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Predicting A Fine School

The Pittsboro school has an enrollment of near six hundred already. But it is not the number the Record is so much interested in as the quality of the work done, or to be done, by the institution.

We confess to disappointment in the work of every North Carolina high school we have come in contact with since our return from Louisiana. The first year we were here a daughter was in the senior class and the work of the school was particularly unsatisfactory, for instance, the geometry class skipping all the original problems, and a half dozen pupils demonstrating the same proposition on the board at the same time and having the privilege of copying from any of them that happened to know it. We took that as an index of the work throughout the high school, whether correctly or incorrectly.

When Mr. Waters became principal we became convinced the very first day that he was a man of unusually fine native sense, but we also learned something less complimentary, but remediable. The latter was rather a secret between principal and writer. It has been interesting to note that earnest and successful attempt of the former to overcome the handicap which the writer had discovered. Nor has the writer lost any chance to implant in the minds of the principal two ideas of his for a school, namely that the teachers should know something to teach and that the students should learn it.

Mr. Waters has been a real student these four years. His work at the University summer school, we have means of knowing, has been of extraordinary high grade. The teachers under whom he has studied are convinced that he is a strong and coming man, as we are equally convinced.

It has been the principal's aim to raise the standard of the school as rapidly as possible. However, the infiltration of poorly prepared students from the country districts which have been incorporated with the Pittsboro district has been a handicap, which is in a measure being removed as the years pass. Last spring two or three students were denied diplomas because of failures to pass examinations, and that fact was not only an indication of a higher standard set but an incentive or spur to the oncoming classes to apply themselves. A few days ago, the principal assured us that no half-way work would secure the passing of the grades or graduation, and we have been shown a test which has been given to all the pupils of the school, which enables him to diagnose the work of both teachers and pupils.

We have happened to hear a criticism or two of the school, or of Mr. Waters, personally, for the time given to this test, and since we believe our readers know that the editor of the Record knows a school work, we deem it to the advantage of all concerned that we here and now give our hearty approval of the test mentioned and predict that it will enable the school to improve very much in efficiency in the hands of Mr. Waters.

As a physician cannot possibly prescribe successfully for the patient whose ailment has not been diagnosed, so it is impossible for a school principal to correct the ills of teachers and pupils unless he has a means of discovering those ills. The test in question has given the most complete means that the writer has ever seen and at a time of the school session when the interpretation of the data in hand can be the most successfully used for the benefit of teachers and pupils.

These tests give an idea and a fair one, of the native ability of the pupil and the capability of the teacher. For instance, there are two parts of the arithmetic test, the one, testing the reasoning ability of the pupil and the other his skill in computation. The former is a God-gift; the latter is an acquirement depending largely upon the skill and the diligence of the teacher. Take an instance that we noted and helped Mr. Waters interpret. A pupil had made a very high grade on the reasoning part of the arithmetic test and too low a grade on the computation part. What was the interpretation? This: Here was a very bright pupil, capable of learning the computation work thoroughly and yet he had not done so. Accordingly, drill sufficient had not been given by the teacher.

A second example: A girl had made a very low grade upon reading and understanding what she read, yet made a very high grade on computation in arithmetic in problems which required more understanding of reading than was needed to pass the reading tests in which she had failed. The test in reasoning in arithmetic was also low. The facts were irreconcilable except by supposing that the girl had got a chance to copy the computation work from another pupil, which was easier to do than in almost any other test of the test. What is to be done in that case? The answers are to be erased and the girl given a private second trial.

A SECOND MISTAKE MR. J. M. LEMON'S NAME IS USED IN COURT REPORT IN- STEAD OF THAT OF BURNIS ALSTON.

The editor was extremely unfortunate last week in copying the court proceedings from the docket of Judge Bell. He was doing the work in a hurry in order to get through before the judge wanted his docket, but the errors are really almost inexcusable. Just as in the case of Mr. A. J. Johnson, we got the name of the bondsman Mr. J. M. Lemons, instead of the name of the defendant, Burnis Alston. Fortunately, the sentence was suspended or we should have had Mr. Lemons on the road for a whole week before we could get him off. This is being written before Mr. Lemons

If the result is not the same or is good as in the first test, cheating will be evident and the pupil can be warned against further such bad business. If the test should be up to the standard of the first, then there is a peculiar fact and the failures in the other reasoning test must be discounted somewhat because of possible confusion in these earlier tests. Surely, a physician cannot be expected to treat a disease properly if the patient lies about his pains and aches.

And thus the record of each pupil and a key to the effectiveness of the work of each of last year's teachers are in the hands of the principal. And this year's teachers are forewarned to do additional work in the lines where there was a degree of failure last year.

In many a man's hands these tests would amount to nothing, but in Mr. Waters hands we expect to see them used to the great improvement of the school. More and more the students are being put upon their guard against idleness. As long as they have felt that a little work would put them across, a little work was all that could be gotten. But the time has come when Pittsboro boys and girls if they pass the grades must actually learn something. Glory be for that consummation!

Again, Mr. Waters is very much pleased with the ability of his faculty and the spirit with which they are taking hold of the work. And the writer feels that only two things are now needed to make the Pittsboro school a real educational institution. The two are similar: Let the teachers become aware of how much bright boys and girls can accomplish, and let the pupils become aware of the same, and become determined that they shall not be downed by seeming difficulties.

Many a teacher has never achieved her full quota of work under her teachers and seems unaware of the fact, or if they are slow coaches have never realized that there are quite a number of rapid coaches whose school careers can be ruined and their very lives handicapped by failure to spur them into activity, and awaken them to their powers. If a teacher to use a figure of speech, should never have been able to jump more than two feet high and has the notion that nobody else can do more than that, it would be surprising if her pupils in fence jumping ever surpassed that mark.

On the other hand, many a boy or girl has never learned that he can do things and lots of them, and that he has been wasting the larger part of his time in school. An hour in the study hall up there at session convinced us that the majority in the hall at the time knew precious little about studying and cared very little about achieving. Such fellows are injuring themselves beyond remedy. Carlyle has emphasized a hundred times that a king is a can man, the word king, being derived from the same word, meaning can. Accordingly, the boy who wishes to be a king that he is a can man. He must forget that there is such a word as can't. We know boys in this school who can do three times as much effectively as they have ever done even in their half-hearted way. And we close this article by urging every boy and girl to improve himself or herself a person of ability. Don't be dummies, boys and girls, when God has given you real abilities.

No; we must still say that the tests are serving the superb purpose of dividing the pupils of the into groups of more even ability. If the lack of application of a boy or girl has been the cause of his falling into the lower group, there is a remedy. Let him go to work and bring himself up to the level of the higher group. It is impossible to get the best out of bright and dull boys and girls when yoked together—as impossible as it would be to get the best out of a team composed of a slow poke horse and a race horse hitched to the same buggy.

Already the test of the eight grade has enabled Mr. Waters to get a dozen or so bright boys and girls who were going to shirk Latin to join the Latin class voluntarily and with a feeling that they are the lads who can master what has been so long thought a bug bear, but which boys for a thousand years have been learning without difficulty when they tried.

Court Cases.

The county court in session Monday sent Jordan Thompson to the roads six months for general deviltry but more specifically upon the charge of assault with a deadly weapon, to wit, an automobile.

Fred Wicker, on a similar charge, got a suspended sentence of six months, on condition that he pay costs, pay \$60 to Mr. T. P. Murchison, whose child he ran over, breaking an arm, and not drive an automobile for two years, and give \$100 bond to guarantee these conditions.

even comes for a correction, and we hope that everybody who sees this will help kill the error. We most sincerely apologize to Mr. Lemons. We think we shall wait for the cases to be recorded the next time, even if we miss getting them in the paper till the next week.

Bear Creek News

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hart of Burlington were Sunday visitors in the home of Miss Belle Beal.

Mrs. W. G. Andrew and daughter Hazel, of Asheville, are visiting in and around Bear Creek.

Miss Elizabeth Woody has left to take charge of her work as a teacher at Gibson.

Miss Velma Philips has entered Pineland College, Salemburg.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Willett were week end visitors in Danville, Va.

Mrs. W. R. Highfield has moved to Coats where she has accepted work as a teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Philips attended the Hough reunion on the Yadgin River near Spencer.

Mrs. J. W. Philips and children Joe and Vallie, were weekend visitors around route 2.

Gulf News

School opened here Tuesday the ninth with Miss Estelle McIver of this place and Miss Esther Steele of Sanford as teachers.

Mr. W. A. Jones passed away at his home here Monday about 12 o'clock. He had suffered a stroke of paralysis Saturday night and was in a critical condition until the end came. He had been in bad health for more than a year. He came to this community several years ago and was foreman at Carolina Mine.

He was a native of Pema and is expected his body will be sent to Williamstown for burial. Mr. Jones was a good citizen and the community will miss him. He is survived by his wife, two brothers and two sisters.

Miss Helen Wicker left last week for Flora McDonald College, Red Springs, N. C. She being a senior there this year.

Miss Annie Tyner left Wednesday for Elm College.

Messrs R. L. Oldham of Goldston and Lynn Oldham of Erwin visited relatives here Sunday.

A number of young people of B. Y. P. U. here enjoyed a weinie roast at the home of Viola Johnson Monday night.

Antioch News

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Oldham and children of High Point spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Oldham.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Wheeley of Durham spent the week-end with Mrs. Wheeley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Dowdy.

Mrs. S. P. Dowd and two children of the Mt. Gilead community were recent visitors in the home of Mrs. A. H. Oldham.

Miss Germa Oldham has returned home after spending two weeks with her brother, Mr. S. E. Oldham of High Point.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Oldham and children of Yanceyville spent Sunday with home folks. Mrs. Oldham and children remained for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moore and son and Miss Annie Moore spent Sunday with relatives at Pittsboro.

Miss Edna Dowdy left Tuesday to enter college.

Sunday is our preaching day at Antioch. Several are to be baptized.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

A meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association will be held in the school auditorium, Friday evening September the 12th, at eight o'clock.

After a short business session there will be a reception for the teachers.

It is hoped that the people of the community will avail themselves of this opportunity to meet the teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Peterson, Jr., of Clinton, were up to visit the former's parents Sunday.

MR. A. J. JOHNSON INJURED BY ERROR.

We inadvertently did Mr. A. J. Johnson an injury last week in reporting court proceedings. We were copying from the notations on Judge Bell's docket and came to this notation: "Case against defendants nolle prossed. \$40. fine for defaulting witness Viola Burgess." or words to that effect. Glancing up then to get the names of the defendants, we accidentally copied the names of the securities instead of the defendants, making it the case against Clifton Johnson and A. J. Johnson, instead of Will Brasington and Clifton Johnson.

If we had had any idea that it was Deputy Johnson and son whose names occurred there, we should have detected the error. But there are more Johnsons than anything else in Chatham county, and if our attention had been called to the error we should not have yet known that we had reported a deputy sheriff as charged with liquor selling. It was fortunate for us that it was not a case in which there was a conviction, for we should probably have had our good friend on the roads. It was probably the fining of the witness that caused us to fumble. That was rather unique and interested us. Viola Burgess, who was responsible for the charge against Brasington and young Johnson, seemed to be unwilling to face the music, and that raises a strong presumption that even the boys were not guilty of the charge.

Anyway, this should be sufficient to set the good deputy right before the bootlegging fraternity, as well as among any friends who might of the error.

Mrs. Mary Gardner Dead

Mrs. Mary Gardner, step mother of Mrs. W. F. Beard, who has been Bearded for a number of years even before the death of Mr. Beard, died here Monday night. She had been in feeble health for a considerable time, but became seriously ill Saturday night. Death relieved her from the troubles of this life at one o'clock Tuesday morning. She was buried in the Pittsboro M. E. Church yard Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock, pastor Bailey conducting the funeral services.

Before marriage Mrs. Gardner was Mary Sikes of Bladen county where she lived with her husband till his death, when she came to Mrs. Beard's home.

Fortunately, her nieces, Mrs. Jesse Barefoot of Sampson county and Mrs. Maggie Mathis of Dunn, had arrived the evening before having been informed of her critical illness. Those ladies were accompanied by Mr. Barefoot.

Mrs. Gardner was 80 years of age and the widow of a confederate veteran. She had been drawing fifty dollars every six months as a pension. The last was paid in June and the next would have been due in December. The law provides that the next draft after the death of a pensioner shall be paid, thus providing for funeral expenses, provided that the death occurs within three months of the next pay time. Unfortunately, Mrs. Gardner died a week too early to secure the next payment.

THE GARDNER FUNERAL

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Gardner was held at the Pittsboro Methodist church Tuesday afternoon. Rev. R. R. Gordon conducted the services, assisted by Revs. J. A. Dailey and Jonas Barclay. Mrs. Gardner was a member of the Baptist church here, but because of her family connection with Mrs. W. F. Beard she was buried in the Beard plot in the M. E. churchyard.

The most striking thing about the funeral and burial was the large attendance of her step-relatives. She was the third wife of her husband and there were two sets of step-children, of whom Mrs. W. F. Beard with whom she had long lived is one, and there could have scarcely been a higher tribute to her gracious character than the coming of these step-children and grandchildren a hundred miles to attend the funeral. It spoke volumes for the deceased lady and for the relatives too.

Attending were: Mr. Herman Gardner, step son, from Roseboro, Mrs. M. H. Bullard, Bladenboro, Mrs. George Melvin, Stedman stepdaughters; W. C. Melvin, Danville, Va., Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Melvin, Hope Mills, Miss Lillian Melvin, Stedman, (Miss Gertrude Melvin, Stedman, Mr. and Mrs. eech Melvin, Fayetteville, Mrs. Lester Hales and Mrs. A. M. Hales of Bladenboro, Mrs. S. G. Bullard, Elizabethtown, Mr. Joe McDaniel, Elizabethtown, all step-grandchildren. With them was Mr. Jasper Edge of Hope Mills.

As noted in a previously written article, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Barefoot of Sampson county, and Mrs. Mathis of Dunn, actual relatives of Mrs. Gardner were present.

Numerous floral tributes and the presence of many neighbors indicated the esteem in which Mrs. Gardner was held in Pittsboro.

A car driven by Billy Buck Lee, colored, turned over on highway 75 Saturday night, broke an arm of his sister Marie, and bruised the driver and John Jackson right painfully.

Funeral Service for Samuel S. Jackson

BODY OF SAMUEL SPENCER JACKSON LIES IN PLAT IN EPISCOPAL CHURCH YARD WITH THOSE OF ELEVEN OTHERS OF THAT NAME.

The burial of Samuel Spencer Jackson Saturday made the twelfth of his name to be laid to rest in the plat devoted to the family in the Episcopal Churchyard here.

The list includes three or four generations, and it is safe to say that few, if any, family cemetery plats in the state are better kept or bear so many honorable names.

The first of the Jacksons to be laid to rest here was the first Samuel born in 1787 and died in 1856. The name Samuel Spencer comes from that early gentleman's grandfather, Judge Samuel Spencer of Anson county, whose tragic end from an attack by a turkey gobbler while the Judge, in a feeble state of health, lay under the shade of a tree on his lawn—a story that should be familiar to every man and woman who ever read Moore's or Wheeler's history of the state.

The mother of the first Samuel Spencer Jackson was a daughter of the celebrated Judge Spencer. The first Samuel Spencer Jackson was the father of three sons, Joseph J., Samuel Spencer, II, and Hamilton Calhoun. Joseph J. Jackson was the father of Mrs. Henry A. London, Miss Carrie Jackson, Jonathan Worth Jackson and Samuel Spencer Jackson, III, whose body was laid to rest Saturday. Joseph J. was born in 1817 and died in 1902.

Samuel Spencer Jackson, II was born in 1832 and died in 1875. He was the first husband of Mrs. Moffitt, who died recently at Richmond at the age of ninety or more, after a life of the greatest usefulness and honor.

Hamilton Calhoun Jackson was born in 1836. He was a physician and his monument bears testimony to the fact that he died because of, or at least in, earnest service to his calling.

All three of these brothers married daughters of Governor Jonathan Worth, and two of the wives rest in the Jackson lot. Mrs. Moffitt only having been buried elsewhere. The foregoing fact indicates that the sons and daughters of the three brothers were all double-first cousins of whom a single representative child from each family was present at the burial Saturday, as was Mrs. Josephus Daniels, a daughter of a fourth daughter of Governor Worth, Mrs. Bagley who was mother of the hero, Worth Bagley, of the Spanish American War. Miss Carrie Jackson is the only survivor of the children of Joseph J., Mr. Herbert Jackson, president of the Virginia Trust Company of Richmond, the only survivor of the children of Samuel Spencer, II, and Mrs. Haywood White, of Raleigh, the only survivor of those of Dr. H. C. Jackson.

Mr. Herbert Jackson, just mentioned, his son, Herbert II, and grandson Herbert, III, are the only surviving males of the Jackson name though other descendants are not so scant in number.

As known to the readers of the Record, Samuel Spencer Jackson, III died suddenly in Los Angeles California, two weeks ago last Friday evening. The body was embalmed and on Monday evening of last week Mrs. Jackson started with it from her far away residence for the native village of her devoted husband. She and the body arrived in Sanford Friday evening. Brought from Sanford, it lay in state in the London home here till Saturday afternoon. Though death had occurred two weeks previously, the deceased appeared perfectly natural and as if he were only fallen asleep.

Friends in Los Angeles had contributed a shield of immortelles and other floral tributes, which accompanied the exceedingly handsome casket. North Carolina friends also contributed many beautiful floral tributes.

The funeral rites were conducted by Rector Shannonhouse. The pall bearers were Arthur H. London, Dr. Isaac C. Manning of Chapel Hill, Fred C. Williams, Isaac S. London, Lacy Alston, Fred P. Noe, George R. Pilkington, and John H. Anderson. Unfortunately Sheriff J. Jenkins, a class mate at the University of the deceased, only heard of the burial in time to reach the churchyard for the services.

In this connection, it is interesting to note that Chatham county furnished three of the University graduates of 1886, when there were only 26 in all. The other, besides Mr. Jackson and Mr. Jenkins, was the late O. C. Bynum. The Manning family had just moved to Chapel Hill, where the father was professor of law, and Dr. Isaac, now dead of the medical school there, was a student with these gentlemen.

This was the first opportunity the relatives had had to meet Mrs. Jackson. She proved to be a most lovable lady. Unfortunately, her aged father is very ill at his home in Indiana, and she has had to leave after three or four days at the London home, for her father's bed-we hear.

Brown's Chapel News

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Witty and son and daughter, Billy and Linda, and Mr. Macon Moser all of Greensboro, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Floy Lewis of Cottontail Club. Brother Dailey gave us a fine sermon at his appointment Sunday. Also we are glad to announce that Rev. B. L. Gupton will preach for us next Sunday night.

Some of our people attended Sapling Ridge M. P. church Sunday where they heard an able sermon and a prayer for rain, which was answered that very night with a fine shower, reaching on down to Brown's Chapel.

Mr. Bill Lindley and family of Burlington spent the week-end with Mrs. Lindley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Mann.

Mrs. Wilbur Lloyd of Orange county visited her brother, Mr. J. F. Durham Sunday.

Mr. C. H. Lutterloh bought and gave to Mrs. Lutterloh a nice cow last week as a birthday present.

Thursday evening little Miss Marie Perry entertained a number of her friends on the occasion of her twelfth birthday. The guests were Misses Lois Henderson, Eloise Whitaker, and Mary Dell Whitaker who stopped over for the night on their way home from school and had a jolly good time.

Miss Cornelia Henderson has been in Durham several days.

Last Saturday evening two surprise parties were given by the young folks of Brown's Chapel and New Salem to Misses Allene Dark and Mary Dean. Ice cream and cake were served. The Dean party all drove over to the Dark party. It was a fine moonlight night for such a jolly gathering.

We have been criticized for publishing some items while missing others, but we can publish only what we know and the church is where we gather most of our news. Come out and let us know the news. We shall be only too glad to get it all straight. We have some friends who seem to delight in helping us out. These letters are a voluntary community contribution on our part and the easier you make it to give the news the better. (Editorial note: And it would be impossible for the Record to publish as full reports from every community in the county as the Brown's Chapel community secures.)

Mr. N. B. Nixon recently spent a night in the home of Mr. I. W. Durham at Carboro.

Mrs. Lizzie Dark expresses the view that she is improving since her last treatment in Durham.

Mr. A. F. Whitaker suffered from one of his bad head spells Saturday night.

Mr. R. H. Lindley and W. K. Mann and family recently spent the day over near White Cross with Mr. Wilbur Lang.

MOORE-OLDHAM

Mr. N. C. Moore of Wilson, N. C. and Miss Rena Oldham of Goldston, Route 1, were married Sept. 1, in Greenville. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. S. D. Aldham. Mr. Moore is a prosperous tobacco farmer and owns a nice home near Wilson, besides a machine shop and a corn mill.

The people of Mrs. Moore's community wish them a long and happy lives.

A Friend

DANIEL-LAMBETH

Friends of the contracting parties have received the following announcement:

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Eugene Lambeth announce the marriage of their daughter

Annie Maxwell to Mr. Armand Turner Daniel on Tuesday, September the second 1930

Moncure, North Carolina At home after Sept. 8 at Mocksville, North Carolina.

All members of churches in group two of Sandy creek association are invited to meet with Sandy Branch church next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Sept. 14, to see and hear Miss Pearl Johnson, also friends of other churches and denominations are given a cordial invitation to come. Our Mrs. P. H. StClair is expected to be there. Mrs. Gray Emerson.

side. A second bereavement is imminent.

Other attendants from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. H. M. London, of Raleigh, and son, Henry London, Jr., also Rev. and Mrs. McLeod of Marston, the former president of the Presbyterian Junior College in that town, and the latter a daughter of the late Mrs. Currie, a sister of the deceased, who died in April, 1929.

Mr. George Beiert who has been in Pittsboro during the summer, where he has been learning the business at the silk mill, has returned to his home in New Jersey in order to enter college this fall. He will probably return next June, we hear.