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BENSON DRUGGIST TAKES BRIDE

J. C. Warren and Miss Whitaker Married in Creedmoor at Home of the Bride. Thief Enters Store.

Benson, Nov. 2.—Mr. J. C. Warren, accompanied by Russell Bryant and Miss Alta Boone, went to Creedmoor yesterday where he was married to Miss Felicie Maie Whitaker, of that place.

The wedding was a quiet affair, only a few friends and relatives being present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Bryant, pastor of the Baptist church at Creedmoor, at the home of the bride. Mr. Warren is a Benson druggist. Miss Whitaker is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of J. Y. Whitaker, one of the most prominent farmers of Creedmoor. Mr. and Mrs. Warren returned last night to Benson where they will make their home.

Last night some one broke into the store of A. B. Hudson and then into his safe, almost completely demolishing the inner compartments of the safe. The idea of the theft was to get the money as nothing else was bothered. Fortunately Mr. Hudson had carried all of yesterday's money to the bank late last night and the thief was unrewarded. This is the third instance of petty store breaking in Benson in three weeks.

The cold "snap" has found most people in town without fuel of any kind. So far no coal has been received here and farmers have been so busy gathering crops until no wood has been put on the market.

WILSON'S MILLS NEWS.

(Crowded out Friday.)

Wilson's Mills, Oct. 27.—Many of our white people attended the Circus in Raleigh, Saturday, but many more of the colored population went to town for lemonade delight and hot weinies and other Circus joys.

Preparatory to their departure a large crowd was assembled at the station when the morning train drew near. Wrapt in thought of balloons, Squee Dunks, confetti and the like the colored folks surged toward the train chattering convincingly of their anticipated delight. Evidently a dusky passenger, unknown as to name, was dreaming of Circus Heaven too, if it was in a different way. For there edged through the Circus Goers a Weary Willie of the purse lifting variety. Not that he expected any heavy purses or Liberty Loan Bonds but that he too,

had the Circus Craze; and his sinister and dextral hands sought each a pocket of a dark neighbor's coat. Unsatisfied with each effort he waded along. At length his hands were arrested by two other black convincing and satisfying hands.

The train was delayed. For a minute amid the dust it looked as if every dusky brother and sister at that train was engaged in the melee. And when it was all over coatless, hatless, and otherwise less beyond description the much cuffed about criminal along with his prosecutors boarded the departing train.

Another of our young ladies, Miss Mazie Ellis, suffering from appendicitis, was carried to Raleigh, Thursday, for an operation. We are glad to report the convalescence of Miss Bernice Tomlinson who also suffered an operation for appendicitis recently.

Week-end visitors to the homes of Messrs. C. M. and J. A. Wilson respectively were Misses Lottie Wilson and Nell Moye, and Miss Mildred Wilson and Mr. Phillips, all of Atlantic Christian College.

The community and school are deeply sympathetic and regret very much to hear of the death of Florrie, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Youngblood, which occurred on Sunday last.

Two of the teachers, Misses Fannie Moye and Clair Hodges, spent the week-end out of town with friends and relatives.

Two college boys, Messrs. Ralph Wilson, of the University, and Battle Tomlinson, of Atlantic Christian College, were about our streets this week shaking hands and pleased at even a short visit home.

The community is taking an interest in our Literary Society. The following were visitors Friday: Misses Maggie Parrish, Lottie Wilson, Mildred Wilson, Mary Mangum and Mesdames Willie Wilson, Charlie Wilson, and R. A. Pope. We trust that they as well as others, will continue to find the programs worthy of their attention.

The school was glad to have Orrell Massey return, after an illness of a few days.

The most picturesque and noisy air raid London and its environs have yet seen and heard resulted in a loss of eight lives and injuries to twenty-one, according to a London announcement made Thursday. The casualties cover the whole district bombed from the coast to London.

MEANS WILL BE TRIED NOV. 25.

Governor Bickett Calls Special Term of Court.

Concord, Nov. 2.—Gaston B. Means was sent back to the Cabarrus County jail here tonight to await a special term of Superior Court November 25 when he will be tried for the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, who was shot near here last August.

Means was remanded to jail after request for a change for venue but granted the State's plea for more time to prepare for trial. At the court's request, Governor Bickett at Raleigh late today authorized a special term of court for November 25 and designated Judge Cline to preside.

Antiquity of Peach Growing.

The peach tree is unknown in the wild state except where circumstances firmly support the opinion that it has escaped from cultivation at some earlier time. Thus, in different parts of Asia and in Persia, trees apparently wild have been observed. The latter country has been considered by some to be the source from which this fruit originally came. More than three centuries before the Christian era the peach was referred to as a Persian fruit. The Greeks and Romans received it soon after the beginning of that era, probably from Persia. But the antiquity of this fruit in China and its cultivation in that country for at least 2,000 years before the Christian era appears to be a matter of substantial proof, and its spread from China to India, to Persia, and to other parts of the Old World admits of a much more ready explanation than can its dissemination from any other country.

There appears to be no definite record of the introduction of the peach into America. The Spaniards are said to have planted peach pits at St. Augustine, Fla., in 1565, or very soon thereafter. That the dissemination in the New World of peaches and other fruits with which the early colonists were familiar in their former homes was practically coincident with the establishment of homes in the new country there can be no doubt. During the first 25 years of the seventeenth century the settlement at Jamestown received from the Old World several importations of seeds, cuttings, and sections of the things they wished to grow. It seems altogether probable that peach seeds or

scions were included in these early importations. There is also good reason for assuming that peaches were introduced into New England in 1629, or very soon thereafter.

The records which touch on peach growing during colonial times are very fragmentary, but enough can be learned from them to make it apparent that from the middle of the seventeenth century until the end of colonial days peach growing was gradually extended. Early in the nineteenth century some large orchards had been developed. One of them was in Accomac County, Va., where it is stated that in 1814 there was a peach orchard of 63,000 trees, the product of which was used for making brandy. Prior to 1850 many thousands of acres were devoted to peaches in New Jersey and Delaware.

Further reference to the early growth of the peach culture can not be made in the present connection, but enough has already been indicated to make it clear that its development has followed more or less closely the development of the country itself.—Bulletin 631.

C. J. Turnage Dead.

C. J. Turnage died suddenly at his home in Duke last night and was buried this afternoon in Greenwood cemetery. He had been in declining health for several months, but his sudden taking off came as a surprise to his numerous friends and relatives throughout the county. Heart disease was the cause of his death.

Mr. Turnage was 61 years of age and had lived in Duke since the birth of the town. He had made the town an industrious citizen and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was a man of strong character and was interested in the welfare of the community in which he lived.

Deceased was a member of the Methodist church at Duke and was active in the work of his church. He was also a member of the Epie's Creek Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by a widow and seven children. He is the father of Mayor Turnage of Dunn, and another of his sons, D. Turnage, is a citizen of our town.

The burial took place this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the presence of many friends and relatives.—Dunn Dispatch, 31st.

A loan of \$230,000,000 was granted to Italy last week by the United States Government.

APPEAL FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Calls on the People to Practice Self-denial. Let Us Again Find Economy and Frugality Abiding With Us.

Raleigh, Oct. 31.—A ringing appeal has been addressed by Gov. T. W. Bickett to the women of North Carolina to enlist in Home Service for the winning of the war by signing the food pledge cards during this week and following the suggestions and advice given by the Food Administration to the housewives of the country.

Not only does Governor Bickett, in his striking manner, make an appeal for the co-operation of the women as war service, but he emphasizes conservation and thrift as a necessary and wise policy to be followed during and after the war. "I register my faith that every woman in North Carolina will cheerfully sign the Pledge Cards" declares the Governor.

Governor Bickett's appeal follows: "Saturnalia of Extravagance."

"Before the breaking out of the World War a saturnalia of extravagance threatened to undermine the foundations of the character of our people. Economy was a lost art, and frugality a forgotten virtue. Indolence led to waste, and pride to prodigality. Men mortgaged their homes for automobiles, and women bought diamonds on the installment plan.

"A valuable by-product of the war is that we have been forced to return to habits of industry and self-denial, without which no man and no nation can achieve enduring power. Thousands of people are daily learning how vital are the processes of elimination to bodily comfort and efficiency, and that every ounce of surplus food taken into the body means excess baggage for blood and brain. Every consideration of health and wealth urges a program of simplicity and frugality. But the argument comes with the force of a command when we contemplate the results of our personal indulgence upon our own armies and the armies of our allies in the field. The battle line halts until the bread line advances. Shall we jeopardize the whole world's birthright for a mess of pottage?"

"In order that self-denial on the table may be universally practiced, and in ways that will accomplish the largest good, the National Food Administrator is calling upon every woman who is at the head of a home or public eating house to give this week her written pledge that she will observe

certain rules and regulations for the conservation of food. Our State Food Administrator joins in this appeal and gives to the regulations prescribed by the National Administrator his emphatic approval. I therefore earnestly request every woman in the State to sign the Food Pledge Card, and thus dedicate herself and her family to this high service. Our women are patriotic to the core, and unselfish to the last degree. I register my faith that every woman in North Carolina to whom the Food Card is presented will cheerfully sign it, and in this way secure our ultimate triumph, and hasten the end of the war."

FROM A SOLDIER BOY.

Dear Editor:

During the past month or so, I have read several good articles in your paper in regard to the display and excitement that is going on when a few of the home boys are drafted into the National Army and are sent to the different cantonments.

It is no doubt sad for the parents of these boys to bid farewell on their parting and I am pleased to note that committees have been organized—that are going to look after their welfare in camp during the cold months before them—but having enlisted voluntarily many months ago, it would appear that this committee should also devote a little thought to the men who are serving their own Free Will in the Marine Corps and the Navy.

There are men serving in the Marine Corps and the Navy from every locality of the United States and it would be with little trouble to locate their whereabouts and tender them little gifts that will comfort and brighten their camp life, and I am sure that most anything will be appreciated. Thanking you for this space, I am voluntarily, "Doing my Bit"

G. G. BROWDER,

"One of the Marines,"
Marine Training Camp, Paris Island, S. C., Oct. 31, 1917.

Not There.

"Judge," said Mrs. Staven to the magistrate who had recently come to board with her, "I'm particularly anxious to have you try this chicken soup."

"I have tried it," replied the magistrate, "and my decision is that the chicken has proved an alibi."—From the New Puck.