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Dr. Dixon.

Dr. B. F. Dixon, of Raleigh, auditor of the State and a prominent Mason arrived here Saturday evening and was the guest of the Masonic Order until Monday morning. Sunday morning Dr. Dixon preached at Washington street M. E. Church before the Masonic Order. The congregation numbered perhaps 800 and were highly pleased with the discourse. Dr. Dixon's knowledge of masonry and his natural indowments as a preacher and a speaker fitted him well for the occasion. Sunday night Dr. Dixon again preached but just about the time the people began to assemble the storm came up which kept many people away.

Complimentary to Miss Newby.

There was quite an enjoyable gathering at the Elwood last Friday evening, the occasion being a 6 o'clock dinner, complimentary to Miss Virginia Newby, of Hertford, N. C., who was the guest of Miss Deborah Tomlinson on English street.

Those who made up the party were Misses Newby, Ethel Diffe, Mary Alexander, Deborah Tomlinson. Messrs. W. C. Jones, Alvin Parker, Oscar Moffitt and S. H. Tomlinson. After dinner the guests lingered in the parlors of the hotel for an hour or more making it pleasant for each other in social chat, music and games. The evening was a delightful one to all. Miss Newby is exceedingly popular here and her many friends regretted that her stay was necessarily short.

The Boys Are Off.

Tom Dalton arrived here Monday morning from Greensboro with gun and fishing tackle bound for Steed, N. C. He was joined here by Robert Bencini. They will spend several days with Flem Norman probably, but we doubt if Flem sees much of them.

Tom has almost grown out of the knowledge of his High Point friends.

Greek and Greek.

The Thomasville Hard Hitters sustained their reputation last Friday by sweeping from their feet the High Point Quick Steppers with a score of 20 to 5.

Death of an Infant.

Little Ruth, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Weedon died last Friday night after a week's illness of pneumonia. Aged 10 months the funeral services were held Saturday afternoon conducted by Revs. R. L. Patton and Eli Reese.

Mr. and Mrs. Weedon have the sympathy of the people of the community in their affliction.

Mr. Robertson Ill.

Mr. Thos. Robertson, chief clerk in the Lyon Agency, under Mr. Wescott Roberson, has been suffering with appendicitis since last Tuesday. He was taken to the Sanatorium at Salisbury Saturday for an operation.

Since the operation reports from him have not been very favorable but his many friends here hope that he may come through. The crisis has not yet arrived.

Miss Paylor Entertains.

Miss Irvin Paylor entertained a number of friends at a Finch party last Friday evening at her home on English street. There were many features of the evening's entertainment which afforded pleasure to the party and those who were present expressed themselves as delighted. At 11 o'clock refreshments were served to the gratification and appreciation of all.

Reception.

The North Side Fire Company will give a reception on June 18th, at the High Point Graded School, for the benefit of the fire company and everybody is cordially invited to attend. Cream and cake will be served from 3 to 12 o'clock.

The Meeting.

Mr. Bagby announced Sunday that there was a possibility of Evangelist Stewart beginning the meeting at Washington street M. E. Church next Sunday, May 31st. No word has been received from Mr. Stewart therefore it is expected that the meeting will begin at the time first set, June 7th.

The Chattawka Club will entertain a few friends to-morrow night.

Decoration Services.

Last Saturday afternoon a number of people gathered at the cemetery to take part in the Decoration services. The graves of the Confederate soldiers were covered with flowers, the ladies and children of the town taking part in the loving service. Rev. R. L. Patton and Rev. J. W. Welborn paid fitting tributes to the memory of these heroes. The services lasted about an hour.

This custom has only been inaugurated here since the graves of the soldiers were fixed up and we are pleased to see that it is growing in interest. It should be made the occasion of a holiday in which all would take part.

Attention Select Knights.

At the meeting Monday night High Point Legion No. 710, will give a reception, at which ice cream, cake and other delicacies will be served free. All Select Knights in town invited.

Golden Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ragan attended the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bulla at Trinity, Monday night.

Visiting in Nashville.

Mr. E. M. Armfield accompanied by Mrs. W. J. Armfield Sr. and Mrs. J. L. Armfield, of Thomasville, have gone on a visit to relatives in Nashville and other points in Tennessee. The ladies will be gone two weeks or more.

Mr. Leach's Horse Won.

In the races at Charlotte on the 20th, "Postmaster Bailey", Mr. George T. Leach's runner, won an important race. This is one of the most promising young horses on the track.

Mr. Hill's Condition.

Mr. S. P. Hill remains quite sick in his room over the store. He has had two hemorrhages lately which weakened him considerably. He is confined to his bed and does not improve as rapidly as his friends would wish.

Well Selected.

The School Board is in correspondence with the Louisville Lyceum Bureau concerning the entertainments for next year. It is probable that the program will be as follows: Sam Jones, Henry Watterson, Alton Packard, German Magicians, Polk Miller, Ladies Quartette, Schiller Male Quartette, Chicago Lady Entertainers.

In this last entertainment Mrs. George H. Moorhead and her sister Mrs. Clark will take part.

With Ellis-Stone & Co.

Vivian J. Parker, one of High Point's well known young men who has been salesmen with S. L. Gilmer & Co., in Greensboro, for some time has resigned his position and is now with the new dry goods firm of Ellis-Stone & Co., where he will be glad to see his friends.

Attended Mr. Durham's Marriage.

Messrs. P. V. Kirkman and C. L. Wheeler are in Brooklyn, N. Y., this week where they will take part in the marriage today of their friend Mr. Chas. Durham, an account of which was given in last week's Enterprise.

Enlarging.

A brick addition 12x36 in the rear of Denny building was made last week which gives Mr. J. W. Sechrest larger and better quarters. He is fitting also a nice office adjoining the store room. These changes make more room for both Mr. Sechrest and Mr. Welch.

Prominent Among His Race.

Bishop Hood who is one of the most prominent men of his race held a special service in the A. M. E. Church Sunday. His sermon was well received by his people and was counted an able one by many others who heard it.

Bishop Hood is about 75 years old. He has always made North Carolina his home.

Fell From Moving Train.

Saturday afternoon a negro who was stealing a ride on a freight train fell from a car near the Bed Spring factory and for sometime lay on the ground unconscious. He had a number of rocks in his pocket and fell on these which made his wounds worse than they would have otherwise been. Late in the afternoon he had recovered and went on his way.

WORKS LIKE A CHARM.

Mr. Oakley Rides About Town in an Automobile Made by Himself.

Our townsman, Mr. J. D. Oakley, is a genius. We do not know a man with a mechanical turn of mind equal to his and with as much skill to put his ideas into practice.

A few weeks ago Mr. Oakley came to the conclusion that he could make an automobile the equal of any. He went to work in his little shop in the grove near Mr. M. J. Wrenn's residence and the result of his work is a high class machine. He came down the street in it Saturday morning at a 20 mile an hour rate and for all intents and purposes it is surely equal to any of the high class automobiles. It is also high class in looks as well as service. Mr. Oakley is running the machine with ordinary kerosene oil but it can be run with gasoline. He is to be congratulated on his success. The machine has cost the maker about \$700.

Pale Faces Captured by Red Men.

The scouts of Chickasaw Tribe, No. 32, have captured six palefaces within the hunting grounds of said reservation and will proceed to torture them according to the rules and regulations of the Red Men. The time is to-night (Wednesday) and the place is in the roof garden, National Bank building. Warriors, and braves prepare your sharpest scalp knives and be on hand promptly at eighth run, the time the war dance begins, and after the victims have been tortured unto death at the tenth run or thereabout a big feast will be spread to celebrate the great event. Big Chief Johnson, Flower Moon Field, Sunburnt Hair Burton, and other tried warriors bold are on the "Feast Committee" and all Red Men can expect something fine to appease their hunger and satisfy their thirst—anything bordering on fire water, however, excepted. Ice cream, sandwiches, ices, cakes, fruits, nuts etc., will contribute to the feast. Let every Red Man, in good standing in High Point be on hand Wednesday night.

A Sprinkler?

How we need a street sprinkler! In most towns the merchants pay for this service but there are so many of them here that have the hose in front of their doors that an united action to support a sprinkler could hardly be gotten. It is a good opening for some energetic individual to run the sprinkler on the Main streets and collect a small amount each week from the people along the route. It would be a demonstration of public spirit and we have no doubt but that the city would let out the water at a nominal price or it may be that water could be gotten free.

Money Found.

Parson Brooks, the colored resident preacher here, who is well and favorably known by all the white people, desires to say through the Enterprise that his boy found some money on the street one day this week which may be had by the owner calling at his home on Rankin street and describing it.

Attention Confederate Veterans.

Every veteran in the city of High Point and in the township, outside of the city limits, is requested to report to me, at your earliest convenience that I may make a complete list of all now residing in said territory. I wish to keep a permanent record which will be of mutual benefit to us in many ways. If more convenient for some of you, report to J. M. Sechrest, giving him the company, regiment, etc., to which you belonged.

JNO. D. PAVLOR.

A Card.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Weedon return thanks for the kindness of neighbors and friends during the sickness and subsequent death of their little child.

We desire to extend thanks to the people of the community for their kindness and sympathy during the sickness and death of our infant.

MR. AND MRS. SMITHERMAN.

—Mr. J. Newt Campbell is suffering with an attack of rheumatism.

A SAD OCCURRENCE.

Mr. Avery B. Sapp While Nervously Prostrated Takes His Own Life.

Our community was shocked and pained beyond measure at a very sad occurrence here late Saturday afternoon. Mr. Avery B. Sapp while nervously prostrated, took his own life at a few minutes after 6 o'clock.

Mr. Sapp had been a very sick man for the past three weeks. About four weeks ago he went North on a pleasure trip and remained away about ten days. Just before taking this trip he was in better health than he had been for a year. When he returned he realized himself that he had overtaxed his strength and so told his family. He was nervously a wreck. The family physician was called at once and everything was done that could be done to alleviate the depression, but being of a weak constitution sleep had left him and for twenty-one nights previous to his death Mr. Sapp had had no natural sleep. He realized his terrible condition and fought manfully against the result. Mr. Kirkman, his brother-in-law, was his constant attendant for 21 days and nights and just before his death Mr. Kirkman and the family felt encouraged about his condition because he had assumed a quiet attitude and desired to sleep. However, Mr. Kirkman had been out of the room only a minute or two when death came.

Deceased was 53 years old at the time of his death. He was the only son of the late Dr. A. J. Sapp and was reared in High Point, where he was closely identified with the business interests of the town. For 15 years he held the responsible position of Teller in the National Bank of High Point. He was largely interested in a number of manufacturing plants here and was a man of means. He was a man of the highest business integrity.

Although deceased was older than some of his associates he was counted among the young men of the community and whenever his health would admit of it entered with them into the social life of the town. He was a jovial, good man, of a social turn of mind and enjoyed being with his friends. He was thoughtful and observant in all things, true and loyal to his friends which, with other traits of character, made him popular with acquaintances and loved by his friends. He will be greatly missed by those of the circle in which he moved.

He leaves two sisters and a large circle of relatives to mourn their loss. The devotion of sisters to brother was beautiful as well as was the affection of uncle for nephews and neices. He was fondly devoted to his sisters' children and for the past few years gave a great deal of his time to them. To them he left his accumulations.

The funeral services were held from Washington street M. E. Church Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock and was attended by a large number of people from all walks of life, showing the esteem in which he was held. The services were conducted by Rev. W. M. Bagby who spoke very touchingly of the life of deceased. The floral designs were very beautiful indeed and there was a large number of them. They were borne to the church and to the cemetery by twelve of his young lady and young gentlemen friends.

The following friends acted as pall bearers: Chas. Fisher, E. A. Snow, J. Elwood Cox, M. J. Wrenn, S. L. Davis, Wescott Reberson, George A. Matton and W. C. Jones.

The sorrow stricken family and other relatives have the sincere sympathy of the people of this and adjoining communities.

Pleasant Trip.

For the first time in 18 months the Enterprise visited his friend, Mr. George T. Marley, last week. The party that was made up to go was Mr. D. L. Clark, Mr. J. H. Millis, Mr. N. H. Salughter and the writer.

Taking the noon train here we boarded the Cape Fear train at Greensboro on time but by some hook or crook, we managed to stand on the side track for two hours. But it was not altogether unpleasant, in fact it proved otherwise. Mr. Clark will not remain a stranger to any one long, so through his good offices and his gallant bearing with the fair sex we were soon on good terms with the entire car which included 20 or more school girls who were on their way home. After this experience we would advise any young man who desires help along certain lines to take Mr. Clark along. He simply knows how!

Now for an incident: Mr. Clark forgot his ticket so when the conductor, Capt. McLaughlin, came along he bethought himself: "I'll pledge you my word and honor, Captain, I haven't got a ticket! How much is it?"

"Where are you going?" Asked the Captain.

"Marley's Mills!" shouted Mr. Clark. "There's where we are going and 'Old Tom' (Mr. Marley) will be glad to see us."

Mr. Clark was so much enthused about his trip that it took us sometime to explain to him that the train did not go to Marley's but only to Siler, five miles east of the mills. He finally gave in by saying that it ought to run by the mills, because it was the grandest place on earth!

We were received with open arms as usual by our good friend Mr. Marley. For nine years we have known him and have never known a better man. In a few minutes everything was ready for the sport and with our resident valet "Old Bill", we struck the waters. The result was a lot of fine trout for supper—and such a supper! Every one agreed that it was the best yet—fresh fish, country ham, eggs, fresh butter, milk, corn bread and burr flour biscuit fresh from the mill and everything that comes from a well regulated country home. Mr. Clark had left his fiddle so after supper this favorite amusement had to give way to others just as enjoyable, which lasted until a late hour.

By 5 o'clock the next morning we had invaded the finny tribe again. "Old Bill" took us up under the "gum tree" at "the point" where we could look out over the vast expanse of the lake in all of its beauty. As the first rays of the morning sun rested on the tops of the willows, glistening with a golden radiance, and as the silvery waters danced beneath under the pressure of a light breeze; the king black bird spreading its wings and calling to its mate—the white crane standing as a sentinel watching the approach of morning—all this and much more formed an entrancing scene that lost us to the outside world! It was indeed a beautiful scene—one that we all need once and awhile.

"Bill" we said, "don't you ever leave this place and go to town as long as you are making a living?"

"I don't expect to, Boss, 'less a circus er sumpn like dat comes along."

Among the pleasant gentlemen at the mill that day was Mr. Wm. Marley, Mr. Lowe, Mr. Frazier, all of whom we were pleased to meet again. When we go back next year we hope to see them all there.

About the mill: It was built by

the father of the present owner about ninety years ago. The last time the pond was drawn off was about 67 years ago. It is there in all of its primitive beauty, one of the few old time places that is left us. The pond covers 100 acres. Mr. Marley is a prince of good fellows. He loves his High Point friends but not a whit more than they love him.

The Sermon at Guilford.

The sermon before the graduating class Sunday was preached by Rev. Wm. Doggett, of Danville, Va. He is an old student of Guilford and it was on this account that many heard him with interest. His discourse was very scholarly and left a very important lesson. The central thought was that all building is in vain unless God be in it. This applies to all natural things as well as to character.

The Enterprise spent the afternoon delightfully at the home of Prof. L. L. Hobbs after enjoying a splendid dinner, and meeting his delightful family and guests Mr. Doggett, Mr. Cox and Prof. Davis.

Fine Oil Portrait.

Our friend Mr. D. L. Clark, the artist, has just completed at his studio, a handsome oil portrait of Dr. J. A. Turner. Those who have seen it, pass upon it as being a most excellent likeness, and say that it merits the highest praise.

Here Is Evidence.

On last Friday parties at Archdale who were at Tomlinson's store had an opportunity to take account of the number of wagons that came on to High Point. During the day there were 57 loads of lumber, to say nothing of the other products for this market. This is strong evidence that macadamizing this road should be among the first. It is used as much as any in the county.

Will Close at 8 O'clock.

Some of the merchants have entered into an agreement to close their stores at 8 o'clock from June 1st, to September 1st. The following are those in the compact: P. H. Johnson, J. W. Kearns & Co., C. E. Sciceloff, W. H. Moffitt, J. E. Welch & Co., Marsh Bros., J. W. Harris & Co., M. S. Russell, J. L. Sechrest.

Miss Lillie Sherrod Graduates With Honors.

The most important event in connection with commencement at Greensboro Female College last week was the graduating exercises. Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, president of the college, presided with her usual ease, grace and dignity, and the exercises, marking the closing of her first year as president and one of the most successful in the history of the institution, were of peculiar interest and pleasure. The graduating class numbers 16 young ladies, as follows: Misses Alice Davis Ardrey, Fort Mill, S. C.; Mabel Ida Coltrane, Smithfield; Nina Lee Day-vault, Concord; Letitia Evans, Goldsboro; Annie Glenn Gibson, Gibbs; Nell Clendenin Glasscock, Greensboro; Zula Aurora Hinshaw, Millboro; Ruth Elizabeth Hughes, Raleigh; Elizabeth Sterling McDearman, Rocky Mount; Annie Lillian Miller, Lexington; Nell Nelson, Halifax; Mary Theresa Porter, Greensboro; Stella Blanch Scroggs, Greensboro; Lillie Sherrod, High Point; Minnie Mabel Walker, Durham; Nan By-num Warren, Wilson. Four representative essays were read and certificates, diplomas and Bibles were presented to the graduating class. Miss Lillie Sherrod, of High Point, led the class, receiving the maxima cum laude.

Highly Creditable.

The Cornelian Literary Society, of the Normal College, Greensboro, and especially the young ladies who took part in the play "Under the Southern Cross" on last Friday night are to be congratulated on the success of the entertainment. It was highly interesting both on account of the character of the play and the typical Southern caste and the creditable manner in which the young ladies acquitted themselves. While no fault could be found with any part of the play, so well was each carried out, Miss Edna McCubbin and Miss Hoyle we think deserve special mention.