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TWO SECTIONS

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THREE MEN KILLED IN EXPLOSION OF ENGINE ON SEABOARD RAILWAY

Engine Exploded Saturday Night Near Youngsville—Engine Completely Demolished, Four Freight Cars Derailed and Fifteen Others Wrecked; Tracks Torn Up For About 100 Feet.

The three men riding in the cab of the engine were hurled 160 yards, two of them being killed instantly and the other died of injuries, when the boiler of the locomotive on Seaboard Air Line northbound freight train No. 86 exploded one mile south of Youngsville Saturday night from causes as yet unknown.

The Dead Men.

The dead men are H. W. Gerow, the engineer, and Jim Jones, the colored fireman, both of Raleigh, and E. J. Murphy, of Middleburg, the head brakeman, was taken to the Wake Forest College hospital, at Wake Forest, where he died a few hours later. So badly were the men disfigured that for several hours after the injury, the identity of Gerow and Murphy was confused by railroad employees.

Engine Demolished.

The explosion was of such violence that the engine was completely demolished, the boiler being completely severed from the trucks, and the cab thrown backwards about 100 feet. Four freight cars were derailed and fifteen others wrecked.

Tracks Destroyed.

The track was completely destroyed for about 100 feet, the rails being blown away and a part of the road bed destroyed.

Large Crowd Visits Wreck.

Despite a downpour of rain a large number of Oxford and Granville people visited the wreck Sunday. The cab, with three men in it, was blown a distance of 100 yards.

MANY BAPTIST MINISTERS ARE WITHOUT CHARGES

Secretary Reports 330 Ordained and Not Employed; Members, 313,594.

There is no shortage of ministers with the Baptist denomination in North Carolina according to the report of Mr. E. L. Middleton, statistical secretary of the Baptist state convention. His inquiries reveal the fact that there are 330 ordained Baptist ministers in the state without churches. A new crop supply of ministers is being trained, there being 196 ministerial students in the schools with all of the schools not reporting. There are 893 pastors and general workers actively engaged in ministerial, evangelistic and other work.

The report shows 20,328 baptisms for the year, a gain of 4,240 over 1920. The greatest number in any previous year was 17,903. Last year there was a gain of 2,684 over 1919. There are 2,243 churches, a gain of 24 over the number shown in the preceding report. The number of church members in 313,594, a gain of 11,983 for the year.

The amounts reported are as follows: 75 million undesignated, \$504,801.58; missions, \$108,031.92; orphanage, \$126,101.92; Christian education, \$37,181.38; ministers' relief, \$3,954.28; hospitals, \$17,586.83. Total \$898,658.04.

THE AMERICAN DOUGHBOY IN SOLID COPPER-BRONZE

A Composite Of a Regiment Of Soldiers.

There has been many attempts by sculptors to reproduce an exact image of the American doughboy, and all had failed until E. M. Vigness, a New York sculptor, made a composite picture of a regiment of soldiers and dressed the image in full equipment, which has recently been placed upon the market. A sample of this statue, in copper-bronze, is on exhibition at the store of Harris-Mitchell Company on College street, and its minute details are most interesting and helps to keep alive the wholesome spirit of patriotism that prevailed during the World War, and for that reason the rare emblem should be in every home. It must be seen to be appreciated.

The doughboy stands upon an embankment; at his feet is a bunch of wire entanglement; he is in the act of throwing a hand-grenade; the helmet on his head is slightly tilted; the gun is at his side; the gas mask, cartridge belt, canteen and full pack are in position. The statue is one foot tall. Should you want one, Capt. John B. Mays, sole agent for Oxford and Granville, will see that you get it.

AN OLD LANDMARK ON WILLIAMSBORO ST. REMOVED

New Brick Store Room Takes the Place Of An Old Eye-So-So.

The old wooden building, situated on Williamsboro street between the office of Hicks & Stem and Judge Graham's office building, has been torn down to make room for a neat brick store room with a plate-glass front. The building will be 17 feet wide and 36 feet long. The building is being erected by Mr. A. A. Hicks.

Ladies Will Have Sale.

The ladies of the Oxford Methodist Church will have a sale of useful Christmas articles for sale at the Memorial Building on December 6.

LOUISBURG LAD IS THE CHAMPION SPELLER OF NORTH CAROLINA

Myrtle Bradley, Of Gastonia, Won Second Honors.

A Louisburg boy, Wilson B. Morton, Jr., a member of the seventh grade of the Louisburg schools, is the champion speller of North Carolina, having defeated all comers at the spelling bee held during the Teachers' Assembly. There were 87 contestants in the spelling match, which was written rather than oral as were the old-time matches, and Wilson vanquished all the others.

Myrtle Bradley, of the West Gastonia graded schools, won second honors in this spelling match, and Lillian Stallings of the Hemingway school, Wilmington, won third place in the contest.

JUDGE A. W. GRAHAM IS NOT IN POLITICS

He Is President Of The New York Cotton and Grain Exchange.

It is remarkable what a hold Judge A. W. Graham has upon the affections of the people of Granville county, especially upon the hearts of the old soldiers.

Wherever you go in the county you are apt to hear some one say that it is to be regretted that Judge Graham is not a member of the law-making body of the State just at this time.

Remembering that Judge Graham was appointed cotton future attorney by President Wilson, an old friend of the Judge asked the Public Ledger a few days ago how long we supposed President Harding would let him hold the job? The old friend seemed to be greatly relieved when we informed him that Judge Graham resigned his political appointment two years ago and was elected president of the American Cotton and Corn Exchange of New York City, which position he now holds. His headquarters is in New York City, but he makes frequent trips to Washington, New Orleans, Chicago and other cities.

Judge Graham attended court here last week. Speaking of his position as president of the American Cotton and Corn Exchange, he said "it means work, work all the time."

MR. BUXTON TAYLOR IS BUILDING A LONG BRIDGE

At the Forks Of the Yadkin and Pee Dee River and Links Up Stanley and Montgomery Counties.

All of Commissioner T. G. Taylor's sons are usually smart, and Buxton, one of the youngest of the boys, is no exception to the rule. He is not much over twenty-one years of age, if that, but he is old enough to build a reinforced concrete bridge across the Yadkin river which when completed, will be 1091 feet long and will cost \$201,700.

Buxton, one of the bright young civil engineers of the State, holds an office position with the State Highway Commission. He was detailed to go to Stanley county and build the bridge across Yadkin river at the fork of the Pee Dee and Yadkin. He is working under the supervision of Mr. W. T. Morrison, resident engineer, and Buxton will share the honors with him.

Buxton spent the week end at home, and we learn from him that the bridge is being built by the Federal Government and that Stanley and Montgomery counties, which are linked up by the bridge, will share in the expense.

This bridge is situated on the most direct route from Raleigh to Charlotte, and when completed will shorten the distance between the Capitol City and Charlotte thirty miles, and when the National Highway is completed between Durham and Sandford the distance between Oxford and Charlotte will have been shortened 26 miles.

START WAR ON ILLITERACY

The One-Teacher Schools Will Soon Be a Thing Of the Past.

At the 38th annual session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly held in Raleigh last week war was made on the one-teacher school, because the schools everywhere show that the one-teacher pupil does not make the grades. In the practice of actual life the one-teacher room is becoming a memory.

MR. AND MRS. C. G. POWELL RETURN FROM BRIDAL TOUR

Mr. Charles G. Powell, register of deeds, and his handsome bride returned from their northern bridal tour last Friday and are being congratulated by many friends. They spent much of the time in Washington City and visited the Senate and House several times and on one occasion heard Senator Simmons deliver a short speech.

Surf News Notes.

—There was quite much visiting in this section Thanksgiving Day.

—I see fine loads of tobacco pass here frequently for the Oxford tobacco market.

—One boy in this section has already caught 40 rabbits this season.

—Mr. Sam Tuck and Miss Lucy Moore were married a few days ago.

—Mr. Frank Oakley, 77 years of age, died Nov. 16. Seven children survive.

—Your battery should have water about every two weeks. Stop at Oxford Battery Co.

JUDGE DEVIN IS ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE PUBLIC MEN IN THE STATE

He Performs the Service He Obligated To Perform.

Judge W. A. Devin, who presided at the two week's term of Granville Superior Court, which came to a close last Saturday, is evidently one of the few judges who realize that two weeks' term of court is twelve days, not three or six days. It is an easy matter for a judge to hurry through with the State docket, hear a few motions and adjourn for the term, camouflaging the situation by saying that the lawyers were not ready to try the civil dockets. The lawyers may be ready, but they will not insist if they have an intimation that the judge wants to quit. The lawyers know that it isn't good policy to force a judge to try a case when he wants to get away; and while they may prefer continuance at times they will be ready, or get ready on short notice, if his honor tells them he is there to try the docket and means to do just that.

While the people of Granville, the home county of Judge Devin, are impressed and highly pleased with the large number of cases disposed of during the recent term of Granville Superior Court, his record is even greater in many of the other counties of the State.

There has been so much delay in the superior courts of the State it is really refreshing to find one who stays on the job like Judge Devin.

THE POWER OF A JOKE

If Told In The School Room It Will Cheer The Pupils.

Last Saturday President Hobgood of Oxford College, and Prof. J. F. Webb, Superintendent of county schools, both present from the teachers' assembly at Raleigh, met in front of the court house. A third party came upon the scene just as Prof. Webb remarked to Dr. Hobgood:

"Do you know that it becomes necessary now and then to tell a joke in the school room so that the pupils will limber up and take more interest in their studies."

"I certainly do," said Dr. Hobgood, "and I practice it myself. Mr. Horner, father of Col. J. C. Horner, was great at that very thing, and he got results, too."

SIX WHITE MEN ESCAPE FROM PRISON FARM

Break: Out Of Window Of Barracks Friday Night.

Breaking through the windows of the barracks at the State Prison farm west of Raleigh Friday night about 9 o'clock six white prisoners made a dash for freedom and in spite of the gun fire of the guards succeeded in escaping. All night parties of guards were out searching for the men but no trace has been found of them so far.

Tom Clayton, Cumberland county; Mike Bray, Edgecombe county; Grover Hensley, Guilford county; Charlie Helton, Caldwell county; Pink Perkins, Rockingham county; Lester Kennon, Cabarrus county, are the six.—Raleigh Times.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS START FOR HOMETLAND

More Than 600 Leave Germany; Eighty-Two Wives Coming With Them.

Coblentz, Nov. 27.—Reduction in the American expeditionary force along the Rhine began yesterday when eleven officers and 600 enlisted men left here on a special train for Antwerp to sail tomorrow for home on the transport Cantigny. They are due to reach Hoboken about December 7.

In addition to the soldiers there were three nurses, fifteen former servicemen and eighty-two wives, eighty babies of soldiers who were married in Germany.

NORTH CAROLINA VETERAN ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD

Capt. Cathey Spends Happy Day At Soldier's Home In Raleigh.

(News & Observer) Friends, flowers and felicitations hailed Captain George Cathey at the Confederate Soldiers Home Saturday, the eve of his hundredth birthday.

Cheery little white nairea man, he looks back over his ninety-nine other birthdays with keen enjoyment and forward into the future with optimistic philosophy. With Browning he can taste the "last of life for which he first was made," knowing that all of it is part of The Great Plan he is satisfied to obey the poet's injunction: "Trust God, see all, nor be afraid."

SHIPMENTS OF GAME MUST BE PROPERLY LABELED

The Bureau of Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture, calls attention to the fact that under federal law all packages in which wild ducks, geese, and other migratory game birds are transported must have the name of the shipper and of the consignee and an accurate statement of the number and kinds of birds contained therein clearly and conspicuously marked on the outside thereof. Sportsmen shipping game birds without proper markings are liable to prosecution in the Federal court and the birds to seizure and condemnation.

GIST OF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY TEACHER'S ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK

Plans For Incorporating Study Of Bible In Every School In North Carolina.

Following is a digest of the report of the resolutions committee of the Teachers' Assembly unanimously adopted at the business session in Raleigh last week:

1. Endorse State certification plan for teachers.

2. Endorse county unit plan of school organization and administration, and the present salary schedule.

3. Endorse teacher training program, of which 10,853 teachers took advantage during the past summer.

4. Endorse teaching of citizenship in all schools.

5. Endorse teaching of the Bible in every school in North Carolina, and name committee to work out plans for incorporating Bible in course of study.

6. Endorse course in physical education, to be incorporated in course of study for 1922-'23.

7. Endorse teaching of music in every school in the State.

8. Commend Governor Morrison in his efforts to secure more support for educational institutions.

9. Endorse Towner-Stearnes bill to provide for place in President's cabinet for educational secretary.

10. Endorse plan for whole time secretary of Teachers' Assembly.

11. Endorse program of State Superintendent E. C. Brooks, and pledge him support of every teacher in the State.

FOOTBALL TAKES ITS TOLL

North Carolina Boy Among List Of Ten Killed.

Football claimed ten victims during the 1921 season, which closed with Thanksgiving Day games according to reports to The Associated Press. The death list was three less than 1920 and three above the toll of two years ago.

With one exception, none of the victims were more than twenty years old. The list of deaths followed:

Floyd Watt, Villisca, Iowa, captain of high school team; William Pritchard, Elizabeth City, N. C., sixteen years old; Donald Davis, Emporia, Kansas, halfback with Kansas State Normal eleven; Monroe Beatty, Bellevue, Pa., high school player; Carleton Manbeck, Toledo, O., seventeen years old; Harry Johnson, Evanston, Illinois, high school player, fifteen years old; Edward H. Keck, Belleville, Ill., twenty years old; Francis Fricke, Flint, Mich., high school player, eighteen years old; Frank Madeau, Lowell, Mass., twenty-three years old; Matthew Karyachich, Benwood, W. Va., twenty years old.

HANDSOME COUPLE WED AT EXCHANGE HOTEL

The Knot Was Tied By J. D. Harte Sunday Afternoon.

The phone bell rang Sunday and Mr. Charles G. Powell, register of deeds, hastened to answer. The voice at the other end of the line asked Mr. Powell if he could come over to the court house and issue a marriage license. Haying been recently married, and knowing how a man feels on the eve of his wedding, Mr. Powell answered: "Sure, I'll be there in a jiffy."

The couple were so neat, trim and cultured, the young lady being especially pretty, they attracted much attention. The contracting parties were Miss Louise Wiley, of Burkesville, Va., and Mr. Charles H. Borem, Prince Edwards county, Va., accompanied by Mr. R. B. Borem, brother of the groom-to-be.

The wedding was solemnized in the parlors at the Exchange Hotel in the presence of forty guests, Rev. J. D. Harte officiating.

The bride was becomingly attired in a blue going away suit with hat to match.

THE SLEEPING LADY ATTRACTS MUCH ATTENTION

Madame Zinnia, mind reader, who will appear at the Orpheum Theatre tonight and tomorrow night with the Vishva Hypnotic Company, was hypnotized and placed in the front window of J. R. Wood's store early Monday morning and remained there in full view of the passing through all day. She resembled a wax figure and attracted much attention.

Deserved Compliment.

When Judge Devin closed the two week's term of Granville County Superior Court late last Saturday afternoon, Sheriff Hunt heaved a sigh of relief and remarked to a friend: "Wouldn't it be great for the county and all concerned if Judge Devin presided here at all of the courts, but a few more terms like the one I have just been through would get my tag."

Episcopal Bazaar.

The ladies of the Episcopal Church will hold their annual bazaar November 30 and December 1 at the Crown Cafe next door to the First National Bank. Fine menu will be served and there will be dainty fancy work for sale, suitable for Christmas gifts. Don't forget the date. 1tx

—Most of us know better but few of us do better.

STRONGER AND BETTER BASE BALL TEAM HERE NEXT SPRING IS INTIMATED

Fans Of Last Season Determined To Have The Best Available Men.

Those who think that the baseball fever of 1921 is dead have another think coming to them, and they are very apt to see an epidemic here and all over the country long before the blue birds build their nests next Spring.

Around at headquarters the other day, the sports were bemoaning the fact that Lee Gooch, Oxford's baseball star, had signed up with Durham as manager next season. Gooch not being available, they are determined to get the best man they can to manage the Oxford team.

Nothing of a definite nature has been done here as yet, but there is some talk of Oxford and Henderson joining the Piedmont League jointly as one team and arrange the schedule so that Oxford and Henderson each would have good ball three times a week. It is claimed that such a schedule could be worked out in an eight team league. It is a well-known fact that some of the teams in the Piedmont League gets weak on finance during the last part of the second half.

There is a good strong desire manifested here for good ball next season, but six games weekly is more than the community will support, it is said. The only interest manifested here last season to any considerable extent was kept alive by the Oxford and Henderson teams. There was a friendly rivalry between the two teams that kept things going from first to last.

It has been figured out that it will require an expenditure of \$20,000 to maintain a high-class amateur club here next season. The question will be taken up early in the New Year to see what can be done; it is said.

BUY SEALS TODAY!

The fourteenth annual sale of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals is now on in Oxford. Miss Biggs Chairman of the Sales Committee announces that the teams have been selected and are now at work in earnest. Please meet them with pleasant faces and open purses and buy liberally and help fight this awful curse among us.

In launching the Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale, Miss Biggs calls attention to the fact that the seals are no longer Red Cross Seals, the Red Cross and the National and State Tuberculosis Associations now being separate and using their funds for separate purposes. She emphasizes the fact that every cent spent for a Tuberculosis Christmas Seal will be used in fighting tuberculosis.

RAILROAD OFFICIALS SPEND DAY IN OXFORD

Will Put In Side Track For The Lasser Company.

Mr. C. A. Arthur, superintendent of this division of the Southern Railway, accompanied by Messrs. W. H. Mallon and J. R. McLoughlin, of Richmond, were registered at the Exchange Hotel Thanksgiving Day. Their visit to Oxford at this time was to confer with the R. G. Lasser Company in reference to side tracks between Oxford and Lewis station.

IT'S THE OLD LEAGUE UNDER A NEW NAME

Washington, Nov. 27.—The continuing "association of nations" which, according to reports, President Harding has foreseen as a possible outcome of the armament conference, would be "the old league of nations under another name," Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, declared in a statement issued Saturday.

STATE WILL TAKE FULL MILLION DOLLARS OF LOAN

Most Of The Money Will Go To Country And Small Village Schools.

Sixty-four of the 100 counties have applied for \$3,311,100 of the five million-dollar fund authorized by the General Assembly to assist in the construction of schoolhouses, and tentative applications from the remaining 36 will require the full amount made available by legislative enactment, according to a statement issued by the State board of education.

The full five million dollars in serial State bonds will be advertised for sale January 1, 1922, and the funds turned over to the counties for application to schoolhouse construction, under the provisions of the act. The money will be repaid in twenty annual installments, with interest at not to exceed five per cent. The bonds will be retired serially over a period of 20 years.

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Splendid Family Leaves Oxford.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Knowles and family are leaving Oxford this week to make their home in Hertford. It is with sincere regret that their many friends in Oxford see them leave our midst, for seldom has a family so endeared themselves to our people. They have been residents of Oxford only about six years having come to Oxford from Hertford, but in that time they have all made a host of friends. The little folks will be greatly missed in the Graded School and the High School where they have won a very enviable place with both teachers and pupils.

A GRANVILLE BOY STANDS HIGH AT THE WEST POINT MILITARY ACADEMY

He Is The Son Of Dr. J. A. Morris, County Health Officer.

It always affords us pleasure to learn of the success of our boys from Granville county, especially when achieved at the highest institution in the land. Joseph A. Morris, Jr., son of Dr. J. A. Morris, superintendent of health of Granville county, has been at the United States Military Academy at West Point for about 18 months. In his first year in a class of over 600 he stands fourth in general average, first in surveying, fourth in mathematics, thirty in conduct and military efficiency, 70 in English and 93 in French.

During the year, for various causes, 150 members dropped out, leaving a class of 450. So far this year he stands: Surgery 1; mathematics 4; English 4; drawing 12; French 84.

This is a splendid record, especially as mathematics and kindred subjects are the principal study at a military or naval school. We are proud of our young friend, and congratulate him and his parents and predict for him a brilliant future.

PITY FOR THE MAN WHO HAS NO FRIENDS

Let a Man Believe That He Has No Friends Love and Life Has No Pleasure For Him.

One of the very latest editorials written by the late B. C. Ashcraft, editor of the Monroe Enquirer, which was found in his desk, and which he no doubt intended to publish the week he was stricken down should be read by every one, for in every community there are people who thirst more for kind words and sympathy than anything else on earth. Mr. Ashcraft's unpublished editorial follows:

"A man may be without money; he may not know where his next meal is to come from, his clothing may be worn and patched; yet if he has friends he will go down the street with a smile on his face and a song on his lips.

"A man may lose his health, wasting disease may lay him low and the skeleton hand of death may shake his hour glass in his face, yet if friends gather around his couch he will rejoice and be glad and die unafraid.

"But let a man believe that he has no friends. Let him become convinced that in all the world there is for him no friendly heart, no hand of sympathy and love, life has no pleasure for him, no matter what his financial condition or the state of his health. The thought more fraught with gloom and despair than was ever any other emanation of the human brain. "I have no friend in all the wide world," has caused the suicide's pistol to crack many a time, has often caused the cup of poison to be pressed with trembling hand to the lip, has caused many a child of despondency to leap from the bridge or shore into the cold waters of forgetfulness.

"Make a man believe that he has no friends; that for him there is no friendly hand and you enshroud his soul in despair. Obsess his mind with the thought that he is friendless, that for him no sympathetic, helpful hand is extended, and you bathe his soul in hell-fire."

ALL SHOULD LIVE HUNDRED YEARS, SAYS AGED MAN

But the People Must Practice the Rules Of Health To Accomplish It.

A movement to educate the people of the world to live 100 years is suggested by Dr. Stephen Smith, 99 years old, who declared in an address to members of the American Public Health Association in New York that the Mosaic law limiting the span of life to three-score years and ten was all wrong.

"Moses himself proved the falsity of the law by living forty years beyond his own allotted time," he said. "He died apparently in good health, for it is written that 'His eye was undimmed and his natural force unabated.'"

The normal and potential life of man, he added, was 100 years, and every child born was adopted in physical construction and functions to live a century. Deaths occurring at an earlier age were due, he said, to conditions incompatible or construction or function of human organism, and by proper education of the people through the association, such conditions could be changed.

MR. W. H. DEAN SOLD SOME GOOD TOBACCO MONDAY

His Best Grade Brought \$80 Per Hundred.

Mr. W. H. Dean, one of the good farmers of the county, sold some good tobacco at Mangum's warehouse Monday. Some of it being a rich mahogany color, his friends accused him of selling old-time tobacco.

Seventy-four pounds brought \$15; 174 pounds brought \$56 per hundred; 140 pounds brought \$66 per hundred; 50 pounds brought \$80 per hundred; 182 pounds brought \$70 per hundred; 136 pounds brought \$45 per hundred; 62 pounds brought \$20 per hundred; 38 pounds brought \$15 per hundred. Total, \$452.81.