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DURHAM SWEEP BY FIRE 3 MILLION DOLLAR BLAZE

Three Entire City Blocks Wiped Away by Fire that Originated in B. L. Duke Building on Main Street.

Durham, March 24.— Damage estimated at noon today at \$3,000,000 was caused by fire which originated in the Brodie L. Duke building last night at 10:30 o'clock, fought its way to six buildings and was not conquered until it had destroyed or practically ruined three entire city blocks. The blaze started on the second floor of the Woolworth Five and Ten Cent stores. The immense fire damage is covered by only about one-half insurance. Insurance adjusters had not early this afternoon calculated the amount of insurance carried on the various buildings and stock.

The W. F. M. Society.

The W. F. M. S. of the Methodist church met March 23rd with Mrs. W. L. Lewis. The meeting was called to order by the president. Devotional exercises were conducted by the pastor, who afterward gave an interesting talk. The following are the officers for 1914:

Miss Anna Webb, President.
Mrs. S. G. Winstead, 1 V-Pres.
Mrs. W. H. Harris, 2 V-Pres.
Mrs. T. H. Street, 3 V-Pres.
Mrs. Mamie Merritt, 4 V-Pres.
Mrs. W. R. Hambrick, Treas.
Mrs. E. P. Dunlap, Cor. Sec.
Mrs. Z. V. Gwynn, Rec. Sec.
Mrs. Mamie Bradsher, Press Supt.

The next regular meeting will be held in April. Date and place will be announced later.—Mrs. Bradsher, Press Supt.

Fine Birds.

If you are thinking about raising chickens, and everybody is, you want to read the ad in another column of Mr. Flynn Elliott, of Charlotte, N. C., R. F. D. No. 6. He has the very finest birds, having taken many prizes at the shows, and guarantees the very best. Write him or better still order some of his eggs and start right. Read the ad.

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LYCEUM ENTERTAINMENT.

Beulah Buck Quartette Company at Roxboro Friday evening, April 3rd.

The Beulah Buck Quartette Concert Company will give the fifth Lyceum entertainment at the Roxboro Graded School Auditorium Friday evening, April 3rd. This company is no new company in Roxboro as it gave the fourth entertainment of the Lyceum course of last season; easily proving itself the best ladies quartette Roxboro has ever had. In fact, so well pleased were those in attendance at this entertainment that it was their unanimous desire that we have them back again this season. So its with peculiar pleasure that we announce the return date of the Beulah Bucks, April 3rd.

Their "programme" this season will be entirely new, consisting in part of piano and vocal solos, readings, monologues, sketches, and ensemble work. Each member of the company is a capable soloist and their ensemble work enables them to give a delightfully varied program. Their sweet mellow voices blend like an instrument; their music possesses a wealth of harmony, richness of tone and volume seldom equalled by any company of this kind. Their concerts are so planned as to please all persons, whether they are practiced in music or not. Those that enjoy the best of entertainments can't afford to not hear the Beulah Bucks. Come out and hear them. They will put a new song in your mouth, a new thought in your brain, and a new joy in your soul.

Tickets will be on sale at the Davis Drug Co. Thursday and Friday, April 2nd and 3rd. Select your seats early and make ready for an evening of rare pleasure and enjoyment.

Splendid Display.

The display advertising the Piedmont Cigarettes made by Messrs. Z. V. Gwynn and A. G. Powell in the window of the old Whitted Drug Store, post office building, is one of the most handsome ever made here. It is worth walking by just to get a look at it.

NOTICE Of Mass Meeting

The citizens of the Town of Roxboro are requested to meet in the court house Friday evening, the 27th, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

This is an important meeting, and all are earnestly requested to be present.

Done by order of the Board of Town Commissioners. This March 19th, 1914
R. L. Harris, Clerk.

Missionary Institute.

The people of the Mt. Tirzah Circuit will conduct a Missionary Institute at Brookdale church, beginning Saturday a. m. at 10 o'clock. Let everybody come and bring a lunch:

10—Song, prayer by J. H. Jones.
10:15—Address of welcome by master Talmage Daniels.

10:20—Address on the Laymen's Movement, by C. B. Brooks.
10:30—A talk on Home Religion, by John Ford.
10:40—A round table discussion on how we may do more to help save the world at home and abroad. Led by W. F. Reade.

11:30—Lecture on foreign missions. N. C. Yearby. Prayer by U. B. Davis.
12—Lunch.

SATURDAY P. M.

1—Song. Prayer by C. B. Brooks.
1:15—A paper on prayer as a missionary force, by P. D. Bowles.

1:30—Speech on consolidated efforts, by J. H. Jones.

1:45—Paper on the works and needs of the W. H. M. Society, by Miss Ella Gentry.

2—Paper on the works and needs of the W. H. M. Society, by Mrs. R. A. Allen.

2:15—Paper, the Bible missionary book, by Miss Blanche Davis.

2:30—Round table discussion on the needs of the home field, led by Rev. W. B. Davis.

3—Prayer, by Carter Daniels.

SUNDAY A. M.

10—Song by choir. Prayer by pastor.

10:15—Speech on the Sunday School as a missionary agency, by S. P. Jones.

10:30—Speech on Christ and missions, by A. P. Daniels.

10:45—Paper on the needs of Person County, by Miss Kate Reade.

11—Sermon on Stewardship.
12—Lunch.

SUNDAY P. M.

1—Song by the choir. Prayer by A. F. Daniels.

1:10—A discussion of the S. S. Lesson by the pastor.

1:30—Paper on St. Paul as a missionary, by T. E. Noell.

1:45—Paper on tithing, by Miss Effie Brooks.

2—Paper on the growth of Methodism by Miss Pearl Herron.

2:15—Round table discussion on what we are doing to save the world in this generation, led by Mrs. T. H. Street.

Revival Services.

The revival services at the Methodist Church will begin Sunday, March 29th, and continue ten days or more. Rev. H. M. North, Presiding Elder of this district, will assist the pastor, Rev. N. C. Yearby, in the meeting. Mr. North will do the preaching. Mr. A. S. Parker, a Trinity College student, will lead the singing at these services. The services will be at 3:30 p. m., and 7:30 in the evening. The public is very cordially invited to attend all these services.

Mr. North is no stranger to our people, having preached a good many times in our town. The church and community is very fortunate in having him to conduct this series of meetings.

Preaching at Baptist Church.

Rev. Chas. E. Maddry, pastor of the Tabernacle Church, Raleigh, N. C., will preach at the Baptist Church in Roxboro next Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

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Brookdale.

Miss Bera Garrett after spending several days at home has returned to school.

Don't forget the box party at Brookdale Friday night.

The Pastor, J. J. Boone is planning and has announced protracted services to begin Sunday night.

We are glad to hear that C. L. Brooks is getting on so nicely, and that he will be home this week.

In spite of snow and mud there was a splendid crowd at church Sunday.

Most of our people who have been afflicted so severely with the mumps are able to be out.

The public is cordially invited to attend our missionary institute at Brookdale church the fifth Saturday and Sunday. Let everybody bring a lunch.

It pays to begin in time. W. T. Carver is now working and planning to help make the County Fair a success. You ought to see his young cow and twin calves.

There will be a box party at Brookdale school house Friday night. The proceeds of which Mrs. W. T. Carver will use in furnishing the parsonage. Let everybody come with, or prepared to get a box.

The Brookdale F. M. S. met Saturday p. m. with Mrs. W. T. Carver. The meeting was a success in every respect. They unanimously decided to give more this year than ever before, and also decided to put in the Society a small library on missions.—Mary

Society in Roxboro.

The young Ladies Bridge Club had as hostess Miss Myrtle Barnette Saturday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock. This was the first meeting since the club was reorganized, Misses Esther Winstead and Helen Dover having been taken in as new members. After several rubbers of bridge the hostess served a tempting two course luncheon. The color scheme, pink and green, was effectively carried out. Little crocheted baskets filled with pink and green mints were presented to the guests, while to Mrs. Mat Long was given a dainty little book of recipes. Besides the regular club members the following visitors were guests of Miss Barnette: Misses Owen, Williams, Isla and Rosa Newell, Clara Wilson, Lizzie Reade and Mrs. M. R. Long.

Tuesday evening, March 17, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Long entertained the Bridge Club and a few other friends. There were five tables and the game was enjoyed for two hours, after which the hostess served simple but delightful refreshments.

Mrs. Geo. W. Thomas entertained in a pleasing manner the members of the Friday Afternoon Club with a number of friends Friday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock at her home on Main Street. Progressive Rook was played at six tables, the score cards and refreshments were suggestive of Saint Patrick's Day—the luncheon, one of the best, carried out the Irish note in green tints and many delicious confections were served in courses. Mrs. Z. V. Gwynn won the club prize, and to Mrs. M. R. Long was given the visitors prize.

The double store on Court Street, which is being newly made over by the owner, Judge J. C. Pass, will soon be completed and will be occupied by the Farmers Hardware Co. They will fill it chock full of the latest and best in hardware and will be better prepared than ever to serve their trade.

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From Allensville.

Mr. R. C. Burch, who has been confined to his room for several months, at the home of Mrs. Lemuel Clayton, died on the night of March 20th and was buried at Allensville on the 21st. Mr. Burch would have been 85 years old in May, and was perhaps the oldest man in the County. He was never married, preferring to live entirely by himself for a number of years, until by reason of his great age he became unable to wait on himself. Then he moved to his aged sister's, who is now 76 years old, to spend his last days, and notwithstanding her great age her efforts have seemed untiring to give him relief. We all have our troubles, and it seems plenty of them, but it does seem that Mrs. Clayton has had more than her part, having lost three daughters and a brother in less than four years, and being a widow it seems that her trials have been most grievous to bear, but the following neighbors have been very attentive during Mr. Burch's sickness in trying to minister to his wants and also in preparing him for burial: Das Harges, Grover Pulliam, H. T. Clayton, W. J. Edwards, William Davis, Rob O'Briant, Roy Edwards, Jim Pulliam, John Wilbon and perhaps others, but these were the most attentive. Mr. William Davis performed the burial services.

Mr. Tom Adcock was still alive last evening but no change for the better. Mr. Neal Wade another one of our old men, is confined to his home, his health having failed him.

Miss Elen Turner is very sick and it is thought will have to have an operation performed.

What has become our other Allensville correspondent? Seems that they have forsaken me. If nothing prevents I shall tell you soon some things we are doing down here in regard to our great County fair.—Poor Richard.

Why Not Close at Night.

We have been struck with the fact that some of our merchants had adopted the rule of closing their stores at night, that is at about 6 o'clock in the evening. This, we think, is both wise and humane. Of course, if you want to keep open, that is your privilege, but it is not giving your clerks much privilege. After a clerk, male or female, has worked from about 7:30 to 6 it does seem that they had made a pretty full day, and should not be compelled to come back after supper and put in two or three hours more. When they do this what time pray, do they have for recreation? None, and no one can do his or her best work without some recreation.

Not Paint

The worst mistake in painting is not putting-off. That costs about 10 per cent; you keep your money a year and pay 10 per cent for it.

Paint would have to come-down 25 per cent to make 10 per cent on the job, for wages do not go down.

The worst mistake is "cheap" paint. It costs from 50 per cent to 100, first cost and another in wear.

What a liar "cheap" is! "Put-off" is bad enough; "cheap" is ten times worse.

DEVOE.

The millinery display at Harris & Burns' last week was the most successful one they have ever had. More hats were sold than on any other similar occasion and the expressions from those who attended were the most encouraging. If you want just the right hat for you at the right price you are safe in buying from this leading and popular millinery department.

Commencing with Monday night, we will open the picture show at 8:30 instead of 7 o'clock. This is on account of the revival services at the Methodist church. E. A. Powell.

GET READY

FOR EASTER AND SPRING

Don't think that this wintry weather which we have been having is going to last always. Easter comes on April 12th and Spring is just around the corner. Before you know it, the balmy, sunny days will be here and that winter outfit will feel mighty heavy and uncomfortable.

We are ready to supply you with a new outfit that will not only make you look better but feel better, give you the spirit of Spring. Many of the best judges have already inspected our Spring offerings and every one pronounces it the best and tastiest that we have ever shown. The ladies have been so complimentary that it has made us feel mighty good and convinces us that we have the correct styles.

Remember that "We Clothe the Family and Furnish the Home," that we were never quite so well prepared to do this before as we are now and that our goods are moderately priced.

We are always pleased to serve you and hope that you will favor us with many opportunities to do so.

Harris & Burns.

ROXBORO'S BEST STORE.