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USE DYNAMITE TO SETTLE DISPUTE ON SCHOOL HOUSE

Handsone Brick Structure Dynamited In Johnston

Wendell, Aug. 26.—Damage estimated at \$10,000 was caused to the partially completed Corinth-Holder school building, six miles east of here in Johnston county shortly after 1 o'clock this morning when three charges of dynamite were exploded by unknown vandals. The walls of the building were badly battered. Attempts to complete the destruction by fire failed.

Bloodhounds brought here from Smithfield early today were unable to pick up the trail of the men responsible for the dynamiting, and no clue has been discovered as to their identity. It is believed that destruction is the result of dissension within the district over the location of the building which was nearing completion at a cost of approximately \$40,000. It was to have been occupied October 1.

Three men working at a tobacco barn a hundred yards away heard the explosion and later saw the perpetrators of the deed in the light of the fire that was started with gasoline inside the building, but were unable to identify either of them. The fire soon burned itself out, doing little damage. The walls were badly shattered on three sides, and will necessitate entire rebuilding.

Construction of the school building, which was of brick, eight class rooms and a commodious auditorium, was begun about three months ago, after an election on the consolidation of Corinth and Holder school districts was carried. Under the terms of the election the building was to be located near the line between the two districts, but later plans contemplating the inclusion of three other districts changed the location.

Pierce opposition to the location grew up in the Holder district, and it is said that many threats have been made against the building. Work has been going on night and day and last night was the first time that it has been deserted since the construction started. The dynamite was set off in three charges, two in the inner wall and the third in the outer front wall. They were ripped open from the base to the roof.

Details of construction were being handled entirely by the County Board of Education and it is known here whether they plan to rebuild the structure. Continuation of the work will necessitate raising several of the walls, which have all been completed. Many believe that it will be useless to rebuild, since there is probability that the same men would renew their destructive purposes.

Further plans for consolidation outlined by County Superintendent H. I. Marrow contemplated the inclusion of Poplar Springs, Enit and Hales districts, which would place the dynamited building almost in the exact center. Neither of these districts have voted on the proposition, and are not obligated in the local issue assumed by the Corinth-Holder district.

The outrage created a tremendous sensation in the community, and today hundreds of automobiles have traversed the road to the school house carrying thousands of spectators. Three men who saw the fire and explosion, who do not wish to be named, are being put in a busy way explaining what they saw. They were caring tobacco a little distance away, but it all happened before they could get to the building.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Warren and little daughter, Hattie Lee, of Durham, arrived Saturday evening to visit Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Crawford. Mrs. Warren will return to Durham in a boat two weeks and Mr. Warren will spend the season here where he is a buyer on the local tobacco market.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Lamb made a business trip to Tarboro yesterday.

You are cordially invited to attend the ice cream supper tonight at Young's old store, benefit Baptist church.

DANCE IN TOWN THURSDAY

There will be a subscription dance at the Dixie Warehouse next Thursday evening. The "Virginia Entertainers" will furnish the music. A large crowd is expected to attend. These dances are well patronized and are greatly enjoyed by all the participants.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Mingo, of Petersburg arrived Saturday to visit Mrs. Mary E. Pool for several days.

Albin Dunn, Jr., of Greenville, visiting his aunt, Mrs. Biggs and Dr. John D. Biggs at their home in new town.

ELECTRIC LIGHT BULBS, DUNN'S

PREPARATIONS BEING MADE FOR EXPOSITION

Meetings Held to Prepare For The Visitors

Charlotte, N. C. August 25.—The general citizens committee, in charge of plans for the reception of visitors to the Made-In-Carolinas Exposition at Charlotte the two weeks of September 24-October 6, and cooperating with the board of directors of the Exposition and the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce in the history of the Exposition, received the enthusiastic promise of support in its program yesterday at a joint meeting with the Exposition board, in the Chamber of Commerce. The citizens committee originally was formed as a reception but on account of broadening the scope of its activities, the suggestion made yesterday by O. J. Thies to change the committee's name was unanimously adopted.

Several suggestions were made yesterday's meeting of the citizens committee and the exposition directorate, which were adopted for the purpose of putting Charlotte's great Made-In-Carolinas show on a permanent basis. Among these was a suggestion made by W. C. Creighton to place the reception and entertainment of visitors from South Carolina Day in the hands of former South Carolinians, now living in Charlotte. Among these prominently mentioned in this connection were Mr. Creighton, W. S. Lee, Lester Wolfe, and others O. Charlotte, who will be called upon by the citizens committee to help entertain the South Carolinians.

Various organizations in Charlotte will be called upon to designate special day during the two weeks of the Exposition, on which they will entertain visitors allied with their organizations. Kiwanis and Civic Days already have been decided upon by these two organizations.

Tentative plans of the citizens committee, outlined by Guy A. Myers chairman, at yesterday's meeting, call for a dinner to the newspaper men and Chamber of Commerce secretaries of the two states at an early date, to be tendered them by the committee at which the Exposition will be explained in detail and the cooperation of the guests invited in making show the greatest permanent feature of the South. Plans for this dinner and Clarence Kuester, executive secretary of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

The board of directors of the Made-In-Carolinas Exposition will meet Wednesday at which time suggestions from the citizens committee will be entertained, and other Charlotte citizens called into conference.

250,000 Pounds Reported on Market At Greenville, N. C.

EASTERN CAROLINA AUCTION WAREHOUSES OPEN TODAY

Greenville reports about 250,000 pounds of tobacco on the tobacco market there. The lower grades are selling high and the better grades bringing fair prices, according to a telephone report from that place today. The averages were not available at that time.

POURING OF CONCRETE ON STREETS IS DELAYED

Due to the lack of cement the pouring of concrete on Main street will be delayed a day or two. It is expected that several cars will arrive on the afternoon's freight or that of tomorrow. Up until now the company has been making splendid progress having reached the post office corner before closing down.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mangum and little daughter, Sammie have returned from South Carolina and are at home at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Page.

Rev. L. C. Larkin of Murfreesboro was a visitor in town this morning.

SPECTACLES FOUND

A pair of nice spectacles were left at our home early in this month. Aug. 28, 1923. Sylvester Haxell.

Mrs. R. H. Fulgum, Misses Janie Freeman, Sarah, Frances Williamson Fulgum, of Wilson and Miss Margaret Morris, of Goldsboro, will arrive today to visit Dr. and Mrs. P. R. Cose for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Harrison and children will arrive tomorrow from Baltimore where they have been spending some time.

All Signs Westinghouse Lamps, Dunn's

SAYS MUSCLE SHOALS NOW A NATIONAL ISSUE

Underwood Declares Ford's Offer Should Be Taken

Florence, Ala., Aug. 26.—Senator Orrin W. Underwood, candidate for the Democratic nomination for President, addressing an audience of several thousand persons yesterday, declared that the disposal of the Federal property at Muscle Shoals near here is a national issue now and will be one of the prime issues in the Presidential contest.

"If the members of Congress do not accept the Ford proposal for Muscle Shoals," the Senator asserted, "they will be very foolish and will have shown very poor business judgment." Senator Underwood, in his entire speech to a review of the Muscle Shoals development, and took occasion to point out how vitally important the nitrate plants and dam are, both in war and peace. He said that only one business-like offer had been made to the government for the project, and that was the Ford proposal. He asserted that there are only two alternatives before Congress, the acceptance of Ford's offer or the authorization of government operation of the project.

Previous to his address, which was made at the State Normal School amphitheater, Senator Underwood was the honor guest at a luncheon tendered by the civic clubs of the Muscle Shoals district, and after the luncheon he headed a parade which passed through Sheffield, Tusculum and Florence.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS FROM OAK CITY

Dr. and Mrs. Pittman went to Rocky Mount Wednesday.

Mrs. Cecil Everett, of Grimesland and Miss Elizabeth Morion, of Oakville, spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Pittman.

Mr. Francis C. Wilson was in town yesterday night and Sunday returning to Williamston Monday.

Mrs. J. C. Anderson and daughter, Miss Madeline, of Hopewell, Va., spent a few days with Mrs. John T. Daniel and Mrs. H. S. Everett.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hurst, of Robersonville, were in town a short while Tuesday.

Mr. McLean, of Louisiana, spent a few days here the past week with his sister, Mrs. J. S. Ayers.

Misses Marie Smith, and L. Barrett, have returned to Farmville after spending a few days with Mrs. H. R. Smith.

Quite a few of the young men in town attended the ball game in Rocky Mount Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stinette spent Wednesday in Rocky Mount.

Miss Millie Roebuck spent Monday with Miss Melissa Worsley. Miss Pauline Davenport returned Thursday after spending some time in Bath.

Mrs. Jennie Gay, of Bath, is spending some time with Mrs. T. W. and T. J. Davenport.

Mr. A. R. House and Mr. Isaac O. Zebulon spent the week end here as the guests of Miss Jefferson House.

Mrs. John Wiggins and daughter, accompanied by Miss Lucile Hou and Mary Holmes spent Monday here with relatives.

Miss Melissa Worsley spent a few days at Rea's Beach on a camping party.

Misses Gladys Everett, Mildred Davenport and Emma Davenport spent a few days in Williamston the past week.

Misses Mildred Early and Sarah Long Johnson are spending some time at Benson, N. C. as the guests of Miss Ruth Hudson.

Miss Margaret Everett is spending some time at Ocean View and Norfolk.

Miss Leola Hines has returned from Washington, D. C., where she has been visiting most of the summer.

Mrs. Alma House of Stokes, N. C. and Mrs. E. W. House, of Wilson, spent Thursday night and Friday with Mrs. B. M. Worsley.

Miss Johnson, of Bowden is spending some time with relatives here.

Miss Pauline Harrell, of Norfolk, is spending some time with Miss Leola Hines.

Mr. Don Hyman and family have moved to Holmwood, N. C. We regret very much to see these fine people leave us, but hope they will soon make as many friends there as they left here.

Mr. R. E. Early made his tri-weekly visit to Tarboro, where he has been in the hands of a chiropractor and reports that the chiropractic treatment is causing him to improve rapidly.

Mr. A. E. Brownson, of Asheville, representing the Atlas Cement Co., is a business visitor in town today.

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BRIGHT OUTLOOK FOR OPENING TOBACCO MARKET TOMORROW

WILLIAMSTON HAS SPLENDID BUNCH OF BUYERS AND AN UP TO DATE MARKET FOR GROWERS

The Williamston Tobacco Market opens tomorrow, August 29th with a promise of one of the best markets in its history. Great preparations have been made by the local warehousemen and tobacco men to accommodate with ease and promptness all weed as it is delivered. The sales will begin at ten o'clock. A corps of the best buyers in three states have been brought to our town and they are assuring the public that their prices will be satisfactory to the farmers. Among them are Col. W. T. Meadows for the Export Leaf Tobacco Company, and as we know "Uncle Buck" is always a heavy buyer, Mr. Townsend of Richmond, Va. buying for the Imperial Tobacco Company, comes here with the reputation of being one of the best tobacco judges in the employ of his company. Mr. Hubert Warren, of Durham, representing the Liggett and Kaye Tobacco Company and has established himself already in the minds and hearts of the Martin county tobacco growers. Mr. H. B. Head of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company was also here last year and his return is hailed by his friends and all tobacco men. Mr. F. W. Graves is this year representing the American Tobacco Company and the men who have followed him down the long aisles of weed, which was the result of long months of trials and hard labor by himself and more often than not his entire family and which now was the main hope between debts and another year's derivations are convinced that Graves will give them the benefit of his knowledge of tobacco and will go his line as allowed by his company to help the farmer.

With three houses working on the auction system and run by men of experience Williamston should rank at the top in the tobacco selling world. Messrs. Taylor and Mangum, proprietors of the Dixie, Messrs. Tucker, Morton and Rogers of the Roanoke, and Mr. J. W. Hight of the Farmers have done all in their power, and will continue to do all they can to bring the price for tobacco sold on this market up to and above the highest. These men will welcome the farmer in the warmest manner possible, and it is their aim to please every customer.

Williamston welcomes the grower, and extends to them a most cordial invitation.

WILLIAMSTON TO HAVE LATEST TRAFFIC SIGNS

An announcement of interest to us is that Williamston will hereafter be furnished traffic lights of the oval type variety. These lights are being used almost exclusively in cities and have proven themselves satisfactory in every point of service. The present traffic signs would, no doubt, be of great benefit to farmers desiring secure crops.

There will be three of the signs one at the intersection of Haughton and Main streets, another where Washington street enters Main and the third at the intersection of Main and Smithwick streets.

OCTOBER FIRST LATEST DATE TO MAKE APPLICATION TO REGISTER YOUR AUTOMOBILE

Last year there were stolen in North Carolina 7,000 automobiles, which so aroused the State Legislature that it passed at the last session a law requiring a special registration of all cars.

This does not mean the automobile license.

The main object of the law was to protect automobile owners from theft and it was brought out before the committee that considered the law, that hardly a day passes that scores of owners are not losers of their property, and the boldness of these thefts has become alarming.

The law also states that when any owner wishes to dispose of his car he must pass to the purchaser a bill of sale, based on his registration papers.

Where this law has become effective in other states the loss of cars by theft has decreased greatly and this law should be welcomed by all car owners in the State.

The law goes further and makes it unlawful for anyone to operate a car after October 1st unless registration has been made or applied for.

Ample provisions are also made for the transfer of cars by purchase.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Lawrence and daughter, Daisy, of Richmond, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Manning.

WEEKLY COTTON LETTER FROM ATLANTA, GA.

Cotton Crop Reported Three Weeks Late

The cotton trade expected a decline in price when the drought was broken, but rains in the West this week failed to break the market below 24 1/2 cents for October in New York at the close of the week.

Several private condition reports have been published during the past few days, one of the lowest being that of the National Ginners Association giving the condition as 56.4, an indication of a crop of 11,000,000 bales. Most of the New York brokers' estimates were at higher figures. The official Government condition report due Saturday, September 1st. If it places the condition at or below 55 the market should advance, but if the condition proves to be as high as 55 a decline would probably follow.

There was a better demand for goods this week, eastern markets reporting the largest sales during any week for several months. It was reported also that some of the New England mills were preparing to increase their production.

Manchester and Liverpool showed more life during the week. News from those markets was rather bullish, but Germany is still in a chaotic condition and no one can predict what will happen in that country during the fall when German mills should be buying a great deal of our cotton.

The crop is about three weeks late in the Savannah territory and exporters are finding it difficult to fill their August commitments.

WOULD BORROW N. C.'S COLORED HEALTH WORKER

Health work among the colored people of North Carolina has attracted outside attention for a number of years. Particularly noteworthy has been the progress in recent years made by negroes themselves in the fight against tuberculosis. The work of Mr. Florence C. Williams, who has labored among her people of her race in North Carolina for three years under the extension department of the State Sanatorium, is a single feature that has become well known.

Recently, Dr. W. T. Henshaw, State Health officer of West Virginia, made the request of Dr. L. B. McBrayer, Superintendent of the State Sanatorium, for the loan of Florence Williams for one year, that she might help organize and set to work along health lines the colored people of that state, as she had been able to do this State.

For the past year and during the summer months, Florence Williams has been a student at Teacher's College, Columbia University. At a public meeting of the summer session, when rural achievement was the subject discussed, Mrs. Williams told of the work that was being done in the State by the colored people themselves for the improvement of health conditions.

TOBACCO BARN LOST BY FIRE

Mr. Jay D. Leggett of Cross Roads lost a tobacco barn yesterday by fire. There was no insurance on the barn. Mr. Leggett had the misfortune to get his leg broken about five weeks ago when a horse ran away with him and in the accident his leg was so badly smashed that it had to be taken off. Mr. Leggett is an industrious young man and it looks as if the claws of trouble have a hold of him.

Remember the ice cream supper to night at Young's old store.

Mrs. Myrtle Brown and Miss Louis Harrison will leave in a few days for Durham, where they will visit friends for several weeks.

Miss Hazel Roberson left for Driver Va. this morning after visiting relatives for several days.

Mr. Karl de Rooy, auditor for the Union Paving Company has been transferred to Greensboro. He may stay a while here as he regrets to see him leave.

DAIRYING AND THE MERCHANT

Another Dairy Article By G. P. Card

Another article of the "Dairyman" follows "The Dairy Cow" series.

With a homely remark by Benjamin Franklin, and ending with a description of the permanent nature of the development in a community following the successful establishment of a dairy industry—

"Now that I have a pig and a cow every-one bids me good morning," Benjamin Franklin.

The man who has to bear the brunt of crop failures in the final analysis is the merchant. He must take care of the farmer in order that he may live. It means a tremendous sacrifice on his part and often a great risk, but it's a part of the risk he voluntarily assumes.

Dairying with its attendant cream checks means the end of this precarious method of doing business by the merchant. The cream checks may not be large in themselves, but they come often and families who milk cows always pay cash for the ordinary necessities of life.

Porter and Glenn, merchants of Dahlgren, Illinois, wrote last January as follows:

"The past three years we have what you might call practical crop failures, due to lack of rain, and we are frank to say that had it not been for the dairy and poultry industries in our country we would all, farmers and merchants alike, have suffered, but as it is our farmers are going right along meeting their bills and buying feed and paying for it with cream checks."

"We notice it again on credit. Our business is just as good and our credit accounts are less and the only thing that we can attribute it to is the cream checks that our farmers are cashing."

"If the present condition had prevailed in our country some few years ago, before our people commenced milking as many cows as they are at present, we really can not conceive what we would be up against. We consider the cow the salvation of our country."

About seven years ago a movement was fostered in southern Illinois for the development of dairying. It succeeded and cream selling multiplied by the thousands. In that section, which formerly had no income of this kind, prosperity now rains as a result of the hundreds of thousands of dollars the cow brings the merchant through the farmers annually. In addition, the value of farm lands has increased and is still increasing.

The farmer who once knew the constant sting of poverty which comes from trying to bring forth crops from poor soil, now enjoys the sight of real money, and, of course, this has helped the merchant with whom he spends it.

Mr. F. Kohl of Centralia, connected with the wholesale grocery interests throughout that entire section, says it has been a wonderful thing for him. It has made better customers for the retail merchant because of the cream checks, and in turn the merchants have been enabled to discount promptly their bills to the wholesaler.

C. O. Millsp, of Millsp Brothers Mercantile Company, Mr. Vernon, Mo., in January of this year writes as follows:

"Briefly stated, cash receipts from the dairy cow, in conjunction with poultry products, have been life savers for the average farmer in this section the past two years. My firm has been in business here for about 50 years and had done an extensive credit business until August, 1920, when we changed to a 'cash only' basis. The dairy cows, along with the hen, made this change possible. Ten years back, when dairying was in its infancy in this country, we could not have succeeded on a 'cash only' basis. We, therefore, feel very kindly toward the dairy cow and each year are giving more of our time and means in encouraging our farmer friends to put more cows on their farms—not ordinary cows, but good ones that will produce a profit. We have in mind also the second, or indirect profit, accruing from these cows in the way of the fertility that goes back into the soil, which we consider a major item in sections that have been grazed almost to exhaustion."

"Might say in passing that the great bulk of our customers have commended us for having caused them to pay cash for their wearing apparel the past two years. The community as a whole, along with our firm, is in much better financial condition as a result. Their cows first made our change possible and then the change itself reacted to encourage more cows and the steady income therefrom."

The permanent nature of dairying not only means a permanent class of

CONDITIONS OF COTTON AS SEEN FOR PAST WEEK

The Value of Poisoning Boll Weevil Is Shown

There is abundant evidence that it

ays to poison cotton to control the boll weevil. During a visit to Winsteadville section, near Ransomville, we noticed quite a difference in the poisoned fields of cotton and those left unpoisoned. In the fields where no poison was used, will average from two to four hundred pounds less cotton than those where poison was used regularly. One field where no poison was used, there was probably an average of three bolls to the stalk on stalks four to five feet high and met across four foot rows. This cotton looked to be well aged at the time we saw it. On an examination of three white blooms, we found that there were eight, seven, and five adult weevils to the bloom, eight being the greatest number of weevils found in either of the single blooms. This was seen on the farm of Mr. R. L. Harris.

On the farm of Mr. J. A. Robbins, where the crop had been poisoned five times at a cost of around five dollars to the acre, labor and poison (the homemade molasses mixture was used) this field gave evidence of a three-quarter bale crop of already mature cotton. Mr. Robbins is very enthusiastic over his success and says but for the heavy rains and one hail storm, he fully believes he would have produced a bale of cotton per acre. He was poisoning then for the last time.

In the same section, we visited several fields of Mr. W. F. Winstead, where poisoning of weevil was still going on. We believe the cotton bids fair to produce from three-quarters to a bale to the acre. Mr. Winstead told me that the first square he saw on his cotton and the only one found that day had been punctured twice. The day following he began poisoning and kept it up until the 16th of Aug. and felt that the only reason for as much damage being done as the crop now shows is on account of continued heavy rains, which prevented him from keeping up his poisoning program and kept the weevils washed off. Still, he is pleased with the work and thinks the poison is responsible for his having a paying crop.

Winsteadville, like other sections, has many and different opinions. Some are disciples of poisoning to keep down the weevil; others are unbelievers, though those who have done most poisoning have considerably more cotton and it looks as though they have been greatly rewarded for their efforts.

Mr. Bryan Bonner, of Aurora, says he had plenty of weevils before the cotton began to square, and that he began to use poison regularly and controlled the weevils until the 15th of August when the weevils came to the fields in great numbers. Mr. Bonner says he will make one more poisoning and hopes to lessen the number of weevils, so that his cotton may mature the tender bolls now set. His entire crop looks like three-fourths to a bale of cotton per acre, except one tenant crop in the same field with his on which no poisoning had been done since his tenant began housing tobacco. The tenant crop will not produce over three to four hundred pounds of seed cotton per acre.

J. L. HOLLIDAY, Farm Dem. for Phillips Fertilizer Co.

PUBLIC SPEAKING AT THE COURT HOUSE

Mr. T. C. Watkins, Jr., director of warehouses of the Tobacco Growers Association, and Mr. Cobb, director for this district, will speak at the courthouse Thursday August 30th at 1 o'clock.

Everybody most cordially invited to attend.

If you are a member of the association, you should be present as a duty to yourself and your association.

If you are a member and are dissatisfied, come out and explain your points of trouble. Come out and hear these speakers.

ICE CREAM SUPPER TONIGHT IN YOUNG'S OLD STORE

You are cordially invited to attend the ice cream supper tonight given by the ladies of circles numbers three and five of the Memorial Baptist church. Ice cream and cake of all kinds, and the best to be found anywhere.

farmers—an owner class—but then the business man knows that he will receive his money, knows that he can discount his own obligations promptly and he in turn goes into the owner class and builds the permanency.