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vorable publicity. War Department officials at Washington cleared up the matter only after a cameraman had been taken from the scene of the wreck by military police.

Investigations of the tragedy have been carried out by the FBI which reported that there was no sabotage involved; by the railroad company, and by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Coroner D. W. Biggs of Robeson County said: "It was absolutely an accident and there will be no inquest for that reason."

Farmers nearby were the first to arrive to assist with rescue work. Dr. H. H. Hodgkin and Lucy Preatte of Red Springs, of the county police department were among the first to arrive. They were soon joined by Dr. C. T. Johnson and his office nurse and Dr. Roscoe D. McMillan and his nurse, Miss Sallie Currie. Miss Currie broke her ankle on the ice but insisted on Dr. McMillan remaining on the scene and refused to leave until several hours later.

William C. Bullitt, former ambassador to Russia, and his daughter were among the passengers on the train. Miss Grace Moore, movie and opera star and her husband were also on the train. They were uninjured and her husband, Valentin Parea, aided in the rescue work.

Hospital unit men from military bases had searched every part of the four badly smashed coaches by late Saturday afternoon when the last body, that of a soldier, was removed and taken to Red Springs.

The trains were both made up of about 18 cars each and were loaded with holiday travelers, a large percentage of which were service men. The conductor on the northbound train estimated that there were 250 persons in the three coaches which were so badly smashed.

Frank Belknap, engineer on the northbound Champion, stated that "The headlights of the derailed train so blinded me I was unable to see any effort to flag my train. The three en-

School News

The following holiday schedule will be observed in the county schools:

White schools closed December 21, and reopen Wednesday, December 29. Colored schools closed the 23rd, and reopen the 29th.

Indian schools closed the 23rd and reopen Monday, December 27.

At a principals meeting Monday, hours for opening and closing of schools were set back 30 minutes. The schools in Raeford will open at 9:55 A. M., and the county schools will open at 9:30. All buses will set back their schedules 30 minutes until such time as the weather and lengthening of daylight hours permit moving time up again.

Serious damage to plumbing in the Rockfish and Mildouson schools was caused by the severe weather of last week.

The operetta scheduled for the Rockfish school on December 22, will be given on Friday, December 31.

Miss Johnson's first grade at Raeford Grammar school gave a very much enjoyed Christmas Chapel program Monday.

Many visitors attended the fine Christmas program given Tuesday at the Mildouson school.

Mrs. Jennie Smith, manager of the lunch room at Raeford Graded school has been very ill. She is improving.

Engines powering my train were almost opposite the engine of the derailed train before I saw a man waving at me, and another on the opposite side of the track. Previous to that, there had been no warning torpedoes or fuses on my track."

It was estimated that about 150 injured were treated by hospitals in Lumberton, Fayetteville and at the army bases. Many have been discharged, but forty-four, including 13 civilians remain. Three have been reported as dying from injuries.

The wreck occurred on the coldest night of the winter in this section. Sleet had fallen Wednesday morning for several hours to be followed by snow which covered the ground to about three inches. Throughout the three days in which the rescue work was going on the temperature rarely got above freezing.

Poole's Medley

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delight in loving one another, but no human ever got any pleasure out of a fight. If he won it, the compensation was brutal at its best.

Old John Baton said he once caught a whole drove of wild turkeys in a pen at one time, tied their legs together with a plow line, opened the top of the pen, and those turkeys flew away, and he had to turn them loose, and the plowline caught to the limbs of a large nearby pine, and this proved to be a rich betree, when he cut in down to get his turkeys and plowline. That is a campaign lie, of course, but amusing.

Two of our old neighbors actually seemed jealous of each other because each could tell a bigger lie. The wife of one said she never believed anything her husband told her until she heard it from some other source.

People used to raise chickens on a different basis from that now used. They allowed their hens to raise families. Some chickens on father's place went wild; I hunted and shot them.

I have an idea beetrees are scarce, but there are some in the woods for they left Raeford without telling their folks goodbye. They swarmed and pitched, but refused to occupy the gum provided for them. They pitched on limb of a tree, made honeycomb, but left that when they went away.

Mrs. Edwin Lytch Dies At Scotland Home

Laurinburg, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Edwin Lytch, member of a prominent Scotland County family, died at her home on the Xway road near Laurinburg Friday night.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home.

Mrs. Lytch was a daughter of the late A. P. and Sallie Gibson. She was educated at Greensboro College.

Surviving are her husband, Edwin Lytch; a daughter, Mary Louise Lytch of Laurinburg; three sisters, Mrs. Eugenia Harris, Upper Darby, Penn., Mrs. W. P. Breeden, Bennettsville, and Mrs. Ernest Barker, Rowland; and a brother, Jeptha Gibson of Gibson.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE
Under and by virtue of an order of the Board of Education, "ho in regular session found, as a fact, that the following described tract of land, is of no further use as a school site:

The undersigned will, on the 24 day of January 1944 at 12 o'clock noon at the courthouse door in Raeford, North Carolina offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash that certain tract of land lying and being in McLauchlin Township, Hoke County, North Carolina adjoining the lands of the Charlie Mumford estate, Moses Pittman and others, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a stake where lands of the Charlie Mumford est. and Moses Pittman corner, and runs N 30 East

SCOTLAND THEATRE LAURINBURG

Programme For Week Beginning December 23rd

Friday - Saturday Blazing Guns

Hoot Gibson - Ken Maynard Shorts and Chapter 14 "Secret Service in Darkest Africa"

Monday - Tuesday Tahiti Honey

Dennis O'Keefe - Simone Simon. Paramount News - Airways of Peace

Wednesday - Thursday Thumbs Up

Brenda Joyce - Robert Frazier Also "Champions Carry On" and Other Short Subjects

Friday - Saturday King of the Cow Boys

with Roy Rogers Also "Farmer Gene Sarazen" and Chapter 15 of "Secret Service in Darkest Africa"

70 yards; thence S. 57o East 70 yards; thence S. 3o West 70 yards; thence N. 57o West 70 yards to the beginning. Containing 1 acre more or less.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

This 23 day of December 1943.

K. A. MacDonald, Secretary

41-29-32

WANT ADS

FOR SALE—Young Jersey cow, with first calf. Mrs. Maggie Newton, Red Springs, Route One. 1tp.

FOR RENT—2 Room Downstairs Apartment. Completely Furnished. Mrs. Zeb E. McDaniel 1tp

FOR RENT—Our Sandy Blue Farm in Quewhille township. 50 1-2 acres of crop land. Good house—fine water, and big good barn. Half cropper also considered. Mrs. Paul Dickson 2t c

FOR SALE—Good Coal Heater, fine for bedroom or other medium sized room. Mrs. Paul Dickson 1t c

WANTED TO BUY—Clean Stove Wood. Reaves Drug Store.

WANTED—All people suffering from kidney trouble or backache to try KIDDO—97c. Money back guaranteed. Hoke Drug Co. 21-37pd

FOR SALE
Cokers Red Heart Seed Wheat, Fulgrain Oats—Abruzzi Rye—Best for This Section. Produced by Clarence Lytch

Women of Hoke County. This Is A Vital Job For Which You Are Urgently Needed. Join The WAC. Help Speed Him Back.

FOR SALE—Fire Starters. Delivered in town. Harmless compound for starting fires. Phone 5246. Rowland Covington. 26-tfc

Women of Hoke County. This Is Your Opportunity To Help Share The Responsibility of Your Brothers In Uniform. Join The WAC. Help Speed Him Back.

PERMANENT WAVE, 59c! Do your own Permanent with Charm-Kurl Kit. Complete equipment, including 40 curlers and shampoo. Easy

GIBSON THEATRE LAURINBURG

Programme For Week Beginning December 23rd

Thursday Never A Dull Moment

Ritz Bros.—Frances Langford

Friday The Mad Ghoul

Evelyn Ankers—David Bruce

Saturday Christmas Day

Box Office Opens At 12 noon

Campus Rhythm

Johnny Downs—Gale Storm

Sun—Mon—Tues Guadalcanal Diary

Preston Foster - Loyd Nolan - Richard Conte - Anthony Quinn Also

News of the Day Mon. -Tues.

Wednesday Calling Dr. Death

Lon Chaney, Jr. - Gale Sondergaard Selected Short Subjects

Thursday - Friday The Man From Down Under

Charles Laughton - Binnie Barnes Also Fox Movietone NEWS

to do, absolutely harmless. Praised by thousands including Fay McKenzie, glamorous movie star. Money refunded if not satisfied. Reaves Drug Store 10t-26-35

Women of Hoke County. This Is A Perfect Basis To Apply Your Patriotism. Join The WAC. Help Speed Him Back.

WANTED—Tennant, Tobacco farmer, single or with family. Either share crop or hire by month. 2tp C. M. Douglas, Raeford R4.

WANTED TO BUY—old, used iron cords, kodaks. Reaves Drug Store.

LIVE TURKEYS—for sale—12 to 25 pounds. Mrs. N. H. G. Balfour, Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge, N. C. 2tp 28-29

FOR SALE — one bull 2 years old; one bull 1 year old. Jim Lentz, Raeford. 2tp 28-29

WELL'S HORMOFORT. 4 - 9 - 3, for plant beds, now in stock. The Johnson Company.

COKER'S Pedigreed Tobacco seed a here. Get your seed early. We have the new "400" variety. The Johnson Company.



Yuletide draws people closer together, helps us all towards quiet friendliness and group enjoyment of days like Christmas.

A most proper time for us to express our sincere appreciation for your friendship, and to wish for you an abundance of Christmas joy.

THE LADIES SHOP



THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS, dominating the world stage, once more has incredibly rolled aside the clouds of war. There is still beauty in common things, still good in the world, and we are all grateful for the glowing interval of Yuletide. As for ourselves, we are also grateful for your loyalty to us during 1943, and extend the season's best wishes to all.

THE RAEFORD THEATRE

Thursday Only The Return Of The Vampire

Friday Only "Silver City Raiders" Open at 2 p. m. Russell Hayden—Bob Wells and Texas Cowboys

Christmas Day "Hi Diddle Diddle" Open at 2 p. m. Adolphe Menjou Martha Scott

SUNDAY ONLY Shows At 3-5-9 P. M. Hit Parade John Carrol Susan Heyworth Count Basie and His Orchestra

MONDAY and Tuesday Show Starts at 5:30 Winter Time Sonja Henie Jack Oakie

Wednesday ONLY Shows Starts at 5:30 Squadron Leader X Eric Portman Beatrice Varley

Thursday Friday Open 5:50 China Girl Gene Tierney George Montgomery



OD BLESS YOU, merry gentlemen, let's get the Yule log burning. Bring on the viands and let the joy be unconfined, for Christmas comes but once a year. At this holiday time, as in the past, we are mindful of our indebtedness to you for your generous patronage, and pledge once more our determination to be still more deserving of your friendship.

RAEFORD DRY CLEANERS

RED SPRINGS THEATRE

PROGRAMME FOR WEEK BEGINNING DECEMBER 23rd

Friday Dec. 24 "SAHARA" Humphrey Bogart and J. Carroll Naish in

Extra Special Fri. Nite 10:30 Three Mequiteers in "The Blocked Trail"

Sat. Dec. 25 Till 10:30 P M Charles Starrett in "Fighting Buckaroo"

Extra Special Sat. Nite 10:30 "CHATTERBOX" Judy Canova Joe E. Brow

Mon. - Tues. Dec. 27-28 "Girl Crazy" Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland

Wed. Dec. 29 Matinee 3:30 Nite 7 and 9 Tom Conway in "Falcon And Co-eds"

Thurs.-Fri. Dec. 30-31 Betty Grable in "Sweet Rosie O'Grady"