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QUERY AND ANSWER COLUMN.

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All Our Readers Invited To Send in Questions of Any Nature.

Mr. Editor: I was born on March 3, 1876. Will you please tell me what day of the week that was? Was it an unlucky time? And was it a leap year?

Ans. March 3, 1876, was on Friday. Only the superstitious believe in "lucky days." Very few born on March 3 ever become very poor. The year 1876 was not a leap year.

E. S. Rosemary: Will you please answer the following in your Query column: Was the murderer of Abraham Lincoln, John Wilkes Booth buried under the Seaboard warehouse in Chicago, and was the place of his burial kept secret until this year?

Ans. Some say he was buried under a warehouse in Portsmouth while others say he was buried in the family square in Baltimore. As to his burial place being kept secret until this year we do not know.

E. F. J., Halifax: How high is the Eiffel Tower in France? Is it the highest structure in the world?

Ans. The Eiffel Tower in France is 984 feet high and is the highest structure in the world. The Washington monument at Washington, D. C., is next, with 556 feet high.

L. K., Weldon: To settle a bet can you tell us which is the greatest number of foreign-born people that come to the United States—Germans or Irish?

Ans. The greatest number of immigrants to this country are Germans. The Italians are second, Russians are third, Poles and Irishmen fourth and Irishmen fifth.

Mr. Editor: Will you please tell me how to make chop suey?

Ans. It is not customary for us to print recipes, but in this case we will say there is no set way for making chop suey. Usually the meat consists of beef, pork or fried chicken. The vegetables consist of celery, onions, green bean sprouts, mushrooms, green peppers and noodles. All these are chopped fine, seasoned with sesame oil and then stewed.

P. S. N., Weldon: Is there a Defense Day in the United States?

Ans. No—except for some married men, which is every day.

J. B., Halifax: What day and date and where was President McKinley shot? Was he instantly killed? What was his assailant's religion, and was he hanged?

Ans. William McKinley was shot while holding a reception at the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo, N. Y., on Friday, Sept. 6, 1901, and died eight days later from the effects of the shot—Sept. 14. The assassin, who was an Atheist, was electrocuted at the Auburn, New York, State prison on October 29, 1901.

Mr. Editor: I wish to ask you if Niagara Falls is the highest and greatest falls in the world?

Ans. Niagara Falls is the greatest for the volume of water that passes over the precipice, but the Sutherland Falls, in New Zealand is the highest in the world, having a fall of 1,904 feet—nearly one-third of a mile. Niagara has a fall of 164 feet.

Autoist, Rosemary: I would like to know who invented the first car? Also what year and how many cylinders?

Ans. The first automobile known as the "horseless carriage" made its appearance in 1896. It had a one cylinder gasoline engine. The gasoline engine was invented by Cykel Otto, of Germany, in 1877.

Query: I want to ask in your question column what are the colors of the German flag since the empire has fallen and a republic established?

Ans. The flag of Germany since the fall of the monarchy is black, red and gold. These colors were adopted when the republic was established.

H., Jackson: When was Justice McKenna, of California, elected to the United States Supreme Court, and when will his term expire?

Ans. McKenna was not elected but appointed in 1898. Appointments to the Supreme Court are for life. However, McKenna recently resigned from the high tribunal.

SPRITLY SPARKS.

Gathered Here and There and Everywhere.

"Some folks are so afraid they won't get their money's worth," says Uncle Sam, "that they come back from Florida grumbling because an alligator didn't bite 'em."

It would also be a pretty good idea for our young men to remember that there are no parking places on the road to ruin.

Mr. Luke Shearin declares that this is a dull world at times, but that a fellow can always get a soufflette mad when he needs amusement.

Some women call a man stubborn and hard to get along with when he insists on having his own way about once in ten years.

After a man has heard his wife's description of himself, a compliment from a friend doesn't amount to much.

Nobody can look more like a total failure than the fellow being towed to a garage in a brand new car.

Before marriage a man tells a girl he can't do enough for her, and after marriage she finds out that he was telling her the truth.

If Mr. Rockefeller wants to give away some more money he might lower the price of gasoline.

The old-fashioned girl who was all dressed up and no place to go has a daughter who is dressed down to the limit and going everywhere.

It takes all kinds of people to make a world, including the fellow who worries more over the loss of appetite than he does over the loss of reputation.

It looks like a waste of money for some moving picture people to spend so much on a wedding when they know they're going to be divorced in a few weeks.

You've a right to your opinion but we believe that every woman who sues for breach of promise would rather have the money than the man.

Chicken is the most useful food. You can eat them before they're born and after they're dead.

Postmaster Price says he is pleased to note that on nearly all of the big national questions President Coolidge agrees with him.

There's a big difference in the speed of the average Weldon man's car when he is bragging about it to a judge.

We don't know what it was that they fought to make the world free for, but it looks like a free-for-all.

One of the funniest things in the world to us is to see the kind of automobiles some fellows put locks on.

A government expert declares that a dollar bill lasts seven months. We'd like to see him come to Weldon and prove it.

Even if you're right about the right-of-way, don't argue. It is possible to be both right and dead.

They do say that more girls around Weldon are painting their cheeks now than ever before. Well, fewer men are painting their noses.

Suits with two pairs of trousers are in demand, but most of us are hoping for the day when they will also throw in a coat and vest.

If it wasn't for his conscience, his wife, his landlord, the law and his neighbors, any man could do about as he pleased.

Why is it that the Weldon man who can use a comb and brush that are chained to the wall in a public wash room will go home and raise the roof because someone in his family used his comb?

When gasoline goes up to about two bits a gallon, it's about time to wear the flivver.

Don't complain when you hear a Weldon girl giggling. She may get married sometime and then she won't have much to giggle about.

Of course every rose has its thorns, and pretty soon summer will be here again with its soiled white slippers and dirty elbows.

The modern test of will power in Weldon is to work cross-word puzzles or leave them alone.

There isn't much honor among thieves. Look how often bandits rob filling stations.

It's hard for the average Weldon man to understand how an undertaking establishment can go bankrupt.

DOTS AND DASHES

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

Mr. J. P. Holoman has returned from a trip to Atlanta, Ga.

Chief S. M. Dickens, Nashville, was a visitor here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Anderson spent the week-end in Durham.

Miss R. N. Hill has returned from a visit to relatives at Warrenton.

Mr. Joe Clayton, of Wake Forest College, spent the week-end here.

The Legislature having adjourned, Senator Clark has returned home.

Miss Lillie Stainback, of South Hill, Va., spent the week-end in town.

Mrs. W. B. Edwards, of Murfreesboro, was a visitor here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Potter, of Dillwyn, Va., spent the week-end in town.

Mr. Eli Bloom attended the Bloom-Levenson marriage in Richmond, this week.

Mr. Walter Sledge, of Wake Forest College, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mrs. James and daughter, of Washington, D. C., are visiting Mrs. E. L. Green.

Misses Johnnie Bottoms and Marry Coats, of Margaretsville, were here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Clary, of Milwaukee, Wis., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Clary.

Miss Annie Rowe House, of the E. C. T. School, spent the week-end with relatives here.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. J. W. C. Daniel, of the Littleton Dispatch, on Monday.

Mrs. Reaves Neblett and children, of Victoria, Va., visited Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Garlick last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Johnston, of Florence, S. C., spent several days with Mrs. Sallie Brickell last week.

Col. W. T. Shaw who has been spending some time in Cuba, has returned home. The mild climate greatly benefited his health.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Farber, and Mr. and Mrs. M. Josephson are attending the Bloom-Levenson marriage in Richmond this week.

Judge W. A. Devin, of Oxford, who is holding the spring term of Halifax Superior Court addressed the Kiwanis Club in this place on Tuesday night.

Mr. G. K. Ricks who has been spending the past several months with his son, C. N. Ricks, has returned to his home in Southampton county, Va.

Mr. Luther Holoman and family and Mrs. Rebecca Rogers and daughter, Mary, of Franklin, Va., spent the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Holoman.

Dr. D. B. Zillicoffer who has been ill at his daughter's residence at Roanoke Rapids, for the past three weeks, came home last Friday. His condition is very much improved and he will soon be well again, we are glad to say.

BANK OPENING.

We cordially invite all our friends to attend the opening of our new banking quarters Saturday, March 21st, 1925.

Business will be transacted in the usual way through Friday, at the old place. The doors of the New Bank will be open to everybody Saturday, at Nine A. M., and will remain open until eight P. M.

We want everybody, men, women and children to come in and inspect our new banking quarters. We have souvenirs for all. \$5.00 in Gold will be given to the party who opens the largest Savings Account with us on the opening day.

THE BANK OF WELDON.

DIED FROM WOUNDS.

Tom Jones, colored, who was severely cut here about two weeks ago and taken to the hospital at Roanoke Rapids, died at that place last Thursday. Rosa Flagg who it was said did the cutting, was arrested and carried before Mayor Wiggins who put her under bond of \$250 for her appearance at the Superior court. No one will ever know the facts in the case. The negro that did the cutting and the one that was cut, both claimed they were "pranking" and there were no other witnesses.

WORKERS' CONFERENCE.

Weldon District Hold A Delightful Meeting Here.

According to program the Missionary Society of the Weldon District met in the Methodist church on Thursday, March 12th, with Miss Anna Graham, of Warrenton, presiding. Rev. G. W. Perry opened with devotional exercises and extended a cordial welcome to the delegates and visitors present. Mrs. A. M. Gates, vice-president, and Mrs. Rigsbee, superintendent of Young People's Work, both of Durham, were present and gave inspiring talks on their respective subjects.

The county and group superintendents who were present gave reports which the secretary supplemented with a complete report for the District.

Northampton county received special commendation for the fine work they are doing and Weldon service auxiliary honorable mention having paid an average of \$10 per member into the connectional work during 1924. There were many interesting facts brought out in regard to the work of the women and the pressing needs presented in a very attractive way by the secretary who was at her very best. The District was very well represented and seven ministers were present.

The devotional exercises in the afternoon conducted by Mrs. H. C. Spiers was inspiring and helpful. Mrs. S. B. Pierce gave a very impressive talk on "Stewardship." Rev. R. H. Broom brought a special message in the interest of the unpaid Centenary Pledges and Mrs. W. H. Brown, of Northampton, spoke attractively of the Bright Jewel work. Mrs. Perry's class of little folks sang two songs and after a most interesting and inspiring meeting the conference adjourned with the benediction by Mr. Perry.

To Mrs. Wm. L. Knight and her committee was due very much of the credit of the success of the meeting. These were untiring in their attention to every detail. The chancel was beautifully decorated in fresh spring flowers. The guests were met and welcomed and a two course luncheon served to more than a hundred of the missionary women and their guests. In this the Young Women's Society heartily co-operated.

FAMILY RE-UNION.

On last Sunday there was a family reunion at the home of Mrs. Sallie Brickell, the occasion being the birthday of Mrs. Brickell. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnston, Weldon, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnston, Littleton, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Johnston, Florence, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Johnston, Weldon, Mr. E. C. James, Elkin and Mr. J. A. Johnston, Jr., Weldon. There was a sumptuous dinner served and a general good time had in talking of the days that are gone.

THE COLLEGE CHOIR.

We copy the following from the advanced sheets of a publication at the State College, Greensboro:

"Every Monday and Tuesday about 12:15 o'clock at North Carolina college one who happens to drop in on chapel exercises at that institution will be impressed with the volume and the sweetness of the hymns, sung by the young women of the college.

The volume comes from the number of the voices employed in the making of what is now known as the college choir. Something like 60 girls, arrayed in neat black and white garments, march each day through the hall of the students' building and down the aisle of the auditorium to make the spacious room resound with their melodies. But the 60 girls represent only about one-half the college choir; for 60 of them are employed on Monday of each week, and 55 on Tuesday."

We notice among the soprano voices, Misses Louise Farber and Margaret Hudson, of Weldon, and among the first alto voices, we notice the name of Miss Elsie Mae Crew, of Pleasant Hill. It always gives us pleasure to mention the fact, when we see the girls of this town and section taking a prominent part in any branch of college work.

MARCH NOTES.

Blustery weather.

March, March away.

Last Tuesday was St. Patrick's Day.

The grass is beginning to look pretty again.

The fishermen are getting their nets in order.

The farmers have commenced stirring the land.

The peach trees and pear trees are blooming out.

MISS ANNIE TRAVIS DIES.

Body of Well Known Business Woman Taken to Halifax For Burial.

Miss Annie Travis, assistant director of the state Department of Labor and Printing, died yesterday morning at 5:45 o'clock at Rex Hospital after an illness of about two weeks. The body was carried to her former home in Halifax.

Miss Travis had been in ill health for some time but her friends did not realize the seriousness of her condition on account of the bravery with which she continued to go on with her work. The news of her death came as a distinct shock.

Her sister, Mrs. Mary Burwell, of Oxford, and her brother, E. L. Travis, of Halifax, were with her at the time of her death. She is also survived by a brother, R. S. Travis, of Weldon.

She has been connected with various departments of the State government and was one of the best known business women in the State. She came to Raleigh as stenographer for Governor Kitchin and worked in his office during his administration. Later she became connected with the State Department of Education under Dr. J. Y. Joyner. She was in more recent years engaged in the insurance business in Raleigh. At the time of her death and for the past three years she has served as director of the Raleigh office of the State and Federal Employment Bureau of the Department of Labor and Printing.

She was a graduate of the North Carolina College for Women where she made a brilliant record as a student.

The above is taken from the News and Observer of the 13th inst. Miss Travis was a resident of Weldon many years and was very popular with a large number of citizens who will learn of her passing with much sorrow.

She was buried beside her mother and father in the family graveyard at Halifax.

NEGRO ROBBER KILLED.

A negro was shot and killed by a policeman as he was trying to enter a store at Emporia last Tuesday night. The policeman hailed him and instead of answering, drew his pistol and commenced firing. The policeman took deliberate aim at him and killed him instantly. Policeman Hardison of this place, went over and identified the body as that of the man he had shot at in Weldon on Monday night as he was trying to enter a store here. Much money was found on his body.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. W. J. Ward on Friday evening, March 6th. In the absence of the President, Mrs. W. G. Suiter presided. Plans were made for a "Game Tournament" to be held in the near future.

After readings by Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Hardy the meeting adjourned.

The hostess served delicious refreshments.

A BACHELOR'S HONEYMOON.

The Bachelor's Honeymoon staged at the School Auditorium on last Thursday and Friday nights was said to have been the best ever staged by local talent in Weldon. Large crowds were present both nights and were greatly pleased with the play through out. The parts taken by each one could not have been better. The costumes were beautiful, the choruses and dancers artistic and the music full of pep.

Just think of it, in less than two months the leaves on the trees will be grown.

IN "BY-GONE" DAYS.

Things That Happened 33 Years Ago in Town and Vicinity.

March 3, 1892.—In our report last week of "The Flower of the Family" we failed to mention that before each of the three acts there were vocal music, the first being a duet, "Oh that we Two Were Maying," by Miss Dolly Gay, of Wilson, and Mrs. W. T. Shaw. The other songs by Mrs. Shaw were "Stella," and "Good Night, Sweet Dreams" and "Swanee River." This music would have pleased the most critical audience in a large city. They showed marked training, power and scope and a softness and sweetness of tone which nature alone can give and gives rarely. Each piece was enjoyed.

Rev. R. P. Troy, of Littleton, was in town yesterday.

Miss Annie Riddick, of Fayetteville, spent Thursday night in town.

Mrs. Waterbury, of Richmond, Va., is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. T. Whitfield.

Capt. and Mrs. T. F. Anderson, who have been visiting relatives in Gloucester county, Va., returned home Tuesday.

Miss Sallie Wyche, teacher of bookkeeping and penmanship at Littleton College, spent Saturday night in town.

Col. W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Henderson, was here Monday.

Master Jesse Clark, a tyro in this office, left Saturday for Sanford.

Mrs. P. A. Lewis recently contributed to the Soldier's Home at Raleigh a lot of towels, napkins and soap.

Mr. Jonas Cohen, of Enfield, has in his hot house an orange tree which bore thirty-two oranges this season.

Mr. Joe Stainback, of Manchester, Va., was in town Monday.

Mrs. Gavin Clark and daughter, Miss Fannie, left Monday for Sanford where they in future will reside.

The family of Mr. Ed. Mellichamp has arrived in town.

Misses Lou Mason and Mary Wynn and Mrs. Olin Vinson, of Brunswick county, Va., spent Sunday in town with Mrs. P. N. Stainback.

Mr. Lee Johnson left Tuesday for Portsmouth, which place will in future be his home. Mr. Pete Joyner, of Garysburg, succeeds Mr. Johnson as one of the operators at the block office.

PUBLIC MEETING.

The ladies of the Junius Daniel Chapter U. D. C. will hold a public meeting in the School Auditorium on Thursday evening, April 2nd, which will be "an evening with Frank L. Stanton," to which all their friends are invited. There will be readings, impersonations and music taken from Mr. Stanton's life and writings, and will be thoroughly enjoyable. There will be no charge for admission but a contribution will be taken for the U. D. C. work.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish it was my physical power to thank each and every one of you personally for your kindness and sympathy that was shown to my father, mother and sister during his sickness and death. May God's greatest blessing rest upon you all through life.

MRS. NAOMI SOUTHWALL FRAZER.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. Lee Johnson entertained Tuesday afternoon in honor of little Miss Nancy Howard, of Kinston, the occasion being her 6th birthday. Quite a number of her little friends enjoyed with her this happy occasion and trust that she may have many more.

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