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RURAL NEWS

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TOLL BRIDGE.

April 21.—The weather is cold on the potato bugs. I noticed three bugs sitting on a rock in my potato field half frozen, waiting for the potato tops to come up out of the ground.

The farmers are busy planting watermelon seed and corn.

David Green caught four carp last Saturday which weighed about 20 pounds.

Mrs. T. F. Bridges who has been sick is improving, we are glad to note.

The section hands had a barbecue Saturday evening at Charles Williams'. All had a good time.

Thomas Brooks, who was injured in the accident which occurred on the railroad bridge on February 10th, is able to resume his duties on the road. Joe Read, who was also hurt by the same accident, is able to walk by the use of a stick.

The annual commencement at Churchland High School will take place on May 2.

The writer has received a letter from Tom Hackett, better known as Uncle Tom, who is in Evinston, Wyo. He arrived in Wyoming March 22nd. He says it has snowed about two-thirds of the time since his arrival there. The writer thinks old North Carolina is the best place yet. Y.

CRESCENT.

April 19.—Whooping cough is all the go around here now.

The Holy Communion service was held at Bethany Reformed church last Saturday.

The Jr. O. U. A. M. is still growing. New members are being added to the roll every week.

Miss Eliza Fesperman, who has been ill for some time, is not improving much, we are sorry to report.

Mrs. L. W. Saffrit is thinking of eating new cabbage soon. She also has sugar pea blossoms. Who can beat that?

Miss Cora Pless has returned home from her school which closed last Friday.

Charlie Shive and family spent Sunday, April 18th, at Mr. and Mrs. Tobias Holshouser's.

Misses May and Katie Holshouser and Mrs. Cranford Peeler spent Sunday evening at L. W. Saffrit's.

L. M. Hess is very ill with measles.

Rev. J. C. Koons spent Friday night at Tobias Holshouser's.

Misses Anna Holshouser and Ila Saffrit spent Wednesday night at Miss Katie Fesperman's.

Fisher and McCombs have started work at their quarry again after having stopped for some time.

Misses Mary Holshouser and Daisy Fisher spent Friday in Salisbury. POLLY.

TRADING FORD.

April 19.—Oh, the beautiful springtime is here and the music of the spring birds is sublime!

The recent rains kept the farmers back somewhat with their work and little cotton and corn is being planted.

The cotton crop will not be so large here this year as the larger part of the land was sown in wheat last fall.

The wheat around here is very large for the time of year. It looks like some will head out in this month.

Some sickness this week but no cases supposed to be serious.

Mrs. W. M. Parnell has been real sick for a week but is convalescent at this writing.

Mrs. G. A. Peacock has been on the sick list for a week but is better now.

John Miller was in the creek seining a few days ago and caught several nice catfish. It seems to be a little cool yet but John is use to it.

Pound parties have already appeared and ice cream suppers will follow in a short time. Good for the young folks, we glory in you enjoying yourselves. That's the way we used to do.

The fruit crop will be very short here this year except blackberries. We will see more about them later on.

We hear of several who contemplate subscribing for THE WATCHMAN. I hope they will not forget the paper of the people and for the people as the good old WATCHMAN always stands to the front. SAM SNOOT.

The Commission Charter Defeated in Charlotte.

The handicap of voting against the books in the face of an unusually large registration was more than the commission-form charter could stand and the proposed bill providing for the modern business system of municipal administration for Charlotte was defeated at the polls yesterday by a count of 1,287 for as compared with 126 for the aldermanic substitute. There were 8,982 voters registered and 1,632 were required for a choice. It will thus be seen that the commission charter lacked 445 votes of securing the required majority of the total registration.—Saturday's Charlotte Observer.

A Salisburyan for Mayor of Taylorsville.

A meeting of citizens, held in the court house last Thursday night, nominated the following town ticket: For mayor, C. G. Veile; for aldermen, James Watts, Dr. S. T. Crowson and J. B. Barnes.—Taylorsville Scout.

CHRISTIANNIA

April 21.—It seems that winter has returned this morning, cold enough for frost, but I think the moving air kept it off.

Yesterday, Rev. Sowers gave us an interesting sermon on the proper training of children. We thought it was real good anyway, but better because it was so much needed. So many children are allowed to run at random on Sunday as well as at any other time. Often the parents do not know where they are, or in what they are engaged. From this class come most of those who wear the stripes after they reach maturity.

Mrs. G. C. Miller, of Faith, is visiting her grand-parents and relatives here this week. I hope she will not get home sick soon.

Miss Fannie Brown is on a visit to her sister at Wilford, S. C.

Miss Beulah Lyerly has gone to Asheville to serve as a governess in a private family.

Daniel Klutz had a horse to run away with a plow last week. While no external injuries were perceptible, he bled profusely about the mouth and nose. He is better now.

Farmers are generally through planting corn and are making preparations to get their cotton seed in the ground.

Many farmers pay but little attention as to how they lay off their land for corn planting. For their benefit Nathan Brown has the following to say: "I can lay off an acre and a half of land and plant it in corn with rows three and one half feet apart each way. Then I can lay off another acre and one half of land and plant it in corn with rows three and one half feet apart each way, and one plot will have more than fifteen hundred hills in it than the other. How is it done?" If you do not know how this is done it will pay you to write him through THE WATCHMAN for an explanation.

Best wishes for the farmers and THE WATCHMAN we subscribe as ever. VIOLA.

REEDY BRANCH.

Gold Hill, April 21.—Miss Josie Klutz spent Sunday evening with her cousin, Darth Trexler.

Julius Frick, of Rockwell, the manager of the Rockwell Telephone Company, spent Monday at Liberty, making improvements on the Liberty exchange.

Z. B. Trexler, of Mt. Pleasant, spent Saturday night and Sunday with home folks.

John F. Trexler, Salisbury, is spending a week with homefolks. He has been confined to his room for the past week with a case of measles. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Trexler spent Tuesday in Salisbury on business.

Glenn Trexler made a visit to W. G. Eagle's Sunday. WILD BILL.

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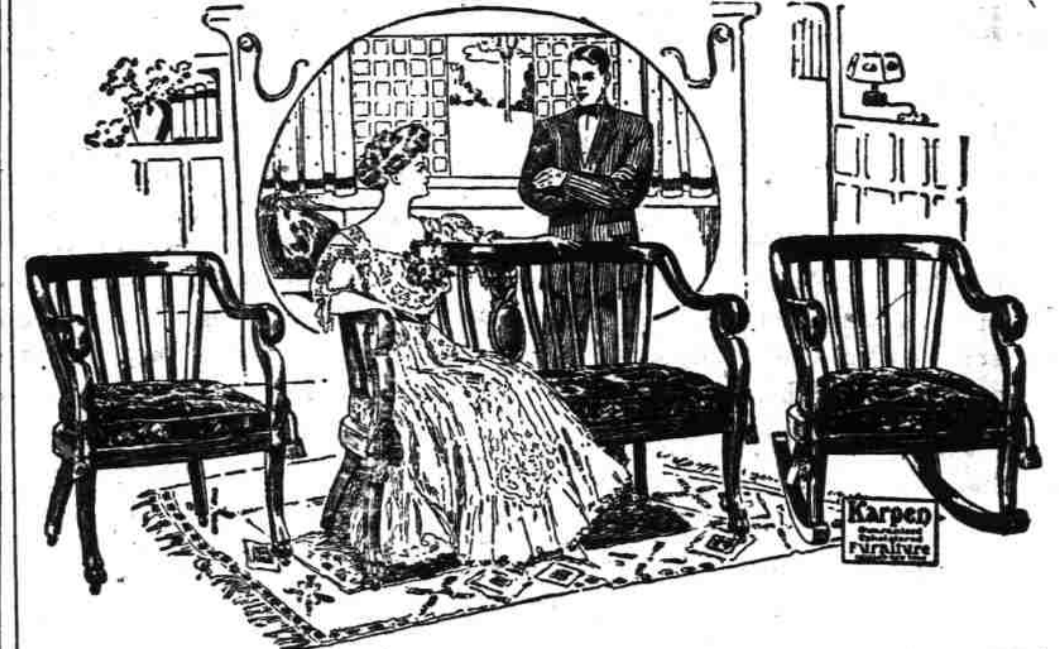
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