

THE DUNN DISPATCH

PYTHIANS OPEN THE BIG BLADE

Bounteous Banquet of Benevolent Brothers Attended By Over Three Hundred.

With the spacious halls and parlors of the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Young thrown open to Knights of Pythias and their three hundred guests the banquet given last night in celebration of the twelfth anniversary of the founding of Cape Fear Lodge No. 126 passed into history as the greatest, most successful and most thoroughly enjoyed social fete ever undertaken by a fraternal organization in North Carolina. Dunn's women, all beautiful—some more so than others were there in great numbers and gave to the occasion that degree of charm so characteristic of the gentle womanhood of the south.

As guests arrived to be welcomed by the genial, smiling knights, mellow strains of popular marches rendered by a local orchestra floated through the parlors from the music room; wraps were removed, introductions made and everybody felt at home. At nine o'clock the knights and their guests marched out and into the Young Hotel dining room. There, too, music was being furnished by the excellent orchestra, and as all were invited to be seated, Toastmaster Robert L. Godwin in behalf of his brother Pythians expressed pleasure at being permitted to entertain so large a number of their friends.

The blessings of God were invoked by the Rev. Angus R. McQueen, of the Presbyterian church, and the banquet began.

In front of each banqueter were pickles, celery, olives, turkey, cranberry sauce, potato chips, turkey dressing, chicken salad and wafers. After these were consumed, George L. Cassidy entertained the gathering with a glowing tribute to "Our Lodge." There are few better speakers, upon any subject, than Mr. Cassidy. Last night, however, his theme was one close to his heart and in his handling he was more than usually eloquent, convincing his hearers that his lodge is one of the community's greatest moral assets.

Mr. Cassidy had down his lunch appetite, and after the pussy-footed culled gentlemen had removed the dishes and were preparing to bring in ice cream and its accessories, G. Herbert Smith, down on the program as from Wilmington, but, as he explained, really a resident of the good little town of Acme explained why he was a Pythian. Mr. Smith said the committee had robbed him of his thunder when it allotted to another speaker a theme to which he had devoted much time and thought and one in which he was always deeply interested—that being the Pythian home. However, he said, it's a great thing to be one of the great brotherhood whose efforts have been so helpful cultivating a spirit of friendship, of benevolence and of real charity. He was proud of his membership in the order and said he was a Pythian because he thought being one made of him a better, broader and bigger man.

Mr. Smith's speech was good and fell upon appreciative ears. Following him and while the ice cream and cake were being brought in, Thomas H. Webb, of Duke, told some beautiful facts of that comfortable home established by Pythians for the children of their dead brothers at Clayton. Mr. Webb said he had just returned from a visit to that home and that he had been profoundly impressed by the happy, home-like atmosphere he found there, and by the tender, motherly care being enjoyed by the children at the hands of Mrs. Pender, the superintendent's wife. He is very proud of that home and of the great work being done through it, and he spoke tenderly of the little orphans who are being reared to valuable maturity in an environment free from the pitfalls that would beset their pathways were it not there.

Then the ice cream was demolished, following which the Rev. John H. Shore spoke of Pythianism in the church. He said it was the belief among some that fraternal orders were detrimental to the church, but he was prepared to refute that argument. He said that a good Pythian made a good church member, and that a poor church member wasn't always a good Pythian. From observations covering many years he had found that Pythianism was most helpful to its followers and that he was proud of his connection with the order. In his usual sterner, convincing manner he told of those fine traits of character cultivated by the Pythian brotherhood and said that he thought the present a very opportune time for enlarging the membership in Dunn.

The Rev. J. Hollowell Dickerson, of Goldsboro, was scheduled to follow Mr. Shore, but sickness in his family prevented his presence and

HARNETT'S BABY BANK

State Bank & Trust Company, County's youngest institution, Doing Fine.

Established six months ago with offices here and at Angier, the State Bank & Trust Co., the county's youngest financial institution, has rapidly grown in favor with those business men whom it seeks to serve. That fact was shown yesterday when its stockholders gathered in the company's offices for their first yearly meeting. From a report made by the President, Mr. Preston S. Cooper, who, by the way, is president of more banks than usually fall to the lot of any one man, the institution was shown to be in excellent shape. Notwithstanding those subnormal conditions which have so warped all Southern industrial endeavor the young institution has made headway to a degree that is very encouraging to those upon whose shoulders rest the burden of carrying it to success. The people of Angier have shown their appreciation of the presence of a reliable bank in their thriving town by giving to it a most unselfish support, and, while money scarcely has kept many of them tied to some of the older institutions, none have withheld encouragement. In Dunn the support has been all that could be desired, and the bank begins the new year safe in the confidence of the public it desires to serve.

The bank's annual earnings for the closing year are something over ten per cent, though no dividend was declared because it is the director's policy to keep as much surplus in reserve as possible.

All former officers were reelected to serve during the ensuing year. They are: P. S. Cooper, president; B. O. Townsend, vice-president; B. F. Williams, second vice-president; W. H. Herring, cashier; J. E. Williams, assistant cashier.

Directors are: H. L. Godwin, M. F. Holliday, J. L. Hatcher, J. C. Clifford, C. S. Adams, B. F. Williams, M. F. Morris, H. L. Godwin, J. A. Hockaday, W. H. Herring, P. S. Cooper, W. H. Gregory.

The many friends of Miss Gladys... it has been found necessary that she receive hospital treatment. She left Monday night for Richmond to enter a hospital of that place.

It fell to the lot of the Rev. Baylus Cade to address the gathering on What the Ladies Owe to Pythianism. Mr. Cade is one of those rare speakers who combine wit and pathos with sound logic, and he was always counted upon to hold the attention of any audience. He objected to the phraseology employed in naming his subject. He does not like to have our women alluded to as ladies. "A lady," he said, "is the wife of a lord—and we have no lords over here. The term, womanhood looms large compared to that of ladyship." Woman owes much to Pythianism in his opinion because it is helping to make men, of their husbands, brothers, sons and fathers. His remarks were interspersed with much real humor and when he sat down the room was in an uproar of laughter.

"The Goat" was the subject assigned to W. W. Wilson, a former resident of this city whose home is now in Raleigh. Mr. Wilson said the subject was a rather difficult one to handle and had at first gotten his own Angora. However, by dissecting the word goat he found it to be made of two words, go and at; so he decided to term it Pythian Goat, or goat. To go, means to progress; therefore he decided to talk on Pythian progress, and that is what he did—very intelligently, entertainingly and, frequently, amusingly.

Superintendent Pender, of the Pythianism generally. Mr. Pender's called upon for a speech and he responded with a very fine talk on Pythian generally. Mr. Pender's home used to be in Goldsboro, and it was there he met Ellis Goldstein, the Pythian upon whose shoulders had fallen the burden of arranging for last night's enjoyable occasion. He said he loved Goldy, just as he loved all that great Jewish race whose members have done so much for Pythianism and for the spreading of benevolence generally; "but," he said, "I will never forgive him for taking from our town that charming woman who is now his wife." Mr. Pender continued with some information concerning the home, and concluded by advising those young women who could not marry a Pythian to choose a Jew.

Toastmaster Godwin here arose to remark that there were several prominent Pythians present from out of town and that he would be glad to hear from them. He said "It's getting mighty late, though." So everybody took the cue and started for the hats and wraps, feeling that they had been entertained most royally.

IT'S A LONG, LONG WAY

Health Facts as Revealed by Community Surveys.

Health work is barely begun according to the facts revealed by the community surveys recently made with the Governor's proclamation, a large number of rural and urban communities throughout the different counties observed Community Service Days during the first week in December. While the weather was all that was unfavorable, much real service was accomplished and valuable facts on which to proceed with the work were brought to light. Sampson is one of the leading counties in the State, having rapidly advanced in the steps it has taken in public health work and community upbuilding in general. It employs a whole-time health officer whose work has had telling effect on the health of the county; it has two model rural health communities—one at Salemburg and another at Ingold; and it has gone forward in educational and all other matters pertaining to prosperity and progress.

But the surveys made in connection with the observance of Community Service Days revealed astonishing facts, especially along the fundamentals of health. Of the eighty-four school districts in the county, thirty-five adopted the suggestions of the Community Service program, made surveys as to the needs and improvement of the schools and neighborhood, and organized in order to best meet these needs. To the question, "Do you use patent medicines?" 518 responded to the affirmative and 445 to the negative. Only 221 families out of 936 have their houses screened, and out of 1123 only 461 sleep with open windows in winter. But on religious matters the figures change somewhat. 684 out of 970 were found to be church members and 607 out of 893 children attend Sunday school.

These figures cast no reflection on the work of the leaders of this progressive county, but on the other hand throw light into darkness of other counties less active along this line of progressive work. Furthermore they reveal the necessity for better organized work and closer community co-operation along all lines of community improvement.

JAMES POPE HIT BY A BRICK

James Pope, the 18-year old son of Rev. Willie Pope, is suffering from a painful wound upon his head as the result of being hit by half a brick while engaged in a miniature battle among the school boys Monday noon at the Graded School ground. The youngsters were lined up in battle array for the daily encounter in emulation of the warring Europeans; young Pope, in a thoughtless moment, turned his back upon the enemy and was unprepared for the projectile aimed at his dome of thought by an opposing marksman. He had stooped over to gather ammunition and was in the act of arising when the brick sailed through the air and met the exact centre of the back of his head. He was hurt badly, but after being attended by a physician, was alright and game enough to return to the charge. All of which is alright, since no particularly harmful results eventuated—but, since this calls to our attention a very dangerous practice, we would advise that those who live in glass houses are not the only ones who should not throw stones.

SEVEN APPLICANTS FOR ONE HOUSE

The owner of a nice little cottage situated near the center of town lost its tenant a few days ago. Before the last load of the former occupant's furniture had left the premises, applicants were after it. The owner says seven requests for it were made to him before he was sure he wanted to rent it. Of that seven, four were from newly-weds. That reminded him that the clergymen and magistrates had been kept busy this winter in tying matrimonial cords, and he says it is going to be a mighty hard year on cows. We are a little puzzled by the latter expression but he says our older readers will see the point—so we let it go at that.

MR. BALLANCE BUYS FINE ROBESON PLANTATION

Mr. John H. Ballance, of the stock dealing firm of Ballance & Co., has just purchased from Locks Shaw that fine farm situated about three miles from St. Paul, in Robeson County known as the Malloy & McLeod place. It contains 600 acres and ranks as one of the very best farms in the south. Most of it is cleared and, by the introduction of modern methods, Mr. Ballance expects to greatly improve the already very valuable property.

PREBYTERIAN CLOSE EVANGELIZING AT

FAYETTEVILLE

Fayetteville, Jan. 24.—At 9:30 o'clock today a three days session of the First and Second Presbyteries of Fayetteville closed to a close, bringing to an end a series of meetings that accounted a success in every respect. "De jure, unmovable!" (1 Cor. 16:5) was the earnest appeal of Rev. W. H. Fairley, pastor of the First of Fayetteville, which closed the programme. This was preceded by a thirty minute speech by Rev. Sibley, D. D., of Charlotte, who exhorted his hearers to go to greater heights of enlightenment and devotion. The evening session was opened with a song and prayer service, followed by a well considered discourse by Dr. J. A. Well, of Johnston, an opportunity was given to the day's program was the session of the Sunday school at the First Presbyterian church. The subject was a most appropriate one: Gideon and his three hundred men (Judges vii:1-8); and the visiting pastors, deacons, ministers and Sunday school superintendents found much to interest in the class. The First of Fayetteville is very proud of its Sunday school and the showing it made, particularly the large men's Bible class. Dr. E. Gurney, of Monroe, and Rev. William Black, of Charlotte, were the preachers of the morning service. Dr. Gurney's subject was, "The Word of the Spirit." Mr. Black discussed the subject of personal witness to his thoroughly alive manner.

Mr. Black addressed the Institute at the afternoon session, again on the subject of personal witness. How to train personal workers and the use of the Bible in doing so with inquirers was in specific reference. Another part of the session was given into by Dr. A. H. McNeill, of Wilmington. Dr. McNeill discussed the organization of personal workers' training classes.

Davidson, N. C. Mr. J. D. Peagram, of Selma, who was Miss Annie Worthy, of this county, and two sons, Worthy and John D. Jr., survive him.

Mr. Peagram served acceptably in various pastorates of the North Carolina Conference for 28 years until failing health caused him to superannuate. He was held in high esteem by his brethren in the ministry. After leaving here he was active in Sunday School and church work and was a great help to the ministers of the town. His quiet, unassuming,

WHAT IS THE UP-TO-DATE?

(By Herbert N. Olson, "Assn. Adv.")

"What is the matter with the United States?"

As I have been residing in London since the beginning of the war, I've been hearing this question asked on all sides. I have never heard any satisfactory answer. No one seems to know.

Why are the American factories not running night and day? Why are the railroads not opening up new territories and getting ready for the millions of immigrants who have already made up their minds to leave Europe as soon as the war is over?

Why are there not fifty American drummers in London right now trying to sell \$200,000,000 worth of American goods in place of the goods that were bought last year from Germany and Austria?

Why have advertisers become quitters, just at the time when their advertisements were most needed and most effective in cheering on the business forces of the United States?

From the European standpoint of view, the United States is a land of peace and security and prosperity. It has no troubles that it dare mention to Belgium or Austria or France or Germany or Serbia or Great Britain or Russia.

Every tenth Breton is enlisted. Every tenth Prussian is at the front. Every tenth Belgian is dead. What does the United States know of trouble?

If I could afford it, I would charter the Mauretania and Lusitania and convey a party of 5,000 Americans advertisers to Europe for a strip of education. I would give them a week in Paris, and a week in Antwerp.

I would let them look at the United States from the coast of the war. I would give them a look at real trouble. I would let them see trains, ten at a time, five minutes apart, packed with the maimed and the dying.

I would let them hear, from fragmentary survivors, the incredible story of battleside 150 million wide, and armies that are greater than the entire population of Texas.

I would let them see graves 100 yards long and full, and Belgium, the country that was, nothing now but 12,000 square miles of wreckage. Then when they began to understand to some slight extent, the magnitude and awfulness of this war, I would say to them:

"Now go back and appreciate the United States. Realize your opportunities. Don't start digging trenches when nobody is firing at you. Don't fall down when you have been hit. Don't be blind to the most

REV. J. D. PEAGRAM

Aged Laborer of the Cross Passes to His Reward.

Jonesboro, Jan. 24.—Rev. J. D. Peagram died at his home here Sunday afternoon, January 17, after an illness of a few months of sarcoma. The funeral services were held in the Methodist church, Tuesday, at 11 o'clock, conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. W. Robinson assisted by Revs. H. E. Spence and J. B. Willis, of Sanford. Although the weather was bitter cold there was an unusually large attendance at the funeral, the church being filled to its capacity, at testing the high esteem in which he was held. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. The active and honorary pall bearers were selected from his Bible class and friends. His body was interred in the Methodist cemetery.

Rev. Mr. Peagram was a superannuated Methodist preacher and had his home here for the past two years. For the past two months his health has declined rapidly and everything possible was done for his comfort. During this time his children from various parts of the State were constantly at his bedside.

Mr. Peagram was born in Harnett county, North Carolina, November 1848, being 66 years of age at the time of his death. He was married in 1871 to Miss Pio Byrd of the same county and to this union there survive six children, as follows: Mrs. Robt. Dudley, of Oriental; Mrs. J. E. Sutter, of Garysburg; Mrs. Jerry Bray, of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Walter Gooch, of Stems; Mrs. Allen Shaw, of one son, Mr. Will Peagram, of Selma. His second wife, who was Miss Annie Worthy, of this county, and two sons, Worthy and John D. Jr., survive him.

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from a distance, were: Mr. J. D. Peagram, his brother, Suter, of Garysburg; his brother, Prof. W. H. Peagram, of Trinity College; his sister, Mrs. Mollie Stephens, of Raleigh; Mr. Will Peagram of Selma; Mr. Allen Shaw, of Lillington; Mrs. A. H. McNeill, of Carthage; Mrs. D. D. Kelly, of Carthage; Miss Wiley Bagwell, of Franklinville, and Miss Flora McDonald, of Sanford.

MAYOR GRANTHAM'S FARM

Though mayor of Carolina's liveliest municipality and busily engaged in conducting a big drug business, George K. Grantham finds plenty of time to introduce profitable methods upon his fine farm out there a little way from town. Last year he planted oodles of cotton—and harvested a lot of it too—but the price did not appeal to him very strongly. He planted some other things as well, but cotton was trumps. This year he has large areas planted to wheat and oats; is going to plant twice as much tobacco, and almost twice as much corn as he did last year. His cotton crop will be reduced about one half. Mr. Grantham takes much pride in his farm, and has spent much time and money in developing it into its present fine condition. No farmer in the surrounding country possesses a longer head or more far-seeing mind. That he has cut cotton to devote more land to tobacco and other things, is a mighty good sign that it will be a good thing for all other farmers to do.

THE HOME BAKERY

The Dispatch has no space to give away for the exploitation of private interests, but it does like to aid these small enterprises whose development mean so much to the community's progress, and whose necessarily small financial backing precludes a sustained advertising campaign. Home industries are those to which we expect our people to give their first thought, and, quality and price considered, we think local products should be given preference over all others. A. C. Barnes conducts a small bakery, his products are good, his service is excellent and his prices are not higher than those charged by out of town bakers. For these reasons we believe his business should be given encouragement.

BARNES & HOLLIDAY AT IT AGAIN

In all the business history of Dunn no plan for stimulating business has proven so successful as that through which the Barnes & Holliday Company gives to its customers twice each year a piano, a dinner set and several cash prizes. The method employed in awarding these much-sought-after prizes is novel, unique and most interesting; every dollar paid to the company entitles the payer to one key; of the several thousand keys given away there are ten which fit locks held by the company and the holders of these ten are those to whom the prizes are awarded.

Keys are now being given to customers who pay accounts or make cash purchases. When the supply of keys is exhausted, the unlocking process will begin.

DUKE LADIES VISIT GRADED SCHOOL

Several ladies were here from Duke last week to see the drinking fountain in use at the Dunn Graded Schools, with the idea of installing one just like it at Duke. The fountain is an unique affair made from about six feet of quarter inch pipe run horizontally over a trough which catches the waste water. At intervals of about one foot small holes have been drilled through the upper side of the pipe, permitting small streams of water to play upward. From these, persons can alleviate their thirst without touching their lips to the pipe, and through this simple fountain the disease-spreading tin dipper is universal use a short time ago is entirely eliminated. The visitors were very favorably impressed by the device.

FIRST BAPTIST WIND-OWS BEING PLACED

At last, several of those beautifully designed windows which are to add so much to the beauty and comfort of the new Baptist church have arrived. Workmen have begun putting them in place during the last few days and it is hoped that all of them will be completed before next Sunday.

NEW HOTEL PROBABLE

Stephens-Howard Company Contemplating Erection of Modern Hotel at Broad and Wilson.

One of the most important real estate deals of several years was that through which Mr. Walter E. Howard purchased Messrs. P. T. Massengill and S. G. Marks that lot adjoining the Stephens property at the northeast corner of Broad and Wilson streets. A frame building, until recently occupied by W. H. Adams, stands upon the property, but it is understood that it is to be moved in the very near future to make room for a five-story hotel building which is to cover the Stephens property as well.

It is said that in the purchase Mr. Howard was acting for the Stephens-Howard Co., and that it is the intention of the company to begin soliciting stock subscriptions for the hotel's erection as soon as practicable. The site is an ideal one for hotel purposes, convenient to all business centers and to the site upon which the proposed new union depot will probably be built. On broad street it has a frontage of 55 feet, and on Wilson one of 70. The building would have two stories and the hotel lobby on the street floor, with four floors above for dining and other rooms. While no definite plan has been decided upon, it is probable that the building will be made of concrete, absolutely fire-proof and cost not less than \$40,000.

With the coming of the hotel Broad Street, where it is crossed by Wilson will be the city's most interesting point, having an array of imposing buildings seldom equalled in a small city. Already the handsome Warren building has begun to look as if it belonged there and across the street from it the remarkable structure which is to house the First National some time during the coming Spring is assuming definite shape. Certainly Dunn is not letting a little business depression stop its progress.

THINGS TO EAT FOR BEAST AND MAN

ruin, their more far-sighted brethren who gave some time to hay, oats, corn, hogs, chickens, eggs, dairy products and other things which come near selling for their actual value in all seasons are sitting in the boat, serene in the knowledge that hard times are not going to affect their food supply.

WHOLE FAMILY WIPED OUT

Father Kills Wife, Three Daughters and Self.

Butler, Pa., Jan. 24.—H. H. Woods a telegraph operator of Harmony Junction, Butler County, today shot and killed his wife and three children and then committed suicide. All the victims were shot in the forehead. The bodies were found by E. L. Hilderbrand, who lives on the floor below that occupied by the Woods and who investigated when the family failed to attend church. Hilderbrand says he heard some noise in their apartment early today but paid no attention to it.

PRESBYTERIAN ORGAN ARRIVES

The magnificent pipe organ purchased by the Presbyterian church of this city arrived this week and is now being unloaded preparatory to its installation in the church. It was purchased of Pichler's Sons, New York, and is one of the best instruments sold by that celebrated concern. It will be ready for use within the next ten days.

BUILDING ACTIVITIES

There were times when more building were under way than are now evident in this city, but, with all the howl of hard times, there are numbers of people who realize that now is the time to build well and cheaply. Some are building residences, others are just adding to those already built; but all are determined to profit by the present low prices of labor and lumber.

MUCH COTTON BOUGHT LAST WEEK—OTHER NEWS

Duke, Jan. 26.—The Methodist School observed Missionary Day Sunday morning. The Missionary Committee carried out the program as gotten up by the church. During the year one day in each month will be known as Missionary Sunday and a special program will be had for each Sunday. The Methodist church South is trying to get its members educated on the subject of missions and to this end the Missionary for each month was gotten up and a special program for use on that day. Immediately after the Sunday School services Rev. Frank Culbreth preached a special sermon to the children.

Hon. F. M. McKay, Harnett county's present representative in the Legislature spent Sunday with his family.

The owners of the harbor shop have recently purchased an entirely new outfit for the shop consisting of three white enamel hydraulic chairs, a white enamel mirror case with French plate glass for the three chairs and other smaller requisites for an up-to-date barber shop. This will be placed in the new shop in the Hassell-Johnson Co. building facing the main street. The fixtures in the present shop will be offered for sale. The new quarters for the postoffice will be moved to the Hassell-Johnson Co. building, where more commodious quarters both for the office and for the lobby will be had. The postoffice will probably be moved about February 1st.

Last week was a record breaker week for buying cotton here at this season of the year. In fact it has been a record breaker for the entire season. Close to seventy five hundred bales have been bought locally. Prices have been a little above that of any market in the State. The farmers are still holding a large quantity of the cotton.

Rev. N. C. Duncan, pastor of St. Stephens Episcopal church is making an effort to get up a band of Boy Scouts for Duke. This movement is