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WANT RELIEF FROM VIOLATORS OF LAW

To the General public in Johnston County:

I have been getting several letters within the last 60 days, not signed by any one, stating that liquors and beer are being sold in the County to the distress and suffering of wives, and other women and children. The last letter comes from some where in O'Neals township, stating that the beer shops are near Godwin's old mill, and around Stille's cross roads. That Saturdays and Sundays are the principal days of sale.

These letters ought to be signed by the persons who send them.

My duty as Solicitor of the Recorders Court is to prosecute all persons who violate the law, but I cannot prosecute when I have no witnesses from whom to get sufficient evidence. I am ready, willing and waiting to prosecute any violator of the law, without fear or favor, if the evidence is furnished me.

The purpose of this letter in the paper is to answer these unsigned letters.

I have shown one of these letters to Sheriff Grimes as the letter indicated, but Sheriff Grimes cannot act unless he has information. Let those who write these letters come to see me at my office and also come to see Sheriff Grimes, and give the information direct, so that the law can be enforced. The last letter was written May 12, 1913.

Very Respectfully,
JOHN A. NARRON,
Solicitor of the Recorders Court.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Johnston County Superior Court for civil actions only convened here Monday with Judge Frank Carter, of Asheville, presiding. Judge Carter was here at the March Term and made a very favorable impression on the people as a business-like judge who knows how to dispatch business and save the county money. This is the impression wherever he goes and the term here this week is no exception.

Quite a number of cases have been tried. The time of the court was mostly taken up Monday with the suit to set aside the will of the late Jesse S. Starling, who committed suicide a few weeks ago. They failed to set the will aside and his property will go as bequeathed in the will made just before his death.

Tuesday the time was taken up with the suit against Charles Creech who was sued for damages for the death of L. S. Parrish, who was killed at Creech's gin a few years ago, when the boiler exploded. The jury answered that the negligence of the defendant caused the death of Parrish and allowed the administrator of the estate the sum of \$725. The amount sued for was \$7,500.

ERMA ALICE BURNS.

On Tuesday morning, May 13, at 3:40 o'clock, the Death Angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gordon, at Ivanhoe Cotton Mill, and bore from it the sweet, pure soul of their little grand-daughter, Erma Alice Burns. She made her stay on earth exactly eight months. She had always been delicate, but for the past four weeks grew much weaker. All that a devoted mother, grand-parents, other loved ones and kind friends could do to prolong the little one's life was done, but God, in His all-wise power and goodness, saw fit to take the little soul to its Haven of Rest. She leaves a fond mother, Mrs. Lillias Gordon Burns, and a little sister to mourn their loss. Especially has the mother our sympathy, having been left a widow only three months ago.

A short service was held at the home by the pastor of the family, Rev. T. H. Spence, after which the little body was taken to Salisbury for interment beside the child's father, Mr. J. J. Burns, and little brother an sister.

A FRIEND.

COL. OSBORN TO STOP BLOCKADING

Washington, May 10.—Commissioner of Internal Revenue W. H. Osborn told the Daily News correspondent tonight that he is working on plans which he will put in operation shortly that will drive every "moonshiner" out of North Carolina. The commissioner said he is positive this can be done and that he will do so if it takes every revenue officer in the service to accomplish his purpose.

"The state of North Carolina by some thirty to forty thousand majority has decreed that the state shall be dry," said the colonel. "The Webb law and the search and seizure measure are doing excellent work. The federal government will do its part and will see to it that no whiskey is distilled within the borders of the state."

Col. Osborn is not ready to go into detail as to his proposed plans. He expects, however, in addition to sending additional men into the state to help drive the moonshiner out, to have the cooperation of the sheriffs of the counties in which illicit distilleries now thrive. Col. Osborn says he had been told that more illicit distilleries were destroyed in North Carolina last year than there were licensed distilleries in the entire United States. "Twice that number will be destroyed this year," said the colonel. "I believe before the end of the year there will not be a blockader in North Carolina."

Commissioner Osborn will try his plan in his native state first, but he will not stop there. His plan is to stamp out the moonshiner from one end of the country to the other.—Greensboro News.

LAKE JUNALUSKA ASSEMBLY GROUNDS

Waynesville, N. C., May 14.—Lake Junaluska in the name by which the Southern Railway station, three miles east of Waynesville, formerly called Iuscola, the station for the Southern Assembly grounds, will hereafter be known and at this point a commodious passenger station is being erected by the Southern Railway. It will be completed by June 1st.

The Southern Assembly, a church-wide movement of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and affiliated organizations, has purchased a tract of 1,200 acres and has constructed a lake which will have an area of 252 acres, an auditorium with a seating capacity of 4,500, a hotel with 125 rooms, and nine miles of graded driveways. It is expected that many private residences will also be built on the property. The purpose of the development is to provide a meeting place for Methodist conventions and kindred bodies and a large number of people will doubtless visit this point each season.

The new passenger station which the Southern Railway is erecting will provide ample facilities and will have all modern conveniences, an arrangement having been made to secure water from the Assembly's plant. A supply of logs for fuel and other equipment used in excursions, and a small freight depot are also included in the improvement.

BRIGGS-BARNES.

Miss Hattie W. Briggs, of this city and Mr. H. M. Barnes, Jr., of Smithfield, N. C., were married this morning at 10 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents on South Harvin Street.

Miss Briggs has made her home in this city for the past year and Mr. Barnes was formerly a resident here, when he managed the business of the Royall Woolen Mills.

Only a few friends and relatives of the happy young couple witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. J. P. Marion. Immediately after its conclusion Mr. and Mrs. Barnes left for Spartanburg, S. C. their future home, where Mr. Barnes is manager of a clothing establishment.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hyman accompanied them, Mrs. Hyman being a sister of the bride.—Sumter (S. C.) Item, May 6th.

AT THE CAPITAL OF BANNER

Benson, May 15.—Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Britt and son DeLeon and Henry Slocumb spent Sunday at Clinton.

There were services at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Duncan.

Mr. Paul Davis a senior at the A. and M. College spent Sunday in town with relatives.

There were services at the Primitive church Sunday by Elder J. R. Jones and J. T. Coats.

Mrs. Lucy Canaday left Saturday for Sanford to visit her son, Mr. J. C. Canaday.

Mr. Sam Stone returned Wednesday from Emporia where he has been for the past several days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rose and Misses Mary Cook and Emily Canaday spent Sunday in the Bentonsville section with relatives.

There will be an entertainment at the Graded school building on Friday night May 23, by the singing class from the Oxford Orphanage. Every one should hear this class.

There is a revival at the Methodist church this week conducted by the pastor, Rev. G. W. Starling, assisted by Rev. Geo. B. Starling, of Fayetteville.

Messrs. R. T. Surles, J. R. Barbour, L. B. Pope, Wade H. Royall and Jas. E. Wilson attended the Methodist conference at Four Oaks Monday.

Mr. Henry Holmes, a former Benson boy, was married last week at Aulander, N. C. to Miss Mary Hales, of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes are now located in Rocky Mount. We wish for them much happiness in life.

A bill was passed by the last Legislature allowing the voters of our town to vote on a bond issue for electric light and street improvement.

Our town is badly in need of both. We cannot get the proper hustle on us till we have good streets and lights.

Our commissioners are all wide awake, forcing business men. We are sure they will take the matter up at once and give the people a vote.

We do not believe there would be a dozen votes cast against the bond issue for these purposes.

Prof. S. C. Garrison, of Lincolnton, Lincoln County, has been elected superintendent of the Benson schools for the ensuing year. Miss Ellen Elbridge, of Smithfield, has been elected as teacher for the second grade; Miss Emily Canaday of Benson, for the third and fourth grades; Miss Ruth Jones, of Smithfield for the fifth and sixth grades; Miss Florence Johnson for music teacher. There are yet to be secured teachers for the first and seventh, eighth and ninth grades. Also teachers for the Expression and Business departments.

What came near being a serious shooting affair occurred at the home of Dode McLamb last Saturday night. From the best information your correspondent could get it seems that "Sonny" McLamb, a son of Dode McLamb, after being forbidden took one of his father's mules and drove him off. When he returned his father had taken his trunk out of the house and left orders that he should not enter his home again. When "Sonny" returned he found his father asleep, but woke him and when the father started to get out of the bed, knocked him down, whereupon the father got his pistol and in the fight shot his son, the ball going through one leg and ranging downward in the other leg, lodging in the heel. Young McLamb came to town for medical assistance.

CLAYTON VOTES SCHOOL BONDS.

Clayton, May 14.—A bond issue of \$25,000 was carried today in Clayton for the erection of a new school building.

On the same plot where the school building will be erected now stands a new \$35,000 Methodist church just about to be dedicated. On one solid block will be these two monuments to the coming little city.

Atlanta Pastor Killed.

Attica, Kan. May 13.—Rev. Robt. Carlisle, pastor of the First Methodist church, Atlanta, Ga., was killed and his brother and sister seriously injured today when their auto returned.

SHERIFF GRIMES GETS ANOTHER STILL

Sheriff W. F. Grimes, accompanied by Messrs. D. T. Luncford, Bernice Jones, and Joe Marler, paid a visit to Bentonsville township yesterday and brought back another blockade still. It was near where Mr. W. T. Surles formerly lived. It was made out of tubs soldered together. They got the worm also—which was hanging in a tree near by. Twelve barrels of beer were poured out. No whiskey was found. From all appearances the operators were getting ready to make some of the fiery juice. No person was found at the still. This is the second still that Sheriff Grimes has taken in a month.

THE WEEK'S NEWS AT FOUR OAKS

Mr. L. C. Barbour spent some time in Clayton this week.

Mr. Archie Barbour of Baptist Center Section, is spending a few days with Mr. Ceph Barbour.

Messrs. J. W. Sanders, W. J. Lewis and F. H. Creech and Mesdames J. W. Sanders and W. J. Lewis went to Smithfield last Sunday.

Mrs. C. C. Creech has returned after spending sometime with her mother, near Benson.

Mrs. B. B. Benfield has returned home after spending sometime with her father near Fayetteville.

Mrs. S. M. Boyetts spent Monday in Fayetteville.

Messrs. D. H. Sanders and S. W. Brown, of Four Oaks, took a trip to Smithfield, Tuesday evening.

Mr. Ernest E. Johnson has purchased the new Drug store.

Miss Pearl Baker, of Smithfield, is visiting Mrs. J. T. Cole this week.

Dr. A. J. Smith made a business trip to Richmond Saturday, returning Monday.

Mr. E. F. Boyett, of Smithfield, was in town on business Wednesday.

Atty. J. R. Barbour, of Benson, was in town Tuesday.

Every member of the Baptist Baraca Class is requested to be present at class next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Moore and their two sons, Fuller and William, of Benson, were in town Tuesday.

Oh joy! picnic time has again reached us. Someone must begin, so here's a starter. The Four Oaks Baptist Sunday school on one day next week will have a real, genuine picnic, somewhere, somehow. The committee appointed to make arrangements has been requested to make their announcement on next Sunday at Sunday school. It will be a Sunday school picnic and every member of the Sunday school has a most cordial invitation to attend. It is rumored that the committee is going to give the girls the privilege of inviting their best fellows and the boys their best girls. Anyway, be at Sunday school on Sunday morning, strictly at 10 o'clock and hear the report of the committee. Every member of Sunday school is expected to be present.

Four Oaks, N. C.

COMMENCEMENT ORATORS.

Admiral Robert E. Peary the discoverer of the North Pole, will deliver the commencement address at Trinity College on June 4.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, will deliver the commencement address at A. and M. College on May 26 at 8:30 P. M.

William T. Ellis, traveler and journalist, will deliver the address at Davidson College May 27. Mr. Ellis is one of the great Missionary leaders of the world.

Dr. Hugh Black, the great New York preacher and author will deliver the address at Wake Forest College May 22.

P. P. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education, will deliver the address at Peace Institute, May 21st.

Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall will deliver the address at Chapel Hill June 3rd.

GET FUNDS TO FIGHT PALLAGRA

A special from Washington to the Raleigh News and Observer says:

A resolution by the North Carolina Medical Society, followed by a letter from Dr. W. S. Rankin to Congressman Faison, backed by that Representative's efforts, was responsible for an appropriation of \$45,000 by Congress for the study of pellagra in the United States by medical experts. The appropriation was included in the sundry civil bill which passed the Senate Wednesday. The entire measure had been vetoed by President Taft, for a reason it connected with the pellagra appropriation, but came through the Senate a second time unscathed. The President is expected to sign the bill next week.

The resolution of the North Carolina Medical Society and the letter of Dr. Rankin interested Dr. Faison, who, in turn, interested Surgeon General Rupert Blue, of the United States Public Health Service and General Blue added his endorsement to the appropriation. General Blue, by the way, is a former North Carolinian. The resolution of the society, as well as Dr. Rankin's letter, was made a part of the record in the discussion of the item.

Pellagra as a fatal disease has appeared in all but eight states in the Union, and there have been 30,000 cases of it in this country in the last ten years. Death has resulted in 33.13 per cent of the cases. Dr. Faison hopes that the study of the disease which will be made possible by the \$45,000 donation will result in the discovery of a certain method for both its prevention and its cure.

BIG CHURCH SUIT ENDED

Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference has 78 churches in Johnston, Harnett, Wake, Sampson, Wayne, Cumberland and Robeson counties. Several years ago, Rev. A. B. Crumpler, went to Dunn and other points in the Conference and preached the doctrine of sanctification, and it took a great hold on the Free Will Baptists. This resulted in a change in the Discipline and in having the Conference incorporated by the Legislature of North Carolina. As time passed, more and more of the doctrines of the sanctification movement were brought in until quite a rebellion was started in the churches against the innovation. This caused a division and the question of who should have the church property came up. Finally a suit was entered by the Sanctificationists for the property. This was led by Elders H. W. Jernigan, J. A. Blaylock, H. H. Goff and others. On the other side were the following preachers and laymen: W. R. Coats, E. R. Wilson, J. F. Hill, B. C. Johnson, J. M. Wilson, D. R. Ennis, J. W. Moore, J. S. Ellis, W. R. Glover, W. L. Godwin, J. F. Casey and others.

The suit which has been on hand for sometime was decided on April 30, at Clinton Superior Court, with Judge M. H. Justice presiding. Mr. E. S. Abell, of Smithfield, appeared for the regular Free Will Baptists who won the suit.

BABY STRANGLED TO DEATH.

Richmond, Va., May 13.—Charlie, the 4-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence George, of this city, strangled to death this morning during the momentary absence of its mother from the room.

The child was asleep in the bed when Mrs. George stepped into the yard. When she returned she found the baby had crawled to the foot of the iron bed and had fallen out of an opening, its chin catching over a crossbar, the infant hanging thus suspended until it choked to death.

PICNIC NEXT FRIDAY.

We are requested to announce that there will be a picnic at Yelvington's Grove Friday, May 23rd. Everybody invited to attend and bring well-filled baskets.

A. B. WILLINGHAM KILLED BY CAR

Richmond, Va., May 13.—Andrew B. Willingham, buyer for the American Tobacco company, with headquarters here, was fatally injured late this afternoon when an automobile in which he and several other officials of this company were passengers, suddenly turned turtle while rounding a curve in the road near the Country club. He died tonight.

Mr. Willingham sustained a fracture at the base of the skull and also concussion of the brain, being caught under the car as it wheeled over. He was taken to St. Luke's hospital, where he died just before midnight.

He was well known throughout the North Carolina tobacco belt.

He married Miss Helen Battle, of Rocky Mount, three years ago.

Thomas J. Walker, manager for the American Tobacco company in Richmond, was also severely hurt, though it is believed he will recover. He, too, is injured about the head.

Others in the car were Frank P. Smith, manager of the Federal Cigar company, bruised and scratched about body and head; Oscar C. Gregory, formerly of Greenville, North Carolina; assistant to Mr. Walker, un hurt; J. E. Lipscomb, American tobacco buyer, of South Boston, Va., un hurt. All were thrown from the automobile and it is regarded as miraculous that more were not seriously hurt. Lee Bell, the white chauffeur, sustained severe though not fatal injuries.

Mrs. Willingham, who is in delicate health, is prostrated as a result of the tragedy.

SELMA NEWS.

Selma, May 15.—Mrs. L. D. Debnam returned home Wednesday from a visit to relatives in Clayton.

Misses Annie L. Stancil and Alma C. Stancil, who have been teaching in Wilson County, came home last week.

Mr. J. H. Stancil who has a position with the Princeton Pharmacy Co., spent Sunday with his mother here.

Mrs. W. A. Green and little Miss Frances have returned from New Bern where they visited friends.

Messrs. Harry and Herbert Stancil have begun the erection of a store on Ralford street which will be built of cement building blocks.

Rev. J. H. Worley is building a very nice residence on Pollock street.

Messrs. R. E. Richardson, F. B. Whitley, W. T. Kirby and W. H. Poole, Jr., and wife went to Wendell last Sunday to attend the funeral of little Ruffin Biggs, Jr., who was killed by a Norfolk and Southern train.

Dr. R. J. Noble, spent Monday in Washington, D. C.

The new Trustees of the Selma graded school met last Friday night and organized by electing Mr. I. T. Wood, Chairman, and Mr. Ira T. Rains, Secretary.

The closing exercises of the Selma Graded School will be in the Rough and Ready Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights of next week. The music class will have a recital Friday night of this week, all are invited to attend the exercises.

DEATH IN CLAYTON TOWNSHIP.

Mrs. Mary F. Johnson died last Saturday night at her home near Little Creek church and was buried Monday at the Barnes burying ground near her home. She was a daughter of Mr. W. L. Johnson and a sister of Mr. Will H. Johnson, who lives near here. She was the widow of Mr. Billie Barnes until last winter when she was married to Mr. Johnson who survives her.

MAN FELL INTO WELL ON ANOTHER MAN.

On Tuesday, May 13, John Morgan, a colored man, was digging a well at Mr. W. M. Sanders' Frost Place. He had the well about eight feet deep when Mr. Fonzo Smith, who was drawing dirt for him, stepped on a plank across the well. The plank broke throwing him into the well on the colored man. No harm was done either by the fall.