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BAD TORNADO NORTH OF SELMA

Sweeps Over Northern Part of Selma Township and (Does Considerable Damage)—Blows Down Mr. Josiah Sullivan's Home, Hurting Several People, But Killing No One—Several Houses Blown Down.

(By R. J. Noble.)

Selma, April 17.—A tornado passed through the northern part of Selma township Wednesday afternoon about four o'clock. Parties who saw the cloud gather thought it gathered over Smithfield and went in a northerly direction towards the old Watson mill place, which proved true, for it first struck the old Cox place, now owned by Mr. N. E. Ward, where Mr. LeRoy Hicks lives. Here it blew down the barn and stables; then a new part recently built to the old home which was put in two old poplar trees in the yard. The old house, built in the old style, chimneys at each end, was pushed off the brick pillars for about five feet. Limbs of the trees in the yard, even roots and pieces of the house were carried two hundred yards away. Then the storm swept on to Mr. Wells Carter's, on the same place, where it tore down his barn and stables.

The next place struck was Mr. Bill Sullivan's on the edge of the old Earp place, where the dwelling was pushed off the pillars, chimney torn down, and his barn and stables blown to pieces, the roof and some of the corn blown a distance of fifty yards. Then, on to Mr. Herbert Sullivan's, the tornado seeming to gather strength as it went. A number of trees were blown down near his house. A tobacco barn, the stables and barn badly torn and blown off the blocks. Several logs were blown out of the stables. Still gathering force, it next struck Mr. Josiah Sullivan's farm, uprooting his rice orchard and blowing his place to pieces except a shelter over his cotton and his tobacco ordering pit. Witnesses said the wind seemed to pick up all the buildings—dwelling, smokehouse, barn, stables, tobacco barn and all other outhouses—shake them and drop them all in a heap. The buildings are a complete wreck. The largest pieces are some, not all, of the partitions of the houses where they were celled on both sides.

There was nothing killed except some chickens at Mr. LeRoy Hicks' and a dog at Mr. Josiah Sullivan's. One of Mr. Sullivan's mules was badly hurt.

At Mr. Josiah Sullivan's Mr. Sullivan was badly hurt by the falling timbers as were six grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan. Albert Mason, a three-year old boy, was badly cut on the forehead. Minnie, Ida, May and Myrtle Mason and Leisy and Mildred Sullivan were also hurt. Physicians were called and rendered aid to the injured. Today they are all reported doing well.

KENLY BRIEFS.

The Kenly people gladly welcome Mr. Dewitt Hardison back to the community. Mr. Hardison has recently returned from overseas and came to Kenly last Monday.

The entertainment given at the school auditorium last Thursday evening was a decided success. Miss Pauline Griffin, of Wendell, very talented in both voice and piano, and Mr. Stallings, of Wilson, violinist of unusual ability, rendered several numbers and were encored frequently. There were other good numbers from home talent.

A large number from here were in Raleigh Tuesday to witness the aerial flight.

Messrs. Fred Jerome and Julian Baum, of North Carolina State College spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Jerome.

Mr. Claude Edgerton and Mr. Geddie Jerome were in Greensboro Sunday.

Mr. Paul Edgerton, of Norfolk, and Mr. Howard Grady, of State College, spent the week-end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whitley and sons, of Fremont, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sauls last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lessie Best and Misses Hulda and Fannie Best and Janie Jones were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Darden last Sunday.

Mrs. H. F. Edgerton is still confined to her room as a result of a burned foot.

Miss Beulah Bailey has been confined to her bed for several days suffering from cold.

Kenly, April 17.

PRINCETON AND BOON HILL.

Princeton, April 16.—Miss Maud Colwell, from Watha, N. C., is visiting Miss Jarvis Mitchell this week.

Messrs. William T. and George T. Whitley are spending the week with their sister, Mrs. Mattie Brittain, in Northampton county.

Mr. Norman B. Hinton and children, from Wilson county, were visitors in town last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Sanders, of Smithfield, were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Ed. A. Holt, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. L. D. Grantham has gone to Sumter, S. C., to visit her daughter, Mrs. Tom Briggs.

Mr. Conrad Parker, of Louisburg, was a visitor in town Sunday.

The many friends and relatives here were severely shocked on Sunday evening to learn of the death of our esteemed deputy sheriff J. Alf Wall. At this hour many of our most prominent citizens had arrived in Raleigh with the hope of seeing him before his death. Among this number were Sheriff W. J. Massey, W. C. Ryals, Alca L. Massey, M. B. Lynch, and Dr. Eason, and Mr. and Mrs. John R. Woodard, Mrs. Woodard being a sister of Deputy Wall.

Professor L. T. Royall, County Superintendent of Schools, was in town on business Monday.

Miss Carrie McGee, from Mount Olive, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Smith at their home in the country for a few days.

Dr. Oscar Eason left here Tuesday for Pinehurst, N. C., for a few days in attendance upon the meeting of the State Medical Association.

Mr. Leslie R. Massey has gone to Black Mountain. His health has been failing for several months, and it was decided to take the tubercular treatment.

Mrs. Minnie Duncan, of Clayton, was a visitor in town Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. P. H. Joyner, Mrs. George T. Whitley and Mrs. Bessie Woodard have been visiting in Goldsboro this week.

A band of gypsy fortune tellers passed through this town Friday. They stopped at Mr. John Richardson's house and stole twenty dollars from Mrs. Richardson. This gang of thieves and highway robbers are traveling in two large fine automobiles and one Ford car. An effort was made to get the one who stole the money, telephone messages were sent to adjoining towns and some of the gang were arrested at Kenly. Officers went after them, but the identical one had left the gang. This band came through this township a year ago, and they even went into the houses and stole bedquills off the beds. As they are traveling in cars, it has been impossible to catch them before they get away far enough for the one you want to leave the gang. If they get into your house you will undoubtedly have something stolen. When they left Princeton they were going up the Central Highway toward Smithfield, and in one hour they were arrested at Kenly, exactly twelve miles in an opposite direction.

This town is one of the best locations in the State for a good drug store with a registered prescription clerk. There is a large territory around the town from which to draw trade. Competition is the life of trade. A live druggist who will come here and open up a business of his own will make no mistake.

Mr. Wallace Knight, from Moncure, was a visitor in town Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Knight is a fine specimen of manly young manhood—and incidentally an officer in Uncle Sam's European forces. Blood will tell. We have never known this young man's mother, but we do know that she is a noble Christian woman, because they are the only kind that raise such gentlemanly boys.

When the devil gets some of our good old church members, won't there be something doing in . . . ? Those good old fellows who have been Amen corner brothers in the church for the past twenty years, and at the same time have been active in making and drinking booze, there will be a hot time in the old place some of these days.

The butter mixture sold by some farmer in town last Saturday was fearful. It must have been lard and tallow. Some of it will be sent to the State chemist. This kind of mixture has been brought to town several times before.

HONOR MEMORY OF J. ALF WALL

It Is Suggested That the County Commissioners Take Suitable Steps to Erect a Monument to the Brave Officer Who Lost His Life in the Path of Duty.

To the People of Johnston County: A few nights ago while the citizens of Johnston county were going peacefully about their affairs enjoying that peace and security that comes to all law abiding citizens, who realize that the protection of law and order through vigilant and conscientious officers is watching over and caring for them; one of those faithful guardians of the law surrendered up his life at the hands of a dastardly assassin.

Without the ceremony and excitement of battle; without any spectacular effects; without the encouraging shouts and cheers of his fellow citizens he became a martyr to the cause of righteousness and good government. These brave and vigilant guardians of our peace and safety who make the supreme sacrifice that we and our families may enjoy that peace and safety are heroes of the finest type. They are usually the recipients of meager salaries and less appreciation; they go about their daily duty of overseeing our safety without the stimulus of an appreciative word from those whom they protect, impelled only by a good officer's desire to fully discharge his duty they go forth to face danger unafraid, and when it is required of them to sacrifice their lives for their people they do so with the courage of a warrior.

Alf Wall made the supreme sacrifice just as gloriously as those noble boys who fell on the battle front. The boys at the front fought to protect us from the foes without; Alf Wall died to protect us from the foes within. He fell in line of duty and with his "fighting clothes" on. He made the supreme sacrifice for you and for me and for every other citizen of Johnston county. The hearts of his family bleated today as a sacrifice for your safety and my safety; that your family and my family may continue to enjoy the protection of good government through fearless and efficient officers.

We shall not be able to adequately express our gratitude for the noble sacrifice made by this officer, but we can in some suitable way do honor to his memory, and if we fail in this we are terribly lacking in gratitude and civic pride. No monument high or rich carved stone can do justice to the sacrifice made by Alf Wall, but such a monument can preserve the memory of his heroic sacrifice and inspire those who shall follow after him to seek to emulate his character and fidelity to trusts. This monument would not only do honor to the memory of Alf Wall, but it would be some assurance to those who "still live and serve" that their efforts are appreciated.

I hope that our Board of County Commissioners will take this matter up and make some appropriation for this purpose and offer to the law abiding citizens of Johnston county an opportunity to give expression to their gratefulness by contributing toward the erection of a monument suitable to the memory of our friend and officer, who made the supreme sacrifice while discharging his duty as your officer and my officer.

PAUL D. GRADY.
Kenly, N. C., April 14, 1919.

Meeting at Beaty Chapel.

A protracted meeting will begin at Beaty Chapel on Sunday night, April 20, at eight o'clock. The meeting will continue for several days, with services each evening at eight o'clock, new time. The pastor, Rev. J. E. Lanier, will be assisted by Rev. Charles E. Stevens, of Four Oaks, who will do the preaching. The people of the mill village and the surrounding country are given a cordial invitation to attend these services.

The Victory Liberty Loan campaign will open next Monday. Johnston county's quota is \$381,600. Mr. J. Dwight Barbour is the county chairman, and Mr. Ransom Sanders is the chairman for Smithfield township.

Mr. D. Brown, at Princeton, has left the Woodard shop and formed a co-partnership with Mr. W. C. Tyner and they will run a general wood and blacksmith shop in the Duncan building near the Ledbetter stores. The firm name now is Brown & Tyner.

GREENSBORO COLLEGE AIDED.

Mr. J. A. Odell Gives That Amount for Auditorium and Conservatory for Music Department at Methodist Institution.

At the meeting of the board of trustees of Greensboro College for Women held Tuesday afternoon, announcement was made that J. A. Odell of Greensboro, had given the college the munificent sum of \$100,000 to be used in the construction of an auditorium and conservatory building. It is understood that the plans for the building will be prepared at once, and that the actual work of construction will begin at the earliest date possible. The location has not been definitely determined on, but the new building will be located on the front campus, in proximity to the main building.

The announcement of Mr. Odell's generous gift will be received with gratification by Methodists throughout the State. The need of a large auditorium and a conservatory for the steadily growing music department has long been felt and the institution, thus equipped, will be enabled to render even greater service in the future than in the past.

The report of President S. B. Turentine was one of the finest in the history of the institution, setting forth the steady growth and development of the institution, improvement and development in various lines, in physical equipment, raising of funds, and increase in student body. The report showed that there is this year an increase of 37 students over last year, the total number enrolled being 307. In this connection it was pointed out that already applications for entrance at the fall term were so numerous that two of the dormitories were assigned and the third was rapidly being taken up.—Greensboro News.

THE NEWS IN CLAYTON.

Clayton, April 16.—Mrs. H. P. Yelverton and little Miss Jane Hall Yelverton are visiting at the home of their father, Mr. J. F. Hall.

Mr. Vick Austin spent Tuesday in Raleigh on business.

Mrs. Ashley Winstead, of near Nashville, visited here during the week.

Garland Young, Bruce Poole, Elsie Gattis, Aubrey Gattis and James Hall are five more home boys who came in Monday night with discharges. All of these have seen active service in France. We give them a hearty welcome home again. It looks good to see the familiar faces again, yet we can't forget those who are being kept overseas still.

Mrs. J. H. Austin and children, of Four Oaks, are here spending some time with Mrs. M. E. Gattis.

A great number of the town people attended the burial of Mr. Alf Wall near Archer Lodge Monday afternoon.

Mr. Clyde Wall has accepted a position in the grocery department of J. G. Barbour & Sons.

Mrs. H. G. Coats returned last week from Rex Hospital, where she had an operation. She is getting along nicely now.

Mrs. Walter Priddy, of Wichita Falls, Texas, is here on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Ashley Horne.

Miss Margaret Hunter was the guest of Mrs. A. Horne during the past week-end.

Mrs. L. D. Debnam, of Selma, was in town visiting her mother, Mrs. J. A. Griffin Tuesday.

Miss Duba Ellis, who, since January 1, has held a position at the Farmers Bank, has resigned. Mr. Devan Barbour, one of our returned soldiers, has accepted the position.

Mrs. Bennette Noce spent a few hours in Raleigh Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Massey, William Massey and Mrs. Bass have moved out to Mrs. R. B. Ellis's, where they will board until they can make different arrangements. Mrs. Massey sold her home on Main street to Mr. R. W. Sanders. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders will move in right away.

Mrs. Henry E. Austin and little son, Henry, Jr., will arrive today from Kentucky. They will spend some time here with Mr. L. F. Austin. Lieut. Henry E. Austin is at present in Siberia, but hopes to be home the early part of May and will join Mrs. Austin and baby here.

Messrs. Gilbert Jones and Otho Ellis, of Wilson's Mills, were in town last Sunday visiting friends.

THE NEWS IN SELMA.

Death of Gwynn Hood Driver—Real Estate Deals Show Activity. Many Personal Notes.

Selma, April 17.—Tuesday at the Central Hotel Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Holland entertained a host of friends in honor of the Selma Graded School faculty. The entire faculty was present. Most of the business men of the town and others were among the large number to enjoy the supper of barbecue, turkey, chicken and other good things prepared for the feast.

J. D. Massey, a live young business man of Selma, has recently sold his interest in the Selma Manufacturing Company to N. E. Ward and has accepted a position as traveling salesman for the Simmons Hardware Company of Philadelphia. For the present Mr. Massey's home will remain Selma.

Gwynn Hood Driver, a member of the fifth grade in the Selma school, died April 10, of inflammatory rheumatism and Bright's disease. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Proctor. Gwynn was a bright boy of good habits. We regret to give him up. His mother has the sympathy of the school, and especially his grade.

Mrs. Peedin and little daughter, Betsie, are visiting Mrs. Peedin's sister, Mrs. I. W. Mayerberg, this week.

Miss Louie Delle Pittman spent the week-end with Miss Bess Hyman at Hobgood.

Dr. Vick's mother and her daughter are visiting Dr. and Mrs. Vick this week.

Misses Miriam Brietz and Esther McNeil spent the week-end in Goldsboro, Miss Brietz visiting Miss Nell Miller and Miss McNeil was visiting Miss Lena Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Edgerton and daughter, Bettie, and Miss May Turlington, of Wilson, spent Sunday in Selma with friends.

Mrs. Hugh Pearce and children spent Saturday and Sunday visiting Mr. Pearce's mother.

Real estate deals are showing some activity in Selma for the past few days. Mr. N. E. Ward has purchased the beautiful home recently occupied by J. H. Griffin's family on Railroad street, from W. A. Green. Mr. Ward's family moved into the newly purchased property Monday. Mr. Griffin's family also moved into Mr. Ward's home Anderson street.

Mr. J. W. Short has purchased the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Edgerton and will move in next week. Mr. Edgerton has purchased a handsome home in Raleigh and will move to Raleigh soon. Mr. Edgerton will continue his business connection in Selma, however, and in the true sense of the word will continue to be a citizen of Selma.

Mr. Charles Raines, of Port Norfolk, has purchased the J. H. Griffin property on Anderson street. Repairs and improvements are being made on the house. As soon as these are finished, Mr. Raines expects to move his family to Selma.

Corporal E. D. Wilkinson, of Columbia, S. C., is at home on a furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilkinson.

Mr. P. C. Worley and son Sidney have gone to High Point to purchase a stock of furniture.

The death of Deputy Sheriff Wall was a heavy toll to pay for the sake of determination on the part of a few blockaders and law breakers to turn out a run of white lightning. But the sacrifice will not be in vain if the indignation arouse among the law abiding citizens of the county is serious. It is costly indeed to give up the life of a good man, a husband and father, for a few gallons of whiskey. But it has put the issue squarely up to the people of the county, shall the law-abiding citizens rule, or shall the law breakers ruin? If the law breakers get in the saddle then it will be dangerous for a man to live in the county, who is not in accord with their views. We need not try to dodge this issue. It is squarely up to us, if we love the life of a worthy fellow man.

Two More Men in Jail.

Deputy W. A. Parrish and Mr. W. H. Stevens arrested two more white men who are charged with being with the blockaders last week when Mr. Wall was killed and brought them to jail yesterday. They are J. H. Evans and his son, Adolphus Evans. Mr. J. H. Evans runs a country store near Bethany.

TO HOLD MEETING IN SELMA.

Committees Appointed From Every Township to Meet on April 28 to Formulate Plans For Celebration in Honor of Our Soldiers.

Selma, April 15.—The Selma-Smithfield committee on arrangements for the celebration in honor of the home coming of the soldier boys has made the first step towards uniting the whole county on the proposition. A committee of three from each township has been appointed and notified personally by letter to meet in Selma on Monday evening, April 28, at 7:30 to perfect plans and organize the county for the celebration.

If the county will get behind this undertaking as it should and is going to do, Johnston can "pull off" a celebration equal to anything of the kind that will be undertaken in the State. Why not do it? Our boys have played as valiant a part in the war as the boys from any other boys, and Johnston is just as appreciative as any county in the State. The celebration is going to be the biggest day ever made spectacular in the county. The committees are as follows:

Banner, Edgar Parker, Dr. W. T. Martin, Alonzo Parrish.

Meadow—J. Mangum Wood, Walter Blackman, T. L. Hudson.

Bentonsville—Wade Martin, Kirby Rose, E. T. Westbrook.

Ingrams—W. R. Keen, Rev. Charles Stevens, W. J. Lewis.

Smithfield—J. A. Wellons, H. L. Skinner, L. T. Royall.

Boon Hill—Ed Holt, Dr. Oscar Eason, W. G. Rowe.

Pine Level—D. B. Oliver, Clarence Godwin, N. M. Gurley.

Micro—Dr. M. Hinnant, Charles Fitzgerald, Wade Pearce.

Beulah—Paul Grady, Luther Richardson, Joe Darden.

Oneals—Preston Chamblee, Whalen Brown, G. C. Earp.

Clayton—John Turley, C. W. Pender, J. R. Williams.

Cleveland—J. E. Jones, John O. Ellington, George Wright.

Pleasant Grove—H. I. Ogburn, L. D. Adams, G. Willie Lee.

Elevation—J. Shep Johnson, Paul Johnson, R. F. Barbour.

Selma—L. D. Debnam, W. H. Call, C. P. Harper, E. H. Moser, secretary.

This committee will arrange plans to make the celebration of interest to the whole county.

SILVER DALE DISTRICT NO. 2.

We are glad to say Mr. W. T. Morris is much improved after a few days of illness.

Mr. W. T. Anderson, of Wayne county, near Mount Olive, is in to see his son, G. W. Anderson, and is looking well to be 78 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Atkinson and family spent last Sunday at Mr. Martin Thorne's in Live Oak section.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Anderson were visitors to Mr. Zach Grady's last Sunday in Plain View section.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Rose are all smiles. It's a ten-pound girl.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Richardson spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. Leroy Hatcher in Plain View section.

Mr. William Boykin and family, of Micro section, and also Mr. Lumas High and Mr. W. T. Boykin and family, of Wilson county, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. S. J. Nichols.

Mr. and Mrs. Manly Brown spent Sunday at Mr. Gideon Price's in the Hatcher school section.

Mr. Leather Morris, from Falcon school, is in to see his father, W. T. Morris, who has been on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodruff and family made a quick trip to Mr. J. H. McCall's at Batten's Cross Roads Sunday afternoon.

We are pleased to say Mr. Frank Woodruff's fine cow is getting along nicely after a few days' treatment from Mr. Dock Parrish.

We are sorry to note that William Pierce (colored) while burning brush laid off his coat with some over \$100 in the coat pocket, and both coat and money were burned.

The patrons of our newly formed district are feeling much encouraged over our school, knowing it will mean so much to our little neighborhood. We have started on our school house, have it framed and are getting in readiness to dress the weatherboarding. We will complete the house and be ready for our fall school, expecting the best school we have had yet. We had a very good school the past term regardless of having to put up with an old dilapidated tenant house.

BLUEBIRD.