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## WALNUT PEOPLE SERIOUSLY INJURED IN ACCIDENT NEAR HENDERSONVILLE

### Leicester Man Also Among Injured

A terrible accident happened near Hendersonville Tuesday morning when three men known in this section were seriously injured by a most unexpected explosion. The account as given in the Asheville Citizen Wednesday follows:

HENDERSONVILLE, May 20.—Three men were injured, one critically, here early Tuesday morning in the explosion of an asphalt sprayer tank which was mounted on a State Highway and Public Works commission truck.

The three men are Grady (Ted) Allen, 33, of Walnut; Wayne Davis, 33, of Leicester, and Troy McDevitt, 31, of Walnut.

Physicians at Patton Memorial hospital here Tuesday night, held little hope for the recovery of Allen, although his condition was reported unchanged.

Hospital attaches also reported as unchanged the condition of Davis, whose burns were not considered quite so severe as those suffered by Allen.

McDevitt, who suffered burns on the hands, was treated at the hospital, but did not remain there.

The explosion occurred about 6:45 o'clock at the loading station at the tracks of the Southern railway at Sixth avenue, East.

The three men, all state highway workmen, were engaged in resurfacing the Hendersonville-Greenville highway and were loading asphalt mixture into the truck when it exploded. The pump car and two trucks were badly damaged.

J. C. Walker, of Asheville, division highway engineer, and J. C. Northcott, road oil supervisor of the 10th district, made an investigation. Mr. Walker said that in his opinion the explosion was caused by cold naphtha coming in contact with hot naphtha which created spontaneous combustion.

Mr. Northcott said that Allen and Davis are experienced workmen and have been with the highway department for a number of years.

The explosion, which tore the end from the large steel tank on the truck shook nearby houses and tore down telegraph lines running overhead.

Approximately one fourth of Allen's skin surface was burned by the asphalt. Davis suffered severe burns. (Carried to last page)

## DECORATION AT LAUREL BRANCH

There will be a decoration at the Laurel Branch cemetery the first Sunday in June, 1941, which will be the first day of June, at 2:00 o'clock p. m. On the Saturday before the people are called upon to meet and clean off the cemetery. Those who have relatives buried there are urged to attend to this matter.

## FINE PROGRAM PRESENTED BY DORLAND-BELL

"DAVID COPPERFIELD" (BY CHARLES DICKENS) GIVEN BY SENIORS AT HOT SPRINGS

The play given by the seniors of the Dorland-Bell school at Hot Springs Tuesday night was said by those who saw it to have been a delightful presentation. One attendant said "It was just dandy." The cast was as follows:

David Copperfield, Jean Roberts; Mrs. Clara Copperfield, Jo Lee Kirk; Peggotty, Ruth Jenkins; Edward Murdstone, Delora Shelton; Jane Murdstone, Helen Hoppes; Wilkins Micawber, Mabel Lee Gavin; Mrs. Micawber, Eddie Runkin; Aunt Betsey Trotwood, Robena Garrison; Mr. Dick, Effie Tilson; Uriah Heep, Anne Fox; Agnes Wickfield, Iva Tilson; Jane Stork; The Strangers, Deniera Stone.

The play was presented under the direction of Miss Jane Morrow, a member of the Dorland-Bell faculty.

## ELECTRIC PROPERTY IN ASHE, ALLEGHANY & WATAUGA COUNTIES EXPECTED TO CHANGE HANDS

According to George T. Robbins, Manager of Northwest Carolina Utilities, Incorporated, with headquarters at Burnsville, his Company has entered into an agreement with the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation for the sale of its systems in Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga Counties to the Co-operative. If the sale is consummated in accordance with the terms of the agreement, the actual transfer of the properties will take place in July.

The Towns of Blowing Rock, West Jefferson, Sparta and Roaring Gap are the largest communities located in the territory involved in the prospective sale.

Northwest Carolina Utilities, Incorporated, furnishes electric light and power service in Western North Carolina and the property affected by the contemplated sale comprises only about one-third of the total territory served by the Company in North Carolina. The Company will continue to operate its system in Yancey, Madison, and Mitchell Counties, including the towns of Marshall, Mars Hill, Burnsville and Bakersville, and many of the surrounding industries.

Mr. Robbins stated the reason for the contemplated sale of this part of his Company's system was due to the fact that Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga property was composed of three isolated systems, which could be operated more economically by being physically interconnected. He added that it was too expensive, from an economical operating standpoint, for his Company to interconnect the 3 systems, since they could serve no additional customers from interconnecting lines between these systems, due to the fact that the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation is already serving all the territory between the systems, which are about 30 miles apart. On the other hand the Co-operative can very easily interconnect these systems with its present system. Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation is an REA Co-operative serving rural territory in Ashe, Alleghany, Caldwell and Watauga Counties, with Headquarters at Lenoir.

Mr. Robbins further said it was very expensive to provide electric service for small isolated systems, such as these, and since interconnection with the balance of the Company's main system was impractical, it was desirable to dispose of these isolated systems.

### ALL NIGHT WORSHIP

There will be an all night worship at the Laurel Seminary Baptist Church the first Saturday night in June, 1941. Some of the best speakers and singers are expected to be present.

Everyone is welcome.  
F. W. MORGAN, Pastor  
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## "GONE WITH THE WIND" TO SHOW HERE NEXT MONDAY AND TUESDAY



### Greatest Fire Sequence Ever Shot On Screen

There is a mixture of history and metaphors in the admission, but Hollywood technicians concede today that they almost met their Waterloo on Sherman's march to the sea.

This occurred in the filming of "Gone with the Wind," filmization of Margaret Mitchell's celebrated novel, which shows Monday and Tuesday, May 26-27, on the State screen. The complete, full-length picture will be shown for a limited engagement—nothing cut but the price.

The technicians wrested victory from the screen version of Miss Mitchell's novel, by a trick of sheer reality. They burned a replica of the Confederate military base in Atlanta, but not until the problem of stark destruction had almost baffled them.

Of thirty huge sets created from three thousand sketches, the most pretentious was that of the war-torn city of Atlanta, where munitions warehouses were burned by retreating soldiers.

Harold Fenton, construction superintendent, reproduced the scene of Atlanta in 1864 on twenty acres. Warehouses, cotton gins, lumber yards and a Confederate arsenal arose from a pattern of steel engravings and Civil War photographs. A train of wooden box cars was spotted

on the warehouse tracks. The call went out for 1200 extras and that night a crowd, estimated by Los Angeles police at 10,000 gathered in the Baldwin Hills south of the movie lot.

Lee Zavitz, special effects technician, took over. The group of 36 buildings, most of them three stories in height, was piped with a battery of spray nozzles, concealed in the doomed structures. A centrifugal pump connected on three 5000-gallon tanks served the system. Two tanks contained a mixture of gasoline and distillate. The third was full of water.

Lyle Wheeler, studio art director, who with William Cameron Menzies, designed the set, pressed the button that started the electrical ignition. The pump responded with tremendous pressure through the atomizing "fog nozzles." Flames sprang up in a dozen places, at times to a height of two hundred feet.

The admission for the showing will be 25c and 40c in the afternoon, and 50c to all at night. No passes are good for this showing. There will be two shows daily, at 2:00 p. m. and at 7:00 p. m. Be sure to get to the theatre in time for one or the other shows. The picture is approximately 4 hours long with an intermission of about 15 minutes.

## T. N. RAMSEY MURDER CASE IS SET FOR NEXT WEDNESDAY

### HONORED AT UNIVERSITY



Miss Helen Trentham, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. S. O. Trentham of Mars Hill, has been named secretary-treasurer of the college choir at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina.

Cut courtesy Asheville Citizen-Times

### SCORES HIGH IN SPORTS

MARS HILL, May 21 (Special).—Harold Trentham, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Trentham, of Mars Hill, scored 66½ points in track, this year, ending the season second from top in individual scoring averages.

Trentham participated in the shot put, high jump, and discus throw, and held a good record in each event. He scored 3 points against Emory university, 11 points against Furman university, 8 points against Tusculum, 15 points against Brevard, 5½ points against Milligan, 11 points in the Southeastern Junior College Conference meet held here May 10, and 13 points in a four way meet between Asheville school, Brevard, Blue Ridge, and Mars Hill, May 14.

Coach Dickerson's charges won 5 meets and lost 2. The first defeat was suffered at the hands of a powerful Furman university team who defeated the Lions 80-12 to 50-12; in the other unsuccessful meet, Milligan defeated the Mars Hillians 66 to 65. Mars Hill college scored a total of 541½ points to 370-12 points scored against them.

### HOWARD McDEVITT IN W. C. T. C. PLAY

Howard McDevitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. McDevitt, Walnut, plays the part of Tony Kirby, the romantic lead in the Moss Hart-George Kaufman comedy, "You Can't Take It With You," being presented by the Western Carolina Players on the campus of Western Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee, Thursday evening, May 22, at eight o'clock.

This is the fourth major role McDevitt has taken in dramatic productions this year. He played the title role in Tom Sawyer last summer; George Gibbs in Our Town; and Andrew Robinson in Stephen Foster.

## 195 FARMERS IN MADISON GET LOANS

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 20.—In Madison County, 195 farmers secured land bank and land bank commissioner loans totaling \$202,800 for the period May 1, 1933 to December 31, 1940, according to a release issued by the Farm Credit Administration of Columbia.

In 1940, 47 farmers of the county availed themselves of the short term credit service offered by their production credit association, the amount loaned being \$17,380.

Both national farm loan association and production credit association are affiliated with the Farm Credit Administration. Land bank and land bank commissioner loans are made for the purchase or improvement of farms or for the refinancing of mortgage indebtedness on farm land. Production credit loans are made for the growing of crops and livestock, and for almost every purpose for which a farmer needs short-term credit.

## Forty Criminal Cases On Docket For Next Week

According to the court docket for next week's Superior Court to be held in Marshall, the case of State vs. T. N. Ramsey, charged with the murder of his nephew, the late Mack E. Ramsey, attorney of Marshall, has been set for Wednesday, May 28. A list of the jurors from Buncombe County from which the jury is to be selected was published in this paper last week. Also a list of the Madison County jurors has been published in this paper. Besides the above mentioned case, thirty-nine criminal cases (Continued on last page)

## TO OPEN ON JULY 3

ROANOKE ISLANDERS PREPARE FOR FIFTH SEASON OF "THE LOST COLONY"

MANTEO, N. C.—Sponsors of Paul Green's historical drama "The Lost Colony" opening its fifth season on the site of the original colony here, July 3rd, predict its most successful summer as a result of the nationwide interest created by the recent appearance of feature stories on the famed "Lost colony of Roanoke" in such publications as The Ladies Home Journal and the Saturday Evening Post.

In order to make adequate preparation for the big season which Roanoke Island expects, President Fearing is rushing plans for getting everything into shape by July 3rd. He conferred this week with Paul Green, famed Pulitzer dramatist who wrote "The Lost Colony" gratis and solely for presentation here at the Nation's Birthplace, and Samuel Seiden, who won national recognition for his staging and directing of the drama since its inception.

## From Walnut

REVIVAL AT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

A revival is in progress at the Free Will Baptist church at Walnut this week. The pastor, the Rev. B. E. Guthrie, is being assisted in the preaching by the Rev. Sherman Rice.

## CLEAN-UP DAY AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Wednesday afternoon, May 21, was to have been clean-up day at the Presbyterian church in Walnut. Everyone's help was appreciated. The girls brought the lunches and a supper was served afterwards.

## Wendell McDevitt Makes \$2000 Bond

Wendell W. McDevitt, former Marshall postmaster, indicted for "violation of postal laws and regulations" and embezzlement by postmaster, made bond in the sum of \$2,000 for his appearance at the November term of court for trial. An instant capias had been issued for him the previous day after the grand jury returned the indictment.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

The Daily Vacation Bible School of the Marshall churches has been meeting each afternoon in the Marshall High School building for the past two weeks. We have had a splendid school with an average attendance of over 100. The Bible school commencement program will be held in the Marshall Methodist church, Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock. A brief review of the work which the children have been doing will be presented. Every one is cordially invited to attend this program.

## STATE THEATRE

2 SHOWS DAILY

Starting 2 p. m. - 7 p. m.

Box Office Opens

1:30 p. m. - 6:30 p. m.



### ADMISSION:

Matinee: Adults 40c  
Children 25c

Evening: 55c to all

(Pass list void on this picture).