

STATE NEWS

Items in Brief Form For Busy Readers

Statesville, Oct. 10.—Will Price, local negro, following a hearing in Mayor's Court today on a charge of robbing and burning a drug store here early this morning, was remanded to jail in default of a \$5,000 bond. The local fire department was called to South Center street this morning at 2:30 when the interior of H. S. Byers Drug store was found to be in flames. It was discovered that fire was raging in the rear and in the center of the store room and examination revealed that the back door had been entered and more than \$300 worth of merchandise had been taken away. The evidence indicated that the store had been set on fire in two places. The missing goods were later found hidden in a ravine about two blocks from the store. A pistol belonging to the druggist was found in Price's home. Price is being held in jail on charges of arson, housebreaking and robbery.

Asheville, Oct. 11.—Misses Gertrude and Florence Gray, sisters, were at the bedside of their sick step-mother, Mrs. B. C. Gray today at the Mission Hospital because they had nerve enough to "hitch-hike" their way 2,100 miles from Flint, Mich. Hearing of the illness of their step-mother and not having but \$3 between them the young women determined to "bum" rides and walk to Asheville. They had not been in this city, their former home for eleven years. They said today that they were treated nicely by everyone whom they asked for a ride but sometimes in overloaded trucks and run-down automobiles the going was pretty rough. They made the trip without mishap by way of Detroit, Cleveland and Pittsburgh.

Raleigh, Oct. 12.—Here's a story Governor Gardner brought back from Kings Mountain. The Governor had explained to Mrs. Hoover that Mrs. Gardner was not present because of the recent death of her father. During the ceremony Mrs. Hoover called Max, Jr., aged eight to her side and asked him to deliver a message to his mother. "I want her to come to see me at the White House, and I want her to bring you with her and you can play on the grounds and have a fine time," was the message. It was an alluring picture, but there was one thing which troubled the youngster and on the way back to Shelby he unburdened himself. "Daddy, is it true that Mrs. Hoover is a Republican?"

he wanted to know. "Yes, she is a Republican," replied the governor. "I don't believe it," exclaimed the boy. "She's is too nice. Nobody as nice as she is could be a Republican."

Raleigh, Oct. 12.—Strong indorsement and backing of the tobacco co-operative marketing movement in North Carolina have been given by prominent state leaders in letters to Dr. Joseph G. Knapp, of State College, acting secretary of the tobacco organization committee. A dozen or more letters have been received by Dr. Knapp from leaders in different fields of activity in this and other states expressing active interest in the movement.

Raleigh, Oct. 12.—Featuring Governor O. Max Gardner's "live at home" program, North Carolina's "greatest state fair" will open Monday at the fair grounds, three miles west of Raleigh. It will close Saturday at midnight. Governor Gardner will formerly open the exhibition with an address at the grand stands. The exposition will depict agricultural and industrial developments of the state with special emphasis on the "live at home" movement. Governor Gardner has declared Thursday a holiday for all state office employes in order that they may attend the fair.

Charlotte, Oct. 12.—Carl E. Bailey, former American Trust company employee charged with aiding three other men to rob the bank truck he drove of \$64,000, made bond of \$10,000 today and was released from Mecklenburg County jail. With victor S. Hunter, Walter Thomas and Richard McManus, of Union county, also under \$10,000 bond in the "fake" hold-up staged October 1, Bailey is scheduled to be tried at the term of Superior Court opening here November 10. All but \$300 of the stolen money has been recovered.

Goldsboro, Oct. 12.—The worlds' champion chicken thief, George Allen, Franklin County negro, was captured by Goldsboro police on Saturday morning and placed in the city lockup. At the time of capture he carried a sack containing six chickens. Last year Allen was arrested here charged with larceny of a large number of chickens. At the same time, however, he was wanted in Franklin county for stealing. It was said, two or three thousand chickens. Officers took him to that county where he served a term on the roads. Recently he returned to Wayne, and it is believed he is responsible for a large per cent of the chicken thievery that has been going on in and around Goldsboro recently.

Asheville, Oct. 10.—Two people are dead and two others who narrowly escaped death, are suffering from severe shock and burns as the result of an unsuccessful attempt to string a radio aerial across a high tension power line outside the home of Bill Stamey in Canton early this morning. The tragedy occurred

when Pressley, who was installing a radio at the Stamey home, attempted to throw the aerial across the power line carrying 4,400 volts, as he was stringing it from a tree to the house. The light wire, according to neighbors, fell across the power line and Wright, who came to his assistance, was fatally burned when he grasped the end on the ground. Wright's arm was burned away and his lungs, chest, abdomen and head were badly burned. Pressley who was "grounded" by the electrical contact, had one hand burned away and his body badly scorched in several places. Seeing her husband caught in the current which had already set fire to the grass about the yard and was burning in bluish crackling spurts. Mrs. Wright attempted to release him. She was knocked a distance of five feet and rendered unconscious. At her home tonight she was reported suffering from shock and severe burns on her right foot. Physicians stated, however that she would recover.

Lexington, Oct. 6.—T. L. Russell, of Denton, has in his possession what has been identified as a meteorite weighing about 160 pounds, according to information received here. The specimen is being sought by the state museum, it is said. Shavings bored from the object were recently sent the museum, which is said to have made the identification. Mr. Russell picked up the object near the Davidson - Montgomery county line three or four years ago, it is said, and kept it merely as a curio. Following the recent discussion of an exploding meteor in the Greensboro section, and search for specimens, Mr. Russell's find attracted attention. It is said to contain three different kinds of metal apparently and despite its weight, is only a little larger than a man's head.

CYCLE NEWS

Our section is very dry and farmers are at a loss to know whether to sow wheat or not. As a partial result of recent meetings held at Mountain View Baptist church, seven candidates were baptized by the pastor Sunday morning; two were received by letter, running the membership up to 177. The church started twenty-one years ago with 17 members. They are completing a nice frame building which will furnish a large auditorium with Sunday school to annex in case of an overflow. At the close of the service Sunday the congregation made up enough money to build a large pool in which to baptize. A gentleman came through our village Saturday on his way from Alabama to Illinois. He seemed to be in ill-luck, as he camped fifteen miles below Yadkinville Friday night, getting up early in order to drive to Lenoir for breakfast. On arriving at Lenoir he discovered his pocketbook was gone, along with all the money he had. So he turned back to where he had camped below Yadkinville and found his money there on the ground, so he said. Our neighborhood is becoming very much accustomed to wrecks. Sunday, a week ago, the pop man from Wilkesboro, ran over a Ford just below Marler and completely demolished it. The same day, just north of Marler, some one ran into Mr. J. H. Stokes, of Winston-Salem, and about ruined his Chevrolet. Friday night, near Cycle, a Mr Segraves

and a Mr. Bryant ran together and almost completely ruined both cars. I am informed that Mr. Melvin Turner and some one had a collision some time last week, and sent two more demolished cars to the garage. One notable thing about it is the fact no one was hurt, even a scratch, we are told.

The school opened at Oak Grove school house Monday morning with all the teachers present, and a goodly number of students. Visitor: "Where's the other windmill gone?" Native: "We only had wind enough for one, so we took the other one down." Kitty: Jack says he can read me like a book. Phyllis: You mustn't take Jack too literally, dear. He probably means that you are a very plain type. Broker: I put a friend of mine on his feet three times in the last three years. Jones: That's nothing! I put a friend of mine on his feet 14 times last night.



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