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TOWN AND COUNTY TOPICS.

Miss Cherry Gurley spent the weekend in Wilson with her sister.

Miss Lucy Lee spent the week-end with friends and relatives in Selma.

Mrs. J. M. Turner was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Honeycutt last Sunday.

Miss Eloise Martin is visiting her cousin, Miss Erma Stevens, in Roxboro, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Sanderford, of Raleigh, spent Sunday here with relatives and friends.

Mr. Bruce Craven, of Trinity, N. C., was here yesterday in the interest of a big bonding company.

Mr. Hunter Woodall returned yesterday, after spending some time with his parents near Angier.

Mr. Dixon Hood and Miss Alice Gordon spent Sunday afternoon in Raleigh with Miss Mildred Allen.

Mrs. Retta Martin is at home again, after several weeks' stay near New Bern with her daughter, Mrs. Claud Taylor.

Miss Bettie Woodall, a student of Turlington Graded School, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents near Angier.

Miss Vara Smith left last Tuesday for Raleigh and Holly Springs where she will spend some time with relatives and friends.

Rev. Hugh Robertson will preach at the Smithfield Presbyterian church next Sunday at 11:00 o'clock. Public cordially invited to attend.

Miss Mildred Sanders returned from Murfreesboro Sunday afternoon where she went to nurse Mrs. J. C. Scarborough, who was very ill for several weeks.

The ladies of the Missionary Union of the Baptist church, are observing this week as a "Week of Prayer." Services are held at the church each day at 3:00 o'clock.

Sunday night about eleven o'clock, Smithfield was visited by a snow storm, which for awhile assumed very blizzard-like proportions. It did not last long, but enough snow fell to cover the ground in most places.

Miss Almer Marion, of Bristol, Tennessee, arrived yesterday to take charge of the sewing room of W. L. Woodall & Sons. Miss Marion was here last season and her many friends will gladly welcome her return.

The people of Johnston County are determined not to see a part of it sliced off to make any new county if they can prevent it. From one end of the county to the other the people oppose any new county which will take a part of Johnston.

Miss Annie Lee has accepted a very responsible position with the firm of Winburn & Satterfield, of Roxboro, N. C., and left Thursday to enter upon her duties as lady manager and assistant buyer for the store. Miss Lee is well qualified to fill the position and while her many friends here regret to see her depart, they wish for her the greatest measure of success.

Pastor Brinson preached a good sermon at the Baptist church Sunday morning on the subject of Missions. Sunday evening his subject was "A Chosen Vessel." He spoke of how God's children are all chosen vessels, each having his or her own special mission in the world. That God wanted a prepared "vessel" prepared in heart and mind, having convictions. With such a "vessel" God was able to accomplish great things in the world, for He worked through His children. The sermon was a very good one, and pronounced by some to be one of the very best Pastor Brinson has delivered here since he accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church.

Supt. M. B. Andrews, of the Kenly State High School, has introduced a new feature into the community life of Kenly that is eminently worth while. He is having a series of addresses delivered in the auditorium of the school every other Sunday afternoon by some leading educator or public man of the State. The first of these was delivered on the last Sunday in January, by Col. Fred A. Olds, a well-known newspaper man of Raleigh. The next of these will be given next Sunday afternoon by Dr. Poteat, President of Wake Forest College. Supt. Andrews is to be congratulated upon the move he has taken for the betterment of his community. Other towns would do well to follow his example.

Mr. V. E. Towles was here yesterday. He had just passed over the roads from Cheraw, S. C., since the severe cold weather set in. He says he found the roads good until he came near to Fayetteville. From there to Smithfield they are rough. He told us of an unusual experience he had at Cheraw Saturday morning. When ready to start from there he had the radiator of his Ford car filled with water. When he had gone about two hundred yards he stopped and found the water frozen and the pipes of the radiator breaking. It seems that the water froze before the engine got up heat to prevent it. The thermometer there stood only ten degrees above zero and Mr. Towles heard of four others who had the same experience with their cars.

Sunday School Program.

Sunday, February 11, being "Love Sunday" the following program will be rendered at the regular session of the M. E. Church Sunday school next Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock.

- 1. Silence.
2. Recitation—Miss Maude Cotton.
3. Song—More Love to Thee.
4. Prayer.
5. Song—Lift Up the Light.
6. Reading—Mr. Gilliard.
7. Responsive Reading from Bibles. Luke 10: 25-37.
8. Lesson Period.
9. Song—Love Is the Key.
10. Quotations containing the word "love" by the following classes: Juniors, Path Finders Wesley, Helpers Wesley and Barnes Wesley.
11. Solo—A Little Bit of Love, by Miss Mabel Wellons.
12. Benediction—John 3: 16.

Paid His Taxes for 100 Years Ahead.

One of the largest timber sales ever known in this part of the State will take place February 8th, when all the timber on the William R. Pool plantation will be sold. This land is in Wake County, near Raleigh, and part of it is on the Rock Quarry road which leads into Raleigh. This land extends to Neuse River and several miles up the river, there being several thousand acres of it. The timber is to be sold for the benefit of the heirs and is expected to bring near a hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. Pool, who died about thirty years ago, was one of the wealthiest men of Wake County. Before the Civil War he had many slaves and much money besides his land. It is said that when he learned the Yankees were to pass through his neighborhood he took something like half his gold and silver and carried it in a small iron safe to about the center of a mill pond and let it down into the water. One of his negroes saw him put it there. So the Yankees took Mr. Pool and beat him without mercy to make him give up his money. This he would not do. Finally they learned from the negro where the money had been placed and had the water of the pond drawn off and got the money. When Mr. Pool made his will he willed ninety-eight acres of the land to the use of his dead body for one hundred years. He paid the taxes on this part of the land for a hundred years.

Large Dwelling Burned.

On Sunday afternoon the Ben Wellons dwelling, near Turner's Bridge, was burned. The roof is said to have caught fire from a spark from a chimney. Only one thousand insurance. Dr. A. C. Smith had been living in this dwelling since about the first of this year.

Coldest Weather For Years.

Mr. E. S. Sanders informs us that we are passing through the coldest spell of weather since he began keeping the government records in 1911. Friday night the thermometer stood ten degrees above zero. Sunday night it stood only seven above. Monday night it went to nine degrees above. Morning morning at eight o'clock it stood at ten, and today at eight it was thirteen above.

The highest on Sunday was forty-eight. Yesterday the highest was twenty-five.

THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER.

By A. V.

I attended with pleasure the mass-meeting at the Court House. There was a unanimity of purpose in all the proceedings that was refreshing. Under the able leadership of Mr. Ed. S. Abell and Mr. J. A. Wellons the citizenship took measure to prevent the dismemberment of the county. The finest thing of that meeting was the spirit of co-operation of citizens of all classes and professions. Therein lies the greatness of our political and social life. There was not a note of discord and we all felt the strength that comes from co-operation. Thereon, and thereon only, shall we build our greater and better Smithfield.

Mr. Stephen Holt struck a keynote, when with clear foresight, he suggested the building of a Court House with the proper equipment. We have, as he said, outgrown our present building and the time is at hand to think of a Court House worthy of the people of Johnston County. It may be noted as an anomaly that we have built satisfactory quarters for some of our officials, whilst the department of education is lodged in cramped, antiquated rooms. If we stay out of the war, and times remain as good as they were, nay become better, it will be time to lay plans for this permanent improvement. The applause that greeted the words of Mr. Holt showed conclusively that his remarks were timely and sound.

Have you ever noticed the market on Saturday? Have you ever noticed how our butcher stall is filled with all sorts of meat? And we believe that the men who have charge of the market are trying their level best to give us excellent goods, notwithstanding the high cost of meat to them. "Daniel," as we know him and his associate, Mr. Strickland, are a couple of courteous young men, who are succeeding admirably well in their work. Sometimes I think of their ups and downs. It is not always possible to give everybody the best and the first. Then there are people who are entirely ignorant, of the quality of meat. There are those who care to buy but do not care to pay. All these people have to be treated with courtesy and patience. Daniel smiles through it all, and gives us good and abundant meat. There is a lot in a fine smile!

(When the above paragraph was written the writer was not aware of the fact that Mr. Jones had sold his interest to Mr. Strickland and his associates.)

There is another man in this town, who makes life pleasant to the folks. That is Mr. Louis Lindsay. Have you ever met him, that he did not have a kind word to say? Just a handshake and this kind word, and a man goes on in his work brightened and happier. Mr. Lindsay fills a useful place among us. He interprets that sane philosophy: see the better side of your fellow-men, the town will be better for it.

The best thing the Red Men have set themselves to do is the civic improvement of the town. And right here, I beg to suggest that we have a civic week. In other words, a civic revival. Suppose that instead of having a preacher to come and give a religious revival, we have a few men like Dr. Ott. They can easily be gotten. Let me name some, different perhaps in their way, but just as useful: Dr. Poteat of Wake Forest; Dr. Clarence Poe, of Raleigh; Dr. Graham, of Chapel Hill; Governor Bickett, Prof. M. H. Stacy, Prof. Brooks of Trinity, etc. Suppose we begin this revival some Sunday morning at a general service and continue it through the week. Would it pay? What say ye Red Men?

The letter written by Prof. Turlington brings to mind as fine a man as ever lived in our town. Sometimes, when I walk through the auditorium, I notice that quiet, dignified face, and I dream of the great work and the struggles of that good man. The work he did and the trials he overcame, and the success he achieved is not written in wealth or in possessions; it stands engraved in the hearts of a generation of men and women, who sat at his feet and who caught a wider glimpse of life under his leadership. His name is mentioned with reverence among us and with love, but better still, his ideals have been translated into the beauty of useful lives by hundreds of men and women in this and in other counties. Like Christopher Wrenn his monument is not inscribed in marble, it is wrought in a superb Westminster of two most useful and noble sons, of good and useful men and women. I pray with many others that this

Spring will see him strong and well again, able to visit his friends here, and that many long years will be vouchsafed him.

THE LUCAMA BANK.

The people of Lucama and the surrounding community are glad to have a bank in that town. It is proving very helpful to them. The Lucama Bank was opened about three months ago in the splendid new building erected for it and now it has seventy-three thousand dollars on deposit and about four hundred customers. The opening of this bank has called out much money which before was kept by the people around there in their homes. The officers of the bank have been surprised at the number and size of the deposits. The cashier is Mr. Geo. E. Walston who was so long in this county with the Bank of Kenly.

THAT GREAT ANNOUNCEMENT.

A few weeks ago a leading North Carolina daily newspaper came out with the statement that it had a great announcement to make. None of the subscribers knew what this would be and began to try to guess. Did this paper have some inside information about the world war? Was it about to end? Were the Germans about to win or were the Allies going to make their great drive? Did this paper know that the United States was about to get into the war? Was the Millennium about to come or was the whole world about to end? Nobody knew what was going to happen, but later the great secret leaked out. What do you suppose it was? Nothing except that this daily paper had decided to have a newspaper contest. That was all. When The Herald reaches the place that it will not sell on its own merits we shall be ready to quit it ourselves. We take the position that no paper should be allowed in our homes unless it has merit enough to go there without the aid of premiums and newspaper contests.

To Preach at Selma.

Selma, Feb. 5.—Rev. Hugh Robertson will preach at Selma Presbyterian church next Sunday night, February 11, at 7:30 o'clock. The people of the town and community are cordially invited.

Big Real Estate Deal.

Last month, Mrs. M. E. Gattis, of Clayton, sold her farm of about one hundred and forty acres, for about twelve thousand and five hundred dollars. This land is in Wake County near enough to Garner that part of it could be sold as town lots. The land was bought by Mr. L. C. Yeargan and Mr. D. H. Buffalo, who have since divided it. They will both build residences for themselves on it.

Johnston Still Stays Ahead.

In the ginner's report issued January 23, it is shown that the number of bales ginned in North Carolina to January 16, of the 1916 crop was 659,477. To same time last year the number was 709,485.

The number ginned in Johnston County to January 16, was 35,247. Last year the number to same date was 36,022. Robeson is still behind Johnston with 31,055. Last year Robeson had 46,758 to same date.

Weather For the Week.

The United States weather bureau has issued the following forecast for the week: "For South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Fair weather with temperatures below seasonal normal. There is a probability of moderation of temperature and unsettled conditions Wednesday to Friday."

Thirty-one persons were killed by vehicular traffic in the streets of New York City during January.

THE SMITHFIELD MARKET.

Table listing market prices for various goods: Cotton (13 1/2 to 15 1/2), Cotton Seed (75), Wool (15 to 22 1/2), Fat cattle (5 to 5 1/2), Eggs (25 to 30), Fat cattle, dressed (10 to 11), Granulated Sugar (8 1/2 to 9), Corn per bushel (1.00 to 1.10), C. R. Sides (17 1/2 to 18), Feed Oats (75 to 80), Fresh Pork (12 1/2), Hams, per pound (17 1/2 to 20), Lard per pound (17 1/2 to 20), Timothy Hay (1.25 to 1.30), Cheese per pound (30), Butter per pound (30 to 35), Meal per sack (2.50 to 2.60), Flour per sack (4.50 to 5.00), Coffee per pound (15 to 20), Cotton seed meal (2.25 to 2.30), Cotton seed hulls (1.00), Hides, green (12 1/4 to 15), Sweet potatoes (65 to 75), Stock peas per bushel (1.50 to 1.60), Black-eye peas (2.25), Soup peas (3.00).

W. L. Woodall & Sons Smithfield's Shopping Place

Announce Daily Arrivals of the Newest Vogue in Coats, Coat Suits, Slippers and Dress Goods.

Our stock for early Spring Shoppers is now complete.

Our Sewing Room will open Wednesday, February 7th. Miss Marion, an expert Seamstress of Bristol, Tennessee, will be in charge.

Don't forget each Friday is "Bargain Friday" at the Big Busy Store. We have many Bargains for Friday, February 9th.

W. L. Woodall & Sons Smithfield, N. C.

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