

## 53 MEN BURIED ALIVE IN CAROLINA MINE

### EXPLOSION IN SHAFT OF CAROLINA MINING CO., CHATHAM COUNTY

53rd and Last Body Taken From Carolina Coal Mine Company Undecided As to Further Operations

What was possibly the greatest disaster which has happened in North Carolina since the explosion in Cumlock coal mine in 1895, occurred near Sanford Wednesday morning when an explosion in the mine of the Carolina Coal Company entombed 53 men, most of them white. The morning shift of men went down at the usual hour Wednesday morning. The first explosion occurred shortly after 9 o'clock and within a few minutes a second explosion occurred. Immediately those outside made every movement to assist the men buried several thousand feet in the bowels of the earth. The mine superintendent, Howard Butler, who by the way is a son of Mr. Bion Butler, of Southern Pines, well known to hundreds of Stanley people, and a Mr. Joe Richardson, in a heroic effort to save the men, rushed down the mine entrance 1,500 feet. They found six of the men still alive, but badly stunned by the explosion and the effects of the gas. Dragging them to what they believed to be a place of safety they all sat down to rest. After a few minutes Superintendent Butler and his helper, Mr. Richardson, started to the surface, but when only a short distance away a third explosion occurred which killed the six men instantly. Young Butler rushed back into what seemed certain death with the hope of again saving his six men and was himself overcome by the gas and barely escaped with his life. Later the six men were rescued, but were found to have been dead.

Coal Glen (near Sanford), May 30—The official death list of the explosion in the Carolina Coal Company's mine here Wednesday late today was placed at 53 and the mine was declared free from bodies by Bion H. Butler, vice president of the company, after the mine had been subjected to a careful search and exploration into all workings by experts of the United States bureau of mines.

The body of Joe Hudson, recovery of which has held up the official declaration for about 18 hours, was found this afternoon to have been removed about 2 o'clock this morning and recorded as unidentified. The body was about 750 feet from where he had been at work in the bottom of the mine. As pointed out exclusively in The Observer yesterday morning, in every instance the bodies were found some distance away from their workings, showing that they had made dashes for safety before being caught by the deadly after-damp or carbon-monoxide.

Hudson's body was so badly mutilated that the hurried examination at the temporary morgue at the mine failed to reveal his identity, and, owing to the advanced stage of decomposition, it was rushed to a Sanford undertaker.

At the latter place today, dozens of miners viewed this body and all were unanimous in the statement that it was that of Hudson.

All Accounted For  
This accounts for every person who has been missing or was thought to have been in the mine. Until the final sweep of the mine was made late today, though, speculation ran rife as to the number of bodies supposed to be in the mine. Some said two, others as high as five.

The bureau of mines car left the mine to be attached to a north-bound Seaboard train at 10:30 tonight. One or two of the experts will remain over for two or three days to get the mining crews fairly started on their work of rehabilitating the mine.

Whether the company will resume operations has not been definitely learned. Some express the opinion that the company has been hard hit by the disaster and believe that it will not be able to weather the attack.

## COMMENCEMENT ROXBORO GRADED SCHOOLS

The Commencement exercises of the Roxboro Graded Schools came to a close Monday night with the presentation of the various medals, diplomas, etc. The address was delivered by Hon. H. G. Connor, Jr., of Wilson.

The following winners of medals were announced:  
The Edgar Long Scholarship Medal was won by Miss Roxannah Burch Yancey. The prize in Music Appreciation was won by Miss Janie Gilbert Burns, while the Woman's Club Loving Cup was won by Charles Barnette Wood.

Those receiving diplomas were: Nina Elizabeth Abbott, Janie Gilbert Burns, Emma Louise Hall, Oscar Coleman Hull, Frances Rachel Long, Mildred Winstead Long, Curtis Hill Oakley, Alice Catherine Oliver, Helen Floyd Stanfield, Baxter Francis Wade, Charles Barnette Wood, Annie Eramo Woods, Roxannah Burch Yancey.

Probably considering the handicaps under which the school has labored, this has been one of the most successful years, and Prof. Stalvey and his able corps of teachers, deserve and have, the hearty good wishes of the entire community.

The new high school building will be in readiness for the opening of the fall term and all predict great things for school life in Roxboro. Every necessary requirement is hoped to be met and all are looking forward to the time when the Roxboro Graded Schools, that is the High School department, will be indeed and in truth an A-1 school. To this end all in sympathy with school work have labored for these many years, and are now delighted to see its near fruition.

## MRS WILLIAMS FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Mrs. Walter Williams was found dead in bed Monday morning. She had been in feeble health for some time, but retired in her usual health Sunday night, and on Monday morning her husband found her in bed dead. Mrs. Williams was about 76 years old and leaves a husband, two daughters and one son. Her body was laid to rest in the family burying ground on the old Mr. Bob Williams place today.

## ATTENDS MARRIAGE IN NORTH WILKSBORO

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Watkins and daughter Anne attended the marriage of Mr. Louis Nelson and Miss Ellen Findley, which took place in North Wilksboro Monday evening. Miss Anne Watkins was a member of the wedding party. Mrs. J. C. Bowers and daughter, Miss Florence, of Washington, N. C., also attended the marriage and will return here today for a visit to her sister, Mrs. Watkins.

## NOTICE

My boy, Theodore Satterfield, has left me without my consent. He is about 16 or 17 years old, and I hereby forbid any one from hiring or harboring him. Any one so doing will be prosecuted.

LILLIE LYON,  
Hurdle Mills, N. C. R3.

## HOTEL JONES UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Last Monday Hotel Jones went under new management, Mr. E. C. Bird of Vass succeeding Mr. W. G. Miller. Mr. Bird is an old hotel man, also runs a hotel at Vass, N. C., and comes well recommended by the traveling public. Mr. Maynard C. Clayton has accepted the position of clerk, and will look well after the interest of the traveling public.

## PERSON COUNTY MISSIONARY MEETING

The Person County Missionary Meeting will be held at Allensville Methodist Church (Friday, June 5, at 10 o'clock. We urge that a report be sent from each Auxiliary, and as many memos be present as possible.

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## VICE PRESIDENT MARSHALL DEAD

### SUMMONS CAME TO HIM QUIETLY YESTERDAY

#### End Was Sudden, Recurrence Of A Heart Attack Which Sent Him To Bed Monday

Washington, June 1.—Thomas Riley Marshall, vice president of the United States for eight momentous years of its history, has followed his chief, Woodrow Wilson, into death.

Recurrence of a heart attack, which sent him to his bed last Monday immediately after a trip from Indiana, brought on the end unexpectedly today, after reports had come from the sick-room throughout the week that despite his years, he steadily was recovering from nervous exhaustion and a cold.

Death came to him quietly in his room on the fourth floor of the New Willard hotel, where he lived during his two terms as vice-president. Propped up in bed with pillows after eating his breakfast with an enjoyment that strengthened the impression of those about him that he was regaining his health, he was smoking a cigar and reading a favorite passage of the Bible.

Suddenly, without haste, while Mrs. Marshall was in an adjoining room, he laid the Bible face downward, open where the fourth chapter of the Gospel of St. Mark ends, and the fifth begins. His cigar dropped and he fell gently back, without speaking and apparently without pain. The nurse, which had been at the bedside, quickly summoned aid. But he was dead.

## WHITE-NEWELL

Miss Ethel White and Mr. Russell Emerson Newell were married last Saturday in Portsmouth, Va. Mrs. Newell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. White, of Portsmouth, and was one of the popular and efficient teachers in Jalong last term, while Mr. Newell is one of the well known popular and successful young business men of Roxboro. After the ceremony they went to Richmond, coming from there to their home here. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Brooks.

## CHILDREN'S DAY POSTPONED AT CONCORD

Sunday School day exercises at Concord church have been postponed from the first Sunday to the third Sunday in June. Regular Sunday School at ten and preaching at 11 at Concord.

Regular Sunday School at three and preaching at four at Oak Grove. You are invited to come to our Sunday Schools and preaching services if you do not go elsewhere to church. Glad to have you.

J. W. BRADLEY, Pastor.

## OFF FOR A TRIP TO NEW YORK

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gentry left for New York to-day. They will represent the SATTERFIELD INS. AGENCY at the annual convention of the Greensboro Fire Underwriters of which the Agency has been a member several years. The Convention will convene at 10 A. M. Thursday, June 5th, in the Hotel McAlpin auditorium.

## SURPRISE MARRIAGE

Miss Evie Robertson and Mr. Edd Long of Roxboro, N. C., took their friends by surprise Sunday, May 31, when they motored to Cluster Springs, Va., and were quietly married at the parsonage by Rev. Mr. Wymon. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Long, brother of the groom, and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Salley and children. We wish them a happy and prosperous journey through life.—A Cousin.

## OFF FOR THE OLD SOLDIERS RE-UNION

Yesterday morning Col. J. H. Burch, Mr. George Moore, Mr. Joe Long and about a half dozen others whose names we were unable to get, left for Wilson where they will attend the State Reunion of the Confederate Veterans. We hope for them the very best trip of their lives.

## ANOTHER NEW INDUSTRY

Mess. Kirby Bros., proprietors of the Roxboro Steam Laundry, have leased a new building which will be erected on a new street which will be opened from Main Street to Lamarr, and will install a dry cleaning and dyeing department. The machinery, which is the very latest, has been bought and the building is to be completed and machinery installed by September 1st. The building will be 60 feet by 100, and will house their present laundry, with the new features to be added.

No more progressive young men can be found than the Kirby Brothers and in this instance they are not simply preparing for the immediate needs of the town, but have looked to the future and have arranged for a plant which will take care of the town for many years to come.

## REPORT OF THE WOMANS CLUB

There may be some who wish to know what the Woman's Club has accomplished during the four years since its organization. Below is an incomplete survey of its activities, but one may judge from their variety and scope, the motives and ideals which are the foundation of its existence.

I. The Civic Department in addition to putting on two Clean-Up Weeks each year, has helped with our cemetery improvements, both financially and with labor, always giving assurance of the backing up sort.

II. The Education Department, chiefly through the Parent Teacher Association, has functioned regularly. Each year two 5 dollar gold pieces are given as prizes to the best declaimer and reader among the graded school boys and girls. Some attempt has been made to beautify the school yard, which in time will show to good advantage. Considerable money has been made and given for school victrola and records.

III. The Literature Department is quite proud of two flourishing literary clubs—The Review and Study. The former has founded and keeps adding to the club library having a substantial book-case with lock and key. The Study Club has given \$25 to the treasury, \$25 to the crippled children fund, and a volume of N. C. History to our own High School, Bethel Hill and Helena. The most important result however, of each is the development which has come to each member in mutual growth and cultural advantage. The Loving Cup Contest is conducted by this department. Painstaking and conscientious effort is put forth in selecting the best theme each year from the High School boys and girls.

IV. The Social Service Department has perhaps made the widest appeal to our community through the Crippled Children's Work. Although the club has contributed little in money, it has given much in interest and organization work through its efficient chairman, Miss Bessie Daniel and Mrs. R. B. Smith. Seven children have been sent to the Orthopedic Hospital in Gastonia, two have been cured, the others helped and bright with the hope of future improvement. Eugenia Chatham was sent for a year to a school in Burnsville, N. C. and her entire trip was managed through this department, the money being given by our several churches.

The Music Department has always given us when needed splendid programs, thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by our members.

Among our out of town speakers have been Prof. Leonard Hurley on "The Modern Novel," Mrs. John Cunningham on "Civic Improvement," Miss Emmaneth Tuttle on "Welfare Work," Miss Mary Palmer on a "Public Library," Mr. Campbell from Van Lindlev's Nursery on "Beautifying the Town and Home Yards."

One Chautauqua and two Lyceum Courses have been given under its auspices.

We consider what we have done a mere beginning. What we may do in the future depends entirely on the cooperation of our women and the community interest which we may be able to arouse and develop in our town. Let us move forward, with a beautiful picture, enshrined in our minds and hearts of "Roxboro that is to be."—Mrs. S. G. Winstead.

## COL. BENEHAN CAMERON DIED MONDAY

### DEATH UNEXPECTED, ILL ONLY A FEW DAYS

#### What Was Thought To Be Influenza Developed Into Pneumonia. Buried At Hillsboro This Morning

Raleigh, June 1.—Colonel Benehan Cameron, president of the Bankhead National Highway and a director of the American Automobile association, died at his home here this afternoon following a brief illness with pneumonia. He was seventy years old.

Colonel Cameron was well known throughout the south, taking an active interest in railroad and highway development, as well as farming. He served as president of the Farmer's National Congress and, largely through his influence, that body met in Raleigh in 1909. He was also a director in the Southern Cotton Growers Protective association and of the Royal Agricultural Society of England.

Colonel Cameron was one of the organizers of the Seaboard Air Line railway, a director in the old Raleigh and Augusta Air Line, and served as president of the North Carolina railroad from 1911 to 1912. He was also one of the leaders in the construction of the Lynchburg and Durham railway and the Knoxville and Dickerson branch lines.

Colonel Cameron's death was unexpected. He returned to Raleigh Saturday from the Confederate reunion at Dallas, Texas, suffering with what was thought to be an attack of influenza. His condition grew suddenly worse, and pneumonia developed.

Colonel Cameron is survived by his widow, who was Miss Sallie Mayo, of Richmond, and two daughters, Isabella M. and Sallie T. Cameron. The funeral services will be conducted Wednesday morning from St. Mathews church, Hillsboro, at 11:30 a. m. Burial will be in St. Mathews grave-yard.

## FIVE THOUSAND LIVES ARE LOST

### Quake and Fire In Chinese Town Has Disastrous Results

Peking, June 1.—Five thousand lives were lost in the quake and fire that destroyed the town of Talifu in northwest Yunnan, March 16, according to Father, Salvat, of the Catholic mission there, whose story of the holocaust has just reached Peking.

Talifu is almost inaccessible except by river from the gulf of Tonking, and the letter in question has been enroute since March 20, when the earth shocks still were continuing.

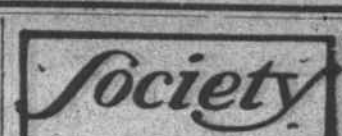
The town itself was almost entirely destroyed, only the wall and a few houses remaining intact, the letter disclosed. Hundreds of people were trapped in the flames which followed the first shocks.

## STEPHEN S. HOLT RALEIGH LAWYER SHOT AND KILLED

Raleigh, June 1.—Stephen S. Holt, prominent lawyer of Smithfield, N. C., was mistaken for a "rum runner" and shot and almost instantly killed by Jesse Wyatt, captain of the plainclothes department of the Raleigh police force this afternoon about 3 o'clock. The shooting took place about one mile from Raleigh on the Garner road near the bridge over Walnut creek. Wyatt is being held in the Wake county jail without bond upon orders of Coroner I. W. Waring. A coroner's jury holding that Mr. Holt came to his death as the result of a pistol shot wound inflicted by Wyatt.

## ITS COMING

After breaking records on its Road-Showing everywhere "THE TEN COMMANDMENTS" (Greatest of all pictures) at Palace Theatre Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 29th, 30th and July 1st (Carolina's Premier showing in a Picture Theatre.)



Mrs. T. B. Woody delightfully entertained the Bridge Club Wednesday afternoon. Roses blended with sweet peas made a lovely decoration for the living room. Four tables were placed for the game. The hostess served a delicious salad course with ice tea.

On Friday afternoon Mrs. B. W. Gardner at a beautifully appointed graduating party, honored Miss Mary Louise Winstead, a recent graduate of N. C. C. W. Mrs. Gardner welcomed her guests in charming manner, showing them into the living room which was pretty in its arrangement of lilies, roses and other spring flowers. Two contests familiar to all students furnished a pleasing part of the afternoon closing with an original cross word puzzle. After this, the guests were invited into the dining room, which was decorated in Sweetheart roses. The center piece was of white, with tiny doll dressed in cap and gown, symbolical of the occasion. Leading from this to each place were streamers of green and white ribbon attached to each, a miniature diploma. While the guests unrolled them, the costume of the doll was changed into bridal attire, and the diplomas disclosed the approaching marriage of Miss Winstead and Robert Louis Hester, which occurs in June. The honoree was gowned in Ecru lace-over Nile green, her only ornament, a platinum and diamond pin. After receiving the congratulations of her friends, the hostess served her guests a menu of chicken salad, tomatoes, pickles, iced tea, ice cream and cake.—B.

## BETHEL HILL AGRICULTURAL PROJECT BOYS ENTERTAINED

Professor and Mrs. George W. Smith assisted by Miss Gladys Beam, Miss Maud Montague and Mrs. A. C. Gentry entertained at the teachers home Saturday night the agricultural project boys and the local faculty of the Bethel Hill High School. Sixteen boys were received at seven o'clock and taken into the Gymnasium where volley ball, and other games were enjoyed. They were then invited to the teacherage where delicious salad and sweet courses were served. After all the good things to eat had been enjoyed, Rev. N. J. Todd and Principal A. C. Gentry spoke to the boys about the value of Agriculture and Project work. Professor Smith impressed the necessity of accurate well kept project records and reminded the boys that there is another good time ahead for the "Aggies" when the big camping trip takes place in July. The boys will probably go to Washington, D. C. or Wilmington, N. C.

The boys all remembered one of the unfortunate members of the class Edward Pully, who is in the hospital at Durham, by giving him a rosette card shower. The following were present: John Clayton, George Perkins, Luther Whit, Newton Day, George Clayton, Mason Murry, Jack Bailey, Haywood Bailey, Robert Robertson, William Pulley, Barnice Wrenn, Herbert Montague, W. R. Day, Archie Walker, Clyde Gentry, Jack Whitlow, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gentry, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hayes, Rev. and Mrs. N. J. Todd and Misses Gladys Beam and Maude Montague.

## NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

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