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KNEE PANTS LEAGUE READY FOR SUMMER

Re-Organized Monday Afternoon; Regular Schedule To Begin The Second of May

Monday afternoon Dunn's famous baseball league of years ago—"The Knee Pants League" for boys who wear knee pants, was re-organized and the teams announced as follows: White Sox, Red Sox, Tigers and Giants. These teams will begin on May 2nd a schedule of which will take them through the summer. A pennant with the teams name on it, will be awarded to the winner.

Several years ago the first "Knee Pants League" was organized in Dunn and for the entire summer the boys struggled to win and after an exciting race the "White Sox" won. On the Dunn team of 1921, that finished only one half game behind the leaders in the "Central Carolina League" there were about six or seven of the regulars and substitutes who graduated from the ranks of the "Knee Pants League" and it was a pleasure for all Dunn fans to go out last summer and see Dunn's boys give their best in the game. The following set of rules are to govern this summer's race:

1. That all disputes that may come up in any way or shape during the game or through team differences will be taken before the league president and that his decision will be accepted by each and every member without further picking of any description and that the umpire's decisions will be respected. And should this be violated any punishment through suspension from the game by the league president will be accepted and carried out without fussing on our part.

2. We hereby agree that there shall be no profanity used by us and that we will conduct ourselves as gentlemen on the baseball field and off the field.

3. We hereby agree that up and after the first day of May 1922 we will not use tobacco in any form whatever.

4. We hereby agree that unless it is absolutely impossible that each and every one of us will attend on Sunday School class every Sunday.

5. We hereby agree that each and everyone of us realize that our fathers and mothers are older than we, and that we will pay attention to their advice without whining and grumbling back at them.

6. Believing that the above rules are for our good, that by carrying them out will enable us to become clean, we hereby attach our names as our pledge that we will do all that we can to observe them; that should we find any member of the "Knee Pants League" violating the rules we will inform the proper authority so that proper punishment may be given the guilty, feeling that we are doing this not only for the good of the same but for the good of ourselves.

Forty nine of Dunn's boys signed the above rules, and pledged their best. Let's give them encouragement. They will be boys, so let's lend our help, and give them a summer entertainment at whole some, outdoor sport.

WILL REBUILD HOTEL AT SUMMER RESORT

Contract Let For Construction Of Hotel At Wrightsville

Wilmington, April 7.—Contract for the erection of a 60-room hotel at Wrightsville Beach to replace the old Seashore Hotel, destroyed by fire four years ago, has been awarded by the Hilton Hotel Company to Spooner and Brown. Work will be begun immediately and the hotel will be ready for business not later than June 10, in ample time for the coming beach season.

The hotel will be known as the New Seashore, and will contain a ladies' parlor, spacious lobby and 60 bed rooms with individual baths. The bed rooms will be finished completely in white.

The venture is underwritten by Wilmington business men, and will be under the personal direction of Capt. Edgar Hinton, manager of the old Seashore Hotel.

DR. UNDERWOOD OF ROSEBORO IS TO BE CHAIRMAN SAMPSON CONVENTION

Dr. O. E. Underwood of Roseboro, will act as Chairman of the Sampson County Democratic Convention, which will be held in Clinton, Saturday, April 15th, 1922.

Dr. Underwood is an able and popular physician and business man and has been an ardent supporter of the principles of Democracy for a number of years.

FATHER SLAYS THREE CHILDREN AND HIMSELF

John Helms, With Axe Snuffed Out Lives Of Offspring On Sunday

Charlotte, April 9.—Ruby Lee-Helms, 13 years old, today saw her father, John Helms, 40, slay three of her little brothers and sisters in succession with a wood axe and then saw him deliberately blow off the top of his own head with a shot gun, according to the story she, the only witness, told Coroner Frank Hovis.

The quadruple tragedy occurred at the home of Helms, who occupied a ten-acre house on the farm of Robert Rice, eleven miles east of Charlotte, about 6:30 this morning.

Coroner Hovis said the evidence indicated that Helms had become suddenly insane, probably as a result of ill health as he had been suffering from a chronic stomach disease and had appeared deeply depressed when talking with a brother a day or two ago about his "hopeless condition."

According to Ruby Lee-Helms she when her father approached with an axe and with the handle knocked the baby from her arms; then he went on walking about in the yard with the nine months old baby, Hazeline. She her mother prepared breakfast into the house, and with the axe, killed two children in bed while she looked on through a window, the two being Broncho, aged 6, and Blessey, aged 4.

He then grabbed a shot gun, went out into the yard, placed the muzzle against his cheek, the gun standing on the ground, reached down and pressed the trigger, with his thumb, the lead blowing off the top of his head.

Mrs. Helms and a child in addition to Ruby escaped and gave the alarm. The baby was taken to a hospital in Charlotte, where it died about two hours later.

KILLS WOMAN AND SHOOTS HIMSELF

Double Killing in New Bern Boarding House Early Sunday Morning

New Bern, April 9.—M. Cooper, age 28, shot and killed Mrs. Corrienne Hill, age 35, wounded John Alcock, age 26, by shooting him through the thigh, and then turned the pistol on himself and sent a bullet through his heart, dying instantly, early this morning.

The shooting occurred at Mrs. Hill's boarding house, 103 Craven street, two blocks from the post office in the room where Miss Sue Hill, sister-in-law of the dead woman, lay in bed. Mrs. Hill and Alcock were sitting up with the sick woman.

Cooper came to New Bern from the North two years ago and was employed by Mrs. Hill, whose husband died several years ago, to look after some of her affairs. Last week he beat up Mrs. Hill and left town. Early Saturday morning he was seen in town again.

At midnight he walked into Mrs. Hill's boarding house and went to the room where the three people were and demanded that Mrs. Hill go with him to another room. She refused and he shot her out as he appeared to be drunk. He began then to abuse Mrs. Hill three times through the breast. Alcock was taken to the hospital and it is not thought this wound is serious. The coroner took charge of the two bodies.

MRS. JONES TO SPEAK AT SAMPSON CONVENTION

Mrs. W. J. Jones of Pineland School, Salemburg, N. C., will be one of the speakers to address the Sampson County Democratic Convention, which will be held in Clinton, April 15th, 1922 at 11 a. m.

Mrs. Jones is one of the most energetic, active and intelligent women of today. All ladies are especially asked to attend this convention.

ENOCH W. ALDERMAN DIES AT HOME IN CLINTON

Clinton, April 7.—Enoch Alderman died Wednesday. He had been sick only a week. His daughter, Mrs. W. J. Ross of Wadesboro, came several days ago to be with him. Miss Nellie Alderman, a graduate nurse, has also been with him. As Mrs. Ross is a professional nurse too, it is clear that he did not lack for the best of attention.

Mr. Alderman was one of the best known men in the county, having been official cotton weigher here for years. He married a daughter of the late William S. Johnson, who with several daughters and two sons survive him.

BACK MOREHEAD AS PIE DISTRIBUTOR

Harnett County Republicans Have Lively Time Over Threatened Split

Lillington, April 10.—Harnett county Republican convention meeting here today went on record as standing squarely behind its executive committee in the matter of recommendation of applicants for Federal patronage. The convention met for the primary purpose of electing delegates to the State and Congressional conventions. It was when the large Averasboro township delegation split on the question apportionment of representation from the two precincts in that township that the row was precipitated; which came near winding up in a genuine family brawl.

Franklin T. Dupree, of Angier, chief of peace-makers, kept his dove cooing, however, and finally won in his effort to have the two Averasboro factions duly represented in the county convention to the apparent satisfaction of all.

This did not stay the program, though, that was set for endorsing the action of the Harnett county Republican executive committee in its recommendation of Captain W. D. Holland for postmaster at Dunn. The executive committee had recommended Captain Holland for appointment, but E. C. West and the adherents of his faction, which are now termed "insurgents," got Patronage Commissioner Morehead's ear to listening to their side best. The consequence of which was that West received the temporary appointment, and he is now holding the office.

But when the examination was ordered, it seems that West was eliminated. At any rate, Captain Holland is the ranking Republican on the eligible list, and the county organization is standing squarely behind him in his contention for the post of apportionment. This was the real cause of the row which has been rising over the rim of the baking pan in today's convention.

Soon after the meeting convened for the purpose of endorsing the apportionment of delegates to the State convention came up, thunder began to roll. Possibly peace came the sooner by reason of the fact that the delegates became convinced that they could not all speak at once. When confusion was at its height the peace makers got in their telling word. After giving the West faction its due representation from Averasboro township, the convention took a recess upon support of the county executive committee in its recommendation for Federal patronage. The vote stood 51 to 5.

The convention got by with its election of delegates to the State convention, but in the confusion over the Federal patronage issue its Congressional delegation was forgotten "like a whistle." The county Republican convention will hold a mass meeting on May 15 to nominate a county ticket and do such other things as may seem to them right and proper in their efforts to oust the Democrats in the coming election. They have declared that they will make a stupendous effort.

The following delegates were named to represent Harnett County in the State convention to be held in Winston-Salem, Wednesday, April 12: M. A. Elmore, O. F. Surles, J. B. Holland, J. A. Stewart, W. D. Holland, B. H. Jernigan, E. V. Gainer, I. W. Wilson, T. O. Brown, M. B. Williams, T. E. Davis, M. D. McLeod, J. B. Young, F. T. Dupree, D. F. Collins, L. C. Seawell, J. F. McLeod, J. L. Johnson, G. I. Smith, R. M. Coats, M. Byrd, E. C. Geddis, J. W. Lookerman, A. H. Harper, F. M. McKay, W. P. Byrd, T. H. Gardner, D. H. Center, J. McD. Parker, W. F. Patterson, Paul McKay.

John Allan McLeod, J. E. Crockett.

"DRY" AGENT CHECKS UP ON PREACHER AND FINDS MINISTER GOOD PROPHET

New Bern, April 10.—"I have been told that within the hearing of my voice there are three moonshine stills in active operation" was the remark at the Sunday morning services yesterday by a preacher at Old Ford, Seaforth County.

C. J. Thomas, a deputy sheriff, was a member of the congregation and after the services proceeded to test out the accuracy of the preacher's information. In less than an hour Thomas and two other deputies captured one one-hundred gallon still and discovered traces where two others had been in operation.

Mrs. W. H. Stallings and Miss Virginia Marshbourne returned yesterday to Fayetteville, after spending a short time here with relatives.

MISS CAMP NAMED COUNTY CHAIRMAN NEAR EAST RELIEF

Appointed by State Chairman Bellamy To Raise Harnett's Quota In Campaign

WILL PROBABLY START DURING MONTH OF MAY

North Carolina is asked to raise \$200,000 for Harnett's Part is \$2,200. \$11.09 Of Which Has Already Been Sent In. Few Much Interested in Raising These Children.

Miss Mamie F. Odom of Lillington, has been appointed chairman for Harnett County of the Near East Relief, according to an announcement from Raleigh by Captain H. Bellamy, state chairman.

Miss Camp has just decided upon the date for her campaign which will be some time in May, but is at present engaged in organizing forces for the campaign.

North Carolina is asked to raise \$200,000 this year to take care of the 3,334 children who in the Tarheel orphanages agreed to this date. Harnett County's share of this quota, based on population, is \$2,200, which will feed 200 and educate 37 of these unfortunate children.

Just to show what a strong pull the Near East Relief has on the hearts of those who are familiar with it, work, the sum of \$11.09 has been sent in already by good people of Harnett, entirely unrequested. This will take care of some of these children, leaving 20 more to be provided for between now and July 1st, unless they are to be turned out of the orphanages at that time.

"Many of these children are victims of the great war," declared Col. Bellamy, "when their fathers were killed in defense of the vast Balkan fields. Military men got this precious oil and they died the war."

"They were killing men off at the rate of 10,000 a day when the war ended, and it can be readily seen that it lasted six months, a month or even a week longer, there are many North Carolina boys back home today who would otherwise be sleeping beneath a wooden cross in France."

"Then there are children in these orphanages whose parents gave up their lives to stop the onward march of Mohammedanism and prevent the Moslems from stamping out Christianity in Armenia. We give millions to spread the doctrine of Jesus Christ on heathen lands, and yet these people give their lives to prevent the spread of the doctrine of Mohammed a Christian lands. Is it not Christianity's duty to see that their children do not die the horrible death of starvation?"

LIGHTED TRUTH IN UNUSUAL WAY

University Student And Clayton Girl Married In Battle Park

Chapel Hill, April 8.—A wedding took place in the woods of Battle Park, a few hundred yards from the campus, late this afternoon.

Hubert Heffner, known to many "lies of North Carolina, through his acting in the plays given by the Carolina Playmakers, and Ruth Penney, formerly a fellow-student, used to go walking in the park and they got into the habit of studying together at a romantic spot known as "Stone Seat." They did not devote all their talk to their lessons, and pretty soon they were engaged. Secretly they made the plan to be married on the very spot, where they had spent so many happy hours with each other.

Parson W. D. Moss was the only one to whom they confided the plan. Miss Penney left the University last June to return to her home in Clayton, but a day or so ago she came back to Chapel Hill, as she had promised. The ceremony was performed by Parson Moss just before sunset today.

The only spectators were I. J. Stephenson, who is the closest friend of Heffner, Paul Greene, and Miss Elizabeth Lay. Mr. Greene and Miss Lay had been asked to take a walk with the couple and did not know that a wedding was in prospect until they came upon Parson Moss, and he took the marriage license from his pocket.

The couple start their married life with the best of omens, for there is a tradition that lovers who have once

STRONG SERMON BY REV. E. N. JOHNSON

Using As Subject The Covetous Man, Baptist Pastor Made Interesting Talk

(By A Member)

"A timely warning and an untimely interpretation," as Christ was preaching to His people, a covetous man arose and asked that he be given more of his father's estate. "Who made me a divider of estates," says Christ. "I did not come to divide estates and give you an abundance of luxuries." Beware of covetousness, Guard yourself. Don't let these demons seize you. Take the timely warning to yourself. Walk on the Lord.

When a man acquires money, will God win a fortune or lose a life (soul). What is covetousness? Take God's means and turn them for ends: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added." Let all come from the heavenly father. Man makes "things" first instead of God. Satan tried this plan on Jesus. In the third great temptation, Satan says, "Look at the kingdom of the world, all these things will I give you, if you will all down and worship me." "Take not things" in the place of God, it is idolatry. It is idolatrous to put anything before God.

Man's Wants and Needs. It is sometimes hard to discriminate between man's wants and man's needs. It is easy to say that which you want is what you need. But not so. The young man who interrupted Christ wanted possessions and he thought that was what he needed, but he needed Christ. There is a vast difference in what you need and what you want.

Covetousness Based on Falshood

Eve did not want the apple (?) until she accepted the falshood of Satan. This was for the lack of faith in Jehovah. When we covet that which does not belong to us, it shows our lack of faith in God's promises. We try to make ourselves believe that God wants us to please "things" before Him. Man cannot own "anything." He is a co-owner with God of "which" God is the real partner. God owns, man possesses subject to God's control. Give God the right way. For He never relinquishes His right to control.

Covetousness Blinds Us to Higher Values

The silver dollar may get so near to the heart and eye that it shuts out the sunlight of love. We see only the gleam and forget the value of God in the coin. Shakespeare gives us a beautiful illustration of this in the Merchant of Venice, where Shylock puts jewelry ahead of the character of his daughter. Are we guilty of being blinded from the values of God, by anything? Did the people rejoice over the Saved Maniac at the feet of Jesus? Not so, but, grieved over the man who had gone headlong down the hill into death. They cried out, "Be far from us, give us our wine instead of the soul of man." Wine before God.

Chastens Our Conceptions of the Things of Life

What is your attitude of the Sabbath? What is your conception of a Christian? Do you cherish your conception of the Sabbath by spending your money (for luxuries) on that day? Does it change your conception of a Christian who would sell you a suit of clothes, an automobile, or an ice cream cone on Sunday? Would you dare buy on Sunday what you could do without until Monday? Ask God which He would do? Will you put God first or His creature's.

Covetousness Is Inconsistent With Faith in God

Work for the Kingdom and the Kingdom will work for you. Do you believe it? Do you live it? Study the parable of the talents, don't emulate God's money; but put it to work for God and it will make a living for you, your thoughts and desires are the best, not the cheap things of life. Don't accept the trash and trample the pearls under foot. Follow the thought of the poet who has given us these words: "I place no value on what I have or make except in its connection with God." Make the right use of what God has given you, believing God supremely for all that he has done. Think not that any man should ever beg for money, for he is that any servant should ever beg money for God, for God does not need beggars. Give because of your love and that you know it's your duty. Remember what we have and are belong to God and that the least we can do is to give it back to him, in the right use.

Put together on "Stone Seat" never quarrel. Mr. Heffner will remain at the University until commencement.

THE DUNN BAND MADE BIG HIT AT FUQUAY

Granted by Large Crowd At School Auditorium, Special Train Carried Many

The Dunn Band Minstrels enjoyed the most delightful trip of the season at Fuquay Springs Friday night. The boys played to a fair sized audience and the show went over in grand style. The new specialties which were put on at Fuquay for the first time, were greeted with great applause and added much to the evening's entertainment. The trip was made on a special train carrying more than fifty people from Dunn and neighboring towns together with a lot of special scenery for staging the show.

This was the first appearance of the Dunn band has made out of town since being equipped with uniforms. They attracted much attention and were greeted with applause all along the line. The music rendered had the ring of a real professional organization and was profusely complimented. The boys made a decided hit with their show and with their band and orchestra, and an effort is being made to get them to play a return engagement at Fuquay Easter Monday night and furnish music for the festivities to take place there on that day. The expense of the trip was so heavy that only a few dollars were left to apply on the uniform fund.

The next show will be staged in Benson Friday night in the school auditorium under the auspices of the Woman's Club of that town. Many Dunn people will probably go over to add to the large crowd which is promised the boys for their appearance there.

Mrs. Henry O. Shell and daughter, Evelyn Mae, are spending some time with Mrs. Shell's parents in Greenville, S. C.

COUNTY POLITICS IS WARMING UP

Harnett's Gifted Sons Enter in Numbers That Promise Lively Contest

Dear Reader, will you please view The News's fine list of June brides? Each and every one of them wish to wed some office. Will you grant your consent? Oh, well, have it your way. If you want to call it a "hone" race, pick the winner.

New names appearing in the list are, to begin with the august Senate: J. R. Baggett former academician and now a lawyer of renown, comes to represent this district in the upper branch of the General Assembly. Baggett was born down in Sampson where campaigners are born. That he is in the race will be at least the vivid impression during the next six weeks. Watch his smile.

For the office of Clerk Leonidas Chaffin so far has things his own sweet way.

For the office of Register of Deeds Allen M. Shaw, former auditor, puts a his announcement. Also James A. Hockaday, popular business man of Slack River township, comes forward with a bid. This will be a lively contest with the incumbent Register of Deeds Fancetta wanting re-election.

For Recorder, Judge Levinson is announcing his willingness to again be honored with the position. Caviness Brown is campaigning for the job, and so is C. E. Partin, from the same town as Judge Levinson.

Interest centers in the selection of a chairman and secretary of the executive committee next week, the 15th, when the convention is to be held. Dr. J. W. Halford has been mentioned for the chairmanship inasmuch as the incumbent, Hon. Chas. Ross, is an avowed candidate for the Senate, and the position of chairman will have to be filled. The chairman should reside in Lillington, of course, and Dr. Halford's friends say he is the proper man for the place.—Harnett County News.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY HELD HERE SATURDAY

The Democratic primary for Averasboro township was held in the Municipal building here Saturday for the purpose of electing an executive committee and naming delegates to the county convention to be held in Lillington Saturday, April 15th. As is customary in precinct meetings, all Democrats in good standing are qualified to attend the county convention as delegates. A large crowd will probably go to Lillington Saturday to participate in the convention.

The following were named as an executive committee: Otis P. Shell, Earl Barfoot, G. L. W. Jackson, N. E. Johnson, Marvin Wade, R. I. Williams, W. T. Royal, E. R. Warren, Mrs. Jones E. Lee, Mrs. L. J. Best, Mrs. J. J. Wade and Mrs. William Thompson.

"WILD BILL" IS IN THE TAMING CAGE

Is In Harnett County Jail Charged With Eight Warrants Selling Whiskey

In default of \$4,000 bond for his appearance at any time of court, "Wild Bill," is in Harnett county jail charged with eight warrants for selling whiskey. The bond would have been only \$2,000 but for the fact that Williamson made a spectacular dash for liberty a few minutes before his incarceration and when the Judge learned of it he ordered that the bond be made \$4,000, or \$500 on each count.

Attorneys for Williamson contested the State's right to force a trial Tuesday morning when the case was called up as the first item on the Recorder's docket. In the warrant the State did not name the accusing witnesses. This the defense attorneys claimed was a bar to immediate trial on the ground that defense had not been given opportunity to prepare. After some legal shrapnel had been fired across the dividing line, Judge Levinson ran across an opinion in legal writ which validated the non-specific warrant, and he ordered the trial to proceed.

Attorneys for the defense objected to the proceeding, whereupon the Judge changed the nature of the proceeding into an investigation. Defense still objected, but the case went on.

About twenty witnesses were summoned to appear against Williamson, but only about half that number were put on the stand, eight of whom testified that they had knowledge of Williamson's dealing in whiskey. Sheriff McArthur was armed with warrants which were drawn and immediately served. Judge Levinson ordered Williamson held for the May term of court in bond of \$4,000, but later reduced this to \$2,000. It was while Deputy Spivey was commiserating with the defendant in his effort to secure bondmen that Williamson decided to try "leg" bail.

The deputy had accompanied Williamson to various points about town to see prospective bondmen. Failing to locate anyone who would take his risk, the deputy brought his prisoner back to the Sheriff's office, "probably thinking that the deputy was all tried out, Williamson chose what he thought was an opportune moment, threw "leg" gone" at the Sheriff and his deputies and headed out of the door and down the hill in the water tank. But "Wild Bill" underestimated Jim Spivey's Marathonic proclivities. Before the "Wild" one had gotten up enough speed to place him amongst the tall timber, Spivey had a mortgage grip on his coat-tail. A pull, a wrench and a swing of his other gripper landed the would-be fugitive in the arms of the deputy. The impact brought both men to the ground.

"You got me," said "Wild Bill." "You tell 'em," replied the modest winner of the sprint.

"Wild Bill" was placed in the taming cage.—Harnett County News.

SEVENTEEN KILLED DURING WINDSTORMS

Tornadoes in Texas And Oklahoma Cause Injury Of More Than 80 Others

Dallas, Tex., April 8.—Seventeen persons are reported dead and more than 80 injured as a result of tornadoes and rain-storms which swept from West Texas east into Oklahoma toward Arkansas early today. Reports from some of the stricken towns are meagre, officials said.

The list of casualties reported to-night showed: Runnels county, near Rowina, Texas, nine dead, 30 injured; Opik, Callahan county, four dead 20 injured; Ector county, several injured; Cleburne, Texas, one dead, one injured; Lawton, Oklahoma, two dead, 17 injured; Dallas, five injured; Cisco, Texas, two injured; Kasper, Texas, one injured; Caddo, Texas, six injured; Whiteoak, Texas, one injured; Echo, Texas, six injured; Breckinridge, Texas, three injured.

CANTALOUPE GET REDUCED RATES ON THE RAILROADS

Laurinburg, April 10.—The Southeast cantaloupe exchange has received notice that the Interstate Commerce Commission holds that water-melons and cantaloupes are, properly speaking, farm products and as such are entitled to a 10 per cent reduction in freight rates.

Mrs. E. W. Harris of Oxford, is spending some time with her father, Frank Wade, at his home on West Drive street.