

RURAL CARRIER ITEMS

R. F. H. No. 8.

Just seven years ago to-day we commenced serving the people of No. 8 as mail carrier. That day we had, I think, about 10 boxes, and I carried 27 pieces of mail. To-day we have 120 boxes and deliver over 300 pieces of mail and collect over 50 letters and cards. We have, by the help of our good patrons, made No. 8 one of the best routes from this office. We have the best patrons on earth. One thing that we don't have, and that is any "kickers." We are proud to say that we have never had a "kick" from a No. 8 patron, and we hope never to have. Our people are good to us. When they have anything good they never forget the mail man. We hope to serve them many years and hope to merit their kindness. We have made mistakes (and who has not?), but we want to say right here that the mistakes we make are of the head and not of the heart.

Now in regard to our No. 8 items. We believe the patrons of No. 8, and also some other routes, appreciate them, and if we have given anyone any pleasure in that way, we are glad of it. Now patrons, if you will kindly help us by giving us news of your visitors, happenings, etc., we will make No. 8 items worth reading. We can't tell anything unless we know it, so give us news items, and we'll make our items worth reading. We thank our patrons, one and all, for the nice favors bestowed on us in the past, and any time we can do you a favor, don't hesitate to call on us.

We regret to state that we have at this time one crazy man on No. 8. We refer to our good friend, Jerome Isley. A new "gal" baby came to his house last week. Hope he will soon recover, for we like Jerome. We'd like him better if he'd fix that bad place in the road near his house. Hope he will look after that now.

With best wishes for 1912 for all our patrons on No. 8 and our many friends on No. 2, 5, and other routes, we close.

Your Carrier,
Jan. 15, J. M. Hayes.

Elon College Items.

The Executive committee of the Southern Christian Convention which is composed of Dr. W. W. Staley, Suffolk, Va., Hon. E. E. Holland, Washington, D. C., and Rev. N. G. Newman, Holland, has accepted the invitation of the Christian Church of this place to hold its next biennial session here this Spring. The Convention assembles in April 30, and will be in session for four days. The sessions of this Convention are looked forward to this year as being of prime importance in the history of the Southern Christian Church. It has been 20 years since this body convened at Elon College and many changes have taken place in the College and its equipment during this space of time. The community here is rejoicing that it has been privileged again to entertain this distinguished body.

Rev. W. C. Wicker, A. M., Litt. D., Prof. Philosophy in Elon College is this week in Dayton, Ohio, attending the session of the Executive Board of the American Christian Convention, of which Board he is a member by virtue of his office as head of the Sunday School Board of this same convention.

Rev. Charles Underwood Butler and wife, who won so much eminent distinction as singers in the Torrey Evangelical campaigns in the U. S. and other countries, have been engaged to conduct the annual series of protracted services for the College, beginning Jan. 23, and continuing for 10 days or two weeks.

Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, in the College Auditorium, Prof. J. O. Atkinson of the Department of Political and Social Science, delivered the first of a series of Faculty lectures for this year, his subject being the Character of Adam Bede. The lecture was listened to with profound interest and showed a wide and masterly grasp of George Eliot as a writer and as a delineator of character.

The enrollment for the year so far reaches a total of 249.

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PENSION BILL VOTE
MAY COST HIS SEAT

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 11.—The vote which Congressman Gudgeon (Democrat), of the Tenth North Carolina congressional district, cast for the Sherwood pension bill will probably cost him his seat in Congress.

Many thought he did so unguardedly, but recently he printed a newspaper "card" in reply to criticisms by Col. Gallert and others of this district, in which he not only did not express regret, but defended his vote, on the ground that the Democratic National platform and resolutions adopted at Denver four years ago sustained his positions.

Notes of Interest.

Mr. R. S. Neville, carrier on R. No. 3, walked and carried the mail on Tuesday morning when the earth was covered with sleet. He managed to get to White Cross, eight miles, and rode the balance of his route.

We are now in the midst of the real thing for winter—snow and sleet. This spell reminds us of the big sleet in February 1906, only it is more milder. The sleet that year used us roughly. Scarcely any traveling for a day or so. The ice was so thick on the trees that large limbs were broken off and scattered over the streets and side walks. But the cold weather we experienced a day or two before the snow fell, was the coldest in several years.

Mr. Ernest Markham, carrier on Durham R. No. 1 which comes within a mile of Chapel Hill, walked and carried the mail Tuesday, a distance of 24 miles, going into Durham about on time. Truly, Durham and Orange has some plucky mail carriers. The people they serve need never be uneasy about getting their mail as long as such determined carriers are on the routes. They do not seem to mind the weather "so de wind don't blow."

J. C. Squires, the Burlington horse and mule dealer, is here with some good stock just shipped from Virginia. He invites the public to come and look his stock over before buying. Now is the time to buy while the prices are low.—The Chapel Hill News.

It is Leap Year and This Lady
Took Reins in Her Own Hands.

Possibly for the first time since Guilford County has had a register of deeds, and certainly for the first time since Roy Jones has been issuing marriage licenses, two licenses were given by him last week, one each to a mother and her son. The mother appeared in person with her bridegroom for their license, and at the same time she procured one the marriage of her son.

Both marriages occurred on the same day in High Point. The mother was Mrs. Flora Cook, and she was married to Calvin A. Wagner on Thursday, January 4th, before Rev. A. S. Caldwell. The same day and but a few hours from his mother's wedding Peter Cook, just twenty-one, was married to Miss Hattie Hayworth before N. W. Beeson, a magistrate.—Greensboro News.

Greensboro Hog Law No More.

Monday morning Judge Eure of Greensboro decided the hog law unconstitutional which prohibited the keeping of hogs within one quarter mile of the city limits. Following this decision order was made that the three dollars cost assessed against 45 defendants had up before him in the past week and on whom judgement was suspended on payment of the cost for violating the ordinance, should be refunded to each.

One Killed And Three Hurt.

Goldsboro, Jan. 15.—An accident, which created something of a sensation in this city yesterday, was the explosion of a hot water tank at the home of Attorney John D. Langston, killing his cock, injuring three of his children and completely wrecking his kitchen. The explosion occurred about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon and was caused by the accumulation of steam in the boiler. It was attached to the kitchen range, the water being heated as it passed through the boiler from the city water supply pipe.

CHILD BURNED IN WAKE

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—The two-year-old child of N. E. Turner, who resides about ten miles from this city, was burned so badly today that death resulted after several hours of suffering. The father was a jurymen in a murder case and had to be excused by Judge Bragaw, who allowed him to go to his child.

The child caught fire while no one was in the room and was very badly burned about the face and body.

LAWYER BADLY CUT

Clinton, Jan. 12.—Capt. C. M. Faircloth, a prominent lawyer of this place, got into an altercation with a negro tenant named Harvey Rich this morning over their settlement and Rich cut him severely on the neck, narrowly missing the jugular vein. The wound may not be fatal.

The negro and his wife, who helped him in the fight are not yet taken, though a posse is after them.

They went toward Warsaw.

About Leap Year

About Leap Year there always seems to be a misty, hazy kind of idea "sorter not remembering or not understanding its raison d'etre." Its origin seems to be somewhat clouded. An Atlanta woman took the trouble to dig and delve these facts out for The Journal.

The astronomers of Julius Caesar 46 B. C., settled the solar year at 365 days 6 hours. These hours were set aside and at the end of four years made a day which was added to the fourth year. The English name for bissextile year is an allusion to the result of the interposition of the extra day; for on the 29th of February a date "leaps over" the day of the week on which it would fall in ordinary years. Thus a birthday on June 10, a Monday, will in the next year, if a Leap Year, be on June 10 Wednesday, "leaping over" Tuesday.

Of the origin of the custom for women to woo during this year no satisfactory explanation has ever been offered. In 1288 a new law was enacted in Scotland that "it is statute and ordaint that during the rein of hir maist Blisit Megeste for ilk yeare knowne as lege yeare, ilk mayden ladye of bothe highe and lowe estait shall hae liberto to bespeke ye man she likes, albeit he refuses to talk hir to be his lawful wyfe, he shall be mulcted ine ye sum of ane pundis or less, as his estait may be; except and awis gif he cain make it appeare that he is betrothit to ane ther woman he shall then be free."

A few years later a like law was passed in France, and in the 15th century the custom was legalized in Genoa and Florence.

The latter part of the year preceding Leap Year must have seen all the desirable "maydens" snapped up, or a general exodus of all the desirable men to parts unknown. The idea of finding the men who did not marry before Leap Year sounds characteristic of the canny Scots, and probably originated in the brain of some underpowered and unlovely "mayden" of that nation.

Miss Morgan Sings Ragtime

New York, January 10.—If any one doubts that Miss Anne Morgan, daughter of J. Pierpont Morgan, can sing, and sing, and sing ragtime at that, he only has to ask a few persons who were in a hall on the fourth floor of the Engineering Building, 29 West Thirty-fourth street.

With 250 girls assisting her, she rattled off the chorus of Oh, You Beautiful Doll and liked it so much she followed it up with Mammy's Shufflin' Dance and That Mysterious Rag. Mrs. Francis Bacon and Mrs. Charles Israels, who are waging war against ragtime in dancing, were there at the time. So when Miss Morgan and her 250 girls started off with Alexander's Ragtime Band what could they do but join in?

Just to show her repertoire was complete she gave them the Oceana Bell and then followed it up with one or two others.

The occasion when Miss Morgan displayed her unexpected talents was at an entertainment for the girls who are members of the vacation saving fund of the women's welfare department of the National Civic Federation.

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German Ref.		
Christian.	105	4.24
M. P.	87	2.55
Webb Ave.	45	1.36
	533	\$18.91

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Presbyterian		
Christian	17	1.35
M. P.	26	1.50
German Ref.		
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John H. Vernon, Secretary

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