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TERRIFIC CYCLONE HITS UNION COUNTY

Three Killed As Storm Sweeps the Country North of Monroe—Great Property Damage.

A dispatch from Monroe to the News and Observer says three persons are known to have been killed and a score of more injured, some of them seriously, in a cyclone which swept over the northern portion of Union county Monday night about 9 o'clock, according to reports reaching Monroe Tuesday. School houses and churches were swept away and a half dozen farm houses demolished. Robert L. Polk, aged 30, Hilton Williams, aged 6, and his brother, Aubrey Williams, aged 5, are dead and Mr. Sam Preston is seriously injured and may die.

The storm started about six miles north of Monroe, striking first the home of Mr. Polk, demolishing his house, killing him and slightly injuring others in the family, then swept on in a northeasterly direction, passing a few miles north of Unionville and crossing into Stanley county.

The Williams boys were lying in the same bed asleep when the top of the house was blown off and timbers fell across their bodies mashing their stomachs and causing instant death. It required six men to remove the timbers from their bodies.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Griffin, an aged couple, living in Goose creek township, had just gotten out of bed when the chimney of their home fell across the bed, splintering it. Reports of the damage are conflicting, but the property losses will amount to thousands of dollars.

Both the church and the school house at Ebenezer are said to have been completely destroyed, and the Carriker school house was blown into fragments.

Kitchin Files Notice.

Congressman Claude Kitchin, representative from the Second Congressional district, has filed his petition with the State board of election, and is now a candidate without opposition. Other applications received were Prof. Needham Y. Gully, of Wake Forest, candidate for justice of the State Supreme Court; Justice W. A. Hoke, candidate to succeed himself; M. L. Shipman, commissioner of labor and printing; Baxter Durham, State auditor, and W. H. Cox, Laurinburg, candidate for Congress on the Republican ticket in the Seventh district.

The time for filing notices closes on April 24th.

CLAYTON NEWS.

Clayton, April 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Smith made a trip to Raleigh today on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Priddy are spending this week in New York City.

On Easter Monday Mrs. Joe Turley gave a luncheon to several of her friends announcing the marriage of Miss Cleo Ellis to Mr. Aubrey Gattis on next Tuesday afternoon at the Home Memorial church. Two showers are being given in Miss Ellis' honor this week, one by Mrs. R. B. Ellis on Thursday from four until six o'clock; the other by Miss Douschka Barnes on Friday afternoon. Both miscellaneous showers.

The Y. W. A. held its regular meeting with Miss Barbara Gully Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock. After the business and program were finished cream and cake were served.

Mrs. L. F. Austin will leave tomorrow for Washington to visit relatives.

Mrs. A. Sam White spent today in Durham.

Mr. Clarence Powell of Raleigh was a visitor here last Sunday.

Mrs. M. M. Gully, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gully, Miss Rochelle Gully and Mr. Newton Gully of Nashville spent last Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Godwin.

Miss Kittie Poole who is teaching at Nashville came home for the week end to attend the Hunter-Horne marriage Saturday at noon.

It will be of interest to the people who know him to learn that Vaughn Poole has landed safely in London, England. In a letter to his mother he says the trip occupied seventeen days.

Miss Ruth Penny and Mr. Sherwood Hobby returned to the University at Chapel Hill Sunday after spending several days with parents here.

Mr. Ekke Gattis of Four Oaks spent last Sunday here with his mother, Mrs. M. E. Gattis.

IN AND AROUND SELMA.

Mr. R. L. Ray spent Friday evening in Goldsboro on business.

Mr. Preston Turnage of Wilson's Mills was a visitor in the city Sunday.

Mr. John F. Ray has been appointed local representative for the News and Observer.

Mr. J. H. Broadwell of near Micro passed through the city Tuesday night on his way to see a cancer expert in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Worley and sons, Carl and Sydney, spent a part of the day in Pine Level Sunday.

Mr. Edward Price was a visitor in the city last Saturday. Edward formerly attended school here and his friends congratulate him on getting his degree in pharmacy, which he has received from a college in Macon, Ga.

Mr. Frederick Oscar Bowman of Chapel Hill was the guest of his brother, Mr. J. O. Bowman, Saturday, leaving Sunday morning for Garland, N. C.

The debate between the schools of Selma and Smithfield was held last Friday night which resulted in a split. Selma's affirmative team won over Smithfield's negative here, and Smithfield's affirmative team won the decision over Selma's negative in Smithfield. Both debates resulted in 2 to 1 decisions, each winning one debate. Neither school can send representatives to Chapel Hill for the finals.

A number of our people were judges in the triangular debates last Friday night, among them being Miss Ina Young, who went to Princeton, while Rev. B. Townsend and Frank O. Ray, Esq., went to Kenly.

One of Selma's new enterprises is The Selma Fidelity Building and Loan Association, the object of which is to construct and repair houses for the colored people. Subscriptions have been made for stock to the amount of \$38,000. The officers of the company are W. S. King, president; John Daniel Turner, vice president, and Ed Barnes, secretary-treasurer.

Selma, N. C., April 14.

Recorder's Court.

Tuesday, April 13, Moses Blackman, colored, Assault and concealed weapon. Sentenced to Clayton roads for three months.

Ed Rhodes, colored, assault, drunk and disorderly. Sentenced to Smithfield roads for eight months.

Jesse Faircloth, operating automobile while intoxicated, assault and profanity on public highway. Fined \$100 and costs.

Grant Powell, colored, had in his possession one quart of blockade whiskey. Fined \$50 and costs.

How the Counties Voted.

The following counties voted solidly for the suffrage amendment at the State Convention last week:

Alamance, Alexander, Brunswick, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Catawba, Durham, Edgecombe, Gates, Guilford, Harnett, Haywood, Henderson, Johnston, Lee, Mitchell, Montgomery, Orange, Pender, Person, Richmond, Rockingham, Rutherford, Stanly, Swain, Surry, Union, Wilkes, Yadkin and Yancey.

These voted solidly against it:

Bertie, Bladen, Burke, Chatham, Currituck, Forsyth, Greene, Hertford, Iredell, Jackson, Jones, Martin, McDowell, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell, Washington and Wilson.

The vote in the other fifty counties was divided.

Johnston County at Buies Creek.

Buies Creek commencement which begins May 8, has an especial interest to Johnston county folks. The commencement address will be delivered on May 13 by a former student, Rev. Herman T. Stevens, who was reared near Wilson's Mills, but who is now pastor of Deadrick Avenue Baptist church, Knoxville, Tenn.

The class of 1915 will have a reunion on Tuesday night the 11th. John R. Massey, of Johnston county, was a member of this class, and was the first member to lay down his life in France.

Better Prices.

Warning was given in the house Saturday by Representative Aswell, of Louisiana, to the effect that the Southern farmer would not be willing to labor twelve months a year in cotton fields unless he could get a fair price for his product.

STATE AND GENERAL NEWS TOLD IN BRIEF

Items of Local and General Interest Clipped and Culled from Daily and Weekly Papers.

Sumter C. Brawley of Durham will manage the state capital end of Aubrey L. Brooks' campaign for the United States Senate.

On the first Monday in May a joint debate between Charles L. Abernethy and Representative Brinson, candidates for Congress, will take place at Jacksonville.

L. M. Butler, manager of a big Waco, Texas, department store, found himself in Wilmington Wednesday, his mind having been a blank since Easter morning.

Plans for a four story, 64-room hotel, have been considered by citizens of Reidsville. The hotel committee expects to raise the necessary fund by sale of stock.

The Presbyterian church in Kinston in which the Albemarle Presbyterian was meeting, caught fire Wednesday from a defective flue, causing a damage of \$2,500.

The "Overalls" movement has spread to New Orleans. It was predicted that in a few days the entire student body of Tulane University would appear in overalls.

The new census has announced the population of St. Louis as 773,000, increase 85,971. The rate of growth during the last ten years was the smallest of any decade since the founding of the city.

Mrs. Mary Settle Sharpe, of Greensboro, Republican nominee for the State superintendent of public instruction, will deliver an address at the Randolph Republican convention which meets tomorrow in Asheboro.

The frost and freeze Tuesday and Wednesday nights, played havoc with the fruit crop around Statesville. Half the peach and pear crop was reported as destroyed. Cherries and apples had not bloomed sufficiently to be injured.

Surry county is planning an intensified campaign along public health lines. The international board of health, the state board, the county board and the Surry chapter of the Red Cross will provide an annual budget of \$8,700.

Mrs. Mary Roberts Rinehart, the well known novelist, will test whether or not a woman from a non-suffrage state, can aspire to be a delegate to the Republican national convention in Chicago. Her name has been filed in Pennsylvania as a candidate.

Parker-Jerome.

Kenly, April 13.—Friends here have received the following announcement: Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Jerome announce the marriage of their daughter, Grace to Dr. Paul Godwin Parker, on Saturday, April the third, nineteen hundred and twenty, Jackson, North Carolina.

At home after the fourteenth of April, Jackson, North Carolina.

Winston-Salem Largest City.

With a population of 48,395, Winston-Salem goes ahead of Charlotte in the list of North Carolina cities. Charlotte's census showed 46,318. The twin city celebrated the announcement Wednesday night with the sounding of bugle calls by Scouts, the ringing of bells, and the blowing of factory whistles. A great bonfire was lighted on the square where appropriate exercises took place, after which a torchlight procession paraded the streets.

Home Team Defeats Wilson's Mills.

Yesterday afternoon the Junior baseball team of the High School defeated Wilson's Mills School by a score of 8 to 0, on the home grounds. The game was one-sided from start to finish. The work of the visitors was good while in the field, but they just couldn't get onto Cotton. The features of the game were the excellent team work of the home boys, a home run by Wharton and the fast work of Wilson's Mills' short stop.

Fire Saves Apple Trees.

Fires built in the orchards to protect the trees from the late frosts saved several thousand dollars to the owner of one of the largest apple orchards in North Carolina situated near Waynesville. More than 100,000 fine apple trees of choice varieties are in this orchard.

STRIKERS MAKE FIRST OVERTURES OF PEACE

Rush of Volunteers Eager to Substitute Impresses Strikers—Conditions More Normal.

New York, April 14.—The first overtures of peace on the part of striking railroad workers, who have disorganized the railroad transportation facilities of New York and northern New Jersey, came tonight when Edward McHugh, chairman of the strikers' committee, gave out a statement that "now that the railroad labor board has been appointed we desire to avail ourselves of the opportunity provided by it for a consideration of our grievances."

Restoration of passenger train service on the principal railroads into New York made headway tonight.

The rush of volunteer students and business men eager to substitute for the strikers apparently has had an impressive effect on the strikers. Their defiant attitude toward the railroads was reported to have undergone a change following optimistic reports of the movement of trains without their assistance.

Conditions in the Grand Central terminal late today more nearly approached normal than during any period of the strike.

Overman's Position On Suffrage.

In his speech before the State Democratic convention Senator Lee S. Overman stated his position on woman suffrage as follows: "I recognize that suffrage is inevitable—that is, it seems to be. I have been and am opposed to it, especially by Federal amendment. It is fundamental with me, deep and inborn. I was opposed to Federal interference with the rights of suffrage in the States and have always claimed that if suffrage was to come it should come through the State and not through Federal amendment."

"I have a letter from one of the best women in North Carolina, and one of the leading women for suffrage, in which occurs this paragraph:

"The women of this State desire to be given suffrage at the hands of the men of North Carolina, rather than by the vote of other States. We want ever to be able to say that our men, guided by their belief, decided this matter."

"And with this sentiment I heartily agree.

"I may be wrong, but I have done what I thought was right. The good women of North Carolina would not have asked me to change my opinion to get down and be a times-server."

STEVENS CHAPEL NEWS.

Mr. Rufus Joyner and Miss Letha Hartley were married last Sunday. Their many friends wish them much success in life.

Mr. and Mrs. Phonso Phillips, who live near Pine Level, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Robbins.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sullivan, who live over Neuse River, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hartley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Braswell, of Pine Level, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Peedin.

There will be service at Stevens Chapel next Sunday afternoon at the usual hour, three o'clock. Everybody is invited to go.

Mr. Alex Thompson spent last week at Morehead City.

Quite a number of the farmers are planting their corn this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thompson visited Mrs. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Phillips near Holt's Lake last Saturday night and Sunday.

GUESS WHO.

Noted Sunday School Man Dead.

Sunday school workers everywhere who have used "Peloubet's Select Notes on the International Sunday School Lessons," will regret to learn of the death of the author, Dr. Francis N. Peloubet, which occurred at his home in Aburrdale, Massachusetts, on March 27. Dr. Peloubet was in his eighty-ninth year, having gotten out these notes on the Sunday School lessons for 45 years. He was a minister of the Congregational church.

Born—A Daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. Hunter Creech, in New York City, April 11, a daughter, Pauline Bryan.

NEWS FROM PRINCETON.

Princeton, April 14.—Miss Alma Hall from Clayton has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Luther Edgerton for several days.

More than one thousand people went out to a field near Mr. Amos Pittman's last Saturday to see one of the big army airplanes which had engine trouble and had to come to the ground. The big machine remained out there all night but when the repairs were made, and everything ready it went up like a bird and was soon out of sight.

The farmers and patrons of Baker's mill will be glad to know that the machinery has arrived and that workmen are building and it will not be many weeks before the new saw mill and gin will be ready for business.

Many citizens who travel the road to Richardson bridge over Neuse river, desire to thank those men from the south side of the river who came over and filled up those bad holes and otherwise made some much needed repairs to the road on this side of the bridge. Many thanks to you gentlemen.

Mrs. P. H. Joyner has gone to Cheraw, S. C., to spend some time with relatives.

Mr. Henry Fitzgerald from Micro was a visitor in town Sunday.

Mr. A. F. Holt, Jr., has one of those smiles that don't rub off. It's a girl, arrived on the 8th. Mother and baby are getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Moore from Raleigh were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Stevens Sunday.

Mr. J. M. Beatty from Smithfield was in town Tuesday.

Misses Lessie Woodard, Elma and Pearl Crocker from Saulston were visitors in town Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Julian Richardson from Kenly was a visitor in town Sunday.

Mr. Henry Edgerton and Mr. Norman Hinton from Kenly were in town Monday.

Mrs. R. S. Stevens has gone to Raleigh for a couple of days visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Stevens from Smithfield were in town a short while Tuesday evening.

Mr. Dal Hines and Mrs. John Smith from Wayne county were visitors in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Edwards have been visiting their children down at Eureka for several days.

Miss Bettie Lee Sanders and Mrs. Robert Turner are spending a few days with Mrs. Ed A. Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Williamson and children from Wilson county were the guests of their sister Mrs. Clifton Holt in town Sunday.

Mr. Grover Dees and his mother from Beulah section came over Sunday to attend morning services at the Methodist church.

Mr. John T. Holt from Wilson's Mills spent the day Sunday with relatives, Misses Lena and Ethel Holt.

Mr. W. C. Ryals is driving around in a new Studebaker. Mr. Geo. P. Massey is out with a braa new Ford Sedan.

The Princeton debating teams will go to Chapel Hill to participate in the eliminating contest this year. Princeton feels rather elated over her debaters since this is their first experience in public debating and marks her entrance into the debating union.

HOPEWELL NEWS.

Miss Inez Stephenson who has been working in Smithfield for the past four or five months is at home to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Stephenson.

We are glad to note that Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson have purchased their new five passenger Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Batten and granddaughters, Misses Hattie and Sarah Batten, spent Sunday in our burg.

We are sorry to note that Mr. Dal Thompson's little boy got kicked Wednesday morning by a mule, knocking some of his teeth out and splitting his lip. It is not serious and hope he will soon recover.

Misses Lessie and Essie Phillips of Four Oaks were the guests of Misses Eula and Annie Lassiter Sunday.

The many friends of Mr. D. A. Thompson will be glad to learn that his rheumatism is slowly improving as he has been plowing some this spring.

Mr. Manly Johnson and daughter, Esther, and Mr. and Mrs. John Langdon of Coats attended services at Clement Sunday.

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PLUMBERS STRIKE; WANT CHAUFFEURS

No Apprentices and Wages of Twelve Dollars a Day Among Other Demands.

Birmingham, Ala., April 13.—Sixty-seven journeymen plumbers are alleged to dominate plumbing and plumbing repair work in Birmingham, according to findings made by a committee of allied civic clubs in an investigation of the recent demand of local plumbers for a wage of \$12 a day, which has resulted in the closing of 24 of 32 shops here. Other findings include:

Master plumbers are required by the union men to furnish a chauffeur to drive a journeyman to and from his work and the chauffeur is not permitted to do any plumbing work.

Use of apprentices in union shops is forbidden, with a view to curtailing the number of plumbers available in Birmingham.

Unskilled labor is not permitted to work on plumbing jobs, even where no skill is required.

The wage scale demanded—\$12 for an eight-hour day, double time for overtime, Sundays and holidays—is the highest in the United States, excepting two oil "boom towns."

Where the owner of a one-man shop does his own work, the union compels him to give 50 per cent of his work to members of the organization, even if it keeps the owner of the shop idle.—Washington Post.

A Raleigh Landmark Removed.

One of Raleigh's sweetest landmarks was removed Monday; the flowering crab-apple tree near the corner of North Wilmington and East Edenton Streets, in the entranceway of the Chaswell Apartment House now under construction. For half a century or more this tree with its wealth of fragrant flowers told the story of the spring time. A widely known Raleigh lady looked at the fragments of the tree in the gutter, and said it was almost like saying good-bye for the last time to a dear one to bid it farewell.—F. A. Olds in Raleigh Times.

This is the best day the world has ever seen; tomorrow will be better. Let each man do his best.—Shakespeare.

Housekeepers Week in Henderson.

The housekeepers of Henderson under the direction of the Home Demonstration Agent, Mrs. J. K. Plummer, have just concluded the first "Housekeepers Week" ever held in the state.

In the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, demonstrations of bread making, the manufacture of muscadine grape products, butter making, cooking meats, sewing and making hats were given. Around the sides of the room were arranged all the latest devices for making the home more convenient, from a folding ironing board to refrigerators and cooking stoves, all of which were loaned for the week by local merchants. The last day of the week was given over to demonstrations of power plants.

Rocky Mount Strike.

The strike of 325 employees of the Rocky Mount mills, has been settled amicably. The walk out was caused by the transfer of an employe from the carding department to the spinning department, but the exact terms of settlement were not given out.

North Carolina Overall Club.

Winston-Salem has started the first "Overall Club" we have heard of in North Carolina. Canvassers have been soliciting names, the office force of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company and other industrial enterprises manifesting much enthusiasm.

Only two kinds of hay: one kind is raised at home, the other is bought—the difference between them is about \$20 a ton.

Hertford Issues Street Bonds.

Bonds to the amount of \$200,000 have already been issued for paving streets in Hertford. It is likely that a concrete foundation with top layer of asphalt will be the kind of street built.