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A ROAD TO RALEIGH

Chamber of Commerce to Urge New Road Through New Hope

At the last meeting of the chamber of commerce it was brought out that the state highway commission contemplated converting the New Hope road, recently graded and top soiled, into a state highway from Raleigh by the way of Pittsboro and Sanford, through Oakland township and on to Southern Pines, etc.

This would mean a great deal to Pittsboro and with the proper effort it can be brought to pass. It would be the most advisable route for the highway. Eventually it would be a concrete road and would enter Pittsboro by Capt. J. F. Alston's residence, coming up East street to the court house.

At the meeting of the chamber it was announced by the town secretary that a consulting engineer had been employed, the town of Pittsboro would be surveyed and the contract let shortly for the erection of poles and wires for the lights, and that the electric current would be here early in summer.

Colin G. Shaw resigned as secretary of the chamber and Prof. W. R. Thompson was elected to fill the place.

Better Soft Pedal

So many gallant men in this town are prone to insist that this editor of this paper has written articles that involve the sentimental idea of women folks, and they play the Lockinvar spirit and attempt to develop a Chesterfieldian attitude, that it becomes our duty to remind them that during last summer they threatened to mob the editor and to do him violence unless he restrained himself in certain affairs. Finally they did gather in front of his home and for two blocks surrounding it and were so hell bent on doing something wrong that they took a negro from the jail and lynched him in New Hope township.

During that night, in the absence of the editor, the editor's wife sat alone in her home, watching those men in the light of the stars deliberate upon their plans and not knowing their designs, feared for her own safety. Yet they now proclaim that the consideration of women folks should be uppermost in the minds of the people. Oh consistency! thou art a jewel.

Card of Thanks

Little Mary George Blair who has been confined to the home of her grandfather, G. N. Smith, for six weeks with pneumonia, is able to return to school at Carolina. She wishes to thank the many friends through The Record for the nice fruit and flowers given her, and the kindness rendered by all during her sickness.

Community Pictures

The community pictures will be at Pittsboro, Thursday, March 30, Bynum, the 31st, Asbury, Monday, April 3rd, Corinth, the 4th, Eastern Academy, the 5th, Moncure, the 6th, and Merry Oaks the 7th. The hour of opening has been changed from 7:30 to 8 o'clock.

THE SOLDIER BOYS

Marriage, Local Notes, Birth, Movements of Folks.

J. C. Seawell spent the week-end with his sisters at Cary. Mrs. Garland Farrell and little sons, Dan and Lawrence, of Aberdeen, spent several days here with relatives.

Miss Leone Luther spent the week-end at her home near Bonal.

Mrs. A. R. Lawrence, who has been in Raleigh for treatment since last November, returned to her home here last week, very much improved in health, her many friends are very glad indeed to learn.

The community program last Tuesday afternoon and evening at the school, under the supervision of Miss Frances Haire, was a decided success. The teachers of both the Truth and Corinth school and quite a number of pupils together with many of patrons were there for both programs. The pictures too were unusually good ones.

The little Misses Boney of Sanford have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. W. C. Marks, at the Boylan Ranch.

Miss Minnie Ellis of this place and Mr. Elmond Peele, of Holly Springs were married in Sanford Saturday afternoon. We wish the young couple a long happy life.

Brick Haven fishing resort has opened for the season. Campers have arrived and even the local anglers have been "on the job" so to speak. Mr. and Mr. Overby both have been quite successful with the rod and line.

The following announcement was received here last week: Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Harrington, a girl, Cornelia Mildred Harrington, March 24.

We heartily endorse Editor Shaw's editorial on remembering the soldier boys. We did tell them that when they came home they would be put in charge of affairs, and that we would gladly yield our places to them and it is time we were remembering those promises.

Engagement Announced

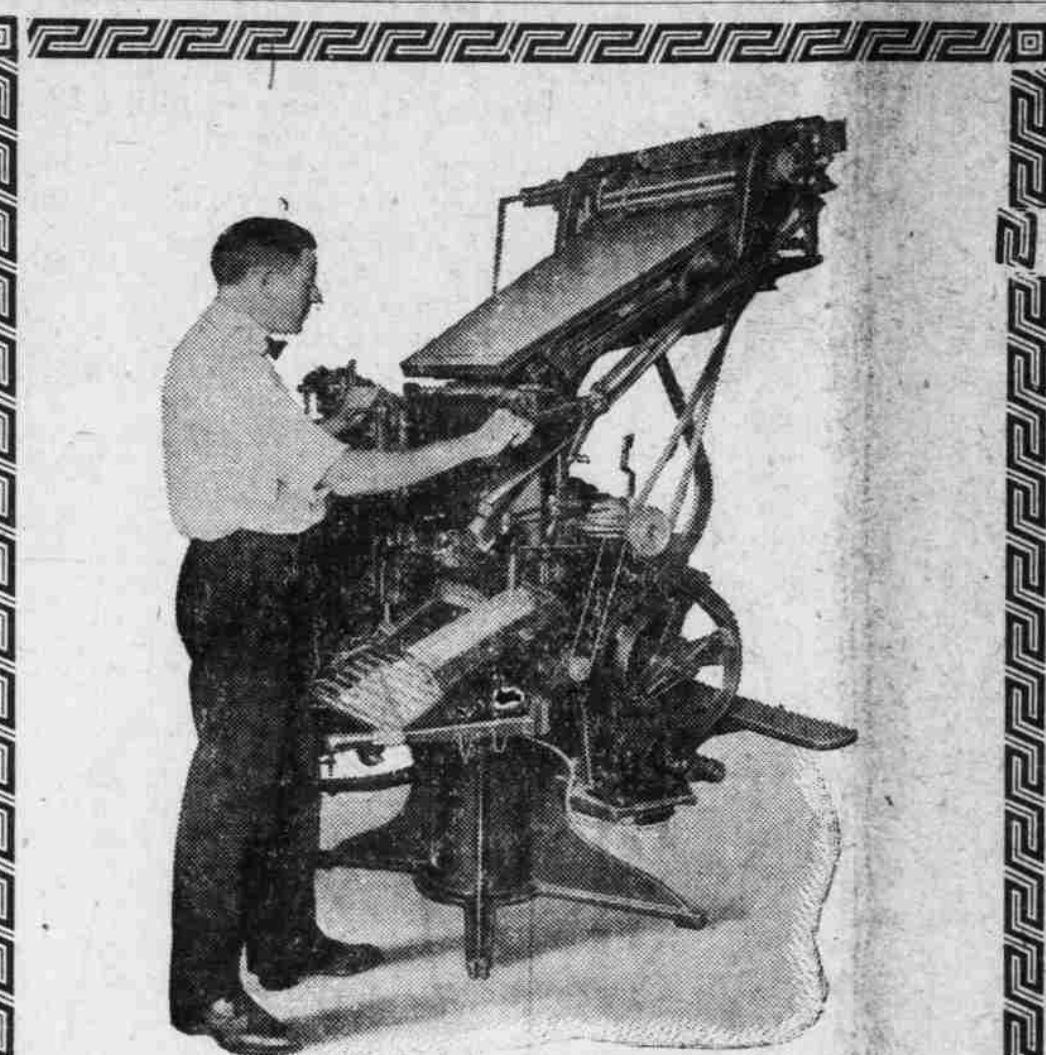
Last Saturday afternoon a party of young people met at the residence of Miss Evelyn Alston. During the meeting the announcement was made of the marriage of Miss Nellie Pilkington to Victor R. Johnson, both of Pittsboro.

Miss Pilkington is the pretty daughter of George R. Pilkington, the druggist, and is a young lady of many fine qualities. Mr. Johnson is the son of Prof. R. P. Johnson and is a rising young lawyer who has many friends here and elsewhere who wish for him and his bride-to-be much happiness. The marriage will take place in May.

Mrs. Sarah Clegg Dead

Some of the older citizens of this section will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Sarah J. Clegg, aged 70, widow of I. H. Clegg, who died at her home in Greensboro Saturday, due to the infirmities of old age.

Mrs. Clegg was a native of Chatham, the daughter of Cyrus Bynum and Odella Bell Bynum. She was married April 9, 1905, and she and her husband at one time resided near Pittsboro.



MODEL X INTERTYPE.

The above is an illustration of one of the best models of typesetting machines, made by the Intertype Corporation, for weekly newspapers. We have one of these machines in transit for use on the Herald and the Record, and we hope to improve the paper after it arrives.

Popular Bonlee Couple Marry.

One of the prettiest weddings ever solemnized in Bonlee occurred Thursday morning at the home of Isaac Dunlap when his daughter, Ina H., became the bride of Arch F. Andrews. The wedding party assembled on the front porch where an arch had been erected, with a back ground of beautiful flowers. The ceremony was performed at 10 o'clock in the morning by Rev. O. A. Keller, pastor of the Bonlee Baptist Church. Some 300 guests were present.

To the strains of Lohengrin, rendered by Miss Flossie Pickett, first came the bride's maids and the groomsmen. Miss Marie Phillips wearing green organdie carrying a basket of carnations with Mr. Henry H. Dunlap, brother of the bride, Miss Wannie Bradford, wearing white organdie carrying a basket of white carnations, with Mr. George H. Andrews, brother of the groom. Next came the bride and groom. The bride wore a going-away suit of midnight blue tricotie embroidered in black with accessories to match. She wore a corsage of brides roses. After the ceremony the happy couple left immediately for a ten days motor trip, returning home April 1st.

The bride is the daughter of Isaac H. Dunlap, and is one of the most charming and popular young ladies in Chatham. She has taught in the Bonlee school and made many friends, both among the parents and pupils. Mr. Andrews is a young business man and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Andrews. He is very popular with all who know him.

Very Sad Death.

Graydon Vestal, 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Vestal of Siler City Rt. 2, was caught by a saw at a mill at which he was working last Thursday about 11 o'clock and so horribly mutilated that he died that night about one o'clock at a Greensboro hospital to which he was taken with the hope of saving his life. One leg was cut entirely off, the other and both arms being badly lacerated. As quickly as medical aid could be summoned and reach him every effort was used to relieve the unfortunate young man's suffering but the loss of blood was so great that all that could be done was without avail. His body was returned here Friday afternoon and taken to the home of his parents and the funeral held at Piney Grove church Saturday morning at eleven o'clock, witnessed by one of the largest congregations ever called together in this section. The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Parker, assisted by Rev. Barger of Greensboro.

Many beautiful floral designs covered the grave, speaking the sympathy of friends and relatives.

Surviving are the young man's parents and one sister, Mrs. Clayton Richardson, of this place.

The play given by the Bonlee school here Tuesday night was well rendered and largely attended.

ROAD QUESTION.

Correspondent Wants to Know About Expenditures.

Dear Editor:—I am not a knocker and never want to be branded as such, nevertheless sometimes a thing runs contrary to my wishes until I cannot refrain from voicing my disapproval, for we have often heard it said that silence gives consent.

There was a lot said about Sheriff Lane's work as representative, and it is my opinion, there was not half enough said. There has been very little said about our county commissioners' work and, I think, it is equally as deplorable.

Our roads are ruining for the lack of a little work. I am informed that a competent man went before the Board the second Monday in February, asking to be appointed to maintain the Bear Creek and Gulf townships roads, whereupon he was told to come before the Board the second Monday in March. He went the second Monday in March, it was deferred to the second Monday in April.

One commissioner said, when asked about it, "Personally, I was not in favor of putting it off, but others wanted to discuss it more." Is it not said: "Nero fiddled while Rome burned?" When the roads are in such a condition as they are now, there is no time to "hum, haw and chew the rag." It is evident, however, we must keep the roads up, or we shall soon have no better roads than we had before the "good-road era," and our money will have been spent in vain.

Gentlemen, we elected you to transact business—not to postpone business. "Procrastination is the thief of time."

Some may say: "Oh, we spent all the money building roads, therefore we have no money." This is exercising poor judgment to use all our money building roads and provide no plan for their maintenance.

I feel confident, however, that if they only knew how little the people approve of their doings, they would either change or resign. That is, if everybody disapproves of their work as those whom I have heard express themselves. And this number is not a few.

AN OBSERVER.

Moncure School News

The final examination of the Moncure class of the Chatham county reading circle was given Saturday, March 18. The text this year was Englemann's Moral Education.

The following teachers passed the examination and did good work: Mrs. W. H. Mann, Misses Rosa Mann, Ola Harmon, Reda Umstead, Laura Barclay, Prof. C. J. Rast.

There is and has been a good many cases of flu about Moncure. The following pupils were present every day during the sixth months: Annie Lister, Effie Thomas, Hilda Wilkie, Katherine Hackney, Katherine Thomas, Janie Dickens, Jamesly, Jennings Womble, Willie Dickens, Glenn Womble, Elizabeth Thomas, Margaret Dickens, Garret Wicker, Marvin Ray, Charles Strickland, Julian Ray, Lucile Wicker, Camelia Stedman, Wm. Strickland.

County Tax Levy

A complete list of tax levies in the various counties of the state has been made public by A. D. Watts, commissioner of revenue. This levy does not include special township or district school taxes. Upon the \$100 valuation Chatham's tax is \$1.12 and the poll is \$3.32. This is next to the highest poll tax in the state, Wilkes county leading with \$3.66. The lowest is Clay county, \$1.74 poll tax. The highest property tax is in Madison county, \$1.54, and the lowest is in Scotland, 48 cents, on the \$100 valuation.

Stewardship Institute

Beginning Sunday night, April 2, there will be held in the Sanford Baptist church a stewardship institute under the leadership of Dr. Walter N. Johnson, former corresponding secretary of the Baptist state board of missions. The institute will continue through Monday night.

All pastors of churches in the Sandy Creek association, together with key-men from each church, the executive committee of the association and others have been specially invited to this institute. All who come will be gladly welcomed.

Superior Court

Chatham superior court was in session all last week, presided over by Judge T. H. Calvert, one of Pittsboro's former residents. It was a civil term only, and but few cases were tried.

The case of Fields vs White, in which the plaintiff was suing the defendant for \$12,000 in a lumber deal, occupied nearly the whole term of court, a verdict not being reached until Saturday afternoon. The jury awarded Fields the sum of \$4300.

Other cases tried were G. G. Fields vs Southern Railroad. This suit was for damages for injury to a son of the plaintiff. The jury gave the plaintiff \$2,000 damages.

There were two white cases for divorces and both were granted. They were Josephine E. Harvey and Chas. Harvey, and Phil Kidd and Berdie Kidd.

Several cases were compromised. Court adjourned late Saturday afternoon.

Won in the Debate

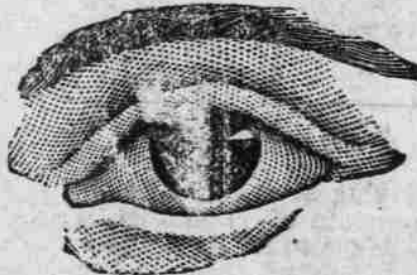
In the triangular debate between Siler City, Pittsboro, and Bonlee last Friday night, Siler City won. The vote of the judges deciding the victory was at each of the three places named with no team battling on the home ground. The debaters from each school deserves the highest commendation for their efforts and it is well understood that it was a trying task for the judges to decide the contest.

The Spitting Point.

The N. C. Sanitorium at Sanatorium N. C. has the following timely suggestion in a recent bulletin:

In every city in the country that has an ordinance against spitting on the sidewalks works to enforce the law and fine each offender a nominal amount and turn such fines over to the United States Government, the soldiers bonus could be paid without bankrupting the country. And further, some few thousands of lives could be saved. Pulmonary tuberculosis is transmitted from person to person only through the sputum of a tuberculous person. Influenza, pneumonia and bronchitis are spread because emanations from the lungs, throat and nostrils of persons who are suffering from these diseases, or are "carriers", are being continuously deposited on our highways and byways by the American spitter.

DR. J. C. MANN EYE-SIGHT SPECIALIST



Will be at Dr. R. M. Farrell's office, Pittsboro, every 4th Tuesday in each month. Glasses fitted that are easy and restful to the eyes. Cross-eyes straightened without the knife. Weak eyes of children and young people a specialty. My next visit will be Tuesday, Apr. 24.

PITTSBORO GROWING

Some Old Houses—Younger People Putting Pep Into the Town

Pittsboro is quite an old town, but younger blood is getting into the veins of the place and improvements are the order of the day. New dwellings are being built, and in the near future a new two-story brick store is to be erected on main street. Electricity will soon be here and then the next step will be water and sewerage.

Today the town has a hard-working, up-to-date chamber of commerce, all its members headed for the same end—to make Pittsboro a new Pittsboro, and the young blood in these younger men and women are going to make the old natives wake up and take notice. First thing you know new enterprises will be springing up here, new people will come here, new life will be here and the slow, easy manners of our older people will disappear and they will wake up some morning to find themselves living in a new Pittsboro.

Keep your eye on our hustling chamber and its pushing young men and women.

Within the last few years more buildings and more improvements have been made in the town than have taken place within the past 50 years. There have been built a pretty brick hotel and five other brick buildings, they being used for the postoffice, a bank, a garage, a grocery store and a drug store.

Hillsboro street, the main business street of the town, is no longer the mud hole it used to be, but is as pretty a street as can be found in any country town.

Pittsboro has some very old buildings which will be turned into modern structures some day. The residence now occupied by Dr. J. M. Harper, is said to have been built in 1785. But today it is in as good or better condition than some of the modern-built dwellings. The Masonic lodge was built in 1838 and is yet in a good state of preservation. It was once used for school purposes. The Burns house—owned and kept as a boarding house by Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Burns, is another old building. It is somewhere past the 100 year mark.

Last week workmen tore down the house on the corner of East and Small streets, said to have been built long before the civil war by a Mrs. Quice, a widow lady. This property is now owned by Fred P. Nooe, who contemplates building a modern dwelling on the site.

Pittsboro has grown slow—awful slow—but there is a brighter prospect in the future for the old town, and not many years hence the old timers will wake up some morning and will ask themselves the question: "Where am I at?" And they will look around to see where the old landmarks were but will find them not.

To Resign as Clerk

At the April meeting of the board of county commissioners Jas. L. Griffin will tender his resignation as clerk of the superior court of Chatham county. The unexpired term of Mr. Griffin will be filled by Dewey Dorsett, of Siler City, a young man well known in this county.

Mr. Griffin has held the office of clerk since December, 1902, and since that time has given general satisfaction. He has many friends in the county who will regret to learn of his action but other business necessarily compels him to resign.

THE POLITICAL POT

Has Begun to Boil Around Corinth—F. M. Nash Scout Master

The "Old Oaken Bucket," put on by the people of Truth community last Saturday night was well rendered and drew a crowd of house.

B. M. McIver is out again after a week with the flu. Mrs. F. M. Nash is at home from the Sanford hospital after a more than four weeks' siege of flu with complications. If all goes well she expects to be able to resume her school duties by next Monday.

Begin right now to talk big barbecue and fish fry at Buckhorn Easter Monday. We had a big time singing, eating and speaking last year and this year it will be still bigger.

The big political pot has begun to boil. So all Corinthians will gather around and help keep up a good fire, not too hot, for that would scorch, but just hot enough to insure a well prepared dish of officials for next term.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Ashworth spent Sunday in Durham visiting Mr. Ashworth's parents.

Just as Miss Haire was getting her work as recreation organizer started in our end of the county, she was called back to the New York headquarters. Anyway, the one afternoon that she was here about 70 school children had the time of their lives.

The Boy Scouts have been organized and F. M. Nash chosen as Scout master. They organized at Brickhaven, but as boys from Corinth and Truth came in as charter members, Mr. Allen will meet them next Tuesday, April 4th, at 3:30 p. m., at Corinth in connection with his regular community service work and give them some Scout drills. Then on April 18th they will all meet at Truth school house for a second drill. We have 21 members thus far, but must have 24 in order to organize a troop.

Lookout, parents; these boys are your boys, and are on the right road towards a more honorable citizenship and greater usefulness, so encourage them to join the Scouts, to live up to its ideals, to be a leader in the community and a credit to you parents, for "an honorable son is a father's greatest monument."

Jim Dickens says to "record the fact that Wickers' smiling face was missed in Corinth last Sunday," but we won't do that, for if Wicker wants that told he will probably say so.

Don't forget the community service program next Tuesday. Truth and Brickhaven will come to Corinth this time. The Boy Scouts will drill from 3:30 p. m. to 4:15, after which they will play baseball for about 45 minutes.

B. N. Dickens and son, Jim, spent Sunday with Mr. Dicken's sister, Mrs. Fred Mann, at Raleigh.

Last Sunday was church day at Buckhorn and Mr. Piland, the pastor, preached a splendid sermon to an interested congregation.

S. S. Moody, a Chatham farmer, seems to have been cutting up didoes in Raleigh, according to the papers. He was arrested there last week for some cause and fined, was arrested again for selling liquor to a negro and was fined \$100 and narrowly escaped a road sentence. The third dido was for severely cutting a man there. He was bound over to court. Mean corn liquor was the cause of it all.

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