

WOMAN IS FOUND HANGED IN ATTIC

Mrs. Lloyd Halstead of Weeksville Takes Her Life While Husband Is Away at His Work.

Mrs. Lloyd Halstead, aged about 24, hanged herself in the attic of her home Monday afternoon at about 2 o'clock.

The Halstead home is half a mile from Salem church in this County. Monday at noon Mrs. Halstead kissed her husband good bye with more than ordinary devotion as he left for his work, but she seemed in her usual health and he had no hint of the deed she contemplated. She was frail in body and highly nervous, but had not been ill recently and on Sunday had attended church.

When Mr. Halstead came home for supper he could not find his wife, but still believed that she was just over at the home of a neighbor. He began asking about her and the search continued until 7 o'clock Monday night when her lifeless body was found hanging in the attic. Dr. R. B. Davis of Weeksville and Dr. Ike Fearing of Elizabeth City were summoned and said that she had probably been dead five hours.

Mrs. Halstead is survived by her husband; by a five-year-old son; by her mother, Mrs. Sarah Parsons of this County; by one sister, Mrs. John Berry, of Weeksville; by two brothers, Tom Parsons of Weeksville, and Rufus Parsons of Asbury Park, N. J.; and by four half sisters, Mrs. J. E. Corbett and Mrs. J. W. Stokely of this city, Mrs. Allie Coppersmith of Salem and Mrs. Gertie Jordan of Camden.

LEANS TOO MUCH ON UNITED STATES

Former Senator Townsend Reminds Folks That Money From Treasury Comes from Taxpayers Own Pocket.

Greenville, S. C., April 17.—An increasing number of people are depending on the National Government, former United States Senator Charles E. Townsend, of Michigan, declared in an address on the Federal aid law here today before joint conventions of the United States Goods Roads Association and the Bankhead National Highway Association.

The importance of each local community feeling the necessity for economy and efficiency in the expenditure of money on highways was stressed by the former Senator. The Federal aid law, in the passage of which Mr. Townsend took a prominent part, was designed, he said, to eliminate as much as possible the "port" feature, which he asserted "menaced the river and harbor appropriations and is seriously threatening all Federal aid appropriations."

Former Senator Townsend gave statistics relating to the plan of the Federal Government to aid in building seven per cent of the most important road mileage in each state at a final cost to the Government of three billion dollars. The farmer, he said, once the enemy of the automobile, now was the greatest automobile owner and as a result was becoming an "ardent" advocate of good roads.

"The auto truck is the most destructive agent of good roads," he continued. "Its weight and speed should be regulated by the states and its license fees materially increased. The taxpayers will not long endure the construction by taxation of roads costing on an average of \$17,500 a mile if after they are built they are allowed to be destroyed by negligence or misuse."

"An increasing number of people are depending too much upon the Federal Government. They seem to think that it can do what the state cannot do; that appropriations from the Federal treasury are gifts which cost them nothing and therefore ought to be encouraged and that the wasteful expenditure of these appropriations is to them a matter of indifference. Nothing could be more erroneous. Every dollar which goes into the treasury of the United States belongs to the people and is paid by them."

"Hence the importance of each local community feeling the necessity for economy and efficiency in the expenditure of money. This they will not feel so long as they believe that one half the money comes from Washington, and, therefore costs them nothing. You must insist that the roads be built and maintained economically and according to the best scientific knowledge of the art of road building; that they shall be located, not to serve politicians, but to serve best the industrial and commercial needs of the whole country."

The former Senator said the need of suitable highways to interstate commerce also was being increasingly shown and the Federal Government was especially charged with facilitating it by aiding to build trunk lines.

"These trunk lines," he said, "connecting the states, furnish the backbone of a system of roads which will readily be connected, reaching into every section of the country, and also will furnish all of the highways that would be required in any emergency for military roads."

State Fire Losses Continue Excessive

Insurance Commissioner Wade Gives Figures for March Far Above Last Year's

Raleigh, April 17.—The records for March show that not only in this State but throughout the country and Canada, fire losses were excessive, according to a detailed report issued here by Stacey W. Wade, commissioner of insurance.

The losses reached a total of \$674,671 in North Carolina, compared with \$476,452 for March last year, and \$41,150,650 for the United States and Canada, as compared with \$39,910,750 for March, 1922, according to the report. These figures, said Mr. Wade, do not include damage from forest fires, which he asserted in North Carolina alone for March will duplicate the loss on buildings and contents.

The total loss for the first quarter of 1923 shows mounting losses as follows:

North Carolina for 1923: \$2,174,171; for 1922, \$1,911,662.

U. S. and Canada for 1923: \$120,543,300; for 1922: \$107,878,050.

"Of the 204 fires during March in which the loss reached \$5,000 or more," the report reads, "there were 29 with a total of \$544,135 leaving a loss for the entire other 184 of only \$130,566. The largest single loss was that of a furniture plant at Lexington, \$100,000. Other large single losses were at Raleigh, supply store, \$63,000; Wadesboro, garage and contents, \$60,000; Charlotte, store, \$53,000; Asheville, garage, \$46,000; Greenville, planing mill and lumber, \$40,000; Statesville, business building, \$23,000."

"Of the total March loss for North Carolina, the property immediately at risk aggregated \$3,775,251 with a total insurance of \$2,669,125."

"There were 125 dwelling fires, with a total damage of \$187,546, valued at \$668,955 and insured for \$362,916."

Defective flues and shingle roofs were the principal causes of fires.

COMMUNIST PARTY IN U. S. DISSOLVES

(By The Associated Press)
New York, April 17.—The Communist party of America has dissolved itself and diverted its members to the Workers' party of America which it recognizes as the only affiliation of the Third International of Moscow in the United States, Secretary Rutenberg of the central executive committee of the Workers' party said today.

PREPARE FOR GAME OF NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago April 17.—The familiar sign "Baseball" came into view on street cars and buses today as players and fans in the four major league cities prepared for the opening games of the National League season.

The time honored custom of band playing and flag raising and throwing out the first ball were planned for various cities.

President Heydler of the league was the guest of the Chicago Cubs and Commissioner Landis was guest of Christy Mathewson for the opening at Boston.

IRRECONCILABLE IS READY TO DIP CATTLE

Opposition to cattle dipping for tick eradication in Pasquotank seems now to be wearing itself down almost to the vanishing point.

O. A. McPherson, recently convicted and fined for failure to dip as required, and who had been indicted for a second offense this season, had asked for a jury trial and his case set for trial Tuesday morning. On Tuesday, however, through his attorney the defendant stated that he had decided to comply with the law and asked the State to take a nol pro in this instance. Trial Justice Spence continued the case for thirty days, indicating that if the defendant showed himself as complying with the law during that period the court would consent to nol pro the case.

Jim Dance, colored, who obtained a divorce from his wife some time since on statutory grounds, was before Trial Justice Spence Tuesday morning on a charge of non support of his children by the divorces wife. It appeared that the mother had insisted on keeping and supporting the children when Dance first divorced her but that now she wished to be rid of them, for the purpose, the court seemed inclined to think, of getting married again. A father under the law is legally bound to support his children, but as it seemed that Dance had had good ground for divorce and that the woman's desire to put them off on Dance was rather sudden, Judge Spence said that she might send two of the children to Jim but that she would have to take care of the other two herself.

Ivy Hawkins, colored, for assault was fined \$5 and costs.

L. E. Jennings Monday for failing to park his car at the approach of a fire truck was fined \$5 and costs.

Howard Carlin and Frank Wood, New Yorkers now working on a State road construction force in this section, found guilty of assault on Walter Johnson, were fined by Trial Justice Spence Monday, Carlin in the sum of \$10 and Wood, \$5, each defendant bearing half the costs in addition to the fine.

REV. W. C. HUGHES



Evangelist of the Baptist State Mission Board who is assisting Rev. R. F. Hall in the revival at Calvary Baptist Church during the simultaneous evangelistic campaign now on in the city.

UPHAM SPEAKS AT ROADS MEETING

Points With Pride to North Carolina Achievement in Road Building as Example of Modern Methods.

Greenville, S. C., April 17.—Road building now is reaching its rightful place in scientific development. Charles M. Upham, State highway engineer of North Carolina, declared here today in outlining the plans followed in his state's \$65,000,000 program of highway construction to the joint session of the United States Good Roads Association and the Bankhead National Highway Association.

"The solution of providing a means for traffic or the construction of a highway system in every state," said the engineer, "necessarily depends upon the local conditions in that state, and consequently, the method of solution will be different in the different states, and depend on the economic, industrial and social conditions existing."

"Practically every state in the Union has its cities and counties of high and intensive development, as well as its sparsely developed sections. To build immediately a system of hard surface roads throughout an entire state, when the demand for such roads is only within the highly developed sections, would be money wantonly wasted."

"Within the highly developed sections, no doubt the construction of a hard surface pavement is the correct and only answer. In the urban and outlying districts, where the traffic is less intense, a lighter and less expensive road may adequately serve the needs of traffic. This less expensive road should be located, graded and drained upon the same standards customary with hard surface construction, so that when the country, through which the road passes, develops to the extent that traffic requires a heavy duty road, there will only be the necessity of adding the hard surface in order to adequately provide for the heavy traffic which may at some future time make demands on this highway."

In sections farther from developed centers, graded roads, with proper drainage structures, constructed upon hard surface standards, will take care of rural traffic, he said, adding that as demands increased the highway could be gradually raised in type.

"North Carolina has three distinct geographical divisions," he continued. "The mountain section is made up of farming and mining industries, with numerous resorts so located as to take advantage of the wonderful scenery; the Piedmont section, or foothills, with its farms and other industries highly developed; and the flat coastal plain, with its excellent farms and industries claiming great attention for their transportation needs."

"These three great geographical divisions are divided into one hundred counties, and many more centers of population. It is the work of the state highway commission to connect these centers with a highway system, or a means of transportation which will adequately provide for the class of traffic which now exists and is expected in the near future."

The progressive type of construction plan is followed, he asserted, which ultimately will mean a complete system of paved highways, development proceeding as traffic demands increase.

"North Carolina has constructed many progressive type roads," Mr. Upham stated. "It already has completed its cycle by placing hard surfaces on roads which were previously graded and stabilized with selected soil material, although at present it has a reasonable mileage of graded roads in the newly developed localities. It is maintaining as sub-grade highways a large mileage of selected soils roads and thus affording a means of traffic to a great portion of the state."

NEW NATIONAL INDOOR TENNIS CHAMP

Mrs. B. C. Cole, 2nd, of North Andover, Mass., who has annexed the title of National Indoor tennis champion in the singles. She was also winner of the women's doubles with Mrs. Godfrey. Her new honors were won at the Tennis tournament held recently at Chestnut Hill, Mass., in which some of the most prominent stars of the net world competed.



RAILWAY EMPLOYES AFTER HIGHER WAGES

Chicago, April 17.—One railroad union has started a movement among rail employees for higher wages that is expected by United States railway labor board members to become general by the middle of summer. This union, made up of railway and steamship clerks, freight handlers, and express and station employees numbering about 200,000 and affecting about 50,000 more, is completing negotiations to ask the carriers for a return of rates of pay in effect prior to July 1921.

LOOK INTO CHARGES MADE BY DUDDING

Raleigh, April 17.—The State Prison Board in session today is considering the charges of cruelty made by E. E. Dudding of the Prisoners' Relief Society of Washington, D. C.

GIVES A MILLION TO DEVELOP EAST KENTUCKY

Frankfort, Ky., April 17.—E. O. Robinson, capitalist, has given \$1,000,000 and 16,000 acres of land for the educational and agricultural development of the mountains of eastern Kentucky.

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FORTY YEARS AS A DENTIST

Dr. J. H. White Perhaps Only Dentist in State With Such Record for Continuous Service in One Town

Dr. J. H. White of Elizabeth City holds a record for continuous service in one town of which perhaps no other North Carolina dentist can boast. On Saturday night of last week he completed the fortieth year of his stay in Elizabeth City, to which town he came immediately after completing his course in dentistry and began to practice his profession.

To speak of Dr. White as a success in the much overworked use of the term would be inadequate. The other members of the dental profession, however, voiced the sentiment of friends far and near, when they tendered him a turkey dinner at the Southern Hotel Saturday evening and with Dr. S. W. Gregory as spokesman told him something of the regard in which he is held in the profession and as a man.

Dr. White, to whom the dinner was entirely a surprise, was deeply appreciative of the tribute from his co-workers, said:

"Gentlemen, this occasion touches me very deeply. I regard this the highest honor I ever had paid me. For a man to have evidence of esteem and high regard from his co-laborers is certainly gratifying in the extreme. I do not use the word competitors, that is not the proper term in our relations with each other. I think co-laborers is much more fitting.

"The old adage 'a prophet is not without honor save in his own country,' shows how unusual it is for a man to be honored by those who know him best and are thoroughly acquainted with all his short comings and faults.

"Of the forty years I have practiced dentistry since I left college every bit of that work has been done right here in this town. I believe I am the only man in this state who has practiced dentistry continuously for forty years in one town, and has never practiced at all in any other place a day since graduation.

"I could have a great deal to say about the many changes that I have seen taken place in the practice of dentistry, in that time. But as they are so insignificant in comparison with the number that will doubtless take place in the next forty years, I will not have a thing to say about that.

"I have been so rash as to think the time will come when people will look to the dentist for health and longevity more than to the physician—who will be resorted to then about as we do the preacher when there is scarcely any hope left. This perhaps you will regard as a startling statement.

"But, gentlemen, think of the wonderful changes you have seen take place in the public regard and esteem for dentistry in the last ten years, or would it be more correct to say, in the last five years. If we advance as much in the next twenty-five years as we have in last five, who will undertake to say what place we will not occupy in the science of prevention of disease and the prolongation of life. In the floral garden of hope there grows a balm for every woe.

"While I do not propose to be through with the fight yet, this progress will have to be largely through the efforts of the younger members of the profession.

"Gentlemen, I wish it were in my power to express to you, as I would like to, my high appreciation of your kind thoughtfulness for me, and the high compliment and honor you have conferred upon me tonight.

"It would not have been so remarkable for you to have laid flowers upon my grave, but to have handed them to me while I can see and enjoy them, and experience such evidence of your kindly feeling for me, indeed touches my heart."

Besides Dr. White the dentists present were: Dr. S. W. Gregory, Dr. M. W. Harris, Dr. H. S. Willey, and Dr. William Parker.

GERMANS ATTEMPT TO WRECK TRAINS

(By The Associated Press)
Paris, April 17.—A Havas dispatch from Essen reports two unsuccessful attempts last night to wreck trains conveying French and Belgian cabinet ministers who are inspecting the Ruhr. No injuries resulted.

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GOOD CROWDS AT FIRST SERVICES

Congregations Monday Night Heard Able and In- spiring Sermons by Visiting Ministers.

Good congregations and bright prospects for a successful revival are indicated in the reports from the various pastors of the first services of the campaign.

Every pastor gives a glowing report of Monday night's services. The following from Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, pastor of the First Methodist Church is typical:

"Quite a goodly congregation greeted Dr. McLarty at his opening service at the First Methodist Church. He preached an excellent sermon on 'Seasons of Refreshing from the Presence of the Lord.' Besides inspiring congregational singing, Mrs. J. W. Foreman sang a solo and the children of the intermediate department had a special number. At the 9:30 hour Monday Dr. McLarty spoke very effectively on prayer."

"I have never heard his equal as a missionary, and he is one of the best speakers I have ever had the pleasure of listening to," says Rev. G. F. Hill, rector of Christ Church, of Dr. John Hartley. "We had a good congregation Monday night and the meeting at Christ Church is steadily growing in interest."

Dr. A. Paul Bagby won the hearts of his hearers at Blackwell Memorial and the outlook for a successful meeting is most encouraging, according to Dr. James H. Thayer, pastor of the church. Rev. L. B. Padgett of Farmville, leading the old, familiar songs, is making the music as much a part of the service as the sermon.

Rev. L. B. Hayes and his singer, A. N. Fisher, are both on hand for the services at City Road and the service Monday night is reported as having been greatly enjoyed by the large congregation attending.

At the First Baptist Church the crowd that heard Mr. Templeman Monday night was very nearly as large as that of Sunday, and members of the church are expressing gratification at the opportunity the meeting gives them of hearing their pastor more often and of getting better acquainted with him.

At Calvary Baptist Church Rev. W. C. Hughes was heard by a good congregation, and Mr. Hughes will continue to speak at Calvary every night throughout the campaign. Tuesday morning he spoke at the chapel exercises of the grammar school, first winning the undivided attention of his hearers, and then bringing them a message of real helpfulness and inspiration while their young minds were alert and keen.

TWILIGHT SEASON TO OPEN ON TIME

Baseball Players and Fans Happy at News That Baxter Property Again Available for Ballground.

That Twilight League baseball will start on time in Elizabeth City this season seemed assured Tuesday when the news spread that W. M. Baxter, who has allowed baseball fans and players for a long period of years to use the Main street ball park without one cent of payment in the way of rent, had again given his permission for such use of the grounds for at least the beginning of the season. This free use of the grounds, Mr. Baxter says, will be continued until such use interferes with his plans to lay off the present ball park into lots and streets.

Mr. Baxter not only consents to such free use of the grounds, it is stated, but does so freely and gladly, with real pleasure in being able once more to make this contribution to the happiness of Elizabeth City baseball fandom.

Plans are accordingly under way to open the baseball season in Elizabeth City at an early date. It is hoped that by the time Mr. Baxter needs the present park plans for an adequate baseball park in the Commander property recently acquired by the school board will have been worked out.

DISCUSSES RAILWAYS WITH THE PRESIDENT

Washington April 17.—Legislation to make effective the plans being worked out by the Interstate Commerce Commission for consolidation and regional supervision of the railroad systems of the country will be undertaken in the next Congress, Chairman Cummins of the senate interstate commerce committee said today after a discussion of the railroad problem with the President.

COTTON MARKET

New York, April 17.—Spot cotton closed steady, middling, 23.75; futures, closing bid, May 23.53; July 27.77; October 24.53; December 24.40; January 24.15.

New York April 17.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: May 23.53; July 27.43; October 24.57; Dec. 24.33; Jan. 24.05.