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DESTRUCTIVE FIRE THURSDAY MORNING.

Only by Hard Work Was it Possible to Prevent the Fire Spreading.

WILKINS & CO BURN OUT.

Tryon was visited by a very destructive fire about two o'clock Thursday morning, leaving in ashes the beautiful store of Wilkins & Co., the Holly Theatre and a pool room underneath Wilkins & Co. The origin of the fire is a mystery, as is usually the case of one occurring at that time of night. Mr. Fisher, living near the premises, was the first to discover it and he immediately turned in the fire alarm and a large crowd had gathered, and it was apparent that nothing could be done to save the Wilkins building, so that all attention was turned to the Bank of Tryon and the Challenger Co. buildings, adjoining. These were saved without any damage.

The stock of merchandise of Wilkins & Co., was insured for \$4,000. As they carried from eight to ten thousand, the loss is pretty heavy. Insurance was carried on the building. Mr. Wilkins is of the opinion that the building is merely gutted, and that the walls can be saved.

The Holly Theatre people have a complete loss, and they have no means for the future. One of the freaks of the fire was that notwithstanding there were two loads of hay in the basement, it never caught fire, and was only damaged by water.

The machine of the Holly Theatre was saved, but the chairs and other furniture were lost.

We are authorized by Mr. Wilkins to state that the building will be at once rebuilt, a new stock of merchandise purchased, and they will be ready for business just as soon as possible.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

E. D. Bradley, J. E. Pace, Jacob H. Benson, J. W. Thompson, Mrs. Margaret Bamberger, J. W. Thompson, B. Thompson, D. O. Gilbert, Albert Salley, V. G. Rhodes, Jerry Law, C. B. Edwards, O. D. Gilbert, S. Price, T. T. Ballenger and F. A. Taylor, lease to Manufacturers Power Co.; consideration \$1.00.
Henry Rich and wife to Agnes J. Colson, 8 acres; consideration \$10, and other consideration.
L. T. Tribble and wife to Theodosia Jones Kennedy, lot 1/4 acre; consideration \$10 and further consideration.
Peter Parker and wife to R. L. Newman, 1/2 acre lot in Saluda; consideration \$10 and other consideration.
Elizabeth Ringo Gordon and her husband to Wm. Burton Weigel and Audie Alice Weigel, 49.50 acres, more or less, in Tryon; consideration \$10 and further consideration.
J. C. Ownby and wife to T. N. Williams, 1-9 interest; consideration \$26.50.
T. H. Posey and wife to Mrs. Jane Curry, 1 acre 29 poles, lot in Columbus; consideration, \$300.
T. D. Cannon to Geo. H. Bradley, 1/2 undivided interest; consideration \$10 and other valuable consideration.
M. T. Cobb and husband to Mabel Williams, 82 caser consideration \$600.
R. B. Williams and wife to Arch Calvert, 82 acres; consideration \$600.

—W. S. S.—
NEW HOPE.

Oh how it does make my heart rejoice to see the beautiful fields of grain wave back and forth. Fathers and mothers, encourage your children to plant a little patch. They cannot make thousands it will be like the widow's mite.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Scoggins visited Mr. L. Scoggins, at Boiling Springs, S. C., Thursday.

The Sunday school at New Hope is preparing for a children's day in June.

Mr. Henry Hines made a short call to J. G. Scoggins' Saturday.

Mr. Robert McEntyre is making an improvement on the public road near his home, making a large fill.

Mr. Greenway, the Raleigh medicine man, passed through this section, Friday.

People are getting up running their cars. Down here they go where cars can hardly go.

La, la, Poplar Grove. Sounds like old times. Come again.

—W. S. S.—
MILL SPRING ROUTE 1.

We had a hard rain Sunday night. Everybody was turned toward Pea Ridge, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Elliott and children, spent the week-end at Mr. D. Elliott's, in Columbus.

Mr. Robert Gray, his mother, and the sister, also Mrs. Abrams, and Mr. J. M. Powell, Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a number from this section were in Tryon shopping, Saturday.

Oh, you people from Tryon Route 1, go to Rock Springs, Sunday, to see that will be done.

We are wondering what became of R. Green, Sunday afternoon.

FISHTOP.

We did need rain to make the truck come up, but not by the week.

Rev. Wm. Morris, of Hendersonville, visited Grandma Newman one day last week.

Pink Messer, of Saluda, and Daisy Jones, of the cove, were married last week.

Strange men continue to pass through this section.

L. W. Bishop, E. J. and T. W. Bradley went to Saluda Saturday last.

Dr. Hooper, and his brother, of Henderson county, were in this part last week on a fishing tour.

James Case, of Greenville, S. C., visited his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. James Case, last week.

Rev. Morris preached at Sunset View school house, last Sunday.

Those who are not done planting would do well to plant early varieties from now on, as we may have an early fall again, and suffer loss. We sure need all that can be raised.

—W. S. S.—
LYNN.

Rev. Pratt preached last Sunday to a very respectable sized congregation, but not half so large as should have been, to hear his talk on Mother. His eulogies on "Mother's Knee Altar" were fine. Have we not all worshipped around this altar?

It's rumored that the roof on the new church is to be put on in a few days.

Some who have been motoring through this mountain country say that the old Howard Gap road affords the finest scenery of all.

Sorry, Mr. Fishtop, if it's too wet to go fishing. You might catch or kill a rattler, or coon, and some say it's a good time to locate bee trees. What about it?

Mr. James Jackson will be in Lynn on the 20th and 21st, to list your taxable property.

Mr. S. M. Robinson and son, of Lowell, N. C., were up one day last week.

Mr. S. Sentelle, wife and four children, motored up from Gaffney last Sunday, visited relatives and friends, returning Sunday evening. Mr. Sentelle once lived in Polk.

—W. S. S.—
MILL SPRING.

Rev. J. M. Barber filled his regular appointment at the M. E. church, Sunday.

Mr. Creed Hampton and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. G. C. Brisco.

Quite a large crowd from here attended the dedication services at the Baptist church on Pea Ridge, Sunday.

Messrs. Reagan Bradley and N. E. Arledge were visitors in this section, Sunday.

A large crowd attended the Christian Endeavor at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon. Thirteen more members were enrolled. Leader for next Sunday, Miss Letha Barber.

Meeting at the Baptist church, at 6 o'clock, p. m.

Hurrah for Polk county. We have gone "Over the Top". Three cheers. Yes, let's have a big rally when the Honor Flag is raised.

Misses Carrie Barber and Mabel Pack visited Miss Anna Edwards on Tryon Route 1, Sunday.

Miss Grace Arledge, of Route 2, is visiting her brother, I. C. Arledge, at Spartanburg.

Misses Arkansas Arledge, of Round Hill Academy, returned home, Tuesday.

Misses Mollie and Eva Egerton were callers at the home of Miss Nellie Walker, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barber were callers at Mr. J. B. Dalton's, Sunday.

Mrs. Elma Dicus left for Alabama, Sunday.

Saturday is the day to clean off the graveyard at the Baptist church, at this place, and Sunday is memorial day. Everybody who has friends relatives buried here should be present on this occasion.

—W. S. S.—
CROSS KEYS.

Some of the farmers in this section have replanted their cotton.

The wheat crop is looking good, though some is being damaged by rust.

Mrs. T. A. Pendleton and three daughters, of Florida, are spending some time with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Flynn.

J. P. Horn, Lad Horn and two others, went fishing last Saturday. Immediately after their return home the Messrs. Horn were taken suddenly ill and a doctor had to be called. Guess they will not eat so much fish next time.

Mrs. Roland Feagan was taken to the Rutherfordton hospital last week. Arthur Green's car wrecked with him near here last Sunday morning. Don't think he received any serious injuries, but his car was pretty well smashed up.

A number from here attended the unveiling at North Pacolet, Sunday evening.

Luther Collins is spending a few days with his mother. He has joined the navy, and is expecting to leave this week.

Messrs. Floy Walker and Hugh Norville have joined the colors.

Poison for Rabbits.

Poisoning by means of phosphorized grain is said to be an effective means of checking the increase of rabbits in certain parts of the British colonies.

FROM OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

Some Items of General Interest Gathered By Our Correspondents From Various Sections of Polk County

BURNETT SCHOOL.

The people were disappointed Sunday, as Rev. C. G. Walker did not fill his appointment at Cane Creek.

Miss Clyde Allen is home after spending a few weeks with friends and relatives in Rutherfordton.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Taylor visited Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Gibbs, Sunday.

Mr. Noah Lynch visited Wilburn Gibbs, Sunday.

Messrs. Claude Wilson and Virgil McGuinn were callers at Mr. Lawrence Spicer's, Sunday.

Mr. Ernest Corn called at U. S. Gibbs', Sunday afternoon.

The singing at Rock Springs is put off until the third Sunday in June. Hope they will have it then, for they have put it off twice.

Mr. U. S. Gibbs made a business trip to Landrum, last Saturday.

Sunny View, you were mistaken about the callers at Miss Ina Burnett's, last Sunday. They went to Mr. D. V. Allen's.

Mrs. N. L. Lynch visited Mrs. U. S. Gibbs, last Tuesday.

The people in this section are about through with their planting.

PEA RIDGE.

Mr. Richard Jolly, of Chesnee, S. C., spent Saturday night at W. R. Turner's.

Mrs. Charlie Walker is in Rutherfordton hospital, suffering from a broken hip.

Mr. Johnie Richards and family, from Gaffney, visited Mr. Calvin Phillips, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Waldrop spent Sunday at Mr. J. B. Dalton's.

Oscar Phillips and wife spent Saturday night at W. R. Phillips'.

A young man from Tryon made a short visit to Pea Ridge, Sunday. He must have been in a hurry.

Collett Fowler has received his notice to go to camp very soon.

It is hard to believe that a bit is your best. Don't believe it. It is only your best for the time being. But do it.

We wish to correct a mistake that appeared in Mill Spring items last week. Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Thompson went to Camp Sevier, Saturday, but Bessie Thompson has never been to Camp Sevier.

Do your best, but don't neglect your bit.

Rev. Ruppe spent Saturday night at W. J. Wilson's.

An Oath That Every American Should Vow.

I will not drink from a German cup;

Or eat from a German plate;

I will not deal with a German man,

All foul with German hate.

I'll use no drug with a German name

That's grown on German land.

I'll eat no food and drink no beer

If made by a German hand.

I will not use a German tool—

Razor or knife or saw.

I will not trade with a German shop

That lives by a German law.

I will not sail on a German ship,

Where German songs are sung;

I will not breathe, where God's clean air

Is soiled by a German tongue.

I will not forget those awful deeds

To girls and little boys;

No more I'll hang on Christmas trees

Those bloodstained German toys.

I will not take a German's word—

He'll break it if he can.

There is no love in a German heart

Or faith in a German man.

This is my oath. When war is done

I'll swear to keep it true;

And since I know you feel the same,

I'll pass it on to you.

—Kenneth Graham Duffield.

SUNNY VIEW.

We are glad to hear from our soldiers again.

Mr. Boun Wilson spent a few hours with Mr. A. H. Lynch, Sunday.

Mrs. Ocie Gilbert and Miss Lizzie Wellington visited Mrs. A. H. Lynch, Sunday.

Mr. Frank Mills made a call at Mr. U. S. Gibbs, Sunday.

Mr. Bill Jackson has gone to Spartanburg for a few days.

Messrs. L. C. Brown, Clyde Wilson, B. Green and Lawton Wilson all from Spartanburg, spent Saturday night at home.

Mr. Frank Dimsdale made a call at Mr. J. L. Jackson's Sunday.

We are glad to hear that Burnett School is still alive.

Messrs. Bill and Dewitt Helton made a flying trip to Tryon, Saturday.

We are glad to learn that old Polk county not only raised her quota, but went over 50 per cent better.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Taylor visited Mr. U. S. Gibbs, Sunday.

Don't forget to send the NEWS to some soldier boy.

Mr. G. Corn took dinner with Mr. A. H. Lynch, Friday last.

We are glad to see everybody working for Uncle Sam and his boys. Everybody in this section has an extra acre for that purpose.

TRYON ROUTE 1.

Just now nature displays her rarest and fairest flowers. Kissed with Heaven's sunlight, bathed with her warm refreshing showers. Often I seek these lovely spots, heart-weary, by regrets oppressed, and in the grandeur of these flowers my spirit soars, my soul finds rest.

Many of us attended church, Sunday, and a goodly number journeyed on to the church dedication on Pea Ridge.

Those who visited the sick on the route, Sunday, were the families of Mr. C. E. Shore, Mr. E. H. Edwards, Miss Sallie Carpenter, Mrs. Minnie Hamilton and children, Grae and Bob-Jack, and found Mr. S. B. Edwards much better, and quite lively.

The American Bible Society is averaging ten thousand copies of service testaments bound in khaki. We hope there will soon be one placed in the hands of each American soldier.

We are glad to see Mr. Lambright able to be out visiting again.

Mr. E. B. Edwards and daughter, Pearl, motored to Rutherfordton, Saturday to see little Dawson, and found him improving, but not able to return home with them.

W. M. S. will meet at Bethlehem, on the fourth Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, also the Juniors.

Go to Memorial services at White Oak, next Sunday.

COLUMBUS.

Miss Pearl Keenan spent a few days last week visiting Miss Mae Mills.

Annie Lewis Mills was a visitor of Miss Pearl Keenan at Valhalla, Saturday.

Mr. N. T. Mills spent Saturday and Sunday in Spartanburg.

Miss Lizzie Dedmond gave a birthday party in honor of her niece, Clara Brown. Games were played, and everybody had a good time. Refreshments were served on the lawn.

Sargeant Ezra Constant, of the Aviation Corps, in Virginia, spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Constant.

The family of H. W. Hill was in Rutherfordton, Saturday, and attended the funeral, Sunday, of Mr. Hill's father, Mr. Martin Hill.

Miss Minnie Arledge returned home after a ten days' visit in Forest City.

Miss Ida Carnegie returned home after spending the winter in Virginia, attending school.

Mrs. Will Ward and baby, Aylen, of Tryon, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Davenport.

Mrs. T. W. Williamson has gone to Concord, N. C., to attend the commencement of the school that her daughter, Doris, has been attending.

Ernest McMurray and DeWitt Smith have returned home from Spartanburg.

Mr. Walter Elliott and family visited his father, Mr. C. D. Elliott, last Saturday and Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Landis, Friday last, a girl, Evelyn May.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Feagan and family spent Sunday in Landrum, at the home of Mr. Columbus Hampton.

Mr. James Osmond spent Sunday with his family, returning to Spartanburg, Monday.

Mr. R. F. McFarland is in Statesville, on business.

Mrs. McGregory and Mr. Davenport and family, of Lilesville, S. C., were in town, Sunday.

Mrs. F. L. Weaver spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Davenport.

Sheriff Robertson and Mr. S. H. Slaughter, of Saluda, were in town Tuesday.

Junior Red Cross meeting will be held with the Betterment Club, Saturday, at 3 p. m.

A meeting of the Columbus Red Cross auxiliary will be held Saturday at 3 p. m., to complete the organization. All members, also the ladies of the community, are earnestly requested to attend.

—W. S. S.—
SANDY SPRINGS.

Farmers are not through planting yet. It rains so much that the ground keeps too wet to work.

We hear quite a number of people say their cotton is not coming up as well as they would like to have it.

Roy Cantrell, who underwent an operation for appendicitis recently, at the Rutherfordton hospital, was brought home yesterday. His friends are glad to know he is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Sallie Smith spent last week with her son, Miler, at Fingerville, S. C. She says the terrible hail storm on last Wednesday completely ruined gardens, wheat fields and oats fields. Many chickens were killed by the hail. More than four thousand window panes were broken in the mill and houses there, and tops of other buildings considerably damaged.

Mrs. Richard McEntyre and sister, Miss Viola Humphries, of Cleveland county, spent the day at Perry Cantrell's, Friday.

The boys from here who were at Camp Sevier, left there last week.

It was a mistake about Seth Davis having a discharge from the army. It was signed by all who had to sign it, except the Captain at Camp Sevier. He got the discharge misplaced and therefore Mr. Davis failed to get home.

Mr. and Mrs. Berton Cantrell visited the latter's mother, at Melvin Hill, Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Smith attended memorial services at Green River, Sunday.

Misses Ola and Ruth Belcher spent Friday night at Mr. Walter McEntyre's.

Several boys from around here are expecting to leave for the training camps this week.

G. W. McGinnis has his corn mill in fine shape now, and is making good meal.

—W. S. S.—
HILLCREST.

(Too late for last week.)

Mrs. U. S. Roddy and Mrs. Sam Feagans are on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Aorams, and Mr. and Mrs. Powell, visited Mr. J. P. Abrams' family, Sunday.

Several of our Red Cross workers met at Mrs. Abrams', Tuesday, and quitted a Red Cross Nurse's quilt—the second our girls have made.

Messdames Davis and Wilkins, of Abolene, were at Hillcrest, Friday.

Mr. J. M. Brian had the misfortune to lose a fine cow, recently.

Rev. G. E. Kidd has gone to Lancaster, S. C., for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Feagans spent the week-end in Rutherfordton.

Rev. Mr. Lobdell, of Rutherfordton, held services at St. Joseph's Chapel, Sunday morning.

MILL SPRING ROUTE 2.

Mr. Albert Lynch and some of the Sunny View people were out touring, Sunday.

Mrs. James Bradley spent Saturday night with Mrs. Dock Jones.

Mr. Bowen Wilson visited his grandmother, Mrs. S. J. Hilton, Sunday.

Mr. Clyde Wilson, of Spartanburg, is visiting his parents at this writing.

Mr. Noah Ruff and Miss Mayme Gilbert visited Chimney Rock, Sunday.

Several of the boys from here enjoy hunting and fishing. We fear before another year they'll wish they had followed some other calling.

Messdames A. J. Dimsdale and F. R. Coggins, visited Miss Anna Wilson Saturday evening.

Mr. Twitty Jackson visited Mr. W. N. Dimsdale, Sunday last.

Hello, Burnett School, glad to know your Sunday school has started up again. Let's all strive to make better men and women.

Miss Myrtle Whiteside and Mr. Frank Dimsdale, visited the home of Mr. J. L. Jackson, Sunday.

Say, Sunny View, you must not guess so much.

Messrs. Frank Dimsdale, Bill Jackson, Hobert Whiteside went fishing, Wednesday. One of them received a painful wound from a large cat fish.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gibbs visited Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Whiteside, Sunday.

We are sorry to hear that some of our soldier boys had left for France. If they're willing to go and fight, we should do our part by buying Liberty Bonds and Thrift Stamps, and raising food to support them.

We are glad to say that Mrs. J. G. Corn who has been very sick is improving some.

Miss Maggie Jackson visited her sister, Mrs. Belton Jackson, Sunday.

Little Ura Whiteside visited Arkansas Jackson, Sunday.

—W. S. S.—
MELVIN HILL.

We had an unusual downpour of rain here, last Wednesday evening.

A destructive hail storm passed through Fingerville, S. C., and vicinity, last Wednesday, destroying the wheat and oats crops, and breaking the window glasses.

Elder G. A. Branscom filled his regular appointment here, last Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a number of persons from here attended memorial services at Green River church, last Sunday.

Miss Mabel Gilbert's school closed here one day last week. Little Miss Osie Henderson won the prize for the greatest number of head marks.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, also Miss Polly Ridings and Miss Candace Calvert, of Inman, motored over to church