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## THE PAPER OF THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE AND WITH THE PEOPLE.

### A FARMER BLEEDS TO DEATH.

**Jesse Byerly Falls on a Mowing Scythe and Receives Injuries Which Cause His Death.**

Mr. Jesse Byerly, a well-known farmer living about three and a half miles from Lexington, met death in a sudden and peculiar manner on Thursday of last week. Mr. Byerly fell on the blade of a mowing scythe and received injuries from which he bled to death in fifteen minutes after the accident.

Mr. Byerly lived near R. F. Clodfelter's. He left his home last Thursday morning, accompanied by his son, Junie, and went about a mile up Abbott's Creek to work in some meadow land. At noon, while coming out of a little house located in the bottoms, one of the steps to the house broke and Mr. Byerly was precipitated to the ground, falling upon the blade of a scythe that was standing beside the house. The blade cut through the fleshy part of one leg, severing a large artery, and severely cut the other leg. Help reached him in a few moments, but he bled to death in fifteen or twenty minutes.

Mr. Byerly was a hard-working, industrious farmer and his sudden death was a great shock to his family and friends. He was about fifty-nine years of age. He was buried at Pilgrim on Friday, the funeral being preached by his pastor, Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser.

### Rev. Holshouser Called.

Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser received a call last Thursday from the members of Trinity Reformed Church, Concord, asking him to become their pastor. Rev. W. H. McNairy, the former pastor, has been appointed missionary of the Reformed Mission at Lenoir and has accepted the appointment.

Mr. Holshouser is at present pastor of the Upper Davidson Charge of the Reformed church, consisting of Pilgrim, Beulah, Hebron and Bethany churches. He has the call from the Concord church under consideration and will make his decision in a few days. Mr. Holshouser is an able minister and it is hoped he will decide to remain with us.

### Arcadia Lodge Entertains.

The members of Arcadia Lodge No. 223, Independent Order Odd Fellows, entertained the degree teams from the North State Lodge, of Salisbury, at a special meeting held here Saturday night. While here the visiting teams put a candidate through all the degrees of the subordinate lodge. The work was excellent and was highly complimented by the local members present. After the initiation a lunch of dainty refreshments was served and visitors and home-folk were pleased and benefitted by the very pleasant evening enjoyed by all present.

Arcadia Lodge is in a flourishing condition, notwithstanding the fact there are a half dozen or more secret societies in the town, and that Arcadia is the youngest of the lot. It has nearly doubled its membership within the last year.

### Ill With Appendicitis.

Capt. Ernest W. Koontz, of Asheville, is ill with appendicitis and will undergo an operation in the Salisbury sanitarium to-day. Capt. Koontz is well known in Lexington and throughout the county and his friends trust the operation will be entirely successful and that he may speedily recover. He is a brother of Mrs. F. L. Hedrick and of Mr. E. C. Koontz, of Lexington.

His mother, Mrs. H. D. Everhart, who has been visiting here, went to Salisbury Saturday to attend the bedside of her son.

Capt. Chas. Price, a noted attorney of Salisbury, secured a fee of \$35,000 for the settlement of the Stanly and Wilkes county bond cases, which has just been accomplished in Rowan court. This is perhaps the largest fee received by any North Carolina lawyer for many years.

### ABOUT RURAL ROUTES.

**Assistant Postmaster Miller Explains the Necessity of Having Boxes, Etc.**

There are now seven rural free delivery routes in this county—four from Lexington, two from Linwood, and one from Thomasville. These routes are of great convenience to the people who live on them if they avail themselves with a lawful box, in which to deposit and receive their mail. The law requires that each family shall erect a box. The carriers make their trip once every day except Sunday. The boxes can be purchased from \$1.15 to \$2 and will last a long time. This is all you will ever have to do to get your mail brought to you, and any business that you wish to do can be done through these boxes. If you want to purchase a money order all that you have to do is to make out an application and place it in your box and the carrier will receipt you for same and take your letter and money to the post office and purchase a money order and place it in your letter and mail it or return it in your box as you may wish. Money orders are much cheaper for small amounts than registered letters, and are also much safer, registered letters being only insured for \$25 while money orders are insured for the full amount of the order. Money orders cost from 3 cents to 30 cents according to the amount of the order, small amounts being cheaper than registered letters. Can get stamps or stamped paper through these boxes. They are the same as a postoffice placed at every man's door and cost a very little and belong to the purchaser while people who live in towns have to pay \$2 yearly for rent on a box. Now these carriers are always very kind and obliging and will give any and all information possible. There is a lot of mail in the office at Lexington for people who live in a few hundred yards of the routes, No. 3 and 4 and even some special delivery letters, but these people have no boxes erected in which to receive their mail. Now if these people would invest \$1.50 they would receive their mail each day. All registered letters, special delivery letters, and pension checks are delivered in person. It seems to me that this is a very great help to country people and that they ought to avail themselves of this service. G. W. MILLER.

### A Large Engine.

The largest traction engine ever brought to Lexington was on the streets here yesterday. The engine was purchased by Messrs. I. A. Beck and Reuben Grimes. It is a Peerless and was sold by Mr. Geo. W. Crouse, the well-known implement dealer. The engine is a monster and friend Crouse says it is the best made.

### Important to Knights of Pythias.

There will be a very important meeting of the Knights of Pythias to-night. Installation of officers and other urgent business demanding that all be present. Every member is earnestly requested to be at the Castle Hall promptly at 7:30 o'clock. G. F. HANKINS, C. C.

### Marriage License.

Marriage licenses have been issued during the past week to the following parties: John Geiger to Mattie M. Burgin; Chas. G. Crouch to Cora L. Long.

### Died.

Mr. Hoover Byerly, an aged citizen of Emmons township, died Saturday the 12th, and was buried at Tom's Creek on Monday. Deceased was seventy-five years old.

### A Great Horse Sale.

One thousand Percheron brood mares weighing 1300 to 1600 lbs. will be sold by McCreary & Carey at South Omaha, Nebraska on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd.

### WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

The weekly crop bulletin, issued at Raleigh by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in its report for the week ending Monday, September 14th, says:

Fair, warm, dry and sunny weather during the past week was very favorable for farm work, and farmers made good progress in gathering crops. There were showers in the central district on the 8th and 9th, chiefly over the Piedmont plateau region, which were very beneficial, except that a few severe local storms with hail and wind caused some damage to crops in Caswell and Alamance counties; elsewhere the entire week was rather dry. The temperature averaged nearly 2 degrees daily above normal, but, though the weather was warm, there were no extremes, and cool nights are beginning to prevail, especially in the more elevated western sections. More rain is needed for fall crops, especially turnips and late corn; and rain is needed to soften the soil for plowing, which is progressing rather slowly.

The dry weather has been beneficial to cotton where the weed was getting to be too large, but in many sections it is thought that premature ripening is resulting from the deficiency of moisture; rust and shedding are still reported in many sections; cotton is now opening quite rapidly in most counties, and picking is well underway; the crop is being rushed to the gins and marketed as rapidly as possible; the lint appears to be fine and heavy. Gathering old corn is now underway. Late corn promises a very good yield; gathering fodder is practically over in the south and east, and is just fully underway in the north and western portions of the State. Cutting and curing tobacco is progressing well in Alamance, Guilford, Person, Surry, Forsyth and Caswell, and the cures are reported to be very good. Digging peanuts has commenced, crop fair. Sweet potatoes are excellent; a good crop of field peas is being gathered; rice is ripening and the harvest begun. During the past week a fine crop of late hay was cured and safely covered, including both meadow and pea-vine hay. Turnips, where up, are growing well, but the dry weather has prevented the sowing of winter turnips in many sections. Clover needs rain. Breaking land for wheat is progressing as rapidly as the dry condition of the soil will permit, and sowing winter oats and rye is underway. Scuppernon grapes are ripe; the season for other fruits is about over; late or winter apples are reported as dropping excessively, and the crop will be very short.

### New Rules and Regulations.

The following new rules and regulations governing entrance and attendance at Lexington graded schools will be enforced during the present term, which begins to-day:

Scholars absent more than three days, or tardy more than three times, during the school month, without satisfactory excuses, shall be suspended by the Superintendent for the remainder of that month, and he shall be re-instated only when the parent or guardian has given assurance of greater punctuality, or more regular attendance on the part of the pupil in the future.

Application for admission to the school may be made on any day of the first week and thereafter during the first month only on Mondays. After the first month there shall be no admission to the public school, except on the first Monday of each month, and after the 2nd of November no pupil shall be admitted who cannot be put into classes already formed.

The school shall be in session each school day from 9 a. m. to 2:30 p. m.

—Attention is called to the statement of the condition of the Bank of Lexington, which was published in the Dispatch of September 10th.

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THIS?

**A Final Notice to Certain Delinquent Subscribers.**

The Dispatch is carrying a number of subscribers on its books who are in arrears to this paper for a year or more subscription. Within the next few days we will mail a statement to all persons who are so indebted and we respectfully insist upon a prompt response, accompanied by a remittance, to these statements.

The accounts of all who fail to make satisfactory settlement at this office will be immediately placed in the hands of a collection agency, with instructions to COLLECT. This agency is backed by able attorneys and they will use all legal methods to secure a settlement, and this, of course, means considerable annoyance, unpleasant notoriety and additional costs to those whose names are furnished the agency.

We regret to be forced to take this method of collecting, but we have several subscribers who seem to be constitutionally opposed to paying for their paper, and we are going to test the "constitutionality of this opposition."

Don't dilly-dally over this matter any longer. If you subscribed for the paper and haven't paid for it, then you are as much indebted to us as you would be to a grocery store or any other business house where you secure credit by promising to pay at no distant date.

### Subscriptions.

Since our last issue we have received remittances for subscriptions to The Dispatch from the following parties:

W. F. Ford, S. Spain, C. W. Tesh, H. C. Elliott, Charles Tesh, J. L. Billings, Henry Warner, C. O. Moore, B. M. Williams, W. C. Feezor, John F. Beecher, L. A. H. Rogers, Charles Yokely, Mrs. Mary A. Cross, S. G. Motesinger, J. B. Craver, L. F. Smith, C. W. Trice, P. T. Trice, W. F. Curry, J. V. Sutton, Jacob Myers, C. F. Curtis, Prof. J. T. Henry.

### Death of an Infant.

Little Ellie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hedrick was just 10 months old when she died last Monday morning. The departure of this little one leaves a great gloom in this once happy home; but God has tenderly taken this little one from the toils and troubles, from the sorrows and sufferings of this life to the joys and triumphs of heaven. H.

### As to R. F. D. Boxes.

The Dispatch learns that a large number of parties residing along the route of the new R. F. D's, recently established in this county, have failed to provide themselves with mail boxes. Several postoffices have been discontinued and as a result those parties not having boxes are at present compelled to go many miles for their mail—to the home office at Lexington, Linwood or Thomasville, as the case may be.

This rural free delivery is not such a great thing, anyway. In many cases it is a hardship on parties living near the old post-offices and there is considerable complaint from many sections.

### Was Ready to Say "Goodby."

While Henry Drummond was calling on a friend on his last visit here he was introduced to a party of American girls.

"How very formal you are here when you are introduced!" he said. "Now, in England we always shake hands. What do you do here when you say good-by?"

"Oh, we kiss," said the youngest of the party, a charming girl of sixteen.

"Ah, that's charming," responded Professor Drummond. "Suppose we say goodby right now."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Salisbury, N. C., Sept. 11.—Upon a petition of a majority of the voters of this city the board of aldermen last night ordered a public sale of the property of the late J. B. Craver to be held at 10 o'clock on Monday, Sept. 14th.

### FURNIFOLD G. SIMMONS KILLED.

**Father of Senator F. M. Simmons is Brutally Murdered by a Negro.**

Furnifold G. Simmons, father of United States Senator F. M. Simmons, was brutally shot and clubbed to death Saturday afternoon by a negro whose name is said to be Daniels.

A dispatch to The Charlotte Observer correspondent from Pollocksville gives the following particulars: "Furnifold G. Simmons, father of Senator F. M. Simmons, was shot to death Saturday afternoon by an unknown party who was trespassing on his land squirrel hunting. Mr. Simmons lives in Jones county, about 17 miles from this place. Friday afternoon he heard the report of guns on his land, and went out to find out who the trespasser was, but could not tell what color he was, as it was near nightfall. Yesterday morning the shooting was continued, and he again went out in search of the offenders, and this time he was shot himself. It is supposed from appearances that he lived several hours after being wounded. He was shot in the stomach, chest and throat with No. 4 shot. He was heard calling at intervals of three-quarters of an hour, but it was thought that he was after the trespasser, and no attention was paid to him. Last night as he did not return home, search was made for him but without success, so this morning the search was continued, and he was found about 100 yards from the road dead."

A negro by the name of Alfred Daniels has been arrested, as being the alleged murderer, and he was taken to Trenton and lodged in jail. The people throughout the county are very much excited over the affair. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that Mr. Simmons came to his death by gunshot wounds fired from a gun in the hands of Alfred Daniels, a desperate negro.

### Much Time for Each Student.

At the Bingham School, near Mebane, N. C., classes are small. The number of teachers to boys is large. On this account the individual instruction can be greater and a proper amount of assistance can be rendered. Catalogue will be sent upon request to Preston Lewis Gray, B. L., Principal, Mebane, N. C.

Asheville, N. C., Sept. 11.—The hotel at Round Knob was burned to the ground last night about midnight. There were two occupants. The blaze was supposed to have been started by a spark from a passing engine. The front door, was broken open by W. L. Cooper, engineer on the helper engine. He aroused the inmates. The railway forces at Old Fort ran up to the hotel with the helper engine located there to give assistance. The building, a three-story frame one, could not be saved. It was valued at \$3,500; furniture, \$1,500. There was no insurance, as the hotel was refused by insurance companies. The hotel had recently been bought by E. B. Steel, of High Point.

Geo. Morgan, one of the men charged with killing Jones, the insurance agent, at Wilson some time ago, was convicted in Wilson Superior Court last week of running a gambling house and was sentenced by Judge Ferguson to pay a fine of \$1,000 and serve four months on the roads. The case for murder against Morgan and others is still pending.

M. S. McGee, whose home was at Boomer, Wilkes county, and whose mother still lives there, is said to have committed suicide a few days ago near Seattle, Wash. His body was found in a very much decomposed state and was identified only by a letter addressed to his mother. The remains were buried at Seattle.

The largest Range Horse dealers in the world are McCreary & Carey, of South Omaha, Nebraska, and at their sale Tuesday, Sept. 22nd, they will have more heavy draft horses than were ever offered before for sale at one place.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. C. W. Trice is in Concord this week visiting relatives.

Mr. J. R. Raper, of Linwood, was in town Monday on business.

Miss Ellen Grier, one of the graded school teachers, of Matthews, arrived Monday.

Mr. C. M. Thompson spent several days in Richmond last week on business.

Mrs. W. H. Mendenhall is in Salisbury this week visiting her sister, Mrs. J. D. Heilig.

C. C. Wesner, Esq., of the northern part of the county, was here Monday on business.

Miss Bride Jenkins arrived yesterday and has a position as book-keeper for Mr. R. L. McCrary.

Mrs. R. A. Spough, who has been visiting Mrs. W. E. Hege, left Saturday for her home, Salem.

W. P. Redwine, Esq., of Healing Springs, was here a few days this week visiting his son, Mr. J. D. Redwine.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hedrick will go to Edgar, N. C., tomorrow to attend a reunion of relatives of Mrs. Hedrick.

Mrs. Mattie J. Caviness, of Ramseur, who has been visiting her son, Mr. J. A. Caviness, left Monday for her home.

Mrs. B. F. Ausband, who has been in ill health for some time, is now in Salisbury undergoing treatment at the sanitarium.

Mr. W. P. Smith, of Charlotte, is in the county this week on one of his regular business trips for the hardware firm he represents.

Mr. J. B. Craver, who has been living at Hamlet for the past eight years, has returned to his old home near Arnold, this county.

Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Cecil, of Greensboro, spent Sunday here. Mr. Cecil was en route to Central, S. C., where he is building a large cotton mill.

Misses Louise Hill and Veigh Hutchinson left Monday for Greensboro where they will attend the State Normal and Industrial College.

Mr. Geo. W. Montcastle left Saturday for Jefferson City, Tenn., to join his wife, who is visiting his mother. He will be absent for a week.

Mr. Odell Shemwell, of Tyro, passed through here Monday en route to Louisville, Ky., where he will enter Bryan and Stratton Business College.

Miss Rosa Moore, of Greensboro, arrived Monday and is boarding with Mrs. Julia McCall. Miss Moore is one of the graded school teachers.

Mrs. J. D. Redwine, who attend her sister, Mrs. Bradshaw, during the illness and death of the latter, at Wilmington, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. W. B. Tucker and two children, Mabel and Otis, who have been visiting relatives in Danville and other places, returned home Monday.

A party of the former business associates of Mr. James H. Alexander have forwarded him a beautiful suite of furniture, as a wedding present. Mr. Alexander will be married this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock to Miss Cladie Kirkman, at Mount Vernon Springs.

Rev. J. D. Arnold returned Monday night from a three weeks vacation, and there will be regular prayer meeting services Thursday night. Preaching on Sunday at the usual time and place.

Mr. Ed. F. McCarty, who fell from a train at Salisbury several weeks ago and received injuries which necessitated the amputation of his right leg just below the knee, was brought home from the sanitarium at Salisbury Saturday night. He is getting on all right and is now able to walk about with the aid of crutches. Mr. McCarty will probably purchase a cork leg some time in the future.