

SALISBURY AND ROWAN COUNTY LOCALS

D. M. Miller, Esq., has been appointed a United States Commissioner.

R. Lee Mahaley gave his friends and associates a barbecue at the fair grounds Monday.

J. F. Hurley, editor of the Post, and Mrs. Hurley are in Asheville with the editors to-day and tomorrow.

The Negroes of Salisbury have formed a civic league and will help clean up and beautify the city. This is very commendable.

Mr. and Mrs. Moss, of Misenheimer, good friends of THE WATCHMAN, were Salisbury visitors yesterday.

T. E. McGhee, a carpenter, while working in the new court house fell from a bench and was painfully hurt.

Bertie Hill and Annie Connor, Negroes, had a row one night last week and the Hill girl was pretty badly cut up. At the hearing before Judge Klutz last Thursday Annie was given thirty days in jail.

Milas Verble, the old Negro who was knocked down and badly injured some time ago by an auto mobile and who has been under treatment since, has been dismissed, but is still unable to get about.

The annual convention of the Salisbury-Spencer Baraca Union will take place in Holmes Memorial Church at four o'clock Sunday afternoon. A large gathering is expected and some encouraging reports of the work is looked for.

T. M. Keeler, who expects to open a first-class dry goods store in the Empire block now being put in order for him, left yesterday for northern markets to purchase his stock.

The Fourth Company C. A. C., N. C. N. G., will give an ice cream supper on the Grubb building tomorrow night. The company's splendid band will furnish music

for the occasion. A competitive drill will be among the features of the evening.

A national organization with headquarters in Raleigh, capitalized at \$250,000, has decided to open ten five, ten and twenty-five cents stores in North Carolina and has selected Salisbury for one of these stores. It is said this store will be opened as soon as a location can be secured.

Last Thursday night an alarm of fire was turned in from box 56, on the public square, owing to a blaze having originated in the Star Pressing Parlor just in the rear of the Peoples' Drug Store. It is thought the place was set on fire. J. H. Brown, the proprietor, carried three hundred dollars insurance.

From reports it would seem that after a while the Southern Railway will have some engines on hand. This company has just given an order for fifteen new Mikado engines and ten Pacific engines. These orders seem to take place pretty frequently and engines that were in use thirty years ago are still in the service.

A mortgage of \$50,000.00 was registered here last week. It was given by the Southern Public Utilities Company of Charlotte, a connection of the Southern Power Company, and the loan was made by the Farmers' Loan & Trust Company, of New York. It bears 5 per cent. interest, runs thirty years and is registered in every county in which the Southern Power Company does business.

Burgess Wood, an old veteran, a member of Co. B, 46th, N. C. troops, is in the Whitehead-Strkes Sanatorium for treatment. At the Wilderness all but seven of this company were killed and there are now not more than three survivors of the company taking part in that fight. There are a half dozen or more living who joined the company afterwards.

J. C. Danham, general foreman of the Southern's round-house at Spencer, has been promoted to the position of general superintendent of the Southern's plant at Charleston, S. C. He left Monday afternoon to take up his new labors. Before leaving, Mr. Danham's associates in the round-house presented him with a token of their esteem, a gold watch chain attached to a Masonic emblem set with diamonds.

The thermometer about this town and pretty much throughout the South has been apparently trying to make a new record and in some instances seems to have succeeded. Friday the government thermometer here registered "only" 102, as the clerks say when asking about two prices for something.

Isaac Logan, a young white man who recently escaped from the chain gang and who has been spending several weeks at Elkin, was retaken by Sheriff McKenzie and was given a hearing in the County Court Saturday. He was given sixty days for escaping and will now serve fourteen months when ten months with good behavior would have completed his former sentence.

Owing to the re-arrangement of the court districts made necessary by the unnecessary addition of four new judges, Rowan has been transferred from the tenth to the fifteenth district. This district is composed of Randolph, Iredell, Rowan, Montgomery, Davis and Cabarrus. B. F. Long, of Statesville, is resident judge and W. C. Hammer remains as solicitor. Rowan will hereafter get six terms of court instead of four.

The Ladies of the Chestnut Hill Presbyterian Church will give a lawn fete near the new church building in Ide Grove on South Fulton Street beginning at five o'clock Monday afternoon and continuing each afternoon until Friday, August 1st. Ice cream and cake will be served and numerous fancy articles will be offered for sale.

The session of the County Farmers' Union here Saturday was well attended and considerable business was transacted. Delegates to the State Convention were named as follows: E. B. Patterson, J. C. Keeler, John H. Frick, M. G. M. Fisher and S. A. Earnhardt. A committee was appointed to look after the fertilizer contracts.

I. C. Shaver and family are visiting Mr. Shaver's wife, who has been in Salisbury for some time. The latest news from Mrs. Shaver is that she is very low and is not expected to live very long. We wish for her recovery soon.

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Sidney Parkins, an eighty-one year-old respected Negro, died at his home here Saturday and the funeral was held Monday from the Soldiers' Memorial Church.

The friends of Rev. W. B. Dutton will regret to learn of his bereavement in the loss of his mother which took place at Tarrytown, Md., last week. The funeral took place last Thursday.

John Boger, a resident of the vicinity of Gold Hill, died Sunday. The funeral took place at Lower Stone Church Monday. Mr. Boger was the father of Mrs. Geo. W. Isenhour, of East Spencer, and a much respected citizen.

W. L. Baker, of Spencer, was called to Mooresville Saturday afternoon on account of the death of his father, R. F. Baker of that place, which occurred at the sanatorium in Statesville. The deceased was about 55 years old and is survived by two sons and four daughters. He had been desperately ill ten days. The burial took place at Mooresville Sunday afternoon.

M. F. Randle, a brother of Mrs. W. P. Palmer of Salisbury, a painter by trade, and at one time a resident of this city for several years, died at Bluff Springs, Florida, July 15th, from the effects of tuberculosis. Mr. Randle was a member of Hickory Camp, No. 49, Woodmen of the World, of Salisbury, who did much to relieve Mr. Randle during his illness. Mr. Randle had re-married in Florida.

John J. Hankins, aged 80 years, at one time a resident of Salisbury, died in Lexington Sunday afternoon. While a resident of Salisbury Mr. Hankins was in the tobacco business, he having conducted a warehouse on North Main Street where the Bell Shoe Store and A. B. Saleeby now do business. He was the father of G. Foster Hankins.

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Lightning Plays Some Pranks at China Grove.

Saturday evening lightning struck a stack of straw near an old barn on the farm of D. White Bostian, near China Grove, and set it on fire. This set the barn on fire and soon it and contents were consumed by the flames. The barn contained a lot of straw and hay. Mr. Bostian carried \$150 insurance on it and yesterday while S. J. Asbury, an insurance inspector, was looking over the destruction, he settled with Mr. Bostian in full.

Sunday evening lightning struck a clothes wire in the yard of J. W. Cook, in China Grove. To this wire a calf was attached by means of a chain. The calf is said to have been under the house and the lightning ran along the wire, down the chain and killed the calf under the house.

Lightning struck the tower of the China Grove Methodist Church Saturday evening, but did very little damage.

S. J. Asbury, of Charlotte, an insurance inspector, was in China Grove yesterday for the purpose of adjusting some claims. He and H. S. Bostian took up the matter of damage to the building occupied by the China Grove Hardware Company, sustained during the recent big fire there. They fixed the damage at \$400.

C. D. Watkins returned to Salisbury yesterday evening from Marion where he had gone to be with his wife and baby, the latter being quite ill. Upon reaching Salisbury he received a telegram saying the child, who was better in the morning, was not expected to live. He returned to Marion.

Rev. Ross of Mexico Speaks.

Rev. R. L. Ross, Presbyterian missionary to Mexico, a benighted Catholic land where the word of God and precepts of the lowly Nazarine are as little known and practiced as in the jungles of Africa, spoke in the First Presbyterian Church Sunday morning and night and in the Chestnut Hill Presbyterian Church in the afternoon. Rev. Ross's remarks were very interesting and the work there, he says, is very encouraging. The people are gladly receiving the gospel and encourage the missionary while the priesthood, as usual, put all obstacles possible in the way, going so far as to burn the Bible when possible.

To Consider the Draining of Creeks in Western Rowan.

Several parties who own farms in Western Rowan are anxious to have a meeting in Salisbury to discuss the drainage of creeks in that part of the county. Tuesday, July 23rd, has been decided upon for the date of the meeting, which of course will take place in the court house. It is a very good idea for those who wish to have their creeks and lowlands drained to co-operate in having contracts made and in the work. The expense would likely be less and the results would be more satisfactory and lasting.

A. B. Saleeby Wants to be Consul to Syria.

A. B. Saleeby, Salisbury's candy man, wants to be United States consul to Syria, his native land. He has had his application prepared and forwarded to Senator Overman who will present it with some strong endorsements to Mr. Bryan, secretary of state, and President Wilson. Later, Mr. Saleeby will call in person to present his claim. There are several stations in Syria, any one of which will be satisfactory to the applicant, among them being Smyrna, Jerusalem, Aleppo, Damascus and Beirut.

Meek Irvin Brought Back.

Sheriff McKenzie left early yesterday morning for Clover, S. C., for the purpose of bringing Meek Irvin back to this county. About thirty days ago Meek fell out with his woman, Victoria Barber, at Spencer, and proceeded to chase her across town and fired at her several times while standing on the porch of the Union Boarding House. The officers made an effort to catch Meek but he succeeded in escaping to South Carolina, where he was immediately arrested for carrying a concealed weapon and sent up for thirty days. Sheriff McKenzie was notified of the situation, called for his man yesterday and returned last night with him. It is said the bullets from Meek's pistol went entirely through the boarding house. He will probably be given a hearing before Judge Klutz tomorrow.

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RURAL NEWS
Written by
OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

TRADING FORD.

July 25.—Wet this morning. Friday and Saturday of last week was the hottest weather of the summer so far at this place. The thermometer registered 98 and 100 degrees.

A heavy rain fell here Sunday night. The land is soaked and the farmers are turning land for another wheat crop.

The corn crop looks to be nearly 100 per cent. Now if it will just continue this season a few weeks longer this community will harvest a large crop of corn.

The Sowers Threshing Company, of Davidson, is finishing up the wheat threshing in the neighborhood this week. The wheat crop around here averaged about 90 per cent. this year.

Dr. York of Southmont was a visitor in Rowan Monday.

Jack Eller and Gizzie Eller are spending several days at Misenheimer Springs, Stanly County.

Sam spent yesterday in Spencer and enjoyed ice cream and many other things too good to mention.

G. A. Pascock, G. H. Eller and John Miller will leave in a few weeks for an extended trip through Florida and perhaps to Cuba. They will be gone from one to two weeks. They expect to enjoy a trip through the land of flowers and bananas.

John Parker is buying himself some land over at Linwood, and will move there this fall. Good for Parker. SAM SHORT.

FAITH.

July 21.—George Lyerly has a fine crop of corn and cotton this year.

The old Sheav place is greatly improved. The residence has been remodeled and it looks nice around there now.

William Ruffy has a fine farm this year and is one of the best farm managers in this country. He has all kinds of improved farming machinery and is well fixed for farming.

Lightning struck Milo Deal's house but did slight damage.

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Ask for unadvertised bargains. If you do not see what you want ask for it. This sale will last only 10 days. It will pay you to come miles to this clearance sale. Sale prices are omitted in this advertisement as the readers of this paper well know that we always

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