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MAIL CARRIER DIES SUDDENLY ON ROUTE

Bennett Citizens Buy Railroad— Pastor Called—Surprise Party for Mrs. Denson.

Relatives and friends of Dr. and Mrs. Denson, on unexpected and short notice to each other, pleasantly surprised Mrs. Denson Sunday noon gathering at their home with dinner, the occasion being Mrs. Denson's birthday. They had just finished eating the noon meal but they ate again. The Doctor began at pumpkin and persimmon pie. The Doctor and Mrs. Denson both are cheerful and entertaining and extended a cheerful welcome to the assembling crowd. If the originator of this surprise had let us all know in time many others would have been present. Rev. J. C. Kidd pastor of the Baptist church, briefly spoke words of praise for the occasion. Mr. Arthur Bartlett, brother of Mrs. Denson, who is at their home, actively enjoyed the occasion also.

The Baptist church met at the waters at Mr. J. E. Jones' creek Sunday afternoon, the pastor baptizing the candidates while it was raining. A large crowd attended. Mr. Wiley Auman and Miss Foy Scott, the latter daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Scott, were baptized.

The Baptist church unanimously called Rev. J. C. Kidd for their pastor. Also Fall Creek Baptist Church, two weeks ago called Mr. Kidd for their pastor, Rev. Mr. Lasater, who has been serving the Fall Creek church for four years or more, declined to serve longer.

The graded school will start next Monday, Oct. 6, the teachers are Mr. Lane Forester, of Ramseur, Principal, Mrs. R. L. Dorsett, Ore Hill, Miss Sue Ellis, Parks Cross Roads, Miss Alma Burgess of Ramseur. Patrons of the district are requested to meet with the teachers Monday morning for the opening of the school.

Misses Swannie Jones and Nellie Brady who entered school at Buies' Creek were home during the week-end.

Mr. W. C. Brewer informs us that he and Mr. J. M. Garner, both of this place and Mr. Will Brown, of Hemp, and other parties have bought the Randolph and Cumberland R. R. The road, from Camron to Hallison known heretofore as the Petty road. Later this road will be extended to McConnell two miles south of High Falls. We hope that some day this road will be extended to Bennett.

A very sad death occurred here last week on the edge of town. The mail carrier on star route from Kemp's Mill to Bennett, Mr. Byrd, who was accompanied by his wife in a Ford, stopped the car and Mr. Byrd, stepping out to himself and coming back, was telling his wife something which she does remember, threw up his hands and fell over against the car and died. Dr. H. A. Denson was quickly hurried to the scene but Mr. Byrd was already dead. The body was carried to his home. Mr. Byrd has been carrying this mail since July last. The mail is to be let out by a new contract from here, beginning Oct. 27.

Rev. J. C. Kidd is called to go to Greensboro and aid Rev. C. M. Strickland in a ten day revival meeting at Roma Baptist church, beginning next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bartlett and their son Robert of Vero Florida, who have been visiting Dr. and Mrs. Denson, start for home last week.

The health of Mrs. Thomas Brown is still poor, keeping her in bed. It is said, most of the time.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Scott are the proud parents of a bouncing baby girl.

After several week's illness Mrs. James Monroe Gardner is up and about.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Moffitt is recovering from a severe case of intestinal infection.

Mrs. Lila Brown is back at her store after several days sickness.

The mail route from Siler City to Bennett is one of the pleasing factors of our daily life here. Our mail to Pittsboro goes, or comes, in a day, whereas on the old Bonlee route it had to go over four railroads to reach our county seat. The old star route from Kemp's Mills, in Randolph to Bennett is now being turned round by Uncle Sam, to start from Bennett, and the stipulations of the new contract make it a real rural delivery route. Thus the people all around Bennett will be reading their early morning papers long before our good and highly esteemed friend Ross Brewer has ever thought of cleaning the clinkers out of his engine at Bonlee. News today will be history tomorrow.

MT. PLEASANT SCHOOL NEWS.

Friday, Sept. 26, brought to a close the first month of our school. We have on roll sixty eight. The average attendance for the month was fifty three. The following children are entitled to a place on the Honor Roll.

- First Grade: Curtis Hamlet.
- Second Grade: Dorsie Lee Hamlet, Clyde Gattis.
- Third Grade: Ruby Clark, Clara Mackney, Ola Mann, Wallace Clark.
- Fourth Grade: Jeanett Norwood, Ben Hall Hamlet.
- Fifth Grade: Lovetta Mann, Ben Mann, Ben Jones.
- Sixth Grade: Clem Gattis.

SEE YOUR LABEL

CORINTH NEWS ITEMS.

Two Ford Trucks Now Loaded With Students.—Mr. Harrington Liberal to Buckhorn Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cross of Raleigh spent the week-end visiting Mr. Cross' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cross. Mrs. Cross is a very attractive young lady, a bride of only a few weeks. We hope Ray will bring her to our community often.

People we meet up with so often ask how our roads are down about Buckhorn. We have to tell them we don't know; we haven't seen any roads for almost two weeks, but just a long winding, twisting mud lane where the road used to be.

We now have two Ford trucks carrying children to Moncure and still one of them is much overloaded, as it has to carry about 21. Hope we can have a good International truck to handle the children from Truth, Corinth, and Brickhaven and still let the Ford truck take care of those from the Cape Fear Steam plant.

That bunch of determined licentious Greek Cafe (so called,) operators in Raleigh seem to be highly indignant that any one dare interfere with their nefarious operation. It would seem to us that if any one is to be run out of Raleigh it should be those dirty Greeks and not the magistrate or other officer or citizen, who attempts to rid his neighborhood or his home town of a notorious Greek brothel.

Miss Zeffie Cross is back at home again after a week's stay at Durham, undergoing treatment for an alarming case of bad tonsils.

A. L. Wilson and family of Broadway spent Sunday with Mrs. D. A. Clark.

Well drillers have just completed drilling a well on the site of the new Buckhorn church. They struck water at 56 feet. The land and the well is contributed to the church by our good townsman, Mr. T. W. Harrington.

If any man wants to know what a governor of North Carolina told a would be governor of North Carolina, go to Mr. S. W. Harrington and J. D. McIver. We heard them swapping old campaign yarns one day while waiting for the 9:30 train that never comes before 10:30. But you had better see them for the joke—we might not tell it just right.

Mr. A. E. Rollins, and son, Newell of Duncan, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. C. W. Cross.

SILER CITY NEWS.

Siler City, September 26, 1924.—A four months old child of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hicks, who live near Bennett, died suddenly Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock and was buried yesterday at Brush Creek by the side of her sister, little Beulah, who met such a tragic death only five days previous by a wheat drill falling on her. This double sorrow, within a week's time, falls very heavily on the young parents.

The revival services in progress at the Methodist church are attracting large congregations despite the inclement weather. The pastor Rev. O. I. Hinson is being assisted by Rev. J. Vincent Knight of Edenton, whose forceful and earnest sermons are being heard with appreciation. Four services will be held Sunday one at 10 o'clock for children under 15 years; at 11 o'clock a sermon for everybody the subject of which will be "The Hidden Life"; at 3:30 o'clock a service for men and at 7:30 Mr. Knight will close the day's program with a sermon to the young people using, as his subject, "Our Aim in Life."

Miss Ava Stout, Mesdames Hattie and Rosa Stout attended the funeral Thursday at Kemp's Mill of Elliot Byrd, a brother of Mrs. Rosa Stout, who having died suddenly at Bennett Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Margaret Crutchfield of Greensboro is visiting her son, DeWitt Roberts, and other relatives.

Mrs. W. C. Collins, of Kayford, W. Va., was a recent visitor of Mrs. Junius Wrenn.

Miss Pauline Fox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fox, was recently taken to Greensboro to undergo an operation. Her many friends will be glad to know that she is recuperating satisfactorily.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jordan, Miss Linda Hoskins, Mesdames Olive B. Webster and P. H. Elkins attended the Randolph county fair at Asheboro Wednesday.

Announcement has been received here of the birth of John Charles Morrow, 3rd., to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morrow, of Henderson. Mrs. Morrow was Miss Margaret Jenkins, of this place.

A. J. Dorsett and family will arrive tonight from Columbia, S. C., to spend several days with relatives.

JURY LIST.

The following jury list for the term of court beginning October 20, Judge Barnhill, presiding: A. L. Cheek, Ramon Dolph Buckner, J. Ed Marsh, W. O. Petty, H. J. White, Frank Scott, John Burke, W. J. Bare, K. H. Hackney, J. S. Wren, W. H. White, J. V. Campbell, H. C. Watson, J. M. Councilman, B. D. Phillips, L. A. Copeland, John C. Abernathy, W. Z. Brooks, R. L. Ward, C. M. Hudson, Herbert Cross, T. H. Buchanan, E. J. Daniels, P. D. Harris, W. J. Durham, Walter C. Henderson, W. B. Dorsett, G. A. Lloyd, C. H. Strowd, John T. Brady, G. G. Dark, B. Nooe, Sr., Alex Cockman, Frank Trailkill, T. Y. Mims, R. A. Seagraves, T. O. Johnson, B. C. Edwards.

MESSAGE TO COTTON GROWERS

A Strong Argument For the Systematic Sale of Cotton by Chatham Farmer

We have watched the textile industry in this country for more than one hundred years! Great Britain would not sell cotton manufacturing machinery to us in the early days; so it fell upon the boys who had the best recollection and mechanical skill to recast the cotton machinery of England from memory. Thus greatly handicapped began the manufacturing of cotton goods in America. From these pioneer beginners the industry has rapidly developed until today it stands out as a leading American industry.

We have watched the cotton manufacturers accumulate great fortunes, and develop a lucrative business, all of which redounds to their glory and credit. It is a wonderful business and one we cannot do without.

Now, let's analyze and see how and why the textile manufacturers have been so prosperous. To sum it up, they have used common sense business methods in all of their operations. In other words, they have applied brains to their business. They have bought the raw material at the lowest price, manufactured the finished product, with competent, well trained labor, and sold their finished product at a good profit.

The selling end is the one that we need to look into more fully, for as cotton farmers we are as good producers as the cotton manufacturers. We note that the manufacturers have always been able to keep the store shelves of our country filled with finished cotton goods, which would indicate that they sell systematically throughout the year. Again, we have noticed that, if there seemed to be an over stock generally of a given kind of goods these goods were kept in storage until there was a demand for that particular kind. Good business sense, isn't it?

As cotton farmers we have creditably kept pace with the manufacturer in producing our product, without which the latter could not produce his finished fabrics. Therefore we could very easily make a success financially of our business, since the textile industry is dependent upon our products, if we would only inject sane business principles into the marketing of our cotton and sell systematically throughout the year. This would assure financial success.

The old method of selling cotton dumps it all on the market at one time and forces the over-stocked buyer to buy whatever he wants it or not, and we take whatever the buyer offers. Cooperative marketing means putting cotton on the market from our warehouses as there is a good demand for it throughout the year—the same system the manufacturer uses in selling his product. It has brought good returns to the manufacturer and will bring good returns to the farmer if put into practice.

As a rule, we sell our cotton at or below cost of production. Hence we are a poor class of people, all of which is attributable to our inefficient system of marketing. To day we could have all been independent livers living in modern homes, equipped with modern conveniences, had we adopted the cooperative marketing system when cotton growing first became an industry in the South. Had the manufacturers used the same method of selling their products that we have used in selling our product all these years, the textile industry would have disappeared long ago. We are going out of business unless we adopt saner methods of marketing. The depleted acreage of the cotton belt can produce enough cotton to supply the demand now only by a greatly increased acreage, which is possible by modern methods of cultivation. When our soil is gone we are out of business. How can we build our soil when we get no returns to put back into it? When the manufacturers' machinery wears out, he can easily buy new, which is more modern and up-to-date, for under his systematic system of selling his products he has laid by a nice sum of money. But when a cotton farmer wears out his soil, which he is doing under the present system of operation, he can not buy new land for two reasons. First, the new land has largely been taken up and cannot be had at any price. Second, if the new land should be plentiful, he does not have the price, due to his inefficient system of marketing his product.

What would it profit me should I produce enough bales of cotton to cover the state of Texas and sell it at seven cents per pound less than cost of production? But if I produce enough bales to cover Chatham county, which is about one five hundredth of the size of Texas, and sell at seven cents profit per pound then I would have a very comfortable fortune.

Today cotton is selling on the open market at seven cents per pound less than it costs to produce. This means financial disaster to the grower. My outside brother, if your cotton was worth thirty two or three cents per pound in July, it is worth it now, and you can very materially help bring it back to a living price, and help bring financial success to your own home by signing up with the Co-ops today. Do it now.

A few days ago I was talking with one of my Hickory Mountain neighbors who said in part, "Two years ago I sold my cotton as fast as I got it out and lost \$500 on my crop." "Then" he said "I decided that if the Co-ops know how and when to sell cotton, they can sell mine, so I signed up." He stated further, "I am sure glad now that I signed my cotton up, for if I hadn't, I would have to sell some of it as I picked it out, and I surely would hate to sell it at the present price; but since I get a substantial advance on delivery I can get along all right and don't have to sell."

My brother, you don't have to sell your cotton at seven cents per pound Sign up, and let it be sold as there is a strong demand for it. Let's pay more attention to the selling end of our game, and put some system into it. The receiving agents at Siler City, Goldston, Pittsboro and Moncure, would be glad to submit contracts for your signature. Sign up the first opportunity and let your cotton be sold systematically from the farmer's pool.

Manufacturers link themselves together in production and selling, and it brings success to them. Thirty six thousand North Carolina farmers have linked themselves together to sell their cotton systematically and for the past two years it has netted us an average of two cents per pound more than the outsider received for his on the average.

If you are not a "Co-op", link up with us and let's give systematic selling a fair deal.

Yours for a fair profit on cotton.
N. J. DARK,
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Register of Deeds C. C. Poe issued marriage licenses to the following couples during the month of September:

Eugene Dark, of Siler City, and Margaret E. Harris, of Ore Hill.
J. A. Clark, of Carboonton, and Messie Tillman, Goldston.
Cleveland Foushee and Modie Gray Gregory, both of Pittsboro, route 3.
Octavia Jones and Addie Beal, both of Pittsboro.
Willie Esteridge and Lillian Bright, both of Bonlee.
Kemp P. Goodwin, Apex, route 3, and Nellie Hearne, New Hill, route 2.
Trelon H. Burns and Louise Waddell, both of Ore Hill.
John Robert Medlin, Apex, rt. 3, and Viola Hearne, New Hill.

Colored.
Willie Matthews and Sallie Brooks, both of Siler City.
George Sanders and Mattie Brown, both of Pittsboro.
Jeff Norwood and Dorothy Alston, both of Pittsboro.
Leo Womble and Alberta White, both of Haywood.

A recent statement shows Durham's indebtedness to be \$6,775,000, with credits to be allowed to the extent of \$3,772,626 for sinking funds on deposit and assessments to be collected. The city is reported by the Herald to have got good values for its big investments.

Contract has been let for the excavation and stone and steel work for a \$500,000 building for the use of the enlarged building of the State department at Raleigh.

TIME TO REGISTER.

Registration Books to Be Opened Next Saturday.

Mr. Fletcher Mann, chairman of the County Board of Elections, is giving out notice this week that the registration books for the November elections will be opened on Saturday October 4th, and will remain open to and including Saturday, October 25th, every day with the exception of Sundays, Saturday, November 1st, will be challenge day.

All persons becoming of age before the books close will be entitled to register provided they are otherwise qualified as an elector under the law. Those who are already registered will not need to register anew.

The notice is given for the especial benefit of women also, it being understood that they are not so thoroughly conversant with the law in regard to suffrage. It is especially desired to have a full registration of all women voters at the November election.

NEW HILL LOCALS.

New Hill Rt. 2, September 29.—Misses Beatrice Burgess, Jessie Horton, and Mary Webster and R. S. Beckwith motored to Durham Tuesday.

Miss Hilda Lasater spent last week with relatives in Durham.

Mr. J. C. Puryear received a telegram Tuesday stating his younger brother, Mr. Sam Puryear, was dead. It had been only a few days since Mr. Puryear was in Virginia to visit his brother and thought he was slowly improving.

Mr. Johnnie Puryear, of South Boston, Virginia, has been on a brief visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Puryear.

Owing to the inclement weather last Sunday many were prevented from attending the "Home Coming" at Merry Oaks Methodist Church. We regret this as many from this section were anticipating an enjoyable day.

There is a continued talk of school, of "where and how they shall be conducted."

This year we thought there would be no disturbance about school in this district, as Professor Thompson agreed that the children in the lower part of the district would have the opportunity of going on the Moncure-Merry Oaks truck to Moncure, while those who desired to do so might go to Bell's Consolidated School. In both instances they have accepted the offer; yet we are not all satisfied because we are due a one-teacher school at Gardner and some of the patrons are trying to do away with the Gardner school entirely and send all of the children away. Trucking larger children is perfectly all right, but smaller children are safer elsewhere. So why not have a one-teacher school at Gardner for small children, and let those in advanced grades go to Moncure and Bell's?

Owing to the continued rain, the road from Johnson's bridge to Merry Oaks is almost impassable. The road crowd worked the roads and hauled in dirt, and now the rains have put them in bad condition.

Mrs. Dewey Smith and little son, of Raleigh, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Puryear.

The children, grandchildren, and the other near relatives, and friends were planning to celebrate the seventy-eighth birthday anniversary of Mr. W. L. Mann last Sunday but due to the inclement weather we doubt if the plan was fulfilled. Mr. Mann has nine living children, five daughters and four sons and thirty grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A SUCCESSFUL MONTH.

The Record has enjoyed a first month of remarkable prosperity under its new management. The cooperation of the Pittsboro people and, indeed, all of the Chatham friends of the Record has been superb. The advertising patronage has been most gratifying and we thank all our patrons for their business, but regret that weather conditions have so largely counteracted the good that the liberal advertising should have effected. Elsewhere we have written of our Sanford patrons, but fully as much may be said of our Pittsboro business houses.

Chatham folk can find right here at their county seat some of the best business houses in all this section.

We mention as advertisers at this time the good firms of J. J. Johnson & Son, Connell and Johnson, T. M. Bland and Co., The Farmers Bank, the Bank of Pittsboro, the Caviness Millinery Store, the Chatham Hardware Store, Mrs. J. T. Henderson, Lanus Bros., The Chatham Motor Co. and The Square Filling Station. These and Siler City, Chapel Hill, Goldston, Durham, Burlington, and Raleigh houses, with the liberal Sanford patronage, have made September a good month, while nearly 100 new subscribers have helped both the paper, and the advertisers.

We thank you all, and shall do our best to make your patronage pay you handsomely. It is hoped that several hundred other names will be added to the list the next few months.

Mr. Cleveland Womble, of Dunn, is here on a visit to his father, Mr. J. D. Womble. It will be remembered that some months ago Mr. Womble received a very serious injury on the head while at work. He later went to a hospital at Richmond for treatment. He is gradually improving since he left there.

BUILD A HOME NOW!

PROGRAM OF SANDY

CREEK ASSOCIATION

To Meet With Aberdeen Church Thursday, Oct. 2,

The following is the program prepared for the Sandy Creek Baptist Association, which meets today, Oct. 2, with the Aberdeen Church. Thursday 10:30—Song Service. Prayer and Praise, Rev. Jesse Blalock.

- 11:00—Introductory Sermon—Rev. J. H. Broom, Bonlee. Enrollment of delegates. Enrollment of ordained ministers. Reception of visitors. Election of officers. Report of program committees. Announcement of committees. Afternoon Session.
- 2:00—Devotional Exercises, Rev. W. H. Lawhon, Carthage.
- 2:15—Historical Letter, Aberdeen Baptist Church, Mrs. A. E. Yates, Aberdeen.
- 2:30—Christian Education—Rev. C. H. Norris, Cary.
- 3:15—Christian Literature—Rev. R. H. Herring, Sanford.
- 4:00—Miscellaneous business.

FRIDAY

- Morning Session.
- 10:00—Devotional Exercises, Rev. L. C. Lee, Sanford.
- 10:15—Enrollment of delegates. Miscellaneous business and announcements.
- 10:30—Young People's Society—C. C. Poe, Pittsboro.
- 10:45—Law enforcement—Rev. Richard S. Fountain, Siler City.
- 11:00—Associational Missions, D. B. Teague, Sanford.
- 11:15—Orphanage—Rev. R. R. Gordon, Pittsboro.
- 11:45—Woman's Work—Mrs. P. H. St. Clair, Sanford.
- 12:00—Miscellaneous business.

- Afternoon Session.
- 2:00—Devotional Exercises, Rev. John C. Kidd, Bennett.
- 2:15—State Missions, H. F. Seawell, Carthage.
- 2:45—Home missions, Rev. Jesse Blalock, Aberdeen.
- 3:15—Foreign Missions, Rev. J. E. Ayscue, Carthage.
- 3:45—Sabbath Observance, Rev. J. H. Broom, Bonlee.
- 4:00—Miscellaneous business and announcements.

SATURDAY

- Morning Session.
- 10:00—Devotional Exercises, H. A. Teague, Siler City.
- 10:11—Sunday Schools, J. R. Lovington, Cameron, and W. T. Hurst, Mandale.
- 10:45—Ministers relief, W. I. Brooks Jonesboro.
- 11:15—Hospitals, J. H. Henly, Sanford.
- 11:30—Seventy Five Million Campaign, Rev. C. E. Byrd, Mandale.
- 12:00—Miscellaneous business.

- Afternoon Session.
- 2:00—Devotional Exercises, H. R. Harward, Moncure.
- 2:15—Prohibition, C. C. Jones, Cameron.
- 2:45—Prayer Meetings, O. J. Peterson, Pittsboro.
- 3:15—Miscellaneous business.

DONT BE FRIGHTENEED.

Talking with a farmer Monday he said he didn't know what he was going to do, because so much rain had fallen that his cotton was rotting on the stalk, and that young sprouts had begun to shoot out from the corn shucks. Furthermore, he said, all his neighbors were in about the same predicament.

He was told not to get frightened that he wouldn't starve; that if Chatham county didn't make a bale of cotton or an ear of corn, other parts of the United States would make plenty. Why, said the listener just think of how much wheat the state of Kansas will make—400,000,000 bushels And Texas has the largest corn and wheat crops ever raised in that state. Don't get uneasy, said the listener, there will be plenty made for you and me, and millions of bushels of grain will be shipped to foreign ports to people who are not fairing half as well as you and others in Chatham county today.

DIED AT HOSPITAL.

Mrs. Lucy West, wife of Mr. Armond West, of Carboro, died at Watts Hospital, Durham, Wednesday of last week and was buried at Carboro Saturday. Mrs. West was about 41 years of age. She was operated on for appendicitis, which was successful, but she died from pneumonia which followed the operation.

She leaves a husband and five children to mourn her death besides several relatives in Pittsboro and elsewhere in the county. She was a sister to the first wife of Mr. Joe Bland, of Pittsboro. Before her marriage she was Miss Lucy Cook of Bynum. Funeral services were held at Mt. Pleasant Methodist church Friday.

WEATHER REPORT.

Three weeks past—rain.
September 27—rain.
September 28—rain.
September 29—probably rain.
September 30—looks like rain.
September 31—do your chores early it looks like rain.
October 1—Frost just around the corner.
October 1.—As everybody knows it has been raining, this was written to fill out space.