

THE CAROLINA WATCHMAN.

Local News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Lloyd left last Friday for Mexico.

The buggy contest has commenced to boom. Get in the race and bring in your votes.

The Rowan Medical Society held a meeting on Monday.

Mrs. C. G. Vardell, of Red Springs, a daughter of the late Rev. J. Rumble, is in the city visiting friends.

On account of the illness of Dr. Wharey, the memorial service which was to have been held at the Presbyterian church Sunday, was postponed.

An entertainment will be given the Jerusalem school on Friday night March the 15th, at Jerusalem church. It will begin strictly at 7 o'clock. Everybody invited.

Miss Maud Plyer, of Cleveland, who has been the guest of Miss Nettie Plummer for several days, returned home Monday.

There are numerous candidates for alderman coming to the front, and among them are some good men.

The white barber shops of the city will raise the price of a shave from 10 to 15 cents after March 15th.

The Empire Store Company has been chartered with a capital of \$50,000. The concern will do business in the new block just above the Central Hotel.

Any one in need of a first-class buggy will do well to read over our buggy proposition on this page.

The Recorder Matter.

It is announced that the people here will have an opportunity to vote on the question of recorder or no recorder, at the municipal election to be held here May 7th. The bill passed the legislature in an amended form, Senator Kluttz, we understand, having insisted on the voters here being given an opportunity to express themselves on the subject through the ballot.

Funeral of Mr. Goodnight.

The funeral of the late Henry N. Goodnight took place last Wednesday afternoon at Thyatira church at Mill Bridge. The deceased was a well known and prominent farmer of the county and was much esteemed by those who knew him. He leaves a widow and six children. The funeral was attended by a large number, and several friends from Salisbury were present.

Fa-so-la Singing at Faith.

Owing to a previous announcement last Easter Monday, there will be a fa-so-la singing at Faith Lutheran church Easter Monday, beginning at 10:30 A. M. The public is cordially invited to be present. Everybody come and bring all the fa-so-la books you can get hold of. A very lively and pleasant time is expected—do not miss it. J. C. L.

T. D. Brown Honored.

T. D. Brown, secretary of Winona Council, No. 18, Jr. O. U. A. M., of Salisbury, has been selected by the State Council as a member of the State law committee of the order. Mr. Brown was State Warden of the Junior Order, having been elected to that office at the State meeting held in this city. His appointment as a member of the law committee is quite an honor.

Rheumatic Pains Relieved.

B. F. Crocker, Esq., now 84 years of age, and for 20 years Justice of the Peace at Martinsbury, Iowa, says: "I am terribly afflicted with sciatic rheumatism in my left arm and right hip. I have used three bottles of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and it did me lots of good." For sale by James Plummer, Salisbury, and Spencer Pharmacy, Spencer, N. C.

Remains Taken to New Jersey.

The remains of L. Graf, who died in Salisbury last Sunday night, were shipped Monday to Newark, N. J., where the interment will take place today. Mr. Graf was a mining expert, farmer and land owner. He was a native of Germany but had resided in Rowan county for many years. A. H. Graf, of this city, is a son of the deceased. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Graf accompanied the remains to New Jersey.

Military Inspection.

Capt. Max Barker has been notified that the annual inspection of the Rowan Rifles would be held today. Colonel Stringfield, the state inspector general, accompanied by Major T. B. Dugan, representing the war department, will be here to conduct the inspection. The company has been drilling and preparing for the inspection for several weeks. Captain Barker has also received notification that a Gatling gun has been assigned to his company.

Dr. Sawyer to Leave.

Dr. C. J. Sawyer and family will leave Salisbury this week and return to their old home at Bellcross, Camden county. The recent death of Dr. Sawyer's mother has decided him to take this step as he desires to be near his father, who is now alone and is advanced in years. Salisbury will regret to lose Dr. and Mrs. Sawyer. They have made many warm friends during their residence here whose best wishes will go with them.

Comes to Salisbury.

Geo. B. Robeson, who has been with the Bolk Gray Drug Co., the past nine months, has given up his position with the company and will go to Salisbury to take a position with Cornelison & Cook druggists. Mr. Robeson is an efficient druggist and an agreeable young man, and his many friends here will regret that he is to leave Statesville. Mr. Robeson will go to Greensboro in a few days to visit home folks before taking up his new work at Salisbury.—Statesville Landmark.

Scott Trott Dead.

W. Scott Trott died last Tuesday morning at the sanatorium here where he had been taken the previous day to have an operation performed. He was in a very critical condition at the time and died at 5 o'clock on the morning of the day mentioned. Mr. Trott was a native of the county and was a resident of Salisbury for a number of years. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at the residence of H. C. Trott, a brother of the deceased. Rev. J. M. Wharay officiating.

Death Follows Paralysis.

M. T. Hayes, who fell on the street Monday with a stroke of paralysis, did not recover consciousness and died yesterday morning about noon. Mr. Hayes was going out to Chestnut Hill to visit his son-in-law, N. W. Collett. He had just alighted from street car in front of Mr. Collett's house when he suffered the stroke of paralysis and fell. The deceased was a machinist and was about 62 years old. A son, Thomas Hayes of Durham, was wired for, as was his daughter, Mrs. James Ingram, of Athens, Ga. The funeral is expected to occur today.

Thrifty Boston Policemen.

A number of men of the police force have recently purchased farms with the view of having a secluded place to retire to when they are awarded their pensions of half pay at the conclusion of their terms of faithful service. Already a number of retired policemen have demonstrated that they can be successful farmers, even though they never turned the soil in all their years until they were pensioned. Some have made small fortunes raising chickens.—Boston Herald.

HIGHWAYMEN AT WORK.

Two Negroes Hold up Young Men. Both the Robbers Arrested.

A Concord dispatch of the 12th, to the Charlotte Observer, tells the following story:

A bold and daring hold-up was attempted on the public highway last Saturday night four miles from this city on the Betty's ford road, near the home of R. V. Caldwell, and two negroes, John and Shep Gilmore, are in the county jail charged with the offense. John Gilmore bears a wound in one shoulder and was struck without effect in two other places by the balls from the pistol of one of the young men of the party.

Messrs. Will Cannon and R. A. Sossamon, young men of Cornelius, came to town Saturday to see The Clansman, young Jay Cannon joining the party on the road. The boy rode horseback, while his cousin and Mr. Sossamon were in a buggy. As they returned home Jay Cannon led the way. When at the place mentioned above, two men sprang from the side of the road each seizing a rein of the horse and commanding the men to throw up their hands. Mr. Cannon fired on the robbers and one dropped as if wounded. The young men went to the home of W. F. Cannon where they remained the rest of the night. The fact that John Gilmore was shot came to light yesterday morning when he sought medical aid through one of his neighbors. The two negroes were landed in jail today and will be given a preliminary hearing before Esquire Pitts, John Gilmore says that he was in a row with some darkies at Davidson Saturday night, but Jay Cannon recognized him on the roadside as he passed him. The Gilmore negroes are a desperate set and have figured many times in the Cabarrus courts.

Fireman Hurt. Fred Leonard, a fireman running on the Southern between Spencer and Marion was painfully injured last week in the attempt to board a moving train. Leonard had gone to a lunch room when his engine stopped, in order to get something to eat. His train pulled out and he ran to catch it. In trying to catch the caboose he made a slip and fell under the wheels, his right leg being cut off. The injured man was taken to a hospital at High Point. His condition is regarded as very serious. Leonard is from Hillsboro, but has been living at Spencer for some time.

No Crime in Wilkes.

Wilkesboro, March 10.—Criminal court has been in session here for the past four days, with Judge R. B. Peebles on the bench and Frank Linney, the solicitor, prosecuting the docket. This is Judge Peebles' first term of court in the county and the people are very favorably impressed. This is also Solicitor Linney's first term and he impresses the people as an able and aggressive prosecutor. The judge and solicitor were detained at Lenoir Monday and the court did not open until Tuesday. There was the smallest docket that has been here in five years, with no cases of any importance. No one was sent to jail, the roads or penitentiary and the county jail is without an occupant.—Special to Charlotte Observer.

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TOBACCO: HOW TO CULTIVATE, CURE AND PREPARE FOR MARKET.

By J. B. Killebrew, A. M., Ph. D., late Expert on Tobacco for Tenth Census.

MAKING PLANT BEDS.

The first and most important step in producing a crop of tobacco is to have an abundance of good, strong, stocky plants. The land selected for a plant bed should be of virgin soil with a slightly southern exposure, if possible, in order that the young plants may get the benefit of the warm rays of the sun in early spring. This is important to bring them forward as early as possible. The soil should be a rich, fertile, black loam. It is preferable, because it absorbs more heat from the rays of the sun than does any other color, and brings forward the plants several days sooner, which is much to be desired by the tobacco grower. After the wild growth has been cut off and the leaves and trash removed, brush and weeds should be piled on the surface in sufficient quantity to burn the top earth to a reddish tinge or soft-brick color. After the bed has cooled, and without removing the ashes, it should be coultured or dug up with grubbing hoes, frequently raked and chopped over with weeding hoes, until the surface is thoroughly pulverized. All roots should be removed, as well as lumps of up-turned clay. When nicely prepared mark off beds four feet wide, for convenience of sowing.

One heaping tablespoonful of seed is enough to sow ten yards square, or one hundred square yards. The seed should be mixed with a peck or more of meal, ashes or land plaster to facilitate its even distribution over the bed. To more surely insure this even distribution, the bed should be sown first one way and then cross-sown. After the sowing, tramp or lightly rake the bed with a fine garden rake and then cover with canvas. The edges of the canvas should be tacked to a frame made of scantlings or poles that should form a frame around the bed. A few inches of wire or switches should be stuck over the bed to hold the canvas off the surface. A trench dug on the upper side of the bed is necessary to carry off the washings of the surface water, that is apt to collect the seed in groups in the low places of the beds. Beds should be burned as early as possible when the land is sufficiently dry after the Christmas holidays. Those burned and sown in February and March will be prepared for planting in the best condition. Do not use too many seeds. When this is done the plants are so crowded that they grow up with delicate, fragile stalks and are unable to resist the shock of transplanting as well as stockier plants.

PREPARATION OF SOILS FOR HEAVY SHIPPING TOBACCO. A rich, loose, well-drained, clayey soil is best adapted to the growth of heavy shipping tobacco. Old land that has grown a crop of clover or cowpeas the preceding year, broken up in the fall, well manured, either before breaking or after, with a liberal application of fertilizer, is found most favorable to the

production of the heaviest types of tobacco. New ground tobacco is generally brighter in color and smaller in yield than that grown on old manured lots. Fall breaking with three horses on deep soils is important, because it destroys to a large extent the cut worms that prey upon the young plants after they are transplanted. In March the land should be rebroken with a two-horse plow and frequent working with a heavy tooth or disc harrow is necessary to put the land in a fine condition of tilth.

FERTILIZING, HILLING AND PLANTING.

All the accumulations of ashes, tobacco stalks and scraps should be scattered over the land before harrowing. These will be found a most valuable addition to the stable manure that should always be applied in the fall, when it is put on the land in the spring, it has a tendency to make the tobacco plant spot, and it grows with so much rapidity that, though the leaves may have ample size, they will be lacking in body and in finish when the tobacco is cured. When the plants in the seed bed show leaves as large as a quarter of a dollar, it is time to begin to lay out the land preparatory to fertilizing the same and the making of hills. Usually furrows are run both ways across the land three and a half feet apart with a single-horse plow, and at the points of intersection the rows of fertilizers are dropped ranging in quantity from a tablespoonful to a small handful. From 150 to 500 pounds are used to the acre, the quantity being regulated to some extent by the strength of the soil and by the amount of stable or other manures previously applied. In the yellow tobacco regions of North Carolina, and in the seedbed districts of Pennsylvania, as much as 700 to 800 pounds per acre are applied with most satisfactory results. The best artificial fertilizer for tobacco contains the following:

- Phosphoric acid, 8 per cent.
Ammonia, 2 per cent.
Potash, 10 per cent.

This is varied by a reduction of the amount of potash to 3 per cent, which, while it lessens the cost, reduces its value as a fertilizer. It is not a wise or economical policy to reduce the percentage of potash, as this is by far the most valuable ingredient that enters into a fertilizer for tobacco.

Manual applications are rarely made on freshly cleared land, except in the yellow tobacco growing regions on yellowish or whitish soils where they are found to be of the greater benefit in giving vitality and finish to the tobacco. Nessler, Schloessing and other chemists, as common salt, muriate of potash and many other fertilizers containing any form of chlorine should not be employed in growing tobacco. Nitrate of ammonia, though costly, is an excellent fertilizer for tobacco, as are also cotton-seed meal, tankage, dried blood, sulphate of ammonia and nitrate of soda. Low, wide, flat hills should be made at the crossing of the rows and the fertilizer should be well intermixed with the dirt that goes to form the hills. Each hill should be cut off and patted with the hoe.

The use of fertilizers for the growing of tobacco hastens the maturity of the plant at least two weeks or more. It also adds

greatly to the yield of the crop and to the quality of the leaves. Land that under ordinary conditions would make a yield of poor, papery tobacco lacking in gummy or oily matters and unfitted for shipping purposes may be made to produce a very high type of tobacco by the liberal application of a well-compounded fertilizer with suitable ingredients. It is now a rare thing to plant tobacco without using some fertilizer. It not only improves the quality and increases the weight of the cured tobacco, but it gives an early start to the plant, which soon grows large enough to withstand the ravages of grasshoppers and other insects.

After the hills are made, the quicker the plants are set out the better. During the first half of May there is usually enough humidity in the soil to make the transplanting safe without rain. It is best to have a heavy rain immediately after a rain, provided the fall of rain is not so heavy as to thoroughly soak the ground. In this case it is better to wait until the excessive water has drained away. A peg an inch or an inch and a half in diameter and six or eight inches long and sloped one-third of the length to a blunt point, is used for setting out the plants. A hole is made with it in the hill into which the roots of the plants are thrust. The dirt is then pressed to the plant by the thumb on one side and the peg on the other. One person usually drops for two setting out. A hand plant, that is an extra long one with facilities greatly the planting, as it may be adjusted in the hand in passing from one hill to another. The plant dropped on one hill is the one set on the next.

CULTIVATION OF THE CROP.

In about eight to ten days after the plants are set out in the open field, they will be so well established that cultivation should begin by running a furrow on each side of the row with a single horse turning plow. The furrow plow being run as closely as possible to the plants without disturbing the roots and so endangering their vitality. This leaves a narrow ridge with the plants standing on it. Hoes are then brought into requisition to scrap away any grass or weeds that may have made their appearance. It is a good practice to draw a little dirt up around the plants after breaking the crust which generally grows the top of the ridge. This initial working is probably the most important. For subsequent working cultivators may be run at intervals of a week or ten days both ways through the tobacco. This is especially important after a rain. It is now the practice of the best tobacco-growers to use level cultivation. It was once thought necessary to put a supporting hill around every plant in the first cultivation. This practice has been abandoned because it diminishes the area of range for the roots of the plants and also lessens the amount of humidity within reach of the roots and this humidity grows more important as the leaves expand. The land should never be worked when the plants are green. When the plants have attained a size that makes it impossible to use a plow or cultivator without damage to the roots, the work leaves it will be found advantageous to cut out with hoes or to pull up with the hands any grass, weeds or bushes that may spring up. Every alien in the field will damage the quality of the tobacco.—From Virginia-Carolina Fertilizer Almanac.

We have not space enough to reprint the balance of this article.

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