

THE AFTERMATH OF CHATHAM COUNTY FAIR

Episode With a History in Making About Our Fair.

Last Friday the editor of The Record read in the daily papers a denial by the president, Dr. J. B. Milliken, and three directors, C. B. Thomas, J. C. Lane and W. J. Richardson, that the secretary of the Chatham Fair, Mrs. P. H. Elkins, or the manager, W. C. York, had any authority to recall the address of Hon. A. W. McLean to make a speech at the Fair. They furnished the daily press with a statement that Mr. McLean had been invited by a unanimous choice of the president and the board of directors, suggesting that the manager and the secretary were merely two employees, one a foreigner, or rather a non-resident. They stated that they repudiated and disavowed the letter sent Mr. McLean, saying that the letter was without authority and condemned by the directors and the president.

Inasmuch as this information was furnished the daily press by the editor of The Record as a courtesy communication from one publisher to another, it involves us—more so as The Record carried the same news story. It is generally understood that Mr. York, the manager, has full control of the Fair and that all arrangements and the program in general is in his charge. He knew nothing of the arrangement for the opening address until the time he cancelled the engagement.

The Record has nothing in common with this incident further than to see justice done, and as our position and statements have been questioned, as well as the others concerned, we want the public to understand the matter.

It was unwise and unfair to invite Mr. McLean in the first place. The county fair is the last place in the world to inject politics merely to gratify the ambition of a few party leaders who neither donate or sustain the Fair. The sending out of many letters to folks over the county has little effect on those who really want a fair and there is no mercy extended for those who were so unfortunate as to have eyes and yet not see, intelligence and not think.

MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

Justice of the peace, J. R. Blair had two cases before him Friday. One of these was of a civil nature being that of L. N. Womble against Joe Alston, colored. It appears that Joe's son had made a bill at Womble's store for \$108 and the merchandise had been charged to Joe. The case was decided against Alston.

The other case was of a more serious nature. Mr. H. M. Nicholson and his son, John Nicholson, captured a still and two men, both white, over in the south west part of Matthews township, and brought the men and still to Pittsboro, where the defendants, Charlie Foster and J. C. Hicks, appeared before Mr. Blair, who bound them over to court in bonds of \$500 each, which they gave.

The third man at the still was a negro, who made his get away. Several gallons of liquor, a lot of beer and other stuff around the place was destroyed. Foster and Hicks plead their own cases.

DEATH OF MRS. ANNA JOHNSON

Mrs. Anna Johnson, widow of the late Madison Johnson, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Dismukes, at Carbondon, last Sunday afternoon, after an illness of ten days of paralysis. She was 67 years old in January.

Mrs. Johnson's first marriage was with Mr. O. A. Burns. To this union were born three children. Mr. John Burns, of Pittsboro, Mrs. J. M. Dismukes and another daughter that died several years ago.

The funeral services were held at Mays Chapel Monday, being conducted by Rev. C. L. Wicker. The interment was in the cemetery at that church.

Mrs. Johnson was a consistent member at Mays Chapel for 49 years and was a consecrated christian, a true friend and a devoted mother and wife.

"UNCLE BILLY" PHILLIPS DEAD.

Siler City, Oct. 16.—William E. Phillips, aged 72 years, after an illness of several weeks, died at his home here Sunday night at 8:30.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon at Loves Creek Baptist church and was conducted by Rev. Richard S. Fountain.

With a big heart in proportion to his unusual physique, "Uncle Billy," as he was affectionately known by his friends, will be missed in the community in which he has lived for so many years.

Surviving are his wife, four sons, Paul, Ben, Rudy and Sam Phillips, all of Siler City, and four daughters, Mrs. J. A. Jones, of Dunn, Mrs. Tasso Siler, of Swansboro, Misses Myrtle and Willie Phillips, at home.

Hurt by a Fall.

A ten-year old daughter of Herbert Headen, colored, of Hickory Mt., was seriously hurt Sunday afternoon by a fall from a tree she had climbed. Her elbow was sprained, collar bone broken and a long gash cut in her head. Dr. Chapin was called in to dress the wounded child.

TWO LITTLE CHILDREN ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Lose Life in Fire at Colon on Monday, October 8th.

The following account of a tragedy from the Carolina Banner, of the death of two children will be read with regret by Record subscribers. It occurred at Colon, N. C. Mr. Riddle is a former resident of Chatham county and will be pleasantly remembered by some of our readers. The Banner says:

"Little May Belle Riddle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Temus Riddle, and little Max Pattishall, son of Mr. Garland Pattishall, were horribly burned yesterday afternoon when a barn belonging to Mr. Riddle, in which the children were playing, caught fire. The bodies of the children were charred beyond recognition, only a mass of ashes and burned bones marking the place where they met their sad fate.

"It is thought that while playing in the barn the children, in some way, set fire to the hay within the building. Rushing out they found water at the well and went back to try to quench the flames, and, on entering the building, were overcome with the smoke and flames. A passerby noticed the children running toward the barn with cans of water, but no attention was paid to this as the fire was small and not large enough to be seen from the road. Mr. N. V. Fisher was the first to reach the scene and by this time the building was enveloped with flames and it was too late to try to save the children from their awful fate.

"Mrs. Riddle, seeing the burning building, ran out only to see her little daughter trapped with no possible means of escape. The child was in the rear of the building and flames were pouring from the only door that led to safety. Mrs. Riddle all the while calling to her child to dash through the flames and take the only chance of escape. Mr. Riddle, who has been confined to his bed for the past four weeks with rheumatism, was unable to render any assistance.

"Both children were six years of age, were exceedingly bright and were constantly in each other's company.

"The news of the tragic ending of two young lives spread like wild fire and has cast a damper over the entire community who mourn with the bereaved parents in their great sorrow."

PITTSBORO TEAM IS DEFEATED.

News Items of General Interest From Our Neighbors at Moncure.

Moncure, Oct. 15.—Next Thursday will be a holiday at school, so that all pupils who wish, may attend either Siler City Fair or the State Fair in Raleigh.

Miss Willie Bostian, one of the high school pupils, accompanied her father last Saturday to Chattanooga, Tenn., where Mr. Bostian will undergo an operation on his head.

Miss Edna Hedrick, the third and fourth grade teacher, was visited last week end by her parents, who motored from Stony Point, N. C.

Many from Moncure attended the Chautauqua at Brickhaven last week and reported a big crowd each night, and enjoyed the Chautauqua to the fullest extent.

Pittsboro high school baseball team played Moncure high school last Friday afternoon, which ended 9 to 0 in favor of Moncure.

The San Players of Sanford, presented a play, entitled "Legion Minstrels" at the school auditorium last Tuesday night. It was two hours and 15 minutes of nothing else but fun. It was well attended and the proceeds went to the Betterment Association.

Mr. Spartz, of Raleigh, a promoter of the Spworth League, filed Rev. J. Boone's appointment at the Methodist church last Sunday morning and evening. We enjoyed his messages very much and we want him to come again.

Rev. J. J. Boone was the guest of presiding elder Bumpass, of Raleigh, last week. We are so glad that Mr. Boone has one more appointment before Conference, for we always enjoy his good sermons.

Mr. J. K. Barnes, cashier of the local bank, spent Sunday at Jonesboro with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nash, of Brickhaven spent last Monday in Moncure in the interest of the Chautauqua for another year.

We are glad to state that Mrs. Tom Lassiter of Route 1, who recently suffered a stroke of paralysis, seems to be better. We hope she will soon recover her illness.

CONTRACT LET.

The contract for 11.25 miles of gravel construction road between Pittsboro and the Lee County line, has been let to W. W. Tuck & Sons, for \$74,770. The bridge work over Rocky river and Deep River was let to the Atlantic Bridge Company.

This road begins at the southwest end of court house square and strikes the Fayetteville street or Moncure road just across Roberson Creek.

We hope our correspondents will do all they can to get the letters to us on Monday as we are compelled to print Tuesday night during the school term, and we cannot handle them in full when they are delayed.

SEE YOUR LABEL

BUTTON, BUTTON, WHO'S GOT THE BUTTON?

The Greensboro News was so wrought up on the Chatham Fair-McLean incident that they sent a special representative all the way to Siler City to interview the factors in the case. In fact Mr. Hunter was generous enough to consult The Record over the telephone.

The sending out of the 500 letters, on presumption, seems to be the sore that has developed a pus sack, and The News so charitably terms it a piece of political strategy, so was the secret of the cancellation date for Mr. McLean.

The Record makes no denial of the correspondence that let the cat out of the bag, but the securing of a duplicate letter sent Mr. McLean cancelling the engagement is also a piece of newspaper strategy. The secretary of the Fair and the manager of the Fair know nothing of how The Record got hold of it. They probably thought it would never reach the press, but it was secured, and the knowledge of the big patronage of Uncle Sam was just as easily found out, despite the fact that our local institution had its cancellation reduced to a minimum.

We have no apologies to make for the part we played in the matter. We think it the most beneficial thing that could have happened to the Fair. It has people stirred up that never before contributed to the Fair, never had any interest in its welfare. Now they appreciate the importance of it.

The only thing that we do brand as a malicious, willful misrepresentation is that the editor of The Record ever made any reflection on the town of Siler City. It is one of the best towns on the map in North Carolina and it has many good business men in it, despite the few who would injure its good name. It is true that the editor never made any money in the paper business there. No one else has ever become a millionaire. This, however, is due to the fact that there are not enough local concerns and business enterprises to give a substantial support to a local paper, and a paper is dependent entirely on local support. There are many wide-awake business men there that appreciate the opportunity of patronizing a good paper, and the columns of The Record show it every week. This paper has many warm friends in Siler City and it severely resents any accusation that we may have at any time reflected on the citizenship of so good a town.

No peculiar hatred or detest for an insignificant individual or influence would deter us from our interest in a good Fair for Chatham county. We have always given liberally of our space, have a small amount of stock in the enterprise and will always continue our best efforts for the best interest of the annual event, and especially for anything that is for the best interest of the farmers of Chatham county.

DEATH OF THREE VETERANS

J. M. McIver, Eli Brewer and Joe Bridges—Their Funerals.

Siler City, Oct. 12.—A singular instance is the fact that Wednesday night there lay dead in Chatham county three Confederate soldiers, they being J. M. McIver at Gulf, Eli Brewer in Bear Creek township and Joe Bridges, three miles north of this place.

The funeral of Mr. Brewer was held today at Fall Creek church. Mr. Bridges was buried at Rocky River and Mr. McIver at Gulf.

Large crowds were present at each of the services to pay tribute to those who once wore the gray.

The 13-year-old son of the late Willey Welch, whose home was 7 miles southeast of here, died Wednesday afternoon as a result of blood poisoning following his having shot a hole through his foot two weeks ago.

An infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Stone was buried at Loves Creek cemetery Wednesday morning.

The singing class from the Oxford Orphanage rendered its annual concert tonight in the auditorium of the new school building and was attended by a capacity house.

The executive committee of the community club tendered a most delightful reception Tuesday evening at the handsome home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Wrenn, honoring the school faculty.

MISS EUBANKS MARRIED

Popular Pittsboro Girl United to Mr. O. W. Hamilton.

Miss Katherine Eubanks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Eubanks, of Pittsboro, was married to Mr. O. W. Hamilton, of Winston-Salem, on Thursday, October 11th. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. Z. E. Barnhardt, in Centenary Methodist church, in Winston-Salem.

Only a few of the intimate friends and relatives of the couple were present to witness the solemn vows. After the marriage the happy young couple came to Pittsboro where they spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Eubanks.

Upon their return from their bridal trip they will make their future home in Winston-Salem, where Miss Eubanks has lived for the past several years, holding a responsible position with The Southbound Railway. She has endeared herself to the people there and has innumerable friends in her adopted city. Her home address there will be 830 north Liberty St.

Mr. Hamilton is a young man of sterling character and a bright future before him. He has held a lucrative position for many years with the Norfolk & Western Railway in Winston-Salem and will continue in the same capacity.

In Pittsboro, where Miss Katherine is so well known, where she was reared, she is loved and esteemed highly for her pure, Christian character, lovable disposition and estimable qualifications. The Record joins her many friends in wishing her much happiness in her married life.

Miss Elizabeth Burns, of the Highsmith Hospital, Fayetteville, came home to attend the funeral of her grand mother, Mrs. Anna Johnson. She returned to Fayetteville Tuesday.

BUILD A HOME IN PITTSBORO.

LOOK AT THE LABEL ON PAPER.

JOHN M. M'IVER, WELL KNOWN CITIZEN, PASSES

Resident of Gulf, 86 Years Old, Passes in Charlotte.

Charlotte Observer, Oct. 11.

John McMillan McIver, prominent merchant and cotton mill man, of Gulf, died at the Charlotte sanatorium Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock following an acute attack of pneumonia. He was in his 86th year. Wednesday morning the body was taken to his home at Gulf, where the funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon. Present with Mr. McIver at the end were his wife, three sons and two daughters, Mrs. E. E. Gillespie, of York, S. C., being detained at her home on account of the serious illness of her child.

Mr. McIver was, in a quiet way, one of the prominent men of the state. As an educator in early life and later as a successful merchant and farmer with large cotton mill interests, his whole life was one of constructive growth and altruistic living. His splendid influence as a citizen and as a man pervaded the entire section of the state in which he lived and his ready sympathy and just dealings made him one of the best loved and most respected men of that section.

Mr. McIver was born on November 6, 1838, near Carbondon, in Moore County. His great-grandfather, Donald McIver, was one of three brothers who emigrated from Scotland in 1772. His father was Alexander McIver, a farmer, a loyal Presbyterian and an elder in Euphronia Presbyterian church. His mother was Miss Ann Gordon, daughter of Dangston Gordon, of Virginia, an Englishman. His father died when he was but a year old, and it was to his mother's wise and capable training that he owed much of his stalwart character. His earliest recollection of his mother was seeing her kneeling in prayer with her three children around her.

He was educated at the University of North Carolina and in the preparatory school at Melville academy, under that celebrated teacher, Dr. Alexander Wilson. He was graduated at the University in the class of 1862 and immediately enlisted in the Confederate army in a cavalry company under Rev. James H. McNeil. Later he was transferred to the army of northern Virginia, where he served until the end of the war, surrendering with it at Appamattox in 1865.

At the close of the war he began his life as a civilian as a school teacher, teaching for a number of years in preparatory schools in the state. In 1870 he became engaged in the mercantile business at Gulf and established his home there. His career as a business man was very successful. He was interested as a director and stockholder in the Bank of Fayetteville, vice-president of the Sanford Cotton mills, a stockholder in the Columbia Manufacturing company at Ramseur, and the Elmira Cotton mills at Burlington and member of the board of directors of the American Exchange bank at Greensboro.

By faith Mr. McIver was a Presbyterian and his career as a church worker was marked by exceptionally distinguished service. He was one of the founders of the church at Gulf and was its first elder. He was the only clerk its session ever had and for 60 years was the superintendent of its Sunday School and teacher of the Bible class. Twice he was elected a commissioner of the general assembly, the highest court in the polity of the church, and was called to serve on the most important committees.

Mr. McIver was twice married. His first wife was Miss Mattie Lee Morrison, of Asheville, by whom he had three children, Evan G. McIver, of Durham, Mrs. E. E. Gillespie, of York, S. C., and Miss Estelle McIver, of Gulf. His second wife, who survives him, was Miss Lou Anderson, a daughter of Rev. Monroe Anderson, for many years a professor at Davidson college. To this marriage was born the following children: Dr. Monroe A. McIver, of the Harvard School of Medicine, of Boston, Mass., Jno. M. McIver, Jr., and Miss Margaret McIver, of Gulf.

The funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon in the Gulf Presbyterian church in which he served so faithfully and so long, and will be conducted by Rev. Neal L. Anderson, D. D., of Savannah, Ga., a brother-in-law, assisted by Rev. C. L. Wicker, the pastor of the church.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

We highly appreciate the effort on the part of some of our would-be friends in helping us dispose of The Record. If they succeed in getting our price we will sign the papers. However we trust that before a final bargain is made that they will let us know because we will have to make arrangements for other employment. Thanks.

LAY ON MACDUFF.

We have a letter from an old friend A. W. Roten, over in Smithfield, in which he says: "Have just read in the old reliable, the News and Observer, of your misfortune about the old negro woman, and the matter is clear to those who know you. Give this class of people a hand from the bottom up and keep it up. I hope to see soon where it is all settled and you are the true victor."

CORINTH ENJOYED THE CHAUTAUQUA

Community Exhibit to be Placed at Chatham Fair—Local.

Corinth, Oct. 15.—Last week was a big week in our community. It was Chautauqua week. We had a splendid program and every one who came enjoyed them.

Last summer the guarantors levied an assessment on themselves of \$10. each to be prepared for any deficit, but in the end the guarantors are to be paid back \$2.50 each. A new plan has been worked out to try next year. We will start with an attempt to get 50 names, then assess each guarantor \$10.00, but in return give each guarantor the value of his assessment in tickets. Miss Eddington remained over one day longer to work on this contract and tonight, Monday, we have 31 names. Now let's have 19 more and we will be over the top. We met with a most pleasant surprise when three school teachers signed as leaders of groups of children, each group to be responsible for \$10 share. Then along came a class of Sunday school girls and got their teacher to sign as leader for another \$10 share. With a start like this and the young people coming to you and asking that you get the Chautauqua back again next year, it is bound to go over the top. It is too essential a matter to neglect. But let's have that other 19 names right away, wind this thing up and forget all about deficits and further assessments, and be ready to go to the Chautauqua when it comes and enjoy it to the fullest.

(The Record will take one of those shares, so you only need 18 more.)

Miss Pauline Eddington, the director, is a charming and pleasing and efficient young lady. She did good work and we want to see her come back again, next time.

School opened at Corinth Monday with an attendance of 42—fine for the first day. Miss Maynard and Miss Johnson are our teachers. This is Miss Maynard's first year but it is Miss Johnson's third.

The parents and patrons of the school were present and enjoyed the opening exercises. Miss Eddington was there and entertained the children and all with two very beautiful stories.

What a rare treat it would be if we could have some one like Miss Eddington as a community worker in our county.

Miss Maynard will teach some 8th grade work and we hope to make our required average of 40 for the year.

The Corinth-Brickhaven community exhibit will be put on at the Chatham County Fair, at Siler City. Mr. J. A. Ausley, Mrs. W. H. Cross and Miss Carrie Lee Cross will take the exhibit up and display it.

J. E. Dickens is at home nursing a cracked wrist as the result of a spill in a Ford.

Another wedding in our town last week. Miss Gayle Mims, of Corinth, became the bride of Mr. O. C. Wicker, of Brickhaven. Mrs. Wicker is the attractive daughter of our good townspeople, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Mims. Mr. Wicker is a valued employee of the Cherokee Brick Co., at Brickhaven. Mrs. Wicker will be very much missed at Corinth. They will be at home in a few weeks in one of the Cherokee Company's cottages at Brickhaven.

SOCIAL AT HAW RIVER SCHOOL.

Coming and Going of Folks in Cape Fear Township.

New Hill, Rt. 2, Oct. 15.—There was an ice cream, box and pie party combined, held at Haw River school house Saturday night for the benefit of New Elam Sunday school card class. Mrs. G. F. Carr and Mrs. G. L. Mann were on the committee to look after the entertainment.

Miss Rennie Webster was voted the most beautiful girl and Mr. Edgar Beckwith the ugliest young man. A large sum of money was realized.

Miss Bertha Poe, of Bells community, spent the week end with Miss Mozell Poe.

Miss Mary Webster spent the week end with Miss Eunice Hatley on Rt. 1, Pittsboro.

Miss Maggie Marks, of Lee county, was the guest of Mrs. G. L. Mann Saturday.

Floyd Lasater of Durham, visited his parents a few hours Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Moore and Miss Lillian Olinger, attended the Chautauqua at Brickhaven last week.

Dwight Webster was the guest of relatives on Pittsboro Rt. 1, recently.

Paul, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Mann, fell and stuck a stick in his face, nearly puncturing an eye. He was carried to Sanford where he was treated and the stick removed. The injury is not serious but was a very painful one for the little fellow.

The New Hope ball team was defeated by Fearington on the latter's diamond Saturday by a score of 8 to 7. The boys have won more this season than they have lost. The season closed with Saturday's game.

Messrs Douglass Puryear and Andrew Ellis, of Raleigh, spent Sunday at their "homes."

Misses Ila Copeland, Lila Horton and Mr. Jim Sturdivant, visited the Misses Webster Sunday afternoon.

A seed cleaner will increase crop yields and pay a profit for the investment. With cotton alone it will remove from 10 to 20 percent of undesirable seed, finds Dr. R. Y. Winters, of the State College staff.