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SIDE STREET GOSSIP.

By Joe Foreman.

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When a man works all the week, as most honest men have to, he wants to take his rest when Sunday comes and loves to stay in bed a little longer than usual and when he gets up, goes out bareheaded and no collar on, and see how things are coming on about the place—get out to the barn and down to the garden and see if the peas are coming up and whether the fruit is likely to be killed this spring, and so forth. Of course, when you have been going to church and Sunday school for more than forty years it gets to be about like second nature but when dinner is over it is mighty good to be able to look over Mutt and Jeff and see how Jiggs got away with Maggie and then take a little nap.

But this sort of business don't suit the women folks. They want to get out and see what is going on and visit about with the neighbors. Last Sunday Mrs. Foreman insisted that we go over and see how the new school building was coming on and I must say that I had not had a chance to see how it was and she had heard tell of some improvements and buildings, too, and she had not seen them.

And so it is. The women folks have to stay in pretty close most of the time and especially in winter and they are just about as interested in the new school and other things, too, as the men are nowadays. We took a walk over the town and I was certainly surprised to see so many new houses going up and other signs of improvement. I was pretty well fagged out by supper time but nowadays they say you don't need any supper Sunday night and we went on to preaching. I never could get much out of a sermon on an empty stomach, but at that I could not take a nap, hungry as I was, although I was perfectly willing to risk the preacher not to say something that I wouldn't agree with.

Speaking about preaching and such, times have certainly changed along that line as well as other ways since I was a boy. Folks have on excuse these days when they have a chance to go to church every Sunday and during the week too, lots of the time. And now here comes along this radio business. The other night I went down town and some of the boys insisted that I go in and hear the new big radio that they had been projecting with. I must say that in all my life I never had anything that so surely took me off my feet. Here I was listening to a concert that the boys tell me was being pulled off away up in Pennsylvania or New York or some where. I did not just catch on how it was all done and how they knew who was doing the sending and so forth but I am saying this much that it was a wonderful thing to me. They tell me that they have sermons and such on it all the time and so it is nowadays that all you have to do is to turn the box on and you can hear most anything you please. The world has got some speed on these days and if you can't keep up you better have the good judgment to step aside and let the procession go by rather than drag along and get run over by the wheels of progress.

For all our progress though, old time honesty and hard work, has not gone out of style and everywhere I hear the need for folks who are willing to buckle down and make things go. Our town is needing bad some new businesses and the money is ready and you can get all the help and encouragement you want if you have a lot of brains and energy that you can put to use. We have an over supply of fools and loafers all the time and nobody need put in an application unless he is willing to put out some hard work and head too.

Still it rains. Maybe we will get some gardening done but it will be late but better late than never is what I have heard and it applies to gardens as well as old maids.

OUR SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

New Names on the Roll This Week Again.

This week we enter subscribers from Missouri, Arkansas and one from California. All old Chatham folks who like to read a good, live local paper. Many of the old subscribers write us saying that the paper "is the best Chatham county had ever had" and how much they enjoy it.

It is useless to say that we are indeed proud of the names that we enter on our list each week. The patronage that we are receiving is indeed encouraging, both from subscribers and advertisers. For two weeks it has been impossible to handle all the ads that we have gotten and were compelled to leave them out.

This week we are glad to have the following new names on our list: J. L. Owen, L. A. Utley, Jake Alston, Carl Gilliland, Mrs. John Dixon, W. T. Utley, Miss N. M. White, W. C. Perry, O. R. Mann, Miss Josie Jones, E. J. Yates, Spencer Hackney, J. N. Burgess, L. A. Haith, H. L. Stone, C. S. Neal, Flora Burnett, Mrs. H. C. Farrell, J. L. Reynolds, N. H. Hintage, J. J. Burgess, G. W. Perry, W. C. York, Clarence Clark, George M. Check, J. A. White.

It takes skill to build a house, but love alone can make a home.

BENNETT LOCALS AND NEWS.

March 19.—Saying in our last week letter that we would kindly give a list of our population. We have two planing and saw mills, plants owned and run each by Mr. W. A. Ward and C. C. Check; Routh Roller Mills, a cotton gin by Mr. W. C. Brewer, two cross tie cash buyers, Brewer and Powers and Yow-Brown Store Co., two extra lumber butters, Mr. Arthur Ross, of Asheboro, and Mr. C. G. Spencer, of Carthage, N. C., the firm Bennett Motor Co., auto sale and repair shop, a daily barber shop run by A. B. Phillips, a hotel run by Mrs. Jetty Forkner, a cafe run by Mrs. H. Fowler; merchants—Bennett Hardware Co. by Mr. J. R. and G. H. Andrews; J. R. Peace, general merchant, Yow-Brown Store Co., groceries and notions; W. W. Brown, general merchant; M. M. Hammer, general merchant; B. C. Routh, general merchant; W. S. Gardner, general merchant, and Ed S. Phillips, furniture and coffins and caskets; Mrs. E. S. Phillips and Mrs. Claudie E. Jones, millinery and sewing room; and Mrs. J. E. Brown, millinery. Two churches, Baptist and The Christian. Graded school this year teaches to the tenth and eleventh grade. We have 48 dwelling houses inside the corporate limits and two hundred and twenty people.

Mr. J. N. Jarrett, of Raleigh, lectured at the Baptist church Sunday, telling what he saw and heard on his four months trip to the old country sometime ago. Seeing the manger in which Christ was laid and the Galilee lake, and the river Jordan where Christ was baptized, and trod the roads and ways where the guide told him that the Apostle Paul traveled and all other interesting scenes that we have read about in the Bible. A large crowd attended and seemed to enjoy the lecture.

Mrs. Walter Della Brady and children, of Greensboro, visited relatives and friends here Saturday, returning home Sunday.

Mr. W. W. Brown was hurried to the hospital at Ashboro, accompanied by his doctor, on account of expected blood poison caused from having some of his teeth pulled about a week ago. He had been suffering very much all the week and thought he would pull through all right but became worse and rushed to the hospital for treatment.

Mr. Clark Brady, near Bennett, is with all smiles. He has a new eleven pound boy.

Mr. J. H. Scott, of Greensboro, visited his home Sunday.

The wife of Mr. Henry Cox, who lives one mile west of Bennett and who has been blind for some time, died and was buried at the Pleasant Grove Christian church cemetery last Tuesday, March 14th. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. G. R. Underwood. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Leonard.

Mrs. M. J. Pressnell, of Seagrove, visited her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Brewer, last week. Also Mrs. Wilson, of Carthage, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. D. Brady this week.

Mrs. W. A. Moffit, who has been crippled nearly a year, caused from a toe nail growing into blood poison and who has twice undergone an operation, is able to go about on crutches.

Mr. C. B. Bitts, county commissioner, was in town and vicinity a few days ago and, we learn, give permission to open a road leading from Asheboro-Carthage, west from Mr. John Brady's to Mt. Zion Methodist church. This road is partly known as the old Chatham road and leads to Mt. Zion and Beulah churches. Thank you, Mr. Bitts, come again and spend a longer time and eat chicken with us. BEN-NET.

ELDERLY LADY PAYS US VISIT.

Last Thursday afternoon there came into our office a lady who is 73 years old, lives on New Hill, Rt. 2, in Chatham county and has abided in her immediate locality for her entire life. It was her second visit to Pittsboro during her life and she enjoyed the many improvements and the progress the town has made.

The lady had never seen a printing office—did not have the least idea how it was planned or operated. It was a mere chance that when she was calling on us that we had in operation our linotype typesetting machine, cylinder press and the folder—a regular hub-bub and whirl of machinery, and it was an interesting curiosity to her and she seemed to enjoy seeing it and we were pleased to have her visit us.

Mrs. Mary Matthews was the lady's name and she plainly bore the marks of a Christian disposition, a pure life and a consecrated belief in the best of things. She was accompanied by her son, J. R. Matthews and her little grand daughter, Pocahontas Matthews. The little girl had pretty curls, dark complexioned and deep brown eyes, being about five years of age, she was indeed a pretty child and the grandmother exhibited every devotion and pride in her.

It is a pleasure to us always to meet the good people from the rural sections. In them we find true manhood and womanhood. They support hood and womanhood. They support the righteous and honest element of the society and their friendship is highly appreciated by the editor of this paper. We welcome you folks to our office at any time and we will be glad to have you make our office your headquarters when you may be in town. The latch string hangs on the outside of our door.

If we got all we wished for where would we put it.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

They Meet March 12 and Transact Mostly Routine Business.

The county road board met in session in Pittsboro Monday, March 12, and transacted the following business: J. T. Rosser, work on George creek bridge, \$25.

Bunn Dawson, lumber and sawing, \$42.07.

W. G. Fields, 1,584 feet lumber, \$31.68.

T. A. Thompson, building road, teams and labor \$244.65.

J. A. Bowling, teams and labor on road, \$15.

M. H. Woody, machinery and road hauling, \$25.

Chatham Motor Co., oil, gas and repairs, \$13.20.

W. P. Petty, salary, \$75; express 53 cents, \$75.52.

Frank Gattis, 12 days driving tractor, \$24.

J. W. Harmon, overlooked in February, \$10.10.

J. W. Harmon, pay roll, \$1,066.79.

J. W. Harmon, salary for February, \$125.

Geo. W. Perry, oil, gas and scraping roads, \$50.43.

February 14, 1923, from State highway \$20 in bank.

R. R. Segroves, work and lumber, Woodard bridge, \$59.55.

W. A. Copeland, work and lumber on Moore's bridge, \$47.94.

J. L. Owens, repair on drag, \$1.

E. E. Wilson, 8 days service, 320 miles, \$56.

D. T. Brooks, pliers, shovels, etc., \$4.40.

Buck Phillips, work on roads, \$51.30.

Kenneth Mace, work on road, \$30.50.

Colonel Smith, work on road, \$13.50.

J. W. Andrews, work on roads \$66.

E. M. Phillips, work on roads, \$69.

Joe Smith, hauling drag, \$1.

Phillips and Scott, lumber for drag, \$1.

D. H. Ellis, nails, maddock, etc., \$3.05.

J. W. Griffin, one day to Baldwin township, \$5.

FIFTH DISTRICT MEETING.

Mrs. Cooper Makes Address at N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs.

The meeting of the Fifth District of the Federation of Women's Clubs of North Carolina was held at the Baptist church, in Pittsboro, March 20th.

Promptly at 11 o'clock Mrs. W. P. Horton, president of the Fifth District, called the meeting to order, which was opened with the reading of the collect, followed by the singing of "America."

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. E. A. Farrell, president of the Federation of Women's Clubs of North Carolina. To this address of welcome Mrs. R. N. Page, of Southern Pines Community Club, most graciously responded.

Mrs. Page said in part: "This day here at Pittsboro will be a bright day in our memory. Some one has said: 'That God made women beautiful and foolish—beautiful so that the men would love them—and foolish so that they would love the men.' I like to think that God made us as helpmates for men."

The minutes of the last meeting were re-read by Miss Elizabeth Chapin, of Pittsboro, who acted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. J. Dewey Dorsett, and same were adopted.

Following the appointment of committees by the district chairman, Mrs. Horton, Mrs. Sydney P. Cooper, State president, delivered a most inspiring address to the members of the Fifth district.

Mrs. Cooper briefly reviewed the work of the ten departments and fourteen standing committees.

She said in part: "At the present time many and varied are the opportunities for service—a federation, a league of women all working for one end, the betterment of our towns, our communities, our State and the world. We should never lose sight of the fact that we are members of an organization that stands for high and noble principles—that stands for everything that tends towards the uplift of mankind and betterment of citizenship, and that each one of us should make the entire body at least a little better for her presence, her loyalty, her co-operation, her usefulness and her service."

Mrs. Cooper called the attention of the members to the fact that the ruling as to the expenses of the district president has been changed. She said that in the future the clubs in the district would tax their members so much per capita in order to provide a sinking fund for the district chairman. This fund is to be used by the district chairman as she deems proper and expedient.

Mrs. J. L. Gilmer, of Winston-Salem, second vice-president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs and chairman of the districts, stressed the importance of the clubs in the district supporting their district chairman, that her duties are numerous and her allowance inadequate. Without the co-operation of every club member in the district her hands are tied.

Mrs. Gilmer spoke most highly of the work done by the district president, Mrs. W. P. Horton.

She gave briefly an outline of the business and social activities of the State Federation meeting which convenes in Winston-Salem May 3, 4 and 5.

Following Mrs. Gilmer's speech the meeting adjourned for lunch.

The luncheon, which was a box affair, each delegate bringing her own lunch, was served cafeteria style in the club room of the Woman's club of Pittsboro. The club room, which is the pride of every club woman in Pittsboro, was most tastefully decorated with spirea, daffodils and ferns. Strikingly effective were the booths from which coffee and cake were served by the hostess club.

Following the luncheon the afternoon session began. Mrs. Henry Bynum, of Pittsboro, with Mrs. Hamilton, of Chapel Hill, as accompanist, rendered two beautiful vocal selections in her usual gracious and charming manner.

Mrs. Leavitt, State chairman of literature, then made a most inspiring talk, telling briefly of her work, and urging club women to compete for the prize offered for the best short story. She said that tradition showed that the most wonderful talent in a story writing came from North Carolina. That there was a wonderful amount of latent ability in our State.

Mrs. Olive Webster, of Siler City, and a member of the State Fire Prevention Department, spoke briefly of her work and urged the organization of safety leagues in the schools, the observance of "Clean-Up Week," and the giving of prizes to school children for posters bearing upon the different phases of work.

Mrs. Leavitt, who is State chairman of literature and president of Chapel Hill Community club, accompanied by Mrs. Hamilton at the piano, then gave a most beautiful musical reading, which was a joy and delight to all present.

Mrs. Horton, in introducing Mrs. Leavitt, said that we were most fortunate in securing Mrs. Leavitt, as she is much sought for on account of her wonderful talent as a reader.

Next followed a report of the club presidents which was very interesting and inspiring. The following clubs reported, Woman's Club, of Pittsboro; Sanford Literary Club; Sanford Mothers Club; Southern Pines Civic League; Sanford Civic League; Carthage Woman's Club; Rockingham Woman's Club; Siler City, while not in our district, sent a delegation, and we were delighted to have them.

Mrs. W. P. Horton, chairman, made her report next. In conclusion Mrs.

BACK IN '66 AND '68.

Prices of Foodstuffs Then and Now—Interesting Reading.

People of today are crying hard times, high prices and complain that the world is going to the bad. The younger generation, and those that have grown up since 1866, will open their eyes at the prices paid for foodstuffs in those days.

Bacon sold then about the same price as it does now—20 to 25 cents a pound. Butter sold for 40 cents, and the same price stands good today. In 1866 people used candles mostly and had to pay 35 cents a pound for them. Cotton yarn was \$3.50 a bale, cotton 35 cents a pound, chickens 35 to 50 cents each, coffee 40 cents, corn \$1.25 per bushel, eggs 30 cents a dozen, fresh pork 12 1-2 cents, flour \$18 per barrel. Think of that. Lard 30 cents a pound, sugar, crushed, 35 cents, brown 20 cents, salt \$1.75 a bushel and turpentine soap was 20 cents a pound. Mulletts sold for \$13.50 a barrel and mackerel \$20.

Cotton sold in Petersburg at 43 and 44 cents a pound and sold in New York City at 47 to 48 cents.

Two years later, September 11, 1868, bacon was down to 17 cents, butter was 21c, cotton 25c, coffee 22 1-2c, flour \$11, lard 22c, sugar 13c, and other articles had dropped in price. These quotations are taken from the Raleigh Sentinel of February 8, 1866, and Sept. 11, 1868.

September 30, 1865, the Raleigh Standard, printed every afternoon, was a six column paper, really making it as large as The Record. The first and fourth pages were filled full of ads. Not a line of reading matter in them. It was edited by Jos. Cannon and Jos. Holden, and had one editorial, which made 2 1-4 columns. On the inside pages there were 7 columns of ads, making 19 in all, leaving only 5 columns for reading matter. There is a big difference in newspapers of today.

BUSTER WANTS A MOTHER.

Dear Mr. Editor:

I am a little baby boy two months old and they call me "Buster." A kind providence sent me to the Children's Home Society and I am growing every day and will soon be a big, bouncing boy.

I want some good woman to write to the superintendent of the Children's Home Society of North Carolina, Greensboro, N. C., and ask him to give me to her. I am sure he will do so, as he has so many motherless babies and more want to come to the Home. Write him today and I will bring joy and happiness to some childless home.

With love,
A HOMELESS BABY BOY.

BUILDING CONTRACTS LET.

Work on New School Building to Begin This Week.

Last week the school board gave out the contract for the new high school building, which is to be erected on the land recently purchased by the board for school purposes on West street.

The building is to be of brick and will be one story, 14 rooms, will be heated and probably have water connections. The grounds will be laid off artistically and planted in shrubs and flowers. There will be playgrounds for the girl pupils and boy scholars. A baseball plat will be one of the first that are laid off, it is said, as the ball season opens here in May, and from the way land lays it will be one of the best that Pittsboro has ever had.

O. Z. Barber, of Goldston, gets the contract for the new building, he being the lowest bidder, his bid being \$44,695. The plumbing was let to W. H. Guerlet, of Durham, for \$4,064, and the heating plant to J. V. Dermott for \$4,845. The building is to be completed by October 1 and work is supposed to begin this week.

Now for a school building that will be a protection to the pupils that go to school in Pittsboro. Let the good work go on.

PRISONERS PAROLED.

Paroles were granted Byrd Wicker and Frank Hoke, of Lee county, sentenced in July, 1921, to two years on the county roads for making liquor. Both have served over 18 months of their terms. They are paroled upon recommendation of Judge E. H. Cranmer and Superintendent Hunter, of the county road system.

Horton thanked all the clubs in the district for the co-operation and courtesy extended to her as chairman and assured them of her interest in the work and desire to be of any possible service to them. She also expressed her appreciation of the loyal support given her by her own home club and thanked them for recommending her for the office of district chairman.

Following the report of committees election of officers followed. Mrs. W. P. Horton was nominated for chairman of the fifth district.

The visiting clubs most graciously tendered their thanks and appreciation of the hospitality accorded them. Pittsboro Woman's Club did herself proud and all credit is due to the splendid committees of whom Mrs. H. T. Chapin, Miss Elizabeth Chapin, Mrs. A. H. London, Mrs. R. H. Hayes, Mrs. Jas. Wrenn and Mrs. Jacob Thompson were the chairmen.

The thanks of the Woman's Club of Pittsboro were tendered to Rev. R. R. Gordon, of the Baptist church, who so kindly and graciously permitted the holding of this meeting in the church.

BIT OF HISTORY

THE COUNTY OF CHATHAM.

One of the 30 Counties Still Existing Which Were Formed Before 1776.

(Fred A. Olds.)

Four counties were created, or erected, in North Carolina for the purpose of counteracting the influence of the "Regulators"; these being Chatham, Guilford, Surry and Wake. The movement to create them began late in 1770. At the session of the General Assembly of the Province, at New Bern, which began December 5 of that year, Mr. Husband and Mr. Locke introduced December 18, a bill "for erecting part of Rowan and part of Orange into a separate county by the name of Chatham and Unity Parish." On the 19th it was "read the second time, passed and ordered sent to the Council (the upper house.) January 7th, 1771, it was read the second time and passed by the Council. But on 15th of January, 1771, a bill "for establishing a new county between Campbelltown (now Fayetteville) and Hillsborough, by taking the southern part of the inhabitants of Orange county and by erecting the same into a distinct county by the name of Chatham and St. Bartholomew's parish" was read the first time; was read the third time on the 18th and ordered to be engrossed. January 26th Governor Tryon assented to the act, which thus became a law.

The county was named for William Pitt, the Earl of Chatham, who in a few years was to figure as one of the most devoted friends the American colonies had in England, and whose voice and pen were used in their behalf. The leading spirit of the "Regulation" which beginning in 1768, as a revolt against extortion and other hardships, reached its apex in 1771, when Gov. Tryon crushed it with 2,500 troops of the Province at the "Battle of Alamance," in Orange county (now Alamance) was Rednap Howell of Chatham. He was a song-writer (the ballads of that day) and also a writer of grave and well prepared documents, such as the letter of protest to the Governor, Council and Assembly in 1768. He was the leader of the men who "broke up the court" at Hillsboro in 1770. So high an authority as Col. William L. Saunders, in the Colonial Records, pays him a high tribute, saying he was "without spot or blemish."

The act creating Chatham directed that after April 1, 1771, the justices of the peace were to meet at Stephen Poe's house the first Tuesday in May, take oath and hold court, and that Edward Fanning, Mark Morgan, Richard Parker, Stephen Poe and Richard Cheek "lay off the place for the court house, jail and stocks," have these built and also run the dividing line between Orange and Chatham. The act further set out that nothing in it was to derogate from the right of King George the Third to issue letters of incorporation to the county and the direction of members of the Assembly," and for "markets and fairs." It directed the freeholders of the county "to meet at the house of Capt. Stephen Poe next Easter Monday, to elect 12 vestrymen for the parish."

The new county was in the "District" of Earl Granville; that is the part of North Carolina he owned.

In 1774 his "one eighth part of Carolina," under the terms of the Great Deed of Grant of 1663 to one of his ancestors by King Charles the Second, was "set off" for him, after he had declined to sell it to the King. He acknowledged the King's authority in all matters except the ownership of his "eighth part of Carolina." So King George the Third gave him a grant for what may be termed the northern half of North Carolina, all the territory between the Virginia line and the parallel of 35 degrees and 34 minutes. The southern border of his district ran from Bath (the oldest town in North Carolina, near Washington,) by the present Snow Hill, in Greene county, Princeton in Johnston county, the southern border of Chatham, Randolph, Davidson, and Rowan, a little below the southern border of Catawba but not quite to Lincoln. This survey of the boundary of this vast tract began in the winter of 1743-44 and then the line was run from the ocean to Bath. In the Spring of 1746 it was run from Bath to "Peter Parker's house, at the southeast corner of Chatham, and there April 10 it stopped, because as the surveyors reported "the country is so thinly settled that we can not get corn for our horses or provision for ourselves." This "Granville grant" embraced 26,000 square miles; precisely half the area of the present State. Granville gave but scant attention to his great land-holding save to look after his quit-rents. He, like the King, sold no lands; all the inhabitants being merely tenants. To speak plainly "he neglected his territory" and his ownership of it helped to bring on not only the Regulation but the war of the Revolution.

In 1773 the Assembly provided for the building of a highway from Saura Town, on the Dan river, through Guilford, Chatham and Cumberland to Campbelltown (Fayetteville) and it was ordered to be surveyed and built under the direction of Samuel Henderson, John Campbell, Robert Fields, Josh Brooks and Henry Bray. A road from the Shallow Ford in Surry to tap this highway was also ordered to be built. The purpose was to get to Fayetteville and the head of naviga-

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