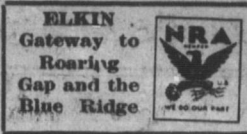


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Forest Fire Roars Over Mountain To Do Untold Damage To Property; Seven Homes Destroyed In County

DESPERATE FIGHT WITH FLAMES MADE AT ROARING GAP

Sky Here Overcast With Smoke Clouds From Conflagration

ABOUT BURNED OUT

Sweeping with an angry roar over mountains and through valleys, forest fires the likes of which have never before been witnessed in this section of the state last week raged over mountain and lowland timber to leave in smoldering ruins tracts of wooded lands variously estimated from 200,000 to 400,000 acres.

Its origin a mystery and its blistering advance irresistible, the conflagration is known to have destroyed seven homes in Bryan township alone, not counting the lonely cabins further back in the mountains which may have fallen prey to its flaming maw.

The seriousness of the fire was not realized here until last Thursday morning when the heavens were blotted out by smoke clouds which covered the entire sky and transformed the sun into a yellow sickly thing whose feeble rays of light cast a weird glow over the town and countryside.

From about 11 a. m. Thursday morning until late in the afternoon ashes rained steadily upon the town. Burning pieces of bark and scorched

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ELKIN IS SEEKING P. O. S. OF A. MEET

Extends Invitation For State Camp Meeting To Be Held In 1935

Plans are under way to bring the state camp meeting of the P. O. S. of A. to Elkin next year, it was learned Tuesday from J. B. Bell, who will carry an invitation to this effect to the state meeting to be held in Hickory May 15 and 16.

Although many other towns in North Carolina are seeking the 1935 meeting, Elkin is thought to stand a good chance of securing it inasmuch as several state officials expressed themselves as favoring Elkin during the recent district meeting held here. In case the state meeting is held here next year it will bring between 200 and 300 members of the P. O. S. of A. here for the two days. The meeting is to be held in May, 1935.

Mr. Bell, in extending the invitation on the part of the local camp, will also carry warm invitations from Mayor M. A. Royall and the Merchants association, it is understood.

COUNTY TAX SALE PUT OFF 30 DAYS

Routine Matters Confront Surry Commissioners At Meeting

The Surry county sale of real estate for delinquent 1933 taxes, scheduled to have been advertised this week was postponed for 30 days by the board of county commissioners during their meeting at Dobson Monday.

It is presumed the sale was postponed due to the fact that all Surry farmers have not yet received their acreage reduction checks from the government. Four hundred of these checks for farmers were received Monday and another 400 received Wednesday, it was learned. However, due to the great amount of work involved in mailing out the checks, the majority of Surry farmers have as yet to receive theirs.

Others matters confronting the commissioners were of a routine nature, The Tribune was informed.

Boopy-Doops in Court



NEW YORK . . . Helen Kane (above), claiming to be the original Boopy-Doop girl, brought suit for \$250,000 against movie people who featured Boopy-Doop cartoon movies.

JAMES S. HALL DIES AFTER OPERATION

Intestinal Disorder Develops And Causes His Death

James Scott Hall, 29, popular insurance man of this city, died Tuesday afternoon at Hugh Chatham hospital following an illness of five days. Mr. Hall suffered an attack of appendicitis Friday and was immediately removed to the hospital for an operation. Following the operation he developed an intestinal disorder which was the immediate cause of his death.

Mr. Hall was a native of Indiana, but had been a resident of North Carolina for five years. He came here last summer to take over the insurance department of The Bank of Elkin, which position he held until it was recently sold. He had opened new offices here as an agent

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SETS DEADLINE FOR TAGLESS MOTORISTS

After May 20 Warrants Will Issue For Those Without Town Tags

Confronted with the fact that a large number of Elkin motorists have as yet not purchased town license plates, Dixie Graham, town tax collector, has named May 20 as a deadline in which to purchase the tags. Immediately after that date he said Tuesday, warrants will be issued for those motorists who continue to evade the law in this respect.

In discussing the local license tag situation, Mr. Graham pointed out

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Child Slightly Hurt In Fall From Window of Jonesville Home

Susie Dora Mathis, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mathis, of Jonesville, suffered minor injuries at her home Monday when she tumbled from a second story window of her home to the ground.

This makes the second accident of a similar nature to occur hereabouts within the past two weeks, the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Osborne having sustained a fractured arm in a fall from a two-story residence on Bridge street here May 1.

LATE NEWS from the State and Nation

INSULL JAILED IN CHICAGO

Chicago, May 8.—Samuel Insull was in jail tonight in the city where his name and his millions once were a title and a scepter.

That was the crashing climax of the story of Insull, the end of his long flight from American justice, and the bottom of his headlong fall. It came about less than two years from the time he left Chicago, still, for all the public knew, a wizard of business who had applied a midas touch to the utilities.

He was in jail because he did not put up bond for his freedom to await trial on the federal government's charges against him—one a charge of using the mails to defraud and another of fraudulent practices in bankruptcy.

LET 18 MORE ROAD PROJECTS

Raleigh, May 8.—Low bids on 18 roads and street projects opened today by the North Carolina highway and public works commission totalled \$725,087.92, leaving approximately \$2,775,000 remaining in available federal funds for application on emergency projects in this state.

About \$400,000 of the residue will be absorbed in the next letting, which will be held May 15. All the money has been allocated to definite projects which the commission hopes to have under way within two months.

MELLON CLEARED OF CHARGES

Pittsburgh, May 8.—Andrew W. Mellon, pillar of finance and secretary of the treasury under three presidents, today was cleared of a charge of attempted evasion of \$716,144.27 in income taxes for the year 1931.

A federal grand jury dominated by hefty laborers, mechanics, farmers, a carpenter and a plumber—all dressed in their "Sunday best" for the occasion—found the government's claims against the 79-year-old banker, in effect, "not true."

DEMAND INVESTIGATION

Washington, May 8.—A demand for a thorough investigation of code authority collections and expenditures was made today at an NRA hearing which developed that the authority for the relatively small oil burner industry collected \$68,000 from members and spent \$65,000 in six months, including \$25,600 for salaries.

MRS. SMITH GETS DIVORCE

Hot Springs, Ark., May 8.—Mrs. Anne Cannon Reynolds Smith, who preceded Libby Holman Reynolds, former Broadway "torch singer," in marriage with the late Smith Reynolds, youthful tobacco millionaire, obtained an Arkansas 90-day divorce from her second husband, F. Brandon Smith, Jr., here today.

State, County Make Up School Bus Fund

Lacking approximately \$4,000 for school bus transportation in the county during the present school year, the Surry county board of education solved this problem in meeting at Dobson Monday when it was learned that the state will furnish two-thirds of the amount providing the county will put up the remaining one-third. This the county agreed to do, it was learned.

Infant Dies

Little Wilma Josephine Isaacs, two and one-half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Isaacs, of the Rusk community, passed away Wednesday of last week, following a two weeks' illness.

Funeral services were held Thursday from Bethel church and interment was in the church cemetery.

Samuel Insull Is Jailed



Samuel Insull, former Chicago "czar" of public utilities, was jailed Tuesday in Chicago when he was unable to post \$200,000 bond. Photo was made as he boarded the S. S. Exilona for the return to the United States.

Surry School Bus Wrecks On Dobson Road; Driver Said To Have Been Drunk

Was Enroute From Dobson To Little Richmond School To Take Children Home At End Of Day. Horton Gentry, Driver, and Three Companions Receive Bruises and Lacerations As Bus Crashes

Its driver under the influence of whisky, a Surry county school bus Monday afternoon went out from under control, turned over several times and landed a total wreck, against the posts of a bridge spanning a small stream on the Elkin-Dobson highway.

The driver, Horton Gentry, and three young men passengers received numerous cuts and bruises as a result of the crash, but none were seriously injured. The bus came to a standstill bottom-side-up with its top crushed in like kindling wood.

The bus was being driven from Dobson, where it had undergone repairs, to the Little Richmond school

to take pupils home at the end of the day, when the wreck occurred. Occupants of the bus said Gentry had been drinking.

There were no eyewitnesses to the wreck. French Graham, a member of the Surry county board of education, and M. Q. Snow, county commissioner, were the first to reach the scene. Mr. Graham, upon learning that Gentry had been drinking, terminated his career as a school bus driver upon the spot, and drove back to Dobson where he reported the affair to John W. Comer, superintendent of education.

It could not be learned Wednesday whether or not legal action had been taken against the driver.

Young Wife Is Killed As Automobile Is Sideswiped

Mrs. Ennis Brown Dimmette, 24, wife of William Dimmette, of near Lomax, is dead and Click Waddell, of Lomax, faces a charge of manslaughter as the result of an accident Sunday morning in which Waddell's car sideswiped a car on the running board of which Mrs. Dimmette was riding.

According to information received here, the Dimmette family was on the way to church in a coupe, with Mrs. Dimmette and her sister standing on opposite running boards because of lack of room inside and the short distance to travel, when the car operated by Waddell sideswiped it. The running board of the machine upon which the victim was standing was torn off and she was dragged approximately 20 yards and

run over by the Waddell machine. Her injuries included a broken leg and arm and a fractured skull. Death came within a short time.

It was reported here that Waddell was intoxicated, although this report has not been confirmed.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 2 o'clock from Rachel church, near the deceased's home, by Rev. Lewis E. Sparks and Rev. John Burcham. Interment was in the church cemetery.

The deceased was a daughter of Mrs. Nancy Brown, who survives, in addition to the husband and three small children, Callie, William, Jr., and Roy, the eldest 8 years of age, and two sisters, Miss Emma Brown and a married sister living in Winston-Salem.

Tells Graduates To Follow Path of Pioneer Ancestors

Speaking before a capacity audience in the Elkin high school auditorium last Thursday night, Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, admonished the senior classes of Elkin and Jonesville high schools to follow the trails of intelligence, industry and integrity as blazed by our pioneer ancestors and to emulate the example of those sturdy patriots who stood firm and unshaken through storms of hardship, privation and adversity to an extent unknown by the present generation.

"Stocks, bonds, real estate may soar and fall but integrity never goes below par, the speaker said. He prescribed industry as the great panacea for the common ills—the great cure-all of the past, present and future. He expressed an abiding faith in the youth of our great commonwealth, despite the criticisms to which the young are sub-

jected. "Misdirected energy oft times creates an unfavorable impression upon older minds, but in the majority of instances, the intelligent, industrious youth eventually finds himself and strives to make good."

Mr. Hoey was brought to Elkin by the local council Jr. O. U. A. M., a fraternity deeply interested in public education, expressly to address the prospective graduates of the two schools.

Ex-senator S. O. Maguire presided as master of ceremonies; Superintendent Walter R. Schaff, of Elkin schools made the address of welcome; Prof. Zeno H. Dixon, veteran principal of Jonesville school made the response and W. M. Allen, city attorney of Elkin, introduced the speaker, stating that Mr. Hoey,

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ORDINANCE PASSED BY COMMISSIONERS REQUIRES PERMITS

All Milk Sellers Must Undergo Inspection By Health Officer

TO MOVE CITY DUMP

Following a lengthy session of the board of town commissioners Monday night in the tax collector's office, it was announced that delinquent town taxes for the year 1933 will be advertised June 14.

The commissioners also passed an ordinance requiring all dairies and persons who sell milk within the Elkin city limits to secure a permit from the office of the city clerk, the permits to be issued only to those sellers of milk who can pass the necessary inspection to be made by the Surry county sanitary inspector.

Permits will be issued without cost and only upon application. Following application an inspection will be made, and if all requirements are met, the permit will be issued. In case where a permit cannot be issued the person making application will not be allowed to sell milk in Elkin.

The commissioners also instructed Dixie Graham, town tax collector, to make arrangements for the removal of the Elkin garbage dump from its present site just south of the business section.

The matter of erecting street

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JONESVILLE FINALS NOW UNDER WAY

Commencement Proper To Begin May 18 With Comedy Drama

The Jonesville school finals have been in progress since April 10th, with operettas and programs by the various grades given each week. The commencement proper will begin on Friday, May 18th, with a play, "Uncle Si and the Sunbeam Club," by the members of the ninth and tenth grades. On Saturday, May 19th, the seventh grade pupils will receive their diplomas. This program will be held at 3:30 in the afternoon.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the annual commencement sermon will be delivered by Prof. Z. H. Dixon, superintendent of the school.

Monday afternoon, May 21, at 3:30 in the afternoon, the Class

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TO CELEBRATE ITS 45TH ANNIVERSARY

First Baptist Church Organized May 18, 1889; Public Invited

The First Baptist church in this city will celebrate its 45th anniversary on Sunday, May 20. The church was organized May 18, 1889. At the 11 o'clock service the pastor Rev. Eph Whisenand, will deliver a sermon, using as his text the scripture used at the initial service in the church.

At the evening service at 8 o'clock a historical pageant will be presented, picturing the beginning of the

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Lentz Captures Car And 60 Gallons of Booze After Chase

An automobile bearing a Winston-Salem license and 60 gallons of whisky was captured on the Doughton highway Sunday by Corporal W. B. Lentz, of the state highway patrol. The driver of the machine, whose identity is unknown, made his escape by taking to his heels when a tire on the machine blew out.

Corporal Lentz had his attention attracted to the car when it suddenly picked up speed as the driver noted the patrolman behind him. Followed a race until the tire on the liquor car let go. The whisky was poured out and the car confiscated.