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LEE AND CHATHAM LEAD STATE IN BRICK

The Sanford Express Reckons
Nearly Half of Brick and
Tiling of State Manufactured
in Counties of Lee and
Chatham

The following article from The Sanford Express is enlightening as to the extent of the brick and tile industry in Lee and Chatham. The two principal plants in Chatham are the Carolina Fire-Proofing Company of Gulf and the Brickhaven plant. The figures of The Express do not cover fully those of the latter plant. Says The Express:

"Few people in Sanford realize that about one-third of the brick manufactured in the State is the product of plants operated within a few miles of Sanford. Including the output of the big plant at Brickhaven, just across the Cape Fear river in Chatham county, it would probably reach 50 per cent. Why are so many of the brick plants of the State operated in this section? Because of the fine clay. It is said to be about the best in the State. It is the best clay that can be had for making the finest quality of face, as well as common brick.

"How many people of this community realize that the manufacture of brick and tile is about the biggest industry in this section? It has reached its present proportions within the past few years. Following is approximately the output of the six plants per year: The two Isehour plants, twenty millions; Sanford Brick & Tile Company, twelve millions; Sanford Shale Brick Company, twelve millions; Borden Brick & Tile Company, ten to twelve millions; and about an equal amount of tile; Carolina Fire Proofing Company, about the same amount of both brick and tile. These six plants employ all told, about 300 men, and the wages average from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per day. This is a big amount of money to get circulation in this community from one industry, if the manufacture of brick and tiles can be considered one industry. Most of this money is spent here in Sanford.

"Mr. L. C. Isehour was the first man to manufacture brick in this section on a large scale. He grew up in the business and is probably the best known brick manufacturer in North Carolina. He has made a great success in the business since coming to Colon in 1918, getting his plant in operation the following year. He has from time to time increased the capacity of his business and for the past year or two has had two plants in operation. It would be interesting to know the number of brick he has made since breaking dirt at Colon and the amount of money realized from the sale of these brick.

"To give you some idea of what the Borden Brick & Tile Company is doing we would state that they have shipped 300 cars of tile to Durham during the past 12 months to go in the new buildings that are being constructed at Duke University. 150 cars of this material have been shipped since the first of this year. This company is also manufacturing a very fine quality of face as well as common brick.

"Since putting their plant in operation the Carolina Fire Proofing Company has shipped much brick and tile to distant parts of the country. A few weeks ago the plant was shut down to make repairs and improvements. They have finished installing \$10,000 worth of new machinery, and everything is now in better shape to push the business and promptly fill all orders for material. The plant was put in operation again this week.

"Last year the Sanford Brick & Tile Company filled a big order for brick to go in new buildings at Fort Bragg, and we understand other orders will be filled when building operations are resumed at the fort."

MERONIES SCHOOL

Quite a delegation from the Meronies community was here Monday, petitioning the board of education for a school at Meronies. The average fell off so there last year that it was necessary to drop one teacher and it appeared at one time that the most of the patrons preferred to have their children conveyed to Bonlee, but it turns out differently. Quite a number want a teacher and were here to ask for one. But the board authorized Supt. Thompson and the chairman to visit the community Wednesday and reach a conclusion in the matter.

PITTSBORO SCHOOL WINS FIRST PRIZE AT PRIZE

The educational exhibit of the Pittsboro school won first prize at the County Fair last week. This prize was \$10. It also won the history prize, chemistry prize, primary grade prize, and others. The exhibit was quite a creditable one. Bonlee, Bynum, Moncure, and Goldston, also had creditable exhibits.

Floods in the South

Heavy rains prevailed largely throughout the southern states last week. The tropical storm which wrought havoc in the Bahamas cuts a narrow swath through lower Florida, and then seemed to bend sharply to the northeast. North Carolina did not lie in the storm area, but the atmospheric condition which resulted from the freakish wanderings of the storm, or that which itself caused that freakishness, produced two days of downpour with considerable wind in North Carolina. But practically all Record readers are aware of what happened in this territory.

The Haw and Deep did not rise as high as in 1908, but this was because of the fact that the rains in upper counties were not as heavy as through this section of the State. There was a marked difference in the report of the rain fall at Greensboro and at Raleigh. If the fall upon the headwaters of the two streams had equaled that here, there is little question that the record of 1908 would have been reached.

No one at Pittsboro made an exact measure of the rainfall, but one citizen says that an empty galvanized tub, like one he showed the writer in a store, about a foot deep with perpendicular body, was running over Wednesday morning. As one of the towns in the belt reported 10 1/2 inches of rain, the statement does not seem to be extravagant.

New Hope, whose waters are retarded by the embankment built when the concrete bridge on highway ninety was constructed, reached to the Thrailkill store, a quarter of a mile from the bridge. Traffic was stopped for two days on that highway. All bottom corn in the county, and largely throughout the State, was after almost a week of recrudescence ruined. The heavy rains, coming drizzles, have resulted in damage to cotton that had started to open. The crop was already short and boll weevil damaged, and now a considerable portion of what was thought to have been made is rotten.

The greatest danger to the bridges was from accumulations of floating trees. The heavy winds with the rain had broken down green trees and these formed rafts that threatened particularly the bridge on the Pittsboro-Sanford highway. Men were busy with ropes and trucks in trying to drag out the menacing rafts, but the force of the water made it a difficult task. However, all the principal bridges escaped serious injury.

The A. & Y. trains could not cross the Deep river bridge. Passengers were transferred over the new highway bridge near Gulf. The rise of the Cape Fear at Fayetteville on Tuesday was unprecedented. The river rose forty feet in a day. But the lighter rainfall on the headwaters of the Haw and Deep had a similar effect in stopping the rise on the Cape Fear before it broke the previous highwater records.

P-T. A. Meets

The Parent-Teacher Association met in the school auditorium for the October meeting.

The president called for reports from the various standing committees: Yard, hospitality, health, and ways and means.

Mrs. Lindo Johnson, of the health committee, is planning a get-together meeting at Mrs. Hamp Ferguson's.

The grade mothers gave their reports. In the grade count, the tenth grade again won the dollar offered for largest attendance.

The secretary read a note from the district secretary, thanking the association for the invitation to hold the district meeting here, but owing to our location it was thought best to select a town more nearly in the center of the district, thereby affording a greater number of people an opportunity to attend.

The following were elected delegates to the state convention in Henderson: Mrs. Riggsbee, Mrs. Shanahanhouse, Mrs. Connell, Mrs. Lindo Johnson, Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. W. B. Chapin were chosen as alternates.

INSANE NEGROES ENJOYING HIGH WATER

High water last week surrounded the hospital for negro insane at Goldsboro and flooded the lower floors, driving the inmates to higher stories. The women's building was in worst condition, and it is said that the women had a gleeful time during the flood and gave attendants considerable trouble wanting to play in the water.

G. R. Bowlen, a Chicago porter, was arrested for stealing French gowns, the wearing of which by his wife aroused the suspicions of his employer.

SANDY CREEK ASSN. HOLDS 171ST MEET

North Carolina's Oldest Baptist Association in Session
Last Week at Fall Creek—
Next Session Goes to Siler City.

The 171st session of the Sandy Creek Baptist Association was held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 3, 4 and 5, at Fall Creek church in western Chatham. Victor Johnson of Pittsboro was re-elected moderator and H. A. Teague, clerk and treasurer, the office of treasurer being discontinued.

Fifty-nine of the 61 churches were represented, either by messengers or letter, or both. Large congregations were present for the several sessions. The hospitality of the Fall Creek community was magnificent.

Prominent visitors were Superintendent Kessler of the Mills Home, or Thomasville orphanage, Dr. J. A. Campbell of Campbell College, Rev. W. D. Bostick, missionary to China on furlough, and Rev. R. B. Lineberry, who though located in the eastern part of the state, is the official historian of the Association, and is preparing a history to be published on completion. The latest history of the body is that of the late George W. Purifoy, which brought the history through the first hundred years of the body, or till 1858. Rev. B. G. Early represented the Biblical Recorder, but while he lives in Raleigh he is pastor of Hickory Mountain church.

There was a full program, covering all the work of the association, the state convention, and the Southern Baptist convention, including the woman's work of the several organizations. Sermons were preached by Rev. F. C. Hawkins, Sanford, Rev. O. A. Keller of Jonesboro, and Rev. T. F. Stinson of Southern Pines.

Attending from this community were Rev. R. R. Gordon, W. H. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hatch, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Petty, F. C. Upchurch, also Pastor Caudill, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Cooper, E. L. Perry, John Thrift, and Moderator Johnson. Mr. Early, representing the Recorder, who has attended several associations this season, stated that this association had about the best attendance of any that he had visited.

The next session goes to Siler City. Rev. T. F. Stinson, pastor at Southern Pines, is to preach the introductory sermon, with Rev. A. O. Keller chosen as alternate.

Misses Willett and Davis Win Contest

Miss Frances Willett, of the fourth grade in the Siler City school, and Miss Virginia Davis, of the seventh grade in the Goldston school, were the winners of the spelling contest at the Fair Saturday. There were two contests, one embracing representatives from the second, third, and fourth grades of the county schools, and the other representatives from the fifth, sixth and seventh grades. The prize in each contest was five dollars. The donors of the prizes are Messrs. Wade Siler and J. D. Durant. Moncure, Bonlee, Pittsboro, Siler City, Goldston, Bynum, and Bell were the schools represented. Little Dorothy Smith of the second grade of the Pittsboro school competed with the third and fourth grade group and stood up well toward the last. Miss Camilla Johnson of the Pittsboro seventh grade stood, too, well toward the last in her group.

Mrs. Cordon, under whose auspices the contest was held, states that the contest will be an annual affair, and that next year there will be three groups instead of the two, and it is hoped that three public spirited citizens will donate similar prizes. In this way she hopes to stimulate an interest in spelling in the schools, and that she hopes that each school will have a monthly contest in each grade during the session in preparation for the contest at the next fair.

FRANK BARCLAY WINS SEVERAL BIG HONORS

It is gratifying to his Pittsboro friends to learn of the several distinctions won by Mr. Frank Barclay, son of Rev. and Mrs. Jonas Barclay, a student at King College, Bristol, Tenn. He has been chosen president of the senior class at his school, also president of his literary society, and business manager of the college magazine. It is quite remarkable for three distinctions to come to one student.

CONVICTS REVOLT; BUTCHER GUARDS

A revolt among convicts at Colorado state prison last Thursday resulted in the death of seven guards and several prisoners. The revolt was led by a life-terminer who killed the guards and then shot himself to death.

OFFICER WOUNDS HOMER SILLMON

Young Man Shot, Allegedly by
Officer Chas. Crutchfield—
Sought to Arrest Sillmon on
Charge of Car Stealing;
Sillmon Likely to Die.

On Wednesday morning it seems impossible to get the straight of the shooting of Homer Sillmon Tuesday forenoon near Siler City.

The editor of the Record was in the sheriff's office Tuesday when a telephone message had come summoning the sheriff to Siler City. It was the writer's understanding that a fight had already occurred. He and Deputies Desern and Lacy Johnson hurried off and have not been seen at this writing by the Record. Yet the story in the Greensboro News Wednesday morning has the deputies playing a part in the game.

Tuesday at midday Amos Sillmon was lodged in jail here, but there could be no clear story obtained of the affair. The rumors that first reached Pittsboro placed the shooting in or near Siler City, but it seems that the alleged stolen car was left at a filling station on highway 60, several miles above Siler City. It was a Cadillac car, while the two Sillmons seem to have come up in a Chrysler to get it, when Deputy Crutchfield was present to arrest them.

Amos must have been out of the car and fell into the hands of the officers, while Homer remained in the car, got shot and fled, and was overtaken. He was brought to Dr. Edwards' office at Siler City, where the doctor discovered the serious nature of his wound and had him hurried to a Greensboro hospital. The Greensboro News reports only a chance in a thousand for him to live. The shot cut the intestines in several places, and peritonitis was declared to have already set in.

The following is a part of the Greensboro News story of Wednesday morning:

Information here is to the effect that the Chatham county officers were undertaking to arrest Sillmon for investigation in connection with the alleged theft of the Cadillac sedan.

Yesterday Mr. Bradley said that Deputy Sheriff Crutchfield told him that after the shooting Homer Sillmon said to that deputy sheriff, "All right, if I get well you'll be sorry for it."

Last night the Daily News obtained the following version of the shooting from Chatham county:

"Officers here had been notified to be on the lookout for a Cadillac sedan which had been stolen from a dealer in New Jersey. Last week J. R. Pendergrast, state automobile inspector, was through here and gave a description of the car.

"This morning the officers saw the Cadillac car at Morgan's filling station in Siler City. It was left there by two men who asked that a spare tire be changed. They said that they would call for the car in about an hour. In the meantime Deputy Sheriff Charlie Crutchfield notified the sheriff's office at Pittsboro and asked that deputies be sent to Siler City from Pittsboro. Deputy Sheriffs C. T. Desern and Lacy Johnson came.

"Deputy Sheriffs Crutchfield, Desern and Johnson went to the filling station and secured the keys to the Cadillac. Two men drove up to the station in a Chrysler coupe. One of the men got out, the other remained in the car, the engine still running. The officers handcuffed the man who got out. Lacy Johnson stepped on the running board of the Chrysler in order to arrest Sillmon for investigation in connection with the alleged theft of the Cadillac. Sillmon pushed him off, stepped on the gas and drove away.

Say Three Officers Fired

"The three officers jumped into the Cadillac car in pursuit of Sillmon."

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THE LID IS OFF

The football season is now in full swing. Photo shows Moore, star full-back of Northwestern University, getting his toe in shape for coming struggles in the gridiron.

Pitt Mops up with Duke

The University of Pittsburgh football team mopped up with the Duke University team Saturday in the dedication game in the new Duke stadium. The score was 52 to 7. Duke scoring in the last quarter. The new stadium will seat 30,000 people and it was filled Saturday. A number of people from this community attended the game. The next big game in the state will be that between the University and Georgia at Chapel Hill Saturday.

British Premier Confers with Hoover

Ramsay MacDonald, first prime minister of Great Britain to visit America while in office, landed at New York last Friday and went immediately to Washington to confer with President Hoover on international questions, with especial reference to naval strength parity among the nations. He was met in New York by Secretary of State Stimson and soon after arriving in Washington the president and his guest left for the presidential camp in the Virginia hills.

Premier MacDonald is accompanied on the American trip by his daughter, Miss Isabel MacDonald, who is his official hostess.

It is hoped that a much more friendly feeling between the governments of the two English speaking nations may result from the visit of the British statesman to this country.

Legion Convention Meets at Louisville

The national convention of the American Legion met at Louisville, Ky., last week with more than 30,000 legionnaires attending. General Albert Cox of Raleigh was regarded as a leading candidate for national commander but the general himself placed in nomination O. L. Bodenhamer of Arkansas and moved his election by acclamation. It is believed that this puts General Cox in line for election without serious opposition next year.

Mrs. Donald McRae of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was elected head of the Auxiliary.

The Legion convention next year will be held at Boston.

Bennettsville-Cheraw R. R. Delivery O. K.'d

Bennettsville, S. C., Oct. 4.—Advices received here are to the effect that the Interstate Commerce Commission door delivery as related to immigration at Washington has allowed interstate shipments by the Bennettsville and Cheraw railroad. This decision is a victory for the road. The tariff was announced to go on several months ago. The innovation was opposed by the Atlantic Coast Line railroad and the Baltimore and Carolina was enjoined from carrying out the project. A hearing was held a few months ago at Fayetteville.

The delivery as relates to intrastate has been carried on uninterruptedly since the new plan went into effect.

Sinclair Again Denied Freedom from Jail

Justice Siddons of the District of Columbia court has again denied freedom to Harry F. Sinclair, oil magnate, before natural expiration of his term on November 22. Sinclair was committed to jail on May 6. Then on June 22 he was sentenced to six months on another count, the terms to run "concurrently." Sinclair contended that the last sentence was retroactive and dated from May 6; Justice Siddons rules that it was not and dates from June 22. Five days off each month for good behavior will let the oil magnate eat Thanksgiving dinner at home.

WILLIAMS AND MCKENVIE MAY NOT BE CONFIRMED

Serious opposition in developing in the senate to confirmation of Carl Williams and Sam McKelvie of the farm board. Williams is from Oklahoma and is the cotton representative on the board. Opposition to his confirmation is led by Senator Smith of South Carolina, who is supported in his position by Senators from Georgia and Texas. McKelvie hails from Nebraska and is the wheat representative on the board. Senator Wheeler of Montana is one of the chief opponents of his confirmation, but some of the western republicans are also displeased with his attitude. Voting on the appointments will not come up for several weeks yet and by that time opposition may disappear.

GERMAN LEADER DEAD

Gustave Stresemann, former premier of Germany and regarded by many as the greatest German since Bismarck, died last Wednesday. He had been one of the chief leaders in forming the new German republic and was a figure in world court and reparations conferences.

LAST WEEK MARKED BY MANY TRAGEDIES

Physician Shot by Mad Man in
Sanford—Five Die as Result
of Attack of Officers Upon
Strikers at Marion—Con-
victs Revolt in Colorado

The papers Thursday and Friday of last week were unduly loaded with reports of tragedies.

Nearest Pittsboro was the shooting of Dr. J. P. Monroe, of Sanford, five times by W. A. Maness, a former inmate of the State Hospital, who was under the apparent delusion that Dr. Monroe had at an earlier date tried to poison his family. Maness walked up without a word to Dr. Monroe at a filling station and shot him five times. Fortunately, no bullet struck a vital point, though one came so near the doctor's spine as to cause partial paralysis. All five bullets hit him, one in the right shoulder, one in the face, one in an arm, breaking it, another passed through the palm of his hand, and the fifth lodged near his spinal column. The last mentioned was removed. Three were left in the body for the present. Maness was lodged in jail, a hearing being postponed to learn the results of the wounds.

Massacre at Marion
From Marion came the startling news of the wholesale shooting of strikers by a sheriff's force. Three men were killed almost outright and a score more wounded, two of whom later died.

An agreement had been reached a few weeks ago between mill and strikers, a condition being that no discrimination was to be shown against former strikers by the mill management. Members of the union claimed that this part of the agreement had not been kept, and the night shift walked out before day. A crowd of strikers and sympathizers assembled at the mill gate to prevent entrance of the day shift. Sheriff Adkins and several deputies came to the gate. When the time for the opening of the gate came, the crowd was ordered to depart. Tear bombs were exploded and firing started immediately afterward.

The evidence is that the strikers were not armed, except a few with sticks. One man hit Sheriff Adkins and was shot down. The sheriff arrested him and put handcuffs on him, unaware that the man was practically dead. He died in the hospital with the handcuffs on. Shooting, according to witnesses, lasted not more than two minutes, but many shots were fired, with the results indicated above.

The governor ordered troops to the scene. But as usual the mischief had already been played. Many on each side have been indicated for murder. The indictments against strikers include the charge of inciting to riot and to revolution, the same foolish charges as in other cases. Judge Harding sat two days last week and is continuing his sitting this week as a magistrate making inquiry into the affair. Scores of witnesses have been heard.

The funeral of the dead strikers was taken as an occasion by several speakers, some of them from the North, to berate the officers and the attitude of the State in the various crises at the mills.

Prisoners Revolt
From away over in Colorado came harrowing stories of the revolt of 150 convicts in the penitentiary at Canon City. They captured the guards and held them as hostages, threatening to kill them if they were not allowed their freedom. One dead body after another was thrown out to indicate the fate of the others if the convicts' demands should not be granted. A Catholic priest volunteered to attempt to blow up the wing of the prison in which the desperate prisoners were assembled, but did not succeed. But the stress became so great that finally the leader of the convicts killed four others and himself, and the leaderless bunch then surrendered.

In addition to these unusual crimes, the usual list of casualties by accident, including a disastrous train wreck, marked the week.

SNIPES JUSTICE

Miss Lelia Justice and Mr. John Robert Snipes were married October 3, at 10 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Justice. Rev. R. R. Gordon performed the ceremony. Only a few friends and relatives were present.

The bride was charming in meditation blue spigetta trimmings, and beaded lace collar and accessories to match. She carried a corsage of cream roses.

They left immediately after the ceremony for Pilot Mountain and other interesting points in the state. The bride has been a popular teacher in the county and is a young lady of attractive personality. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Snipes of Goldston.

The Cormorant devours five tons of fish in a year.