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**Found After Forty Three Years**

Forty three years is a long time for anything to stay lost, reasonably enough we do not expect to find it. Not long ago a colored man Ab Boyd while plowing on the W. H. Pearson farm at Lester saw something bright in the soil his plow had turned up. On examination he found it to be a wedding ring and it was not at all tarnished being 18 carat gold. By means of the engraving it was identified as the ring given by Albert E. Pearson to his wife Mrs. Mattie Easterling Pearson. The ring was lost in the year 1885 in an old field where broom sedge grew and that thick growth probably explains why the ring could not be found. Later the field was cleared and cultivated and when it was being plowed the ring was found.—Bennettsville Advocate.

**Eight Boys Dead in Two Tragedies**

Erwin, Tenn., April 29.—Four boys ranging from 9 to 13 years old were drowned in the Nonliehuck river, near here late today, when the treacherous waters of "The Devil's Looking Glass" caught their skiff and upset it. A fifth boy was rescued by a young farmer, who came near losing his own life in saving him.

The dead. Ted Johnson, 9 and his brother, R. C., aged 12, of Johnson City, Tenn. George Doyle, 12, and Horace Williams, 13, both of Erwin.

The youngsters were out on the river, now swollen by the melting snows that covered this section Saturday. Playing in a boat, when the rapid current caught it and swept it across the Devil's Looking Glass, a bend about a high cliff, where the water flows like a mill race.

Unable to manage their craft, a home-made boat, the youngsters were at the mercy of the current which swung it about and waves striking it broadside upset it.

None of the bodies has been recovered, but a dredging party will begin the task of searching the river at daybreak tomorrow.

**Fatal Explosion**

Akron, Ohio, April 29.—Becoming tired of a marble game they had been playing behind a shed here today, five boys sought other diversion and turned to matches. One was struck and its flames exploded a 50 gallon drum of benzine which resulted in the burning to death of four of the boys and serious injury to another.

The dead are Frederick Wodtly, 13, Albert Carter, 10, Leman Carter, 5, and Charles Carter, 14. The Carters were brothers. Leslie Bush, the injured boy, is expected to recover.

Persons attracted by the explosion found the boys writhing on the ground, their clothing afire. One of the first to arrive was Fred Wodtly, rather of Frederick.

**Rain Flood and Snow**

Atlanta, Ga., April 28.—After spreading destruction by rain, flood and storm in the low lands, the elements turned their fury today to the southern hills and highlands where record low temperatures and heavy snowfalls followed in the wake of high winds.

The Cumberland and Shenandoah valleys in Maryland and Virginia were drifted with snow, crystals of which contrasted strangely with the pink of apple blooms, while Asheville, N. C., with the mercury at 29, wore a snow blanket and was the coldest city in the south.

Grady Stone, a young farmer, was instantly killed when his tractor ploughed off a bridge approach at Fork Shoals, turned over several times, and broke his neck, crushed his skull and broke his foot. Driving from a sawmill, he stopped the tractor beside the road to allow an automobile to pass, and later started it with the front wheels still turned off the highway.

Over twenty carloads of strawberries a day are moving out of the fields of eastern North Carolina this week, besides many shipped by trucks. Lettuce is going north at the rate of fifteen to twenty cars a day. Shipments of both products are increasing day by day this week.

**Net Fishermen Are Arrested**

Four citizens of Fairfield county and three citizens of Union county will face trial in general sessions court for violation of the state statutes prohibiting fishing with nets in creeks and rivers of the state during the closed season as a result of the activities in Fairfield county Monday and Tuesday of V. F. Funderburk, game warden from the office of A. A. Richardson, chief state game warden and Game Wardens R. B. Riddle, of York county, C. O. Stogner, of Kershaw county, and O. S. Porter of Lancaster county.

At a point below the highway bridge over Wateree Creek, near Great Falls, the wardens arrested P. L. Morris, D. L. Moore, C. B. Jones and W. W. Robinson, fishing with nets. The men were taken before Magistrate T. M. Cathcart, at Wmnsboro, and after preliminary hearing, the quartet was bound over to general sessions court under bond of \$200 each.

Later in the day, W. H. Fowler, Paul Fowler and Wallace Robinson all of Kelson, Union county, were arrested for using nets in fishing operations in Dutchman's Creek. The men were later released in order that they might go home and make arrangements for the funeral of a dead relative. Warrants were sworn out and will be sent to Union county for service.

From the two fishing parties, the officers seized 24 gill nets with a total length of 360 feet, varying in depth from six to 12 feet.

The officers also investigated reports of dead fish found floating in Dutchman's creek and learned from fishermen that the fish had died in fish traps and had been thrown out in the stream by persons operating the traps illegally. No evidence was found of the use of dynamite.—Friday's Columbia Record.

**Chicago Girl Slain By Movie Bandits**

Chicago, April 30.—The slaying of women has been added to the repertoire of Chicago gunmen.

They slew 17-year-old Pearl Eggeron last night as she cowered under their guns in the cashier's cage at the Ritz theater in suburban Berwyn—slew her because she screamed at the sight of eyes that stared through oval masks, and guns that poked at her from outside the glass wall.

An army automatic roared and the little usherette fell. The man with the pistol and his companion with a sawed off shot gun opened the door to the ticket booth, stepped over the girl's body and over that of the cashier, Miss Gertrude Plante who had fainted, and scooped up \$1,500.

The robbers used their guns to hold back 60 persons in the ticket line, and walked to the curb where a companion waited at the wheel of an automobile bearing a New York license. Each fired a shot in the direction of the crowd before leaping into the machine and disappearing.

Miss Eggeron was employed in an Oak Park department store and increased her weekly income by acting as usherette at the Ritz theatre Sunday nights. The second show of the night had just started when the girl went to the cashier's cage for a chat.

The robbers' car drew up at the curb and the two masked men half ran toward the ticket booth. They pointed their weapons at the girls and told them to "keep your trap shut and give us the money."

The Eggeron girl screamed. The army automatic spoke and both girls slumped to the floor of the narrow cage, Miss Eggeron with a wound in her abdomen, which cost her life before she could be taken to a hospital, and Miss Plante in a faint.

**Davidson in Race Again**

Judge Z. V. Davidson announces today for another try for the seat in Congress held by Hon. W. F. Stevenson, of Cheraw. Mr Davidson ran two years ago, and when it is remembered that all of his political activities prior to that time had been confined to the city of Chester made a most remarkable showing, indeed. Though defeated by what looked like a good-sized majority the change of a few thousand votes would have altered the result considerably. With messages from friends in all of the counties in the district, many of them made in the race two years ago, urging him to try again, and promising their vigorous support, Mr Davidson is throwing his hat into the ring for another race, and proposes to make a thorough canvass of the district.—Chester Reporter.

Mrs. P. J. Wilson, aged 91 years, of Indianapolis, whose family left Lincoln county, N. C., a century ago, is visiting relatives in Shelby, Gastonia, and other places.

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**Grand Rally Sunday At New Trinity Church**

The members and officers of Trinity Colored Methodist Church who met with the misfortune several years ago to lose their building by fire, designated last Sunday as a grand rally day for their rebuilding program, and the results went away beyond their expectations. A total of \$2,547.55 was reported by the various organizations at work for the rebuilding program.

The above total, however, represented much money raised under the pastorate of Rev. B. F. Bradford, the beloved pastor of the church, who is now presiding elder of the Sumter District. About \$1,500 was the actual amount raised by the recent contributions. The remainder of the money had been raised by glee clubs, willing workers, and other societies and the money had never been reported on and had been on savings deposits at the various banks.

A good part of this money at the recent rally represented gifts from northern and southern white friends—several checks for amounts ranging from one hundred dollars down appeared in the sum total. No colored congregation has striven harder to get their church back than Trinity and they deserve the greatest praise.

It is their intention when the church is dedicated to have one sermon for colored people and another on the same day for white people in order to show in a small way their appreciation of the help of their white friends. The church is now nearing completion and in a short while will be ready for holding services.

**BETHUNE NEWS NOTES**  
Happenings of Interest as Told By Our Regular Correspondent.

Bethune, May 2.—The junior class of the high school gave a reception at the school auditorium last Friday evening in honor of the seniors.

The halls had been arranged to represent a woodland scene with decorations of pines and ferns and rustic seats. The receiving line was composed of Supt. J. C. Foster and Mrs. Foster, Mrs. R. K. Tompkins and officers of the junior and senior classes. There was an interesting contest given and music was furnished by high school girls.

From a nook in one of the halls prettily decorated with pine boughs and roses punch was served by members of the junior class assisted by eighth grade girls who, also, served white and pink block cream and wafers in the agricultural room. In addition to the senior class, the guests included the school faculty and the trustees and their wives.

Miss Elizabeth Baker from the 8th grade will represent the Bethune school in the spelling contest to be held at Camden next Saturday.

Mrs. Burnett of Troy, S. C., arrived this week to spend some time with her niece Mrs. J. B. Hillhouse.

Eloise Estridge, the small daughter of Mr. K. T. Estridge, was carried to the Camden hospital last week on account of an attack of pneumonia. The many friends of the family will be glad to learn that her condition is better.

Mrs. Henry West returned from Baltimore Tuesday where she has been for several weeks with her husband who underwent an operation at John Hopkins hospital. She reports Mr. West as doing very nicely.

Miss Elise Hook of Irmo, who was a popular teacher here for several years, spent the weekend with Mrs. Love Hearon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard King of Hartsville spent Sunday with relatives here.

Miss Beulah Pennington, who has been at home more than a week on account of the illness of her little sister, has returned to resume her school work.

Misses Frances Severance and Katherine Ward of Coker College were guests of their parents Sunday.

The cold winds of last Saturday did much damage to the young cotton and the farmers are finding some trouble in securing seed to replant the crop in this section. The weather is ideal now however, and farm work is being rapidly pushed forward.

Study of the marks left by Harry Lockhart's car, who was killed in a racing automobile accident in Florida last week reveals some startling facts. Moving in a comparatively straight line for 100 feet after the tire blew out, it zig-zagged down the beach for 600 feet; struck a bump, went spinning through the air for fifty-seven feet; landed with terrific force, but right side up; bounced through the air for thirty-three feet; struck the sand; bounced thirty-six feet; landed again on all four wheels; struck another bump; hurtled through the air for 140 feet; dug a hole sixteen inches deep in the sand in landing; rose for another aerial flight of 120 feet; hit the ground sidewise, but upright; took its last leap of forty-two feet; rolled over several times, and came to a stop in front of the grand stand.

Perry Jacobs of Richland county, convicted in January, 1926, of attempted criminal assault and sentenced by Judge J. K. Henry to serve from 15 to 30 years yesterday had his sentence suspended during good behavior by Governor John G. Richards.

**State Drops Charges Against W. W. Bradley**

Columbia, May 1.—Charges of malfeasance in office, brought against W. W. Bradley, former state bank examiner, following the closing of the American Bank and Trust company, of Columbia, were not pressed in Richland general sessions court today by Solicitor A. Fletcher Spigner.

The case was scheduled to come up for trial as early as possible at this term of court, but had been delayed somewhat by the necessity of a second trial of B. F. P. Leaphart, of Columbia, who faced charges in connection with the closing of the Columbia Savings Bank and Trust company. After the Leaphart case had gone to the jury for the second time, Mr. Spigner rose and in a brief statement announced the decision had been reached to nol pros the case against Mr. Bradley.

Briefly reviewing the case and repeating the charges against the former bank examiner, Mr. Spigner said that he and others engaged to aid in the prosecution had found that the state did not have sufficient evidence to go before a jury and ask for conviction.

"We have looked carefully into the case," said Mr. Spigner, "we have interviewed witnesses, and I say by way of parenthesis that there are witnesses who are not over anxious to testify and whose heart and sympathies are with the defendant. After careful review we have reached this conclusion, that the state has not sufficient evidence that would warrant its going to a jury and asking for a conviction in this case."

"Bradley," continued the solicitor, "is under a cloud of suspicion, but when it comes down to cold facts and figures, the state is unable to produce sufficient competent evidence to warrant trying the case."

Other members of the legal staff engaged to prosecute the case also addressed short explanatory statements to the court, these following in general the tenor of Mr. Spigner's remarks but going somewhat in detail as to certain phases of the state laws involved in the charges against Mr. Bradley.

Judge M. M. Mann, presiding, said he felt that the attorneys had given a correct statement of the status of the case, in a statement following the remarks of the attorneys he said:

"After hearing Fletcher Spigner, Jim Fowles and Judge Smith say that there is not sufficient support by the way of competent evidence behind this indictment. I need nothing whatsoever to convince me of the absolute correctness of that statement."

**More Than Two Million For Licenses**

Motor vehicle license collections in South Carolina totaled \$2,035,213.20 for the period from November 15, 1927, to April 1, 1928 it is shown by a report of the highway department, laid before the highway commissioners at their mid-April meeting. Of the above amount Greenville county leads with a total of \$184,766.00, while Kershaw county spent \$37,265.00 for license plates.

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