returned to the engine where Ensley was working, called to him and engaged him in a verbal controversy, and that Ensley told him he had said all he was going to say and entered his en-

gine and started it moving when Fisher fired the pistol through the door, the bullet striking Ensley in the left side causing his death.

One witness claimed to have heard Fisher tell his sister that Ensley had cursed him and threatened his life after accusing him of stealing a still cap and condenser.

The plea of Fisher was that he shot in self defense. He testified that he was passing through the Ensley yard on the way home from his sisters when Ensley came out cursing him and drew a gun on him and threatened to take his life if he didn't bring back a still cap and condenser which he had accused Fisher of stealing. Fisher testified he went home and got his uncle's gun to protect himself, came down the road to the Paperboard where Ensley placed his engine across the road, came down and cursed him, climbed back into the engine and got a gun at which time Fisher fired.

Judge Stack made no comment on the verdict other than that Fisher should be highly gratified at the verdict.

Same Name, Same Age Die Same Day

Of the same name and age, two William Thomas Blantons died in Rutherford county on the same day and were buried Feb. 18 at the same hour at churches 12 miles apart, each family being ignorant of the other service underway.

Better Trained Teachers

In ten years percentage of N.C. teachers with full college training has risen from 15.8 to 46.2 among whites and from 2.5 to 15.2 per cent in negro schools.

Captain Thorpe Dies

Captain John Thorpe, 91, one of those who saw Henry Wyatt fall at Bethel as the first man to die for the Confederacy, died Monday at Rocky Mount. He was the oldest alumnus of State University.

55 Auto Deaths Last Month

Automobile wrecks killed 55 Tar Heels in January and wounded 370. 6 children were killed and 14 hurt while playing in the street.

40 Counties In Arrears

40 counties in the state are in arrears by \$487,675 to the state fund for public school buildings, and unless payment is prompt distribution of school funds to them will be stopped.

U. D. C's To Meet

The B. H. Cathey Chapter of the U. D. C. will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. J. H. Wilson with Miss Mildred Cowan as program leader.

The W. A. Enloe Chapter of the U. D. C. will meet Thursday with Mrs. D. M. Hall.

Jackson County Schools To Run For Full Term

M. B. Madison, county superintendent of schools, has announced that the Jackson county schools will run their full terms as usual.

To the teachers of Jackson county is due the credit for the immediate solving of this problem, for proposing to teach the extra two months and wait for their pay until the proper tax collections were made to enable the county to pay them.

Dr Jekyll and Mr. Hyde At Lyric Theatre

For 40 years Robert Louis Stevenson's "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" has been the leading mystery thriller of the stage, with its awesome struggle between the beautiful and hideous in a man's soul.

Today, after two generations of use in thrilling audiences, it is brought to the talking screen for the first time with Fredric March in the title role. Paramount's vivid dramatization of this classic is the feature picture at the Lyric theatre Friday and Saturday.

Under the direction of Rouben Mamoulian, March will lend his own personality to the role, although following the examples of Richard Mansfield and John Barrymore in the first film portrayal.

As a play, "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" has attained more success, says a famous critic, than the original story because of the unlimited possibilities for an actor and because seeing the transitions from Hyde to Jekyll are more realistic than merely reading them.

Hyde, when he first appears, is not developed to the fullness of his evil character. As he slowly begins to gain more freedom and enters deeper into the life of crime he changes physically for the worse until he finally overcomes Jekyll, who is trying to throw off his evil form, and is portrayed in his most hideous form.

I. K. Stafford To Preach

Rev. I. K. Stafford, pastor of the Cullowhee Baptist Church, will preach at the First Baptist Church here next Sunday evening at 7:30.