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OUR HOME GIRLS WRITE FROM EUROPE

Misses Pou and Austin Tell Of Seeing the King and Queen of England

Through the kindness of relatives of Miss Margaret Pou and Miss Margaret Lee Austin, who are touring Europe, we are permitted to give our readers a glimpse of some of the places they are visiting by publishing extracts from their letters home. The letters are very interesting, and being the impressions of some of our own folks gives them an added interest. They were not written for publication but we are sure our readers will gain quite a bit of information from these extracts:

June 23, 1922.

We are anchored just outside of Cherbourg. This being our first sight of land in six days, you can well imagine our excitement at the sight of a small light house gleam last night! Of course we are not permitted to leave the boat—only the Cherbourg passengers. France seems a tiny little green spot to us just now but of course untold delights and pleasures await us there.

Our trip has been ideal, absolutely devoid of seasickness. This boat is a marvel! I do wish you could imagine its luxuriousness and beauty. It is impossible to believe that such a combination of science and art really exists. The lounge is far more beautiful and spacious than the lobby of the Shoreham. A heavy wine colored carpet covers the floor while velour and silk overstuffed chairs and divans invite one to comfort and ease in the lounge. Nothing has been left undone to permit one to travel under delightful circumstances.

Our party is altogether interesting and attractive. Mr. Vermont makes an ideal guide and Mrs. Bailey a lovely chaperone. There are four North Carolina girls in our party.

We have met so many interesting people—Mabel Normand and Billie Burke are both aboard, and of course, have added lustre to the passage.

Our voyage so far we are told has been splendid and quicker than even the record breaking maiden trip of the Majestic, despite the fact that we detoured southerly to avoid icebergs. Sharks and flying fish have won a great share of interest (with two real live sharks added!).

Since beginning this letter this morning I have been constantly interrupted in order to view the beautiful scenes. Wonderfully big battle-hips of England are sprinkled all along this coast. Just now we are passing the Isle of Wight and a gorgeous old castle of gray, perched on a hill, is perceptible. We are really in the land of feudalism and revolutions!

This voyage has been of inestimable value to me already. This contact with the English has opened my eyes. They are inately cultured and refined, beautifully educated and rigidly trained. Their efficiency to do what they are taught to do is remarkable—they do without a murmur.

Almost every nationality in the world is represented aboard ship and we have had such an interesting time studying. Tourists are literally flocking to Europe this year.—M. P.

June 25, 1922.

We left the Majestic early yesterday morning at Southampton. We then got into the cutest little train you ever saw. We laughed at the little thing, but presently the whistle blew and we started out for London. If you ever want to see a lovely sight take that ride from Southampton and London. There are the loveliest, quaintest little houses with neat little gardens, well-kept and gayly colored. We even saw thatched cottages and little canals, little farms, big estates, horse show places, etc. I wish I could describe the English country district to you. It is the loveliest picture I have ever seen. Finally and in too short a time we got to London, and how could anybody be disappointed in this land of Dickens? It is a very quaint, unmodern city. I have loved it from the time we first got off that little train and all of us crawled in a red bus and came to our hotel. The English have the funniest cars you ever saw (Concluded on page 8.)

TYPHOON KILLS 10,000 CHINESE

Desolation Hovers Over Port After the Storm—Wrecked 75 Per Cent of Buildings

Hong Kong, Aug. 7.—Casualties in the typhoon and tidal wave which last Wednesday swept the port of Swatow, 250 miles north of here, are now estimated at 10,000.

Another British steamer, in addition to the two previously reported ashore, was bound from Hong Kong to Shanghai when it met the fury of the typhoon and was wrecked, but her passengers were saved.

Desolation hovers over the ruined city and horror haunts its streets.

In the native quarters hundreds of corpses and the carcasses of animals are mingled with the debris. It is estimated that more than 75 per cent of the city's buildings were destroyed. The American consulate was slightly damaged.

A Swatow newspaper reports that lawless elements raided houses of typhoon victims and held up passers-by for plunder, but prompt action by police prevented wholesale looting.

The police frustrated an attempt to loot the offices of the Banque Industrielle de Chine, arresting two men.

The British in Hong Kong have remitted \$10,000 to the British consul at Swatow and are shipping rice for distribution among the homeless and destitute.

The captain of a steamer arriving today from Swatow told The Associated Press correspondent that his vessel, fifteen miles before reaching Swatow, from Shanghai, encountered corpses and carcasses floating on the ebb tide.—Associated Press.

BIG GROCERY STORE CRASHES IN RALEIGH

Undermined by Adjoining Excavation, Mann Building, and Stock Drops Into Big Hole.

RALEIGH, Aug. 3.—While workmen were digging out the foundation of Raleigh's negro bank this afternoon the W. B. Mann Grocery company's store, run constantly by the present management for 43 years collapsed with all the clerks at work, caving into the newly digged hole and burying every article of merchandise beneath the debris.

Every clerk escaped injury and even the five mules working on the bank foundation were saved. The salesmen ran when the plate windows crashed and the walls shook another shock or two and the roof fell through, pushing every brick from its moorings.

The stock of \$25,000 is absolute wreck.

Johnston County Boy To Graduate.

Wm. G. Boykin, member of the Free Will Baptist church of Kenly is a member of a class of one hundred and seven students, fifty-two men, and fifty-five women, who will graduate from The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Thursday, August 10th. The graduation address will be given by Rev. John Roach Straton, D. D., pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, New York City. These students represent twenty-four states of the Union, and six foreign countries: Canada, Norway, Switzerland, Australia, Wales, and Syria. They have completed a two year course in the Bible and related subjects, gospel music, and practical methods of Christian work, and will go forth into various lines of Christian work at home and abroad. Forty-five of these students have volunteered for the foreign field. Mr. Boykin expects to enter the ministry.

Five Truck Loads Pass Through.

Friday morning five truck loads of ladies and girls, seventy persons in all, from Craven County, passed through our city en route home from the Farmers and Farm Women's Convention which was held in Raleigh last week. The public school trucks were used for the trip. A number of club girls were in the party. Miss A. M. Carter is the Home Demonstration Agent of Craven County.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Pearce left Friday for Lumberton to spend a week with relatives and friends.

CO. COMMISSIONERS HAVE A BUSY DAY

Tax Rate Reduced; Court House to Be Dedicated; Civil Court Jury Drawn

The County Commissioners with Mr. Oliver the chairman presiding, met here yesterday and were kept busy throughout the day. Those who have had their ears to the ground will perhaps not be surprised that the tax rate was reduced for the demands have been insistent for a lowered rate. A tax of 40 cents for general school purposes and a ten cent tax for school buildings and incidentals was levied being a total reduction of ten cents over last year's levy. (The special tax rates will be published later.) A levy of 14 cents was made for county tax, a court house tax of nine cents. (The road tax was not complete and will also be published later.) The court house tax is one cent less than last year. The commissioners are carrying out a program of retrenchment, a note that has been sounded in all governmental affairs, and no doubt their action will be received with satisfaction over the county.

Other important business transacted yesterday was to set a date for dedicating the new court house which will be ready for occupancy in September. The date set is September 26, and the following program was recommended to be carried out:

1. Prayer.
2. Song: The Old North State.
3. Presentation of building by County Commissioners.
4. The Johnston County Bar, by Mr. James A. Wellons.
5. Short Talks by Members of the Johnston County Bar.
6. Short talk by Architect.
7. Short talk by Contractor.
8. Receiving of building by Judge F. A. Daniels.

The day will be a red letter day in the history of Johnston County, and its entire citizenship is invited to come to the county seat on that day to the house warming. The court house is complete in every detail. Every modern function of county government has been considered, and when the people see the building, its simplicity and convenience, they will swell with pride that Johnston ranks among the best as to its administration building. A committee will have charge of the details of the program and no pains will be spared to make the day one to be remembered.

After a discussion of the Dedication service, the commissioners took a recess and motored out to the County Home where they were the guests of the keeper, Mr. Stephenson, for dinner.

At the afternoon session among other items of business was the drawing of the jury for the two weeks term of Civil Court which begins next week. The list is as follows:

First Week

W. F. Morris, S. W. Booker, A. P. Grice, J. D. Spiers, W. H. Langdon, J. A. Lee, Jr., H. O. Ellis, D. M. Morris, J. B. Raynor, Ed Stevens, M. F. Holly, W. N. Lee, P. A. Boytt, W. M. Weeks, J. E. Wall, R. C. Ogburn, J. I. Pope, Vance Hales, Jesse B. Creech, W. T. Grimes, C. A. Fitzgerald, Jeff Penny, Henry Morgan, W. T. Bailey.

Second Week

T. M. Benoy, L. P. Johnson, P. B. Stevens, W. H. Capps, W. M. Barden, E. T. Futrell, W. O. Rackley, W. T. Woodard, W. V. Blackman, L. D. Debnam, W. J. Langdon, J. M. Vinson, P. L. Hayes, C. W. Langston, R. Davis, J. A. Batten, M. M. Hobbs, J. D. Daughtry.

Severe Hail Storm.

MOUNT AIRY, Aug. 1.—A severe hailstorm swept thru the best tobacco section of Surry county this afternoon, beginning near Low Gap and visiting Dobson and the Fish River and Little Mountain sections, sweeping through White Plains and Mount Airy in the direction of Westfield.

At Westfield there was little rain, but hail lay on the ground in piles. At White Plains the tobacco was completely stripped from the stems. The loss to farms from tobacco alone is estimated at something like \$100,000.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION AUG. 31

County Chairman Calls Con- vention In City Hall Here At Eleven O'clock

To the Democratic Voters of Johnston County:

By direction of the County Executive Committee I hereby give notice to all Democratic voters, both ladies and gentlemen, that the Johnston County Democratic County Convention will convene in Smithfield at 11 o'clock, A. M., Thursday August 31, 1922, at the Town Hall. At this convention County Officers will be nominated.

I trust that each Township will be in attendance in large numbers of both ladies and gentlemen. The nomination of these officers is of vital importance to every citizen and you should exert your rights in helping name the candidates.

Every Democratic woman and man in the county who can arrange to do so, should attend. It is your privilege and your duty.

Respectfully,

GEORGE ROSS POU,

Chairman County Dem. Ex Com.

DR. JOYNER HEADS FARMERS Co-operative Marketing and Boll Weevil "Burning Issues." Resolutions Adopted.

RALEIGH, Aug. 3.—Electing Dr. J. Y. Joyner, former superintendent of public instruction, as their president Tar Heel farmers adjourned their annual convention this afternoon. The farm women elected Mrs. Lacy McArthur, of Cumberland county, as their president, yesterday.

Resolutions adopted at the final session expressed the convention's gratification at the triumph of co-operative marketing, and commended the preparations being made by the state for combating the boll weevil, the "two burning issues" of the meeting.

Resolutions also thanked Governor Morrison for his interest in the "live-at-home" campaign; Dr. E. C. Brooks for his rural school program; the general assembly for its liberal appropriations for agricultural work; the state home demonstration department for its efforts among the farm women, and expressed pride and pleasure in the development of the Sandhill section.

The convention advocated more credit unions, more dairy and creamery routes, a more vigorous drainage campaign, and urged adequate provision by the federal government for the development of Muscle Shoals.

Dr. Joyner succeeds as president U. B. Blalock, of Wadesboro, who soon becomes director of the North Carolina Cotton Co-operative association; W. W. Jarvis, of Moyock, was named first vice-president; C. A. Brown, of Cleveland, second vice-president, and W. W. Shay, of Raleigh, re-elected secretary treasurer.

Today's session were given over to cooperative marketing. Detailed plans for the cotton cooperatives were given by Dr. B. W. Kilgore, director of the association, G. A. Norwood, president of the Tobacco Cooperative Association, presented the tobacco cooperative movement, and former Congressman Robert N. Page told how the Sandhill peach farmers are getting good prices on the 1,400, and more cars shipped north. C. D. Matthews, state horticulturist, spoke on the co-operation among fruit growers, particularly the apple mehs of western North Carolina.

First Load of Sweet Potatoes

The first load of new sweet potatoes we have seen this year was brought to town Saturday by Mr. D. Henry Stephenson who lives near Wilson's Mills. They were Porto Rico yams and were "mighty nice" potatoes. Mr. Stephenson is realizing on one of his money crops ahead of either tobacco or cotton.

Mr. W. F. Hammill, of Weldon, is in the city relieving the express agent, Mr. J. D. Harris, who left Friday to spend ten days at his home at Atlanta, Ga.

WRECK TAKES A TOLL OF SIXTY

Engineer Fails to Heed Block Signal And Causes Wreck in Missouri —Rear-end Collision

Sulphur Springs, Mo., Aug. 6.—Failure of an engineer to heed a block signal caused the rear-end collision on the Missouri Pacific here last night in which 38 persons were killed and about 137 injured, 25 seriously, according to John Cannon, assistant general manager of the road.

Train No. 4, a fast passenger vestibule steel train running at full speed crashed into No. 32, a local, composed of five wooden day coaches, a baggage and an express car, as the engine was taking on water with the coaches stretching back on a trestle over Glase creek.

The impact hurled two of the local coaches down a 50 foot embankment edging the Mississippi and telescoped four other coaches, crushing a number of passengers to death in their seats. Both trains were behind time, the fast passenger, running from Fort Worth, Texas, to St. Louis, carrying 180 passengers, and the local 100 persons.

According to Mr. Cannon, Matt "Ginger" Glenn, of St. Louis, engineer of the fast passenger, failed to heed a block signal warning him the track was not clear ahead. Glenn, 57 years old, an engineer for 35 years without a black mark against his record, was killed when he jumped from his cabin just before the crash. Edward Tinsley, also of St. Louis, fireman of No. 4, remained at his post and was injured seriously.

Engineer Glenn shortly before arriving in Sulphur Springs received orders on the "run" to pull over on a siding at Cliff Cave, 10 miles north of here, to allow "Sunshine" Special No. 1, enroute from St. Louis to Texas points, to pass, and Mr. Cannon explained the engineer failed to heed the signal because he apparently was reading these orders when he passed the block. The orders were found near his body.

Ghous appeared on the scene shortly after the crash and robbed the dead and dying. Only one was arrested, and he said he was William Hall, of St. Louis. Several pieces of wearing apparel taken from the unfortunates were found on his person, and a Bible was in his waist. The Bible, it was said, had been the property of the Rev. V. O. Hensley of DeSoto, one of those killed.—Associated Press.

HAIL STORM SWEEPS PIEDMONT CAROLINA

With stones big enough to split watermelons wide open when struck by them and the fall reaching a depth of two inches in some places, one of the most severe hail storms in years swept several counties in Piedmont and Western North Carolina late yesterday, according to reports reaching here today. Cotton, corn and other crops are reported badly damaged in some sections.

The storm was felt in parts of Cabarrus, Rowan, Iredell, Alexander and Wilkes counties. The hail reached a depth of 12 inches in Iredell county, according to reports from Statesville, and ice was still on the ground in sections of Cabarrus county this morning.—News and Observer.

Another Old Rose Bush.

Sometime ago, Mr. Phillip Lee, who lives near Four Oaks, told us of a very old rose bush which is growing in his yard. One day this week we were told of another old rose bush which is growing in the yard at the old George L. Jones' place near Wilson's Mills. This bush which is a monthly red rose, was planted by Mr. George L. Jones' mother, Mrs. Harriet Jones, who has been dead for 45 years. This makes the authentic age of the rose bush at least 45 years and the probability is that it is older than that. The bush has grown to considerable size and requires a frame to hold it up.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Grantham, Misses Rose and Nellie, and Masters Norman and Joe Mike Grantham, will leave today to visit relatives in Washington and Baltimore. They expect to be away a week or ten days.

WOODROW WILSON ON DAVIDSON COM.

Ex-President Accepts Ap- pointment on Campaign Committee

CHARLOTTE, August 5.—Dr. Woodrow Wilson, ex-president of the United States and former student at Davidson College, near here, today accepted an appointment as member of the Greater Davidson Campaign Committee, according to the announcement of Malcolm Lockhart, Director of the campaign to raise \$600,000 for the expansion and endowment of the Presbyterian institution. The committee of which Dr. Wilson is a member is organized to present the needs of Davidson to its friends and alumni, and to build "A Greater Davidson for a Greater Southern Presbyterian Church."

Dr. Wilson has long retained a great interest in Davidson College where he entered as a Freshman in 1873, under the name of Thomas Woodrow Wilson that he used throughout his earlier years until he finally dropped the "Thomas" from his name. While president he once visited the institution, and the college records show that he took a prominent part in college activities. Dr. Wilson was 17 years old upon entering Davidson, and it was here that he made his first public addresses and took the interest in political affairs of his country that characterized his later life.

Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, father of the famous president and prominent Presbyterian minister of Wilmington, N. C., was a member of the Board of Trustees of Davidson for a number of years, and was responsible for his son's matriculation at the institution.

While at Davidson Dr. Wilson lived in Room 13, Chambers Hall, and in later life, he has often joked about "13" being his lucky number, Room 13 in Chambers Hall being the first of a number of times that "13" was connected with his life. When Chambers Hall was recently destroyed by fire Dr. Wilson wrote that he hoped with all his heart "that funds can be raised to rebuild it," and one of the objects of the present campaign is the rebuilding of the historic old hall. The other object of the movement is to increase the endowment of the college to provide more teachers.

A Unique Entertainment.

WILSON'S MILLS, Aug. 5.—On Thursday evening, Misses Lottie Wilson, Odessa Massey and Imogene Murray entertained a number of friends at the home of Miss Wilson.

The season of summer was well verified by the decorations of luxuriant cut flowers and quaint Japanese lanterns. The guests were cordially greeted and invited to the punch bowl. An imitation dance in the form of a progressive conversation was enjoyed by all. At the close of the evening cream and cake were served in daintily decorated covers.

The invited guests were: Misses Mary Holmes, Greenville; Annie Mae Benton, Spencer; Elizabeth Whitley, Clayton; Christine Talton, Gladys Turnage, Mildred Wilson, Messrs Noah Wilson, Charles Wilson, Orrell Massey, Leonard Massey, Robert Uzzle, Cecil Turnage, Hunter Turnage, Otha Ellis, Leon Talton and Carlton Adams.

Mr. L. E. Watson's Mother Dead

Friends here will be sorry to learn of the passing of Mrs. Bettie A. Watson, who died at her home in Elm City early yesterday morning. She has been quite ill for some time and her death was not unexpected. Several months ago she had a fall from which she never recovered. She will be buried at Elm City this afternoon at four o'clock. Mrs. Watson was well known in Smithfield having spent a good deal of time here with her son, Mr. L. E. Watson. Mr. and Mrs. Watson and sons, Messrs Edgar and Thomas left yesterday for Elm City and will remain until after the funeral. They have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.