

ROSS--MORRIS.

Pretty Marriage of Asheboro Young People.

Society in Asheboro was eager yesterday in anticipation of the marriage which was solemnized at the home of Mr and Mrs Parsons Harris Morris, last evening at 8 o'clock when their daughter, Miss Ida Florence Morris, became the bride of Mr Joseph Dewese Ross. A host of friends both in the city and from a distance witnessed the ceremony, which not only united two of our most popular young people in holy wedlock, but joined two of the oldest and best families of the State.

The ceremony was performed by Rev N R Richardson, of the M E Church, South, pastor of the bride; assisted by Rev W E Swain, of the Methodist Protestant church, pastor of the groom, in the west parlor where, just preceding the ceremony, Miss Anne Tomlinson, accompanied on the piano by Miss Nannie Bulla, sweetly sang "Schubert's Serenade." Then as the music died away the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, rendered by Mrs U B Blalock, of Wadesboro, announced the approach of the bridal party. The bride beautiful in her travelling gown of blue cloth with Persian trimmings and carrying a bouquet of brides roses, entered, leaning upon the arm of her brother, Mr Cladue S Morris, of Salisbury, who presented her to Mr Ross. He with his brother, Mr Ohas Ross, of Lillington as best man, were waiting at the altar. The room was prettily decorated with evergreens, potted plants and white bunting. A large bay window decorated in white Southern Smilax, and ivy under the arch of which was a large rug of white fur, and on each side pedestals crowned with potted plants, plants, formed the beautiful altar.

In the reception hall the guests were welcomed by Mesdames Will Coffin, H E Moffitt and W A Underwood, who at the close of the ceremony ushered them into the dining room where elegant refreshments were served. This room, which was tastefully decorated with smilax and white carnations, was presided over by Mesdames W C Hammer, J D Simpson, assisted by Misses Lela Moffitt, Florence Hendricks, Etta Blair and Essie Ross.

In the east parlor a large number of dainty, useful and costly presents attested the popularity of Mr and Mrs Ross at home as well as abroad. Mr and Mrs Ross left on the 8:40 train last evening for Jacksonville and other Southern points.

Among the out of town guests at the wedding were Mr and Mrs H A Page, of Aberdeen; Mr and Mrs J R Page, of Biscoe; Mrs U B Blalock, of Wadesboro; Miss Pattie McRae, of Rockingham; and Miss Janet Baxter, of Washington, D C.

Fifth Sunday Meetings.

Rev N R Richardson, of Asheboro; Rev C M Campbell, of Randleman, and Rev C A Wood, of Ramseur, the officers composing the executive committee of the Randolph Minister's Association of the M E Church, South, which was organized here last month, met at Randleman Monday. The committee has planned to hold special meetings to be held in different sections of the county two days preceding and including the 5th Sunday in April. These meetings will be held in an effort to strengthen weak churches in the county.

Young in Spirit.

An interesting and highly esteemed lady of Randolph is Mrs Rebecca Craven, of Coleridge, and widow of the late Robt Craven. She is 81 years old and her cheerful disposition makes her a favorite with all who know her. Though her right foot is crippled, Mrs Craven does her own house work besides weaving two and three yards of carpet the old fashioned way each day. May her cheerful spirit brighten her community many years to come.

High Point Banquet.

A notable gathering of prominent citizens attended the Banquet of the Manufacturing Club Wednesday night of last week. Gov. Glenn made an admirable address, and every body present was highly entertained. The Lexington North State tells of the dreadful sight of the death of a dog which died in great agony from being fed broken pieces of glass.

GOLD HILL RIDGE SCHOOL.

Successful Work of Miss Davis as Teacher. Patrons Delighted.

Much anxiety was felt in the Gold Hill school community Wednesday when it was rumored that THE COURIER had announced that school, under the management of Miss Jennie Davis, would close at once, and several citizens called to investigate the source of information. The information was misinterpreted, those who inquired were told that the committee had arranged for a fall term, not having thought of closing until the term had expired.

The communication referred came from a patron of the school and is as follows: "Our school at Gold Hill Ridge bids fair to close a grand success. Thanks to the committee for their wise selection of a teacher, Miss Jennie Davis, and thanks to her for the enforcement of good rules and thoroughly instructing our children."

Subscriptions Paid.

S Y Hopkins, H O Vestal, Mrs J L Winningham, D A McLeod, E B Phillips, Robt Haner, W A Wood, W P Ragan, J H Kearns, M S Brown, J W I Campbell, Cynthia Allred, G H Hardin, H L Jackson, S W Kearns, A W Ward, Mary E Sanford, W F Kirkman, Jno A Lamb, N Sheffield, H N McMaisters, R F Rice, Plato Collins, Miss Nora Williams, E B Phillips, G T Williams, Mrs M Blair, S E Barker, B Moffitt, Jesse H Hicks, G P Barker, Isaac Hicks, A A Cranford, J H Kearns, G H Black, J S Lucas, H W Scott, David Lohr, T B Tyson, G W Teague, Geo Julian, Jas Davis, J F Graves, J W Johnson, H D Cox, T J Redding, H B Wall, E Sykes, E Vuncannon, A L Langly, M Suggs, Wesley Craven, J A Prensell, Ransom Lowdermilk, W F Craven, M Burns, Joel Prensell, Daniel Parsons, W W Peeler, Geo Coble, Walter Craven, Henry Morris, A L Hussey, Mrs C Parsons, J S Cox, Miss Gracie Moon, S F Lowdermilk, D C Staley, J C Cornelison, J W Scotten, G W Harmon, A Nance, Mrs Willie Sugg.

A Brave Soldier.

No braver soldier in war, no quiet citizen in peace, no more faithful to the children in the school room or to his friends wherever they may be found than the subject of this short sketch, Capt. C Frank Siler. This brave soldier, who has been so often called "the hero of heroes," served four years in the Confederate army, was wounded several times, and was twice taken prisoner by the Yankees. Capt. Siler went into the fight paying no attention to danger, and he could always be relied upon to perform the most dangerous tasks, even



Capt. C. F. Siler.

when the chances for getting out alive were very much against him. The scars of six wounds attest the bravery of Capt Siler with much more impressiveness than the loyal words of his friends.

Since the close of the war Capt Siler has quietly devoted his time to training the southern boys and girls to be loyal and intelligent citizens. His work in the school room has been the subject of many words of praise, words which he very much deserves.

He is, at present, teaching at Candor where he is very popular. His highest aim is the development of the southern youth. We hope to see the day when the State in some way or other will reward him for the deeds of his noble life by placing him in some position of honor and emolument.

May he live long to bless the land for which he so freely gave his services, the land for whose protection he so many times risked his life.

TWO KILLED IN COLLISION.

Wreck on Asheville Division Monday Afternoon.

Asheville, Feb 18--Two persons were killed and half a dozen others injured in a head-on collision of passenger trains between Swannanoa and Black Mountain this afternoon shortly after four o'clock. The dead are:

BRAKEMAN SIMPSON, CONDUCTOR HOUGH. The injured: Engineer Peter Roneche, perhaps fatally; Engineer Dan Keever, hurt in back; Fireman John Smith, colored, bruised; Fireman Dan Graham, bruised; Postal Clerk, W C Moore, of Statesville, hurt in back; Baggage Agent Gardner, of Connelly Springs, bruised. Several passengers were slightly bruised and shaken up, but not badly hurt.

FAILED TO TAKE SIDING.

The accident on the Asheville division of the Southern Railway this afternoon is said to be due to the failure of the first section of No 12, eastbound, to take the siding at Swannanoa. Train No 11 from the east was operated in two sections this afternoon. The first section came in about 2 o'clock. The second section was reported running two hours and forty minutes late. Second section No 11 had the right of way from Black Mountain to Asheville. The first section of No 12, a light engine, bound for Salisbury and carrying a crew of Engineer Roneche, Conductor Hough, Brakeman Simpson and Fireman John Smith, reached Swannanoa a few minutes after 4 o'clock. The engine should have gone into siding at this point. The second section of No 11 was at Black Mountain on time. Engineer Dan Keever had the right of way and supposedly a clear track. He pulled out for Asheville. First number 12 pulled out for Swannanoa about the same time. Between Swannanoa and Black Mountain there are no stops. It is a distance of perhaps ten miles. Both engines were running at full speed and the trains were probably making 35 to 40 miles an hour. At a point nearly midway between the stations they collided.

Randolph Book Club.

Mrs C C McAlister entertained the Randolph Book Club on Friday at 4 p. m. Nearly all of the members were present and Mrs Penn, of Virginia, who has come to Asheboro to stay indefinitely, as her husband is in the lumber business here, was a guest.

Mrs W C Hammond read a well prepared paper on the Royal Family of England beginning with the House of Stuart and finishing the house of Hanover. Mrs J V Hunter prepared a very interesting paper on Sir Walter Raleigh, but on account of her illness, Miss Erwin read the paper.

Mrs McAlister had arranged a heart contest, the questions being written on cardboard cut in heart shapes. Mrs Hammond won the prize, a heart shaped box of candy and Mrs Annie Robins the consolation, a candy heart. Small heart shaped boxes full of candy were given as souvenirs after a delicious salad course had been served.

Pleasant News.

The health of the community is very good.

Mr S E Trogdon is about ready for a new saw mill location. Saw-milling and ties are all the go.

Messrs Manly Luck and J R Page, Jr, came up from Bisco Friday evening to Mr E N Luck's to take a big hunt Saturday. Among those who went with them were E N Luck, H L Bean, Henry Owens, Robt Hodge and Sam Bean. They killed several rabbits and squirrels and reported a fine time.

Klides Notes.

Rev J J Eads, writes THE COURIER that the second quarterly conference will be held at Rehobeth Saturday and Sunday, March 30th and 31st. Rev C A Wood will preach on Thursday and Friday and dinner will be served on the grounds. Rev S B Turrentine, presiding elder, will hold the quarterly conference and will also administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

W B Ward, of Washington, D C, is visiting his father, John Ward Mr Ward is connected with service of the Southern Express Company between Washington and Atlanta.

DAVIE RETAILER ARRESTED.

F G Williams, of Davie, Arrested Near Faith Saturday.

Deputies J H Krider and Pat Sloop arrested F G Williams, a white man of Davie county near Faith Saturday afternoon and Williams is in jail.

Sheriff Julian had information that the Davie man had been making regular trips through Rowan, retailing whiskey in the rural district and Saturday he had his deputies follow him up. When they made the arrest the vessels from which the whiskey had been taken were empty. Two revolvers and a five pound box of tobacco were among other articles seized by the officers.

When Williams was brought to town Solicitor Hammer advised the sheriff to require a \$200 justified bond, which was taken to jail. His trial will not be had until the next term of court.

Williams denies that he is guilty. —Salisbury Post.

Farmer Dots.

Mrs I J Fuller, and son, Frank, of Fullers, are spending a few days with Mrs E T Kearns.

Rev B F Fincher was called to Siloam church Monday to conduct the funeral of one of the members of his congregation, Mrs Ebb Holton. She was a good, pious mother and leaves a husband and five small children.

Mr Frank Macon, who has held a position at Carroll, Ga., for the past few months is spending some time at home. Mr Macon has been very ill from typhoid pneumonia. His many friends will be glad to know that he has nearly recovered.

Among our visitors Sunday we noticed Mr C C Cranford and brother Charles of Asheboro.

Mr Sam Cranford has brought the old Aaron Lassiter farm and will move his family to that place in the near future.

Mr Tyson Russell of Bombay has moved his family to the "uncle" Drew Lewis farm. We welcome these families into our midst.

Mr Carlyle Lewis, who is teaching at Belvedere spent Sunday with his father and mother, Mr and Mrs C H Lewis.

Miss Ada Newby, of Asheboro, is spending a few days with relatives here.

The children of Mr and Mrs John Ingram, who have been ill with colds and croup are improving.

Puella Agricola.

Mr J L Wrenn spent Sunday in Asheboro.

Mr D L McDonald, of Greensboro is visiting his parents here this week.

Mr I F Trogdon is spending some days in Greensboro on business.

Mr Robertson preached an excellent sermon here Sunday evening. He states that this will possibly be his last appointment here.

Dr and Mrs Hubbard spent Sunday at Mr George Gray's where the death angel had smote the oldest daughter Mame. Mrs Gray and family have the sympathy of many of our people.

Mrs J A Withers spent Sunday in Asheboro.

Mrs A W Jenkins condition does not improve much he is our oldest citizen and his many friends hope for his recovery.

Dr Hubbard sold several building lots last week, and we hope soon new dwellings will dot the hills northwest of town. W L Wood, A R Groce, Chas Williamson and Fred Alfred and John Jenkins being among the buyers.

Recent improvements on our side walks speak well for our town aldermen, but they should not stop yet. Permanent improvement is what we need.

Crushed Under Engine.

Raleigh, N C, Feb 18.--An accident occurred yesterday on the Durham and South Carolina Railroad at Holly Spring which resulted in the instant death of Capt Carey Thompson, the conductor. The locomotive turned completely over and Capt Thompson, who was on the engine, was crushed to death. Engineer W J Angier, who lives at 504 Oakwood avenue, this city, was slightly injured. Capt Thompson lives at Apex, where he has a wife and several children. He married a sister of R B Leach, of this city.

COTTON.

Editor Clarence H Poe and Prof C W Burkett Write a Book.

Mr Clarence H Poe, Editor of the Progressive Farmer and Prof C W Burkett, of the N C A & M College, recently completed an important book, "Cotton. Its Cultivation, Marketing Manufacture and the Problems of the Cotton World." The book begins with the cultivation of the soil for planting cotton and deals with every question to the final exportation and manufacture of cotton goods. Mr Poe in speaking to a New & Observer man in regard to the book said "I never knew until I went exhaustively into the subject just what a king indeed is cotton. It is the only crop for which nature has provided no substitute. It is of all crops when the seed (or their equivalent) are returned to the soil, the least exhaustive to the fertility of the land. It is the only crop which in a measure may feed, clothe and shelter man." This book will be out about April 12th. It is to be published by Doubleday Page & Co.

OPERATORS ESCAPED.

Revenue Agents Raided Blockade Distillery Near Cagle's Mill.

Revenue A F Adkins, of Greensboro, and Deputy Marshal L O Tadlock, of High Point, returned Friday from Montgomery county where they raided a blockade distillery Thursday evening near Cagle's Mill. The still had been pulled out and carried away by the owners who had been operating only about half hour before as the furnace was in full blast.

The revenue officers, who were accompanied by Deputy Sheriff O R Fox, of Asheboro, secured the worm and destroyed about six or eight hundred gallons of beer.

No arrests were made, the operators having heard of the approach of the officers and fled.

Lineberry Items.

Miss Vina Lineberry is quite ill with typhoid fever.

Miss Ida Nixon is visiting friends at Frankinsville.

The school at Lineberry closed Saturday, February 17th. Much praise is due the efficient teacher, Miss Maud Redding for the success of the work. She was loved by both patrons and pupils, and it is with sad hearts that the community realize the close of the term. A highly creditable entertainment marked the close of the school.

Mr and Mrs Dennis Kennedy visited Mr and Mrs W E Lineberry Sunday. D M B.

BLOODY DAY AT CONCORD.

One Murder, One Suicide and Another Attempted Murder Within a Few Hours.

Concord, N C, Feb 19.--There have been one suicide, one killing and one attempted killing in one block during the same day in this place.

At 4 o'clock yesterday morning, Ransom Kuider and Geo Hill, two white men became involved in a dispute when Hill opened fire shooting his antagonist in the neck. He is in a critical condition.

Saturday afternoon J Wesley Sides, a well known citizen of the Cannon Mill section, shot himself through head and died almost instantly.

He had been drinking for a week and was getting sobered up. He was about fifty-one years of age and leaves four sons and one daughter besides his wife.

H Y Stock, of Birmingham, Ala, was shot and instantly killed by Susie Hannon, the 13-year-old daughter of Dave Hannon, at Concord Saturday night. The girl and her father are under arrest. Both are of ill repute. Stock was a flagman on the Southern.

School Board Meeting.

The Board of School Commissioners of Asheboro Graded Schools were in session Thursday evening of last week, and received plans for the new school building. Another meeting will be held this evening at which it is expected some definite action will be taken. The building proposed will be of brick, two stories and will contain nine classrooms besides library, offices, and a large assembly room.

BLACKBURN INDICTED.

Charged With Accepting Fees for Appearing Before Department of Government.

Several days ago the editor of THE COURIER learned through the department of justice at Washington that an indictment had been drawn in the Attorney General's office of the United States containing six accounts against Representative E Spencer Blackburn, of the eighth congressional district of this state, and the bills of indictment would be presented by assistant attorney, Gen Bobb, to the grand jury of the United States Court in Asheville this week.

The nature of the charges are similar to those of which Senator Mitchell and Burton were convicted for practicing and accepting fees before the Department of Government in Washington, another charge is for conspiracy with blockaders and revenue officials.

It is alleged that Blackburn during the last campaign promised protection to blockaders and to government distillers violating the law.

It is stated upon authority that more than one hundred affidavits have been made in Wilkes county and other counties in the support of these allegations.

It is said that District Attorney Holton and assistant District Attorney Price have been relieved of the embarrassment of sending a bill against Blackburn because it would look like revenge on their part for the opposition of Blackburn to them. And that all the work is done and that all the responsibility is placed by the department of justice of the attorney general of the United States and his assistance.

There are indictments to follow of other prominent men. To the public it looks like the wheels are just beginning to grind the grist.

There are those in the employ of the government of this state, and who claim to be on the inside, who declare most positively that there is no sincerity in these prosecutions, and that Samuels is an honest man, as honest as any among them and there is no intention of punishing them, and that he or none of the others will be punished. Of this we have no knowledge other than newspaper reports from which indications are that the courts mean business.

Representative Blackburn has issued a statement to the public in which he says he has committed no offence in violation of the law and that the courts of his State and county are to be prostituted for personal or political ends for the reason that he was elected to congress over the protest of certain federal officials. He says that resolutions were adopted by the republicans of last Legislature favoring a change in the federal officers in this State and that grave charges were given him which he has filled against Mr Holton. Mr Blackburn charges that Mr Holton did every thing he could to defeat his nomination and election, relentlessly persecuting his friends. He denies having received any pay for appearing before the departments for his friends.

Philathea Class.

The young ladies of the Methodist Protestant Church organized a Philathea Class Sunday last, with the following officers:

President--Miss Lucy Crowson. Vice-President--Miss Edith Hendricks.

Treasurer--Miss Lizzie Ferree. Secretary--Miss Lizzie Bunch.

The class is organized as the advanced Bible study department and besides taking an active part in the regular Sunday school work, will render substantial assistance to the work of missions, charity, etc. Prof J M Way is teacher.

Small Pox Scare.

On last Sunday it is reported that Dr McFadyen of Randleman was called to see Mrs Phillips, wife of Mr L O Phillips, sawyer at Mr D E Bulla's saw mill one mile from Spero. Dr McFaden, it is said after a careful diagnosis, was of the opinion that Mrs Phillips had a case of small pox. County superintendent of health Mr A M Bulla and Dr McFadyen met at Mr Phillips on Monday and quarantined the house.

Mr T J Redding, of Caraway, visited Asheboro Monday.