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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.

Lilian, Route 1.

The fellow that grumbled about dry weather can still grumble and say that it is too wet for his crops.

There is but little sickness in the community at present: Mrs. A. Ferguson is right sick with chills and fever, J. E. Ferguson was sick last week, but is better now.

The writer was coming home from Durham Tuesday and the cloud was so bad that I stopped at Mrs. Candace O'Neal's and had to remain all night. Two gentlemen from Mt. Hermon neighborhood, Alex Merritt and John Ferrell, spent the same night with Samuel Egerton, on account of the rain.

Ovin Nichols is spending this week with his grand father, A. Ferguson.

Mrs. Katie St. Sing, of Edgemont, is visiting in this community this week.

Mrs. Sis High and sister, Mrs. Samuel Hunt, of West Durham, are visiting relatives and friends in this neighborhood.

H. M. O'Neal is very busy preparing his gin and other things around the place for the accommodation of his patrons, and ere cotton is ready will be well fixed to handle it.

Tobacco curing is about over in this section and we have not heard of a barn being burned. All claim to have made good cures, but say that the tobacco is light and chaffy.

The writer has a small bird dog that went to the water melon patch the other day and brought back a canteloupe that weighed three pounds or more. He did not steal the melon as it was from his master's patch, as I tracked him to see where he secured the melon. J. E. F.

From Timberlake.

Last Sunday Antioch church called Rev. J. K. Faulkner as its pastor.

A. P. Long, of this place, has moved his family to Mt. Tirzah.

The recent showers have been fine on turnips, peas and late corn.

Mrs. J. H. Horward recently invited Mrs. R. H. Jones and Mrs. W. A. Barton over to eat water melon with her.

J. M. Denny has returned to his home in Kentucky, but on last Sunday he attended services at Antioch, his old home church, and publicly asked if there were present anyone that was baptized when he was, 37 years ago, and also asked if there was anyone there who was a member at the time he left, and his sister, Mrs. W. B. Brooks, was the only one living when he departed from this section. Mr. Denny expressed himself with a great deal of solemnity when he referred to the vacant seats in the church caused by the departure of the older brethren and sisters, and the fact that those seats were now occupied by the younger people of the community, also he was sad when he expressed the belief that this was probably his last visit to this church, but he grew cheerful and bright when he contemplated the idea that ere long he would meet many of the older members of this church in the city eternal.

J. F. Reams has returned to his usual vocation in London,

and just here I will say that I know of no young man that has more friends in this place than Mr. Reams.

J. H. Horward is now surveying another large tract of land in the lower part of the county.

Rev. J. K. Faulkner, pastor of Antioch church, recently related a very amusing incident of the renowned and sainted Rev. Elias Dodson, saying that Mr. Dodson had many peculiarities, but that was of a very amiable disposition. The incident referred to was as follows: Mr. Dodson had two coats, one a very long white duster and the other a short black coat, and he concluded to attend court and wear his long duster, and unthoughtedly put on his black coat over his duster, which attracted all the attention of the crowd and caused much merriment to the people that day.

Willie Tapp is now building an office for his father, C. H. Tapp, which will be quite a convenience when completed.

It has been reported that when some of our young men goes to the store and cannot induce his father to purchase what he wants he begins to cry and his father soon concludes to respond to his wants.

Not long since my friend, G. W. Moore, related a circumstance of a man who was wearing a long black coat and some young ladies were giggling and laughing at his coat. He told them that the Bible said that seven ladies will cling to one man's coat, and he thought he would have his coat long enough so that they would have no trouble in getting a good hold upon his. They concluded that it was not so funny after all. ROPER.

The Charge Fell Through.

In a sermon recently Rev. W. C. Barrett made the charge that one of the police force in the city was guilty of taking a drink in one of the stalls at the Parrish stables, basing his charge on information he had from Reuben Shipp, while in conversation with him.

Chief of Police J. F. Freeland began working on the matter by having all his men lined up and requested Mr. Barrett to be present and identify the man guilty of the charge. This Mr. Barrett could not do as he had not seen the occurrence.

Last Saturday Mr. Shipp was in town and he was asked to identify the man he had seen taking a drink with some young men in the stables at the warehouse. He did not recognize any of the force as the one he saw there, and stated that he judged only by the blue uniform the police wore, and after consideration, he said he must have seen a street car man, as they wear blue uniforms. This ends the matter so far as the investigation is concerned, but the feeling created among the policemen will likely remain unchanged for some time, as they have a right to feel hurt that they should be accused of an offense that could not be sustained.

Mr. Barrett agreed that he would make a statement of the facts in his pulpit at the next opportunity.

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BOY IS BURNED TO DEATH.

George Wilson, a Deaf and Dumb Lad, Perishes Trying to Reach Window.

This morning at 1:30 o'clock fire broke out in the matrix room, on the third floor of the Observer Building, and destroyed the third and fourth stories of that, the rear section, of the building. Some one in the Southern Manufacturers' Club discovered the fire and before the alarm could be given the top part of the building was full of flames. The men in the composing room on the second floor were hurrying to get the first edition of the paper to press when the fire was discovered. Immediately after the alarm was given the linotype men had to quit their machines, grab their coats and fly for their lives. The firemen responded quickly and began to fight with all their might, but it was something after 2 o'clock when they got the flames checked.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is believed that George Wilson, the deaf and dumb boy who had been in the habit of slipping into the matrix room and sleeping, dropped a match and it started from that. Wilson had been run out of there several different times, but it is believed that he went up there last night early. When it became generally known that he was in the habit of going there an effort was made to find him after the fire had got under way, but smoke was so dense that a thorough search was impossible. There is a bare possibility that he perished in the building.

The printers crossed from The Observer Building over to The News plant, which Mr. W. C. Dowd opened up and turned over, and continued their work, putting into type the matter not already handled.

The press and other machinery in the basement of The Observer building was covered with oil cloths so that they would not be seriously damaged by the flood of water and the linotype machines on the second floor were treated in the same way. The damage has been great, but at the hour of the morning at which this is written no one can tell what it is. The front section of the building, which includes the editorial rooms, the city editor's room, the business office and the Southern Manufacturers' Club, was not touched except with water.

By 3 o'clock the fire was out. It was then estimated that the damage done to the building and machinery would amount to at least \$15,000. After the flames had been quenched and the smoke had cleared the boys made a final search for George Wilson, but could not find him. If he is in the building he is under a pile of rubbish.

The fire, coming at the time of morning that it did and being in the heart of the city, brought out hundreds of people from all sections of the city. Men and women swarming on the streets.

Early after the fire commenced the electric light wires were burned and the lights in the composing room where the printers were at work went out. It was then that every fellow struck out for himself.

The fourth floor of The Observer contains the bindery of the printing house. That was completely ruined.

At 3:30 o'clock the dead body of George Wilson was found some distance from where the fire originated. He had evidently tried to escape from the building and was suffocated. His body

was found in the southwest corner lying between some type cases and the wall close to the window which he must have been trying to reach. In the northwest corner his shoes and hat were found. Messrs. Paul H. Brown and R. C. White discovered the boy.

George Wilson was born in Crab Orchard township. He was about 15 years old and was a bright, smart boy. He had spent a year at the Deaf and Dumb school at Morganton and was going back this year. Everybody in the Observer Building liked him. If he was the cause of the fire, he did not intend to be, and it seems impossible for him to have caused it.—Charlotte Observer, Sept. 9.

Bound Over by the Mayor.

A negro by the name of Dallas Bailey was sent over to the grand jury last Saturday for assaulting a negro by the name of Davis. He could not give bond and went to jail.

Whitt Brown was before the mayor one day last week charged with stealing some money and a watch. When the evidence was in he was bound over to court and went to jail in default of bond.

Henry Durham and A. C. Blackwood were captured by the police while engaged in a gambling match last Friday night. In the mayor's court Saturday morning they were bound over to the superior court in bonds of \$50 each. Blackwood gave his bond and was released, but Durham was locked up as he could not give the required security.

John Wilson and J. A. Tingen were charged with carrying concealed weapon before the mayor Saturday were bound under \$25 bonds for their appearance at the next term of court. Tingen gave bond by depositing the cash while Wilson went to jail.

Irvin Barbee was before Mayor Graham Monday on the charge of burglarizing the home of Ida Merrett. They are both negroes and live in that section of the city known as Little Washington. After hearing the evidence in the case Barbee was sent to jail without bail to await the action of the grand jury at the next term of Durham Superior court.

Other cases tried by the mayor were as follows:

Fate Owens, selling whiskey without license, \$50. This bond was given. H. E. Beasley, assault and battery, bond \$75. The bond was given. John Henry Ray, cursing, fined \$5 and cost. Hosea Barbee, assault and battery, fined \$1 and cost. Elijah Greenhill, loud and boisterous cursing, fined \$5 and cost. Bob Turner, drunkenness, fined \$5 and cost. Helen Turner, cursing, fined \$5 and cost. John Bruton and S. W. Johnson, getting drunk on Sunday. Fined \$10 each and cost. Lucy Gills, drunkenness, fined \$5 and the cost. John Butler, assault and battery. Fined \$1 and cost, total of \$3.30. S. E. Beasley was charged with being drunk on Sunday, and for this he was fined \$10 and the cost. Duncan Hart, colored, was up for assaulting his wife and for this he was made to pay a fine of \$10 and all the costs of the case.

In a game of base ball between the Durham Hosiery Mills team and a team from Haw River last Saturday, the former won without any trouble, and the visitors at no time stood any show of winning the game.

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