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PITTSBORO HIGH SCHOOL HAS ITS FALL OPENING

Around 250 Pupils Were at The Opening Session Monday.

Pittsboro high school began its fall term last Monday in its new school building with around 250 pupils in attendance, 75 more than any opening in the existence of the school.

Although the building is not completed, enough rooms were in readiness to accommodate the 10 or 12 grades of the school.

The opening exercises were held in the court house and began at 9:30 a. m.

Promptly at the appointed hour the children, headed by each teacher, formed in line on the court house square and marched into the court house.

After all had been seated and the quiet restored, Prof. E. R. Franklin, principal of the school, introduced the principal speakers.

The exercises were opened by singing America by the entire audience. Then Rev. R. R. Gordon read a chapter in the Bible and offered a prayer.

Short talks were then made by Rev. Jonas Barclay, Rev. J. Boone, Mr. Gordon, Mayor A. C. Ray, T. B. Bray, chairman of the board of education, Prof. Reid Thompson, county superintendent of education, Dr. W. B. Chapin, James L. Griffin, J. Dewey Dorsett, C. C. Poe and sheriff G. W. Blair.

Following the above Prof. Franklin talked at some length to the teachers and pupils, giving them instructions, etc. After this the exercises ended and the different grades marched out of the court house.

Heretofore the school children went to the old wooden school building, which stood upon the hill in the northern end of town, and their appearance on the streets on the way to school was a pleasing sight.

Now that all has been changed. Instead they go to the western end of town, where they go to school in a beautiful brick building which is perfectly comfortable and safe to both pupils and teachers.

OLD FRIENDS WITH US.

During the past few days The Record has received many new subscribers and we do highly appreciate them. Many of them were old subscriptions that are coming back. Some have never taken the paper before and a few are renewals. Following is the list of the good people for the past week:

L. C. Cooper, Mattu Phillips, L. L. Wrenn, O. H. Welch, H. M. London, Mrs. J. H. Currie, H. H. Buckner, T. T. Elkins, O. R. Mann, J. D. Jones, H. R. Stedman, C. B. Wright, Miss Bettie Snipes, J. C. Langley, W. C. Markham, M. C. Smith, A. W. Ferguson, A. J. Wilson, Mrs. Ava Caviness, W. D. Poe, Raleigh Times, R. F. Sturdivant, Gaston Alston, C. B. Cheek, W. B. McMath, Miss Jennie Covert, M. N. Page, E. P. Goldston, L. C. Siler, J. D. McKeithan, Miss Margaret Kellam, J. W. Thomas, A. H. Bright, C. G. Smith, D. L. Johnson, E. A. Clark, Mrs. A. H. McManus, and one lady who requests that her name be not published.

A FINE CONCERT.

The citizens of Pittsboro were treated to some fine classical music last Thursday evening at the courthouse when Mr. and Mrs. Galgano gave the first concert sent out by the Piedmont Bureau at Asheville, a southern organization. Four more of these concerts will be given here, the next one on November 7th.

The concert given here Thursday evening was well attended by our citizens who greatly enjoyed the harp and guitar solos, readings, guitar and harp duets, etc.

When the evening's performance was over and everybody was going out of the hall some man from over in Hickory wanted to know what was the matter, why were the people going out. He was told that the concert was over. "Over?" he exclaimed. "Why I thought that durn man was just tuning up that thing to get ready to play something."

A GOOD OPENING.

Siler City's magnificent new school building was put into use on Monday, September 24th, the school opening for the 1923-24 session on that date. Four hundred and fifty-eight pupils were enrolled the first day.

The building is one that any town much larger than Siler City might well be proud of and will meet the demands for years to come.

Prof. E. R. Franklin and Prof. W. R. Thompson were both over in the sister town to wish them well and take part in the opening ceremonies.

Captures Still.

A posse, headed by Sheriff Blair, after waiting and watching two or three nights this week trying to catch the liquor maker, finally gave it up and Friday they brought in a 30-gallon still, destroyed some tin tubs and poured out about 200 gallons of beer. This still was found about two miles north of Pittsboro.

Poor Officer.

Judge—You are charged with running down a policeman. What have you to say for yourself?

Motorist—I didn't know he was an officer, Your Honor; I thought he was just a pedestrian.—New York Sun.

ROBERT FARRELL DEAD. ATE SUPPER WITH AUNT

Meets a Tragic Ending on New Hope Creek Last Sunday Night.

Mr. Rob Farrell was in Pittsboro last Saturday and he ate supper at the home of his aunt, Mrs. R. T. Mann who lives near Pittsboro. He started home shortly after dark, after he had been pleased with by loved ones to remain over night. When he reached New Hope Creek at Seaforth, he was thrown over the bridge and so badly injured that he died early Sunday morning in a hospital in Raleigh, to which place he was taken immediately after.

This paper has been unable to learn the particulars. It is said that four young men driving a Ford car met Mr. Farrell on the bridge and that a collision took place, while Mr. Farrell was driving in a buggy, the car is said to be without lights. Mr. Frank Gilmore met the horse drawing the buggy a few feet from the bridge and dash board and the cushion across the caught him. The lines were over the dash board and the cushion across the foot board. He states that there was no damage to the buggy or the horse. It is said that the young men claim to have struck the buggy with such force that he was thrown over the bridge, falling many feet below and received the fatal injuries.

The young men we are told, were named Lasater, Holt, Sauls and Hearn. All of them are supposed to have been well acquainted with Mr. Farrell, it is said. It is stated from Mr. Mann's home that Mr. Farrell had a sum of money when he left, no one knows how much. He gave Mr. Mann five ten dollar bills in payment for a cow, leaving a large roll in his pocket. The Record learns that no money was found on his person.

The matter is to be investigated to ascertain as to whether Mr. Farrell met with foul play or not and if so, who may have been guilty of the crime.

A warrant has been issued for the four young men and they will be given a hearing when apprehended.

Mr. Farrell was a son of Mr. Frances Farrell, who now lives near Carolina school house on the Goldston road and he leaves besides his father, a wife and ten children. The oldest of the children is less than 17 years old and the youngest is only two months old. It is a sad occurrence and has saddened many hearts. Mr. Rob Farrell was a splendid young man, just in the prime of life and one who was admired and respected by many people in Chatham county.

The funeral was held at Hanks Chapel church east of Pittsboro on Monday afternoon and it was largely attended, being conducted by Rev. Mr. Carden, the pastor. The floral tributes and the large number present attested the high esteem in which Mr. Farrell was held.

NEWS FROM NEAR KIMBOLTON.

Pittsboro, Rt. 2, Oct. 1.—There was a large crowd at Hickory Mt Methodist church Sunday afternoon. There will be services there again next Sunday morning, held by the pastor, Rev. O. I. Hinson.

Mrs. Ellen Clark visited her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Jones Sunday.

Miss Rossie Johnson and Miss Juanita Johnson spent Saturday night with their sister, Mrs. R. L. Campbell.

Mrs. J. B. Burke and daughters, Misses Tuck and Vera and Mrs. A. E. Coleman spent last Thursday with Mrs. Coleman's mother, Mrs. W. H. Ferguson.

Mr. Walter Clark and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Evie Clark.

Miss Bertha Clark and Lewis Clark roll, of Bonlee school, spent the weekend with their parents on this route.

Mrs. R. M. Jones and brother, Mr. Talley and Mrs. E. E. Johnson and son, of Benent, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jones.

Mr. J. M. Woody and daughter, Miss Dixie spent the day Sunday with Mr. W. A. Daffron and family.

Mr. Jessie Justice and Volner Clark was a visitor in the home of Mr. George Jones Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Webster and family and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cockman were visitors in the home of Mr. W. H. Ferguson Sunday afternoon.

Miss Bessie Johnson and Volner Clark, of Siler City school, spent the weekend with their parents on this route.

ANOTHER SUGGESTION.

The Record this week is offering another suggestion. This one is something you can hardly fail to take notice.

Why not some of our home talent get up a play or a minstrel troupe and give an exhibition in the new school auditorium, which will be thrown open to the public in a few weeks. The money so raised could go to improve the grounds.

This is only a suggestion. You need not pay any attention to it if you don't wish to.

Some Changes in Residence.

Several of the citizens of Pittsboro and nearby are moving this week. Mr. Joe Moore moved from the old Jackson farm, near town, to his old home.

Mr. W. A. Ellington has broken up housekeeping and will go to live with his daughter, Miss Veva Ellington, in Raleigh. His daughter, Miss Lois, will board with Mrs. C. A. Brown.

EDITOR SHAW INDICTED UNDER A PEACE WARRANT

Witnesses Are Introduced For Purpose of Backing His Character on False Testimony

On Tuesday, September 25th, there was a warrant served on Colin G. Shaw, editor of The Record, sworn to by Cornelia Mills, a negro woman, who had worked the lands of the editor during the past summer. The warrant was made returnable before his honor, Hamp L. Stone, of Siler City, on Saturday, September 29th. The negro woman was represented by Wade Barber, Walter Siler and W. P. Horton, and Hon. A. C. Ray appeared for Mr. Shaw.

On Monday of the week before, the editor had a warrant issued before Squire Blair, of Pittsboro, charging a negro man, John Watson, a companion of old Cornelia, for stealing corn. The negro was bound over to court and gave bond. The warrant against the editor was a retaliative one by the Mills woman, she having made affidavit that the editor had threatened to kill her and that she was afraid that he had the ability to carry out the threat.

Competent evidence was introduced at the hearing to prove that no such threats had been made and many good, true men of Chatham county, many of them officers of the law, testified that the whole negro Mills set were of low ebb and recognized as of bad character. It was acknowledged by the negro woman herself that her whole crowd had stolen corn from the lands of Colin G. Shaw.

Mr. Shaw was ordered by the Justice under a peace bond of \$100 and to pay the costs in the case, an appeal from which decision was taken to the superior court at the October term.

The negro woman during her testimony also said that the said Colin G. Shaw had made an improper suggestion to her. On cross examination she stated that she had gotten authority from her attorneys to make this indictment. While this was not relative nor competent evidence, it was heard in full to ascertain the significance of the charge.

This is the first warrant ever served on the editor of this paper. He has never had to become subject to such a thing before, and as "a citizen of North Carolina," he emphatically denies that any threat was ever made toward this old woman and the whole matter is a frame-up and untrue from its inception. It is inconceivable that such a preposterous charge should be made against him as to immoral conduct.

If it is true, as this negro harlot has said, that she gained permission from her attorneys, or anyone else, from folks who presume to be intelligent and law abiding, and would countenance such an act merely to blacken a man's name because of hatred or unfriendliness, then we rise up to say it is high time sure enough to "not let ma find out." No man is safe and no one can feel the same degree of safety in his attempt to live righteously.

Any man who connects the name of Colin G. Shaw with wrong with a filthy negro wench or any other immoral woman, is a dirty, cowardly liar and a henchman for any such characters, a stool pigeon for harlots and a nurturer of pests that inflict hatred upon the hearts of those who would serve God. We do not know the individual that presumed to frame this dirty work, we do not pretend to know. We would like to know! It would be a satisfaction to us to incorporate his name in the rogue's gallery and mingle it among the depraved, low characters of the universe. Whoever he may be he has cloaked himself behind a statute for safety to his love-lady as well as for his own foul, germ-eaten carcass, and it takes all the vital force that the human frame can endure to resist the outrage.

We have lived our lives as pure as we could, we have presented ourselves to the people of Chatham county in a manner that we are proud of. We have hundreds of friends in Chatham who will resent this low type of citizenship. They constitute the high court of public opinion and we leave our fate in their hands, and content with the verdict they may render against the depraved culprit responsible for it, whomsoever he may be.

A NEAR ACCIDENT.

What came near being a serious accident occurred at the corner of West and Fayetteville streets Saturday afternoon, when a car driven by John Scurluck turned over.

Mr. Tom Carroll had rented the car to look over a farm near town and was accompanied by a colored man employed by him, and when making the curve at the corner the car was going at such a high rate of speed the driver could not manage it. The rear of the car skidded, blowing out a tire and causing it to precipitate, breaking the wind shield, destroying the top and doing other damage to the car. Mr. Carroll suffered many bruises and lacerations of the flesh but no serious hurt. The others were uninjured.

A few minutes after the accident the two colored men were arrested, charged with transporting liquor, as several empty bottles that had contained liquor were found in the car. Mr. Carroll stated that no one of the two had any liquor and the men were released.

REVIVAL SERVICES.

The revival services, which were conducted by Rev. R. R. Gordon at the Baptist church in Pittsboro all last week, beginning on Wednesday of the week before, closed last Saturday night. There were thirteen conversions, ten of whom were baptized at the Club pond near town last Sunday. There have been received in the church by letter three members, making sixteen to be received during the meeting. All together, there has been 22 additions since Mr. Gordon became the pastor of the church, some ten months ago.

REDUCED TO \$7,000.

In last week's Record was an article giving the school deficits of the different counties of the State. The deficit in Chatham county was given at \$20,000. It has been found through mistakes in the collection of back taxes that the deficit only amounts to \$7,000. Chatham county makes as good showing in school affairs as any county in the State.

EVERY MEMBER ASKED TO BE PRESENT SUNDAY

The Woman's Missionary Society of Methodist Church Make Effort.

Since there are quite a number of the members of the Methodist church of Pittsboro that have not worshipped with us in several years, and since there is also a large number of our members that worship with us only twice of three times each year, and since there is a great desire on the part of our pastor and regular church goers to have every member to meet together at least once a year we, the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, are going to make an effort to get together our entire membership for worship next Sunday morning at the regular eleven o'clock service.

Our choir is planning to do its best in song. This part of the service will richly repay for any sacrifice to be present.

If you have no way of traveling, or if you know of anyone that would come but have no way of getting here, then notify Mrs. W. P. Horton, our president, and she will see that an automobile is sent for you.

We are going to look for you next Sunday morning, October 7th, 1923, at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. W. P. HORTON, President.
Mrs. E. R. HINTON, Secretary.

NEWS FROM APEX ROUTE FOUR.

Apex, Rt. 4, Oct. 1.—Mr. R. C. Goodwin gave a barbecue recently at the home of his sister, Mrs. W. B. Horton. The table was laden with good things to eat. There was in addition to the barbecue, chicken, cakes, pickles, pies and other good things. In the afternoon refreshments were served. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Peebles and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Clifton, Mr. B. L. Clifton, of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Goodwin, of Apex, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Morgan and family, of Ferrington, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Ward and family, of Bynum, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Baldwin and family, Mr. B. D. Thrallkill, Mr. T. D. Thrallkill, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Chambers, Mr. J. H. Clark, Mr. Will Briggs. Also Mr. M. T. Baldwin, of Apex, Rt. 4, who is ninety years of age and is as active as most men of the age of sixty.

At the afternoon Misses Lilla Horton, Esper Baldwin, Messrs Hal Baldwin, Carey Horton, accompanied Miss Mary Peebles back to her home in Raleigh.

Mr. W. L. Beckwith spent the week end with Mr. J. N. Bryan and family. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Beckwith and son, Robert, of New Hill, spent Friday at the home of Mr. W. B. Horton.

Mr. Charlie Mason of Dunn, was buried at Bell's church by the Masonic lodge on Sept. 24.

Mrs. J. H. Clark is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Nina Cash, of Durham.

Mr. W. L. Beckwith, Misses Hallie Ruth Bryan, made a business trip to Durham Tuesday.

Mr. Hal Baldwin, Miss Annie Baldwin, Ila Copeland made a business trip to Pittsboro Monday.

OTHER NOTES FROM ROUTE TWO

Moncure, Rt. 2, Oct. 1.—Mr. J. A. Thomas spent the week end in Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Harward and little daughter, Bettie Lloyd, of Denton, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Harward.

Mrs. J. A. Thomas and family visited her sister, Mrs. G. G. Burns on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Harward and family spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Harmon.

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Bridges and daughters, Beulah and Ruby, of Sanford, were visitors in this community Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Harmon recently returned from a trip to the mountains. They spent several days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lasater in Wilkes county, and visited many places of interest, Blowing Rock being one of them. They also crossed the Blue Ridge mountains by using the Boone trail and several other places that they enjoyed. They were accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bullis and little daughter, Rowena May, of Hamlet.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Harward and Mrs. H. R. Harward spent Saturday in Raleigh.

MISS THE RECORD BADLY.

In a letter from our good friend S. J. Harmon, in Sanford, he says that "I feel so disappointed this Friday night as I failed to get my Chatham Record, and I can't understand why I do not get it regularly. Sometimes it comes on Thursday, then on Friday and again it reaches me on Saturday. I always look forward to the coming of the Record. I am just as anxious as I used to be to get a letter from my sweetheart, and when I miss a copy I feel despondent."

We regret these delays in the paper and we always make every effort possible to avoid them. The paper is mailed in Pittsboro every Wednesday and should reach all of our subscribers not later than Saturday. Even those that live in distant states, we hope to get this delay remedied.

This complimentary message from Mr. Harmon makes us feel good and we appreciate it, along with many others that we receive almost every week.

THE CHAUTAUQUA AT BRICKHAVEN OCT. 11-12-13

General News Items of a Local Nature From Corinth.

Corinth, Oct. 1.—Mr. R. S. Paschal, of Atlanta, Ga., spent the week end with F. M. Nash at Buckhorn. Mr. Paschal is sales engineer in the Carolinas for the Century Electric Co., of St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. John Lea and family, of Raleigh, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Sexton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fields left Sunday for a ten day vacation in Wilkes county, visiting relatives of Mrs. Fields. On their return they will make their home in Raleigh. Mr. Fields, after eight and a half years of efficient service with the Carolina Power and Light Co., at Buckhorn, has been transferred to the maintenance department with headquarters in Raleigh.

The Chautauqua movement got into full swing last Wednesday night. Miss Nalean, the advance agent met the Chautauqua committee at the Brickhaven school house, appointed committees and got things started towards a big advertising and ticket selling campaign. The ticket committee, composed of W. J. Hannon for Brickhaven, S. W. Harrington, for Corinth and J. K. Barnes for Moncure, will appoint about 6 young ladies to sell tickets, offering prizes of from five dollars in gold down to one season ticket, to the ones selling the most season tickets.

The dates are October 11, 12 and 13th. Let's get busy, sell everybody enough season tickets to pay the guarantee and have the single admission funds as a surplus.

Don't forget that Miss Eddington, the Junior worker, will be here on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before the Chautauqua opens. She will be at Moncure school one day, at Brickhaven school one day and at Merry Oaks one day. They say she just cannot be beaten when it comes to entertaining young folks (or older ones either for that matter.) Let all the young people of Corinth, Truth and Cross be on hand at Brickhaven on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 10th. Make your plans now to come. This is free—no charge of any kind is made; it is your opportunity, make the best of it.

Mr. W. W. Horton spent Sunday at his home in Dunce.

"Ray and Roy" of the State Garage at Method spent Sunday at home in Corinth.

Wilbur Clark started to school in Pittsboro last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Wilder spent Sunday with relatives in Raleigh.

Ed Marks says he sure and buggy driven by Lace Patridge but he sure did not mean to do so. His "Headlight" was rather dim that night and he could not see good.

Mr. L. H. Mims has recovered a gun, a pair of glasses and some other property that was stolen from him sometime ago.

Surely someone has made a false step—a step backward, a most unfortunate and regrettable step, when they recorded their objections to and thereby killed the chances of having a school truck run from our community to Moncure this winter, especially since it would have been at no additional cost to themselves. There are boys and girls that have completed the grade work in our schools and want to go on to high school. There are others who want eight months school. Our county superintendent entirely upon his own initiative, without any request or solicitation from anyone first proposed to give us this truck. Can it be possible that some of these parents really think that their children do not need so much as a high school education? Or can it be possible that the parents of smaller children object along with single individuals to the older children having a high school education? We sincerely hope not, and trust that those who were misled into signing such a petition will come in out of the lime light, diavow their hasty act. Let's have a good high school within our reach—

"Eventually, why not now!"

W. H. Cross III, 6 years old, picked 100 pounds of cotton last week and made enough money to buy himself a season ticket for the big Chautauqua to be held at Brickhaven. "Where there is a will there is a way."

NEWS ITEMS FROM OAKLAND.

Moncure, Rt. 2, Oct. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Knight spent a few days last week with Mrs. N. A. Perry and Mrs. W. C. Henderson.

Misses Lena Burns and Stacie Edkins entered school at Pittsboro on Monday.

Miss Emma Lee Knight spent a few days last week in the home of R. R. Knight at Sanford.

Mr. Cyrus Brown visited in the home of A. B. Gunter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Burns and T. L. Burns spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thomas and Hazel Thomas spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Julian McIver.

Miss Gladys Maze, of Sanford, spent Sunday in the home of C. J. Knight.

Cold feet usually indicate some weakness of your health putting them in cold water for a minute or two and then wipe them dry will warm them up. Do not go to bed with cold feet.