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And Right The Day Must Win, To Doubt Would be Disloyalty To Falter Would be Sin.

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Death of an Infant

Last Friday night the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Farrell was saddened by the death of their son Joseph. Just one week before the death angel took home James, the twin brother. May the Heavenly Father comfort these fond parents in their bereavement and may they know and feel that their friends sympathize with them in their sorrow.

The War.

Six weeks ago the Germans escaped utter defeat by a very narrow margin. Leaving a gap in their center in their retreat from Paris, the English and French pushed between the North and South wing of their army. Only the vigilance and heroism of 7000 men under Gen. Von Quehl kept the allies in check till reinforcements came up.

The same thing seems to be happening in Poland at the present time. The Russians have the Austrian and German army divided and at the same time have a larger army of Germans practically surrounded in the center. It is likely that the Germans will extricate themselves, but their heaviest blows have likely been struck, both East and West until the time when they see their own country invaded. Then will come the real fighting is our opinion.

What Mr. Malone of the Far Away West Thinks of The Leader.

If our friends will not accuse us of being a "little fresh," we will publish a letter received a few days ago from Mr. J. S. Malone, a former resident of Alamance, but now a prominent business man of San Antonio, Texas.

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San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 24, 1914.
Mr. Fred Deese, Editor-in-Chief,
The Mebane Leader,
Mebane, N. C.

My dear sir:-
I am just in receipt of the first copy of "The Mebane Leader" published under the new management.

I desire to congratulate you upon the improved appearance of the paper, as well as the quality of the news in general. I am happy to claim the personal acquaintance of your associate editor, and it is needless for me to say that I find your editorials of particular interest.

Yours very truly,
J. S. Malone.

Mr. Malone is a brother of our esteemed townsmen, Mr. Walter Malone.

Efland Items

Miss Nora Pratt of Raleigh is spending some time with her mother Mrs. Alice Pratt near Efland.

Miss Sallie Tapp of Durham is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tapp.

Miss Jennie Bacon of the New Sharon neighborhood is spending a few days with her sister Mrs. Dud Thompson.

Mr. John Clayton spent last Sunday at his home near Cedar Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Forrest have sold their old home three miles North East of Efland and moved to the Western part of the State.

Mr. Charlie Jackson from near Fair Field was an Efland visitor Sunday.

Misses Myrtle Perry and Maggie Pickard made a flying trip to Hillsboro Saturday evening.

Mr. Will E. Thompson went down to Durham on business last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Forrest are all smiles now its a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith and family moved to Mebane last week.

Misses Mary Thompson and Ellen Brown from near Cedar Grove visited Mrs. C. C. Taylor last Saturday.

Mrs. John Kelly Turner of Durham is spending a few days with her daughter Mrs. Carl Forrest.

Mrs. Henry Freshwater from near Hawfields church spent last week with sister Mrs. Mary Jordan also visited her uncle Mr. E. C. Thompson.

On last Monday evening there occurred another wreck only a short distance below Hazel's cut. Eleven cars loaded with flour, shoes, dry goods, coal lumber etc., all crashed off the road and tearing up about fifty yards of track and twisting iron rail like so much wire. Fortunately no one was hurt.

"Patz."

Help Your Community

His Excellency Governor Locke Craig has designated three days of this week as Community Service week, and special days have been named for special and definite work in community betterment.

From all information that can be gained from different parts of the State there is being taken great interest in the preparations for the observance of the week.

Thursday, December third, has been named as "Public Roads, Grounds and Building Day;" Friday, December fourth, as "School and Neighborhood Improvement Day;" and Saturday, December fifth, as "County Progress Day." Under the law Friday is also to be observed in the public schools of the State as "North Carolina Day."

There is nothing that a community can do to create a better stimulus for progress than to come together on these days and imbibe the ideas of others. Every man, woman, boy and girl should strive to be a leader in his community on these special occasions.

We have a great State, truly there is none better, but we need to wake up, we need better schools. We need better roads, and many other things to numerous to mention. The above two, however are the main ones that concerns us most now. Let's do something this week.

Ridgeville News

The Ladies Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Griess Church met with Misses Compton Thanksgiving. After a very interesting program on colored evangelization delicious refreshments were served.

Miss Katie May Compton and her niece, Lois Burton, went to Burlington Friday and back to Mebane to spend the week-end with relatives.

Mr. Casper Dull of Harrisburg, Pa., is at Mr. D. A. Mebane's for his annual bird hunt.

Miss Annie Blackwood left Friday to spend several days with her parents near Hillsboro.

Mr. F. F. Smith, cashier of Mebane Bank and Trust Co., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith.

Master Robert Mitchelle of Yanceyville, came out Thanksgiving and visited at the home of his aunt Mrs. D. A. Mebane.

Misses Maule Vaughn and Fannie Lee Burch left Friday morning for Miss Vaughn's home at Cedar Grove and returned Sunday afternoon.

Mr. J. T. Carter who has been on the sick list for several days is able to be out again.

Mr. T. P. Featherston and family left Wednesday for their new home in Roxboro. The best wishes of their friends go with them.

The workmen are very busy on the handsome nine room residence of Mr. J. D. Burton.

Mr. T. J. Carter's new home has been completed and is one the most convenient in the neighborhood.

One of the bachelors near here is planning a home but had better not tell his name yet.

Although the tobacco crop is short prices low the farmers feel that they have much to be thankful for in that they have such an abundant supply of feed.

Napoleon's Tax on Tobacco.

(From the London Chronicle.)
Napoleon tried to smoke once, and then, with dire results, instituted the French tobacco monopoly, which the German government now proposes to adopt, so far as cigarettes are concerned.

At a court reception held early in 1810 the Emperor remarked a lady wearing jewels of such magnificence that he inquired how her husband made his money. "He is a tobacco merchant," was the reply, which led him to seek further information as to such a profitable business. Before the year expired Napoleon issued a decree restricting the sale and manufacture of tobacco exclusively to the state. It has remained a monopoly ever since, and for many years past brought in an annual revenue of over 16,000,000.

Woodlawn Items

The Woodlawn school seems to be progressing nicely. The attendance for last month was forty two and we think that it will be better for this month. The Industrial work has been started with glowing success. The time devoted to this work is two hours on Friday evening. Eleven of the larger girls are taking cooking and showing considerable interest. The small girls are engaged in sewing. Of no less importance is the work of the boys. On the acre of ground in front of the house we hope to have some model spring gardens, also corn potatoes. Mr. Jim Carr is aiding in the demonstration work. The boys have already shown their interest in work of this kind by part of them joining the Corn Club. We hope that several of the girls will join the Tomato Club—Girls keep up with the boys. The patrons of the school are invited to visit the school and see the work that is being done.

Miss Fannie Holt has been rather sick with sore throat for the last few days. We hope that she will soon be out again.

Miss Irene Coble spent last week-end with her sister, Miss Josephine at Guilford College and attended the play given by the Guilford College Y. W. C. A.

Mr. R. E. Tate is having his house repaired. Getting ready for cold weather.

We are glad to say that Dr. Tate has recovered from a slight attack of la grippe.

Wanted to be Like Other Girls.

A very pathetic and touching incident occurred in the northwestern University Chicago a few days ago, when a pretty young woman, Miss Florence Uralas was arrested for petty theft. Miss Uralas had been popular with her fellow-students and not the least suspicion had been entertained that she was not honest and upright in every particular. We here reproduce her confession:

"My name is Florence Uralas, but in Omaha, my home, I am known as Florence Yost, because my foster father is Maurice Yost of No. 303 Twenty-third Street, Omaha," she said.

"There is no wealth in our home, but I wanted to be like other girls who could go to school and gain an education. So I worked hard last summer for two physicians in Omaha and made \$85. I came to Evanston and entered the university. I hoped for employment there as stenography, but no work was given me.

"I was so anxious to remain at the university, and to be able to dress like other girls, that I yielded to temptation. That was the first time I ever did anything wrong. It was rather hard for me at home and I wanted to stay here and get an education and amount to something. If I had not had ambition I never would have touched the things."

We suspect that there are a great many young women who stoop to infamy because they want to be like other girls. A great many young women in the congested cities do things that their conscience tells them not to do because they want to make a decent appearance, which is natural.

Pitty what there was a law in the northern cities, compelling big concerns to pay the poor working girl, at least enough to buy her something to eat. The absurdity of paying a young woman \$4 a week in cities like New York and Chicago. They ought to be made pay them enough that they cannot only live creditably, but could, if they so desired, be able to attend school and "be like other girls."

Harris-Efland

The first Presbyterian Church at Efland, N. C., was the scene of a beautiful wedding on Nov. 24th, when Miss Maude Efland became the bride of Norman C. Harris.

Mrs. R. C. Stebbins presided at the organ, playing several selections as the guests assembled. Just prior to the entrance of the bride party, Mrs. S. M. Rankin of Greensboro, sang very sweetly, "The Sweetest Story Ever Told."

Promptly at 3:30 o'clock the bride party entered the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march. First

came the ushers James K. Hindman of Philadelphia, Pa., and Paul P. Fish of Fuquay Springs, Howard M. Lea of Durham and M. P. Efland. They were followed by the matron of honor, Mrs. Novella Efland gowned in white chaise, carrying white carnations. Following the matron of honor came the bridesmaids, Miss Carrie Harris of Oxford, and Miss Pearl Efland wearing gowns of pink crepe de chine, carrying bouquets of pink carnations. Next entered the groom attended by his best man, G. W. Harris of Oxford, preceded by Master Maxie Forrest dressed in white bearing the wedding ring on a silver tray. Little Miss Pullen Belvin of Raleigh, as flower girl, daintily attired in a white hand embroidered dress, carrying a basket of small pink flowers came next. Last came the bride on the arm of her brother, John L. Efland who gave her in marriage. She was attired in a going away gown of Russian Green Garbadine, with accessories to match, carrying a bouquet of parma violets. The bridal party stood before the altar, tastefully decorated in green and pink studded with many small tapers, while the Rev. S. M. Rankin of Greensboro, very impressively pronounced the words uniting the young couple in marriage, using the ring ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris left immediately in an automobile for Durham and will make an extended trip through Eastern Carolina and Virginia after which they will make their home at Fuquay Springs, N. C.

The bride is the attractive and youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Efland. The groom formerly of Norfolk, Va., is a popular and rising young business man of Fuquay Springs.

Among the out of town guests were: Mrs. C. H. Belvin of Raleigh, Miss Nellie Conway of Franklinton, N. C., and Mr. Armistead Henderson, of Henderson, N. C.

Many handsome gifts attested the popularity of the young couple.

On the evening preceding the marriage the bride and groom and out of town guests were entertained after the rehearsal, by the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Efland.

A most tempting salad course was served after which the brides cake was cut. The bride cutting the coin. Miss Harris the ring, Miss Pullen Belvin the thimble, Mr. Lea the bachelors button and Mr. G. W. Harris the needle.

Those present besides the bride and groom elect were: Miss Carrie Harris and G. W. Harris of Oxford, Paul P. Fish of Fuquay Springs, James R. Hindman of Philadelphia, Pa., H. M. Lea of Durham, Mrs. C. H. Belvin and Miss Pullen Belvin of Raleigh, Mrs. R. C. Stebbins, Mrs. Novella Efland, J. L. Efland, Maxie Forrest and Misses Sallie and Pearl Efland, of Efland.

Death of Prof. Martin Hix Holt.

Prof. Martin Hix Holt, co-principal of the Oakridge Institute, died at his home in Oakridge on the afternoon of the 26th of November. He had been suffering from a complication of heart trouble and Bright's disease for sometime, and had just recently returned from a sanitarium in the West where he went in search of his health, but of no success. His condition became such that he realized further search was useless, and so returned to his home to spend his last days. Just a few days after his return he succumbed to his diseases.

Prof. Holt at the time of his death was one of the most credited educators of the state. For nearly a half century he was connected with his brother in the well known Oakridge Institute in which time many young men came under his instruction and influence. These constitute the greater part of his large host of friends and admirers in the state.

The funeral services took place in the M. P. church at Oakridge, Saturday morning the 27th of November. Many gathered to pay their last tribute to this great, good man. He is survived by a wife, daughter, and son. The state joins with the bereaved in mourning the death of such a man as Prof. Holt.

Not Required to Kiss Bible.

The president of the United States is not required to kiss the Bible on taking the oath of office. The custom grew out of the fact that an early law of Maryland made that ceremony part of a legal oath, and the custom was continued in the District of Columbia, but it is not essential, nor is any particular form of oath. Jews are sworn on the Pentateuch, keep on their hats and conclude their oath with "so help me Jehovah," and if a Jew were elected president he would be permitted to take the oath of office in that form.

COLE BLEASE AGAIN EMPTIES THE PRISON

Grants Pardons, Paroles, Etc. to 101 Prisoners, Leaving Fewer Than 50 in Jail.

Governor Blease Nov. 25 granted pardons, paroles or commutations to 101 prisoners now serving sentences in the South Carolina penitentiary or in the county convict squads. There will be fewer than 50 prisoners left in the state prison.

Clemency now has been extended to 1,430 prisoners by the governor since he assumed the office in January, 1911. His second term as the state's chief executive will expire January 12, 1915.

Included in the list of prisoners released by action were 16 serving life sentences for murder, 31 sentenced to from two to 30 years' imprisonment for manslaughter and 54 serving terms for minor offenses. One man, convicted of murder and sentenced to be electrocuted, was given a commutation to five years' imprisonment.

Fifty four of the number given clemency are white men, 46 are negroes and one an Indian. All were released with the exception of the prisoner who was given a commutation. Several of the paroles are conditioned on the recipients abstaining from the use of intoxicants.

One of the most interesting cases was that of W. T. Jones, wealthy Union county farmer who was serving a life term on the charge of killing his wife by the use of poison several years ago. Jones' parole contains the condition that if he ever takes a drink of intoxicating liquor or wines, or should he marry a second time, he be convicted of maltreating his wife, he is to be returned to the prison to serve out his term.

Harry Dean, of Spartanburg, S. C. who was among the life-termers paroled, escaped from the penitentiary seven years ago. He reappeared at the prison with his brother and was put to work again. He was convicted of murder in 1904, when he was about 18 years old.

Absolute pardons were given to only five of the 101 men. In four of these cases the pardon was granted only to restore citizenship, the recipients already having been released on parole.

Governor Blease has made holidays, especially Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year, an occasion for extending clemency to prisoners since he was first elected.—Greensboro News.

CASHIER MISSING BANK IS CLOSED.

Examiner Hubbard in Charge of the Bank of Caswell at Milton

The Corporation Commission was advised that the Bank of Caswell at Milton, Caswell county, had been closed and was in charge of State Bank Examiner Hubbard, who went to that place to make an examination of the bank.

In Mr. Hubbard's telegram to the commission it was stated that the cashier, E. Hines, Jr., was missing and that he had left a note acknowledging that he was short in his accounts and naming the amount he was short. The commission however did not give out the amount of the shortage and will not do so until it can be verified by Examiner Hubbard after a full inspection of the books of the institution.

The last report made to the Corporation Commission showed that the bank had a capital stock of \$5,000, assets and liabilities, \$19,513, with deposits of \$3,931. F. B. Jones is president, and E. Hines, Jr., cashier of the bank. Hines, the cashier, was bonded in a security company for \$5,000, and as the stockholders are liable to an assessment, to the amount of their stock the depositors do not stand to lose anything by the smash. The bank was organized in 1915.

Have Exterminated Mosquitoes.
In Livingstone, the capital of the African territory of that name, the mosquito problem has been practically solved. A ceaseless war has been waged against these insects, with the result that they are now scarcely ever seen.

School Notes.

Below we publish the names of those who led their classes in the different subjects for the past month. The names given are those from Supt. Dees' room.

SEVENTH GRADE:

English	Francis Singleton
Geography	Francis Singleton
Latin	Francis Singleton
Arithmetic	Francis Singleton
History	Pearl Satterfield
Civil Government	Pearl Satterfield
Spelling	Lottie Long

EIGHTH GRADE

Arithmetic	Bernard Compton
English History	Bernard Compton
Spelling	Bernard Compton
Latin	Lillian Wimbish
Algebra	Mary Rimmer

NINTH GRADE

Latin	Mary Rimmer
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TENTH GRADE

History	Lottie Satterfield
Literature	Lottie Satterfield
Rhetoric	Lottie Satterfield
Algebra	Sam Long
Geometry	Sam Long

It is always right that a man should be able to render a reason for the faith that is within him.—Sidney Smith

Best Regards to Science.

"Science attacks the sandwich," is a headline. Here's hoping it has better luck with it than we have had with some purchased at railway lunch counters.—Boston Transcript.

FRANK DECLARES INNOCENCE AGAIN

Condemned Man Reiterates His Assertion he was Not Given a Fair Trial

Leo M. Frank, under sentence of death for the murder in April 1913 of Mary Phagan, gave out a statement to the public declaring his innocence of the crime and reviewing the circumstances surrounding his trial and the legal steps taken to obtain for him a rehearing or the setting aside of the verdict.

Frank's statement was given out from his cell in the Fulton County jail, where he has been confined since his arrest following the discovery of Mary Phagan's body in the basement of the pencil factory of which Frank was superintendent. He declared he has been "prosecuted wrongfully and grotesquely for a crime of which I have no knowledge" and mentioned that in all the steps taken for a new trial the question of his guilt or innocence has never been reviewed by the higher courts, but only the legality of the proceedings have been considered.

Commenting upon the conditions and circumstances surrounding his trial in Atlanta in July and August, 1913, the prisoner in his statement says: "The jurors heard the demonstration both within and without the court room; the applause when the prosecution scored a point; the disapproval when the defense won a point; they saw the chief of Atlanta police and the colonel of the militia in conference with his honor, the judge." Continuing the statement reads:

"If those conditions which obtained constitute a legal judicial trial; if the issue of life and death could be reasonably presumed to be faithfully considered in such an atmosphere—then God help all of us. * * * Consider the twelve jurors; they were on trial too; their very lives hung in the balance."

The statement relates briefly the actions of Frank on the day the murder was committed and the prisoner then turns to a vigorous denunciation of James Conley, a negro, who was employed as a sweeper at the pencil factory, and who was the prosecution's principal witness. Conley now is serving a year's sentence as an accessory after the fact to the Phagan girl's murder. "It was not shown," the statement declares, "that Jim Conley, who had a long police court record, had neither the motive to conceive the crime nor opportunity to commit it. * * * Before you can take this negro's word, he must show that he himself is innocent."

Frank closes his statement with a reiteration of his declarations of his own innocence and with further charges against the veracity of Conley.—News & Observer.