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POLENTA TRUCK TURNS HALF OVER

No One Is Seriously Hurt; Defect in Steering Gear the Cause of Accident

An unfortunate accident occurred Tuesday afternoon just across the river beyond the High Land bridge when the big three and a half ton Corbett truck which brings the children to school here from the Polenta section, turned over causing, however, no serious injury to any of the occupants. The truck was going slowly and turned over to pass a wagon. When the driver, Maylon Price, cut back into the road something gave way about the steering gear. The driver put on brakes and brought the truck to a standstill just before it eased over on its side, the soft dirt on the side of the embankment gave way. The truck, like all others used by the school in the county, is steel bound which fact probably prevented the serious injury of any of the children. A few bruises and cuts were sustained by several, Miss Delia Ellington receiving a severe cut on the hand which necessitated medical attention. She was able, however, to be at school with the others next day. The county superintendent happened to have a truck that had not been taken out, and the children were carried home that afternoon on it. When an investigation as to the cause of the accident was made it was found that the tie rod that connects the steering gear was defective, making the accident unavoidable.

Methodist Church

On next Sunday Rev. D. H. Tuttle will close his third year as pastor of Centenary Methodist church. By request he will preach at eleven a. m. on "The World-Wide Cry for Peace and How the Price of Peace Will Usher it in." At 7:30 p. m. he will preach the closing sermon of Conference year after which the report of the year's work will be read. Welcome for all.

A NEW FARM CREDIT BANK IS FORMED

The North Carolina Agricultural Credit Corporation organized thru the efforts of A. E. Bing, secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association and John H. Boushall, of the Raleigh Savings Bank and Trust company, for the purpose of aiding farmers in the financing of their crops, was chartered by the Secretary of State yesterday.

For some time Messrs Bing and Boushall have been studying the necessity of working out some method of aiding the farmers in financing the production of their crops. Several conferences in which a number of men, deeply interested in the welfare of the farming citizenship of the State considering the plans advanced by Messrs Bing and Boushall were held and the final conference yesterday resulted in the organization of the Corporation, with an authorized capital stock of \$2,000,000. The charter has been granted and the new corporation expects to begin business as soon as \$100,000 capital is taken. "It is an established fact," says a

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MOREHOUSE PARISH KU KLUXERS GUILTY OF CARRYING FIREARMS

Bastrop, La., Nov. 5.—Four alleged members of the Morehouse Parish Ku Klux Klan, including Captain J. K. Skipwith, exalted cyclops, today were found guilty of "carrying firearms on the premises of another" in connection with hooded band activities in Morehouse Parish last year. Sentences will be pronounced later. Others found guilty were Benton Pratt, Marvin Pickett and W. G. McIntosh. Three alleged klansmen, tried jointly, with the four, were found not guilty. They were Sam Edridge, Sam Cox and "Cud" Pickett.

HIT BULLS-EYE AFLOAT WITH 16-INCH GUNS

Aboard the U. S. S. Maryland, off San Pedro, Cal., Nov. 1.—A new chapter in the history of naval gunnery was recorded on floating targets by projectiles from the super-dreadnought Maryland's 16-inch rifles, fired yesterday for the first time in actual battle practice.

Gunners of the Maryland celebrated the first firing of the big rifles by hurling a 2,000-pound projectile straight through the bullseye of the distant target, their second shot splitting the raft squarely in the middle. Targets were changed twice during the drill and both sets looked as if they had been riddled.

All four turrets sent their charges to the mark with startling regularity. What officers said was most remarkable was the fact that not one of the gun pointers had fired a shot before. The Maryland's personnel consists largely of recruits.

The firing was accompanied by spectacular sights. The explosives shook the 33,500 ton ship as if she had been a canoe. Lights and other glass were smashed; paint was chipped from the stacks and sides and heavy steel deck gear rattled about like tin.

The short-range battle practice was only elementary gunnery exercise, it was said by Commander F. M. Perkins, gunnery officer of the battle fleet, the distance from muzzle to target being about six miles. Next spring when the fleet returns from Winter maneuvers in the Caribbean the Maryland will have long-range practice, he said, in which all of the 16-inch rifles will be fired in salvos at a range exceeding 30,000 yards.

The main battery of the Maryland consists of eight 16-inch guns mounted in twin turrets each gun being 60 feet long, weighing 115 tons and having a range exceeding 15 miles.

HOPE OF A SERUM FOR TUBERCULOSIS

Dr. C. A. Shore, director of the State Laboratory of Hygiene, has returned from a visit to Oxford University, England, where he went to study recent experiments and developments with reference to the possible prevention and cure of tuberculosis by means of vaccination. The developments are the result of long study and research by Dr. George Dreyer, a noted Dutch bacteriologist. The results of the experiments have been very encouraging. Dr. Shore will make similar experiments in our State Laboratory. While he is hopeful of results, it is of course too early to say that a positive remedy for the plague has been found. But it is a tribute to the worth, the efficiency and the progressiveness of our State department of health that prompt effort has been made to learn the value of Dr. Dreyer's experiments and will be the first State to make similar experiments to test the value of possible remedy that will bless the race if found effective. Some day a remedy will be found for tuberculosis. There have been many failures. Hope has been raised only to be crushed. But hope is not dead.—Statesville Landmark.

McCullers Farm Brings Good Price

The McCullers Farm which was sold at auction Wednesday by the Union Auction Company brought a good price. It was cut up in small farms, Mr. W. M. Sanders purchasing the most of the property. The Ford touring car which was given away was given to Mrs. J. W. Hobbs, she being the owner of the lucky ticket drawn from the hat.

Death Of Child

Vick, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Hatcher, died at home near the Plainview school house in Selma township on November 6, 1923. Death resulted from pneumonia with complications. The funeral services were conducted at her late home by Rev. W. D. Stancil and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Bethany Baptist church in O'Neals township on the day following her death.

Vick was a bright child and much beloved by her parents and friends, and the heart of the community mourns with the bereaved.

BAPTIST ASSOC'AN MEET AT BETHANY

Meets Next Year at Four Oaks —Program Marked by Splendid Addresses

The Johnston County Baptist Association held its annual session with the Bethany Baptist church near Kenly, Oct. 31-Nov. 1st. The Association elected Mr. R. H. Gower of Clayton as Moderator, Rev. R. M. von Miller, of Wilson, as clerk, Mr. J. A. Smith of Four Oaks, Route No. 4, as treasurer, and Mr. Julian Creech, Selma, Route No. 2, as auditor. The following addresses and reports created lively debates, but were unanimously adopted. Rev. A. C. Hamby, of Raleigh, spoke on Missions, Mr. J. J. Lane on church government and finance, and presented a resolution to petition the Baptist State Convention to make some changes in its constitution, which was adopted. Rev. N. H. Shepherd of Kenly presented Report on Social Service, Rev. R. M. von Miller, reporter on Christian Education, Rev. R. C. White, the new pastor of Clayton, reported on Teaching and Training, and Rev. A. O. Keller, the new pastor of Benson, made the report on Missions. Rev. Jas. A. Ivey, pastor at Four Oaks, delivered the Introductory sermon, using for his subject: "The Stewardship of the Country Churches." Rev. R. L. Gay spoke on Ministerial Relief. These reports and the various addresses were of a high order and the unusual large number of delegates stayed until the close of the session and enjoyed the meeting. The Bethany church entertained the delegates in the most wonderful and bountiful manner. The next session will be held in 1924 with the Four Oaks church.

FOUR FORD CARS BADLY DAMAGED IN ACCIDENTS

Series of Accidents Around Dunn During Saturday Afternoon, Sunday and Monday.

Dunn, Nov. 6.—Three people were seriously injured, four other received minor injuries, four Ford cars were demolished and another car was badly damaged in and around Dunn as the result of five accidents which occurred from Saturday until Monday.

Raiford Jackson, young white man, was the most seriously injured when the car in which he was riding struck a wagon and turned over twice on the highway between Dunn and Duke early Sunday night. His left arm was broken, his skull fractured, his left knee badly injured and his face painfully hurt. He did not regain consciousness until noon today.

His brother, Junius Jackson, who was driving, escaped with minor injury. Both the car and wagon were completely demolished.

Fred Wilkins has his left arm broken and the bone shattered when the car in which he was riding turned turtle on a Dunn street late Saturday night.

Jeff Allen, the driven, also sustained painful cuts and bruises.

Maybelle Motley, nine year old school girl, had her leg broken below the knee this morning when she fell out of a truck, the rear wheel passing over her leg. The bone was shattered from the weight of the truck.

Five passengers of another car received slight injuries when their car plunged into a creek near Dunn Saturday afternoon.

Suggestions For Curb Market

Summer is over and garden products are now scarce. But there are still a number of things that can be marketed through the curb market. Below is a suggested list: Fresh fall and winter vegetables, canned vegetables.

Pickles, preserves, and jellies, poultry in feathers and dressed, eggs, chicken salad, dressed rabbits, pork products, butter, milk and cream, peanuts, pop corn, walnuts, syrup, honey, cakes and candies.

S. S. CONVENTION TO MEET AT SELMA

L. T. Royall is President and W. T. Woodard Secretary— Meets Nov. 15 and 16

From officers of Johnston County Sunday School Association comes the information that arrangements are being completed for the County Sunday School Convention to be held in the Methodist church, Selma, N. C., on Thursday night and all day Friday, November 15 and 16.

The County President, Mr. L. T. Royall, and the County Secretary, Mr. W. T. Woodard, are sending communications to Sunday School leaders of all denominations in the county, urging each Sunday school to have a large delegation at the convention. It is expected that practically every Sunday school in the county will be represented.

Announcements concerning speakers and program for the convention will be sent out later. Several of the best Sunday school workers in the county will take part at different sessions of the Convention.

In addition to the local talent, Miss Flora Davis, of Raleigh, Assistant Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday school association and Rev. Daniel Iverson, Pastor First Presbyterian church, Tarboro, N. C., will be present to take part on the program.

The Johnston County Sunday school association under whose auspices the convention is being held, is an interdenominational organization. The County association is one of the integral units of the North Carolina Sunday school association, which is a cooperative effort of workers from the different denominations to extend and improve Sunday school work in North Carolina. The association stands for those interests that are common to Sunday school workers of all denominations.

KLAN PUBLICITY MAN KILLS KLAN ATTORNEY IN ATLANTA

Shot Lawyer Five Times After Seeking Interview, Says Eye Witnesses.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 5.—Phillip E. Fox, publicity man for the Ku Klux Klan, who late today shot and killed W. S. Coburn, Atlanta attorney, as he sat at his desk in his office, tonight refused to make any statement regarding the affair. Fox is held at police headquarters without bond on a charge of murder. His refusal to talk so far as left the authorities without a clue as to the motive for the shooting.

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Coburn, a former official of the klan, and later legal representative of what is called the insurgent faction, was shot five times as he sat in his office on the ninth floor of the Atlanta Trust company building. He toppled over dead.

Mrs. W. A. Holbrook, stenographer for Coburn, said that Fox came in while Coburn was talking to a client and began firing when he was told to come back in about an hour. She said five shots were fired. Three of them were said to have taken effect. When taken in custody Fox is quoted as saying: "I am sorry to have had to do it, but I am glad he is dead. He was planning to ruin me, and I had just as soon be hung as hurt. What I did has no connection with the Ku Klux Klan. Coburn had threatened to ruin me and to publish affidavits affecting my character that were untrue."

At police headquarters Fox denied any connection with the Ku Klux Klan, giving his occupation as a clerk. He was identified by newspaper men as the publicity agent for the Ku Klux Klan and police said he is the editor of The Night Hawk, official organ of the imperial palace of the Ku Klux Klan.

TWO PERSONS DEAD AS RESULT OF PISTOL SHOTS

A double tragedy occurred in Clayton township Wednesday about noon, when Lonnie Flowers shot and killed his wife, shot and slightly wounded a Stephenson boy, whose first name we did not learn, and then shot and killed himself.

Mr. and Mrs. Flowers had not lived together for sometime, according to the report which was given us, he living in Harnett county and she with several children living on the place of Mr. L. F. Austin in Clayton township. It seems that Mrs. Flowers with her children had gone to help her son-in-law pick cotton Wednesday. Her husband went to her home and inquired where she was. He finally found her in the cotton patch and when they stopped to eat lunch, ate with them. He asked her if she would live with him again, and when she refused, saying they could not get along together, he pulled out a pistol, shot his wife four times, the balls taking effect in her breast, and shooting himself in the heart, the shots proving fatal in both instances. It is not known whether the shot which hit the Stephenson boy was aimed at him or whether it was a stray shot.

Tent Meeting Continues

The tent meeting still continues and Rev. Mr. Matthews requests us to announce that there will be services both Sunday afternoon and Sunday night.

SMITHFIELD AND ROCKY MOUNT CLASH TODAY

What promises to be the greatest game of the season on the local schedule will be this afternoon on Riddick Field in Raleigh when the Smithfield highs buck up against the strong Rocky Mount aggregation.

The Smithfield team has trained hard during the past week and are determined to fight as they have fought before. The team seems to be in good condition.

The Smithfield management is expecting a large crowd of rooters from their home town to cheer the team onward in the scrap.

ALLIES WANT CROWN PRINCE TO STAY IN HOLLAND

Paris, Nov. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Allied Council of Ambassadors decided today to request the Dutch Government not to allow former Crown Prince Frederick William to leave Dutch territory, where he has been in exile since the war, and also to ask the German government not to allow him to enter Germany, as he is on the list of persons charged with war crimes whose arrest is sought by the Allied governments.

New Fords Arriving Daily

The Sanders Motor Company now has eleven carloads of Ford automobiles on the siding at the depot here, and it reports from one to two carloads arriving daily. This reminds us of a recent editorial in the Monroe Enquirer which says that "the world do move, but when it moves it rides." Evidently thirty-cent cotton is having its effect on the automobile industry.

Death In O'Neals

Mrs. Spacey Jane Price, widow of the late Haywood Price of O'Neals township, died on the 6th instant, a victim of the Great White Plague. Death came after many months of suffering. She is survived by a large family of small children, the oldest of whom is a confined invalid. Her remains were laid to rest in the Hales cemetery near her late home on the day following her death. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. D. Stancil, pastor, Bethany Baptist church.

SUNDAY CLOSING AGAIN IN EFFECT

Town Commissioners Have Busy Meeting—They Approve Hospital Site

The regular monthly meeting of the town commissioners Tuesday evening was a busy one, several items of general interest coming up for discussion. One matter which has been the subject of considerable interest for several weeks was disposed of when a resolution closing all stores on Sunday except the drug stores for the sale of medicine only, was passed. It will be recalled that sometime ago such an ordinance was repealed. A number of the citizens became interested, a mass meeting was held, a petition was circulated and the placing back of the law Tuesday night was made. The new law prohibits the opening of the Telephone Exchange during the hours from 9:30 to 12:30 o'clock, provided for in an amendment offered by Mr. E. S. Edmundson. When the amendment was voted on, there was a tie, one member of the board being absent, and Mayor Narron broke the tie, casting his vote for the amendment.

Following this, a report of the hospital committee was presented by Dr. Thel Hooks. Dr. Hooks stated that of the locations which have been considered by the committee the H. H. Radford property meets with the approval of all. The price of this property being somewhat higher than it was anticipated would be paid, the board decided to provide this location without the additional \$5,000 which was offered at a previous meeting. Stock in the hospital will be issued to the town to the amount of the purchase price of the property.

The matter of cooperating in the hotel proposition was brought up, and Mr. E. S. Edmundson was named to represent the town in this enterprise.

A committee was named to look after securing a new fire bell, the old one being broken. The fire signals are scarcely audible on the old cracked bell.

HENRY FORD BUYS MODEL TOWN IN MICH.

Henry Ford has just purchased the saw mill property of the Hebard Corporation which includes the town of Pequaminy, Michigan. The town built in 1877 is known as a model town.

There are 105 cottages for the work men, two churches—one Protestant and one Catholic—an amusement hall, a school, a club house, a waterworks and electric lighting plant, a telephone system, a general store where all residents shop, and a public playground and park.

Each workman pays the same rent—\$1 a month. He need never worry about coal, for he burns none. Instead he stuffs his big stove with hardwood from the company's forests, paying \$1.75 for a large wagon load—barely the cost of cutting and delivering. A doctor administers at a charge of \$1.50 a month.

The Alamance Creamery made 67,149 pounds of butter, paying out \$22,993.96 for butter fat to the farmers of the country during its first year of operation ending September

RELATIVES TRAVEL FAR TO ATTEND FUNERAL OF MAN IN FINE HEALTH

Washington, Nov. 5.—A mistaken report that William L. Wells, former resident of this city, had died in North Carolina, resulted in the needless trip Thursday of George W. Wells, Mrs. E. V. Mearns, Mrs. R. A. Reeves, and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. Wells, his relatives, to Norfolk, Va., where Mr. Wells had been living. After a 2-day search the "deceased" was located in North Carolina in excellent health.

The report was current in Norfolk, and Durham, N. C., and was brought to Washington by a captain of the Norfolk Steamship company.—H. E. C. Bryant, in Charlotte Observer.