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NEWS FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS

Items of Interest from Various Places as Viewed and Told by Those on the Field.--Personals.

Brookdale.

As the spring days are drawing to a close thoughts of the good old summer time revives us, notwithstanding the daily toil and great heat that summer brings with it, yet we can but welcome it. We look to it for the pence and quarters that we find so useful in winter. Farming is the greatest spoke in the wheels of business of all kinds, and we are dependent upon what is dug from the earth. The farmer boy may not look as nice and white as the boy that shuns the sun, nevertheless the poet says cling to the boy that holds the plow:

"Heap high the farmers' wintry hoard;
Heap high the golden corn?
No richer gift has autumn poured
From out her lavish horn.
Then let the good old crop adorn
The hills our father's trod;
Still let us for his golden corn,
Send up our thanks to God."

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dixon, of Mullins, S. C., spent a few days with relatives this week on their way to Jamestown. Wish them a pleasant trip.

S. Y. Wrenn had the bad luck of breaking his hoe handle the other evening trying to kill a black stick, thinking that it was a snake. Think he had better not say anything about people wearing glasses.

Miss Dona James spent this week with Mrs. D. S. Brooks.

Quite a number of young people spent the evening with Miss Lizzie Garrett last Thursday.

Miss Carrie Pool spent last week with Miss Mary Fan Garrett.

Paul Stephens passed this way going to mill horse back one day this week.

Ellis Wrenn, who has been so very sick with pneumonia, is improving. Relatives extend to kind neighbors their thanks for their kindness during his illness, and hope sometime to show better their appreciation.

Would gladly welcome little Tom Riley over to Brookdale at any time. DREAMER.

From Timberlake.

Mrs. Ida Reams and family recently visited Mrs. W. A. Barton.

The peach crop will be very scarce in our community owing to the cold weather.

Farmers are now through planting corn and are now making tobacco hills.

While raising a tobacco barn at P. S. Rogers' last Saturday two colored boys, Luther Day and George Johnson, were toting logs together. We have heard of one man throwing fire into the others' hand and we saw this plainly manifested, when Day caused a box of matches that were in Johnson's pocket to ignite. Johnson put his hand into the burning pocket and pulled out smoke, flames and burning matches, and our merriment can be imagined better than described.

Roper can hear the toot of five steam saw mills.

Button Dunn has ground over four thousand bushels of grain since he has been running Barton's mill, and Mr. Dunn thinks he has ground as much as any other man on the river according to the time he has been here. Mr. Dunn told me to say that

eating one hawk would not cause him to fly as he has become so fat since he has been at Barton's mill; that he would have to eat several more hawks so as to get more wings. Mrs. Ida Reams' boys furnish Mr. Dunn with hawks as they have killed seven this spring, and we think the good house wives should furnish the Reams boys with chickens for pie or any other way they may want them.

Abbie O'Briant, who lives on the line between Mt. Tirzah township and Flat River, says that Mt. Tirzah has an educated hog and Flat River an educated cow. The hog will raise up a barbed wire for the pigs to pass under, and when the cow is turned into a corn field she will eat grass instead of corn, and if there is no grass she will not bother the corn. We would be glad if some one would come this way that can learn cows not to eat corn.

The rural mail inspector was around a few days ago and told the unmarried carriers that if they were not married by the first of July they would lose their positions. Consequently Messrs. I. L. Jones and E. R. Noell started out anew the other night, and J. W. Chambers says that he will not lose his route, and as the time is limited you single ones had better not lose much time as some other might take the ship.

D. J. Bowles, of Stem, visited relatives in this community last Sunday and told the writer that people of his section never knew tobacco plants to be so scarce, and told of one farmer that had only one plant for his entire bed.

Mrs. Button Dunn is now visiting her son, Alex, of Durham.

J. C. Cates proposed to give Roper a hog for a hound dog, and I accepted the offer as I had rather have a hog than a dog unless I was a noted deer hunter like Mr. Cates. Mr. Cates has killed seven deer in the last twelve months, and if it were not for him deer would soon devour our wheat and pea crops, as they are multiplying so very fast.

The writer filled his appointment at Oak Grove Academy last Sunday and spoke to a large and attentive congregation. On the return trip I overtook I. L. Jones and Miss Lillian Timberlake and Mr. E. R. Noell and Miss Lula Williams. Mr. Jones was gathering honey suckles from the banks of Audrege creek for the ladies. Mr. Jones knows how to please the ladies.

Our road supervisor, Mr. Spencer, has but a few hands but is doing well building us some good roads. He is changing the Hillsboro road from Barton's mill around by Mrs. Ida Reams' so that the road will be located on a high and dry ridge. This is a great saving in the building of bridges etc.

Add D. J. Bowles, of Stem, as a new subscriber. ROPER.

THE only fellow that has kicked because the new board of aldermen appointed Captain Freeland chief of police was the fellow that said he felt kinder sore because Dr. S. E. Thompson, the other candidate for mayor who received 21 votes, was not made first sergeant.

THREE NEGROES LOCKED UP.

One for Killing Another, One for Cutting a White Man, and the Other for Beating a Woman.

In police circles matters were lively for a while last Saturday. One negro killed another with a rock, another negro cut a white man in the back, and as soon as the officers had locked these two up they were called to Hayti to get another for beating a negro woman.

THE KILLING.

Just before one o'clock last Saturday James Simms and Harvey Lyon, both of whom work at the Duke factory, were on the outside awaiting the time to go in and go to work. They began scuffling and boxing and soon both were mad and a fight was averted by those in the crowd separating them. Thinking they had sufficiently cooled down they were let alone, when they began trying to fight again.

Simms had a stick that was used for turning hogsheds of tobacco and Lyon had secured a rock, and before those around realized what was going on, Lyon threw the rock at Simms. The effect was more than is generally supposed. The rock struck Simms on the right side of his head and he fell to the ground. About ten minutes later he was dead. Dr. R. A. Moore was summoned and was with Simms when he died. He said that the skull was fractured and that he died from the concussion that followed.

Seeing what he had done Lyon endeavored to make his escape. Securing his wheel he left the factory going toward West Durham. Policeman Cates and Pendergrass were soon after him with the result that in less than twenty minutes after the crime had been committed the criminal was in the hands of the officers. He was locked up in jail.

Coroner Maddry was summoned and enpaneled a jury. After inquiring into the facts the jury rendered a verdict that Simms came to his death from a blow from a rock thrown by Lyon, and Lyon was committed to jail to await the action of the grand jury.

There is a strange coincidence in connection with the life of Lyon and the crime that is now charged against him. Back many years ago his mother, Becky Lyon, of Hickstown, was arrested together with another person on the charge of murder. That was before Durham County was formed and this was a part of Orange. Becky Lyon and her paramour were both taken to Hillsboro jail. Later the man was hanged on the murder charged against him but Becky Lyon managed to get out of the trouble. While she was in jail, however, this Harvey Lyon was born. Having seen the light of day inside the walls of a jail, when his mother was charged with murder, he is now back in jail, himself charged with murder.

So far as can be learned there had been no previous trouble between the men and they were the best of friends. The fatal trouble began in play and there is no doubt but that five minutes before neither of the men expected any serious trouble.

A CUTTING AFFRAY.

Soon after the killing that occurred near the Duke factory, when James Simms met his death Saturday afternoon at the hands of Harvey Lyon, there was another excitement down street, this being followed in quick suc-

cession by another and it looked as if the new officers of the city were getting a strenuous introduction into the criminal life of Durham.

The excitement that caused a great rush of people to go to the police headquarters was the cutting of Hillman High by a negro named Ed Bass. The trouble occurred on Parish street, or around in that section. High received two very bad gashes in the side, but his wounds are not of a serious nature.

After using the knife or razor on High the negro started for tall timbers, going towards North Durham. He was captured, however, and then brought back to town by policeman Ferrell, one of the new officers. He was locked up on the charge against him, which he does not deny. "Yes I cut him," said the negro, "but he was trying to run over me."

The cutting, chase of the negro and his arrest caused a large number of people to gather at the police station.

Then followed a second arrest in which Charles Bell was locked up for beating a colored woman and this added to the interest and excitement. This arrest was made by Sergeant Pendergrass and officer Crockett. These arrests caused the report to be circulated that there had been another murdered and it was not long before it was pretty generally circulated that there was a shooting affair in East Durham. This all proved to be untrue, however, the killing, cutting and woman beating caused enough excitement to last the new men for a few days. All of the law breakers were landed, however, and that is not a very bad start.

There was a shooting scrape on Foster street Sunday afternoon. Alex Holman shot Ed Hargrove. They were apparently on good terms but had a dispute and the Holman negro brought his gun into play, shooting at Hargrove without taking his pistol out of his pocket. The wound was not serious at all. Holman made his escape and had not been caught at last accounts.

The Vote on Bonds.

The fact that the vote against road bonds was heavy against them caused few people to care for the official vote, consequently no statement has been made of how the vote stood. The official vote as canvassed by the county commissioners in session yesterday was as follows:

Registered, 2,812.
For Road Improvements, 897.
Against Road Improvements, 1,218.

It will be seen by the above figures that to carry the bonds over five hundred votes were needed.

THE new board of aldermen has not passed on many of the matters that will claim their attention, but have already secured the ill will of many people that will come up to the polls against them if they stand for re-election.

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Cash and due from Banks,	203,129.84	Deposits,	781,657.23
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