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## 75 Men Meet Death In Crash of Akron; Rescue Airship Also In Wreck

### BLIMP GLIDES TOO LOW IN SEARCH OF VICTIMS; 2 DROWN

#### Rear Admiral Moffett Among Those Lost In Major Disaster

#### CAUGHT IN STORM

New York, April 4.—In a blinding electrical storm, the Akron, mightiest dirigible ever to cruise the skies, was plummeted into the turbulent Atlantic today about 20 miles off the New Jersey shore, and by dusk tonight hope had waned for 71 missing members of the crew.

Of the 76 men aboard the "mistress of the skies" as she crashed, four were rescued, but one of them died before he was brought ashore. A day of searching by water and by air brought the discovery of only one body of the ill fated crew floating on the ocean.

Fourteen hours after this major disaster, the J-3, non-rigid navy airship, crashed into the sea 1,000 yards off the Jersey coast, with a loss of two lives, as she searched for Akron victims.

Rear Admiral William A. Moffett, chief of the navy bureau of aeronautics, was among those lost in the Akron. Aroused from sleep by the storm, he had been in the control room shortly before the accident.

The three Akron survivors are: Lieutenant Commander H. V. Wiley, of Lakewood, N. J., executive officer and second in command, who was at the controls.

Moody E. Erwin, of Memphis, Tenn., metalsmith.

Richard E. Deal, of Lakehurst, N. J., boatswain's mate.

The rescued man who later died was Robert W. Copeland, of Lakehurst, N. J., chief radio operator.

Twelve hours after the crash the body of Lieutenant Commander Harold E. MacLellan, of Westerly, R. I., was picked up by a coast guard cutter near the scene of the disaster.

Lieutenant Commander David E. Cummins, of Prescott, Ark., commander of the J-3, who was taken from the water unconscious after the blimp accident, died a short time later.

The body of Pasquale Bettio, the J-3 chief machinist's mate on the J-3, was recovered several hours later.

The other five of the J-3 crew were rescued.

## POSTOFFICE BROKEN INTO; MISS NOTHING

### Entrance Gained By Smashing Glass In Front Doors

Breaking the glass from two doors, a would-be robber entered the local postoffice between midnight and one a. m. Wednesday but was evidently frightened away before having time to loot the place inasmuch as nothing was found to be missing when Postmaster C. N. Bodenheimer made a check after opening hours Wednesday morning.

A hole in the glass of the front door, which is locked each night at ten o'clock, and a broken glass in the door which leads into the postmaster's office disclosed the way in which entry was effected. However, there was no sign of the safe having been tampered with neither was a

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## List Taxes At City Tax Office This Month

J. L. Hall and Crawford Hurt, tax list takers for Elkin township, will be at the city tax office all this month. Property owners are urged to list taxes before the time limit expires.

Penalty for non-listing of taxes is double the amount of the tax, it was pointed out.

## LATE NEWS from the State and Nation

### Refuse Stamp Plan

Raleigh, April 4.—The house finance committee today frowned upon a joint subcommittee plan of passing on the general sales tax through stamps ranging downward in value to as little as one-fourth of one cent.

The committee did not finally reject the plan but refused to accept it, despite Chairman R. A. Doughton's insistence that it "hurry up and agree on something."

### Still Has Hope

Washington, April 4.—A courage and faith that drew admiring comment from a President's wife today sustained Mrs. William A. Moffett, whose husband, Rear Admiral Moffett, went down on the wrecked dirigible Akron with 72 officers and enlisted men.

"She is quite wonderful," Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt said of Mrs. Moffett. "She hasn't given up hope, and she says she won't give up hope."

### Ship Is Destroyed

Gloucester, Mass., April 4.—The Gloucester fishing schooner Beauty St. Joseph, was destroyed by fire 20 miles off the North Carolina coast, according to advices reaching her owners, the Producers' Fish company, today. The crew of the schooner was taken aboard the New Bedford dragger Friendship.

### On Bumpy Road

Washington, April 4.—President Roosevelt's emergency legislative program jolted over a rough and bumpy road in Congress today as the senate debated the Black five-day week bill and the house side-tracked the administrator's \$500,000,000 unemployment relief measure.

### 30 New Ships

Washington, April 4.—President Roosevelt's huge public works bill was outlined today by Chairman Vinson of the house naval committee as including provisions for the construction of 30 new warships costing \$230,000,000.

### Wisconsin For Repeal

Milwaukee, Wis., April 4.—The proposal to repeal the 18th amendment was leading by a margin of more than three to one on returns from the first 104 of Wisconsin's 2,899 precincts tonight.

## CYCLE MAN SHOOTSELF WITH SHOTGUN

### Blows Out Brains While Wife Looks On; Funeral Held Sunday

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 11 o'clock from Union church for W. D. Shore, young farmer of Cycle, who committed suicide at his home Friday afternoon. Rev. N. T. Jarvis was in charge of the service which was attended by a large concourse of people.

Mr. Shore shot himself in the head with a 12-gauge, double-barreled shotgun about 4 o'clock Friday afternoon in the kitchen of his home as his wife looked on. He placed the muzzle of the gun against his left temple and using his right hand to hold the gun, pulled the trigger with his left hand.

He was 28 years old on March 24. Besides his wife, Mrs. Minnie Shore, he is survived by two daughters, Kathleen and Fay, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shore, three sisters, Mrs. Pauline Roberts, Misses Ruth and Evelyn Shore and two brothers, Harry and Paul Shore, all of Cycle.

## Order Horizontal Cut In Value Real Estate Of County

At the meeting of the Surry County board of commissioners, which met in monthly session at Dobson Monday, it was ordered by the board that in lieu of regular assessment on real estate made by regular assessors, that there be made a horizontal reduction in the values of all real estate in the county, the amount of the reduction to be fixed after the state legislature has adjourned.

The board decided on the horizontal cut rather than a revaluation, which would prove of high expense, but is not to decide upon the amount of the cut until it is apparent what action on taxes that body takes.

## JONESVILLE CHURCH TO HEAR DR. GODBEY

### Noted Bible Student, Author, To Be Passion Week Speaker

Dr. Allen H. Godbey, formerly professor of Old Testament at Duke University, is to be the Passion week speaker at the Jonesville Methodist church this year. He will speak each night during the week, beginning Monday, April 10.

The people of this section are very fortunate to have the opportunity to hear one of such ripe scholarship in Old Testament, and related fields, as Dr. Godbey. He is an archaeologist and anthropologist of international recognition. He is a member of numerous Oriental societies and is a member of the committee on law and philosophy of the World Conference on Narcotic Education. He is also the author of several books. Among them are "Stanley In Africa," "Great Disasters," and "The Lost Tribes A Myth." The last named was published by Duke University Press in 1930.

All are invited to hear Dr. Godbey at the Jonesville church during Passion week. The services will begin promptly at 7:45 each evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Masten, of Charlotte, were the week-end guests of Miss Laura Masten.

## Entire Staff of Local Teachers Elected By Board For Next Year

### ARE NO VACANCIES

#### Married Women Will Not Be Employed After 1933-34 Term

#### LIST IS ANNOUNCED

Acting upon the recommendation of Walter R. Schaff, superintendent of the local school, the Elkin board of education in meeting Tuesday night, re-appointed this year's entire staff of teachers to again serve next year, it was learned Wednesday morning. The action of the board creates no vacancies, it was stated.

The board also announced its attitude toward (1) qualifications of teachers, (2) married teachers, and (3) local candidates, having adopted certain definite policies of procedure. Regulations are:

Qualification of Teachers: "In future appointments of new or additional teachers..."

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## PROSPECTS SAID BRIGHT FOR BANK

### Provided No Hitch Occurs, Opening Should Be Soon

Although giving out no definite information, it was learned from a reliable source Wednesday morning that plans for the re-opening of the Bank of Elkin appear very hopeful, and that provided no hitch occurs the institution should open for unrestricted business within a very few days.

Those working in the interest of re-opening the bank have been working both day and night, it was learned, and hope to be in position to give out definite information within a very few days.

## To Wear Cotton



Co-operating in the movement to further popularize cottons, Mrs. J. C. B. Ehringhaus is serving as honorary chairman of the committee in charge of the State-wide Cotton Ball to be held in Raleigh Friday evening, May 19, as a grand finale to North Carolina's first State-wide Cotton Festival.

In addition to the ball, the festival, which ties in with National Cotton Week observance, will include a gala street parade and a cotton style show. Ladies will wear all-cotton ensembles to the ball, and prizes will be awarded the ones most attractively attired.

## JURY IS DRAWN FOR APRIL COURT TERM

### Two Weeks Session of Criminal Court To Begin April 24th

Jurors, to serve at the April term of Surry criminal court, which gets under way at Dobson Monday, April 24, were drawn by the county commissioners Monday.

Those drawn for jury duty the first week of the two-weeks' term, are: Jim Apperson, W. G. Hagan, Ed Davis, Ray Kedd, R. S. Crawford, J. F. Mosley, J. W. Cockerham, J. F. Yokley, I. D. Ward, A. V. West, Taylor Creed, Rodger Inman, (Sheriff).

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## BEER COMING BACK IN STATE ON MAY 1

### Number of Local Merchants Planning To Handle Beverage

Light wine and beers, an outlaw in North Carolina since 1908, will be legalized in the state on May 1, the General Assembly having passed the legalization bill Tuesday morning.

A check of local merchants has disclosed that a number are planning to handle the sale of beer provided taxes are not out of reason.

In passing the bill Tuesday, an amendment prohibiting the sale of beer to minors under the age of 18, was tacked on, also a promise was made by the wets to the dries that some restrictions for the sale of beer and other legalized beverages, would be made.

## Urge Holders To Cash In Scrip Before April 10

Everyone who has in his or her possession any of the scrip issued by the Elkin Merchants Clearing House association is urged to turn it in to the Bank of Elkin on or before April 10, where it may be exchanged for cash, it was learned Wednesday morning.

According to the wording appearing upon the scrip, it retains its value only until April 10, and for this reason everyone now possessing any of the bills are urged to cash it in at once.

## COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR SELECTED IN CONVENTION FRIDAY

### Royall Named By Acclamation To Succeed Himself As Mayor

#### NEW MEN CHOSEN

At a mass meeting of the voters of Elkin, held in the high school auditorium Friday night, Dr. M. A. Royall was nominated by acclamation to succeed himself as Mayor of Elkin, and the following men, H. P. Gramam, J. R. Poindexter, M. R. Bailey, C. C. Myers and Avery Neaves, were nominated as town commissioners.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Royall, who called upon J. N. "Buck" Freeman to act as temporary chairman, and C. N. Bodenheimer and Alan Browning, Jr., to act as secretaries, the organization having then been made permanent by vote of the convention.

Following the nomination of Dr. Royall as Mayor, eight names were placed before the convention as nominees for commissioner, R. L. Church, W. W. Whitaker and J. S. Atkinson being named in addition to the five named above who were officially chosen.

Following the closing of nominations, Church, Whitaker and Atkinson were eliminated by secret vote.

H. P. Gramam and M. R. Bailey were the only two members of the present board of commissioners to be nominated, H. D. Woodruff, J. G. Abernethy and Alex Chatham having made no bid for re-election.

So far as is known, no other ticket will be nominated to oppose the ticket selected Friday night. In that case the election, scheduled for May 1, will be a mere formality.

## DEATH CLAIMS WIFE OF LUTHER R. COMBS

### Funeral Rites Held Sunday Afternoon From Mt. Park Church

Mrs. Bertie Cockerham Combs, 48, wife of Luther R. Combs of this city, passed away at her home on Ridge Street late Friday afternoon, following a long period of ill health. Her condition had been critical for three weeks and her death was momentarily expected. She was a daughter of Thomas Cockerham and the late Mrs. Cockerham, of the Mountain Park community and was greatly beloved in her native community and in Elkin, where she has resided for the past twenty-two years.

The deceased was a loyal member of the Mountain Park Baptist church. She was also an active member of the local Parent-Teacher Association and was deeply interested in education.

She is survived by her husband, Luther R. Combs; three daughters, Misses Bessie and Marvohreen Combs of this city, and Mrs. Arlie Steelman of Booneville; four sons, Early Dewey, Berlie and Carl Combs, all of Elkin. Her father, Thomas Cockerham; two sisters, Mrs. Ben Thompson and Miss Lillie Cockerham, and two brothers, Ether and Dolly Cockerham, all of Mountain Park, also survive.

The funeral rites were conducted Saturday afternoon from Mountain Park Baptist church in charge of Rev. J. W. Bryant, and the remains were returned here for interment in Hollywood cemetery.

## HAS MESSAGE FOR MASONS, JUNIORS

Members of Both Lodges Invited To Hear Rev. J. L. Martin at Jonesville Baptist Sunday Morning

Due to the burial of J. A. Norman Sunday, March 26, from the lodge hall at Thurmond, a special service at the Jonesville Baptist church which had been scheduled for that date and to which had been invited the Juniors and Masons of this vicinity, was postponed so that the lodge members could attend the funeral.

However, Rev. J. L. Martin, pastor, has announced that the service will be held Sunday at 11 o'clock, and extends an invitation for all Masons and Juniors who can attend, to be present. Mr. Martin's subject will be "The Effects of Sin on our Modern Civilization."