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Tornado Does Considerable Damage At Peacock's X Roads

Other Parts of County Also Visited By Terrible Wind Storm; Meadow School Suffers Perhaps the Biggest Loss

The severe wind and rain storm which visited Johnston county Saturday afternoon about two o'clock, assumed the proportions of a tornado in certain sections of the county, perhaps the severest damage having occurred at Peacock's Cross Roads in Meadow township. Not in many years has this section experienced such terrific wind.

News reached Smithfield shortly after the storm of the wreckage at Peacock's Cross Roads, when one of the young lady teachers of the Meadow school telephoned the office of the county superintendent from Benson. All telephone lines at the cross roads were out of commission but the young lady caught a ride to Benson, in an effort to communicate with Mr. A. G. Glenn, principal of the Meadow consolidated school, who had left for Smithfield shortly before the storm. The Meadow school had been partly unroofed, and the water tank had blown over and was a total wreck. The garage at the tenchorage was demolished though an automobile which was in the garage escaped any damage whatever. The porch to the little two-room dwelling occupied by the negro janitor of the school was torn away by the wind. This constituted the damage to school property in that vicinity, though the loss will probably be around two thousand dollars. The water tank was the greatest loss to the school. Volunteers in the community, by night, had a temporary roof on the uncovered area which measured about 45 feet in length and from 12 to 30 feet in width.

Added to the school damage was the wreckage of two stores and a garage, damage to several dwellings and Trinity Baptist church at the cross roads which will require several hundred dollars to repair. Mr. E. A. Tart, who owned one of the stores, moved his stock of goods as soon as possible to a store building across the road which was not damaged at all. An uprooted tree fell against the residence of Mr. Tart, a short distance from his store, and crushed the roof on one side. Mrs. Tart and her young baby were in the room. Mrs. Tart later in the afternoon was moved to the home of relatives several miles away.

The store and garage of Mr. A. E. Lee was torn in splinters. About 35 tons of guano were left uncovered. The wind carried the weather-boarding and tin roofing with such force that the church grove across the road was literally covered with debris. The flying timbers were swept over the store in front of the demolished buildings, this store being apparently unharmed. Great pieces of tin roofing were left dangling in the oak trees that were not uprooted by the terrific wind.

A piece of two-by-six scantling hit the side of Trinity Baptist church, several hundred yards away, with such force that it pierced a hole about three-quarters of a yard in diameter in the center of the side of the structure. A piece of the scantling was left in the hole. Every window on the south side of the church was torn out, and the floor of the church auditorium

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Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield or Johnston County, and to the one deciphering their name and presenting a copy of this paper to the Herald office, we will present a free ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Mrs. A. G. Johnson recognized her name last issue. TODAY'S TANTALIZER murpiallyhyve

Union Meeting At Carter's Chapel

Little River Baptist Union To Be Held March 30 and 31; Good Program Arranged

The Little River Baptist Union will be held with Carter's Chapel Baptist church on March 30 and 31. Mr. J. M. Richardson is moderator of this organization, while Mr. J. R. Atkinson is the clerk.

The following program has been arranged:

- Saturday Morning.
- 10:00 Devotional Services by Jesse B. Creech.
- 10:15 Welcome Address by Millard Johnson.
- 10:25 Roll Call.
- 10:30 Reading of previous Minutes.
- 10:40 Business of Union.
- 11:00 Sermon by Rev. L. E. Godwin.
- 12:00 Announcements by Rev. A. R. Creech.
- Saturday Afternoon.
- 1:00 Devotional Service by R. G. Narron.
- 1:15 Cooperative Program by F. H. Brooks.
- 2:00 Report of W. M. U. Meeting, at High Point by Mrs. Garfield Brown.
- 2:20 Miscellaneous.
- 2:40 Adjournment.
- Sunday Morning.
- 10:00 Sunday School.
- 11:00 The Message of Easter by Rev. R. L. Shirley.
- 12:00 Announcements by Rev. A. R. Creech.
- 1:00 Devotional Service by D. C. Smith.
- 1:15 The Challenge of the Church by Rev. E. G. Holland.
- 2:00 Closing Address by Millard Johnson.
- 2:30 Report of committee for next Union.
- 2:40 Miscellaneous.
- 3:00 Adjournment.

FREIGHT CAR OF A. C. L. BROKEN OPEN FRIDAY

A freight car on the A. C. L. siding here was broken into Friday night and certain merchandise was found missing. Two or three dozen straw hats, some shoes, and toilet goods were among the articles found missing. Railway detectives were notified and enough evidence was found against L. Smith and Bernice Nagano to justify their arrest. Empty boxes and one pair of shoes were found in the woods across the railroad. Sunday morning Chief C. R. Cable and Deputy E. A. Johnson were called to the Ivanhoe cotton mill where they took charge of a number of straw hats which had been concealed near the building.

GET STILL JUST ACROSS RAILROAD. NEAR MILL

Thursday about two p. m., Deputies J. O. Hinton and E. A. Johnson discovered a copper distilling outfit in the home of Henry Eason, colored, just across the railroad near the old cotton mill site. Five quarts of liquor, some jars, and barrels that had contained beer were also found. Four men were arrested following this find, namely: Henry Eason, Walter Smith, and Bob Parker, all colored, and Ralph Johnson, white man. Johnson and Smith are out under bond, but Eason and Parker are in jail awaiting trial in Recorder's court today.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Good Friday service will be held in St. Paul's church Friday morning at 10:30. Rev. Duncan Thomas will conduct the service. The public is cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Brooks, of Greensboro, were in the city for the week end.

Makes 22-Hour Flight



Louise McPhetridge, holder of the airplane altitude record for women, has now set a new woman's endurance flight record of 22 hours, 3 minutes and 12 seconds at Oakland, Cal., bettering the previous record by nearly five hours.

Another Cotton Essay Contest

Pupils In Johnston County Schools Urged To Enter Contest Which Will Be Between April 15 and May 1

The North Carolina Cotton Growers' Association will conduct another essay contest this year, according to John A. Smith, the field representative for Johnston county. This is the second year of the contest and thousands of high school boys and girls of the state are expected to compete for prizes. "Cooperative Organizing, Standardizing and Merchandising" is the subject of the essays, and the following prizes will be offered: first, \$50 in cash; second, \$25; third, \$15; fourth, \$10. Cash prizes and medals will also be offered by the American Cotton Growers' Exchange in the national contest. Each of the four winners in the state contest will receive a free trip to Raleigh, where the essays will be spoken and one of the four state winners will be declared the champion and be awarded the free trip to the national contest. Mr. Smith states that quite a number of prizes will be given those taking part in the contest in Johnston county, these prizes being donated by business men of the county.

Pupils in all the high schools in Johnston county are urged to enter this contest which will be held between April 15 and May 1. It will be remembered that last year Miss Hamilton of the Princeton school won the highest prize offered in Johnston county while Miss Ruth Brown of Anson county won the state championship.

Anyone interested in this contest can secure any information in regard to it from John A. Smith, Smithfield, or M. G. Mann, director of field service, Raleigh.

MOTHER MRS. V. V. HUNTER PASSES AWAY IN HOSPITAL

RALEIGH, March 23.—Funeral services for Mrs. C. E. Perry, who died Wednesday night at Mary Elizabeth Hospital, were held Thursday afternoon at three o'clock at the family burying ground near Archer Lodge in Johnston county.

Mrs. Perry, whose maiden name was Selia Hawkins, was born October, 1876, in Johnston county. She was married to W. R. Carroll in 1894. She survived for four children by the marriage. They are: Mrs. V. V. Hunter, of Smithfield; Mrs. W. S. Johnson, Silas Carroll and Glenn Carroll, of Raleigh.

After the death of her first husband Mrs. Carroll in 1912 was married to Mr. Perry, who survives her also one sister and two brothers.

The pall bearers were the Brothers of the Primitive Baptist church of which she was a member.

Minister Makes Strong Statement

Rev. S. L. Morgan Condemns Those Who Took Unfair Advantage of Stockholders in Recent Sale Carolina Telephone Company

Last Sunday morning at the Baptist church here Rev. S. L. Morgan, the pastor, made a strong indictment of those who recently went through Eastern North Carolina filching from unsuspecting owners the stock of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company. He was preaching on the Golden Rule in business, which he showed forbids injuring another, and also positively commands us to do good to others. He pointed out that even the best business men find it difficult to follow the golden rule in an economic order founded on special privilege, and in a competitive system which makes business a scramble, dooming many to go down in defeat and failure. It results in a philosophy of business that treats injustice and inhumanity as little more than inevitable, and almost sets aside the golden rule as a utopian dream.

He illustrated his proposition by a reference to the recent sale of the Carolina Telephone company, when a good many stockholders found they had been greatly injured and wronged by men who had gone through the country secretly buying up the stock of the company. Stockholders, he said, had not dreamed that the stock was worth more than \$150 or \$160 a share, and when these buyers appeared with offers of \$250 or more per share the stockholders were almost swept off their feet by so flattering an offer. The most plausible conclusion was that a fight was on inside the company for control, and it was feared that this high price, which seemed to the stockholders purely artificial, might be withdrawn as soon as one party to the fight had bought up enough of the stock to insure control. It was true, he said, that the president of the company, Mr. George A. Holderness of Richmond, had sent out a letter advising stockholders not to dispose of their stock before the meeting of the stockholders March 6 in Tarboro. But it gave no information as to what was pending, and a goodly number were swept into selling at what seemed an amazingly high offer. Among these buyers, he declared, was a son or two of the president of the company, though he took pains to say that the president of the company is very widely known as a man of the most unimpeachable honor, and free from blame. Information had somehow leaked out that led the buyers to conclude that the stock was going to bring a fancy figure, while the owners of the stock were wholly in the dark as to what was pending, and what was the real value of their stock.

Then came the revelation at the stockholders' meeting on March 6. The Utilities Service Corporation of Chicago had made an offer to buy the Carolina Telephone company at \$375 a share. This offer had been confirmed by a guarantee of \$500,000, which would be withdrawn. The deal had already been consummated, all except the ratification by the stockholders. It had leaked out that some such proposition was pending, and this had been used to the undoing of many an unsuspecting stockholder.

The minister told of an instance or two that had come to his attention. One was that an old man, his life work about done, who had through years saved up something for his last days, and a good block of his savings was in Carolina Telephone stock. He was carried away by the offer of \$250 a share, only to learn a few days later that these secret buyers had taken advantage of his ignorance of the facts to rob him of \$1,500. The noble old man is left saying: "It is not right." "Such an act," declared the preacher, "is not the golden rule; it is plain robbery. What is it but the act of the man who discovers gold on the

Four Year Old Boy Shoots Baby Sleeping In Crib



Asa G. Candler, capitalist of Atlanta, Ga., who founded the Coca Cola Company, died after a long illness at the age of 78.

Native This Co. Dies In Georgia

Rev. Whitley Langston Dies At Sparks, Ga., at Advanced Age of 70; Methodist Minister Since 1892

Mr. H. V. Rose of this city, received a telegram yesterday announcing the death of Rev. Whitley Langston, of Sparks, Ga. The deceased was a native of Bentonsville township, this county, and a brother of the late Mrs. Sallie Rose and the late Mrs. Lucetta Cole. Mr. Langston spent his youthful days in his native county but in early life he went to southern Georgia where he engaged in the teaching profession for a few years. About 1892 he joined the South Georgia Methodist Conference and the rest of his life was devoted to the ministry. In this work he attained a successful place, both as pastor and presiding elder. He was presiding elder of the Valdosta district some three years ago when he suffered a general breakdown in his health. Since that time he has taken lighter work and for the last year of his life he has been altogether incapacitated.

Mr. Langston was about seventy years of age at the time of his death. He is survived by many relatives here in Johnston county who will recall him as a boy and a young man. All during his life as a minister in Georgia he has always kept in close touch with his homefolks and has frequently visited them. He is an uncle of Mrs. Alice Hood and Mr. H. V. Rose and Mrs. J. E. Lassiter, of Smithfield, and he is survived by a widow, Mrs. Charlie Langston, of Sparks, Ga.; two sons, Mr. Whitley Langston, of Sparks, Ga., and Mr. Warren Langston, of Valdosta, Ga. His remains will be laid to rest in the Methodist church cemetery at Sparks, Ga. today.

Selma Girl Winner in Contest.

Selma, March 23.—Miss Margaret V. Hood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hood, and a senior in the local high school, has received a check for ten dollars as a winner in the Columbia Pictures \$5,000 title story contest. Thirty-six titles were given and prizes were awarded to those writing the best story by incorporating the titles. The contest was sponsored by the Columbia Moving Picture Corporation, New York City.

farm of a peasant, and takes advantage of his ignorance and buys a gold mine at \$5.00 an acre, and sends the poor man and his family out to battle for a living, while the buyer enjoys a fortune? What is it but the act of the man who takes advantage of the ignorance of a child, and pays him a dime for a toy which he knows is worth \$1.00? Such an act is an outrage, and the most lamentable fact is that the public has become so blinded by the rough-and-tumble of every-day business as not to be shocked by such an outrage when it occurs, and people do not lose their respect for those who take such base advantage over another."

Accidental Discharge of Shot Gun Results In Death of Eight Months Old Baby of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Medlin

FRONT FOUR YEAR OLD

The eight months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Medlin, who live near Micro, was fatally shot last Wednesday morning by its mother, four years old. According to information received here, Mr. Medlin had sat up the night before with a sick neighbor, and during his absence, Mrs. Medlin put a shell in the shot-gun.

The next day about ten o'clock, Mrs. Medlin put her sleeping baby

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Baptists To Begin Revival April 14

The Pastor Has Secured Dr. W. L. Ball To Do The Preaching; Asks Cooperation of Town

Rev. S. L. Morgan, pastor of the Baptist church of this city has secured Dr. W. L. Ball of Spartanburg, S. C., to conduct a series of revival meetings at the Baptist church beginning Sunday, April 14. The meetings will continue for ten days.

Mr. Morgan makes the following statement to the public in regard to the proposed services: "April 14 Dr. W. L. Ball, pastor of the First Baptist church of Spartanburg, S. C., will begin a series of revival meetings in the Smithfield Baptist church. Before arranging for this date I consulted with the pastors of the other local churches and with the superintendent of schools to get the assurance that no public meetings have been planned that would conflict with the proposed date for our meetings. I had the assurance that the field would be clear for our date, April 14-26, so far as the churches and the schools are concerned. All our churches have become familiar with unhappy conflicts found after such special meetings have been arranged, and in a small town like ours by a little planning in advance on the part of churches, schools, clubs, lodges, etc., such conflicts ought to be easily avoided. I am calling attention in this way to the date named several weeks in advance, confident that all organizations will take pleasure in so planning their meetings as to leave the field clear as nearly as possible for this series of religious services during the ten days mentioned. There is no worthy organization in the community that does not recognize that the highest service rendered to the community is that rendered by the churches, and that a series of revival meetings of a high type is a distinct contribution to the welfare of the entire community in all phases of its life. This being so, I can bid confidently for the cooperation of all organizations and groups in the community in promoting the success of the meetings we are announcing.

"I confidently commend Dr. Ball in advance as one who will render the highest service to our entire community. He is one of the most highly honored of southern Baptist pastors, sane, conservative, refined in thought and expression, a gentleman who will not offend against the finer sensibilities of others, a man who loves the sinner and winsomely preaches a great gospel to save him from sin, a man whose deep consecration makes one feel it is great to be good. Those who do not plan to hear him with some regularity will miss much. He is pastor of a great church, and is highly honored over the south as one of its noblest ministers. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist

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FIRST HOG SHIPMENT FROM SMITHFIELD

The first shipment of hogs from Smithfield and the second from Johnston county in carload lots will take place here today. Mr. J. B. Slack, tri-county agent, has arranged for two cars to be loaded here and he will accompany them to Richmond to consummate the sale. Among those who will have hogs in the shipment are: J. A. Smith, G. B. Smith, H. T. Smith, and J. P. Parker. All of these men are members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' association. Others besides these may have hogs in this shipment.

Meet To Discuss Co. Farm Census

Group Johnston County Farmers Hold Round Table Discussion Advantages and Disadvantages Croup Reports In General

Several farmers and representatives of Johnston county held a round-table discussion in the courthouse on Monday morning pertaining to the advantages and disadvantages of official crop reports in general, and the county farm census in particular. They were unanimous in the opinion that these reports are decidedly advantageous to the farming interests, and that the cost is insignificant in proportion to the benefits available to the farmers.

The chief reasons advanced against the farm census reports are the following: (1) Unreliable; (2) expensive; (3) for taxation purposes; (4) for speculators; (5) guess work; (6) interferes with tax-listing. These were clarified satisfactorily.

It was definitely shown that the results are entirely reliable so far as trends are concerned in those counties where the law is complied with. The expense is just what the commissioners make it, but thus far no extra compensation has been provided. Being limited to acreages without values that cannot be taxable. Speculators can make no use of acreage data alone, and besides this information is not published until after the harvest season.

It is not guess work inasmuch as the growers themselves are the ones who furnish the information. No one can provide more dependable acreage facts. The provisions of the farm census law are such that these farm reports need not materially interfere with the tax listing excepting on Saturdays and the extra cost at that time need not be more than the extra services of a high school girl or boy during rush hours.

It is not absolutely necessary for each township to be reported completely inasmuch as this information is secured on a "sample" basis. The cost is the lowest possible method, the tax listing machinery already being provided. This information has the inventory basis and serves largely in that capacity as a county information source.

It was brought out in the round-table discussions the chief shortcoming of our farmers today is that they are not doing enough individual thinking. The government provides many types of valuable information available which might safeguard future plantings and marketings. In other words, with more study the farmer's idea of supplying demand could be clarified and result in more profit from his operations.

The big purpose of this conference to which the county commissioners and officers as well as leading farmers were invited was to clarify the purposes and uses of crop reporting work.

Those in the conference yesterday included W. V. Blackman, of Benson, route 2; M. C. Hooks, Clayton, route 3; Representative H. F. Hutchins, of Selma; E. G. Holland, of Kenly; J. B. Slack, tri-county agent, Benson; J. W. Stephenson and J. A. Smith, of this city; and Frank Parker, State Statistician, of Raleigh.

District Meeting Baptist W. M. U.

Fourth District Meeting W. M. U. of Johnston Association Will Be Held With Mt. Mitchell Church Sunday March 31

CLAYTON, March 21.—The fourth district meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Johnston Association will be held with Mount Moriah church on Sunday, March 31 at three o'clock. The churches comprising this district are New Bethel, Mount Moriah, Clydes Chapel, White Oak, Bethesda, Baptist Center, Shiloh and Clayton.

It is earnestly hoped that all the women in so far as possible from each of these churches will attend this meeting.

Our study for the afternoon is "The Stewardship of Life." Hymn, I Am Thine, O Lord. Devotional, God's Ownership; Our Stewardship, Mrs. C. M. Thomas.

Influence and the Power of Personality, Mrs. J. W. Smith. Talents, The Value of Time, Mrs. Hugh Hardee.

Have You a Plan For Your Life? Mrs. R. F. Hall. Prayer, that our lives may be great through devotion to a great cause, Mrs. B. A. Hocutt.

In addition to the prepared program, Mrs. Ira E. D. Andrews, chairman of the district, hopes that every woman in the fourth district will make some study of this vital subject before attending this meeting so that the little while together may mean the most possible for bringing in the kingdom in Johnston Association.

BEAR TURNS OUT TO BE STILL

It recently became noised abroad in Ingrams township that a bear was loose in the woods near Stone's Creek in Ingrams township. Sunday, Messrs. Bud Massengill, Chyrlie Barfoot and others decided to hunt for the bear and took their dogs along to help round up the wild animal. About eleven o'clock, they rounded up a forty-gallon copper whiskey still. Deputy Walter E. King of Ingrams, was notified and the outfit was confiscated. The still was not in operation, and no bear nor whiskey was in evidence.

ANOTHER POULTRY CAR SATURDAY, 30TH.

The eighth poultry car for this season will be loaded at the Southern Railway freight station next Saturday, March 30, at Selma. The prices are the same as were paid last Saturday with the exception of Leghorn hens and chicks which have advanced from 23 cents per pound to 24 cents per pound. The poultry car will open for business at 8:30 a. m., and close at 3:30 p. m.

The following cash prices will be paid next Saturday, March 30: Colored hens and chicks, 26 cents per pound; Leghorn hens and chicks, 24 cents per pound; broilers, 32 cents per pound; capons and young turkeys, 28 cents per pound; roosters, 14 cents per pound; ducks, 18 cents per pound; geese, 13 cents per pound; old toms, 20 cents per pound; guineas, 35 cents each.

MR. BURGESS ACCEPTS POSITION WITH SAM WOOD

Mr. Ralph Burgess of Benson, has accepted a position with Mr. Sam Wood of Selma, as manager of his ice and coal interests in Smithfield, and of his glinning interests at Benson. His duties will also include the engineering work of twenty-six cotton gins scattered throughout this territory.

Mr. Burgess has held a position with the Murray Gin company of Atlanta, Ga., for twenty-three years, an evidence that as an engineer and salesman his services were satisfactory.

Mr. Burgess will continue for the present to make his home in Benson, though he is considering moving to Smithfield later.