

Serious Fire Sweeps County Home Houses

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vented a complete disaster As the was' house and small buildings caught near the large stock barn it was feared that the barn might also catch. The stock was removed, and a line of men guarded the barn, stamping out sparks, thus holding the blaze to the colored structure and five small outbuildings which were already a mass of flames.

City Behaves Itself.
One cheering angle to the big county home fire, which attracted scores of people out Highway 20 east, was the orderliness that prevailed as the city fire truck took its way to the institution. Apparently the reiterated requests of city officials for local motorists to give the fire trucks the right-way and to cooperate instead of hindering fire-fighters have borne fruit. The main fire siren was not sounded when the alarm came in. Many heard of the alarm and fire, however, yet nowhere in the three-mile run was the fire truck held up by traffic, and no cars followed the truck and volunteer fire cars closer than one block behind. At the fire, too, no cars were parked near the blaze to block the work of fire-fighters. Policemen were observant to see that the new regulations about clearing the streets for the firemen were observed, and they report that all motorists and citizens cooperated in a fine manner.

Just what arrangements will be made to rebuild and repair the damage at county home were not ready to be made, public today. There was \$750 insurance on the colored building and \$50 on another of the outhouses, totalling \$800.

Shelby Schools To Stage Big Parade

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ing pictures along with color study. Physical education, which plays an important part in all grades of the school system, will be represented in its many phases by Jefferson school and the high school. Sportsmanship and play are stressed, along with an excellent health program in connection with baseball, football, basketball and other athletic activities.

The schools also consider the leisure time of its pupils and try to guide and direct them in using their spare moments to a decided advantage. An immature child is faced with the eternal question—what to read? To create an interest in good literature is one objective of the school. Character from history and the study readers will be presented by Graham and Marion schools.

The schools lend a helping hand to mothers by stressing worthy home membership. The Garden clubs, represented by Morgan school, and the home economics departments, represented by the high school, will show the progress being made along these lines.

The various departments of the high school will give the public an idea of the work that is being accomplished. The English department will have a queen of the code of good English. The Latin department will depict a scene from a Latin play. The mathematics department will represent the friends with which the students work—graphs, geometric figures, equations and unknown. The history department will give a picture of the Westward movement. The science department will give practical demonstration of the practical work that is being done in the laboratory. The French department will picture the different periods and classes of French life. The commercial department will demonstrate some of the work that is being done.

Dr. J. S. Dorton, head of the riding club, will clear the way for the parade and will direct the pageant in the course it is to follow.

Prohibition Polls

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per cent for enforcement. Lately the 25 Scripps-Howard newspapers have been conducting a prohibition poll designed as a check on the Literary Digest poll, whose accuracy had been questioned by dries. At this writing wet votes are leading dry votes by more than 10 to 1 and votes for repeal represent more than 70 per cent of those cast. Roughly speaking, the Pathfinder poll might be construed as indicative of rural sentiment and the Scripps-Howard poll of urban sentiment.

The dries, hitting at the Digest vote, at first said their folks were not voting, but they dropped that in favor of more cogent arguments. They charged that more men than women were receiving ballots and the Digest hasn't adequately answered that one yet.

Most lately the Methodist board of temperance, prohibition and public morals has had its statisticians busy, preparing broadsides. It says that near 48 per cent of the Digest's votes so far have come from the wet states of New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, New Jersey and Connecticut, which have but 28.5 per cent of the population, whereas only 3.30 per cent of the poll comes from the five dry states of Texas, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Georgia, although they have 13.79 per cent of the population.

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Dr. Copeland's Health Topic Today

Disaster from This Odorless and Tasteless Gas Comes Without Warning, Says Authority, Urging Diligent Care in Avoiding Its Hazards.

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D., United States Senator from New York, Former Commissioner of Health, New York City.

ONE can scarcely pick up a newspaper nowadays without seeing the account of some fatality from carbon monoxide gas. Only recently a man in Cleveland lit the gas burner under a hot water heater in the kitchen of his apartment, and also the three burners of the gas range. While standing in another room he suddenly felt ill, and realizing the gas was escaping, ran to turn it out. He neglected to turn out the burner under the hot water heater. At this point he was entirely overcome and sank to the floor, but at just that moment a neighbor luckily appeared, and saved his life.

You perhaps read of the cook who put something on the gas stove to boil, and then proceeded to lie down and go to sleep. The water boiled over, put out the gas flame, and the whole family was asphyxiated by carbon monoxide. There are hundreds of such cases, and what is to be done about it?

The very fact that carbon monoxide gas has neither odor nor taste makes it a real menace to public health. Disaster comes without warning. The manufactured gas for heating and cooking used in almost every city where natural gas is not available contains as much as 20 per cent of carbon monoxide. Natural gas contains a negligible amount of it. Illuminating gas contains much of it.

The hazards from this poisonous gas lie not alone in the boiling over of the family coffee pot. There is danger from the furnace closed too tightly, in any leaking of a valve of the gas range or from the hot-water heater. There is a menace, too, in the closed garage with the motor running, and on the congested city streets where so much traffic flows.

Civilization has brought these new methods of heating and lighting and motive power. With it has come new dangers to public health. The danger from carbon monoxide is very great.

In spite of repeated warnings some persons will persist without thinking, in starting the motor of an automobile running in the garage with windows and doors shut tight. Without realizing the deadly menace

must be done for the victim. A doctor should be called at once. Prevention is ever better than the cure. We can give warnings of the danger, but the public must take heed of the fact that careless use of these agents may result in ill health and even death.

Answers to Health Queries

C. R. Q.—How can piles be cured?
A.—Constipation must be cleared up first and an operation is sometimes necessary.

A. C. R. Q.—Is it good to eat oranges every day?
A.—Yes.

S. C. S. Q.—How can I reduce?
A.—Weight reduction is chiefly a matter of self-control as regards diet. Eat very sparingly of starches, sugars and fats.

C. F. Q.—What will cure hay fever?
A.—Consult your doctor for treatment.

S. E. F. Q.—What causes puer circulation?
A.—Run down state of health. Build up your general health and your circulation will improve.

E. O. Q.—What do you advise for dizziness?
A.—This may be due to a circulatory disturbance, to an eye or ear condition, or to some intestinal disturbance. An examination will determine the exact cause and then definite treatment can be prescribed.

A. D. Q.—Would nose and throat trouble also an inactive liver, cause mental trouble?
A.—No.

E. M. G. Q.—What would clear up blackheads and pimples?
A.—Correct your diet and avoid constipation.

Boiling Springs Wins Two Games; Other Baseball Here

Junior Baptists Win Two More. Dover-Ora Loses, Eastside Wins Game.

The Boiling Springs junior college baseball team is still on the warpath after the junior college title, defeating two junior college teams last week and losing a game to the Wake Forest freshmen.

Wednesday the junior Baptists defeated Wintgate 14 to 2. McDonald pitched for the Baptists and Waters with three hits led the batting Thursday the Baby Deacons defeated Boiling Springs 4 to 2. Barnes, Wake Forest hurler, holding the Baptist juniors to 4 hits, two being made by McCraw. On Saturday the Rackleyites continued their run of junior college wins by defeating Campbell college 6 to 3 in a 12-inning game. Mooneyham tripled in the twelfth with two men on base to win the contest.

Lose Hard One.
Playing at Clover, South Carolina, Saturday the Dover-Ora mill baseball team lost a hard-played game to the strong Hawthorn mill aggregation by the score of 8 to 5. The hitting of Wilson and Smith featured for Dover-Ora.
Carr was the star player in the victory of the Eastside team Saturday over the Patterson Springs outfit.

Highs In 12th Win In Season

Defeat Gastonia Second Time In Close Game Here Friday. Fielding Helps.

Casey Morris' Shelby Highs won their twelfth victory of the season and their last exhibition game of the year here Friday by defeating Gastonia 2 to 1 in one of the best-played games of the year.

The visiting team outthit the locals considerably but fast fielding by the Shelby defense, which brought about four lightning-like double plays, managed to keep the local outfit one run ahead.

Fans here are of the opinion that the Gastonia outfit is when taken from all angles the strongest high-school team Shelby has met this year, although the locals have defeated the Whisman team by one run on two occasions this year. Mason, the Gastonia hurler, with a deceptive curve ball kept the bats of Shelby's best sluggers fumed better than has any other opposing pitcher this year—and how those Gastonia boys slammed that ball about the park.

Lefty Moore pitched eight and one-third innings and was hit rather freely, the score being held down by snappy playing on the part of his teammates. In the ninth inning, however, the first Gastonia player up, as was the case in every inning, banged out a hit, and Cosch Morris pulled Sherrill Hamrick from the bull pen and sent him to the mound rather than take any more chances. Just tossing Hamrick's glove on the mound is enough to give any high school team in North Carolina the heebie-jeebies. But Hamrick walked out with the glove and the Gastonia runner on first base went home to Gastonia—from where he was as Hamrick offered up his mixture of fast balls and hooks.

Jenkins led the hitting for Gastonia with three out of four. McSwain, Harrelson and Mayhew secured two safeties each for Shelby. McSwain and Mayhew contributed the infield features with double killings about the midway bag, while Rippy starred in the outfield by snagging a long fly and cutting a runner off at home as he attempted to tag up at third and score. Ikey-Knuckley, the little Gastonia catcher who has more pep than Paul Whiteman's orchestra, could produce with 10 gallons of South Mountain caw to start on, was as usual the spark plug of the Gastonia team which just wouldn't be ticked until the last out.

The box score:
Shelby Ab. R. H.
Rippy, cf 4 0 0
McSwain, 2 b 4 2 2
Farris, c 4 1 1
Harrelson, 1b 5 1 2
Mayhew, ss 3 0 2
Wilson, rf 2 0 0
Hendrick, 3b 3 0 1
Philbeck, lf 3 0 0
Moore, p 3 0 0
Hamrick, p 0 0 0

Totals 30 2 8
GASTONIA AB. R. H.
Moore, lf 5 1 2
Jenkins, 3b 4 0 3
Bullard, 3b 4 0 0
Smith, rf 3 0 1
Knuckley, c 4 0 1
Black, cf 4 0 1
Spargo, 1b 4 0 2
Smyre, ss 4 0 1
Mason, p 4 0 0

Totals 36 1 11
Umpires—Todd and Farris.

Recent rains in eastern Carolina have removed the fear of a general shortage of tobacco plants. Sports from growers indicate considerable damage from such insect as the flea beetle, however.
Charged with possessing a gal on a bet, Lee Anderson, a negro, of Columbus, Ohio, was fined \$100.

Heiress—Newsboy in Canada



Vivienne Maud Huntington, heiress of a wealthy New York family and daughter of the late Charles Eratt Huntington, millionaire architect of New York, arrives at St. John, N. B., with her husband, Cecil Aldred Durban, newsboy of Folkestone,

England, whom she married despite family objections. Durban formerly delivered newspapers at the Huntington home in England. He says he hopes to find a job in Toronto, Canada, where the couple intend to settle.

Churches In Poor Membership Gain

Official of Methodist Episcopal Church Declares Gains In Members Far From Satisfactory.

Nashville, Tenn.—Dr. W. G. Gram general secretary of the board of missions of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, declared that "with rich resources and with preachers and workers equipped for preaching the gospel, protestantism in general and Methodism in particular has made a miserable showing in membership gains and in evangelism of masses."

In his annual report to the board he termed this situation "one of the scandals of American protestantism." However, he said he was encouraged by an advance in developing home mission policies and substantial gains in the foreign fields accompanied by the setting up of autonomous churches in Korea,

Mexico and Brazil.
Evangelistic work among foreign people in the United States, Christian religious education in non-Christian countries; closer co-operation in territories fostered by missionary agencies and in adequate financial plan provided by the general conference and closer leadership of the "emerging younger churches of the east," were cited as needs of Methodism.
One of Methodism's greatest home mission opportunities he said, is among the Mexicans of Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and California.

He recommended that the board maintain in each of its 12 foreign mission fields a superintendent of Christian religious education to carry out a program of instruction. "There is needed for foreign work," he said, "more than \$1,200,000 and \$400,000 for home work to maintain the present standard, and at least another \$500,000 a year should be provided to meet the normal advance."

Their Achievements Mark Aviation Progress



The transcontinental speed record has been the goal of noted aviators ever since the pioneer days of aviation. Above is pictured the various transcontinental flights made since 1912 when R. C. Fowler blazed the trail with various stops, making the first flight across the American Continent. Los Angeles to New York eighteen years later was the great achievement of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh in 14 hours, 45 minutes and 32 seconds.

Central African Missions No Longer Confronted With Jungle But Materialistic Civilization

Science and Invention Facilitates Mission Work in Heart of Congo. Great Contrast.

Africa as a mission territory was not painted as a dark, dismal, jungle-like country by Rev. R. D. Bedinger, a Presbyterian missionary who addressed the Presbyterial here a few nights ago at the Shelby Presbyterian church. Mr. Bedinger spent 15 or more years of his life in the Belgium Congo in Central Africa and he represented his story without the usual appeal which missionaries bring.

100 Years Hence
The Africa of today is the "emerging Africa" and it is predicted that within the next century will be one of the richest and most powerful continents on the globe. The progress that is being made is due largely to mission work which is not only soul-winning but furnishing the natives with medical and educational advantages. This is enabling them to support their own work, more and more year after year.

A missionary's life is one of sacrifice, self-denial and loneliness, but gradually these are not so great as they were when Mr. Bedinger entered the foreign field 15 years ago.

Learn All Sorts of Vice.
This materialistic civilization which has swept into Africa has brought a different situation. Missionaries do not get the response from the natives they once got and it is due to this. Recruiting agents take the young negroes into the mines. These negroes are signed under contract to work for a certain number of years. The pay to them

is bountiful. Death alone takes them back home until the term of service is ended. In these corrals where thousands are herded together, they learn things which make one blush with shame to repeat. After seven years service they go back to their tribes, but they have lost all tribal loyalty, all respect for their chiefs and are full of pride and arrogance. This makes it difficult for missionaries to win them. Where Mr. Bedinger baptized 1,600 in a three weeks' meeting ten years ago, the missionaries have to be satisfied with five or ten at a time. For this reason the day of expansion is one in mission work. It is not a matter of concentration.

Sleeping Sickness Curable.
All schools are filled to capacity with an urgent need for more buildings in which to train native workers. The hospital is always crowded with thousands seeking treatment. Sleeping sickness is now curable, due to a discovery, this disease caused by the bite of a fly took a heavy death toll.

"Do Africans dress like Americans?" Dr. Bedinger was asked. "No," he replied, "but American women come near dressing like African women. My pocket handkerchief would make dresses for four African women," he said.

Xylose, a rare sugar which until recently sold for \$100 the pound, may now be produced from cottonseed hull bran. Chief virtue of Xylose: to many plump people it is non-fattening.

A man recently broke the record by playing twenty-eight hours on the piano without stopping. But they had to take his word for it because no one had the strength to stay and listen.

Direct taxes paid by farmers now amount to more than nine hundred million dollars annually, of which 84 per cent is paid through general property tax.
In Burlington, Va., an English sparrow built its nest in the name of Tommy Woolworth's horse.

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