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RUSSELL JACOB BELL

One of the saddest of accidents that has visited this town in years occurred last Thursday (Thanksgiving) morning at 10:45 o'clock when Mr. Russell Jacob Bell was electrocuted and horribly burned while erecting an aerial for his radio.

Mr. Bell, with the assistance of his two young sons, Clyde and Harold was erecting the aerial. Mr. Bell had dug the hole for the pole and did not realize that he was so near to where the high tension line of the Eastern Shore Gas & Electric Co. crosses his yard, which carries 23,000 volts. Just as he started to raise the pole Clyde asked if he was not too close to the wires and he is said to have replied that he would clear them all right. He had just finished speaking when the pole touched one of the wires and 23,000 volts came down the green pole and the aerial wire, killing him instantly. He fell to the ground still within the radius of the death dealing current which set his clothing on fire, horribly burning the body, before the grounding of the wire burned it into. The wire fell to the ground, sputtering and burning for 10 or 15 minutes before word could be gotten to the power house to shut it off.

Clyde ran into the house when the accident happened and Mrs. Bell and her daughter ran out.

Mrs. Bell's first thought was to drag the body away, but as soon as she got within the electric field she received a shock which knocked her to the ground, luckily backward, for had she fallen forward the same fate would have befallen her.

Mr. C. H. Stewart, while unhitching his horse at the barn nearby, heard the buzzing of the electric wire and the screams and ran to the rescue, but could do nothing until the wire broke, except to send his son to the telephone to have the current cut off. As soon as the wire broke he threw a bucket of water on the body and extinguished the fire.

News of the accident spread rapidly through the town and in a few minutes afterward kind hands carried the burned body into the house.

Mrs. Bell was confined to her room for several days from the double shock of the accident and the electric current.

Mr. Bell was born at Magnolia, Del., forty years ago and was the son of the late Charles William and Anna Bell. When a young man his mother moved to Hobbs, Md. On January 1, 1904 he married Miss Florence L. Weber, Denton, who survives him with four children, Charles, Ruth, Clyde and Harold, all at home; one brother, Mr. John Bell, who is employed at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, two half-brothers, Mr. G. Luther Jopp, of Aberdeen; Mr. Jesse Jopp of Denton; one half sister, Miss Grace Jopp, of Hobbs.

For thirteen years Mr. Bell was employed by Mr. Clyde A. Pentz as assistant artesian well driller.

As a man Mr. Bell was very highly spoken of by all who knew him and his loyalty and devotion both to his work and his family set a high standard for others to follow.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the Methodist Protestant church and the large attendance shows the esteem in which his friends and neighbors held him. The Rev. G. J. Hooker, pastor of the church, officiated. Interment was in Denton cemetery.

Big Blackface Minstrel at Preston

If you want to really enjoy yourself for one evening don't fail to see "The Ham Tree," an old time blackface minstrel to be given by the boys of the Manual Training Classes who work for Max Chambers at the Preston High School. Show will be for the benefit of the Manual training classes. The Honey Boy Ministrels are full of pep and will give you the best night of entertainment you have had in a long time.

These boys are acting like professionals in every part. Their singing and instrumental music will be excelled by no amateur. The costumes and makeup wil make you hurt yourself laughing.

The holder of the lucky number ticket will be presented a fine ham weighing about 10 pounds. Who will get the ham? Don't forget the date. Friday, December 11th, 7:30 p. m.

CALLED TO DENTON PARISH

The Rev. Francis Kirwan, of Philadelphia, has been called to Denton by the Denton parish of the Episcopal Church and will hold his first services on Sunday at Denton at 11 a. m., Hillsboro, 3 p. m. and Greensboro at 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

SATISFACTION

By THE CRACKER

If you'd know the joy of livin' to its fullness an' its depth then forever keep on strivin' to accomplish what is best, but success will never meet you more than half way on the road. Success will always cater to the fellow who grabs hold, but it isn't always rated in the terms of yeller gold; an' the chap whose only action is for bales of filthy green, gets but little satisfaction while sojournin' on the scene. I'll allow that cash is handy. when. it comes. to. makin' change an', you never will be stranded if you deal a decent game, success will crown your labor , satisfaction with you bide; if no doggone cheap john caper has been branded on your hide.

ENTERTAINMENT WELL ATTENDED

Those who attended the entertainment at the Methodist Episcopal church Monday night were very much pleased with the event which was one of a number of entertainments given during the winter months by the Men's Bible class of that church

The main part of the program was a splendid address by Dr. James DuHadaway, of Bridgeville, Del., whose subject was "Our Greatest Guarantee of the Truth of the Bible." The thoughts brought out in this address were exceptionally fine.

Dr. DuHadaway is a native of Caroline county and has been preaching in the Wilmington Conference of the M. E. church for thirty years and has previously preached for twenty-three years in the M. E. Ohio Conference. He is the brother of Dr. John DuHadaway of Harmony.

A few of those who heard him had been school mates when he attended school in Caroline county, which gave the address a much more personal touch.

During the evening a double quartette of the church sang "Tarry a While with Jesus," "Beautiful Star of Hope," and "Onward and Upward." Rev. T. C. Smoot of Oxford and the Rev. E. N. Wright of Burrsville also took part in the service.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES WELL ATTENDED

The union Thanksgiving service held in the Church of the Brethren was well attended. The main room of the church was filled and each man, woman and child was well paid for coming out. The opening devotions were conducted by Rev. Hooker, after which Rev. Wheatly gave us his splendid address on the subject, "Duty Divinely Imposed."

The text for the discourse was Thessalonians 5:18. "In every thing give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Many good things were said for which the hearers were thankful. In the three main divisions of the discourse we were enjoined to give thanks for friends and temporal blessings which we enjoy so bountifully; for every thing, even to trouble and discouragements, as they may become stepping stones to rise to higher things. Also above all things we should be thankful for our spiritual blessings.

Yes, it does us good to get together. We hear by a common ear, we see through a common eye, and for the time being we think common thoughts. It is well that God has created no two human beings exactly alike, for in our differences we are able to apply ourselves to many different tasks and to supplement one another in working and thinking, but for a time to lay aside differences meet on a common plane, shake hands, exchange greetings and smiles is a splendid tonic for all. May we have many more such meetings in Denton.

DENTON M. P. CHURCH

Next Sunday, December 6th at 11 o'clock will be held the Holy communion. This ought always be an hour of deep, earnest consecration and honest thought. Let us bear in mind our duty to God and come out for this service.

In the evening at 7:30 the service will be evangelistic. The pastor will preach on "The Man Without a Chance." You are cordially invited to these services.

Sunday evening, December 20th, the young people of the church will give a Christmas pageant and on Sunday evening December 27th the choir will give one of their fine musical cantatas, keep dates in mind and come.

We Know It Pays To Advertise

Every now and then we hear some merchant say "It doesn't Pay to Advertise." And he doesn't. He barely makes a living and many times fails. Others say "I know it pays to Advertise." But they don't do it. They are in the same class as the first merchant, but they are not as true to themselves as he is for they do not do what they know to be true—and the sheriff gets many of them, too.

We not only KNOW THAT IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE, but we practice what we preach—and advertise our business.

Three years ago we began advertising along a certain line for small publications. That year we had nine. Last year we increased it to eighteen and so far this year we have contracts for twenty-one publications (one a weekly and one a semi-monthly) besides the two weekly newspapers which we own, with several prospects in view. These publications come to us from six states.

Last summer we began advertising along another line and have received orders from Boston to Florida and as far west as California, but that is not all—On Monday morning we received in our mail an order, enclosing check, from Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands! It may also be interesting to note that this particular order was sent in from an advertisement which appeared the first week in september, 1925.

Merchants—Your big season is now at hand. Can you really afford not to advertise? We have a large assortment of cuts of all kinds with many of them having a Christmas touch. We will be glad to show them to you and assist in getting up advertisements.

Golden Rule Sunday is to be again observed by this state, this nation and many other nations on next Sunday, December 6th.

Golden Rule Sunday has been set aside by the Near East Relief for observance in an effort to bring to the attention of the peoples of many countries of the needs of the Near East.

On that day they ask that instead of a big dinner being served that only a very simple dinner be eaten and that the difference between the cost of that dinner and a regular big Sunday dinner be given to the Near East Relief, to assist them in helping to reconstruct the devastated countries and to keep life in the thousands of little boys and girls left motherless and fatherless in those devastated countries.

It takes so little to help keep one little body and soul over there together and there are so many in the home and schools who require three small meals a day, that it takes a large sum to keep those orphanages supplied with foodstuffs to carry on throughout the year.

Christmas time is coming soon and if you have helped in this worthy cause, your Christmas season will be filled with much more happiness.

GOLDSBORO

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Jarman and Mrs. Nina Moore spent Sunday in Baltimore.

A family reunion was held Thanksgiving Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shockley.

Misses Marguetite Griffin, Louise Dennison and Addie Jarrell returned to State Normal School, Towson, Sunday afternoon, after spending the Thanksgiving holiday at their respective homes.

Miss Rebecca Lane of Annapolis spent the Thanksgiving holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Lane.

Mrs. J. Frank Lane was called to Elkton on Sunday to attend the funeral of an aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. William Melvin have been entertaining Mr. Melvin's mother the past several days.

Mr. Fletcher Wharton of Cambridge was a Sunday visitor at the home of his mother Mrs. Emma Wharton.

Dr. J. A. Rood and family of Queen Anne spent Tuesday, November 24th with Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Curtis. Dr. Rood preached that night at Erving's Chapel.

Those who were absent from the Methodist church last Sunday night missed something worth while. An unusually large congregation was present and thoroughly enjoyed the splendid program rendered by the choir.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Lane entertained his mother and sister Thanksgiving.

Miss Elsa Reick spent the Thanksgiving holiday at her home in Preston.

Mr. Allan Start visited friends in Smyrna Sunday.

The Sewing Circle was delightfully entertained Tuesday evening by Mrs. Hardy Williams.

Mrs. Elbert Saunders had a large number of visitors Thanksgiving day when a family reunion was held at her home.

HARMONY M. P. CHURCH

It was good to see you out at Harmony last Sunday afternoon. Those present seemed to enjoy the service of old hymns. Dont 'forget the Sunday school next Sunday at 2 o'clock and the preaching service at 3 o'clock, the pastor will preach on the theme—"What Is Man?" You are cordially invited—come.

BURRSVILLE CHURCH NOTES

Revival Services which for the past two weeks has been going on at Union M. P. church closed Sunday night.

The Third Quarterly Conference will meet in Burrsville Tuesday, December 8 at 2 p. m.

WRIGHT—RILEY

Mr. Norman Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Wright of Denton and Miss Rosa Ellen Riley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Riley of near Denton were married at Snow Hill last Thursday at 2:30 by Rev. William Brown. They were attended by Miss Beulah Clopper and Clifford Wright of Tuckahoe Neck.

WHO'S COMING?

Boys and Girls Invited to Come See Him on Saturday December 12

Santa Claus Day!

Boys and girls, do you remember that eventful day last year when Santa came to Denton to shake hands and talk with the boys and girls of Caroline county and find out what they wanted for Christmas? Surely you do! No boy or girl who was in Denton on that eventful day last year could ever forget the big time that was given to the boys and girls last year.

At a meeting of the Denton Board of Trade on Tuesday night it was deciedd to ask Santa to come again this year before Christmas to find out what the boys and girls wanted and they have received word from him that he will be Here on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12th. It is not necessary to say that the boys and girls from all over the county are invited to be here, for we know they will come.

DAVID S. STAYER

Mr. David S. Stayer passed to his final rest Tuesday morning, November 24th after a few days' illness. At the time of his death he was making his home with his son, Mr. Samuel J. Stayer, of New Orleans, La. Mr. Stayer was born at New Enterprise, Bedford county, Pa., in 1845. In 1883, he, with his family, moved to Ridgely and purchased the Fisk farm, a part of which is now owned by Mr. Cannon. Some years later he purchased the farm where he lived until the death of his wife in April, 1921. He conducted a brick and tile manufacturing business on this farm for about 12 years.

Early in life he united with the Church of the Brethren, to which church he remained faithful to the end. He was an ardent church worker, a good Christian father, a kind and charitable neighbor. He was one of the charter members of the Ridgely Brethren Church. Mr. Stayer was a good musician and besides leading church music conducted a number of classes in vocal music.

He is survived by two sons, Mr. Samuel J. Stayer, of New Orleans, and Prof. Franklin A. Stayer, of East New Market, Md., and by two stepdaughters(Mrs. D. C. Lynch, of Ridgely and Mrs. J. K. Lynch, of Oxford, Pa. Also by a sister, Mrs. Susan Repogle, of Pittsburgh, Pa., an da brother, Dr. Andrew S. Stayer of Washington. Funeral services were held from the Church of the Brethren in Ridgely on Friday afternoon. Elder Levi R. Brumbaugh, assisted by the Rev. H. H. Zeigler, officiated. Interment in the Ridgely cemetery.

DEMOSS ENTERTAINERS IN DENTON DEC. 16TH

Wednesday, December 16th, the De Moss Entertainers will give one of their wonderful concerts in the Palace ton M. P. Church. These folks are theatre, Denton, for the benefit of Den Americas world famous concert family. They are known to the public from the Pacific to the Atlantic, and from the Lakes to the Gulf. In every city, in every state of America, in every province of Canada, and in many of the countries of Euorpe they, have entertained. Their entertainment is a blending of the classical, original and patriotic music, readings and pianologs.

Surely you cannot afford to miss this rare treat. Dont forget the date—December 16th. Place , Palace theatre, Denton. Benefit Loyal Sons Bible Class of the M. P. Church.

T. B. CLINIC

There will be a clinic for diseases of the chest in the Nurse's office in the Law building, Denton, Tuesday, December 8th, at 9 a. m., and Lednum Hall, Preston, at 2 p. m.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank our friends and neighbors for the sympathy and the many kindnesses extended us during the sudden death of our husband and father.

Mrs. FLORENCE BELL and FAMILY

FIND AUTO JACK RING ON EASTERN SHORE

State Police Believe Slaying Of Gordon Riley Was Caused By Feud

JUNK YARDS YIELD TRAIL

Salisbury, Md., Dec. 1—Acting upon the theory that a fued existed between Charles W. Graham and Gordon Riley, both of Harrington D,el., with a well-organized extensive auto-jack ring de luxe in the back-ground. State police of Maryland and Delaware believe they have established a motive for the slaying of Riley on November 24.

Riley was mortally wounded in Graham's home and died the following day in a Philadelphia hospital. Graham was arrested charged with the slaying and is held without bail in the Newcastle county (Del.) workhouse. Both are scions of old and prominent Delaware families.

Discover Auto-Jack Ring.

Investigation of the shooting by police of the two States almost immediately led to the discovery of an auto-jack ring, the magnitude of which grows daily as the probe progresses. One arrest has been made.

Existence of the ring was revealed when the police discovered and confiscated parts of dismantled high-priced automobiles in yards of junk dealers in Salisbury and Harrington. The factory numbers of some of the parts had been obliterated. Police were informed by the junk dealers that the parts had been purchased from Graham in Harrington.

Stored Autos In Barns.

Continuing the investigation, the authorities have revealed that Graham and Riley had rented numerous barns in Harrington and other Eastern Shore town where used automobiles had been stored and the entrance sealed. The titles of some of these have been traced to automobiles stolen recently and a check of others is being made. Other discarded parts were found in McCauley's Pond, near Harrington.

Pete Donovan, of Harrington, was arrested after police had recovered a Packard car at Henderson, Md. The automobile, police say, was seen at the Graham home just before the slaying. It was later identified as the property of Charles Blake, of Laurel, Del., stolen from the Blake home last September.

During the first fifteen days of October, State police at Substation E here, received reports of the theft of fifteen cars from Eastern Shore towns. Similar thefts have been reported since then.

It is stated that part of the body of the truck of A. W. Short & Co. and the motor block on the Ford sedan of Miss Edna Shipman's car, both of Denton, have been located among the piles of parts taken from a large number of cars which have been stolen on the shore this fall. Whether the remaining parts of these cars and of the other cars that were stolen at Denton will be recovered, time, only will tell.

Church of the Brethren

The prayer and song service for Wednesday evening was adjourned in favor of hearing Dr. Davis speak at the M. E. Church.

The Sister's Aid Society plan to conduct a sale of bake and fancy work on December 12th. The place is Fishers garage. The time, all day, December 12th.

TOAD HOLLOW BREVITIES

Hank Alderbush says that he can remember when automobiles were as much of a curiosity as a horse and buggy is now.

Dave Gooslum says when he was a young feller he could git his hoss shod without makin' an appointment with the blacksmith the week before.

An' several others around the store allowed as they could recall the time when all fillin' stations were equipped with brass rails.

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