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IN "BY-GONE" DAYS.

Things That Happened 33 Years Ago in Town and Vicinity.

December 31, 1891.—On Wednesday night of last week Mr. W. T. Herrin, who lives about eight miles from town, had the misfortune to lose his barn and contents.

The injunction case to restrain B. I. Allbrook sheriff of this county, from collecting taxes against the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company was argued before Judge Connor at Wilson yesterday afternoon. The railroad company was represented by Messrs. W. H. Day and T. N. Hill and the county by Messrs. Mullen & Daniel and R. O. Burron.

Mr. Paul Garrett is this week moving his family to town from Littleton. He will also conduct his wine business here.

Mr. Sanford Pepper, an old and greatly respected citizen of this county, died at his home about two miles from town on Tuesday night. Mr. Pepper was in his seventy-ninth year. He leaves one son and several grand children.

Mr. Jesse A. Powers died at his residence in this place on Thursday evening last and was buried on Christmas day at the family burying ground about three miles in the country, the services being conducted by the Rev. J. A. Green. Mr. Powers was a native of this county. He was an upright citizen, a good neighbor, a devoted husband and father. He leaves one daughter.

Mr. Jim Briggs, of Danville, Va., spent the holidays with friends in this community.

Mr. Andrew Campbell and family left Saturday for Sanford, which place they will in future make their home.

Col. Thos. J. Drewry, of Oxford, and Miss Lucie N. Morecock, were married December 23rd in Norfolk, at the residence of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Kader Biggs. The bride is the daughter of Capt. J. E. Morecock, of this county.

Mr. Raleigh Daniel, a student at Wake Forest, and Mr. S. B. Pierce, a Trinity student, are spending the holidays at home.

We are glad to learn that Dr. J. A. Collins, of Enfield, who has been ill with an attack of the grippe is better.

Rev. W. B. Morton preached his last sermon as pastor of the Baptist church in this place Sunday night and left Monday for his home in Anson county.

January 7, 1892.—Mrs. Kate Prescott left Saturday to visit relatives in Tarboro.

Misses Eva and Estelle Edwards left Tuesday to enter school at Oxford.

Mr. Cranmer Harrison left Tuesday to renew his law studies at the University.

Mr. J. M. Mullen, of Petersburg, was in town a few days ago on professional business.

Mr. J. M. Sliger and wife left Tuesday to visit Mr. Sliger's mother in Knoxville, Tenn.

Mr. McM. Ferguson, who has been sojourning at Moscow, Idaho, for some months, returned to Littleton a few days ago.

A most enjoyable surprise party occurred at the residence of Dr. H. B. Ferguson at Halifax on Wednesday night of last week. A number of young people stormed the Dr. and his good lady and were received most cordially. A handsome supper was spread for them with which the hospitality of the host and hostess was thoroughly enjoyed. A german was danced led by Mr. Jule Gilliam and Miss Jessie Gregory.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

SAFE AND SANE.

"How this would shock mother!" she gasped, after he had just kissed her by brute strength. "We-e-ell, never mind," he tried to console her. "It won't happen to mother."

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Is a Prescription for Colds, Grippe, Dengue, Headaches, Constipation, Biliousness. It is the most speedy remedy we know.

MEETING OF U. D. C.

The Junius Daniel Chapter Hold Its First Meeting for the New Year.

The Junius Daniel Chapter U. D. C. held their first meeting of the year on Wednesday, January 7th at the home of Mrs. T. C. Harrison with Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. R. T. Daniel and Miss Kate Garrett as group hostesses. The bright open fires with the Christmas decorations made the rooms very attractive and the guests very much "at home" in such pleasant surroundings.

After the usual preliminaries the president made a short talk on what has been called the "memorials of defeat" which have been erected by the nations of the world especially "The Lion of Lucerne" erected in memory of the Swiss guard who died to the last man in defence of a Queen during the terrible French Revolution. The beautiful statue of Strasburg in Paris which was kept wreathed with flowers and crepe forty years as a perennial reminder of their lost provinces of Alsace and Lorraine. The old Spanish mission of the Alamo and the beautiful Confederate monument in Hollywood cemetery in Richmond quoting from the beloved Confederate poet Father Ryan who wrote "A land without ruins is a land without memories—A land without memories is a land without history" and urging the chapter to forget the things of evil of the past and enter more fully into the preserving of the sacred history of the men whom we delight to honor.

The answers to roll call were given in New Year's greetings. The treasurer reported sixty names enrolled and collected dues from those present. She also reported a box of canned goods sent the Confederate Woman's Home at Christmas valued at \$10. Communications were read, one from the President thanking the Daughters for a lovely book given her at Christmas and others expressing appreciation. At the close of the business Mrs. D. R. Anderson announced the following program: A reading by Mrs. Barnhart "The Year That Is Gone," Mrs. Lee Johnson, "The Arch at Arlington" and Mrs. Barnes a short anecdote relating a story of General R. E. Lee. Mrs. Shaw and Miss Garrett gave a beautiful piano duet, Miss Barbour sang "Annie Laurie," Mrs. R. T. Daniel "My Wild Irish Rose" and with their motto the chapter adjourned having enjoyed a very delightful evening.

Mrs. W. A. Pierce assisted by the hostesses served tea in the dining room with sandwiches, minis and bon bons to about fifty Daughters and their guests. One new member was welcomed and others are expected to join.

KIWANIS CLUB HOLD SECOND MEETING.

The Kiwanians held the first meeting since the organization was completed, on Tuesday night, Jan. 6th. The Presidents of several other organizations in town were present and were assured by President Geo. C. Green that the Kiwanis Club of Weldon, was organized, not to take the place of any other organization but to help them in any way which would help the town and community.

Dr. Suiter as stunt leader for the occasions, acted as president of the Pleasant Hill Kiwanis Club and with his small membership present left some very good ideas. One of his members said that when he joined the Kiwanis Club he thought it would help his business. Another member took the floor in a rage and said that for that reason they had never made a success of the Pleasant Hill Kiwanis Club. Then he spoke further that they had organized to help the town as a whole and in that way everybody would be helped. The meeting closed with the motion that the whole membership attend the next meeting of the Weldon Kiwanis Club and see the right spirit of a Kiwanis Club.

Rev. George Washington Perry won the prize for telling the best joke and Dr. Lassiter presented the prize.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always bears the signature of Dr. J. C. Williams

MEETING OF THE D. A. R.

An Interesting Meeting Held at Mrs. H. B. Harrell, Sr.

The E. M. A. Chapter D. A. R. held the meeting for January at the home for Mrs. H. B. Harrell, Sr., in Weldon on Thursday, January 8th, with thirteen members present. We were glad to have present the following ladies: Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Willcox, Mrs. Norman and Miss Urte Daniel from Halifax, Mrs. Harrison from Enfield, and Mrs. Manning and Mrs. Taylor from Roanoke Rapids. The treasurer's report showed fine work having been done in the past year and communications were read in regard to "Cross Novit" a vocational school near Spruce Pine, N. C., which is doing a great deal for the mountain boys and girls of that section. Mrs. Norman read a paper "The Origin of the D. A. R.'s." Miss Kate Garrett gave two beautiful piano selections and the chapter adjourned to meet in February with Mrs. Harrington. The hostess requested the guests to each write a "Toast to the New Year" and Mrs. D. R. Anderson was awarded the prize for the best toast. The hostess assisted by Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Harrington and Mrs. H. B. Harrell, Jr., served a delicious salad course with hot rolls, sandwiches and coffee. Quite a number of invited guests were present and all were invited to try their fortunes which were found hidden underneath a large Liberty Bell in the dining room and afforded much fun. The guests voted Mrs. Harrell a delightful hostess and will be glad to meet with her again.

SAVES LIFE OF COTTON

Governor Commutes 18 Year Old Negro Slayer Doomed To Die Last Monday.

Gerson Cotton, 18-year-old negro boy of Halifax county, under sentence to be electrocuted on last Monday, January 12, Saturday received a commutation to life imprisonment at the hands of Governor Cameron Morrison on account of circumstances surrounding the crime.

The evidence offered during the trial which occurred at the August term of Halifax county Superior court showed that Cotton killed a negro woman, Johnnie Watson, and seriously wounded four others.

There was a sharp conflict in the evidence presented in the case, but there was a general agreement that at the time of the shooting, Cotton did not see the girl he had shot and had no quarrel with her, his evident desire being to shoot up the entire family, with one member of which he had quarreled.

Solicitor R. Hunt Parker opposed the commutation while Judge W. M. Bond, who tried the case, left the matter squarely up to the Governor.

The reasons assigned by the Governor in the Cotton case follow: "The prisoner in this case, Gerson Cotton, was convicted at the August Term, 1924, of Halifax County, of Murder in the First Degree, and sentenced to death by electrocution Sept. 17, 1924. I reprieved the prisoner on several occasions, the last reprieve extending to Jan. 12th.

"Believing that the prisoner was in such a state of mental confusion and excitement as to make impossible that deliberation which would warrant his paying the extreme penalty for his crime, I hereby commute his sentence to that of life imprisonment."

A CLOSE CALL.

On last Friday night Mr. N. J. Shepherd had a very close call. Approaching a railroad crossing near the mill, he obeyed the law by coming to a full stop. It being a dark, rainy night, he did not see an engine backing some cars, and attempted to cross the track. The cars struck his auto, dragging it a hundred yards or more, breaking the car, but very fortunately did Mr. Shepherd no damage, we are glad to say.

A New York editor says but one girl out of five is fit to be kissed. That may be true of New York, but around Weldon you can't find one that isn't worth it.

SPRIGHTLY SPARKS.

Gathered Here and There and Everywhere.

Most women's idea of "creation" is a hat that cost \$20 more than it is worth.

At any rate the highwaymen of olden days held you up instead of running you down.

AMERICA is said to have about half of the world's gold—and about ninety per cent of its brass.

This reducing business is being carried too far in this country. Even the milk is getting thin.

A steamboat load of autos sank in Lake Erie. We suppose the fish are now busy dodging traffic.

The quickest way to straighten bowlegs is to ride around awhile with three or four in a flivver car.

We see in the magazines that the Hindus eat bamboo seed. We'd be afraid they'd make our joints stiff.

The burning question in Weldon is not so much the price of fuel as it is of "who's going to build the fire."

The main trouble with cutting off the expenses of the government is that most of the expense can vote.

There is nothing more humiliating than arguing with a fool. He never knows which one is the fool.

The happiest girl in the world is the one with bowlegs who discovers that another girl is knock-kneed.

We couldn't ask for anything more in life than to own an undertaking establishment at a railroad crossing.

There's this advantage in bobbed hair—a bobbed hair in the butter isn't as bad as a long one tangled up in it.

They've done about everything for filling stations in this country but call them "Ye Olde Gasse Shoppe."

Just when the world had commenced to get better a New York woman up and died and left \$5,000 to a pet cat.

If he knows what a pint will do to him, and what stepping on it will do to the car, why do they call it an accident?

They say the Japanese don't care much for dogs, but we can't figure where this ought to make a good dog feel bad.

Many a Weldon father who faces the problems of life cheerfully can't solve the problems his offspring brings from school.

Agriculture and the weather are alike in more ways than one. Everybody talks about both but does nothing about either.

It looks like the president is going to have a big job keeping the Congressional "lame ducks" from offering a lot of quack measures.

Harvard University is said to be the oldest American college. It was started back in the days when young men went to school to study.

Our idea of a far sighted man is the fellow who gave his wife a waffle iron for Christmas so she could furnish him a better breakfast.

The French don't want to pay us anything for ten years. Someone seems to have told them that Uncle Sam's other name is Santa Claus.

Why is it that when some Weldon citizens get a bill bearing the words "please remit" they act as though they were being black-mailed.

It's a sign of hard winter when a man notices that a squirrel's fur is thick and when a woman notices that the fur on her last winter's coat is thin.

If there is one time in a Weldon man's life when he can feel wholly virtuous it is carrying a quart bottle of vinegar down the street and know it is vinegar.

When you find a Weldon man who insists on smiling all the time it's hard to tell whether it is due to sunshine in his soul or moonshine in his stomach.

At the present rate Weldon may yet see the day when it will be hard to find a girl who knows more about a knitting needle than she does about a curling iron.

We've always noticed that the farmer who is always complaining of being hard up is usually the one who leaves his machinery standing out in all kinds of weather.

JURORS DRAWN

For January Term of Superior Court.

The following jurors were drawn last week by the Board of County Commissioners for the Superior Court which convenes on the 26th inst, Judge W. A. Devin presiding:

First Week—Julius Morris, R. L. George, Henry Jenkins, J. E. Cox, Paul Fenner, W. F. White, A. E. Crawley, W. N. Bobbitt, J. U. Vaughan, J. L. Cobb, C. N. Parks, J. M. Bragg, A. L. Price, J. H. Cranwell, L. E. Hull, A. L. Burnett, D. F. Bryant, J. R. Wollett, W. L. Hasty, Jim Smith, S. H. Wollett, W. L. Mills, R. E. Pitt, D. H. Martin, S. C. Crawley, J. W. Carlisle, J. R. Locke, C. O. King, J. L. Edwards, R. G. Myrick, W. L. Scott, Colie Clark, Mark Whitley, L. A. Daniel, W. H. Weeks, C. A. Dickens.

Second Week—Buck Taylor, J. S. Cheek, Frank Branch, R. A. Strickland, Willie Ellis, Norman Smith, H. C. Grant, G. A. Wood, Jas. G. Shields, S. G. Whitefield, J. O. Gray, Henry Love, B. S. Webb, J. Stallings, S. L. Hoggard, Charlie Bryant, Ray Boyette, J. E. Porter, A. L. Whitehead, C. N. Pitt, Cary Wilson, H. C. Harris, J. R. Coleman, J. D. Pittard, W. A. Norwood, D. W. Cohoon, Jno. G. Phillips, C. D. Brown, E. B. Smith, P. E. Shields, P. H. Shields, A. H. Porer, J. M. Lewis, W. A. Harvey, B. A. Whitley, J. R. Carroll, W. M. Pepper.

A KIWANIS PRAYER.

Teach me that sixty seconds make a minute, one hundred cents a dollar and sixteen ounces a pound.

Help me to live that I can lie down at night to sleep, not toss, shave myself in the morning and look the man before in the eye.

Grant that I may earn my meal ticket on the level and in earning it that I may measure my acts by the Golden Rule.

Deafen me to the jingle of the dirty dollar and to the rustle of unholly petticoats.

Blind me to the faults of the other fellows and open my eyes to my own shortcomings.

Guide my footsteps so that each evening at the dinner table when I look at my wife who has been a blessing to me, I shall have nothing to conceal.

Keep me young enough to laugh with little tots and sympathetic enough to be considerate of old age.

Then when comes the day of lowered shades, the soft footsteps and the smell of tube roses, make the ceremony short and let the fellows say, "He was a good Kiwanian."

NOTICE TO PARENTS.

As fast as the Department can possibly make visits to the schools every child will be given a chance to take the schick test to determine a child's protection against diphtheria. We cannot possibly protect every child by vaccination, so we are going to attempt to give each child a simple skin test and then only those cases that show by the test that they are not immune to diphtheria will be given protection. We want all parents to instruct their children to take this test when we visit the school. Since beginning this test work a short while before Christmas we have tested two thousand children. There is no pain or possibility of any trouble from it. If you want any more information on the test ask your family doctor. This is our only method of controlling diphtheria and we must have the co-operation of parents if we do any effective work in any health line.

All adults should avail themselves of the chance to get this test but it is more important that school age children get it, as about 80 per cent. of cases of diphtheria occur in children under 18 years of age. When your child brings you the notice from the school please instruct child to take the test.

E. W. LARKIN, M. D. Health Officer.

We see where an eastern judge has ruled that cows have the right-of-way. And he wants to know if there is an auto driver on earth who didn't know that already.

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WOMAN ADMIRES BABY

Accepts It As Gift—Do You Like It? Asked Young Woman; Then Take It, She Said.

"What a pretty baby," said Mrs. J. J. Christy, of Salisbury, to an attractive young woman on the train running between Rocky Mount and Fayetteville Tuesday night.

"Do you like it," asked the young woman.

"I do," replied Mrs. Christy. "Then, you may have it," emphasized the supposed mother, who reached into a suit case and gave Mrs. Christy some clothing for the infant.

Mrs. Christy accepted the child and got off at Wilson, while the young woman continued on her journey, without giving her name, the child's name or any other information.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. DeBerry, of this place, so we learn, decided to separate and divide the children. So Mr. DeBerry took the older one and left his wife with the baby. Mrs. DeBerry left with the baby and the next day the above appeared in all the daily papers. We read the article but did not know that the parties were Weldon people until our attention was called to same. The mother quickly became repentant and returned to Wilson on last Thursday night in a grief stricken condition to reclaim her baby.

THE AFTERNOON CLUB.

The Thursday Afternoon Club held its regular meeting with Miss Florence Allen at her home on Washington avenue. Mrs. Craig Cornwall presided in the absence of the President. After a short business meeting the program was rendered as follows:

A paper—"The Ancient Egyptians"—Mrs. Frank Cole.

A paper—"The Wonders of Egypt"—Mrs. Nash.

Vocal Solo—Mrs. Raleigh Daniel.

After the program a delicious salad course was served by the hostess, assisted by Misses Katherine Ward and Mary Pierce.

The guests of the Club were Mrs. W. L. Knight, Mrs. D. P. Chansworth, of Palestine, W. Va., Mrs. Troy Myatt, of Wilson, Mrs. Jack Jennings, of Williamson, W. Va., and Misses Anna Shaw and Mary Anderson.

MARRIED.

In Weldon, at the home of Mr. J. T. D. Rawlings, on Saturday, January 10th, Mr. Sterling Hilliard and Miss Elizabeth Pruitt were married, Rev. G. W. Perry officiating.

The groom is the grandson of the late Louis Hilliard, of Norfolk, Va., and the bride is from Emporia, Va., though she has held the position of stenographer and book-keeper for the Bounds Motor Co. The bride and groom left immediately by motor for Greensboro and will be at home on their return to Weldon where their many friends wish them a long and successful life.

DEATH OF MR. BUTTS.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. J. C. Butts, of Halifax, which occurred at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital on Monday morning at 9 o'clock, in the 70th year of his age. Mr. Butts was taken with hiccoughs several days ago and everything that could possibly be done to relieve him was done. He was finally taken to the hospital where he passed away Monday morning.

Mr. Butts leaves a wife and six children to mourn their loss.

His remains were taken to Halifax where the interment took place on Tuesday.

A BOLD THIEF.

Curtis Higgins, of Roanoke Rapids, reports the loss during one night last week of his trousers and the sum of \$138 which he had in his pocket. About 3 o'clock in the morning Mr. Higgins says he was awakened by a noise in his room and aroused to find a man rifling his pockets for money. Upon seeing his victim was awake, the intruder not being able to extract the money from the pocket of the pants, proceeded to run, carrying with him pants, money and all.

AFTER FEB. 1ST.

Mrs. A. L. Durham wishes to announce that after February 1st, she will do all her hemstitching at her residence on Cedar street.

DOTS AND DASHES

About Folks You Know, Will Know, or Ought To Know.

Mr. R. B. Brickell left Monday night for a visit to her daughter at Miami, Fla.

Mr. J. P. Holoman left for Atlanta, Ga., the first of the week to to buy horses and mules.

Mrs. Annie Kitchin McDowell, of Scotland Neck, spent last Saturday with Mrs. I. E. Green.

Mrs. R. A. Musgrove and little son who have been visiting relatives in New York City, have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Owen were called to Greensboro last Saturday on account of the illness of their daughter, Miss Virginia Owen, who is a student at the Greensboro College.

The many friends of Miss Ethel Crew who has been so dangerously ill in a hospital in Greensboro, will rejoice with us to learn that she is very much improved and will soon be well again.

KIWANIS MEET.

Enthusiastic Meeting Held Tuesday Evening.

The regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club was held on Tuesday evening, at 6:30.

The main topic for discussion was "Know Your Town." During this discussion, the members learned some good things that Weldon needed and also the advantages of Weldon. Mr. Chas. R. Daniel told the Club that two things that Weldon needed was a good Seed Farm and a Municipal Swimming Pool. We have the right kind of soil to raise any kind of good seed but we send to some other city to get the seeds we need when we could grow them right at home. Mr. Daniel also stated that in a short while we will have plenty of water and Weldon needs and should build a Municipal Swimming Pool.

Mr. Ben Rodwell stated that Weldon had the cheapest freight rate, both incoming and outgoing of any town within a radius of 60 miles. There are manufacturers all over the country looking for a place to locate and this fact would be a big drawing card if it could be told of this.

Mr. C. F. Gore spoke for the farmers and the farming possibilities in this section. He upheld Mr. Daniel in regard to the seed farm, and urged that the Kiwanis Club co-operate in any way to help the farmer.

"What Weldon Needs," was Dr. E. D. Poe's subject. He talked four minutes, first telling the good things that Weldon already has, then what Weldon needs to make it a better place in which to live.

Mr. N. M. Shearin made a four minutes talk on "My Own Business." The members learned a lot about Dixon Lumber and Millwork Co., from his talk. This Company has sold over \$1,200,000.00 of building material in the past ten years.

Mr. W. L. Scott won the prize for being able to take his coat off, turn the sleeves wrong side out and then get back into the coat. Rev. G. W. Perry presented the prize.

The music by the quartet was excellent and much enjoyed.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Senator Elliott B. Clark is on the following committees:

Claims, Senatorial Apportionment, Railroads, Fish and Fisheries, Finance, Immigration, Internal Improvements, Judiciary No. 2, Penal Institutions. He is chairman of Internal Improvements Committee.

OH, BOY!

"Oh, what a cute little dolly! Does she say 'Mamma' when you squeeze her?"

"Naw! My dolly's a modern doll. When you squeeze her, she says Oh, boy!"

APPENDICITIS.

Miss Margaret Capell was taken to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital on Monday last affected with appendicitis. We have not learned whether she had been operated on.

GOOD TASTE.

He—"Dearest, will you marry me?"

She—"Luke, I can't marry you but I shall always respect your good taste."

WHO WON?

Willis: "So the ship went down at sea?"

Was there any liquor aboard?"

Nellis: "Judge for yourself. The captain had to fight with the whole passenger list to see who would go down with the ship."

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Plain Johns

Who Reached the Heights

A SERIES OF

Six Sunday Evening Sermons On Life Building

BY

ELIAS DODSON POE, Th. D.

Jan. 11—John the Baptist, the Man with a Mighty Voice.

Jan. 18—John Bunyan, the Man who was willing to Stay in Jail.

Jan. 25—John Bright, the Friend of Workingmen.

Feb. 1—John D. Rockefeller, the Poor Man, who has Given Away Millions.

Feb. 8—John Wanamaker, the Man who made Money Out of a Store.

Feb. 15—John Jones, the Average American and His Affairs.

DO YOU LIKE LIFE WITH VIM IN IT?

Then, come to the FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH and hear these sermons.

THE TIME IS 7:30.

Bring your friends and hear them all.

Grace Episcopal Church

WELDON, N. C.

REV. C. H. JORDAN, RECTOR.

SUNDAY, JANUARY