

CAMERON NEWS

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of Borderlee the correspondent had the pleasure of attending services there Sunday. Rev. Mr. Brown preached an excellent sermon from the subject, Joshua's resolve, "Choose ye this day whom you will serve. But as for me and my house we will serve the lord." A practical sermon that appealed to all who heard him.

We were dinner guests at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Brown Harrington, an ideal country home, where peace and plenty abound. Mr. Harrington invited us out to see his cabbage plants that were peeping up, and of which there were one hundred square yards. He pointed to a field of Green that were oats he had sowed two weeks ago. Mrs. Harrington showed us her pantry where she has several hundred cans of fruits, vegetables and meats.

In the late afternoon we called at the hospital home of Misses Ida and Ella Harrington, two women who will receive a high seat in Heaven, according to the Lord's promises. For they have done much good all their lives, and sacrificed much.

Pleased to receive the following announcement:— Mr. and Mrs. James McNeill Johnson have the honor of announcing the marriage of their daughter, Robin Nell to Mr. Frank Mizell, on Wednesday, the eighteenth of October, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, at Aberdeen, North Carolina. Joys be many, cares be few is the sincere wish of the correspondent.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. McDermott are expecting to move into their new home on McPherson street this week.

Miss Cattie McDonald is visiting relatives in Waxhaw.

Miss Katharine Smith spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Lula Doss.

Mrs. James Briggs and Miss Treva Briggs, of Rockford visited Mrs. J. T. Doss last week.

Mrs. Harbour and son, M. W. Harbour, of Rockford, are visiting relatives in this section.

Mrs. J. T. Doss has a wonderful display of canned fruits in her pantry that will make a fine exhibit at the community fair. The canned grapes and cucumbers are especially fine.

HARRISON STUTTS ACQUITTED

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Mr. Lloyd Gardner, who started out with a vain attempt to secure an adjournment on the ground of the absence of two important witnesses, through one of whom the defence expected to prove that the tire was not worth stealing and, through the other, to show that Mr. Wicker and his car had not gone to the movies at all on the night in question. Over-ruled on this motion, Mr. Cason turned his vigorous attention to fiercely assailing, in cross-examination, the evidence and the credibility of the witnesses for the State. He forced an admission from two of them that they were plumbers. He led others into a maze of contradictory statements. He made it appear likely that if the tire had been stolen at all or had ever existed, it must have been removed from the car in front of the movie house in full view of the entering crowd, some five or ten minutes before the car arrived there. But aside these little injuries to the State's case it was left intact in its essential details and, when the State rested, Mr. Cason's motion to dismiss was over-ruled by Judge Barrett almost before it was made.

The witnesses offered for the defense were J. F. Craig, Ellis Fields, Floyd Medlin, True Cheney, Colin McKenzie and George Woods—the last named being the only character witness produced for the defense. Mr. Woods' evidence, while favorable to Mr. Stutts to the extent that he had known Stutts for eight years and had never yet seen him actually stealing an automobile tire, was somewhat weakened by the crafty precaution taken beforehand by Counsel for the State, who had taken pains to elicit from each of the State's witnesses that he had never heard of any such man as George Woods in his life and didn't want to, and by the fact (elicited from Mr. Woods by the State, on cross examination) that the witness

did not know anybody else who knew anything about the prisoner or the prisoner's character.

Others of the defense's witnesses swore to an assemblage of first-class facts or alleged facts in contravention of the State's case. The jury was given a large number of defenses to choose from. There were enough of them to go around. Among them was the statement that Mr. Stutts did not leave his house on the night of the crime, while others showed he was in the movie house when the felonious deed was committed. Further, evidence was offered to show that the spare tire discovered in his garage after the date of the theft had been there right along for weeks, and that none had been there or had been discovered there after the theft; and that the tire found there after the theft had been deliberately planted there by a revengeful colored boy who had recently been fired by Stutts. Further, that Mr. Stutts had never been known to grab anybody else's tires when they didn't fit his own car. Taking it altogether, it was a mighty complete, all around defense, and if each of the jurors had thoroughly believed all of the evidence tendered by any one of these witnesses the jury would doubtless have returned a verdict of acquittal without leaving the box.

However, after Judge Barrett had passed the buck to the jury by turning them loose on the case without any judicial comment on the evidence offered by either side, the jurors took a long time to arrive at their verdict. Rumors, which your correspondent has as yet been unable to verify, have it that the jury stood 9 to 3 in favor of conviction on its first ballot and finally compromised on a verdict of "not guilty on the ground of insanity." And that the foreman of the jury was swerved from the strict path of duty, after re-entering the courtroom, by the sight of a half dozen of the prisoner's grandchildren prattling together on a front bench, and delivered the Not Guilty part of the verdict without the insanity rider. Be all that as it may, the fact remains that Harrison Stutts was discharged by the court and walked out of the courtroom without a stain on his character beyond the one incurred through his admission, when on the stand, that he had been leading a double life, secretly caddying for Bruce Cameron as an active vacation and lending an occasional hand at unloading bricks at the Pinehurst Warehouse on the side, as it were.

STATE AND COMMUNITY FAIRS

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community fair. There was co-operation from the start to the finish. It was held in the big packing house of J. B. Voncannon and the people worked two days in preparing a real community show.

There were 836 entries made and they surpassed last years work by far. The building had been decorated with native shrubbery and each booth told a tale for itself. One man asked "Where did they get it all from," and he was answered "They went out in the highways and hedges and compelled them to come."

Lunch was served during the day by a local committee and after dinner the whole school marched in a body to the hall and sang songs that inspired everyone. Games followed that were conducted by the teachers. No one else had assisted.

Bob Donaldson had cowpeas that measured 40 ft. in length. There were five of the prettiest Berkshire pigs ever seen brought there by the pig club members. The older farmers could not compete with these youngsters. In fact if it had not been for the pig club work there would not have been any hogs to show. Mr. S. L. Pulliam showed some mighty fine poultry that will again be seen at Pinehurst in November.

The exhibit was so immense and interesting that the committee held the hall open until 10 o'clock for the people to see "West End in all its Glory."

A list of prize winners will appear later.

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COMMUNITY FAIR

The Vass Community Fair by a Visitor.

If all North Carolinians attended the little Community Fair, on October 26th, have received inspiration sufficient to last a year.

Vass is a small town on the eastern edge of the Sandhills known throughout this state as a town of boosters, little boosters, sized boosters make up the for every inhabitant is a success from every standpoint.

The Vass Community livestock exhibits were good exhibits were better, and department was magnificent.

The exhibits were shown in a large tent, and were most neatly arranged. The display products was a credit to the community. Excellent corn, tobacco; pumpkins as big as a lot; collards which would be a second look.

The curio department was ten up, and very interesting. The school department, display of the pupils of the school, bespoke the ability of both faculty and student.

In the woman's department fancy work was good, but was thickest around the department. Pies, cakes, candy, biscuit and bread, finest, made the passerby a second look.

The feature of the display was the parade, which pageant form the early development of our community roster of the parade was:

1. King Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain.
2. Columbus and Crew.
3. Queen Elizabeth.
4. Sir Walter Raleigh.
5. Priscilla and John.
6. Puritans.
7. Dutch Colony.
8. Indians.
9. Scotch Highlanders.
10. Georgia Prisoners.
11. Daniel Boone.
12. Georgia and Martha.
13. Betsy Ross and M.
14. Columbia and Uncle.
15. Young America.
16. Merchants.
17. Farmers.

The large float representing Vass Cotton Mills brought favorable comment.

There were about fifty visitors on the grounds.

If Vass continues to produce the same time product she will soon be the leader of the Sandhills.

Prize Winners

- Best 10 ears corn:—Keith; 2nd, G. S. Edwards.
- Best 5 stalks cow-peas:—Pulliam; 2nd, W. T. Pulliam.
- Best Soy Beans:—1st, am; 2nd, H. D. Keith.
- Best peck Rye:—1st, 2nd, W. M. Blue.
- Best peck Wheat:—1st, Best peck Soy Beans.
- Best peck Cow Peas:—Thompson; 2nd, A. A.
- Best bunch Peanuts:—Hicks; 2nd, D. Cameron.
- Best stalk Sorghum:—McNeill; 2nd, Dan Cameron.
- Best 5 stalks Milk:—Cameron.
- Best stalk Cotton:—Cameron; 2nd, A. Cameron.
- Best peck Cottons:—Cameron.

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