

Mill Blasts Rock Plymouth as Pipe Bursts at Boiler

Bricks, Window Glass, Hot Chemicals Hurlled by Second Explosion

The whole of Plymouth was rocked by a series of blasts last Saturday night at about 7 o'clock, when, for the second time within 24 hours, something went wrong in the boiler room at the pulp mill.

The first shocks were felt late Friday night, but did not cause much damage. On Saturday night, however, a large steel pipe was blown out close to the main boiler of the mill, bricks were scattered right and left, and hot liquid was splattered in every direction. Many window panes are reported to have been blown out, and workmen ran headlong from the building.

No serious injuries to any of the workmen were reported, however, and repair work began at once. The entire building was shaken badly each night, with one shock coming after another, and each increasing in force.

The vibrations were felt for a mile or more from the mill each time.

Hallowe'en Party Nets \$126 Profit For Local School

Money To Be Used for Buy- ing 48 Window Shades, Principal Says

Forty-eight new shades have been ordered for the windows of the Plymouth High School, and will be paid for with the \$126.24 profit from the Hallowe'en Carnival held last Friday evening.

Principal R. B. Trotman in announcing that the shades have been ordered, expressed the appreciation of the parent-teacher association, which sponsored the carnival, and the pupils of the high school for the support which the public gave.

"The carnival was a success from every standpoint, and it was the support given the school by the merchants, police department, parents and general public which made this possible," Mr. Trotman said. "The interest and enthusiasm on the part of the town was most gratifying."

Special Service Sunday At Church in Creswell

The Creswell Methodist Episcopal Church will observe the Week of Prayer by a service on November 10 from 5 to 8 o'clock, with intermission for supper. Mrs. H. T. Jackson, zone president, will preside at this service.

The offering will go toward increasing the fund for the relief and retirement of missionary workers of the church.

The public is invited.

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Elimination of Local Fire Hazards Urged by Mayor

Something should be done to either repair or remove the buildings in Plymouth which are unsightly and unsafe, Mayor B. G. Campbell told members of the city council this week.

He mentioned two buildings on Water Street, a garage on Washington Street, a home on Jefferson Street, and several other buildings as being especially bad.

These buildings represent a fire menace that is a danger to other homes and business property, he said.

"They give the city a bad appearance and at least one of them looks as though it might fall in at any time."

Unless something is done by the owners, it may be necessary for the city to take a hand in the matter, he added.

3 Lose \$5 Cash Prizes This Week's Drawing

Fail To Call for Lucky Numbers in 5 Minutes Allowed

Mrs. Harry Barnhill Wins \$20 First Prize; Crowds Show Growing Interest

Holders of three trade tickets lost \$5 cash prizes at the drawing in Plymouth this week by failing to be present when their numbers were called.

Mrs. Harry Barnhill, of Plymouth, won the first \$20 prize with a ticket from E. H. Liverman's store.

The second ticket, from Winslow's store, was unclaimed and declared dead after 5 minutes.

The third ticket, issued by the Sanitary Market, brought \$5 to Mrs. Fred McKinley, of Plymouth, and the fourth ticket was claimed by Miss Madeline Edmundson, of Plymouth, with a ticket from Campbell's Store. Quin Bland, colored, of Plymouth, won on the fifth number called with a ticket from Browning's store.

The sixth ticket was unclaimed. It came from the Yellow Front Market.

The seventh, from Liverman's, was pronounced dead also after 5 minutes.

Miss Evelyn Cowen, of Plymouth, won on the eighth number called, with a ticket from the Yellow Front.

Master Hugh Modlin drew the numbers this week. One of the largest crowds so far this year attended the drawing, showing the growing interest in the weekly event.

Creswell Parent-Teacher Group To Meet Thursday

The Creswell Parent-Teacher Association will hold its regular meeting in the school building next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, with Dr. S. V. Lewis as guest speaker. All parents and friends of the school are welcome to attend.

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Mail Car Wrecked In Crash on Road East of Mackeys

Driver Unhurt; Other Car Badly Smashed; Pulp Mill Worker Hurt

One man was reported injured and two machines badly damaged in a two-car crash on the highway about three miles east of Mackeys early Thursday morning.

One of the automobiles, driven by C. S. Vanlandingham, of Williamston, was carrying the U. S. Mail to Columbia from Plymouth, and the other contained several workers bound for the pulp mill.

W. M. Barry, 32, a plasterer employed by James Stewart & Co., was brought to Dr. Alban Papineau for treatment for a badly sprained shoulder.

As soon as word of the accident reached Plymouth, L. E. Jones, clerk in the post office here, was sent to pick up the mail and carry it on to Columbia, as the machine Vanlandingham had been driving was said to be badly wrecked.

Tom Lucas Given Reduction After Long Discussion

Asked Consideration Because Of \$1,000 Loss on Sale Of Land To Mill

The Plymouth City Council voted this week to allow Tom Lucas a \$300 abatement on his city paying taxes because of his part in bringing the pulp mill to Plymouth.

Mr. Lucas, in requesting this action by the Council, explained that he had suffered a personal loss of \$1,000 in order to help Attorney Z. Sprited citizens in their efforts to bring the mill here.

Mr. Norman came to me and asked me to let him know what I would sell my farm for if the pulp mill people decided to buy it as a building site," he said.

"He asked me to make the price just as low as possible so that it would be attractive to the company, and I finally agreed to sell for \$5,000, a price I had previously refused when a man wanted to buy it for farming."

"There was no written agreement, nothing but my promise to him that I would sell to anyone else and that I would sell to the mill. Months dragged by and no one knew whether the Kieckhefer Company was coming here or not."

"A speculator offered me \$6,000 cash for the property, but I had given my word and refused to sell. Finally the company took an option and I sold out at \$5,000."

"For weeks all the merchants in the town and your chief of police and other prominent citizens had been telling me not to go up on the price because the town needed the mill so badly."

"Now, I feel that had I come before the town at that time and asked for \$1,000, or enough to make up the personal loss I suffered, the town would have been quick to pay it rather than run the risk of having too expensive real estate here."

"In view of this personal sacrifice which I made in order to keep my word to Vance Norman and in order to help the whole town, I feel that it would be only reasonable of the town to give me a \$300 abatement on my paying taxes."

The councilors discussed the proposition for the better part of an hour with H. C. Sprull speaking in opposition to it and W. J. Mayo supporting him while several other councilors refrained from taking either side.

"I do not believe that Mr. Lucas has done anything more than keep his word, as any man should, and I do not feel that the town is in any position to pay him for being honest."

"It may be true that he set the price low in order to do his part toward attracting the company here, but he is not the only public spirited citizen we have—why should we reward him with a \$300 tax abatement while others are losing their homes because they can not pay?"

Bobby Glover Wins Roper Baby Prize At P. T. A. Show

"Glad Rags" Makes Big Hit With Teachers All as Old Maids

Bobby Glover is no doubt proud as a baby can be of the silver cup awarded him as the prize baby entered in the contest sponsored by the Roper Parent-Teacher Association last Friday.

Bobby was sponsored by the third grade children of the school.

The gay-costumed chorus girls and white-shirted, black-skirted old maids—these latter all members of the Roper faculty—made a big hit with the audience at the presentation of the show, "Glad Rags."

Principal D. E. Poole in suspenders, as an overall magnate, and Osborne Marrow as a high-pressure advertiser, man, likewise made a hit with the spectators.

Roper Girls Form Basketball Team

Organization of a girls' basketball team at the Roper High school began this week, with Miss Cordula Lanier, English teacher, slated for the job of coach.

Practice is expected to get under way shortly and if the girls do as well this year as they did last year, they will be doing very well, indeed, according to Principal D. E. Poole.

Among the girls who are expected to make up this year's team are Lula Angela, Beula Furlough, Eva Chesson, Ida Ruth Knowles, and Elsie Knowles.

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New Country Club Will Elect First Officers Next Week

W. W. Henderson Nominated For President; W. M. Cary For Vice President

Election of officers for the Plymouth Country Club will be held at the first annual meeting next Monday.

The names proposed by the nominating committee for the various offices are as follows: W. W. Henderson, president; W. M. Cary, vice president; W. C. Moeller, treasurer; E. A. Harper, secretary.

Trustees, proposed for one year terms are: E. S. Peele, L. J. Meunier, Sr., J. C. Swain, B. W. Beall, and H. M. Kieckhefer.

Trustees, nominated for three years, are: L. C. Odenath, L. J. Meunier, Jr., T. W. Earle, Roy Hampton, and M. J. Polk.

Only active members who have paid their club dues will be permitted to vote, W. W. Henderson announced in notifying club members of the election.

Creswell Pastor Resigns To Take Post in Reidsville

The Rev. R. O. Respass Has Done Much for Christian Churches of Section

The Rev. R. O. Respass, pastor of the Christian churches of the Creswell group, has resigned, it was announced this week, and will be the new pastor of the First Christian church in Reidsville.

Mr. Respass has been very successful in his work with the churches of Philippi, Scuppernon, Albemarle, and Columbia.

During his nine years as pastor a parsonage has been built at Creswell for the four churches, and classrooms have been added to the churches at Philippi and Albemarle. He is credited with having added 400 members to the church rolls.

Mr. Respass is a graduate of Johnson's Bible College, of Kimberly Heights, Tenn., and attended Atlantic Christian College in Wilson and the Eugene Bible University in Eugene, Oregon.

Carnivals Bring Lewd Shows, Council Told

Would Allow Time for Officials To Investigate Shows Before They Come

The carnival which came to Plymouth recently included certain features which were shameful, indecent, and a disgrace to any community calling itself civilized, declared T. C. Burgess at the city council meeting this week.

Councilman Burgess proposed that before any more shows, carnivals, or similar attractions are permitted to come into the town they be required to give at least 30 days' notice to the city council.

This would make it possible to investigate and determine whether they are to be as bad as those here recently, he said.

"One of the shows at this carnival was about as bad as it possibly could be; such things tend to corrupt the morals of an entire community," he continued.

"You cannot make people good by passing city ordinances," replied Councilman Sprull. "And there are already enough laws to permit closing up any show of this kind without passing more."

Other members of the council condemned the carnival for taking large amounts of money out of the town with gambling devices, which, they declared were "fixed" and fraudulent.

The council did not take any action on the motion made by Mr. Burgess, however, and it died for want of a second after several members pointed out that 30-day notice is probably more than even the best of traveling shows can give.

Some of the shows on the road are perfectly all right and give children, and adults as well, a great deal of good, clean amusement, it was said.

"If we had had a 30-day requirement of this sort, and it had prevented all of the shows that came to Plymouth this summer from coming, we certainly wouldn't have lost much," Mr. Burgess said.

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