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Restoration Of Old Denson House

Historic Residence Being Rehabilitated by Mr. J. L. Ferree, of Milwaukee, for Family Home.

The old Denson residence, occupying one of the fairest and best located sites in the old town of Pittsboro, is being rehabilitated as a residence for Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ferree, of Milwaukee.

The old place was the home of Capt. C. B. Benson, who taught here many years before he joined Hugh Morson in Raleigh and helped make the Morson and Denson Academy one of the most notable in North Carolina. For years it has been unoccupied, and was fast going to ruin. Mr. Ferree, who is a North Carolinian by birth and education, however, came along two or three years ago and bought the site with the intention of restoring and remodeling the historic residence for a home for himself. As little or nothing had been heard of the suggested restoration, the most of us had almost forgotten the incident. But Mr. Ferree appeared on the scene recently and put the work under way.

Three additional rooms are to be added and the whole structure modernized. Mr. E. W. Ellington is in charge of the work, and it is not a question of beginning, but only of finishing. The cost of the work is estimated at something like \$5,000, and that amount of money turned loose in Pittsboro now is a real consideration. But the biggest gain is that of the residence and interest of Mr. and Mrs. Ferree.

THE BURIAL OF MRS. WARD

Funeral services for Mrs. Savannah Ward were held Saturday afternoon at Mount Gilead church. Pastor Gordon was assisted by Rev. R. A. Morris of Carboro. The active pall bearers were her sons, R. L. A. T., G. G., and J. B. Ward of Bynum, D. E. Ward of Durham, and E. H. Ward of Blackstone, Va. Honorary pall bearers were C. E. Hackney, R. J. Hardon, C. A. Snipes, C. J. Morris, K. B. Cole, T. W. Hardon, R. J. Johnson, R. B. Burnett, E. R. Hinton, E. B. Hatch, Dr. T. W. McBane, and R. B. Lambeth. Floral bearers were Mrs. Julia Bynum Crawford, Mrs. Lenora Strawn, Misses Jane Everett Ward, Grace Ward, Christine Ward, Catherine Ward, Lillie Johnson, Lila Horton, Bettie and Edna Horton, Mrs. Mary Ward, Mrs. Leora Ward, and Mrs. Cara Moore.

Mr. Ward was among the oldest and most highly esteemed ladies of the county.

Moncure News Items

There will be services at the M. E. church by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Dailey, next Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and in the evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. J. A. Dailey was in town one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barringer, of Sanford, spent yesterday, Sunday, with his mother, Mrs. Mary Barringer.

Mrs. Elia Speed returned yesterday from Hamlet where she has been visiting her brother, Rob. She is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. J. S. Womble.

The regular services were held at the Baptist church yesterday by the pastor, Rev. Offie Seymore, of Buies Creek. He preached splendid sermons.

Mr. G. H. Bryant, of Windsor, was in town last Saturday to see W. W. Stedman in regard to real estate. Also Mr. James, of Winston-Salem, was in town in the interest of land.

The Epworth League met last Sunday evening with Miss Lois Ray, the president, presiding. The secretary, Miss Dorothy Lambert was also present. After singing "I Would Be Like Jesus," the meeting was turned over to Miss Cornelia Stedman, the leader of the Junior Department, the subject of discussion for the evening being "The Child Jesus." Several of the Juniors took part in the program.

Then the president announced a Valentine Party that will be held at the home of Mrs. Moody Womble Friday week night, February 15th. The meeting closed with a short prayer.

Mrs. J. N. Lilly, of Albemarle, was in town today.

Mr. Thraikill, of Seaforth was in town Monday on business.

The Sons and Daughters of Liberty will meet tonight, Monday, in regular session in the Junior Hall. They are planning a banquet for Valentine night.

FINE SERVICE AT BROWN'S

A strong band of eight pieces led by Mr. Ernest Summer, came over from Hopedale Christian church, Alamance county, and furnished music for Rev. J. A. Dailey's service at Brown's Chapel last Sunday. The music and the sermon were all enjoyed by the congregation. The church gave a vote of thanks to the musicians.

C. C. TELEPHONE CO. MAKES IMPROVEMENTS

The Central Carolina Telephone Company took advantage of the necessity to rebuild their lines disrupted by the recent fire, and has had considerable work done additional.

In addition to restoring the ruined cable on Main street, 600 feet of new cable has been extended westward from S. D. Johnson's store, with the result that it was possible to remove the unsightly wire-beriden pole at the Johnson corner. The gentleman in charge was surprised that the town should have allowed two sets of poles on the streets, when one set would have done for the power lines and the telephone lines also.

TOWN AND COUNTY BRIEFS

Mr. J. B. Ingle, here Monday, told us that there had been six burials of residents of the Mt. Vernon church community in the last seven weeks, probably all members of that church. The six departed were Messrs. Wesley Johnson and Norris Whitte, and Mesdames Octavia Self, Mahala Harris, Mrs. Nannie Rogers, and one other whom Mr. Ingle could not recall, as his own illness had kept him from attending all the funerals. Mt. Vernon seems to have succeeded to the unfortunate position of Brown's Chapel, which lost so many of its members last year and the year before.

We want all the real news. Drop us a postal giving the chief points in any item you wish to see in the paper.

We are still looking for that article on the old house from Mr. Siler. He has promised it to us.

Capt. J. H. Wissler of Moncure was in Pittsboro Monday for the first time recently, and was looking fine.

County Auditor Riggsbee has been through a real siege of influenza. He came out too early after his first spell and had to go back in again. He was absent from his office all last week.

Chatham's ginnings had run to 6691 bales Jan. 16. It is nearly 1,000 short of last year's ginnings to same date, and only about two-thirds of the crop of 1923, since which year the crops have been short.

Mr. John Dorsett of Siler City was among the 117 successful candidates for law license in the recent examination in which there were 147 applicants.

Connie McLean, a 21-year old employee of the highway commission, was killed last Friday in a collision on the Raleigh-Fayetteville highway. It is stated that the deceased was engaged to a Pittsboro young lady.

The Pittsboro basketball team defeated the Sylvan high school team Tuesday evening of last week, winning by a score of 43 to 29.

The Record failed to note earlier the marriage of Miss Norma O'Connell, a teacher in the North East School, to Mr. Manson Darnell of that community. The bride is a daughter of Mr. J. T. O'Connell of Corinth, and a sister of Mrs. J. L. Langley of Pittsboro.

Mrs. Carrie Johnson is very ill at the home of her daughter Mrs. L. N. Womble.

From Troy comes the announcement of the engagement of Dr. Irlie Farrell and Miss Louise Allen. The marriage is to take place in the late spring. Dr. Farrell is a son of Mr. R. M. Farrell of Pittsboro. He graduated last spring in dentistry and began his practice at Troy last fall. Evidently, he is making progress. Dr. Farrell, however, is worthy of the best Montgomery can afford, and we judge him to be a good picker without further knowledge of the bride-elect.

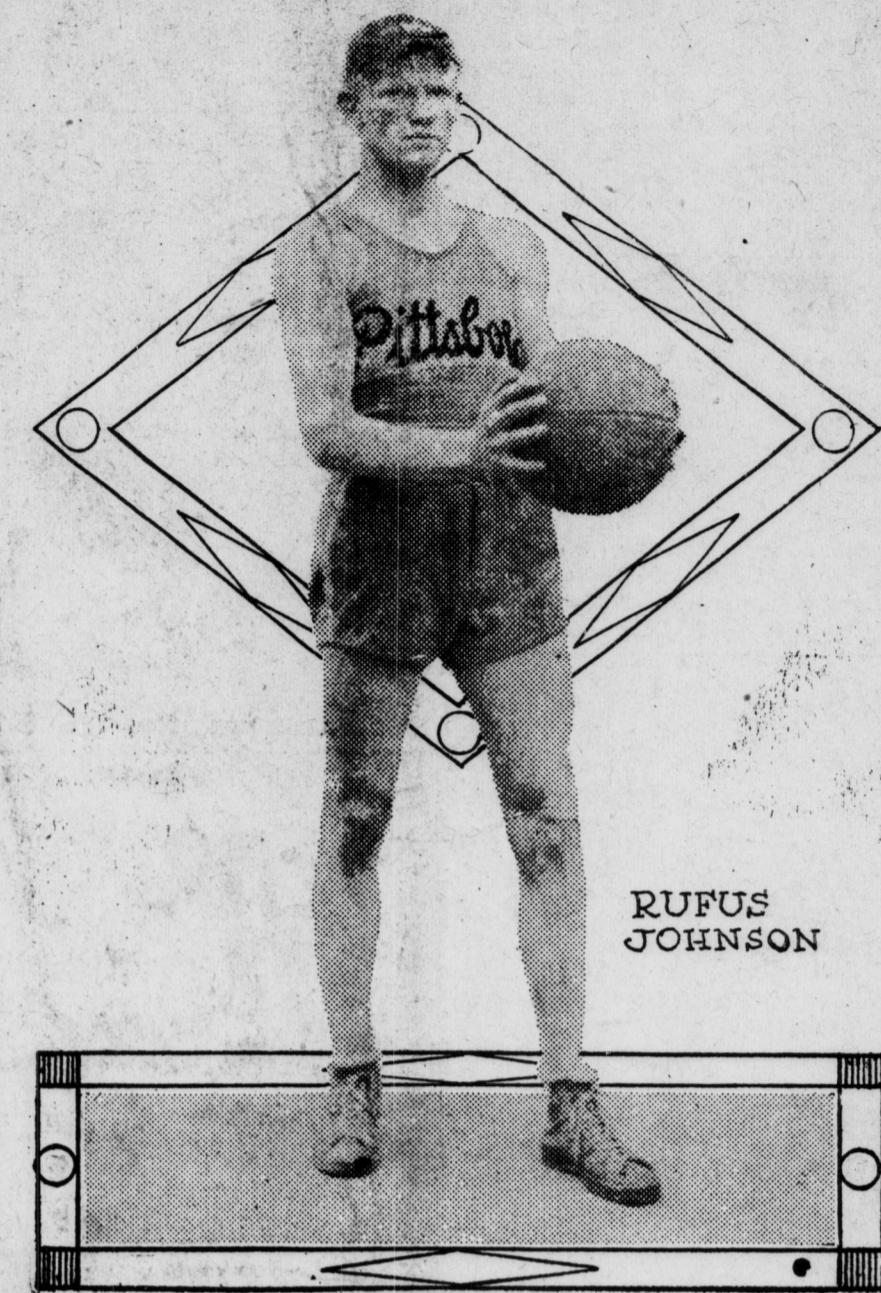
Rev. W. E. Allen, former rector, preached a good sermon at the Episcopal church Sunday.

Last week the Record reported the accident of John Williams, who got his leg broken the Saturday before while having logs for the Tyson saw mill in Oakland township. Just a week to a day after that accident Mr. G. W. Miles, who was cutting logs for the same mill got his leg broken and a severe injury to his foot. Dr. Chapin set both bones.

All five of the members of the board of education were present for the session Monday, though Mr. Hinton was later called away to Clayton. The last first Monday three were absent, but they seem to have gotten over whatever was the matter with them on that occasion.

The U. D. C. will meet next Friday at 3 p. m. at the Exline hotel, with Mesdames Hayes, Lanis and

RUFUS JOHNSON, STAR MEMBER OF THE PITTSBORO BASKET BALL TEAM



Johnson has made the marvelous record of 220 points in 20 games this season. In the game Monday evening with the Sanford team he made 15 points. He graduates from the Pittsboro High School this session and will probably make his mark in college athletics.

Atwater - Lambeth Close Their Doors

It is distressing news that Messrs. Atwater & Lambeth, merchants for many years at Bynum, have had to close their doors. It is understood that the firm has been in deep waters for the past two or three hard years, owing to difficulty of collecting accounts. The larger creditors have been patient, feeling sure that the best thing to do was to give those two fine men a chance to pull themselves out. But one persistent small creditor, with a \$400 account, is said to have brought the pressure that caused the closing of the doors.

MRS. JOHNSON DEAD

Mrs. Carrie Johnson, relict of Carson Johnson, died after a brief illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. N. Womble, at Pittsboro, Monday about 5 o'clock.

Mrs. Johnson was a daughter of the late John White, a brother of the sainted J. M. White, and a cousin of the now noted Baptist preacher, Dr. John E. White. Her mother was a Miss Moore, of Orange Co. Her brothers, Charles and Rufus White, the latter now living at Afton, Va., and half-brothers, P. B., Robert and Frank White, the latter of Fuquay Springs, Mrs. John B. Burns is her full sister and there are three half-sisters. Her sons are Messrs. Fred, Paul, Walter C., Ridsen and Jack Johnson; her one daughter is Mrs. Womble. Mrs. Johnson has long been a faithful member of Asbury Methodist church, and the funeral and

Tatum as joint hostesses.

Among the infrequent visitors to Pittsboro Monday was Mr. B. J. Utley, of Moncure.

Snow came at last. Things were white Tuesday morning.

CLUB NOTES

The music department of the Woman's Club met at the home of Mrs. W. P. Horton Jan. 9. After a period devoted to business of the department, the meeting was turned over to the direction of Mrs. V. R. Johnson, who had prepared the program, which was rendered as follows:

Measuring Music Talent, by Miss Carrie Jackson; The Greatest Musical Thinker in History, by Mrs. W. P. Horton; An address, by Mrs. Victor Johnson, illustrated with a musical map; Current Events by Mrs. James A. Thompson.

Mrs. Johnson's address was a real treat and she was urged to repeat it on a future occasion.

Mrs. Horton is a delightful hostess on all occasions and this was no exception. A delicious salad course with coffee was served.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF THE P. T. A.

Mrs. James Cordon, president of the local organization, announces a regular meeting on Tuesday night, February 12 at 7:45. Mrs. Cordon is entertaining the local unit, celebrating the 32nd birthday of the parent-teacher organization.

The school children will give a program and grade mothers are expected to have good reports.

According to custom at the birthday celebrations, a silver offering will be taken for P. T. A. work in the state.

burial were there, the services being conducted by her pastor. The funeral was delayed until the arrival of two sons from their distant homes.

Mrs. Johnson was a woman of fine Christian character and was highly esteemed by all who knew her. A fitting tribute will probably appear in these columns later.

GARDNER GARNERS RICHES BUYS REYNOLDS STOCK

(Alamance Gleaner)

Some "hit it rich"—only a few of them. Some gamble, others buy the real stuff—a gamble after all some would say.

The result cannot be foreseen in either instance, for the sower cannot for a certainty divine the harvest.

But here is a story of the winning of a fortune that is void of any of the elements of gambling, which is taken from an exchange: W. J. Saunders, editor of the Elizabeth City Independent, relates in detail, in his newspaper, how Governor Gardner accumulated a fortune as a result of buying a few hundred shares of Reynolds stock about the year 1918.

Here are passages from the Saunders article:

"In 1918 or thereabouts Gardner borrowed \$20,000 and bought 800 shares of Reynolds stock at 25. And then things began to happen to the stock. The World War was on and the governments of the world were boosting the sale of cigarettes. Our government sent billions of cigarettes to its soldiers and the soldiers of its allies. Cigarette factories hummed.

"In 1914 the United States cigarette factories produced 15 billion cigarettes. In 1920 the production had jumped to 47 billion, and in 1926 to 89 billion.

"In 1919 Reynolds declared a cash dividend of 10 per cent and a dividend of 200 per cent in common stock. Max Gardner's 800 shares was thus increased to 2,400 shares. In 1921 Reynolds cut another melon, and stockholders got a 12 per cent cash dividend and 33 1-3 per cent in new stock. Max Gardner's stock was swelled to 3,200 shares. In 1926 Reynolds declared another dividend of 25 per cent in common stock, and Max Gardner's original 800 shares had, by the wizardry of modern finance, grown to 4,000 shares. On January 1, 1928, there was another melon-cutting and Reynolds stock was split 2 1-2 for 1, each stockholder receiving 2 1-2 shares of the new stock for each share of his old stock.

"As I write this, Reynolds is quoted at \$65. The 800 little shares that Max Gardner bought in 1918 now represents 10,000 shares worth \$650,000. But I am told that Governor Gardner didn't stop at buying 800 shares of Reynolds; that when he saw what a good thing he had he bought more and more until today his holdings in Reynolds exceeds a million dollars."

Fate in Balance



General Bradwell Booth, leader of the Salvation Army, who is in danger of losing his high post. Members of the Army convening in London sought to choose a new leader, but were prevented from doing so by an injunction.

Miss Eloise Challier, daughter of a banker in Marseilles, eloped with the family chauffeur, formerly an army officer.

Sir Leonard Auffner, high police official in London, stated at an inquiry that policemen were failures because they were "nosey parkers."

An Enlargement of Silk Mill is Planned

Pittsboro is much gratified at the prospects of the early enlargement of the Chatham Manufacturing Company's silk mill here. Work is to begin, it is understood, March 4 on an addition sufficient to locate nine more of the intricate machines which weave labels, bannerets, etc., in several colors and with any lettering.

Mr. Kluge, proprietor of the business, has returned north after a stay of several days down here. But the plans for the addition are already prepared, it is understood, and the beginning of the enlargement set for the first Monday in March.

This is one of the best little plants in all this section. The intricate machines require more skill than the ordinary loom in the cotton factories, and the employees, accordingly, get a better wage than the ordinary factory hand.

There are in operation now 27 of the machines and the plant runs day and night. The shipments are not bulky, but valuable. Tens of thousands of the little labels such as you find on your coat when you buy it or even on an undershirt, go from the plant here to the various factories in the country, and thence scatter all over the world.

Pittsboro appreciates this industry and it is hoped that it will grow larger and larger as the years go by.

BEAR CREEK HAPPENINGS

Rufus Abbot, who has lived at the Mrs. W. L. Goldston place, on Rt. 2, has moved to the late J. J. Goldston place, now owned by J. E. Rives, on Goldston, Rt. 1. We regret to lose Mr. Abbott's people. T. Garland Watkins has moved into the house vacated by Mr. Abbott, Mr. Watkins moving from his father's, J. H. Watkins.

W. Herbert Murray has been appointed deputy sheriff in Gulf township. He garnered in a still last week, we learn. Let the good work go on!

J. Henry Gunter, while hauling last week, got his left foot caught between the brakes on his wagon and a stump and crushed his foot badly. No bones were broken but the foot was painfully bruised. We hope that he will soon recover.

Gins. Mrs. Stigall, who has been a week end visitor at W. L. Coggin's. Mrs. Stigall, who has been with her father for some time, has influenza.

A. Ralph Moore, who got the five-dollar gold piece given away last Saturday at the Burns land sale near Meroney church.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Moody and Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Snipes, of Durham, were week end visitors near here.

Mr. W. B. Beaver, of Durham, visited his parents last Sunday.

T. P. Beaver is on the sick list we hear. Hope he may soon be well. Alfred Steadman, colored, died at his home on Cumlock, Rt. 1 last Saturday after a short illness of paralysis. Funeral was held at Union Grove A. M. E. Zion church.

Mrs. Charles Wicker is in Central Carolina hospital at Sanford, having her tonsils removed.

H. K. Willett was a business visitor in Sanford Monday of this week. J. B. Emerson was a visitor in Fayetteville last week.

Mrs. Florence Nunn Nelson, wife of R. L. Nelson, died at her home just south of town Sat. morning, February 2nd, after an extended illness. While she had been sick for sometime, she was not thought to be so critically ill and her death came as a shock. No one except her two sons were with her when the end came. Her husband had gone up town.

Mrs. Nelson was married to Mr. Nelson on January 1, 1899, and to this union was born five sons, one of which died when only nine months of age. Her husband and four sons survive. W. Austin Nelson, of Sanford; Ralph J. Nelson, of High Point; W. Cruse Nelson, of Bear Creek and James L. Nelson at home. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. W. L. Sapp, of High Point.

The funeral was held at Sandy Branch Sunday afternoon, being conducted by Rev. E. W. Byerly, of Bonlee. She was a member of the Christian church.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Wishon, of Walnut Cove, are visiting R. B. Buelin, of town.

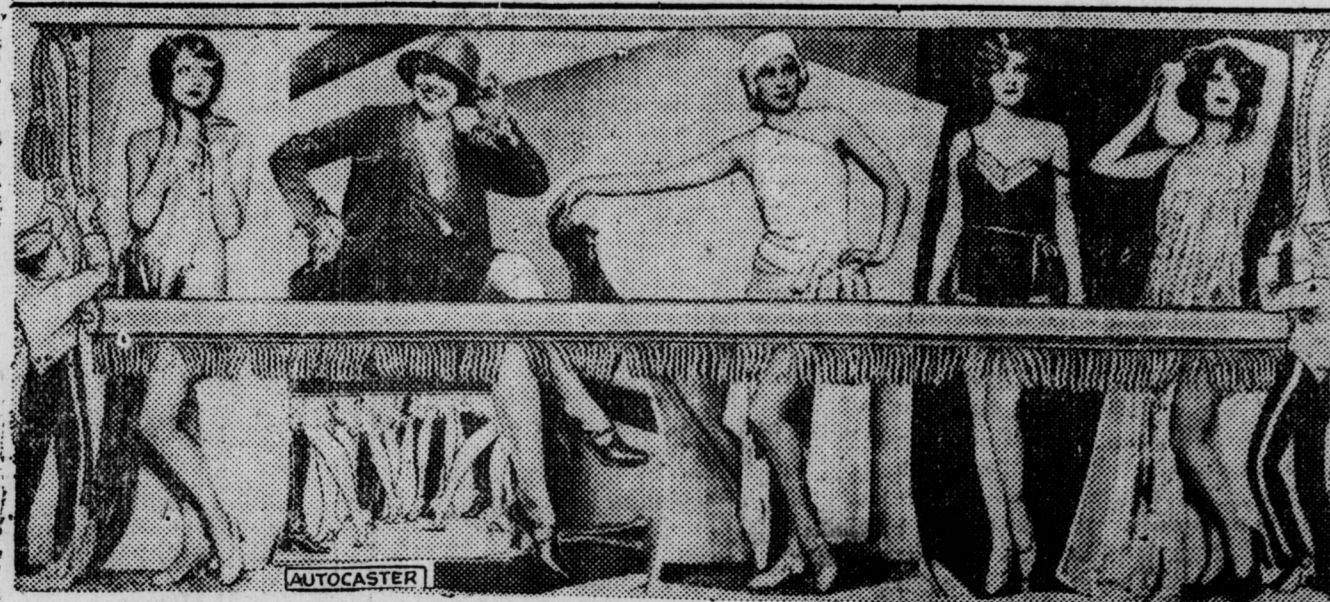
Mrs. C. M. McPherson, of Burlington, is visiting her father, J. W. Lloyd, on Rt. 2.

NOTICE OF SALE OF COUNTY NOTES

PURSUANT to Section (6) of the County Finance Act, the Board of County Commissioners of Chatham County, North Carolina, will sell at their office in the court house in Pittsboro, North Carolina, on the 23rd day of February, 1929, renewal notes of the county, aggregating THIRTY THOUSAND (\$30,000.00) DOLLARS, to be dated February 23, 1929, and to mature July 23, 1929.

C. C. POE, Clerk, Board of Co. Commissioners of Chatham Co., North Carolina.

American Legs Win Laurels for Perfection of Form



Miss Rebecca West, British novelist, recently said she thought American girls' legs the most perfect in the world. The legs above belong to the following actresses: Maurine Holmes, American; Mme. Mistinguette, French; Mai Orton, British; Hazel Forbes and Hazel Jennings, American.