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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.

From Timberlake.

Henry Tapp and his sister, Miss Laura, of Roxboro, route 5, spent last Sunday morning with relatives at Brooksdale, attending preaching there in the afternoon.

Mrs. Ida Reams and her daughter, Florence, of Roxboro, route 5, spent last Tuesday with Mrs. W. A. Barton and Mrs. R. H. Jones, of Timberlake route 1.

It has been reported that the manufacturers are not going to send any more sacks to Roxboro to be strung as some one has invented a stringer, which does all the work, except packing the tobacco.

A negro was fixing to leave home for a while and his wife began to cry, when he remarked, "What are you crying for, ain't I wid you yit?"

C. H. Tapp has made considerable improvement on his residence by repairing and painting.

W. A. Barton took a load of the yellow leaf to Roxboro last Wednesday, and returned home rejoicing as he received good prices.

I heard a man of close observation say recently that he never knew a better time for the farmers, and that he had been anxious for years to see this day drawn for the farmers as they composed the master wheel of the world.

Stephen Moore and Miss Helen Mason, Baxter Allen and Miss Hettie Rogers, Joe Wilkerson and Miss Ida Wilkerson, all of Roxboro, route 5, recently paid Mr. and Mrs. Ira Rogers, of Prospect Hill, a visit which they greatly enjoyed.

Last Wednesday while the driven snow was falling thick and fast two tramps called in to warm their feet and said they were on their way home from Roxboro, where they had been trying to secure employment in the new cotton mill, but failed for the reason that the mill had not started up.

Miss Hettie Rogers is teaching in district school No. 2 this year and the patrons say that they were never more highly pleased with their teacher than now.

Last Wednesday Nat. Walker and Miss Nannie Blalock were united in marriage at the home of the bride.

Last Friday evening my neighbors came in and did much more than I expected in the way of cutting wood, and this community is composed of as good neighbors as you will find anywhere.

R. I. Satterfield says that a large list of subscribers were worked up for the Recorder in this section as any paper ever introduced and that his family are not willing that he should cease to be a subscriber.

Hon. W. W. Kitchin seems to grow more popular in person county as a candidate for governor.

Add R. I. Satterfield, route 5, Roxboro, as a renewal for the Recorder for 12 months.

ROPER.

From the Chapel Hill News.

The County Commissioners met in regular monthly session at the court house Monday. Besides allowing accounts and providing for the poor, the jury for March term of court was drawn. The Board also passed an order for a steel fence to be placed

around the court house yard, to be completed by court, if possible. The cost of the fence will be about \$250.

Died, Mrs. Roberson, at her home in West End, Sunday evening about 3 o'clock. Mrs. Roberson had been in dreadful health for quite awhile. She leaves several small children, besides a father and other relatives in Chatham. The King's Daughters, of Chapel Hill, deserves much praise in administering to her needs. That dreaded disease, consumption, was the direct cause of her death.

Dr. F. P. Venable, President of the University of North Carolina, will sail from New York on February 15th on the Mecca, a steamship of the North German Lloyd Company, for Naples, to spend a few weeks, on a vacation granted him by the trustees of the University. Dr. Venable will leave home about the 10th inst.

Bill Concerning Creedmoor.

The town of Creedmoor and the surrounding community are making such rapid growth that the present school facilities have been found to be inadequate. They now have three school rooms at Creedmoor, and even these do not give sufficient space.

A bill has, therefore, been introduced by General B. S. Royster, and passed at the last session of the legislature, to authorize the Commissioners to allow the County Board of Education to submit to the voters of Creedmoor a proposition to issue \$6,000 worth of bonds for the purpose of erecting a school building. The bill also authorizes the County Board of Education to pay on the bond issue the sum of \$125 yearly, for the length of 10 years which time is prescribed for the bond issue. At least \$3,000, and probably \$4,000, of the \$6,000, can be borrowed of the State Board of Education at 4 per cent, and the remaining \$2,000 can be raised by hypothecating the bonds. When the \$1,250 (\$125 a year for 10 years) is deducted from the \$6,000, this the sum \$4,750 and interest on same, for the people of Creedmoor to raise in ten years. The amount of taxes to be raised yearly in the sum of \$475 and the interest on that sum.—Public Ledger.

High Point, Feb. 9.—The biggest fire in the history of the city in dollars and cents occurred here last night when the main plant of the Southern Car Company was destroyed by fire, together with all machinery.

The loss is between \$80,000 and \$100,000 and covered by only one third insurance. There were twenty-three cars worth several thousand dollars each almost ready to get out, and these were also destroyed. The origin of the fire is now unknown, but it is believed to have started in the cabinet room. This plant is a mile from the city, and when the fire companies arrived the mammoth building was on fire all over and there was no chance to save it.

Arvie Dudley was arrested and gave bond before the mayor Monday morning for abandoning his wife. He is expected to appear before the mayor March the 10th.

Major Guthrie Respite.

Governor Glenn heard the prayer of Benjamin Lövenstein for Major Guthrie's respite and after the young barrister had assured the governor that there will be forthcoming evidence to warrant the death sentence to a life-time commutation. Mr. Glenn decided to set the date March 19, four weeks from the present day, February 20.

Mr. Lövenstein who has stuck by the colored murderer since the unthankful job of defending Guthrie was thrust upon the chief magistrate evidence absolute that the death warrant should not be read. He told the governor that petitioners are plentiful, but Glenn says petitions don't go, they are too easily obtained. He asked the lawyer to present letters from representative men of Durham giving good reason for the commutation and that he would hear these and read them seriously.

Killed By Falling Tree.

Thomas R. Blalock, who lives two miles from Rougemont, was accidentally and instantly killed last Friday morning about 11 o'clock by the falling of a tree.

The accident occurred in the woods belonging to Mr. Mack Lawson where the men were engaged in chopping the timber, preparatory to cleaning it for the spring crops. There were four men in the party, all of whom were taking part in felling the pine tree, which was about twelve inches in diameter. It lodged in the fall against another tree and throwing the butt end up, knocking Mr. Blalock down and falling across him. He was crushed to death without a wail or a groan.

His associates cut the tree off him and carried him to his home from which place he was buried Saturday afternoon. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist church and the elder of that denomination conducted the funeral from the church near the Granville county line.

The dead man was 38 years old and leaves a wife, his father, Haston Blalock, a brother and four sisters. He was an industrious hard working man, conscientious farmer whom everybody liked. The horrible death, met in the discharge of a dutiful hard work, something that characterized his entire life, is a shock to his friends there and everywhere he was known.

Negro Boy Hurt.

Clyde Draghn, a colored lad of 13, was badly hurt Thursday night by a freight train which ran over a portion of his right foot and mashed it off.

The boy's story discloses rough treatment that nobody believes. He says he was coming from University Station and had paid a brakeman 25 cents to let him ride. A second brakeman, he declares, came along to collect the fare and not having it, Draghn was kicked from the car and the foot injured.

The boy was taken to Lincoln hospital and attended. Amputation of a portion of the foot was necessary. The railroad men say they know nothing of the matter, their opinion being that the child was attempting to swing to a fast-moving freight and was hurt by slipping under it.

THE mayor's docket Monday makes a showing for evil doers and also for the efficiency of the police in bringing them in out of the cold.

Talk of an Injunction.

During the past week, since the county commissioners saw fit to accept the contract for the construction of the Roxboro road, for which they will have to borrow money to pay the expense, there has been considerable talk among people from every section of the county. Many people are ready to ask perplexing questions but have received no answer from the commissioners.

It was mentioned in these columns that there was some talk of getting out an injunction, but we said at the time that we did not expect it would materialize. However, for the last few days it seems that the injunction idea is taking definite shape by the consultation by those that have to pay large taxes of attorneys with a view to holding the matter off. The idea has been expressed that some sections have complained because the road was not through their particular section. This idea is so small for consideration at the hand of the commissioners.

There is not, and will not be any complaint because the county commissioners want this road constructed, but the kick comes from the fact that the county officers propose to borrow the money to build the road when the voters of the county have expressed themselves three to one against the idea of borrowing money for this work.

So far as the legal side of the question goes, we have no idea of what would be the outcome if an injunction should be sought, but we maintain now, as we have expressed before, that taking everything in consideration, it is not right to borrow money for this purpose.

Carried to the County Home.

Some West Durham citizens complained because a family living there were guilty of being the filthiest on record. Justice Owens went to the house last Saturday and found conditions to fully vindicate the complaints.

He found Anna Strayhorn and her son, Arch, living in a room with nine dogs and six chickens. In the corner of the room was a mattress used by the "family" both day and night. After some persuasion the mother and son were carried to the county home. The dogs were given away and the chickens sold.

Twenty-Six Defendants.

The mayor had an unusual court Monday from point of numbers. There were twenty-six cases to claim his attention when court was called to order.

Of this number twelve were sent over to the May term of Durham superior court. All shades of people were up for various offenses such as cursing, rows, drunks, fights, stealing, Sunday drinks, etc.

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