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TRAMP IS KILLED AT BLACK CREEK

Through Freight Kills Man Instantly; Nothing on Person to Identify

About four o'clock Thursday morning, March 23, a man supposed to be a tramp was killed by a through freight on the railroad between the home of Mr. J. W. Wellons and the county road crossing this side of Black Creek. The man was seen several times at the Smithfield depot Wednesday afternoon. It is said he was not on the track until the train was near to him and that he walked over on the track in front of the train. The body was brought to the depot from whence it was taken by an undertaker and brought down town and put in a coffin.

The identity of the man is still unknown. He wore a hat in which was the name of a Richmond merchant. He had in one of his pockets a blank check on a Wadesboro bank. In his pockets were found a spool of thread, a broken comb, and eighty-two cents in money. Not a button was on his trousers, but they were fastened on him with a safety pin. He was wearing only one sock and neither of his shoes was like the other. He bore all the marks of a tramp.

ALL DOUGHBOYS TO QUIT GERMANY BEFORE JULY 1

War Secretary Issues Orders for Complete Withdrawal of Troops From Rhine.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.—Orders directing the return to the United States by July 1 of all American troops now on the Rhine were issued today by Secretary Weeks.

The order include the return by the end of the fiscal year of the entire force of approximately 2000 men excepted from the previous order of several weeks ago, under which the homeward movement of the majority of the American Rhine contingent is now in progress.

Secretary Weeks said that the operation of two army transports, now being employed in the return of the troops had been ordered continued up to July 1, by which date all of the force would have been withdrawn from the Rhine.

The action of the War Department was merely a continuation of the policy previously announced for withdrawing the American forces from the Rhine territory as early as possible, Weeks said. It was indicated that the status of army legislation in Congress in no way influences the Department's decision, and also that the controversy over payment by Germany for the maintenance of the Rhineland troops was not involved.

Secretary Weeks did not go into detail as to how the functions exercised by General Allen in the Rhineland commission and those of the American forces at Coblenz would be transferred to the Allied commanders. He confined his announcement to the statement that all of the troops would be back in the United States by July 1.—Associated Press.

YOUNG MAN MEETS DEATH DEATH BY ELECTRICITY

Murrell Wilkins Instantly Killed Wednesday Afternoon At The Pine Level Oil Mill

Mr. Murrell Wilkins was instantly killed Wednesday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock by electricity at the Pine Level Oil Mill, Pine Level, N. C. He was adjusting some of the machinery and without thinking of danger came in contact with the electricity. Death was instantaneous. He was about twenty years of age and a son of Mrs. Georgiana Wilkins. The burial took place Thursday afternoon at three o'clock at the Crocker graveyard. He was an industrious young man and the whole community is saddened by his death.

Mr. Austin Leaves For Texas.

Mr. W. H. Austin left Monday night for Houston, Texas, where he has gone in the interest of Co-operative Marketing. He will be gone about ten days.

MRS. JANE S. MCKIMMON TO BE IN SMITHFIELD

State Home Demonstration Agent Will Make Address Here Wednesday at 2 P. M.

The women and girls in the county will have an unusual privilege Wednesday, March 29, in hearing Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon State Home Demonstration Agent, who will be here at the Opera House, and make a talk on the "Proper Selection and Wearing of Clothing." The occasion will be more than simply an address but will be in the nature of a school for the afternoon. The meeting is called to open at 2 o'clock p. m., and all women and girls in the whole county are invited to be present.

Mrs. McKimmon's talk will be of interest to old and young, stout and thin, blonde and brunette. Demonstrations with live models will add to the interest. The meeting is designed to teach a wiser expenditure of money for dress by having a knowledge of proper lines, harmonious colors, suitability of clothes for different occasions, and points to consider when buying material.

Women and Girls Clubs, teachers and high school students are urged to be present. It is not merely a local affair, but Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, County Home Demonstration Agent, is anxious that the coming of Mrs. McKimmon to Johnston County at this time benefit women and girls all over the county. The program promises to be both instructive and entertaining.

NEGRO MAROONED IN TREE BY HIGH WATERS

Spends Several Hours In Tree After Being Washed From Wagon By Flood.

KINSTON, March 21.—John Best, a negro driver, was convalescent today after spending hours in a tree, "nearly frozen" in spite of the average March temperature, with the flood waters from Neuse river holding him a prisoner in the branches. Bernice C. Grady, Best's employer, sought him when two horses Best had driven returned home minus the wagon in which Best had started for Grady's farm. Grady found negro boys with Best, limp and nearly lifeless, in a boat headed for the city.

The negro had started over the submerged Pink Hill road west of Kinston, believing he could ford the lowgrounds just outside the city without difficulty. The body was washed off the wagon and the negro found himself floundering in the water. He swam about 100 yards to a tree, into which he climbed. He was in the tree several hours before the boys in the boat discovered him. Unconscious following his rescue, it was six or eight hours before Best could give the details of his experience.—News and Observer.

Recorders Court.

At Tuesday's session of the Recorder court the following cases were considered:

State vs. Leco Wright, retailing liquor. Not guilty.

John C. Jernigan, charged with blockading, case nol pros with leave to call up again.

George Olive, assault. Guilty, judgment suspended on payment of cost, including \$43 doctor's bill and \$15.00 board bill.

Jerry Lane, concealing property, not guilty and discharged.

Columbus C. Pope, abandonment, pleads guilty, prayer for judgment in the case for two years and payment of cost.

Aaron Rattler, and Berkley Hamilton, assault with deadly weapon. Hamilton to pay half of the cost, and Rattler to pay half of the cost and a fine of \$20.00.

Andrew Brown, violating the school law. Fined \$5.00 and cost but appealed to the Superior court.

New President Bryn Mawr.

Bryn Mawr College has a new president, Miss Marion Edward Park, who succeeds Miss M. Carey Thomas, who has retired after a service of thirty-seven years. Dr. Park has held positions in a number of colleges being for the past year Dean of Radcliffe College.

EXPECTS ARMY COSTS TO BE PAID

Hughes Sends Note to Allies Relative to Expenses Of Army in Rhineland

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The American army of occupation was sent into Germany and was continued there upon the basis of the right of the United States to "be paid its actual cost upon an equal footing with the allies," and this government "is unable to conclude that the justice of its claim is not fully recognized," according to identical communications delivered today by American diplomatic representatives to the governments of Belgium, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan.

The notes were delivered under instructions from Secretary of State Hughes, and were occasioned by recent information from American observers in Europe that the allied governments apparently contemplated arrangements which would ignore American army costs altogether, although estimations both for army costs and reparations were being made on the basis of the entire capacity of the German government to pay.

The amount of the claims of the United States for its army cost, the notes declared, was understood to be free from any substantial dispute, but it was deemed to be appropriate, "in view of the recent developments," to acquaint the allied governments with the repeatedly reiterated statement that the government of the United States was expecting full payment of the costs of its army in the Rhineland.

Basis for the American claim, the notes pointed out, was found in the armistice agreement, to which the United States was signatory, and which provided for military occupation of Germany by the allied and American forces jointly. That agreement, the notes recited, expressly provided that the upkeep of the troops of occupations in the Rhine district should be charged to the German government and it expressed as the view of the American government that the armistice agreement had the "clear import" that the powers associated in that joint enterprise should stand upon an equal footing as to the payment of all actual costs of their armies of occupation.

Priority payment for the total cost of all armies of occupation was imposed by the treaty of Versailles, the notes set forth, and since the right of the United States to share in that priority was "not expressly conditioned" upon ratification of the treaty by the United States, failure to ratify should not be construed as affecting in any way American rights.

In that connection the notes pointed out that "Germany has explicitly consented to the priority of payment of the cost of the American army of occupation notwithstanding the fact that the treaty of Versailles has not been ratified by the United States" and that hence "any technical objection" to the discharge of the just claim of the United States would necessarily rest solely upon the refusal of the allied powers themselves to permit the discharge of an "admittedly equitable claim," and it was insisted that the rights of America, were free from any technical objection.

The notes set forth that the total cost of all armies of occupation from November 11, 1918 to May 1, 1921, amounted to 3,639,282,000 gold marks; that the amounts due to Belgium, France and Italy for their army costs for that period had been paid in full and that the unpaid balance due May 1, 1921 amounted to 1,660,090,000 gold marks, of which 966,374,000 gold marks were due the United States and the remainder due the British empire. It was pointed out, also, that the British government had received 130,696,000 gold marks between May 1, and December 31, 1921, and that the payment was expressly made and received subject to the rights of the United States.

"Ain't Nothing Different."

Old Darkey (to shiftless son)—"I hearn tell you is married. Is you?" Son (ingratiatingly)—"I ain't saying I ain't."
Old Darkey (severely)—"I ain't ask you is you ain't; I ask you ain't you is."—American Legion Weekly.

FORMAL CALL FOR COAL STRIKE APR. 1

Government Still Trying To Get Settlement in Advance of Strike

WASHINGTON, March 21.—While the government has "not entirely" abandoned its efforts to get a settlement in advance of the coal strike called for April 1, particularly in the bituminous fields, and while the department of justice is studying possibilities of legal redress in case danger results to public peace and welfare, it was learned today in white house and cabinet circles that no action is contemplated unless the strike developed.

Secretary of Labor Davis, who has represented the government in direct negotiations in the industry, had no comment to make when word of the United Mine Workers' call for suspension of work on April 1, in both the bituminous and anthracite fields reached Washington, but Attorney General Daugherty indicated he was inclined to consider that the legal branch of the government might take some steps, particularly in case transportation derangement was occasioned after the strike was under way.

At the white house, along with the statement that the effort to bring about a national conference between the employers and the miners in the bituminous industry was still continuing, notwithstanding the almost complete refusal of the operators to cooperate, the existence of a great coal surplus was emphasized as a most important factor. The government's surveys indicated, it was said, that with production continuing in non-union fields, the surplus would prevent any shortages in industry, and should prevent any inflation of coal prices.

The government's concern with the anthracite situation is not so great, because of the disposition there for amicable relationship between the mine owners and their unionized employees.

Mr. Daugherty, reviewing the legal aspects, and mindful of department of justice plans to defend railroad operation by injunction against threatened strike suspension last October, declared that the coal strike had not reached a point where his responsibility began. He desired to know, he said, whether the government, capable of preventing disruption of railroad traffic by use of legal powers, could not also prevent the same disruption, if occasioned by shortage of coal.

The attorney general declared he was not sure that the operators or miners could be forced into conference to settle their dispute, nor was he as yet certain that action could be taken by the government.

He declared he knew of no law preventing a man or group of men from quitting their employment.—Greensboro News.

MICRO DEFEATS BUIE'S CREEK BY A 25 TO 22 SCORE

(Special to THE HERALD)

MICRO, March 21.—The Micro highs took the big end of a 25-22 score with Buie's Creek on Saturday, March 18. The game was played on the former's court. The game was closely contested—Buie's Creek outplaying the locals in the first quarter. In the second quarter the score was tied, 22-22, but in the third quarter the locals succeeded in putting over a touchdown and kicking goal.

The line up for the game was as follows:

Buie's Creek (22)	Micro (25)
Wellons	Barden
Right Forward	
Boyett	Hinnant
Left Forward	
Blackstock	Flowers
Center	
Wellons	Smith
Right Guard	
Stallings	Pittman
Left Guard	

A Certain Thing.

Between them, the boll weevil and the cattle tick will change farming in eastern North Carolina—or else there will be another mighty migration westward.

INTERESTING HAPPENINGS AROUND PRINCETON

H. B. Fields Died Suddenly Sunday Morning; Other Local News of Interest.

PRINCETON, March 22.—Mr. H.

B. Fields died at his home near town Sunday morning. He had suffered a slight stroke of paralysis about one year ago. From this he had never recovered, although he was able to walk about some. He came to town Saturday and was apparently as well as usual. He died suddenly and while no one was in the house. He was 61 years old and had been married three times. By the first wife he had one son, by the third wife four girls. These children and his last wife are living. He was a good neighbor and will be sadly missed by those near to him.

Mr. Woodard, Misses Flintow and Phillips from Pine Level, and Mr. Flintow, from Chapel Hill and Mr. Vernon James, of Snow Hill, were visitors at Mr. G. T. Boyett's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Stallings and family from Goldsboro were visitors at the home of Mrs. J. W. Snipes last Sunday.

The music and singing at the Baptist church last Sunday morning and night was most impressive under the leadership of Miss Carrie Mae Hedgepeth. There has been a wonderful improvement.

In the absence of the pastor—Rev. N. H. Shepherd preached at the Baptist church Sunday, and although a new preacher was not expected the congregation was highly pleased with his strong and impressive sermon. The pastor, Rev. A. L. Goodrich, is expected to preach in this church on the third Sunday in April, after which he will go to another place.

Mrs. T. W. Briggs, from Sumter, S. C., is here on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Grantham.

A little baby girl has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edwards.

George Warren, Cleveland and Sydney Fail went to Neuse River Monday night. They were lucky and brought back fourteen white shad. Albert Pearce, Fate Benton, Adam Worley and Jim Snipes caught 12 white shad and nine hickorys on the same night.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Cox and little Doris from Bentonville were visitors in town Sunday.

Misses Lissie Pearce and Maude Westbrook from Thanksgiving, were the guests of Mrs. W. I. Pearce Sunday.

Miss Charlotte Conley from Sugar Hill section visited Miss Sarah Blackman Sunday.

Mr. Clarence Whitley has returned home from Durham where he has been for the past few months.

Miss Ora Smith, from Fremont, was the guest of Misses Patsy and Ila Odum Sunday.

Miss Annie Wester visited her home at Franklinton for the week end.

Misses Fannie Wellons and Ruth Tyler visited relatives at Micro Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Grace Jones visited in Raleigh Monday.

Harvey Wellons from Buie's Creek visited his parents here Sunday.

Mrs. I. A. Snipes, from Smithfield, is visiting relatives in town this week.

Miss Elizabeth K. Hall spent the week end with relatives at Mount Olive.

Mr. Anthony Uzzle, from Wilson's Mills, was a visitor in town a short while Sunday.

Miss Lissie Pearce entertained several of her friends Saturday night in honor of her guest, Miss Maude Westbrook.

Miss Ellen Uzzle spent the week end at Wilson's Mills.

A vaudeville show will be given at the High School auditorium Friday night, March 31. It is to be given by the high school girls and town boys. Everybody invited to come out.

Mrs. Albert Arment, from Goldsboro, was a visitor in town Wednesday.

Mr. Jadie W. Langley left Thursday for Knoxville, Tenn.

Those of our citizens who have been on the sick list for some time are Mr. Whitley and Mr. Stallings whose condition is about the same and Mrs. Grantham who is said to be improving.

SANFORD MEETS T. G. S. IN DEBATE

League of Nations Will Be Discussed at School Auditorium Tonight

This evening the debating team of T. G. S. which has entered the State Triangular contest under the general auspices of the University of North Carolina will meet Sanford and Dunn. Smithfield's affirmative will debate Sanford's negative here in the Graded school auditorium at 8 o'clock. Smithfield's negative will debate Dunn's affirmative at Dunn at the same time.

The query, which more than a thousand debaters of 250 high schools will discuss to-night is: Resolved, That the United States should enter the League of Nations. Messrs Harry Biggs and Mose W. Godwin will uphold the affirmative, while the negative will be defended by Miss Minnie Maude Harris and Mr. John Gonnella, of Sanford. Messrs Donnell Wharton and Erwin Pittman will represent Smithfield in Dunn.

The judges for the contest here tonight are: Messrs J. D. Parker, H. P. Stevens and Rev. Fred T. Collins. Music by the glee club will add interest to the program.

The final contest for the Aycock Memorial cup will be held at the University on April 6 and 7. All high schools which win both of their triangular debates tonight will send their teams to compete in the final contest. The annual triangular debating contests were begun 10 years ago during which time they have grown in popularity. The following schools have won the Aycock cup: Pleasant Garden, Winston-Salem, Wilson, (twice), Graham, Waynesville, Durham (twice), and Asheville.

SEVERE EARTH QUAKE IN THE MIDDLE WEST

ST. LOUIS, March 22.—Severe earth shocks lasting about 12 seconds were recorded by the seismograph at St. Louis University here this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. The shocks were violent during the first two seconds. Observers said that the shock was probably felt for a distance of 100 to 150 miles southeast of here.

POPULAR BLUSS, Mo., March 22.—Earth tremors were felt here about 4:26 this afternoon and lasted 15 seconds. A number of points in southeast Missouri, reported the shock as very distinct.

TROY, Tenn. March 22.—Two distinct earth shocks were felt throughout Obien and surrounding west Tennessee counties late today. The first was felt at 3:30 this afternoon and the second of much greater intensity, occurred at 8:15 o'clock tonight.

HICKMAN, Ky., March 22.—Earth tremors severe enough to shake buildings and lasting several seconds were felt this afternoon. No damage resulted.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 22.—Earth tremors lasting 18 seconds and beginning at 8:22 o'clock this evening were registered on the seismograph at St. Louis University. The quake was described as not as severe as the first one at 4:30 this afternoon but was felt in St. Louis and according to reports, southeast Missouri and southern Illinois.

REV. GOODRICH WINS HIGH HONOR AT WAKE FOREST

On last Monday Rev. A. L. Goodrich was elected by the college faculty as one of the commencement speakers which is considered one of the highest honors in the senior class. He is in school at Wake Forest college. His friends in Johnston County will be glad to hear this of him.

All-The-Year-Round Garden

Early to Plant and early to Harvest is a good motto for the home garden—but how about planning to have an all-the-year-round garden?

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Lore of Concord, are spending some time here with their son, Mr. E. P. Lore.