

HEAVY STORM HITS ZEBULON MONDAY NIGHT

Great Electrical Current, Wind and Thunder Causes Uneasiness

Last Monday evening about 9:30 Zebulon was visited by one of the most severe electrical, wind and rain storms of the year.

People who were on their way home from visiting, or on the streets otherwise, had to seek shelter wherever it could be found.

In the late afternoon of Monday, a heavy cloud hung over the northwest, but, fortunately, it passed on in other direction, and many were heard to say that we "missed a good rain." During the day Sunday and Monday the dust throughout the town was very much in evidence and a good shower would have helped things considerably, but the rain failed to come, but as the evening of Monday came on, the lightning in the southwest became more and more in evidence, until about 9:30, the wind began to blow and the thunder roared from all four corners of the earth, and the sharp flashes of lightning made one want to be in some dark, secluded spot, with both eyes shut. Many people began to close down their windows and shut the doors. It was evident that we were going to experience an awful storm.

One of the greatest things that worried many of our good people was the thought of "hail." A heavy hail storm would do much damage to all growing crops, and would be an awful thing to our farmers at this hour. But Providence smiled on this immediate section, as the only damage was by water washing in many places and the wind.

The tobacco in this section is a large variety and leaves are very thick on the stalks, making a heavy weight in the green state, and the wind could do as much damage, as perhaps the hail, at this time.

The corn—some just putting forth the "tassel" and chutes, and just in a stage when the grain will begin to make, could be cut short by the wind blowing it down and stopping the growth, but we escaped much of this during the storm of Monday evening.

The cotton—now branching out and growing as fast as it can, the forms (or squares) making headway so fast that by August 15th much of it will be opening up ready for the pickers, if nothing unforeseen takes place. Cotton did not suffer but little from the effects of the storm.

All the crops in this section look fine, and the prospects so far are for a bumper crop.

DR. BOWLING CALLED BEFORE STATE BOARD

The Board Meets in Morehead City on July 12th

Summons have been served upon Dr. E. H. Bowling, of Durham, one of the six physicians recently tried in Federal Court in Raleigh for violations of the Harrison anti-narcotic act, to appear before the State Medical Board which meets in Morehead City during the week of July 12. A hearing will be held with a view to determine whether or not just cause exists for the revoking of his license to practice his profession in the State.

Dr. Bowling received the stiffest fine of any of the doctors from Durham tried in the dope cases. His fine was first set at a thousand dollars, but was later reduced to half that amount by Judge I. M. Meekins.

HAND - CUFFED; THE GOVERNOR CHAINED TO TREE

For Ten Days They Had Been Missing When Found

A Chattanooga, Tenn., special says: Dr. W. D. Mason, veterinary surgeon, and Lawrence Bowman, who have been the object of a ten days' search by a posse of more than 150 men since their mysterious disappearance on Signal Mountain the night of June 23, were found handcuffed and chained to a tree by Jim Thomas, mountaineer.

Both men were alive but in a serious condition due to their long exposure and insufficient nourishment. They were brought to Chattanooga in an ambulance.

Mason and Bowman, after being sufficiently revived, stated that they had been set upon the night of their disappearance by five hooded men, carried off from Dr. Mason's car and chained to a tree. Each night they were blindfolded and removed to another place, they stated.

As the two men were found on a spot that was previously searched by a posse, it is believed that the men were moved each night to a section of the mountain that was searched on the previous day by the posse, their discovery being thus prevented.

While very thirsty, Bowman was able to talk, according to Thomas, but Mason did not speak. Bowman said that it had been four days since Mason had eaten, having become angry at being held captive and refused to eat and drink on one occasion. The captors then grew angry with Mason, Bowman stated, and refused to either feed him or give him water.

Finding of the men occurred when Thomas, accompanied by his 9-year old grandson and a German police dog, were seeking hogs that had escaped from his farm. He was amazed, he stated, when he saw Bowman, his face covered with a heavy growth of beard, thinking he was an apparition.

"I first asked him if he was thirsty," Thomas stated. He replied: "H—I, yes." I always carry water on my horse, as it is impossible to secure water on the mountain due to the long drought. I fetched him a bottle of water, which he grabbed at greedily. I succeeded in twisting it from his frenzied grip, after he had taken about three swallows, as I feared the effects might kill him.

"I then turned my attention to Dr. Mason, who was lying in a stupor and Lawrence said he had not spoken all morning. I forced the mouth of the bottle through his lips and allowed the water to go through his teeth.

Makes Two Raids But Captures One Still and Beer

Deputy Sheriffs Richardson and E. P. Denton, Saturday night, the 4th, made a raid on a supposed still, about two miles south of Zebulon. The officers captured a 35-gallon copper still and destroyed about 50 gallons of beer, meal, Red Dog and sugar.

Another raid was made later on. This time they took in the territory about four miles north of Zebulon, where they were informed a still was in operation, but the officers found only beer—about 100 gallons of beer. They found plenty of evidence that a still had been in operation, and no doubt the operators intended to do some more stilling soon, as the beer was about ready to begin work of making "some kind of brandy," as the beer contained ground apples and sugar.

MOVES WATERWORKS OFFICE

Mr. J. D. Finch, superintendent of the water-works, and treasurer, has moved the water-works office from the City Hall building on West Horton street, to the water plant. Any one desiring to transact business with Mr. Finch will find him at the water plant, or phone 71.

THE GOVERNOR TO OPEN PEACH EXPOSITION, 23

Hamlet Laying Plans For Big Time On Occasion of Peach Show

Advice from Hamlet says:—The Carolinas Sandhill Peach Show is again an assured attraction for mid-summer visitors to Hamlet and the peach belt of the Carolinas. The most important preliminary detail incident to this annual exhibit was the raising of funds for carrying out plans and determining the date for holding the show. These preliminaries are in the past and the steady grind to whip into shape attractive exhibits and added amusements for visitors has begun in real earnest.

Governor Angus W. McLean, who has shown so much interest in the development of every section of the commonwealth, was unstinted in his approval of the Carolinas Sandhill Peach Show for 1925 and has made known his intention to be present on July 23, and formally open the show with an address appropriate to the occasion. The presence of Governor McLean at this exhibit will be the signal for hundreds of Carolinians and many from other states to make their way to Hamlet and avail themselves of the double opportunity of seeing and hearing North Carolina's distinguished governor and view the attractions of the Peach Show.

Visitors to previous exhibits need only to be told the date on which this year's exhibit is to be held to assure their attendance, but as there are to be many added attractions at this year's exhibit, the task of the management from now until July 23 will be to "say so" to the general public and make ample provisions for entertaining the increased number of visitors for each day of the occasion.

PROF KISER'S FINE RECORD

Retires After Thirty-four Years School Service

Prof. R. G. Kizer, of Salisbury, N. C., last week retired as head of the Rowan county school system, a position he has held for the past 34 years. He will, however, continue a vital connection with the system in an advisory capacity so that the schools of the county may have the benefit of his rich knowledge in school administrative matters. During his 34 years of consecutive service Mr. Kizer has served under seven state superintendents. Prior to his connection with the county schools he had served 15 years as superintendent of the Salisbury schools and has taught in the county.

Prof. Kizer is succeeded as county superintendent by George Howard, who comes from the state educational forces. Mr. Howard is a son of Geo. Howard, of Tarboro. He has held several important positions with educational institutions in the State. He taught at Goldsboro, in the N. C. C. W., at Greensboro, was county superintendent of Edgecombe and in that position put on the first trucks to be used in the State to convey rural children to school. This summer he taught rural administration in the University of Kentucky.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Charles Edward Pippin announces the marriage of his daughter, Mary Belle, to Mr. J. Frank Sheffield, Monday, July the sixth, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, Zebulon, North Carolina. At home, after the fifteenth of July, Spray, North Carolina.

LOYAL DISCUSSES CONDITIONS IN THE EAST

President of Norfolk Southern, Says Manufacturing is Needed

The outlook for the agricultural in Eastern North Carolina is splendid. G. R. Loyall, president of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, said while on a periodic visit to Charlotte last week.

Rains in the eastern section have been a boon to the farmers, President Loyall said, adding that they are fearful lest too much water fall. The tobacco fields are looking fine, but the cotton is not of the best in places, he remarked. Mr. Loyall reported a short Irish potato crop in the section around Norfolk, but expressed the opinion that the growers would get about as much as they did last year with a large crop. Peaches are very fine this season, and the sandhills country is reaping the benefit, he declared.

President Loyall appeared pleased, expressing the belief that his road will carry a good tonnage this year. He admitted that automobiles are cutting into passenger transportation sharply, chiefly on local runs, indicating that in the next few years local passenger by rail will be almost a thing of the past. Motor trucks, too, are taking much freight from the railroads, chiefly on short hauls, the official observed.

President Loyall said that his road is contemplating no changes in its system just now.

Speaking of Eastern North Carolina, the railroad official said that one of its great needs is manufacturing on a larger scale. The raw material is near at hand. Advertising of the advantages of the section would greatly help this movement, he commented.

MR. HARRISON SETTLES TAXES

1924 Taxes For Wake \$1,174,639.84, as of June 15th

Taxes collected for 1924 in Wake county amount to \$1,174,639.84, as of June 25, out of a total abstract of \$1,223,650.46, according to the settlement of Sheriff D. Bryant Harrison which was made Tuesday to the board of county commissioners. An additional \$17,322.52 has been listed and collected by Auditor Henry G. Holding.

The collections for 1924 already exceed the amount collected for 1923 by the sheriff and auditor, which was \$1,155,175.94. The total abstract in 1923 was \$1,149,324.83. The amount already collected this year by the sheriff and the auditor is \$1,241,372.98.

The settlement shows that only \$49,016.62 remains to be collected by the sheriff to meet the abstract. The uncollected taxes are \$34,760.08 for insolvents and \$12,929.10 for delinquents. Rebates totaling \$19,232.97 have been made.

Taxes already collected are divided among the various county funds as follows: General county fund, \$86,347.45; general school fund, \$41,437.12; special county school funds, \$38,530.08; special county school bond fund, \$30,294.72; special county roads, \$23,971.18; special road bonds, \$34,538.95; general school bonds, \$17,239.50, and county bond funds, \$1,808.05.

The Raleigh city schools get \$217,399.08. The schools there share in the general school fund and also get \$52,863.40 in district funds.

Poll taxes during 1924 totaled \$17,496 and dog taxes \$3,838.

NOTICE COMING ATTRACTION

Mudpath Chautauqua Will Be Presented Soon

Watch the paper and the store windows for further notices concerning this aesthetic, energetic, athletic and magnetic group of artists who will present their latest acts to the community. An unequalled chance to see the best at a most reasonable price. Featuring such widely known and popular artists as Gillard Will, Saurice Matisky, Derma Wawson, Roselle Mobertson, Hargie Morton, Cuby Reece, Bildred Moughton, Donny O'Jeer, and many others equally well known and talented.

Do you keep up with the theatrical world? Here's your chance to see what we claim to be the most stupendous production ever put across in the theatre of our town. Positively no rough stuff. Everything will be carefully filed and sand-papered before placing on the stage. The admission fees will be within reach of all, and the programs will be entertaining to all from Barrie S. Davis to Ma Hunt.

Good music, good voices, beautiful girls, and handsome men will all combined to make this one of the most enjoyable entertainments of the season. Some time and trouble has been spent by the producers in gathering together this group, whose services are very greatly in demand by many others; but they will feel amply repaid by the pleasure which it will give our town and community, and the cultural element which it will bring with it.

Bringing together as it will, the educational world, the social world, and the scientific, as well as the musical and the humorous, it will excel the Blue Back Speller, Scientific Monthly, the Seal of C, the funny paper, and a date with your best girl all combined.

Come and bring the family, the relatives, the neighbors, the guests, and the in-laws. Don't leave the baby. Think of how, in the years to come, he will rejoice at a chance to say: "Why I saw it when it was here!" Don't cheat him out of the chance of a lifetime.

Be on hand for the first of the series, and you will not be willing to miss a single one. You will cheerfully work overtime for the necessary cash rather than let one number go by unseen.

Keep your eyes open for further advance notices concerning Time, Place, Admission and the like.

Prepare now not to miss one of these magnificent and wonderful occasions. Will positively be the hit of the season.

Further notice next week.

Will Borrow Money For Buildings For State Institutions

The Governor and Council of State has passed a resolution authorizing the Governor and Council of State to borrow money in anticipation of the general fund bonds authorized by the 1925 General Assembly in order that the institutions may proceed with their building programs. All contracts for buildings must be approved under the new law by the Governor, as director of the budget.

Governor McLean has announced that no State bonds will be issued prior to January 1, 1926, and all State financing is now done by short term notes. The 1925 General Assembly authorized \$20,000,000 in highway bonds and \$5,125,000 in general fund bonds of which about \$3,700,000 is for permanent improvements at institutions, the remainder being funding bonds.

It has been demonstrated by a Princeton University professor that the human ear can become fatigued sufficiently to affect the sense of hearing

CHURCH CENSUS BY BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

Helpful and Interesting Figures for Zebulon Church People

A church census in religious life is very much like an inventory in business life. It gives the church a working knowledge of the community's spiritual assets and possibilities. A survey has lately been made of Zebulon and the surrounding section by a committee from the Baptist Sunday school which we believe will not only be interesting but helpful to any one who will study it. This survey is approximately correct for working purposes. In a few cases the committee was unable to see the family, but we suppose there were less than a dozen people not seen.

Below we give a summary of the survey.

Baptist.
Church members in Sunday school, 362; not in Sunday school, 143.

Others in Sunday school, 163; not in Sunday school, 179.

Methodist.
Church members in Sunday school, 104; not in Sunday school, 22.

Others in Sunday school, 59; not in Sunday school, 16.

Free Will Baptist.
Church members in Sunday school, 26; not in Sunday school, 2.

Others in Sunday school, 22; not in Sunday school, 14.

Other Denominations.
Presbyterian, 1; Russellite, 6; Lutheran, 1; Episcopalian, 8; Quaker, 1; Primitive Baptist, 5; Christian or Disciple, 6.

Of the 21 are church members; 8 attend Sunday school.

Only 42 per cent of Baptist church members are in Sunday school, and 58 per cent of all the Baptist believe are in Sunday school.

Eighty-three per cent of membership of Methodist church is in Sunday school. They have 87 per cent of their possibilities utilized.

The Free Will Baptists give a 96 per cent Sunday school attendance of their membership and have 71 per cent of their possibilities utilized.

Sixty per cent of all the people are church members and 64 per cent of these are Sunday school attendants. Only 71 per cent of all church members attend Sunday school.

The Baptist denomination claim 73 per cent of all the people; the Methodist 20 per cent and the Free Will Baptist 5 per cent.

The Methodists lead with 87 per cent of their possibilities utilized; the Free Will Baptists come next with 71 per cent and the Baptists third with 58 per cent. The Baptists lead in possibilities with 73 per cent, the Methodists come second with 18 per cent and the Free Will Baptists with 6 per cent.

Of the 1080 people in "church distance" around Zebulon, more than half are members of some Protestant church. No Catholics were found. While the Baptists lead in membership and possibilities, it will be noticed that the Methodists and Free Will Baptists lead in members and others in Sunday school. Other comparisons will be very interesting and helpful to those who are interested in the religious conditions in our community.

While our community is average in its interest and attendance in religious services, we believe no church should be satisfied short of reaching the full measure of its opportunities and responsibilities. If there is any church in our community that refuses to use its ability in bringing in those of its belief, then let some other do it that will. No denomination has a monopoly on the Gospel. We believe that every man, woman and child physically able should be in some Sunday school and attend worship on Sunday. If those of their faith do not go after them, then let others enlist them in things spiritual. Something more important than saving (Turn to page 8, 4th Column)