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CHATHAM TO THE FRONT.

Thousand Farms and Owners to Be Consulted in County.

Chatham has won out ahead of forty mid-state counties before the Farm Tenacy Commission appointed by the State Board of Agriculture. This commission consists of B. F. Brown of the State Bureau of Markets, Clarence Poe and C. C. Wright, representing the Board, C. C. Taylor, of the State College of Agriculture and Engineering and Dr. E. C. Branson, of the State University.

A thousand farms of owners and tenants will be studied by field workers in Chatham, Edgcomb and Madison, around 350 in a typical township or two in each of the three counties. The surveys will begin in a few days. The expense is borne by the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture, the State A. & E. College and the University. They cost the counties nothing.

There are 23 million idle acres and 117 thousand landless, home less farmers in North Carolina. In Chatham there are 332 thousand idle acres and 700 landless, homeless white farmers.

This State and Chatham county need more home-owning farmers and our waste land needs to be brought into profitable use.

How to help men to own farms is what this Farm Ownership Commission is trying to find out; how successful farmers succeed; how hard working, long-headed tenants have become farm owners in the last 20 years, why the others have failed and so on and on—these are some of the things that are to be studied and reported to the next legislature in January. Seventeen States have passed laws concerning State-aid to farmers. If this State considers such laws, our legislature will need to know what the facts are in representative counties.

Messrs. Gibbons, Dickey and Branson laid the matter before the county commissioners and the board of education last week and spent the rest of the day getting the advice of leading citizens, gathering up county maps and information, and in general getting ready for the field trips of the surveyors.

We are passing on this item of news to our readers so that they may understand what is proposed, what these field workers are doing in the county during the three summer months, and why they are asking so many questions as they move from home to home.

They are trying to put Chatham to the front on the map—for that will be the result if our farmers are willing to give these gentlemen from the State University the information they are seeking from each farmer.

Nobody need hesitate to answer any question they ask. No blank filled out by anybody will be given to the public in the committee report. What is wanted is the averages for the county and we want the best possible averages for Chatham.

We know well enough that Chatham is the best county in mid-state Carolina, but it will be worth something to us for everybody else to know it.

Six other counties want this survey, and if our farmers do not want it they have only to turn a cold shoulder to Messrs. Dickey and Gibbons and they will promptly begin work in some other county. We needn't have it if we don't want it.

Do we want it? The editor thinks we do. What do other people think about it?

Please let us hear from you in regard to it.

Revival at Goldston.

Rev. Jonas Barclay, who has been preaching once a month at Goldston since last December, began a series of revival meetings there the third Sunday in May, continuing one week.

At the conclusion of the meeting a petition for the organization of a Presbyterian church at Goldston was signed by 17 persons. The Presbytery appointed a commission to organize this church which will be done next Sunday, June 18, at 3 p. m. The commission consists of Rev. Letcher Smith, C. L. Wicker, Jonas Barclay, Elders J. M. McIver and Wm. Monroe, M. D.

It is expected that the new church will begin with from 20 to 25 charter members. The Elks are holding their annual Convention in Durham this week.

BIG LOT TIMBER IN LEE COUNTY

Personal and Local News Items From Over at Corinth.

Corinth, June 12.—Mr. E. V. Lawrence and Marks Brothers have bought several million feet of timber in Lee county. They will put in a planer and several mills on the land and begin cutting immediately.

Mrs. R. L. Wilson and family are visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Clark. Bathing at Buckhorn Beach has begun.

Mr. L. F. Rollins and family, of Fuquay Springs, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rollins.

One day last week Mr. T. A. Ausley dug up \$30.70 in nickles and dimes beside an old stump in his cotton patch. All were dated before the Civil War. About a year ago Mr. Ausley found \$25.00 in nickles and dimes in this same patch.

Mrs. S. A. Gunter, of Lee county is visiting her nephews, J. D., and B. M. Moore.

Misses Lula and Reffie Mims, of Bonaal and Miss Alta Tudor visited Miss Carrie Lee Cross Sunday.

Well, the unusual happened yesterday, Sunday, all day and no rain.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Curry and family, of Raleigh, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Nash at Buckhorn.

The real news this week is the story of the travels of Mr. Lonnie Mims. A trail was picked out to his garage last Wednesday morning and found his car gone, and no clue as to who had it. It was tracked as far as Merry Oaks and lost. Bills were struck and sent out to nearby towns; a trail was picked up at Duncan and followed to Lillington. The car was finally found hidden in the woods near Manners, in Harnett county, on Thursday night. Someone had noticed the thief in his bare feet, covering up the wheel tracks where it had left the road. He got an officer and they watched the car over night, thinking it was a boot-legger's outfit. No one came for the car that night, so they took it to Sanford and found from the newspaper and that it was Mr. Mims' car. The man who covered up the car tracks was recognized by someone, and now it develops that the same man and one or two other suspicious parties had been seen about Corinth several times shortly before the car was stolen. The guilty parties in this case should be handled severely. It has been only a few weeks since at least one of them was released on payment of a fine from exactly the same offense. With a class of individuals known to be at large in our community, no one's car is safe.

The government is sending nearly all of the notorious Kelly bunch of auto thieves to prison and now the county should do the same in this case.

We all know of the custom of telling our friends in that genuine hospitable way, to "come and see us any time, our latch string is always out." Well, it so happened this week that Ford had been cleaned up, filled with gas and the key left in the switch—that is, the latch key was out, but then ask Miss Grace Mims for any further particulars, as to who it was intended for.

NEWS AROUND NEW HILL.

New Hill, June 12.—There was an interesting game of baseball between New Hope and Farrington on the New Hope ground Saturday afternoon, June 3. Farrington was defeated.

Miss Nina and Bettie Sturdivant and W. L. Beckwith spent the week-end in Durham with relatives.

Daniel L. Webster has returned to work in Durham.

Misses Vera and Swannie Drake and Robe, who were motored to Carthage Sunday where they spent the afternoon with Miss Gertrude Ray.

Mrs. W. H. Beckwith and Mrs. G. L. Mann spent Sunday with Mrs. Bunyan Hatley near Bynum.

Miss Dora Holt spent the week-end with Miss Ethel Johnson at Beaver Creek.

Rennie Webster spent the week-end with Velera Sturdivant.

Miss Clara Copeland and brother, Frank, have been on a short visit to their uncle, J. A. Ellis.

Katharine Riddle, little daughter of Kemp Riddle, has been very sick but is much improved.

Mrs. Ed. Woody and children, of Durham, have been spending several days with her father, J. C. Lassiter.

Mr. Theron Lassiter, of Raleigh, spent several days with his sister, Mrs. Alpha Mann.

Mr. W. T. Mann has been on a several days stay with his daughter, Mrs. Floyd Ellington, in Lee county.

Mr. W. M. Goodwin and children visited at the home of Mr. J. L. Goodwin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Brown and children visited at the home of Ashley Sloan Sunday.

Mrs. Lula Lassiter has been right sick, but is slowly improving.

One-Legged Ball Player.

Did you ever see a one-legged ball player. Well, there was one played here last Friday with the West Durham team, and he was a wonder. He was catcher for his team, and don't worry! He caught all right. It was like throwing a ball into a barrel. It made no difference to him whether the ball was in one foot or ten he got it. Sometimes he would catch it standing on one foot, and sometimes he was down on his stomach, but he'd stop the ball, just the same.

When his time came to bat the ball, every one present was full of curiosity to know what he was going to do. They soon found out. He was put on first, but the next time he was at the bat he made first, running or hopping on one foot. He was then relieved from running further, and his substitute made the only run that Durham scored.

His main playing was behind the bat, and it was fine. His name was Blackman, but he played white. Pittsboro fans certainly enjoyed it.

The boll weevil has reached Moore county.

Democratic Primary Vote 1922, Chatham County, N. C.

PRECINCTS.	CONGRESS		COMMISSIONERS		SENATE		SOLICITOR		CLERK		SHERIFF						
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd					
Albright	68	5	62	7	40	38	51	18	69	5	69	4	68	62	71	10	4
Baldwin	149	7	142	14	97	66	106	61	121	35	181	22	150	147	135	25	5
Bear Creek	223	7	181	44	172	58	172	60	217	15	212	12	171	196	225	65	30
Buckhorn	92	5	58	35	38	182	47	53	81	87	90	5	76	38	75	6	90
Merry Oaks	37	2	2	37	30	8	31	8	25	18	33	6	33	34	27	3	18
Center	331	40	236	104	226	159	264	118	232	153	294	90	232	275	285	139	121
Gulf	80	8	78	8	68	15	71	11	83	78	4	78	74	77	77	12	7
Richmond	139	3	115	25	94	49	98	44	136	4	135	7	92	108	144	47	31
Hadley	72	16	66	13	27	37	28	61	82	32	78	14	52	28	23	33	11
Haw River	63	4	48	19	37	32	44	24	32	33	59	8	36	44	35	7	66
Hickory Mt.	133	21	136	8	106	54	146	19	130	9	111	5	120	119	158	71	10
Mt. Vernon Springs	64	1	6	59	13	52	20	49	23	42	58	6	15	62	53	34	8
Siler City	346	6	324	26	273	81	329	23	353	6	332	21	329	327	349	35	15
New Hope	60	10	35	29	47	27	33	37	35	39	62	11	66	64	47	17	23
Oakland	76	16	37	32	56	39	52	35	45	10	27	2	42	57	32	20	79
Williams	45	10	4	10	37	18	40	15	45	10	27	49	5	47	47	11	7
Total	1933	150	1568	435	1361	913	1532	619	1656	548	1762	224	1737	1699	1788	658	531

Grand Total Number of Votes Cast - - - - - 2,174

MORE BASEBALL.

Pittsboro Crippled, Licks West Durham Score 6 to 1.

On last Friday, the Pittsboro baseball team took the West Durham bunch of ball tossers down to "the meadow" and gave them a decisive licking; the score being six to one. Even then the team was crippled by the absence of Buckner, the star short stop, and Herbert and Ben Williams, members of our snappy outfield.

The game was rather slow but needless to say, was pleasing to local fans. The locals began scoring in the second inning. Palmer singled, took third on Clegg's single and scored on Aven's error. Two bases on balls and another error netted two more runs in the third.

Two singles and a stolen base gave the visitors their only run in the fifth. The feature of the game was the playing of R. Blackman, Durham's catcher. Blackman, who had only one leg, was the life of his team. He made one of their four hits, which resulted in their only run. He was heartily applauded for his fine work.

Aside from Blackman, Aven's fielding featured Durham's play. Tommy Hamlet, as usual, and Palmer, led the hitting for Pittsboro, the former with a double and a triple, and the latter with three singles.

The box score follows:

West Durham		AB		R		H		PO		A		E	
Keck, lf.	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smith, cf.	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cheek, c.	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smith, J., cf.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Williams, cf.	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aven, ss.	3	0	0	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blackman, l. b.	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White, cf.	3	0	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blackman, R., c.	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dezern, 3b.	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White, R., p.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hall, p.	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	30	1	4	24	10	3							

Pittsboro.

Pittsboro		AB		R		H		PO		A		E	
Peoples, 2b.	2	0	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stout, ss.	3	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Williams, E., 3b. p.	4	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hamlet, T., lb.	3	3	2	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gattis, C. F., c.	4	0	0	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dorsett, c.	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Palmer, cf.	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Makepeace, rf.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clegg, p. 3b.	4	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hamlet, O., lf.	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	35	6	10	27	14	1							

Score by innings: West Durham, 000 010 000—1 Pittsboro, 012 010 20*—6

Summary.—Earned runs, Durham 1; Pittsboro 4; three-base hits, T. Hamlet; two-base hits, E. Williams, E. Hamlet; sacrifice hits, Stout, L. Blackman; stolen bases, Stout, Aven; struck out by White 3, by Hall none, by Clegg 6 by Williams 2; base on balls, off White 2, off Hall 1, off Clegg 1; passed balls, Blackman 2, Gattis.

Negro Found Dead.

A negro youth, who appeared to be 15 or 16 years old, was found dead alongside of the track of the Seaboard, a mile south of Merry Oaks early Monday morning. Sheriff Blair was notified and he went over to look at the corpse.

The left side of the negro's head and face were mashed in and one of his hands was badly mashed, the little finger being entirely cut off and was found lying inside the rail.

The supposition is that he was either hobnobbing and was jerked off the train or was asleep on the track when the train hit him.

He was a stranger around that section, the only identification being in a letter found in his pocket directed to Earl Matlock, Kingston, N. C., from Philadelphia, dated last November.

The Sheriff summoned a jury and held an inquest over the dead man. They returned a verdict of unknown causes.

A negro mail clerk, running from Greensboro to Morehead, is under arrest for robbing the mails. He is charged with stealing over \$5,000.

The negro, Will Davis, who assaulted a young white woman near High Point last week, was taken to Raleigh and locked up in the penitentiary for safe keeping. He would have been lynched.

AT COLERIDGE BAPTIST.

Other Local Matters of Interest to Chatham Folks.

Bennett, June 12.—In a general sense Bennett had an outing last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Yow, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown and others attended the Memorial services at the Coleridge Baptist church.

The Bennett Christian Sunday school held its annual Children's Day services on the top of Carraway mountains, six miles north of Ashboro, and the fifty-five from the school had a glorious time. Carraway mountain is only a hill 750 feet high, but that puts one up where the air is cool and refreshing. This mountain, with 450 acres around belongs to Mr. A. N. Routh, father of our Bennett millers, Rae and Walter Routh. Another son, B. C., formerly of Bennett, lives near the foot of Carraway mountain. Knowing our Sunday school's intention to visit the mountain, Mr. A. N. Routh and his son, B. C., had put a table and seats for our comfort, and after our religious service, impressed with the eternal hills of God, we "set to" and fed the inner man.

Somewhere between 75 and 150 years ago the top of Carraway mountain was under cultivation, and there still stands the huge stone fence, surrounding some ten acres, and that is covered with tall, spreading oaks and pines—all of the reforest kind. The ascending road is about one mile and has to be made on "low" but we all got there. We are going back again, maybe, on the coming 4th of July.

HENRY DURBIN.

At his home early on Monday night in Siler City, Mr. Oran A. Hanner departed this life. His death had been hourly expected for several days, yet his passing leaves many sorrowful hearts. He was an old Confederate soldier, and we hope to give a full account next week of his life.

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MT. ZION PERSONAL NOTES.

Monroe, Rt. 2, June 12.—Miss Ola Harmon and Mrs. W. W. Stedman are attending the summer school at State College, Raleigh.

Mr. George D. Harmon who has been teaching in the West Durham High School, is spending a few days at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harmon.

Mr. L. P. Roscoe, of Bennettsville, S. C., spent Sunday in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson and family, of Sanford, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Johnson.