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STORM WORKS

HAVOC IN HOKE

Cyclone in Upper Hoke Destroys Life and Property.

A cyclone visited the Ashley Heights section of Hoke county at 4:30 last Thursday morning and destroyed life and property. Two men died and several thousand dollars of property destroyed. A number of persons were injured more or less.

The storm came from the southwest, and first struck down on the Pickler farm a mile south of the village of Ashley Heights, and for a width of fifty yards wide and a mile and a half distance swept a path of all buildings and trees.

D. H. Johnson & Co.'s store was wrecked. It was a two story building, the second story was blown off and the walls of the whole building were cracked and left tottering ready to fall. Three men rooming upstairs were suddenly awakened by a fall with the collapsing building, falling to the first floor and being buried in brick, lumber and goods. The heavy rains following the storm damaged the large stock of goods in the store, rendering them almost valueless.

Mr. N. F. Sinclair's residence was unroofed, but the walls stood. He was injured somewhat, but his wife and children escaped unhurt. His garage was swept to the foundation, his car carried 50 feet and left bottom side up, a total wreck. A nice pig in the back lot was not badly injured but piled up with debris.

A filling station belonging to D. H. Johnson & Co., across the highway, built of brick was unroofed, had three walls swept away while one wall, the north side still stands.

The storm struck on E. R. Pickler's farm a mile south of Ashley Heights, feed barn and all outhouses demolished.

B. B. Sanders cotton gin, garage shop, peach packhouse, two dwellings, barns and 11 outhouses literally wrecked.

A. T. Bobbitt's dwelling and outhouses totally demolished.

Frank Hardister, dwelling and all outhouses were swept away. The money loss is estimated at \$50,000.

The following are dead: John Jones died from injuries a few hours afterward; his wife, Mrs. Jones, thought to be fatally injured, five children injured.

Unidentified young man killed. He was spending the night in village, and it is believed name is forgotten because of confusion caused by storm.

The following were badly injured:

J. A. Ingram, wife and four children, carried to Highsmith's hospital, badly injured.

A man named Dewar from Georgia, peach packer, now at Sanatorium. Duncan Thompson, Joe Ruffin and son, who slept in the upstairs apartment of D. H. Johnson & Co. store, badly bruised and lacerated.

It was a twister, and wrung the trees leaving them near the ground looking something like ground cane stalks.

A commendable spirit was manifest in the owners of the property destroyed. They went right to work getting things together to proceed with business. Their first care was for the dead and injured. The injured were carried to hospitals.

Help for the storm sufferers has started, and it is hoped people will be as liberal as they possibly can.

An Explanation.

The Journal stated some weeks ago, that the Board of Education in Hoke had increased the pay of its members, while the Board of County Commissioners find no law allowing the increase of their per diem. It appears, furthermore, that the present Board of Education resent that statement, as it may be construed as applying to the present board only, and we are now informed that former boards for some years have allowed their members the same per diem allowed to members of the present board. We wish to explain to the present board. It turns out to be legal for the present board. By act of the Legislature of 1923 the compensation of boards of education was fixed at not to exceed \$5 per day and mileage. At the organization of the county, the law provided that this board allow its members the same as county commissioners are allowed, and the law fixed that per diem at \$4 per day for the chairman of the board, and \$3 per day for the other members. If we are wrong, consult the statute, but their Buddies across the hall are getting no more than commissioners were paid in 1911, and honestly, we didn't know about that 1923 law until Saturday.

Mother Goose Party.

On Thursday afternoon from four to six o'clock at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Smith, little Dixie McQueen Smith entertained about twenty of her friends.

A Mother Goose contest was enjoyed, and an attractive book of Mother Goose rhymes, being won by Mary Thomas Carswell.

In the other contest, "pinning on the donkey's tail," Mary Lewis was the successful contestant.

In an interval of quiet the children had ten minutes of "story telling" from Mother Goose. Little Mollie Cameron, Mary Ellen Thomas, Mary Thomas Carswell and Mary Lewis told the stories to the children who gave them enthusiastic attention.

During the evening Mother Goose records were played on the Victrola.

Refreshments consisting of animal shaped cookies and Dixie cups followed by delicious home made mints were served. The favors were Mother Goose whistles.

EDGAR RILEY

1868-1928

Edgar Riley has gone to his well earned reward. He will be greatly missed by his neighbors and in his County and in Hoke County.

He was an honorable, upright citizen. A distinguished citizen of our County and one quite ob servant of men and things said: "Mr. Riley was always on the right side if a question or proposition could be divided into two parts, right and wrong. Mr. Riley could be depended upon as favoring and working for the right and it was never necessary to investigate any further, and I always felt safe to follow him."

What a wonderful tribute and how true!

Edgar Riley has left to his family and friends a legacy that money cannot buy. "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches."

L. B. McBRAYER.

Dr. McBrayer and Mr. Riley were neighbors for years. Your neighbors know you.—EDITOR.

SHORT NEWS ITEMS.

The Journal ads are news.

Wagram schools start Sept. 3rd, same day Raeford schools open.

Mr. Marvin Blue of Birmingham, Ala., is visiting relatives in town.

The boll weevil is having a good chance for a good start whatever he does.

The tobacco crop has been practically gathered and cured in Hoke county.

Fairmont has voted sixty thousand dollars bonds for the purpose of building a good hotel.

Tobacco buyers in Georgia are charged with being in confusion to keep the price of the weed down.

The Hoke Motor Co. have put down new concrete sidewalk in front of their building on Main street.

From the coast they are shipping in, we conclude some people in this town expect a change in temperature.

Joe Daniels held a conference with Al Smith last week, and assured the presidential nominee of the support of the South. See?

Mr. A. I. Newman left some China squashes at the Bank of Raeford, that are about a yard long. They resemble long boards.

Thieves stole two cars from Sheriff McMillan of Robeson in one week, would have stolen more, doubtless, if he had had them.

A washout between Ashley Heights and Aberdeen on the A & R. last Thursday morning stopped the trains on that road for two days.

A cyclone struck down at Farmville in Pitt county, also in Greene and Lenoir counties on Monday of last week, doing quite a lot of damage to buildings and crops.

Battery F spent last Friday in target practice on their rifle range on the Fort Bragg reservation five miles north of town. The boys made good records in this practice.

The roads in the upper part of Hoke and in Moore county were pretty well wiped off the map last week by the floods that came. And the same is true of all dirt roads from Raeford north and west.

The heavy rains that visited the Atlantic states last week were unusual, for they amounted to floods in most sections, and were accompanied almost everywhere with strong winds, storms in many places.

The rains were a great deal heavier north and west of Montrose than in this immediate section, and were very heavy all through the Piedmont section last week, and floods in rivers were commonly reported.

Editor White is reported to have retracted what he had published against Candidate Smith, and then in two days we read that White denies all this, so you do not know what to believe in these mixed days.

Mr. J. A. McDiarmid, chairman of the board of Hoke county, also commissioners W. B. McNeill and R. F. Stewart, and County Auditor J. A. McGoogan attended the meeting the State commissioners' convention at Wrightsville last week. That meeting concluded to provide for an eight months' school term as soon as they could see a way to pay for it.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Rowland have returned from a visit to the seacoast.

Mr. Hector McBryde is out again after an illness of two weeks duration.

The people of this state bought nearly seven thousand new automobiles in July.

Miss Lillian Austin of Maxton returns to her Mission field in Korea August 25th.

Mr. John Maultsby, Jr., came home from Montrose sick last Thursday. He has since recovered.

Mrs. Max Heins and little daughter of Sanford spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Blue.

Mrs. Lillian Blue McEachern and little son and daughter of St. Pauls are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Blue.

47 cars of peaches were shipped from Farmington this season, and the Harport News says the prices were satisfactory.

Rev. N. C. Yearby is assisting Pastor W. D. Trawick in a series of meetings at Concord church above Blount Springs this week.

Antioch Sunday School picked up at White Lake on Tuesday of last week, and carried a large per cent of the church membership.

Mrs. Pearl Holliday and daughter, Miss Evelyn, and son Master William of Miller City, visited relatives in Ashley Heights and Raeford last week.

Rev. J. C. Hays assisted Rev. C. D. Hays in a series of meetings at Rockfish last week, and preached at St. Pauls Baptist church Sunday night.

We are requested to say that the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church will hold an inspirational meeting in the church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The General Motors Corporation has three billion dollars capital working for them and added a strong man force, so they manufacture and sell automobiles in large numbers.

The Robesonian says there are 19,702 persons in Robeson of school age, but that doesn't justify the hunk of money Robeson drew from the State's equalization fund last year.

Mr. T. B. Upchurch grew a watermelon this year that weighed 53½ pounds. This was of the Tom Watson variety, which is a melon worth growing, and is the largest one reported to The Journal this season.

The cotton crop will be fairly good in Hoke, if the boll weevil doesn't eat it later. But there are farms with poor stands, and wilt has effected the plants in sandy land, so taking the crop over the county, it will not be as large yield as last year.

Evangelist B. Townsend is preaching at 11 a. m., and at 8 p. m. in the Baptist church, assisting Pastor J. E. Hoyle in a series of meetings. He is preaching strong gospel sermons, and the people are delighted with his manner of dealing with wrong conduct.

The property listed for taxation in Hoke this year amounts to \$9,850,000, which is nearly a million dollars reduction in values, and taking this into consideration, the County Commissioners in extra session Saturday afternoon fixed the tax rate for the current year at \$1.20, same as it was last year.

Tax Reform Begins at Home.

"Clearly the solution of our own local tax problem is local," said the Wall Street Journal recently. New England is already beginning to perceive that imposing heavy tax burdens on the textile industry is no way to secure employment, profits and prosperity. The farmer in the West is carrying a much heavier burden in taxes than freight rates ever imposed. It was his own politicians who imposed the taxes after they had fooled him into believing that somebody else would pay them. Here is another case where reform begins at home.

"This is a subject which requires much more discussion than it has ever received. Our local tax burden is more than twice as heavy as that imposed for Federal purposes and it is growing worse at the rate of \$1,000,000,000 a year."

Various ways of bringing about reform have been suggested. Many of them are valuable and practical, such as more explicit and standardized budget laws. But the difficulties in the main are unsolved and the tax burden imposed by local units of government continues to soar skyward.

The tax situation must be considered one of the most important problems of the times. If the reason is the obvious one—that politics has deserted business methods—it is high time that we put business again into government before the expense reaches such dimensions that it permanently damages our prosperity.

A Century of Railroad History.

Probably few Americans, to whom the spectacle and service of a great railroad train that carries them swiftly and safely over thousands of miles of track is nothing unusual, know that it was one hundred years ago that the modest, experimental antecedents of the great monsters of today came into being in this country.

In 1828 work was started on our first railroad line, the Baltimore and Ohio. And two years later, in 1830 there were but 13 miles of rail in use. In 1926, after the passage of less than a century, railroad mileage totaled 412,361; there were 1,833,398 employees, and the lines paid combined federal, state and local taxes of over \$1,000,000 a day.

The story of this tremendous progress is one of the greatest of modern American romances.

What our grandfathers laughed at were destined to become the necessities of the future. Few people of the time would have believed that the absurd little engines and cars were the beginning of an industry which was to be called the backbone of modern life.

The railroads were built by men of vision, working towards an ideal. They are an example of what American initiative, efficiency and science can do.

Cox-McVicker.

Mr. Robert Cox and Miss Margaret McVicker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. McVicker, were quietly married at the residence of Rev. A. D. Carswell, the officiating minister, on Saturday evening, August 4th, 1928. Congratulations!

25 Watches for sale for repairs J. L. WILSON, 221 Person St. Fayetteville, N. C.

Hoke Superior Court.

Superior court convened Monday morning with Judge N. A. Sinclair of Fayetteville presiding. The grand jury was instructed rather than charged, as this jury serves for 12 months and set to work.

The first two days were allotted to the trial of State offenses, while the civil docket is supposed to be taken up Wednesday morning, but it is hard to gauge court work, but several cases are calendared for Wednesday and Thursday of the civil docket.

Judgment rendered in State cases may be found on page 4.

I'm glad I did all my courting when love was cheap—look at Henry J. Austin taking Mary Gold out for the evening—a taxi to some swell restaurant for dinner—then a taxi to the theatre where they have two seats the speculator sold for \$13.20—after the show he must take her for a bite of lunch where they charge two dollars for the use of their table cloth—and a meal costs more than I paid for Minnie's wedding ring—then a taxi home and the young romeo has spent more for that one evening's entertainment than a honeymoon cost thirty years ago.—Andy Gump.

For anything you may want in the lines of goods sold by Baucom's Cash Store, it will pay you to investigate their goods and prices.

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For Rent—Eight-room house on Prospect Avenue; house has water and lights and a large garden. Price \$25 per month. For information see D. A. Brock, Raeford, or write to sign Alex M. Patterson, 11 S. S. Pennsylvania, San Francisco, California.