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BURN TO DEATH IN AIKEN FIRE

FOUR LOSE LIVES WHEN HOME IS DESTROYED

Wife and Three Children of C. E. Monts Perish in Flames Monday Night

The State.

Aiken, Feb. 21.—Mrs. C. E. Monts and three of her children were burned to death in their home here shortly after midnight tonight.

Flames had largely enveloped the house when Mr. Monts awakened, and in his efforts to save his wife and children he was seriously burned and is a patient in a hospital here.

The dead are: Mrs. C. E. Monts, about 35 years old; Eugene Monts, oldest son, 15; Clarence Monts, 14 and Eugene DuBose Monts, between two and three years old.

Mrs. Monts was the second wife and before marriage was Miss Nannette Dubose of Washington, Ga.

Mr. Monts is ticket agent for the Southern railway here and is a highly respected man in the community.

It is not known at an early hour this morning how the fire started.

A Native of Newberry

Mr. C. E. Monts whose wife and children were burned to death when his house was destroyed by fire in Aiken the other night is a native of Newberry county, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Monts of Little Mountain.

BILLY SUNDAY GIVEN FREE- WILL OFFERING OF \$22,815.33

Final Service Held Yesterday— 15,000 People Reconsecrate Themselves

Spartanburg Herald.

Spartanburg's freewill offering to Rev. "Billy" Sunday, as announced by Chairman John A. Law of the finance committee last night, was \$22,815.33. This amount was later swelled to \$22,815.53. The population of Spartanburg is 22,638; so Mr. Sunday's freewill offering amounts to more than one dollar per capita, man woman and child.

The big tabernacle erected on Magnolia street cost \$20,000.00.

The entire cost of the "Billy" Sunday campaign was in round numbers \$43,000.00.

During his six weeks campaign here it is estimated that Mr. Sunday preached to five hundred thousand people.

During the six weeks it is conservatively estimated that fifteen thousand people pledged themselves to live for Christ and reconsecrated themselves to His service. Mr. Sunday preached two weeks before he ever made an invitation to anyone to strike the sawdust trail.

During the six weeks a total of 2,060 babies were cared for at the nursery, located at the citadel of the local post of the Salvation army. Yesterday was the record-breaking day, 300 being cared for.

The entire campaign was carried on without the friction of the slightest nature between Mr. Sunday and his staff and the general evangelist committee, composed of the ministers and representative business men of the city.

Throng Sees Him Off

After preaching four sermons yesterday—three in daytime and one at night, Rev. "Billy" Sunday was escorted to the Southern depot by five thousand people, many of whom carried as torchlights railroad fuses, the famous evangelist rode in the limousine of Victor M. Montgomery, which was surrounded by the pedestrians and which kept at a slow gait from the Cleveland hotel to the station. Reaching the depot, Mr. Sunday, Superintendent Maxwell of the Southern, Mr. Sunday's party consisting of Fred W. Rapp, Mrs. William Asher and Miss Florence Kinney, Dr. W. L. Ball of the First Baptist church and other members of the local evangelist committee, mounted a big truck and were transported far down the tracks to the point where their coach would stop when train No. 30, the Birmingham Special, arrived. The big yards of the Southern were literally swamped with people—all ages

and sexes. They were so thick that the congestion at times was dangerous. People climbed upon every possible point of vantage and there was no room to turn around.

No such honor was ever accorded any man in Spartanburg before, preacher or layman and the intensity of the devotion and the affection of the thousands who made up the monster parade was the most marvelous tribute to the evangelist.

Testimony to Popularity

President Harding's trip south several months ago was announced by the press many days before he passed through Spartanburg and yet there were not over 200 people to see him when he passed through. The thousands who flocked to the depot last night emphasize the fact that "Billy" Sunday can draw more people than any living American.

The great procession left the Cleveland hotel a few minutes after 10 o'clock. After reaching the depot the time waiting for the train was consumed in yells and cheers for Mr. Sunday and Mrs. Sunday and members of his staff. Then the crowds sang "Nearer My God To Thee" and "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

As train No. 30 came slowly into the yards she exploded 17 torpedoes, the highest salute that can be given any civilian. As the torpedoes began cracking one at a time, in sequence, Mr. Sunday uncovered his head, and towering on the truck above the thousands who surged and jammed and moved near and far from him, he appeared as much of a conquering hero as the First Napoleon at Austerlitz.

Charles W. Garrauv of Greenville was the engineer on No. 30 last night and E. P. Smith, fireman. The train conductor was J. H. Smith of Charlotte, and the Pullman conductor W. J. O'Donnell of Birmingham.

Nothing Like It Before

When the train halted Mr. Sunday and his party lost no time in getting aboard the rear Pullman car, and Mr. Sunday made his way to the rear of the coach and smiled and greeted many friends for the few minutes the train lingered in the yards. To a Herald reporter who entered the coach prior to its departure, Mr. Sunday said in all of his 25 years of evangelistic work nothing like the courtesy and consideration shown him last night was ever experienced. He deeply felt the honor; and his eyes swelled with tears and his voice broke as he made the statement.

Mr. Sunday will arrive in Washington, D. C., today at noon. He has an engagement with President Harding and will go at once to the White House for a conference.

At 3:30 p. m. he will leave Washington on the Broadway Limited of the Pennsylvania system for Winona Lake, Indiana, and will arrive at home in time for breakfast at 6:45 a. m., Tuesday morning. This noted train, "the Broadway Limited," is the fastest in the United States and only makes five stops between New York and Chicago. Winona Lake is not a scheduled stop, but the high officials of the road extend this courtesy to Mr. Sunday, he being only one of three men who have that privilege and the other two are the president of the United States and the president of the Pennsylvania road.

"The Broadway Limited" makes the run between New York city and Chicago, Ill., in less than 20 hours.

Mr. Sunday, in talking of this train and the track of the Pennsylvania road in the Winona Lake section, says the roadbed there is almost straight for a distance of many miles—just the slightest incline, and that it is along that particular portion of the track that the fastest time is made. Along there the company has laid steel rails weighing 190 pounds each. The average weight of the steel rails is from 90 to 95 pounds.

In one of his sermons yesterday, Mr. Sunday said he intended telling President Harding and others that when it comes to genuine hospitality absolutely sincere friendship and appreciation and 100 per cent Americanism of the purest strain of blood, the old Palmetto state and Spartanburg, South Carolina, has the rest of the country backed off the map.

TWO STORES ROBBED AT LITTLE MOUNTAIN

Two Stores Entered and Safes Broken Open and Money and Bonds and Checks to \$1600

The stores of W. P. Derrick and W. B. Counts at Little Mountain were entered on Monday night and the safes broken open and the money and bonds and checks taken. The total amount is around \$1600. The following story of the robbery is taken from the Columbia Record and Sheriff Blease stated on Thursday that there were no developments or any clue to the parties who committed the robbery.

Yeggman cracked two safes in two stores at Little Mountain, Newberry county Monday night and obtained loot consisting of cash, bonds, and checks amounting to nearly \$2,000, according to information received by Sheriff Heise from Sheriff Blease, and later from Deputy E. A. Wheeler of Little Mountain, who arrived in Columbia at about 11 o'clock bringing the details of the robberies and a list of the booty.

The safes were in the store of Counts & Shealey Co., and the store of W. P. Derrick. The lock to a door on the Counts & Shealey Co., was broken off and the yeggmen, entering without difficulty blew the safe into pieces with nitroglycerine.

After the successful job, the robbers broke through a window in Derrick's establishment and filling crates in the safe there with explosive, helped themselves when the big door had been blown away.

The robbers looted the safes completely as they were in undisputed possession of the stores, no one in the town having been aroused by the noise of the explosions. The thieves were believed to have been professionals and probably the same ones who blew the safe in the Boney store at Blythewood a few nights ago.

Deputy Sheriff Wheeler said that so far as the officers had been able to learn, the yeggmen left no trail that would indicate the direction taken after having blown the safes. Neither could the investigators determine whether the yeggmen traveled afoot or in automobiles.

All day Monday a stranger, middle aged and rather grizzled was seen loitering in the town, but his conduct did not arouse any suspicion that he was a lookout for a gang of thieves, and yeggs, as the officers now believe was his role. At first, it was said, he was very talkative but toward the latter part of the day, he became less communicative. He was seen in the rear of the Counts & Shealey store, it was recalled today, and he seemed to be paying attention to that section of the store used as the offices.

The Newberry officers sent out a general alarm to Augusta, Greenville, Spartanburg and other cities located on the more traveled highways and the railroads. The officers in the various county seats were furnished with lists of the stolen securities. The Columbia police department was informed of the affair of about the same time that Sheriff Heise was notified. City officers and Sheriff Heise proceeded to watch the principal roads entering Columbia.

List of the Loot

From the Counts & Shealey store the thieves obtained the following, according to the official listing:

Two \$100 Liberty bonds; one \$50 Liberty bond; \$300 worth of War Savings stamps payable to William B. Shealey, \$100 worth of war savings stamps, payable to Catherine E. Shealey; \$150 in currency; \$25 silver; check by Counts and Parr and drawn on the F. & M. bank (and payable to Counts & Shealey Co.); one check from T. L. Shealy payable to Counts & Shealey Co., and drawn on F. & M. bank. This check was \$8.50.

From the Derrick store the yeggmen obtained: Currency in 5's and 10's amounting to \$175; silver amounting to \$35; one \$100 Liberty bond; three \$50 Liberty bonds; three \$5 gold pieces; three checks in the following amounts: \$18.75; \$31.50; \$21.

Mr. W. R. Smith accompanied his visiting relatives to their Chappells home Tuesday.

COMMON SCHOOLS GET LESS MONEY

STATE INSTITUTIONS RECEIVE MORE

Has Compilation Made to Compare 1921 Appropriations With House 1922 Bill

The State, 19.

Governor Cooper yesterday while discussing the general appropriation bill as passed by the house, particularly that section applicable to the department of education and the common schools, declined to make a reply to the assertion made on the floor of the house that the institutions of higher learning had received a cut of 25 per cent below their authorized expenditures for 1921, while the department of education was reduced only 3 per cent. His refusal to make a public statement was on the ground of his disinclination of entering into a controversy. However, he did have his office prepare the following tables of figures:

University of South Carolina, appropriation for 1921, \$242,855.00.
Appropriation bill, 1922, \$249,902.70.

The Citadel, appropriation, 1921 (exclusive of buildings), \$152,315.00.
Appropriation bill, 1922 (exclusive of buildings), \$121,419.26.

In the appropriation act of 1921 will be found some extraordinary items, such as educational equipment, \$18,134.93 (the bill this year has \$1,375 for this purpose); equipment, \$9,168.08; lands and structures, \$2,500, which, if conducted, contended the governor, will show practically no reductions from 1921 for operating the college proper.

Clemson college, appropriation for 1921, \$226,147.15.
Appropriation bill, 1922, \$242,862.85.

Winthrop college, appropriation, 1921, \$398,694.60.
Appropriation bill, 1922, \$242,862.85.

State Medical college, appropriations, 1921 (exclusive of buildings), \$75,117.50.
Appropriation act, \$84,955.00.

State Colored college, appropriations 1921, \$63,005.21.
Appropriation bill, 1922, \$67,650.

School for the Deaf and Blind, appropriations 1921 (exclusive of buildings), \$77,333.33.
Appropriation bill, 1922, \$78,120.

Educational department, appropriations, 1921, \$1,529,830.00.
Appropriation bill, 1922, \$1,186,700.00.

Reduction department of education, \$333,130.00.

The governor pointed out, however, that the appropriation for 1922 included \$60,000 for buildings which had been deducted from the items for institutions of higher learning.

According to the figures prepared under the governor's method there was a slight increase in the appropriations for the colleges, and a material decrease in the money authorized for the common schools and the department of education. It could be inferred from the governor's conversation that if the state at any time fails to appropriate sufficient money for all of its education needs it would be a fallacious policy.

MISS FANNIE RAMAGE DIED THURSDAY AFTERNOON

As The Herald and News goes to press we learn of the death early this (Thursday) afternoon of Miss Fannie Ramage. Funeral services will be held from the Baptist church at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, interment at the family burying ground. Services will be conducted by the Rev. E. V. Babb. A fuller account of the death of this noble woman will appear in the next issue of this paper.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the people for their kindness and sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our darling little boy, Willie Edward, also for the beautiful floral offerings. May God bless each and every one.
Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Clamp.

Miss Louise Sullivan of Honea Path arrived Thursday to visit Mrs. R. H. Wright.

THE ROTARY LUNCHEON

Regular bi-weekly luncheon of the Newberry Rotary club, which was held in the grill room of the Newberry hotel on Tuesday afternoon, was a natural-born, "full-o-pep" meeting (with the accent on the "pep"). A Rotarian is by nature a full-grown "peptomist"—and it goes without saying that the Newberry species of this organization absolutely refuses to "play second fiddle" to any other bunch of Rotes international. Of course, there are larger Rotary clubs throughout the world, but there is none that has more to heart the inter- ests of its community, whose mem- bership is composed of a bigger-hearted, more whole-souled, never-say-die bunch of business men than the New- berry Rotary club. That is a fact!

The program for Tuesday's luncheon was a cracker jack; every Rote was there with the goods—and delivered them; there was less singing and more action than at any meeting in the recent past. Well, the whole truth of the matter is, that with so much pep to be exuded during the hour and a quarter allotted to the luncheon, Rotarian Earle Babb didn't have the opportunity to place his song-birds on display as he usually does. Then, too, Rote "Solidarity Jollity" Derrick, who is generally recognized as one of the leaders in Babb's Harmonizers, was suffering from a slightly affected throat, which made him hors de combat, and—well, what is a chorus, anyway, without Sid's assistance? What is salt without its savor?

Ralph Baker made his premier appearance on the program and told in a very interesting way about his visit to the Greenwood Rotary luncheon and the return home with District Governor Joe Turner. This Rotarian is waking up to Rotary in a splendid way and his attendance record speaks his great and growing interest. Secretary "Dollar Down" Hal Kohn who can always be counted upon to inject something of a most interesting character into a Rotary meeting, was, as usual, loaded with communications and valuable information to the club, which he proceeded to unload upon the Rotes and their guests. Rotarily speaking, nothing gets by Hal—and he sees to it with a vim that all good things are passed on to his fellow Rotarians.

Then it was that President Ben Cromer turned the meeting over to Rotarian Jim Moon—and Jim certainly did demonstrate that he can run a Rotary meeting. Why, in this, his first attempt, he proved himself to be a close second to Rotarians Cromer and Haskell Kibler, who are known far and wide as "being style all the while." Yes, Jim performed like a veteran—and, maybe, he is. Then came Rotarian Earle Babb—he of singing fame—who changed his tune at this luncheon to a talk on "Rotary Education." This was a splendid talk—rendered in a splendid manner, just as Rotarian Babb is wont to do. In closing his remarks, Rotarian Babb presented Rotarian Jim Kinard, who made a short, and a most excellent talk on the second "commandment" in the Rotary Code of Ethics. Rotarian Kinard's "sermonette" hit the spot all right—and everybody knows that Jim practices what he preaches.

An unexpected pleasure was a short talk by Mr. W. W. Watt of Charlotte, N. C., who was a guest of the club. Mr. Watt told of his faith in Newberry—that faith which prompted him to make a considerable investment in this city some years ago; an investment which he had not yet come to regret. He spoke of Newberry college—a most valuable asset to this community—and referred to the fame of this institution in other parts of the country. The zeal with which Mr. Watt entered into a discussion of this subject prompted Rotarian Derrick to state that it was one of the finest talks for Newberry college that he had heard in many a day.

Following Mr. Watt, Rotarian Lad Eskridge, who will be hereafter better known as "On-to-Winston-Salem Eskridge," opened up his portfolio and delivered a broadside in behalf of the coming district convention of Rotary clubs, which will be held in Winston-Salem, N. C., next month. Rotarian

Eskridge urged the local Rotes to see to it that a full delegation goes from Newberry to the convention—and it will!

As Rotarian Harry Dominick was not permitted to sing at the luncheon he was given the opportunity of narrating some of the hardships that came his way when he was only an "amateur" singer. This Rote told of the time when his singing, along with that of two of his friends, furnished the text for a revivalist's sermon in one of the local churches a number of years ago, and of the preacher's later admonition to the songsters: "Boys, the next time you want to sing, for goodness' sake don't sing in public, but go to the woods, where no one can hear you!"

Then it was that Rotarian Derrick (yes, "Solidarity Jollity") glowingly told of the proposed new "gym" and athletic field for Newberry college and explained in detail the plan for raising the necessary funds. Rote Derrick stated that the sale of the season tickets at ten dollars per, will begin next week, and the success of the campaign is assured. He told of the various organizations that are at work along this line in various portions of the state—and, of course, success is bound to crown the campaign.

Hardly had Rotarian Derrick concluded when Rotarian Zach Wright jumped up and moved that the Newberry Rotary club get in behind this movement with a vim and see to it that it does succeed. This motion was immediately seconded by every Rotarian, and the Newberry Rotes went on record as 100 per cent strong for the project.

The program was concluded with a short talk by Rotarian-President Ben Cromer on the "Birthday of Rotary," the 23rd inst. being the seventeenth birthday of the organization, which now has clubs in twenty-two countries of the world. Rotarian Cromer's remarks were most interesting and instructive. In connection with his remarks on Rotary's birthday anniversary, Rotarian Cromer also paid a tribute to the Father of His Country whose birthday anniversary is so close to that of Rotary. Everybody knows that when this Rote is scheduled to speak, something worth while is going to be said—and it was. The luncheon table had as its centerpiece a large cake, surmounted with seventeen burning tapers, indicative of the seventeenth anniversary of the birth of Rotary.

A copy of the Rotary Code of Ethics, suitable for framing, was presented to each Rotarian and guest by the secretary—after which another of those Rotary luncheons of unusual pep passed into history.

Oxner-Graham

A marriage of more than usual interest was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Oxner Wednesday morning, February 22, when Miss Vera Oxner and Mr. Thomas Graham were united in holy wedlock by Rev. Thos. F. Suber.

The bride is the accomplished and charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Oxner. The groom is the son of Mr. Felix A. Graham of the New Hope section.

After a genuine feast of "good things to eat" surrounded by a display of handsome gifts, and amid the cheers and good wishes of their many friends and relatives, the happy couple departed upon their bridal tour. Upon their return they will reside in Newberry the home of the groom.

TIME FOR PAYING TAX HAS NOT BEEN EXTENDED

That is to say the joint resolution which was introduced early in the session and which passed both branches of the legislature has never been ratified and approved by the governor. It is held up in free conference committee. And it is not likely to pass and be approved by the governor in at least its present shape which virtually extended the time for paying tax to next September about the time for the next year's payment to be due.

It is very probable that the time will be extended but at this writing it has not been. The governor and the comptroller general under present laws have the power to extend the time without any resolution of the legislature.

NOTE OF WARNING GIVEN TO FARMERS

COTTON ASSOCIATION SAYS WATCH ACREAGE

Four Reasons Assigned for Keeping Down Amount of Land Planted This Year

The State, 19.

Convinced, they say, that any increase in cotton acreage this year would be absolutely ruinous to the state, officials of the South Carolina division of the American cotton association yesterday issued a statement setting forth the facts in the situation, as they see them, and urging every interest in South Carolina to unite in an effort to hold the acreage down at least to that of 1921. A further reduction would be strongly advisable, the association says.

Four major reasons are given by the association why acreage should not be increased and the statement says there are numerous minor reasons. The four principal ones are:

"First. An increase in cotton acreage would cheapen all collateral held by Southern banks.

"Second. Under boll weevil conditions an increase in acreage means an increase in possible disaster by the boll weevil.

"Third. An increase in cotton acreage means a decrease in food and feed crops. Let's make the Southern farm self-sustaining before we again undertake to raise a surplus of cotton.

"Fourth. After bearing the brunt of deflation neither our bankers, merchants nor farmers are in a position to finance a large crop. Under existing conditions we ought not to run the risk of a crop failure and thus embarrass banks, merchants and farmers. Plant only such a crop as can be financed with comparative ease."

The association in its statement takes the view that while "a large acreage this year would not, by any means, insure a large crop, it would certainly very greatly depress the price for the next eight or nine months any way. If we overproduce prices will be ruinous; if we overplant the boll weevil repeats its 1921 performance, ruin is certain. Either way you look at it our only salvation is in a very small acreage."

The association says that it feels it to be its duty to sound this note of warning to the farmers of the state and it reminds them that "it is better to be safe than sorry."

Dr. J. B. Johnson of Rock Hill, president, and Louis I. Guicyn of Lugoff, vice president and manager, of the association said yesterday that they had received letters from bankers, merchants and farmers in every section of the state urging that every step possible be taken to prevent an increased acreage with the disaster that it would almost certainly bring.

Sunday's Farewell

Goodbye, Spartanburg. Goodbye, old Piedmont section. You have tangled yourselves in my heart strings and it is hard to go away. I never can forget you. You have made too deep an etching on the tablets of memory for the pines ever to be effaced. I'll come back many times in my dreams if I never come back any other way. I'll see again Morgan's statue welcoming the dawn and I'll turn to the west and gaze in wonder again at the sunset sky, drenched in rose and gold and hear again "Abide With Me," singing in my heart as I watch the eventide fall. I'll wander about the Cleveland hotel and rest again in the bed in Room 304. In my dreams I'll see again the interior of the old tabernacle and thank God for the sights he privileged us to view together there. No matter what experiences the future may hold, your courtesy and your kindness, your unselfish hospitality, your friendship and your love, will warm my heart until the day dawns and the shadows flee away. May Heaven's richest blessings rest on you through the years to come. I'm glad my introduction to South Carolina was through you. Goodbye, Herald. Goodbye, Journal. Goodbye, Spartanburg.

W. A. Sunday.