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## DURHAM BUILDING DESTROYED BY FIRE

Was Occupied by Hurst-Bell Co. and Lawrence Mill Company.

DAMAGE \$75,000 TO \$100,000

Durham, March 22.—Fire, which broke out about six o'clock Saturday afternoon, while the streets were filled with late afternoon shoppers and others, completely gutted the three-story building situated on East Peabody Street owned and occupied by Mess. E. H. and M. V. Lawrence as a grain mill. The wholesale grocery concern of the Hurst-Bell Company occupied a large part of the first floor. Firemen had great difficulty in subduing the flames which spread with great rapidity throughout the building. Practically all the fire-fighting apparatus available in the city was called out by the three alarms.

Yesterday and this morning the owners were busy moving what stock could be salvaged from the ruins. Firemen had remained on duty to prevent a fresh outbreak of the flames. Total damages are estimated to amount to between \$75,000 and \$100,000. The amount of insurance carried was unobtainable last night, but it was stated that about one-half the loss was covered.

## OUR NATION'S GREATEST PERIL

The historic cycle of nations reveals that "Nations in their beginnings are poor, poverty is favorable to hardihood and industry; industry leads to thrift and wealth; wealth produces luxury; luxury results in enervation, corruption, destruction."

Therefore Theodore Roosevelt says that "If we permit the people of this republic to get before their minds the view that material well-being, carried to an ever higher degree, is the one and only thing to be striven for, we are laying up for ourselves not only trouble but ruin."

The First Baptist Church stands for something better.

Sunday School 9:45 A. M. Missionary Day. R. L. Wilburn, Supt. Preaching 11 A. M. Subject: "Faithful Stewards."

7:30 P. M. Illustrated lecture, "Seeing China Through The Camera's Eye," by the Pastor.

B. Y. P. U. 6:30 P. M.

"I was glad when they said unto me 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'" Psalm 122:1.

W. F. WEST, Pastor.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. H. L. Crowell, Supt. This is the last Sunday of our church year. Come and make this the largest attendance of the year. Morning service at 11:00 A. M. Sermon by the Pastor. Evening service at 7:30, sermon by the Pastor.

Sunday School at Mitchell's Chapel at 2 P. M.

Preaching at Bushy Fork school house at 3 P. M.

By order of Session a congregational meeting is called for Sunday morning after service. Every member is expected to be present. The work of the whole year is to be planned. Every one welcome at all services.

CARY ADAMS, Pastor.

## Base Ball At High School

By organizing themselves into an Athletic club and working with the faculty and school board the children have raised money both for the library and base ball team. They have just recently added to this fund a good amount by selling magazines. The team has ordered suits and some good equipment. We hope to turn out a good team. The people of Roxboro will be given a chance to buy season tickets to all base ball games. When a boy asks you to buy one, help a good cause by granting his request. The money that you give and have given will be used for permanent equipment. Their own money will carry their running expenses. Come, watch your team win.

## PRESIDENT'S FATHER DIES WITH CANCER

President Coolidge Was Hastening To His Bedside But Arrived Too Late

SERVICES BY REV. WHITE

Plymouth, Vt., March 19.—Colonel John C. Coolidge, 80 year old father of the President of the United States, quietly passed away last night after a lingering illness from which all hope of his recovery had been given up. The President had been detained in Washington by the press of international affairs, several of which were of a serious nature. He was hastening to the bedside of his father on a special train when informed of the aged man's death. Accompanying him were Mrs. Coolidge, his son, John, his personal physician and others. The party arrived Friday morning, after having made the last lap of the journey by sleigh.

Funeral services were held Friday at the old homestead, conducted by the Rev. John White of the Episcopal Church. Services were brief and extremely simple, and the body was then interred in the Coolidge burial ground, where the President's mother and son, Calvin, rest. The Presidential party started the return trip to the capitol Saturday afternoon.

## COOLIDGES ARRIVE AT WASHINGTON SUNDAY

Washington, March 21.—President and Mrs. Coolidge returned to Washington early today from Plymouth, Vt.

Their special train arrived shortly after 7 o'clock and Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge, worn by the death of Colonel John C. Coolidge, the President's father, remained at the White House during the day, foregoing their usual Sunday morning church service.

## COLONEL COOLIDGE DIED FROM CANCER

Plymouth, Vt., March 19.—Official cause of the death of Colonel John C. Coolidge, 80 year old father of the President, was announced here today by Dr. A. M. Cram, attending physician, as "carcinoma" or cancer. The secondary and contributing cause was myocarditis, a disease of the heart muscles.

## N. C. NEWS

### Hillsboro Man Killed by Southern Train

Burlington, March 22.—Sam King, 72, of Hillsboro, met an instant and tragic death near the Graham passenger station when struck by east-bound passenger train 16 at 3:15 Sunday afternoon when he was walking on the track to the station to board it en route home.

The aged man had been visiting a daughter at the King mill, in east Burlington, it is said, and left the home some time before train time to walk to Graham to board it.

### Winston Lady Slashes Throat

Winston-Salem, March 22.—Mrs. Walter Staltz, who resides on the Rural Hall road several miles north of this city, while in a fit of mental aberration at an early hour this morning, slashed her throat with a butcher knife and is at the Lawrence hospital in this city. She is in a serious condition, but some hope is held out for her recovery.

### William A. Hart, State Highway Commissioner, Dies Suddenly

Tarboro, N. C., March 19.—William A. Hart, of Tarboro, state highway commissioner, fell dead in his home here today, while walking from his bedroom to the bath room. Hart was 62, and was serving his second term as commissioner. He was a candidate for lieutenant-governor in the primary election and had seriously contemplated making the race for the governorship. He was a wealthy landowner and farmer.

North Carolina farmers spend too much money on fertilizer not to use the kind suitable for their crops and soils, say agronomy workers.



## Mr. Crowell Has Interesting Trip

Visited Highland Park Plant, Rouge River Plant and Dearborn Laboratory

### TWO DAYS TRIP

"I certainly learned a lot during the two days I was in Detroit," Mr. H. L. Crowell, local Ford dealer, said today upon his return home from the Motor City, where he spent two days visiting the big plants of the Ford Motor Company along with a number of other Ford dealers from this territory.

"It has been a great education to me," he continued. "I never imagined anything so enormous."

"We arrived early in the morning, our train being switched right into the yards of the Highland Park Plant. Then began an interesting two days' trip. First, we went through the Highland Park plant—that is part of it, the most interesting divisions. You know, they told us that the area of that plant is 278 acres with 105 acres of it under roof."

"That is nothing compared to the River Rouge plant, where the big operations are carried on. There is where raw materials are transformed and come out in the form of parts for Ford cars."

"And buildings! Say, you should see the new building for pressed steel operations. That's a real building, one story high, mostly glass and it covers eight acres of ground. Why if they would clear out the machinery in that building there would be enough room on the floor to park more than 5,000 Ford cars."

"We also visited the big engineering laboratory at Dearborn, the Ford Airport and the Lincoln car plant."

"Things that impressed me most aside from the buildings and machines were the cleanliness about all the plants, the safety devices and methods to prevent accidents and the absence of any real hard human labor. Machinery is made to do all the hard work."

"Another thing, was the precision of manufacture. Every part is made to exact measurement and though manufacture proceeds rapidly there is no let up in inspection. Every part must be of correct dimensions otherwise assembly of cars on the scale on which Ford production is carried out would be impossible. I wish I could impart to all my friends the appreciation of Ford value that I have gained as a result of my visit to Detroit."

Tarheel farmers are rapidly learning that corn is a good food for hogs and will pay for itself.

## Dairying Will Make Prosperity

Steps Being Taken To Make The South Nation's Dairy Center

### PROSPERITY FOR PEOPLE

Constructive steps "to make the South the nation's dairy center" are outlined in an article in the Manufacturers Record, indicating that, instead of being an importer of dairy products and ice cream as at present, the South ere long will ship milk and cream and ice cream to other parts of the country. "There is no reason why the South should not supply the North, the East and the Middle West with dairy products and ice cream; there is every reason why it should," is virtually a summary of opinions expressed by United States Government officials and other authorities on dairying.

On the production end, farmers are to be encouraged to turn to dairying as a profitable, year-round industry; on the line of distribution, great dairy products and ice cream plants are being established from the Mason and Dixon line to the southern tip of Florida to market the Southern farmers' milk supply. For the consuming public, this means an ample supply of dairy products and ice cream at reasonable prices.

Whether ice cream was introduced in the United States by Nancy Johnson, or Dolly Madison, says this article, it was first produced in quantity in Baltimore by John Fussell, before the Civil War, and artificial ice was first made at Apalachicola, Fla. Now the great dairy and ice cream industry is to be restored to the place of prominence in the South which it occupied many years ago. The dairy industry, instituted over 3000 years ago by Abraham, is to be featured in the modern day, progressive South.

Some idea of the magnitude of the ice cream end of the dairy business alone, is given by Government figures showing that from 1914 to 1921 it increased from \$55,983,000 to \$213,262,000, or 281 per cent, compared with 61.3 per cent in lumber. From 1914 to 1923 it increased 363 per cent.

Also, the Department of Agriculture says, that the South is handicapped by "a one-crop system which forces many farmers to borrow money," while the dairy industry will be "profitable in itself and will furnish the farmer with ready cash throughout the year." The farmers of Dallas county, Alabama, where the first creamery in that state was established, are said to receive more than \$350,000 a year in cream checks.

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## ROXBORO SELLS LARGE AMOUNT OF TOBACCO

In Spite of Exceedingly Common Crop, Prices Held Up Very Well

AVERAGE \$13.50 SEASON

Official figures compiled by Geo. W. Walker, Secretary of the Roxboro Tobacco Board of Trade, show that the Roxboro market sold for the season of 1925-26 exactly 4,385,309 pounds which brought a total of \$572,484.92. The average for the season was \$13.30 and this includes the enormous amount of scrap and other practically worthless tobacco which formed such a large part of Person County's crop this season. Those in position to know point out that the prices prevailing here were unusually good for the quality of tobacco offered. Weather conditions last summer in this County were not at all conducive to the making of a tobacco crop but in spite of this, Roxboro was not at the bottom of the list by a good deal. Prospects are much brighter at this time for another crop.

### WOMAN GIVES WARNING

Usually it is a woman who gives the Sheriff the tip which results in breaking up some moon-shine business, but it was just the reverse last Monday night. Sheriff Brooks and Deputy Gentry had information concerning a plant down in Flat River township and made their way to investigate. They stopped their car and began the search, and were drawing high the outfit a woman got in their car and proceeded to use the horn to its utmost capacity, thus warning the operators. They found the still, which was turning out the real thing, but the men made their get-away. The still was of about one hundred gallons capacity, which was destroyed.

This is the first still they have captured in some time, and it was about this business had been just about stopped in this County.

### RARE ENTERTAINMENT

Next Sunday night at 7:30 the people will have an opportunity to enjoy one of the most interesting services of the season. Rev. W. F. West, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will give an illustrated lecture, "Seeing China Through the Camera's Eye." Mr. West was in the East for nine years and took the pictures he will show.

No one will want to miss this lecture, for it will be interesting and instructive. This is the first of several lectures he will give, and he wants it understood there is no catch-money raising in any of the lectures. They are free and the public is cordially invited.

### JURORS FOR APRIL TERM OF COURT 1926

E. G. Long, W. H. Gentry, W. T. James, Aubrey Long, R. L. Cates, K. H. James, D. W. Ledbetter, W. A. Black, J. M. Long, Geo. W. Davis, G. A. Taylor, J. Y. Brown, W. A. Wrenn, M. Cash, D. T. Day, J. T. Rintner, C. F. Adcock, Z. V. Barrette, H. Perkins, J. L. Crabtree, W. C. Warren, J. I. Warren, Y. N. Broach, C. A. Jones, G. H. Moore, Clyde Satterfield, O. J. Vanhook, S. T. Slaughter, F. W. Howard, J. E. Whitfield, G. W. O'Bryant, E. T. Day, L. M. Burton, R. A. Peed, E. A. Snipes, and J. D. Coats.

### REGULAR MEETING OF PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION TUESDAY

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association will be held next Tuesday afternoon at 3:15 p. m. at the Graded School. Every member of the Association is urged to be present as much important business will come up at this meeting.

### WITH SPENCER'S

Mr. F. C. Elliott, formerly of Lynchburg, has connected himself with the Spencer's and will have charge of their embalming department. Mr. Elliott comes highly recommended and will receive a hearty welcome from the good people of this County.

## SERIOUS FLOOD AT PENNSYLVANIA TOWN

Damage Estimated From Two And Half to Five Million Dollars

CITY IS IN DARKNESS

Oil City, Pa., March 22.—A steadily rising river, a drizzle of rain and a melting temperature combined tonight to throw fear into the hearts of Oil City residents that the flood which already has driven 150 families from their homes and caused damage estimated from two and one half to five millions of dollars, would reach a more serious stage by tomorrow.

The city tonight was in darkness, and ice movement this afternoon having torn away a steel tower supporting wires that carried temporary power here from Clarion.

Streets were patrolled by more than four score special policemen, recruited from among the national guardsmen and members of the American Legion.

Residents driven from their homes by the rapidly rising water were being cared for by friends, the Salvation Army and the Red Cross. The flood area tonight covered an area ten blocks long and four blocks wide, taking in the heart of the business section. The water was from three to five feet deep and approximately two hundred business places were flooded.

Industry generally throughout the city was at a standstill today due to high water and lack of electric power. Newspapers were forced to cease publication. Telegraph companies were driven from their offices and established temporary headquarters where operators worked by candlelight.

Peter B. Kyne's "The Enchanted Hill" With Jack Heit and Florence Vidor at Palace Theatre, Monday & Tuesday, March 29-30th.

Truly a Moving Picture! Peter B. Kyne's "The Enchanted Hill" Palace Theatre, Monday-Tuesday, March 29-30th.

### CHURCH NOTICE

Second Quarterly Conference at Oak Grove next Saturday. Preaching at eleven. Lunch on the ground. Business session immediately following lunch. On Sunday, Bible School at ten, preaching at eleven, followed by sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Dr. Bradshaw, our much loved Presiding Elder, is expected to be with us.

Preaching at Woodsdale at three-thirty. Let there be a full attendance at all the services.

J. W. BRADLEY, Pastor.

### "SAFETY FIRST"

See the play, "Safety First," at Moriah school building - Saturday evening, March 27th, at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited. Come, you will enjoy the evening.

### CALL COMMUNICATION

Call Communication of Person Lodge No. 113, A. F. & A. M., March 30th, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M. All Master Masons are cordially invited. Work in Master Mason Degree. Wm. W. MORRELL, W. M. A. C. GENTRY, Sec.

## Roxboro Boys Win Honor

The Athletic Awards Committee of the University met last Saturday and awarded the much coveted monogram as a member of the varsity members of varsity and freshman athletic teams. Among those winning these honors were E. C. Thompson who received the "NC" monogram and numerals to thirty-eight wrestling team, and Curtis H. Oakley, who was awarded numerals of the freshman class in basketball. Both these boys were students of the Roxboro Graded School and their many friends here will learn with pleasure of their success at the University.