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OLD WELDON.

Things That Happened 33 Years Ago in Town and Vicinity.

August 8, 1889.—A few days ago in Enfield, John Ousby, colored, got into a difficulty with another negro by the name of Dempsey whom he severely cut.

Mr. R. J. Lewis, of Littleton, has been appointed deputy collector for Halifax, Edgecombe, Pitt and Wilson counties—the 12th division. He will make a good officer.

Two men were drowned on Mr. Capehart's plantation in Northampton county last week while floating logs to a mill. They with several others were standing on some logs in a swamp when the log upon which the two men were standing, turned, throwing them into the water. They attempted to climb upon the logs but they were slippery and would turn. They then became panic stricken and sank, refusing to take hold of poles which were extended to them.

The railroad from Scotland Neck to Greenville will be opened up for passenger and freight traffic on Thursday, the 22nd instant, to Riverton, a station on the opposite side of Tar river.

The freshest bore away Saturday morning upon its broad bosom a barn belonging to Mr. J. T. Evans. Mr. Evans had put in to the top of the barn for safe keeping two Cincalose chickens which he valued very highly. As the barn floated down stream they crowded a signal of danger and afterward kept up the cry of distress at intervals until their ark had rested in Mush Island where after 24 hours of Robinson Crusoe business they were rescued in a dilapidated condition.

On Sunday special officer W. H. Joyner, of Northampton county, took to Halifax jail for safe keeping a colored man by the name of Walter Clark, to await trial on the charge of burglary. The offense was committed near Rich Square. He was handcuffed and tied with a rope, and while pretending to sleep gnawed the rope in two twice with a view of escaping, but Mr. Joyner was too vigilant and he now takes his meals at the public expense.

Thursday was children's day at Smith's M. E. church, about five miles from here. The ceremonies were opened by the singing of a hymn, and then followed an address by the pastor, Rev. B. B. Holder, explaining the purpose of the occasion. The programme was announced by Mr. Frank Medlin, secretary of the school. After the programme was ended an invitation was extended to any who wished to say anything, and Master Forest Stainback responded in a recitation, "The Methodist Way" which was very entertaining. The Rev. P. N. Stainback then delivered an address.

Mr. Joe Spiers left Monday for a visit to his father's family in Virginia.

Mrs. R. S. Hall, of Florence, S. C., is visiting friends in this place.

Mr. Theophilus Allen, of Memphis, Tenn., a resident of this place thirty years ago, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Kate Allen.

Mr. Claude Kitchin, who has been on a visit of several months to Wake Forest, returned to Halifax Tuesday.

Messrs. T. W. Mason, J. W. Grant, J. J. Woodard and L. L. Smith, were elected to represent Murfreesboro district, M. E. Church, at the next annual Virginia conference.

DIED SUDDENLY.

Mr. Joseph Shearin, who lived in Butterwood township, was found dead in his room on Friday morning of last week. It seems he had gotten up, lighted his pipe and in the act of putting on his shoes, was suddenly stricken. He was found a short while afterwards sitting in his chair dead. The deceased was the father of Messrs. Dallas and Harinbal Shearin, who live in the New Hope section and was 68 years of age. The burial took place Saturday at the old home place.

AUTOMOBILE WRECK.

On last Friday night there was an automobile wreck on the Jackson road, near the Weldon bridge. It seems a large truck belonging to Mr. J. R. Archer, of Jackson, was running at a rapid rate and a car driven by a Miss Buffalo, also of Jackson, going in the same direction, blew for the right of way. The party driving the truck in giving the road, ran too close to the edge of the embankment and turned over and rolled down the steep hill.

A boy, a son of Mr. Archer, who was sitting on the seat with the driver, had his back severely hurt, and two boy tramps who had asked to ride, received slight flesh wounds. The injured were looked after by Dr. H. G. Lassiter. A collection was taken for the tramp boys and they were given transportation to their home in Philadelphia.

IMPORTANT MEETING.

The citizens of the county are called to assemble in mass meeting today at Halifax in an effort to devise some means for reducing the present burdensome tax rate. If, Mr. Citizen, you are interested in a better, economic distribution of county expenses, you will make it your business to attend this meeting and lend your presence and your influence to a correction of present unnecessary and unbearable conditions. The cry of good roads and good schools should not avail, while adjoining counties having equally as good roads and good schools are operating at half and less than half the tax rate of Halifax county. It is evident there is unnecessary expenditure of the tax-payers money and the parties responsible should be shown up and a better system inaugurated. This issue is of vital concern, as we hear of farms from which the rents do not pay the taxes.

THE CROPS.

The crops, at the present writing, are very good in Halifax county, notwithstanding the heavy down pour of rain every few days. The cotton has plenty of weed and is full of blooms and squares. You can ask the average farmer if he thinks there will be a full crop of cotton made, and he will shake his head. He will tell you he has never seen a full crop of cotton made on a wet year. But let us hope the squares will stick, and that this year can be put down as an exception to the rule.

The peanut crop is a good one, from the general appearance of the vines. The corn crop was never known to be better. The harvest will depend largely upon favorable weather from now on.

A FEARFUL ACCIDENT.

Miss Elsie Dixie, who was one of the teachers at the Graded school here last session, was fearfully injured in an automobile accident, near Durham, last week. A party of seven were out joy riding and in turning a sharp curve in the road, the car turned over, the weight of the machine fell on Miss Dixie, breaking her arm and shoulder and dislocating her hip. She is now in Watt's Hospital, Durham, and is doing as well as could be expected, under the circumstances. She has many friends in Weldon who regret exceedingly to learn of her misfortune, and hope, ere long, she will be herself again.

BETTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The National Education Convention just closed in Boston emphasized many matters of importance to the country regarding the teaching of its youth. Among these none can be considered of greater importance than the increasing demand in rural communities for a higher standard of education than has obtained in the past. The "little red school house," of song and story has served its purpose and gone out of date. With good roads and adequate transportation facilities, schools with first class equipment and properly trained teachers, can be made available for any community in Halifax county.

MARRIED.

Married at the Episcopal church, at Roanoke Rapids, by Rev. Lewis Taylor, on August 2nd, Mr. Paul Merchant and Miss Martha Stringer. Both of Weldon. We extend best wishes for a long life of happiness.

BASE BALL.

Weldon beat Warrenton 3 to 2 in a 12 inning game on the latter's ground last Thursday. Manager Clark for Warrenton hit a home run in the ninth and tied the score. Stamey for Weldon pitched a good game allowing 5 hits and striking out 19 men. Batteries: Weldon, Stamey and Faulkner; Warrenton, Spain and Davis.

The game Friday between Weldon and Norlina resulted in a decided victory for Weldon by a score of 8 to 0. Norlina boys are good players but our boys were most too much for them.

The game Saturday between Weldon and Norfolk was also won by the Weldon boys by a score of 9 to 0. Our boys entered this game with fear and trembling, having never faced a club from a large city, but before the game advanced very far, they were sure of victory. Weldon shut out Plymouth here Monday by a score of 7 to 0.

The second game of the series between Weldon and Plymouth, resulted in a victory for Weldon by a score of 4 to 0.

SIMPLE LESSON.

Plant vegetables in a garden or crops in a field. Cultivate them properly, give them good treatment, and they grow and make good yields. Neglect them, stunt them, and they do nothing. The same rule holds good as to your chickens, or your horses, or your hogs or cows.

And the same rule holds good as to human beings.

Abuse yourself, and you pay for it. Take care of yourself, observe the rules of plain common sense, and you will be more fit in every way. Why can we not learn the lesson?

THE FOXTROT FOOT.

The influence of the foxtrot on the appearance of women's feet is more noticeable every day, even with the gradually lengthening skirt. Any one who has an eye for a neat ankle has seen that the younger women are walking as if about to dance. They put their feet down with the sliding motion of the favorite step, and have lost the tapping movement that was the smart walk in quick waltz days. Feet seem to have lengthened and grown more pointed to suit the dances.

A CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to heartily thank our many friends for their kind thoughtfulness at the time of our recent affliction and assure them that every word and act was deeply appreciated. It is at such times that we find consolation in the knowledge that our earthly friends "care for us" and we are brought closer to that Friend who is above all others and by whose love we are drawn nearer to Him and to each other.

GEORGE D. HAWKS AND FAMILY.

DIED SUDDENLY.

Died suddenly near Vaughan, Tuesday morning, about 8 o'clock, Mr. Joseph J. Lockhart, in the 60th year of his age. The remains were brought here Tuesday afternoon and interred in the family square at Cedarwood cemetery on Wednesday. He was a brother of Miss Verda Lockhart, of this place.

He received license to practice law in his early manhood, but shortly afterwards his health became impaired and he never entered into his chosen profession.

ARM BADLY CUT.

Miss Virginia Owen while visiting friends in Richmond, had the misfortune to fall and cut her arm severely last Saturday night. It seems she was ascending a stairway and in trying to regain her balance, after stumbling, thrust her arm through a glass door, severing a large vein in her right arm. She was given first aid and rushed to St. Luke's Hospital for further treatment.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Mr. Geo. C. Green received a telegram Sunday, stating that the cottage occupied by Mrs. Green and children, Mrs. Willie G. Cohen and Mrs. W. L. Scott, at Keen Valley, N. Y., had been destroyed by fire. None of the party were injured. Mr. Green left at once for Keen Valley and will bring his people home.

DIED IN RICHMOND.

The body of Mrs. John E. Taylor who died in Richmond last Thursday, was brought here Friday and taken to Galica, Northampton county for burial.

PERSONALS

And Other Items Told in Brief Form.

The farmers are busy curing tobacco.

The school bells will soon be ringing again.

Mr. Black Pierce spent the week end in Durham.

Mrs. Lee Johnson is visiting relatives in Kinston.

Mr. Robert Musgrove is visiting friends in Raleigh.

Miss Virginia Bishop is visiting relatives at Norfolk.

It is almost time for a circus to be heading this way.

Mr. Roy Owen, of Whiteakers, was in town Sunday.

Miss Ellice Bounds is on a visit to friends in Richmond.

Mrs. D. W. Seifert has returned from a visit to Newbern.

The profiteers of yesterday are wishing for another war.

Mrs. Ruth Hunter is spending a few days at Ocean View.

Mr. Ben Pope, of Norfolk, is visiting relatives in town.

Mr. Harry Pope, of Washington, D. C., is here on a visit.

Miss Blanche Johnson is spending a few days at Ocean View.

Miss Florence Allen is visiting Mrs. Troy Myatt in Smithfield.

Yes, Johnnie, girls wear these short skirts in order to show off.

Opportunity knocks but once, but your friends knock all the time.

Miss Annie Rowe House has returned from a visit to Warrenton.

Miss Mildred Walton, of New York, is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. D. R. Anderson has returned home from Hot Springs Ark.

Many a romance has been spoiled by a kiss flavored with talcum powder.

Marriage sometimes proves that two can live just as miserably as one.

Mr. M. H. Blum, of Lata, S. C., visited Mr. and Mrs. M. Freid last week.

Misses Warren, of Greenville, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Smith.

We return thanks to Mr. Jacob Dickens for some delicious canteloupes.

Miss Mary McCain, of Ashboro, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. A. L. Cochrane.

The bathing beach girls must think the people on shore are from Missouri.

Hint for the faint-hearted; It is all right to kiss a miss; she won't miss a kiss.

A woman says she thinks, and sometimes her husband says the same thing.

Mr. Jack Vaughan has returned home after a visit of several weeks at Woodland.

Capt. and Mrs. Geo. D. Hawks are enjoying the breezes at Ocean View this week.

Mrs. N. S. Barnes and Miss Mary Letha are visiting relatives at Waverly, Va.

Rev. L. D. Hayman is assisting in a revival meeting in Northampton circuit this week.

It was probably election year in Israel when the Psalmist wrote that "all men are liars."

We hate to remind you of it, Johnnie, but it won't be long until school opens again.

The man who says he never kissed a girl may be truthful, but nobody envies him.

It won't be long now until the people will be coming home to rest up for their vacations.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Holoman, of Richmond, are visiting their father, Mr. John P. Holoman.

Mrs. L. C. Draper and children have returned from a pleasant sojourn at Virginia Beach.

Mrs. R. S. Travis and Miss Mary Pierce are visiting relatives and friends at Smithfield.

Some people can drive an automobile. Others just sit at the steering wheel and trust to luck.

We are not disposed to vote for the politician who promises to reduce taxes. It won't be done, and he probably knows it just as well as the rest of us.

Mr. and Mrs. Norfleet S. Smith, of Scotland Neck, were guests of Mrs. I. E. Green Tuesday.

Misses Lillian Hunter and Helen Wilkins, of Elizabeth City, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Crew.

When a boy says he is going to be a preacher when he gets to be a man, it is time to call in the doctor.

Mrs. V. D. Godwin and children, of Williamston, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Pope, near town.

Mrs. A. S. Ellis, of Waverly, Va., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. N. S. Barnes, has returned home.

Misses Ida Sledge and Virginia Inge who have been attending the summer school at the University, have returned home.

The modern girl can make fudge and mayonnaise dressing, but young married people can't live on those two things alone.

A doctor says we keep too warm in winter. Not much danger of it for next winter unless this coal stride is soon settled.

Mrs. Alice B. Hudson, Mr. William Hudson and Misses Margaret and Eugenia Hudson are spending some time at Ocean View.

We see more of women now than formerly, says an exchange, but this doesn't enable us to understand them any better.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Barnes, Mrs. A. S. Ellis and Miss Mary Letha have returned home from a most delightful visit to Ocracoke.

An exchange says, the bobbing of hair doesn't always have the same effect. When Samson was shorn, they made him go to work.

Misses Elizabeth Rothrock and Eloise Sparger, of Mount Airy, who have been visiting Miss Ida Vivian Hayward, have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hawks and daughter, Miss Katherine, who have been visiting relatives here for the past week, have returned to their home at Newport News.

Mrs. Martin Johnston, Miss Sadie and Ben Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnston, Jr., of Powhatan county, Va., were the guests of Mrs. I. B. Green Tuesday.

Mrs. W. B. Edwards who has been teaching in the summer school at Wake Forest College, has returned home, and is now visiting relatives near Pleasant Hill.

MARRIED AT HALIFAX.

Married at Halifax on last Tuesday morning, by Rev. Mr. Smith, of the Baptist church, Mr. John J. Parker, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Mrs. Louise Latten Halway, formerly of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., but now a resident of Richmond, Va.

ANOTHER RESIDENCE.

Material is being placed on the lot of Mrs. Mattie Cornwall, on the corner of Sycamore and Fourth street and in a few days workmen will be busily engaged in erecting a very handsome dwelling. It will contain ten rooms with all the modern improvements and will be completed by January, 1923.

STILL LIVING.

The following is taken from the Scotland Neck Democrat: "Jacob Hill, one of the few colored Democrats, of this community, is the only living person who assisted the late Peter E. Smith in the erection of the Ram Albemarle, the Confederacy's iron-clad warship. 'Uncle Jacob' is still active and attends to his market every day."

TO VOTERS OF HALIFAX COUNTY.

It has come to my attention and personal knowledge that some voters of Halifax county are under the impression that Mrs. "Bowers" who is running for treasurer is myself, the widow of the late County Treasurer, Earl E. Bowers. I am not running for County Treasurer, but do heartily endorse the candidacy of MR. NORFLEET S. SMITH, as I feel sure my late husband would, if he were living, for I know that he said that if any man who served in the war wanted the office he would step aside and give it to him. Mr. Smith served honorably during the late war, was severely wounded and deserves the office, and I hope my friends and the friends of my late husband, will vote for him.

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