

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

WHITE HALL. The air is so cold these mornings makes me think we are going to have a hard winter. The White Hall boys did not play any games of basketball last week. But the boys and girls are still in practice for match games in the future. The White Hall Literary Society met Friday, December 18th. The program was as follows: Roll called, and minutes read. Recitation—Maudie Talbirt. Declamation—Lloyd Garmon. Jokes—Jack Wilson. Duet—Kate Post and Roy Christenbury. Debate—Query: Resolved that time lost at school should be made up on Saturday. Affirmative, Floyd Garmon and Lila Sanders; negative, Marshall Litaker and Margaret Corzine. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative. Story of Christmas—Miss Dora Bundy. Critic's Report. Business. Our school will be closed one week and two days for Christmas, but that will be enough for us. Our good people from Route 7 and White Hall have done good to visit old Santa Claus at the many stores in Concord for Christmas. We believe St. Nick will have more things this year than he can carry. Hope he does not forget our good teachers at White Hall. I, Carolina Kid, writer for White Hall and Route 7, wish for all the people in Concord—good and bad—a very Merry Christmas, the best you have ever had in your life. We know, Venus of Faith will give us lots of news during and after Christmas. So all of the country cor-

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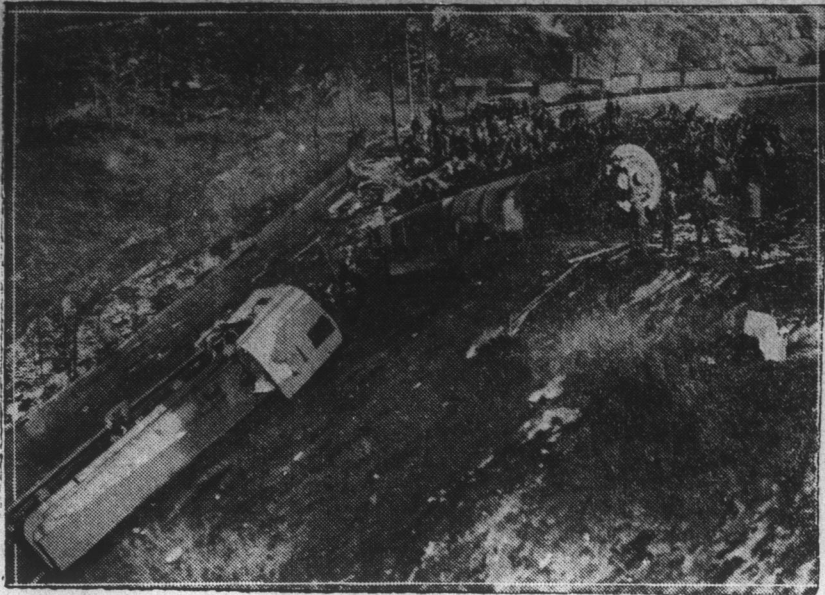
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When an Engine Slid Down a Mountain



This remarkable photograph shows part of a locomotive and its tender sliding down a mountainside near Cresson, Pa., after the Philadelphia Night Express on the Pennsylvania railroad was derailed. More than a score of persons were injured.

respondents write lots of news, so Venus will have some items to read while he is resting during the Christmas holidays. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. CAROLINA KID.

STANFIELD. We are having rainy weather along now. Miss Nettie Clontz spent the week-end with Mrs. Lester Furr. Mrs. V. L. Mills and children spent Friday near Marshville with relatives. Mr. James Estridge, of Florida, spent a few days last week with his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Greene, of Stanfield.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Turner spent Thursday in Albemarle on business. Mr. Guy Purser, of Charlotte, spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Purser. Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Brooks and children, of Oakboro, spent Sunday night in Stanfield. There will be a Christmas exercise and tree at Chapele Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to come.

FAITH. This is the last lot of items that Venus can get in before Christmas of 1925, and he is wishing all the readers of his items a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. The editor and all the printshop force who have been setting up Venus' items, we wish you one and all a Merry Christmas, and we hope we will all live to print these items by Venus for many more years.

If you want to see a long list of old things that Venus has to sell, together with the price, send a dime to the editor of the Concord Times and tell him to send you a copy of the Times of December 21st, 1925. The look on page two and you will see many things hundreds of years old, that is very interesting.

We had plenty of ice here this morning and it is very cold now. R. E. Richardson, of Whitehead, N. C., Alleghany County, was in Faith with a big truck load of apples selling them at two dollars a bushel.

We met W. G. Rice, of Woodleaf, in Salisbury, who reads Venus item in his farm.

We met N. M. Barnhardt, one of the civil war veterans. We have been to many of the old soldiers' reunions together.

When L. M. Peeler, George Peeler and Spencer Peeler were poor men they hauled granite from the quarries to the railroad with two-horse teams. But now since they have become wealthy they have done away with the teams and each one has a large fine motor truck and is hauling granite every day and can make three to four loads now to where they made one with the teams.

The Salisbury-Spencer Merchants Association of Salisbury, does not forget Venus when they have a good time. Here is a letter we just received from them: Venus, Faith, N. C., Dear Venus:—I am inclosing a ticket for the old fashioned barn dance to be given on the Grocers' Unit of this association on Thursday night, December 31st at the Empire Hotel ballroom. The committee in charge requests the presence of yourself and lady friend as their guests on that night, and promise you a right good royal time.

Very truly yours, J. L. WALSH, Sec. If we had a girl what a fine time we would have. We are going to look around and see if we can find a girl that will go with us. If we do we will be sure to go. Won't some girl write and tell us that she will go to the dance as our partner? VENUS.

MIDLAND. Mr. Norris McManus who is a junior at Unionville High School spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. McManus.

Mrs. C. E. Tucker, Mr. Hugh Tucker, Mrs. J. Lee Brooks and son, J. Lee Jr., spent Friday in Concord. Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Blakeley, December 18th, a daughter. Miss Pink Willeford spent the week-end in Concord.

Miss Ida Mae Widenhouse is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Widenhouse. Miss Laura Mae Shinn spent the week-end at her home in Georgeville. Miss Wincy Blakeney, who is a student at Lenoir College, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T.

Blakeney. Miss Faye Black spent the week-end at her home in Matthews. Miss Katharine Hartsell, a student of High Point College, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hartsell.

Misses Fanny and Virginia Barrett, of Queens College, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barrett. Miss Adie Yow, who is in school in Wingate Junior College, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Yow.

Mr. Worth Green, of Emory University, Ga., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Green. Mr. Edgar Tucker, of Spartanburg, will arrive home Thursday to spend Christmas Day with his mother, Mrs. C. E. Tucker.

The pupils of Midland School, gave their Christmas program and had a Christmas tree Wednesday afternoon. School closed for the holidays Wednesday. It will open again January 4th. WRITER.

LOCUST. Mr. L. J. Little has purchased a played piano. R. W. Barbee has put a new covering on his house, preparatory for the predicted bad weather.

Heavy thunder was heard Saturday night, reminding one of summer time. Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Turner left Sunday morning for Louisville, where they will spend Christmas with relatives of Mrs. Turner.

Misses Marvina Jenkins and Lena Honeycutt, of A. N. L., are at home for Christmas and the holidays. Many nice porkers around here have gone to the slaughter pen the last several days.

Mrs. Sadie Hartsell, of Regina, Canada, who is now in Concord, with relatives, is expected here this week. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. F. Hartsell, anticipate having all their children at home during Christmas.

The cotton gin belonging to Messrs. Patterson and Linker, of Concord, formerly owned by A. M. Hathecock, was burned Saturday night between 10 and 11 o'clock. It had been operating at this season by John Taylor, but as no ginning had been done Saturday the fire can not be accounted for. Some seed cotton and fifty or sixty bags of meal were destroyed.

The Mill Men and the Survey. Charlotte Observer. A rather belated discussion has arisen over action of the manufacturers in the State in turning down a request by the University surveying bureau of an undertaking in that direction of the textile business of the State. The Observer has heard no explanation from the manufacturers as to the reasons for rejection, but it has an idea, from its knowledge of past experiences with the statistical agents in operation in the State. Eight or ten years ago the North Carolina textile field was singled out by an organization whose headquarters was at Washington, for particular harassment. Spies were sent into the State in batches, and these spies, instead of asking permission of the mill owners to inspect working and living conditions, would sneak about the premises and make up reports suited to their purposes. There was a case in which one spy took a night picture of the High Shoals Mill, and used it at Washington as evidence of the oppression that mill exerted over its operatives, the supposition being left on the minds of the public that child labor was enforced in the night work at that particular mill, and consequently, in all other mills in the State.

The owner of the mill sent an invitation to the maker of the night picture and relator of the story concerning the mill, to come to the office and he would be shown through the mill and the homes of the operatives and given all information he might want, first hand. But he persistently refused the invitation, preferring to let his "colored" report stand as it was. This was but one of many incidents of the kind that worried the mill men in those days and that have been of repetition since then.

Perhaps it might be argued that this is a good reason why the mill men should have welcomed the agencies of the University in giving a correct survey of mill conditions, and a good argument it would be, it is to be confessed. Nevertheless, past experience with the survey people has left the mill men yet sore, and that may be one explanation why the University offer was rejected.

GIRL WIFE CONFRONTED BY HER TWO HUSBANDS

She Wants Divorce From Number One So That She May Live With the Other.

Hickory, Dec. 23.—20-year-old wife of two men sat in police court this morning and wept as both of her living husbands told of their marriage to her and the difficulties it brought. Her latest husband, Edgar Beach, 19, is being held in jail pending an investigation while her first husband, Henry Whitesides, of Gaston county, is starting action for divorce in Catawba county superior court. Both husbands knew of the other at the time of the second marriage.

The girl's name was Jane Carver, of Highland, suburb of Hickory, and at the age of 14 she was married to Whitesides. He got in some trouble shortly after the marriage and was sent to the chain gang. During this stay on the roads or shortly after his release, his wife was "married" to Edgar Beach.

Action was brought in municipal court this morning by Whitesides, the first husband, and the evidence revealed that Beach, the second husband, who is the father of a two-year-old baby of the girl, has been in the habit of mistreating her. Judge M. H. Young rebuked the man and is holding him in jail until an investigation can be made. The girl said she did not love Whitesides but she does love Beach. She wants to help Whitesides get his divorce and then live with her second husband, she said.

Judge Young said it was the most pathetic case ever to come before his court. "The girl has been the victim of the two men and she has been badly handled," he said.

A Professor Says It

Dearborn Weekly. Infinite satisfaction is reflected when any competent person gets something "off his chest." One feels that the quiffness of experience, emotion and wisdom is then being expressed. When Colonel Mitchell says that he thinks about his superiors, when Wilson said what he thought of Bryan—indeed, when any personal truth squeezes through the joints in our protective armor of make-believe, it is refreshing, even if not permanently uplifting. Just see how it works.

Dr. J. B. Finley, upon surrender of his professorship at the University of California to become dean of the University of Mexico, left these parting thoughts for American colleges: "Our national probably will be saved, for a few years at least, by the young men who cannot go to a college or a university. . . . A master of arts or a doctor of philosophy is now a boy whose parents have enough money to keep him in college until the professors are tired of looking at him."

That was certainly a stinger, as the boys say. It is as frank an opinion of the student as some students' opinions of the professors have been. And to a certain extent it is true, but not wholly. True enough, however, to give a taste of salt. Maybe the day will come when men of mind may be as strong to forego college as pink teas, golf or dandyism.

Four large volumes were required to contain the will of a woman who died recently in London. Altogether, the document comprised nearly 100,000 words, more than there are in many novels.

ONE THIN WOMAN GAINED 10 POUNDS IN 20 DAYS

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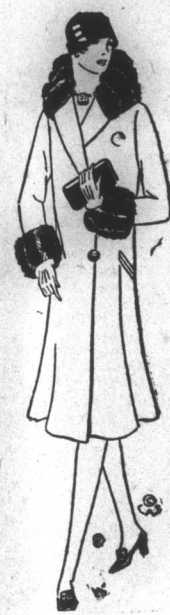
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