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## Passing Parade

reasons, but fear it could change the barnyard waste taste.

**A Salisbury**—VA hospital report in 2005 found a "gross lack of leadership at most every level."

**The N.C. Supreme Court**—ruled the *Wilkes Journal Patriot* has the right to review a Wilkes Regional Medical Center's contract to buy the practice of a gastroenterologist.

**A 126-page**—audit by the Justice Department's inspector general, found FBI agents had demanded personal data on American citizens without official authorization.

**A little-known**—federal subsidy, to compensate western rural communities for logging restrictions, to save spotted owls, salmon and other wildlife, will end after paying out \$2.9 billion in the past six years.

**A handgun ban**—in Washington was overturned by a federal appeals court, rejecting the argument that the Second Amendment applied only to militias.

**A BBC poll**—of more than 28,000 people rated Israel, Iran and the United States as having the most negative image out of the 12 major nations in the survey.

**A fish story**—Farmed trout and catfish sales in North Carolina last year were about the same, almost \$7.2 million each. There are 47 commercial trout growers and 44 catfish growers in the state.

**The House**—approved \$1.7 billion for federal grants to states and municipalities to modernize wastewater systems and to control sewage overflows.

**Presidential candidate**—Sen. Barack Obama is facing questions about more than \$50,000 he invested in two companies, just after he took office in 2005.

**The Air Force**—scrapped its most expensive "stealth" cruise missile developed in 1980 to evade Soviet radar.

**Alaska's Board of Game**—backed down on their vote to allow bear hunting on state lands near a popular bear-viewing area.

**After 50 years**—the United States and North Korea started talking, a first step to establishing diplomatic relations.

**After spending \$10 billion**—congressional auditors say another \$12 billion will be needed to clean up the nation's leaking underground gasoline tanks.

**China**—worried about teenagers becoming addicted to the Internet, is trying to come up with a plan that would kick the kids offline after five hours.

**A weak dollar**—and construction delays will cut 10,000 jobs from

European aircraft-maker, Airbus.

**Amtrak's**—bad on-time record is blamed on the congested freight tracks on which it is forced to run.

**A new drug**—ASAQ combining two of the most effective drugs to treat malaria, will soon be available across Africa and is expected to save lives of millions of children.

**A new \$30 million**—wing of the Newport News Mariners' Museum opened with more than 1,200 artifacts from the Union ship, Monitor, everything from silverware to the ship's engine and gun turret.

**In Oklahoma City**—the Cherokee Indian Nation voted to revoke citizenship of 2,800 slaves, once owned by the tribe, who have relied on tribal benefits.

**Venezuela President**—Hugo Chavez claims the CIA is out to kill him and called U.S. diplomat John Negroponte a "professional killer".

## Information Sought on Womanless Wedding

Last fall when Jim Brendle was helping clean out the old O.W. Slane Warehouse on Wise St., he found a number of old photos and documents. One document piqued his interest in particular and he thought it might amuse a large number of other people. The document was a list of characters in a "Womanless Wedding" held at Central High School April 26, 1927, almost 80 years ago.

If your very dignified grand- or great-grandfather was party to this "travesty" of marriage, we'd like to know about it. Be forewarned, some of the characters would be considered a little odd or even very politically incorrect today.

Lester Wolf, as the Bride; and Dr.

Garinger (no first name), groom, were stars of the show. Other primary characters were: T.S. Simpson, minister; Prof. Aubrey Elliott, father of the bride; Harry Blaising, best man; Dr. Hoffman and Dr. McPhail, flower girls; R.K. Henry, ring bearer; George Norman and Jr. Greaves, train bearers; Charles Mills, fairy; Walter Hook, dame of honor; and Dr. Johnston, maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Dr. Tom Bost, Walter Stanley, Bub Hovis, Ralph Graves, H.W. Sturup, Pie Chaplin, Jim Killian and C. L. Blount. Groomsmen were Duffy Bruns, Gene Parish, L. McKenna, Nick Laney, R. W. Rich, W. R. Stroupe, Jr., Bill Tate and Gelder Robinson.

Other characters were: H.C. Giles, mother of the bride; Joe Ellis, bride's baby brother; E. J. Caffrey, mother of the groom; J. Mac Woodsides, father of the groom; Mr. Powers, bride's college student brother; Charles Turner, wealthy uncle from England; Robert Dorton and Reuben Brown, old main aunts; Dr. A. W. Nance, chief of police; illegible character; Willard Dixon, 1928 flapper; Ward Threath, Will Rogers; Dr. Brode Nalle, General Pershing; and Maxie Dunn, rejected sweetheart.

Other characters were: Lineberry, Lindberg; W. B. Shockley, Gloria Swanson; George Farrington, Prince of Wales; Lewis Southerland, Gov. McLean; Mr. Challoner,

President Coolidge; Coach Jack Caldwell, black mammy; H. Begg, Uncle Ned; Ira Turner, rector who christened bride; Mr. Fields, Mr. Cartier; Clarence N. Reed and Galli-Curci, soloists; and Nick Laney, Al Jolson.

Pupils of Elizabeth H. Henderson also provided a "Kewpie Wedding."

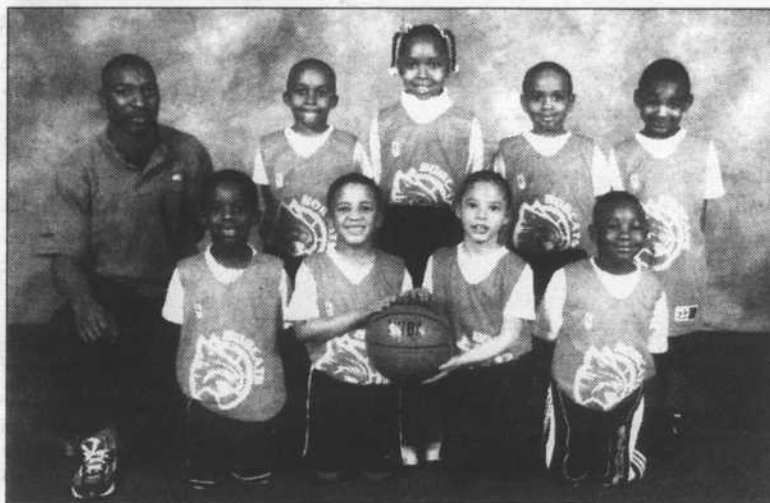
In that, Jean Seahorn and Marietta Shelby were pages; Jean Lockhart Peck, bride; Catherine Louise Spain, groom; Ann Wright, ringbearer; and Bootsie Gross and Ivy Crosland, flower girls.

Bridesmaids were Florence Soule, Freda Clair Templeton, Jeane Rider, Betty Henderson and Mary Frances Hutchinson. Ushers were Ella Sue Bishop, Elizabeth Hawthorne, Elizabeth Reed, Zena Schwartz, Dean Westmoreland, Billie Crawley, and Elizabeth and Joan Stiles.

Sarah Searcy and Vivian Lynn played Cupids and Jean Dozier was Heart.

The choir was Sarah Price, Dorothy Carlough, Adelia Crosland, Martha Frank, Aileen Foil, Rachel McClain, Marjorie Levi, Dorothy Harris, Peggy Presson Whaley Weeks, Betty Ann Gravitt, Carolyn Lassiter, Huldah Edens, Martha Fasnacht,

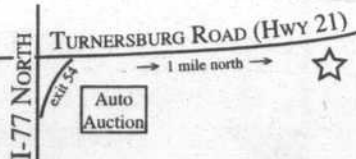
Anne Dye, Virginia Mauney, Frances Bagby, Mary Frances Campbell, Shirley Mills, Dorothy Downey, Julia Duff, Bettie Jane Casey, Shirley Gately and Jane Smith.



STATESVILLE RECREATION and Parks 2007 "Magic" basketball team, bottom row from left, are Quymont Wilson, Seth Parks, Kitiana Costello, Terence Boller Jr. Back row: Coach Cameron Wilson, Nicholas Skinner, Maniya Shell, Jalyn Caple and Ameira Davis.



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