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AGED WOMAN DEAD IN WOODS

LOST HER WAY ON VISIT TO A NEIGHBOR—WHEN FOUND HAD BEEN DEAD SEVERAL DAYS—BURIED LAST SUNDAY

The body of Miss Mary Sjogren, an aged Swedish woman, was found last Saturday at 2 o'clock near the old Truck road on the Fountain tract of Woodland in the Burnt Mill section of Camden county.

The body was in such a condition to indicate that she had been dead for several days. The funeral services were conducted last Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of Peter Riggs and the remains were entombed in the burying ground at that place. More than a hundred people attended the funeral and interment. Mr. Butler Munden made a short talk during the services and told of the excellent qualities of the old woman and of the high esteem in which she was held in her neighborhood.

Miss Sjogren, came from Boston about fifteen years ago. Mr. L. F. Weston of this city, who was a resident of Camden county at that time gave her a small farm, this farm she made her home, and lived there a part of the time. The remainder of the time she spent in visiting her neighbors. She was very religious and attended church every opportunity, often making considerable journeys to get to the church.

On Saturday, two weeks before the body was found in the woods, she was seen at the home of a colored woman named Hunt. She stated that she was going to William Jones' near South Mills and she started on her trip which was about five or six miles. This was the last seen of her. Her prolonged absence and her failure to arrive at Mr. Jones' caused the neighbors to get apprehensive about her and to make inquiries concerning her. Searching parties were organized and several days were spent in searching for her.

The body was found in woods so thick that a path had to be cleared before the coffin could be taken to the body. She had evidently wandered from the road into the thick woods and could not find her way out again. She was seventy two years old.

She was noted for her kindness to all and was esteemed by all her neighbors. Her visits were always appreciated by her neighbors.

The funeral expenses were borne by Mr. Wadsten of this city, who has known her for many years in Boston.

GRAND MUSICAL TONIGHT

There will be a grand musical entertainment tonight at the Raleigh Hotel, in which a very choice program of instrumental and vocal music will be rendered. The orchestra, composed of a number of string instruments will also assist in the entertainment.

This entertainment is given by the ladies of the City Road Methodist church and the proceeds will be donated to the parsonage fund of that church. The public is cordially invited to patronize this entertainment and assist the ladies in increasing the parsonage building fund.

PASSION PLAY

Mr. A. K. Kramer has informed the theatre going public that the passion play will be presented at the Gaiety some time in the near future. The date will be advertised.

This picture, or rather pictures for it is in three reels and takes an hour to show it, will be one of the best ever shown here.

GOOD ROADS FOR THE SOUTH

THE ATLANTIC COAST LINE WILL HAVE THE GOOD ROADS TRAIN AT RICHMOND DURING CONGRESS OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT.

Carrying the campaign for improved highways out of Richmond, Va., after the close of the Congress of the American Association for Highway Improvement and its allied organizations in that city, the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company on November 24 will send on tour one of the most complete good road exhibit trains that ever rode on rails.

Equipped partly by the railroad and partly by the United States government, the train will carry the work of educating the people to the commercial and social importance of improved highways, into nearly all the important cities and towns of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama. Addresses made by President Taft and other distinguished guests; and will then be able to see a practical demonstration of every kind of road building, road maintenance and road improvement.

The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, with the cooperation of Director Logan Waller Page, of the government Office of Public Road, who is also president of the American Association for Highway Improvement, will send its Good Road Special through Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama. There will be on the train Edgar D. Baker, as organizer and lecturer for the American Association for Highway Improvement; and, representing the United States Office of Public Roads, there will be

With all the electric models of the United States Office of Public Roads on board, the Good Roads Special of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company will be stationed on a sidetrack at Richmond during the progress of the great road congress of the American Association for Highway Improvement November 20 to 23. It will be open to the inspection of the visitors. Admission to the road train, as to every other feature of the Congress, will be free.

Thousands of farmers, ending their concerted work on the roads near their farms which was one of the features of the Good Roads, preceded the convention, will be in Richmond to obtain the benefit of the practical experience of experts from all over the country. They will hear lectures from government and state officials; will learn the advantages that come to the country generally from road building as a result of the L. E. Boykin and M. E. Worrell. All of these experts will deliver lectures and give practical demonstrations of road building.

A CRUTCH IN THE MAIL

Uncle Sam is always equal to the emergency when it comes to transporting articles through the mail. Just so the article does not weigh over a certain number of pounds, and there is nothing dangerous in it; or it's not objectionable to the postal authorities, the United States takes it in its mail and even delivers it at your door.

This was amply illustrated one day this week, when city carrier Whitehurst made his regular round with a six foot crutch of the ordinary wood kind hung on his mail bag. The crutch had been sent through the mail to some party in this city and it was being delivered at his door. The sight was a novel one and it attracted a great deal of attention, and, besides, it showed to the people that your Uncle Sammy is "onto" his job and you just can't phase him.

STATE DRAINAGE CONVENTION WAS IN SESSION HERE

One of the Most Important Meetings of the Year in this State Closed its Fourth Annual Session Yesterday. Delegates From all Over State Present.

Elizabeth City has had held in its midst this week one of the most important meetings to be held in the state this year. This meeting was the annual session of the North Carolina Drainage Association, which convened in the county courthouse last Wednesday at 10:30 o'clock a. m. and was in session for two days. A large crowd of delegates representing every section of northeastern North Carolina was present to participate in this meeting.

The opening session was begun with a prayer by Rev. E. W. Stone, pastor of the first Baptist church, and the address of welcome was delivered by Rev. C. F. Smith in behalf of Mayor Flora. Mr. Smith's address was in his own inimitable way and he expressed in choice sentiments a hearty and cordial welcome to the visitors to Elizabeth City and its hospitality. The response was made by President J. A. Brown of the Association, and his speech was heard with the greatest of interest.

After the formal opening exercises had been concluded, Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt made his annual report as secretary of the association. His report dealt with the growth of the drainage work in North Carolina, since the last meeting held in Wilmington a year ago. At that time there were about twenty drainage districts in the state and now there are fifty-four. The number has been more than doubled during the past year. Many of the drainage districts formed at the last meeting of the association have been perfected. The legal work establishing the districts has been done and the actual work has either been commenced or will begin in the near future. Dr. Pratt discussed a number of phases of the drainage problems that are now confronting the people of this section. He showed how that drainage was the one vital issue to the people of the low land country and the people of the piedmont section, whose lands are overflowed. In discussing the rapid progress of the drainage work and its widespread extension, he stated that sixteen of the drainage districts are in the piedmont section, and the balance of them are in Eastern North Carolina.

Hon. C. G. Elliot, chief of drainage investigations of the United States Department of Agriculture, followed Dr. Pratt and spoke on the essential feature of drainage in North Carolina. His address dealt with the various kinds of drainage material that is being used to clear the lands of water and of the kinds that ought to be used in this section. He spoke on the drainage and showed how that the tile system was practical; because it was efficient and at the same time lasting.

The afternoon session on Wednesday was devoted to five minute reports by the representatives of the different drainage districts. Mr. Lukens of the Moyock district made the report on the progress of the work in this district. This district was formed more than a year ago and actual work was begun about a year ago. This work has progressed very rapidly, and much of the work has been completed. Many acres of land that have been under water, since time immemorial, have been cultivated this year, and the yield has been astonishing, and at the same

time the cultivation of these swamp lands has demonstrated the practicability of the drainage theory.

Mr. Pratt reported the progress on the several districts in Wilson and other counties in that section of the state, and also the Mattamuskeet district in Hyde county, which he characterized as one of the most gigantic feats of engineering ever undertaken in North Carolina. The legal phases of this district have been practically settled and the work will begin shortly.

J. O. Wright, drainage engineer of Florida was present and made an address. Mr. Beard of the Norfolk Southern railroad spoke on the improvements of the health conditions of Eastern North Carolina when these drainage projects have been carried out. Several other gentlemen made short speeches on the drainage work. The most important social feature of the meeting was held Wednesday night in the Masonic hall, when the citizens through the Chamber of Commerce entertained the delegates and visitors at an elaborate banquet. President Brown presided over the banquet. Dr. Alexander, of Charlotte, Hon. John H. Small, Dr. J. H. Pratt, Dr. J. H. White, Rev. C. F. Smith, Mr. Bugg of the Norfolk Southern railroad, J. Kenyon Wilson and T. J. Markham made impromptu speeches dealing with the drainage features of the drainage movement. The layout prepared by the chairman, Louis Selig and his committee composed of Messrs J. W. Woodley, C. O. Robinson, M. Owens and O. F. Gilbert was a sumptuous one, and the guests did full justice to it.

The Thursday morning session of the meeting was devoted to the question box, and many different questions that arose in the minds of the delegates were discussed by speakers. Hon. John H. Small made an address. He spoke at length upon the drainage work that has been projected. He declared that it was necessary to agitate the proposition to get the people interested in it; that agitation will result in the education necessary to get the people of Eastern North Carolina thoroughly interested in the drainage movement.

Just before the morning session adjourned at noon, the resolutions drawn by the committee on resolutions, were read by Hon. J. H. Small, for Mr. Prevott, the chairman, who was absent, and they were adopted by the association. These resolutions are for reaching in other aims and if their objects are secured, drainage will receive a fresh impetus.

The first resolution was a petition to the next state legislature to make an appropriation of six thousand dollars to provide a fund with which to employ drainage engineers in this state. Florida and other southern states have drainage engineers employed by the state to assist in perfecting plans for drainage districts. If this plan is adopted in North Carolina, the work will be greatly expedited.

Another resolution provides for a movement to have a chair of drainage engineers established at the University of North Carolina and at the A. & M. College for the purpose of giving instructions in this particular branch. Mr. Small in commenting on this resolution, stated that the field (Continued on Page Four)

GOOD PROGRAM TUESDAY NIGHT

AN ENTERTAINMENT OF UNUSUAL ORDER TO BE PRESENTED WHEN CLIFFORD DEVEREUX APPEARS IN THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM ON THE 21ST.

Clifford Devereux, is coming on the evening of November 21st, and will give his very interesting entertainment in the auditorium of the high school under the auspices of the Woman's School Betterment Society.

The entertainment is a novel one, something out of the ordinary, and he can not fail to interest the people.

The proceeds derived from the entertainment will be applied by the ladies of the society to a debt incurred in making improvements on the high school grounds and in adorning the walls of the rooms with pictures. The patronage of the public is solicited and the ladies feel that they ought to have it, too. It is for a worthy cause, and the people should show their appreciation by attending the entertainment. Besides, the entertainment is a good one, and the patrons get their money's worth.

The following program will be rendered by Mr. Devereux in his entertainment in the auditorium of the high school on the evening of the 21st. He will be assisted by Miss Edith Levin at the piano and Miss Mabel Irwin Sauer, soprano.

- DUETS**
- a. Passage Birds Farewell. Hildach
 - b. It was a Loer and his Lass Walthew
 - Mr. Devereux and Miss Sauer
- OLD SONGS**
- a. Tom, the Rhymor Leppo
 - b. Down Among the eDad Men T. Dyer
- Mr. Devereux
- MODERN SONGS (English.)**
- a. Prelude (From the Cycle of Life) Ronald
 - b. Summer (From the Cycle of Life) Ronald
 - c. Who'll Buy My Laverder German
- Miss Sauer
- NEGRO SONGS**
- a. The Old Boatman Freer
 - b. Sing a Low Bralnard
 - c. The Banjo Song Homer
- Mr. Devereux
- MODERN SONGS (American.)**
- a. Danny Deever (Kipling) Damrosch
 - b. The Boat Song Ware
 - c. Invictus Humn
 - d. Fuzzy-Wuzzy (Kipling) Whiting
- Mr. Devereux
- OPERATIC EXPERTS**
- a. "My Heart at Thy Dear Voice"—From Samson and Delilah St. Saews
 - b. "One Fine day"—From Madam Butterfly Puccini
- Miss Sauer
- RECITATION TO MUSIC**
- Robert of Sicly (Longfellow) Cole
 - Mr. Devereux

CAPT. WILLIAMS WOULD NOT HAVE MARRIED

Miss Hattie Wilkinson, of Columbia, N. C., a sister of the late Capt. John Wilkinson, conductor of the Norfolk Southern railroad Company, who was killed several days ago, requests us to make a correction in the account of the accident published in the Advance.

In the news item it was stated that Capt. Wilkinson was to have been married soon. His sister denies this report and says that he would not have been married soon. Our informant was mistaken and led us into an error in making this report.

Miss Nellie Gayle, of Portsmouth, spent some time here this week visiting Mrs. A. K. Kramer.

SNEAK HUNTERS BREAKING LAW

SHOOTING QUAIL BEFORE THE SEASON OPENS ON DECEMBER 1ST—MATTER REPORTED TO AUDUBON SOCIETY—QUICK ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

The law is being broken over and over again, dozens of times each day in the week." This is the statement made by several of the local sportsmen in regard to shooting quail out of season.

The open season for quail shooting in North Carolina begins on December 1st, and Pasquotank county is no exception to this law, even if some of the sportsmen are inclined to think so, and they will likely find out, if they persist in breaking the law.

The most of the shooting is done by non-residents, who sneak into North Carolina and Pasquotank county, get their meals at a restaurant and then sneak out in the country unobserved, to shoot out of season. One of our most prominent hunters, who is law abiding and proposes to obey the law, says that these sneak hunters are working havoc with the quail, which is very numerous in this county this year, and that if the authorities do not stop them, there will not be any birds when the season opens for law abiding sportsmen, who do the right thing. These non-resident "sneaks" do not even pay the tax that the law requires of non-residents. There is a whole bunch of these sneak hunters sneaking in here every day and when they sneak out of Elizabeth City they carry with them a big bag of game. There are also a number of our citizens living in the country and some here in town too, who are guilty of this offense.

This matter has been reported to the officials of the Audubon society, and steps will be taken at once to suppress these acts of lawlessness. Wholesale arrests will be made at once unless these sneak hunters get out of the state and stay out until the season opens; and then they must pay the annual tax before they can shoot quail. The local hunters, too, had better look out or the game warden will get them.

BEAR WEIGHED 286 POUNDS

Messrs Sample and Pritchard, two mighty young hunters last Monday morning captured a huge black bear, by the aid of a bear trap, on the Suffolk and Carolina railroad about seven miles from this city. The bear was caught in the trap by one of his feet and he did a lot of tearing up the dirt; but, when the hunters arrived on the scene he became frightened and cowed down, so that he was easily dispatched with a shotgun.

He was brought here Monday and shipped by express to some northern city. He weighed 286 pounds, which is pretty good weight for a bear.

TO DOUBLE CAPACITY OF CRYSTAL ICE PLANT

The officials of the Crystal Ice Company are making preparations to build a new brick building for their plant in Water street, and to double the capacity of the plant.

The ground is being broken for a new brick building and the order for the brick and piling has already been placed. Work will begin on the building in the near future.

The capacity of the plant will be increased from 35 tons of ice per day to 70 tons per day. This double capacity means that there will be plenty of ice all the year around for both home people and the fishermen of the down sound country.