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TORNADO FLAT-TENS 50 HOMES.

Property Damage in Wendell Section Amount to Over \$100,000.

Fifty or more families of the Wendell section Thursday were picking themselves up from the ruins of their homes laid waste in the tornado which swept through that section Wednesday evening, doing damage estimated at \$100,000 or more and seriously injuring perhaps a dozen persons. So far as is known, there have been no deaths.

The wife of Jonas Debnam, negro tenant on the farm of J. P. Richardson, the heaviest loser in the cyclone, is the most seriously injured. A piece of timber, rough with splinters, was driven through one of her thighs for a length of two and a half feet, the bloody piece of wood being found in the ruins of the house which was completely wrecked.

A three-year-old child of Jake Harris, another negro tenant on the place of Mr. Richardson, who was picked up from under a sill of the wrecked kitchen, was also brought to St. Agnes Hospital, and it was said there had good chances of recovery.

Jonas Debnam has a scalp wound and a daughter is unconscious at the home of Debnam's brother, John Debnam, who lives near by. The girl's back, it is feared, is injured and she is hurt in other ways.

The wife and daughter of Oscar Lawson, negro tenant on the land of Sod Hill, were also painfully injured, the Lawson woman's lip being badly cut and her teeth knocked out.

Cut 10 Mile Path

It was about 6:30 Wednesday night as well as any of the stunned people were able to say Thursday, when the cyclone which swept a path ten miles or more in length, at least 200 yards wide struck their homes. In ten minutes many of them were picking themselves up from shattered ruins of what had been their homes; some found themselves hundreds of yards away in the fields, unable to say how they got there. In one instance a house was burned completely upside down.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

Last Sunday evening as Mr. Michael went with his wife and two children, and Messrs. Tom Daves and Sam Jones, were returning home from a visit to Greensboro they came near having a serious accident. Just as they started to drive on the bridge which crosses Haw River another car drove on and Mr. Hunt had to back his car off. In attempting to back he went over a fifteen foot embankment, turning his car over. Mrs. Hunt was painfully bruised, Mr. Daves had a rib broken and Mr. Jones had his arm broken. Mr. Hunt and the children escaped without any injury. Strange to say, the car was only slightly damaged, so little in fact that Mr. Hunt drove it home.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Teachers, if you wish to attend a Summer School here in Person County, please notify me at once so that we may know how many there will be. We must have 35 to 40 to secure a Summer School. All who hold Provisional Certificates are entitled to attend. High School graduates, and those who wish to renew Elementary Certificates Class B. Don't forget to let me know at once.

J. A. Beam.

SOME LOG.

Mr. N. B. Huff reports to us the biggest log we have heard of in this County. The log was cut at Huff's saw mill, and was 12 feet long, turning out 520 feet. It was an oak log and was cut for the County to be used in bridge work.

Col. John H. Burch left Sunday for New Orleans to attend the meeting of the "Old Vets." He was accompanied as far as Durham by Mr. R. A. Burch.

Rev. J. A. Beam, who went to the hospital in Durham last Saturday for treatment to his hand, is improving. Mrs. Beam spent the day Monday with him.

MAY DAY CELEBRATION.

Secretary Hot After a Day of Fun—What Say You.

Shall Roxboro have a May Day celebration? The subject has been mentioned several times, and the time has now come for it to be answered one way or the other.

The people of Roxboro are the ones to decide it, but they must act promptly if they want it, as just a little over two weeks remains until Tuesday, May 1st, and no body ever heard of a May Day celebration on any day but the first day.

In considering the question it is necessary to look the matter squarely in the face and see who will be benefited sufficiently to "go into his jeans" to find ways and means; and whether those individuals are going to feel sufficiently compensated for providing the means.

That is why the Chamber of Commerce wants expressions of approval before proceeding.

If the response is sufficient by Saturday morning to justify it the undertaking will be begun, along the lines that the majority want. Otherwise, it will be "passed up" and forgotten.

EPISCOPAL MEETING CLOSED.

The series of meetings which have been held in the Methodist Church conducted by Rev. Morrison Bethea, Archdeacon of the Convocation of Raleigh, closed with the services Sunday night. At this service the large auditorium was filled to its capacity. Rev. Mr. Bethea is a preacher of unusual power and these services have been greatly enjoyed.

PLAY AT HURDLE MILLS.

The play, "The Laughing Cure," will be given at Hurdle Mills school Saturday, April 14th, at 7:30 p. m. The play is given for the benefit of the Olive Hill Society. Everybody is invited to come.

MUSICAL OLIVE HILL HIGH SCHOOL.

There will be a musical program given by the Public School Music and piano pupils of Olive Hill High School Saturday evening, April 14th, at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

ANY OLD TIME.

We are not having a special sale but we do give "Special" prices every day. Look at these facts:

Waltona rug, made by Ringwalt Works, New Brunswick, N. J., 9 x 12, weighs 50 lbs., for \$14.00. Gold Seal, 9 x 12, weighs only 45 lbs. Take your choice.

Waltona rug, 6 x 9, only \$7.50. Come, let me show you.

E. D. CHEEK.

A BEAUTIFUL STORE.

Roxboro is noted for its handsome store buildings, but none of them surpass the new home of T. W. Pass & Son, furniture dealers. They have just moved into their new home and it is filled from top to bottom with furniture and housefurnishing. Double front, two stories, and is just about the handsomest furniture establishment we know of.

ATTENTION.

The ladies of Providence church are going to serve a Brunswick and chicken stew, and all of the good things for dinner Saturday, April 14th, at 12 o'clock, for the benefit of the new church.

On this occasion the corner stone of the new church will be laid with appropriate ceremonies. Everybody come.

HONOR ROLL OF OLIVE HILL HIGH SCHOOL.

First grade—Willie Vance Brewer. Second grade—Gladya Dixon, Helen Wagstaff, Bertha May Howard. Third grade—Sue Clayton. Fourth grade—Rachel Stephens, Frances Morton, Odell Brewer, Sisie Lee. Seventh grade—Elizabeth Dunkley, Ida Belle Howard, Emily Stephens. Eighth grade—Janie Barker, Elizabeth Barnette.



NORTH CAROLINA

PERSON COUNTY.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Person County held at their Office in Roxboro on Monday, April 2nd, 1923.

A petition signed by twenty five qualified voters of that section of Person County, which has been designated and set aside as special Tax District No. 6 having been favorably ordered by the Board of Education of Person County, was presented regarding that an election be held in said district for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters thereof the question as to whether a special school tax of not exceeding fifty cents on the hundred dollars valuation of real and personal property in said district should be levied and collected, for the purpose of supplementing the regular school funds for said district.

It is therefore ordered by the board that said election be held. That it be held at OAK VIEW SCHOOL HOUSE, OLIVE HILL TOWNSHIP Person County, N. C.

That it be held on Tuesday, May 15th, 1923. That Willie Lee Pleasants, is hereby appointed Registrar for said election.

That N. L. Winstead and C. H. Clayton are hereby appointed judges of said election.

That the lines of Special Tax District No. 6 of Person County are as follows:

Beginning at that point on the Person and Caswell county line, where the line of the Bushy Fork High School District now begins, thence with the Bushy Fork High School district line in an easterly direction to South Hycro Creek, thence down this creek in a northerly direction to the township line between Cunningham and Olive Hill townships, thence this township line West to the Person and Caswell county line, thence the county line South to the beginning.

That those favoring the special tax shall vote ballot on which "FOR LOCAL TAX" shall be printed or written.

Those opposing the special tax shall vote a ballot on which "Against Local Tax" shall be printed or written.

That a new registration for said district is hereby required.

That the Registration books shall be opened on Saturday, April 14th, 1923.

That on each Saturday during the time of registration the Registrar shall be at Oak View School House between the hours of 9 A. M. and Sunset, on other days at the residence of Willie Lee Pleasant. That said Registration Books shall be closed on Saturday, May 5th, 1923 at Sunset.

Saturday, May 12th, shall be challenge day and the Registrar shall attend the polling place between the hours of nine A. M. and Sunset, on that date allowing all qualified voters of said district the privilege of looking over said books and challenging any person thereon registered.

The Judges of election will attend the polling place on challenge day.

Done by order of the Board Monday, April 2nd, 1923.

W. H. Harris, chairman, W. T. Kirby, Clerk to the Board.

NEW GROCERY FIRM.

Mess. Clayton & Wilkerson is the latest accession to our mercantile line, they having purchased the business of J. L. Garrett & Co. They will continue business at the same stand. Mr. A. P. Clayton, who is one of the best known men in the County, having served for several years as Register of Deeds, cordially invites his friends to drop in and see him when they come to town. His associate, Mr. Edgar Wilkerson, has been associated with the old firm for some time and is no stranger to the trade here. Together, these two men make a strong team and will enjoy a large patronage, both in town and County.

HOUSE BURNED THIS MORNING.

At about 10 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the house occupied by Ed Carver in East Roxboro. The building was almost totally destroyed, while about half of the furniture was saved.

MR. BROOKS COMING MAY 4th.

It will be of great interest to the people of Roxboro to know that the Womens Club has secured a date with Hon. A. L. Brooks of Greensboro. He will deliver his lecture on The Passion Play here on May 4th. Mr. Brooks has delivered this lecture in several cities in this State and created a profound sensation wherever it has been heard. You do not want to miss this and it will be well to make a note of the date, May 4th, 8 p. m., in the school auditorium.

TOBACCO GROWERS FILE BIGGEST SUIT

Co-operative Association Alleges J. C. Ruffin Sold 183,000 Pounds Outside.

The Tri-State Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association Saturday filed suit in Wake County Superior Court against J. C. Ruffin, of Edgecombe county for \$10,150. The amount is considerably larger than that involved in 160 actions previously instituted by the association against its members for alleged violations of contracts.

None of the suits have yet been tried upon their merits but the association has secured judgments by default in about thirty suits and four cases are pending in the Supreme Court on appeals from injunctions restraining defendants from making further deliveries outside of the association.

In its complaint filed yesterday the association alleges that Ruffin has sold 183,000 pounds outside of the association in violation of his contract and asks for liquidated damages at the rate of five cents a pound plus \$1,000 in attorneys' fees.

Suits were also filed yesterday against R. W. Crumpton, of Person county, for \$1,000 and W. L. Tuttle, of Stokes, for \$300.—News & Observer.

SOMETHING RADICALLY WRONG.

With no intention of reflecting upon any individual, I wish to call the attention of the people of Person County to the fact, that there is something radically wrong with a law that leaves the selection of the members of a County Board of Education to one man and then allows this Board to appoint so important an officer as the Superintendent of Public Instruction. We claim a democratic form of government and yet we sit silently by and allow five men to elect a man who will have the direction of the education of the children of the County—our future citizens. It is an easy matter to sway the vote of five men, however conscientious and honorable these men may be. The popular vote can not be so easily controlled.

For years Rev. J. A. Beam has been Supt. of Public Instruction and has filled the office so capably that five splendid high schools now stand as memorials to his untiring efforts. Should he not enjoy the fruits of his labors? Of course, there is a large field for improvement along educational lines, but such an excellent start has been made in Person County that it will be a very easy matter for someone else to "carry on" and then say, "Betsy and I killed the bear." The people of Person County want "Betsy" to finish killing the bear "Herself."

The two younger applicants have nothing in their favor except their youth, and long years of experience and consecrated endeavor so greatly offset this, that their very youth becomes a handicap rather than an advantage. Some may claim that a younger man will have more energy and enthusiasm—more "pep," in modern parlance—but Mr. Beam has already displayed more "pep" than the tax payers of the County have shown themselves willing to back up. These younger applicants have served as high school superintendents under Mr. Beam and should realize his worth even more fully than those who have not had the privilege of working with him. Because of this association with Mr. Beam, they should feel a keener desire than the County at large to see him carry his life work on to a glorious finish.—T. C. Wagstaff.

CO-OPERATIVE COUNTY MEETING.

The Person County Co-operative Tobacco Growers Association met here last Saturday evening for the purpose of naming candidates to be voted on as delegates to the State meeting.

The Association unanimously recommended Mr. Claude T. Hall as Director for this district.

If it is a suit made to measure and guaranteed, get expert measurement at Wilburn & Satterfield.

Society

The Bridge Club met with Miss May Willson on Wednesday afternoon. Three tables were arranged for the game and after many interesting progressions the hostess, assisted by Miss Christine Walker, served a delightful salad course with ice tea and salted peanuts. Those present were Mesdames W. C. Massey, A. S. deVlaming, M. R. Long, E. V. Boatwright, T. B. Woody, S. A. Jones, B. E. Love, Carr Timberlake, of Durham and Misses Lucile Pass, Mary Harris, Christine Walker and Elizabeth Noell.

Mrs. Ruth Stephens was hostess to the Friday Afternoon Book Club at the home of her mother, Mrs. R. L. Featherston, on Friday afternoon. The house was very attractive with its spring flowers. Boston rock was the game of the afternoon and after playing for more than an hour the hostess served Marshmallow salad, tomatoes, sandwiches, pickles, coffee with whipped cream and homemade candies. The members present were Mesdames A. M. Burns, A. S. deVlaming, W. T. Pass, M. R. Long, J. A. Long, T. E. Austin, E. P. Dunlap, W. F. Long, B. E. Love, J. J. Winstead. Others present were: Mrs. Z. V. Gwynn of Richmond, E. V. Boatwright, G. C. Cabiness, T. B. Woody, W. T. Long, G. W. Kane, J. D. K. Richmond, B. G. Clayton, R. L. Harris, E. G. Long, Preston Satterfield and Miss Mary Harris.

On Thursday evening the T. and N. club enjoyed a most delightful meeting with Mrs. J. Y. Blanks, at her lovely new home on Reams avenue. The home was pretty in its newness, and needed no other adornment, but beautiful hyacinths were placed here and there in effective places. The guests spent the time in pleasant conversation, and needle work, while some enjoyed several games of rock. At the close of this pleasant evening, the hostess assisted by Mrs. T. W. Pass served a delicious collation. Each plate was decorated with an "Easter egg," and the napkins and other appointments carried out the Easter idea. Victrola music furnished a pleasing feature. The guests of Mrs. Blanks were Mesdames E. L. Parker, R. M. Spencer, T. C. Bradsher, E. G. Clayton, R. H. Oakley, T. W. Pass, Misses Bertha and Annie Clayton, Ethel and Ruth Newton, Katie Matthews, Clara Edwards, Martha Lee Bass, and Wright.

Mrs. J. D. K. Richmond was hostess at a delightful luncheon on Saturday evening for Dr. and Mrs. B. R. Long, and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hines, all of Greensboro. A menu of four delicious courses was served, and covers were placed for 11; the centerpiece on the table being an effective arrangement of jonquils. The other appointments were in dainty and pretty design, and the guests included Dr. and Mrs. Long, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hines, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bradsher, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harris, and Mrs. Mamie Merritt.

H. B. HARMONY MINSTRELS.

The H. B. Harmony Minstrels of Durham gave a performance here last Monday night under the auspices of the American Legion, was a decided hit. They played to a good house, and we have heard only words of the highest praise.

TOWN BONDS SOLD.

Sixty thousand dollars worth of Roxboro bonds were sold last Thursday as follows:

\$50,000 worth of sewer and water bonds were sold to Spitzer, Worrick & Co., of Toledo, Ohio, for \$50,257.57, at 5 1/4 per cent.

\$10,000 of street bonds were sold to the Peoples Bank of Roxboro for \$10,010.00 at 5 1/2 per cent.

The bonds were in good demand, there being fifteen bidding for them.

Mrs. Nannie Morton happened to the misfortune to break her arm last Saturday afternoon. In some way she fell, catching her arm under her. She is resting well and it is hoped the break will soon heal.