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Correspondents will please bear in mind that it is live news items that are wanted. That So-and-So attended church Sunday is not an item of news, neither is the fact that one visits his or her neighbor to spend the day or night. Personal items concerning visitors to the community from a distance or trips of people of the community for some length of time or to some distant point are worth mention. Any improvements in farming methods, school work, road work, new buildings of any kind, marriages, deaths—any items of this kind make good news material.

WITH AUNT BECKY.

Farming Work Well Advanced—Mrs. Helen Longstreet's Offer Arouses Indignation—The Proposed Gettysburg Reunion—St. Valentine's Day—A Touching Remembrance from Children of a Former Slave.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Old Fork, (Maxton, R. 1), Feb. 10

The long-delayed winter seems to be rushing upon us this morning in earnest, and present indications denote snow. The poor little birds, which, lulled into peace and joy by the warm January weather, have been singing their happy little songs around our home, are now flitting uneasily from tree to tree with the premonition that winter has not gone; but we have no reason to complain, thus far the season has been remarkably mild, and if the snow should come we are blessed with plenty of wood. The crops of small grain in this section are looking well, but are very tender and should a heavy freeze come would doubtless be injured.

Our farmers have made good use of the favorable weather and are well advanced with their work up to date. I think cotton and canteloupes are to be the main crops about here.

Mrs. Helen Longstreet is meeting with considerable opposition, both North and South, and some just indignation on the part of Georgia veterans in her plan to aid General Sickles. From my viewpoint, her sympathy for him is misplaced, and she has overstepped the bounds of reason. If General Sickles deserves aid, why do not the Federal veterans, most of whom receive pensions, come to his rescue? They are the proper ones, instead of the poor little remnant who wore the gray, and who will be debarred from wearing the uniform they love and in which they fought, at the Gettysburg centennial in July, if the G. A. R. can have it so. Who are these Grand Army men, anyway, and how many of them were present on the battlefield of Gettysburg? Perhaps not one, and if the commanding generals were alive they would be the first to insist that Lee's veterans wear the gray on that day. The editor of the New York World says, "They would like to see the men who fought with Longstreet, Jubal Early, Jeb Stuart, Ewell, Hood and Pickett, in the uniform that belonged to them, and they would want to see the tattered stars and bars at the head of the regiments that carried them fifty years ago. That is what Gettysburg means in 1913. That is the only celebration worth having."

St. Valentine's day approaches, and our young people are anticipating a gay time at a box supper and party to be given at the Turnout academy on the afternoon of the 14th, under the auspices of Miss Mary Robeson, the principal of the school. Two special attractions on the programme are the Tom Thumb wedding, and recitation by Miss Maude Craig, whose talent in that line is very fine.

I had two visitors last week whom I was glad to see. They were daughters of the late "Wash" McQueen of your town, Charity and Almence, who came down to see me and the native home of their father; also they wished to see the old family pictures which I gladly showed them, and was pleased to note that they were still interested in their "white folks," and had learned much of our history from their father. There is an indefinable bond of affection still existing between the old family negroes and their former owners, which will last until these two classes pass away, and I am always interested in the well being of our old darkeys. These two women are educated, and well-mannered, both getting on well, which I was glad to know. One of them was named by Wash for my mother, who raised him, and to whom he was devoted. In the long ago, just a century this present year, mother was an infant, when a friend of her father, a Col. Lee of Virginia, came to Queensdale on a visit, found there the baby girl, and request to name her. This being granted, she received the full name of his wife, Charity Ann Lee; and this daughter of Wash, her former slave, bears the same name as his honored mistress. It was very touching to me when, as they were leaving,

each one handed me a little package containing nice presents for me, and from the sentiments which inspired them I appreciate these gifts more than silver and gold.

Angus Olmstead returned to school this a. m. after a few days at home suffering from cold.

Some of our neighbors have taken advantage of the late cold to finish up their hog-killing, and some who killed in the warm weather have been fortunate enough to save their meat. I have just been "doctoring" our hams to guard against the summer insects, and making a little smoke from hickory chips, which give the meat a nice flavor.

Mrs. Olmstead and I attended church at Hebron yesterday, one mile, and heard a good sermon from Rev. A. A. McClelland, although he was suffering from a severe cold.

Some of our Fork sisters are setting hens these days, looking ahead to March chickens, which are invariably the healthiest and hardest. Our barnyard presents a right busy scene these mornings with chickens, turkeys, ducks and guineas, and a pretty young calf playing around.

"AUNT BECKY."

Chapel Hill News.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Chapel Hill, Feb. 11—Only eight of the one hundred counties in North Carolina are unrepresented at the State University; namely, Avery, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Graham, Mitchell, Polk and Rutherford. The ninety-two represented counties vary in number from one student to thirty-eight. In previous years the counties represented by at least four or five students have grouped themselves together in organizations of county clubs. These clubs heretofore have outlined no policy of action with regard to their relationship with the State or college, but have confined their activities to the election of officers and probably gather around the festive board once a year. This year the clubs have come into their own bearings, that of creating an interest "back home" in the head of the State's educational system and to become acquainted with the advantages, conditions and problems of their respective counties. Viewing this as the proper function of a county club, a central organization of all the county clubs of the University was banded together in an association this week bearing the name of "The North Carolina Civic Association of the University of North Carolina." The full purpose of this association is adequately expressed in the constitution's preamble as adopted by the association: "The members of the county clubs in the University being keenly aware of their obligation to the State that is training them, to the communities in which they have been reared, and to themselves as individuals in a democratic society, and knowing the difficult problems that stand in the way of progress of the various counties of the State, and being eager to serve intelligently through a more accurate knowledge of conditions, do organize this club to be known as 'The North Carolina Civic Association of the University of North Carolina.' Officers of the association were elected and the work as outlined will be speedily put under way. A typical explanation of the work of each club is observed in the plans of Nash and Edgecombe counties in their efforts to stimulate interest in solution of local problems. The club offers a gold medal to the student in either of these counties that submits the best paper on the subject, 'The Effect of Good Roads on Rural Life in Edgecombe and Nash Counties'."

A telegram from New York City this week announcing that the law class of the University of North Carolina had won first State prize in the nation-wide mock trial contest of "The Case of Jennie Brice" as instituted by Everybody's Magazine, scored a distinct triumph for the eight able attorneys that ferreted out the mystifying murder trial on which the serial story now appearing in the magazine, was based. Additional to the high honor of winning the first State prize in the Union-wide contest, the class of the University was awarded the sum of \$100 for the ability displayed in conducting the trial. The attorneys in the case were: J. W. Hester, of Hester; J. W. Morris, of Tampa, Fla.; W. F. Taylor, of Faison; G. W. Ward, of Waynesville; W. L. Warlick, of Newton; L. A. Swicegood, of Salisbury; J. J. Henderson, of Mebane; and H. E. Stacy, of Shelby. The presiding judge was Prof. P. H. Winston, of the University Law faculty; court reporter, S. R. Winters. [The Mr. Stacy mentioned above was principal of the Rowland high school last year and was a candidate for the Senate in this county last summer.—Editor.]

Marriage of Miss Fannie Ausley to Mr. Lloyd Crenshaw.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Re. Feb. 11—Another marriage took place at the home of Mrs. Ausley, near Lumber Bridge, Thursday afternoon, February 6, the couple being Miss Fannie Ausley and Mr. Lloyd Crenshaw.

After a simple but impressive ceremony by Mr. Berryhill, of Parkton, young Mr. and Mrs. Crenshaw left for their future home near Buie.

It is with great regret that we see our friends leave us, both of whom are held in high esteem and will be greatly missed; but we are glad to know they will not be very far away and hope they will often be in our midst.

NORTH CAROLINA FARMS.

Average Value of Farm Lands and Holdings, the Increase, Etc.

Greensboro News.

The final and complete returns from the census bureau in Washington for agriculture in North Carolina have been published and the figures show a gratifying increase in all phases of agricultural wealth. In addition to a general discussion for the State as a whole, detailed and separate treatment is given to each county.

Of the entire land area of North Carolina more than seven-tenths is shown to be in farms. The percentage varies in the different counties, but the general proportion is from 80 to 90 per cent, that being the amount of land in farms in 30 counties well distributed over the State.

For the State as a whole the average value of farm land per acre is \$15.29. In a large majority of the counties (74) the average value is from \$10 to \$25. Seventeen counties show an average of less than \$10 per acre. These are located in three distinct groups—one of seven counties is in the central part of the State, one of five in the extreme southwestern part and one of five in the southeastern part. The average value exceeds \$25 in only seven counties, in each of which it falls between \$25 and \$50. Of these, four are located in the rolling coastal plain of the State and three in the piedmont plateau on the southern boundary.

Between 1900 and 1910 there was an increase of 29,088, or 12 per cent., in the number of farms in North Carolina, as compared with an increase of 16 per cent. in the population and of 5 per cent. in the acreage of improved land in farms. During the decade the total farm acreage decreased by 1 per cent. On account of the increase in the number of farms and the decrease in the farm acreage, the average size of farms, which was 101 acres in 1900, had decreased to 88 acres in 1910. North Carolina agriculture, therefore shows the same tendencies as that of Virginia and other Southern States.

The total value of farm property, which includes that of land, buildings, implements and machinery, livestock, is \$537,716,000, indicating an increase of 130 per cent. since 1900. Land alone increased in value 141 per cent. as compared with an increase of 115 per cent. in the value of buildings, of 108 per cent. in that of live stock and 103 per cent. in that of implements and machinery.

The average value of a farm, including its equipment, is \$2,119 at the present time, as compared with \$1,011 in 1900, or an increase of 104 per cent. during the decade. During the ten years 1900-1910 the average value of land per acre increased by \$9.05, or considerably more than doubled.

In 1910 the total number of farms owned wholly or in part was 145,320. Of this number 117,028 were free from mortgage, 26,642 were mortgaged and for 1,650 no report relative to mortgage indebtedness was obtained by the census bureau. The number of mortgaged farms constituted 18 per cent. of the total number of owned farms. This percentage is much higher than in 1890 and somewhat higher than in 1900. From 1890 to 1900 the absolute increase in the number of mortgaged farms was greater than that in the number free of mortgage.

The average debt of mortgaged farms, however decreased in the 20 years from \$722 to \$517, or 28 per cent. The average value of such farms increased from \$1,584 to \$2,231, or 40 per cent. Thus the owner's equity rose from \$862 in 1890 to \$1,711 in 1910, or by 98 per cent. As a result of the greater relative increase in the total farm debt, the mortgage indebtedness of North Carolina farmers, which was 445 per cent. of the value of the mortgaged farms in 1890, had changed to 23 per cent. of this value in 1910.

For any itching skin trouble, piles, eczema, salt rheum, hives, itch, scald head, herpes, scabies. Doan's ointment is highly recommended. 50c a box at all stores.

Governor Wilson Will be Inaugurated President March 4th, 1913.

Account of the above Historic Occasion which, as we all know, will be the grandest occasion our Southland has enjoyed in 20 years, the SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY, is making preparations to take care of the great multitudes of people who will attend same.

Special trains, Special Pullman Sleeping Cars, Special Coaches, will be required in large numbers. If you expect to attend this great event you should get busy—Clubs, Societies, Schools and other organized bodies of all kinds expecting to attend should get in line at once. Write the undersigned who will give you important information, and take care of you or your party in the best manner possible.

H. S. LEARD,
Division Passenger Agent,
Raleigh, N. C.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

Having qualified as Executors of D. J. McKay, deceased, this is to notify all creditors to present their claims to the undersigned Executors at Rowland, North Carolina, on or before February 10th, 1914, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of such claims. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

This the 5th day of February, 1913.
V. G. PLEASANTS,
G. B. SELLERS,
Executors of D. J. McKay, Deceased.
McLean, Varsler & McLean,
2-6-6 Thurs. Attorneys.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE LANDS.

Under and by virtue of an order of the superior court of Robeson county entered in the special proceedings, entitled D. T. Fisher, et al, vs. Lonnie Fisher, et al, the undersigned Commissioner will expose to sale to the highest bidder, at public auction, the following described lands:

First Tract: On the north side of Buckhorn Swamp; Beginning at a stake and three gum pointers in Buckhorn Swamp, in James McNatt's line and runs with his line E. 45 chains to a stake in a pond; thence north 68 E. 14 chains to a stake; thence north 60 W. 18 chains; thence south 60 west to Buckhorn Swamp; thence down the run of said swamp to the beginning, containing 69½ acres, more or less, and less all on west side of the Wilmington & Weldon railroad.

Second Tract: Lying on the east side of the Wilmington & Weldon railroad, adjoining M. F. Underwood and J. A. Wilder; Beginning at a stake on the south side near the Horse Pen Branch, pine pointers, J. A. Wilder's and M. F. Underwood's corner, and runs thence, with Underwood's line, south 17, west 10 chains to J. R. Smith's corner of 69½ acres tract, a stake; thence with the line of it North 60 west 19 chains to a stake in the line of the right of way of said railroad thence with it, north 30, east 18.5 chains to a stake in J. A. Wilder's line; thence with his line north 45 E. 4.75 chains to a stake, his corner on the north side of the Horse Pen Branch; thence with his line south 19 west 11 chains to a stake, his corner; thence with his line south 54 east 13 chains to the beginning, containing 40½ acres more or less.

The above two tracts contain the net amount of 100 acres, about 60 acres of the same being cleared, free from all stumps and constituting a very valuable farm. On said farm is located a good new house containing six or seven rooms and two good tenant houses, besides barns, stables, etc. This is a re-sale. At a sale made on January 6th, of these two tracts, the sum of \$5000.00 cash was bid, but upon the recommendation of the parties in interest, the court refused to confirm said sale, and ordered this sale. The farm is rented for the year 1913, the purchaser, upon confirmation by the court will be entitled to the rental.

Place of sale: Court house door, Lumberton, N. C.

Time of Sale: 12 o'clock m., Monday, March 3rd, 1913.

Terms of sale: One-third cash, one-third in six months and balance in 12 months, with interests on deferred payments. Title reserved, or mortgage on the place required.

Purchaser will be required to pay 10 per cent of his bid on day of sale, as an evidence of good faith.

This January 20th, 1913.

J. B. M'COMICK,
Commissioner, Parkton, N. C.
ROBINSON & LYON,
Attorneys, Fayetteville, N. C.
1234thurs.

SALE OF LAND FOR DIVISION.

By order of the superior court of Robeson county entered in a special proceeding therein pending, wherein R. P. Byrd and others were plaintiffs and James Byrd and others were defendants, same being special proceeding No. 2972 upon the docket of said court, I will, on Monday the 3rd day of March, 1913, at 12 o'clock noon at the court house door of Robeson county offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described lands, to-wit:

In Sterlings township adjoining the lands of J. W. Bullock, Alva Parker, J. G. Lewis and others, and lying on the East side of Hog Swamp and the North side of Deep Branch, beginning at the junction of deep branch with the main run of Hog Swamp near the mouth of the Old Field Swamp, the beginning corner of a 650 acre tract conveyed to James Byrd by Jesse Faulk, February 8th, 1820 and runs as its last line reversed up the run of Hog Swamp about 40 chains to J. W. Bullock's line; thence as his line south 45½ east 58 chains to the north prong of deep branch; thence as Alva Parker's line down said branch to Deep Branch; thence as the next line reversed along the hillside north 27 west 11 chains; thence north 50 west 6 chains to his beginning on the hill by the side of Hog Swamp and Deep Branch; thence with his last line reversed south 23 west 6.25 chains to the run of Deep Branch; thence down the run of said branch to the beginning containing one hundred and eighteen acres, more or less, and being the same lands formerly owned by Effie Ann Stone deceased and which upon her death descended to her heirs at law.

This sale is made for division of the proceeds among the heirs at law of Effie Ann Stone.

Dated this January 27th, 1913.
E. J. BRITT, Commissioner.
E. J. Britt, McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor, attorneys for plaintiffs.
1304 thurs.

NOTICE OF ENTRY.

North Carolina,
Robeson county.

To T. N. Higley, Entry Taker for Robeson county.
Take notice that the undersigned, Elma S. McNeill, of Robeson county, North Carolina, has entered and laid claim to, and does hereby enter and lay claim to, and the following described piece or parcel of land in Back Swamp township, Robeson county, North Carolina, the said land being vacant and subject to entry under the laws of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of Carlyle, Boone lands and others. Beginning at a stake water oak and holly on the west bank of Lumber River Boone's corner and runs his line 35 east 23 chains to the west edge of the creek swamp; thence down the edge of the swamp 30 chains to Enoch McNeill's line; thence with his line north 35, west 6.25 chains to the bank of said river; thence up the edge of the river to the beginning, containing thirty (30) acres more or less.

E. S. M'NEILL, Claimant.
Entered this 22d day of January, 1913. 1234Thurs

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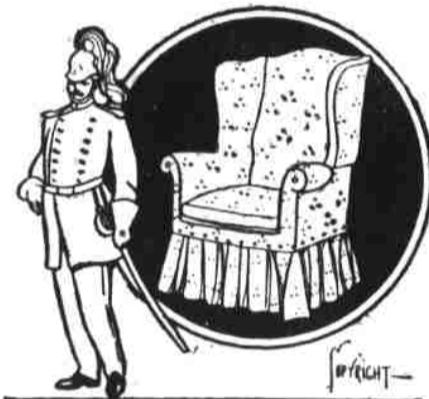
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