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FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Also Round Dozen Hold Meetings—Delightful Time.

Siler City, Jan. 26.—The Friday Afternoon Book Club held a delightful meeting this week with Mrs. J. J. Jenkins.

Books were exchanged and a very interesting program was rendered. Mrs. L. L. Wrenn read the life of Carrie Jacobs Bond. Mrs. S. J. Husketh sang one of Mrs. Bond's most popular songs, "A Perfect Day." Mrs. L. P. Dixon gave a humorous reading which was very much enjoyed.

Games were played after which refreshments were served. Favors were a bouquet of white carnations. Present were Mesdames L. L. Wrenn, W. S. Durham, Rosa Stout, W. H. Hadley, S. J. Husketh, L. P. Dixon, J. D. Dorsett, W. S. Edwards, J. Q. Seawell, E. H. Jordan, J. D. Gregg and Miss Joyce Edwards.

The Womens Club holds its regular meeting Friday in the school auditorium. Mrs. C. L. Brower, the president, of the literary department, had charge of the meeting. An interesting debate was given by Mesdames J. C. Gregson and Junius Wren on the affirmative and C. L. Brower and Olive B. Webster on the negative, the query being, "Resolved That Women Do More Work Than Men." The judges were Mesdames O. I. Hinson, W. H. Hadley and Henry Pike. They rendered their decision in favor of the negative. Mrs. L. L. Wrenn read a paper on current events and Mrs. J. S. Wrenn, a reading.

Mrs. Dalton Cooner charmingly entertained the members and other invited guests of the Boosters Club at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. C. Gregson Thursday afternoon.

After the usual business, tables were arranged for the game of rook. Guests found their places by dainty hand-painted place cards. At the conclusion of the last round of the game the high score prize, a lovely hand-painted perfume bottle was presented to Miss Emily Cole; the consolation, a dainty compact, fell to Miss Joyce Edwards. Lettuce roll salad, sandwiches, coffee, charlotte russe and mints were served. Misses Thelma Spier, Emily Thompson, Emily Cole, Alice Straughan, Grace Reitzel, Joyce Edwards and Annie Lambe, Mesdames Wade Hadley, O. I. Hinson, J. S. Dorsett and Clyde Fore were present.

The Round Dozen Book Club met with Mrs. M. M. Fox Monday afternoon and had a most delightful meeting. The entire lower floor was thrown together and beautifully decorated with long leaf pines.

Mesdames J. C. Gregson and Olive B. Webster had charge of the meeting. Mrs. Webster read a paper on Longfellow, while Mrs. Gregson delighted the members by reading "The Courtin'" by Lovell.

Mrs. Fox, assisted by Mesdames T. D. Bynum, J. B. Marley, Junius Wrenn and Henry Pike, served chicken salad, hot buttered rolls, peach pickle, coffee and whipped cream. Those enjoying Mrs. Fox's hospitality were Mesdames J. C. Gregson, Olive B. Webster, L. L. Wrenn, T. D. Bynum, Junius Wren, C. L. Brower, C. N. Bray, J. B. Maarley and J. S. Wrenn. Mesdames Jas. L. Griffin, W. S. Edwards, W. H. Hadley and Henry Pike were invited guests.

A FEW WORDS OF PRAISE

Verbally and by letter everybody continues to praise The Record as being one of the best papers they ever saw, and we are proud of the good opinion the folks have of us. Mrs. J. R. Beal, at Gulf, says: "I think it a grand paper." Mr. Mike Harris at Allendale, S. C., says: "We are sure pleased with your paper, and hope you will have a prosperous year." Mrs. J. W. Bland of New Hill, says: "I like to read the Record and think it is better than it ever has been before. My grand father, William Moore, was a subscriber to The Record during his life time, and I always looked forward each week for the paper to come." Mrs. Henry A. London, who is visiting in New Jersey, says: "Hope this will be a fine year for you and yours." C. C. Burns at Proctorville, says: "I am an old Chathamite, have been away for 23 years and have not taken a home paper in many years."

Almost every day we receive letters that make us proud and with the encouragement we are receiving, we are determined to make every man, woman and child in Chatham county and the natives who are scattered abroad, proud of The Chatham Record.

ON SILER CITY NUMBER THREE.

Local and Personal Items About Folks Known to Record Readers.

Siler City, Rt. 3, Jan. 28.—Mr. F. L. Teague went to Greensboro on a business trip Tuesday, the 22nd. Mr. Teague was accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Romie Edwards.

Mr. Jessie Dunlap visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dunlap Saturday and Sunday.

The many friends of Arthur McDaniel will be glad to learn that he can walk again after having both his legs broken.

Miss Sallie Fogleman, the Meadow Creek school teacher, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Fogleman at Siler City.

Miss Edna Clark, of Raleigh, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Clark, last week.

The many friends of Johnnie Stanley, will regret to learn that he had to have his leg amputated.

PROBLEM FOR OLD AND YOUNG

Free Subscription of Six Months For The Correct Answer

As stated last week we are offering this week a puzzling proposition for you to answer and to the one sending in the best arranged, correct answer, will be given a six months free subscription to The Chatham Record.

Following is the Riddle man's latest. Read it carefully: "I am not so very big, nor yet so very small, Sometimes I am flat and then again I'm tall, Sometimes I am stout, but often I am lean, And I come in any shade at all from bottle blue to green."

"I don't like life indoors, I much prefer outside, And yet I never, never walk, I always take a ride, My fortune's always good, it seldom takes a drop, My friends say it's remarkable how I come out on top,

"I can not run, I never race, but if the truth be said, No matter where I promenade, I'm always on the head, I'm quiet in my habits, on sea or air or land, But then again I must confess I often have a band."

"Now this no doubt, will make you laugh, I haven't any head, But wait, my friends, and spare your chaff, I have a crown instead, I never eat, I never drink to keep in proper trim, And yet in nice times out of ten, I'm filled up to the brim."

Now decide what this strange thing can be and send your answer to Joe Snyder, care The Chatham Record, Pittsboro, N. C. Any one is eligible, old and young, rich and poor. Give your full name, rural route and post-office. The award will not only be given to the correct answer, but best arrangement, penmanship, punctuation and general construction of the answer will be considered.

This has become a very popular department of The Record and hundreds of young people enjoy it. Let everybody make a try at it this week. All answers must reach us no later than Monday, February 4th, 1924.

CHATHAM BANK MAKES GAIN.

Stockholders Meet and Have Luncheon at Feedwell.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Chatham Bank at Siler City, was held on the 15th of January. The financial statement submitted indicated that the bank had done a good volume of business during the past year. A dividend of eight per cent was declared and a substantial sum was carried to the surplus column.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: J. C. Gregson, president; W. A. Teague, vice-president; J. J. Jenkins, cashier.

Board of directors as follows:—J. C. Gregson, W. A. Teague, W. B. Teague, W. R. Fox, A. A. Self and June Wren.

After the transaction of business, a splendid luncheon was served at the Feedwell Cafe in their splendid way.

The Chatham bank is one of the older institutions in Chatham county, having been established twenty-two years ago and it enjoys the full confidence of the people of western Chatham who esteem it sufficiently to give it a liberal patronage.

Its resources are on the increase and its patronage is gaining ground every year. The officers are business men who have the confidence of the entire county.

The Chatham bank is a regular advertiser in The Record and guarantees to our patrons safety and service. To those living in contiguous territory to Siler City, we would highly recommend the Chatham Bank as an institution worthy of your patronage.

DOINGS ON SILER CITY ONE.

Siler City, Rt. 1, Jan. 28.—Miss Eliza Rives spent last week end with Miss Lena Wright, of Siler City, route 2.

Miss Gladys Overman has returned home after a two weeks visit in Ramseur.

The fifteen months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Murchison, who has been sick with pneumonia, is better, we are glad to state.

Rev. W. B. Pike filled his regular appointment at Flint Ridge Sunday, the 27th.

Miss Eliza Rives and Miss Evelyn Teague spent Saturday afternoon with Misses Evie, Mabel and Eunice Thompson.

Mrs. G. W. Wright is confined to her bed with rheumatism.

HAVE FIDDLERS CONVENTION

Town Hall in Siler City Next Saturday Night.

An Old Fiddlers Convention will be held in the town hall in Siler City next Friday night, February 2nd. Every indication points to this event as being the best of its kind ever held in Chatham county, as the most skillful players in the vicinity of Siler City are to be present.

The public is asked to be present and enjoy a night of genuine fun and pleasure.

Have faith in your friends if you will keep them faithful.

A GOOD LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Record List Continues to Grow and Everybody is Delighted.

Despite the fact that the Record is now on a full pay basis, the people generally do not mind it and we continue to get a good list of subscribers each week. Most all of them express some satisfaction with the Record and elsewhere in this paper we are printing some extracts from letters of good people who praise us in the letters.

No newspaper man in the United States appreciates his subscribers any more than does the editor of The Record. We have the very best people in Chatham county on our mailing list and those who were reared in Chatham and who have moved away. All of them seem to like our paper because they praise it, and we will make every effort to continue to merit their approval. The following good people are entered on our list this week:

M. L. Harris, R. R. Richardson, A. R. Dowdy, R. P. Beal, Rev. W. W. Long, N. H. Heritage, Luther Pierce, Fred R. Dark, James Henry Webster, N. D. Hilliard, J. H. Gunter, Mrs. J. R. Beal, J. R. Wilkins, Miss Dena Perry, S. B. Burke, R. H. Thomas, Elmer Moore, J. D. Paschal, A. Clay Thomas, J. H. Hancock, G. G. Hancock, R. A. Browning, Charlie N. Goodwin, Mrs. J. A. Marks, T. W. Green, K. B. Riddle, Fred Lilly, American City, Mrs. John W. Bland, C. C. Burns, John W. Sanders, W. R. Griffin, Rev. A. H. Andrew, I. P. Straughan, Dr. C. R. Sears, George S. McIver, J. F. Haith, R. S. Clark, Tom Leach, Mrs. James Causey, Miss Nina Sturdivant.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REORGANIZED.

Interesting Locals and News Items From Bear Creek Friends.

Bear Creek, Jan. 28.—J. J. Ivey, who has been at a hospital in Greensboro for about three weeks, has recovered sufficiently to return to his home last Sunday. His many friends will be glad to learn of his splendid progress.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Emerson, the 27th, a son.

Robert, the small son of S. T. Moody, is very sick.

B. F. Moffitt, Southern agent, has installed a radio in his home.

Charles W. Holt, of Kernersville; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Yarborough, of Littleton; Mrs. W. I. Williamson and sons, of Sanford, were visitors the past week at the home of T. B. Beal.

L. I. Moore, of Greensboro, was a visitor on route two last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Smith were business callers in Siler City last week.

Mrs. D. A. Maness has moved from T. H. Wilson's to the Wilkie place.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Stewart were Sunday visitors in Siler City.

Dewey and Thomas Campbell are on the sick list this week.

Mrs. D. W. Smith, who underwent an operation at a hospital in Greensboro, has improved enough to return to her home on Pittsboro, Rt. 3.

Sandy Branch Baptist Sunday school was reorganized Sunday, the 27th, with Charles J. Webster, of Bonlee, as Superintendent and G. T. Dunn, of Bear Creek as secretary-treasurer.

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FROM GOLDSTON ROUTE ONE.

Goldston, Rt. 1, Jan. 28.—Mr. Horace Barbee, of Greensboro, spent last week end with his sister, Mrs. N. R. Goins.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Oldham and son, Virgil, spent last Saturday night with her mother, Mrs. Lucy Phillips, on Bear Creek, Rt. 1.

Mrs. J. T. Waddell, of Goldston, spent a few days last week with relatives on this route.

Mrs. R. H. Oldham and son, Elbert, spent last week with her mother, Mrs. J. E. Andrews, on Bear Creek route 1.

Mr. Dan Fox, who is working in Siler City, spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Oldham and children, were visitors in the home of his sister, Mrs. Teal Hart, near Gulf, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Andrews and children, Herman and Helen, of near Sanford, were visitors in this route Saturday.

W. H. GILMORE HAS BIRTHDAY.

Cummock, Rt. 1, Jan. 28.—All who attended the birthday dinner at the home of Mr. W. H. Gilmore, in honor of Mr. Gilmore, seemed to enjoy it thoroughly.

It is expected that the Sunday school at Carolina will be reorganized next Sunday afternoon. Everybody is requested to be present.

Mrs. R. B. Johnson, who has been very sick, is much better, her many friends will be glad to know.

Mr. Johnnie Pilkington and Allen White, were callers in the home of Mr. Jim Johnson Sunday night.

Mr. Clyde Johnson from Sanford, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson.

SICK IN JAIL.

There are five prisoners in Chatham jail, one of them, Louis Carpenter, a white man about 16 years of age, has a serious case of pneumonia. Carpenter was sent up from Cape Fear township for assault, but owing to the sickness of Judge Pittman at last court the case was not tried, and now the young man will probably have to lay in jail until next court which meets in May. Carpenter is so sick he cannot be moved.

WHO OFFERS THE MOST

Billy Sunday Has a Few Remarks On The Liquor Drinker

We have been reading quite a few of Billy Sunday's sermons printed in The Charlotte Observer, but none have impressed us as the one delivered Sunday, January 20th, in which he so vividly portrays the true nature of a drunkard, in his characteristic style. If space permitted we would print the entire sermon but we must be content to give you the following extract from that sermon:

"Look at that old mother. She weeps and prays for the coming footsteps of him whom she brought into the world in pain and suffering. She builded high her hopes, he has proved himself an iconoclast to her prayers and tears and when at last he staggers and reels and vomits and spews and mutters and sputters and pukes into her arms and presence, to damn her for just rebuke of his infamy, and then he reels and staggers to his bed and he is snoring in his drunken stupor, filthy in his excrement, she worries all night long and wets her pillow with her tears of anguish, wrung from a broken heart while he snores in his drunken stupor. Who suffers the most? That drunken bloated loafer, sleeping off a drunk, or that innocent, broken-hearted mother, praying for a drunken boy?"

You only have to be unfortunate enough to be the mother of a drunken wretch like that to know who suffers the most, the guilty or the innocent. So don't you charge it upon God to be a piece of foolishness to have His Son suffer for us reprobates, the sinners.

Look at that young wife. She prays and waits and longs and hopes until the small hours of the morning, waiting for the coming footsteps of him whose name she bears, whose image is woven into the fibers of her heart, who swore to love, honor, cherish and obey as long as the sky was blue, and when at last he comes into her presence, stamped with the foul stench of his unfaithfulness and his sin, look at her eyes go bloodshot, look at her lips become ashen, look at her cheeks become anaemic, look at her form totter and reel.

Who suffers the most, that innocent, virtuous, pure wife, who has been true to the man she swore to honor at the wedding of that infamous, God-forsaken, white-livered, weasel-eyed, black-hearted, rapacious, mendacious buffoon? Who suffers the most, the innocent or the guilty?"

Oh, hear me! You only have to be unfortunate enough to be yoked up to a God-forsaken, triple extract of hell like that to know who suffers the most, the innocent or the guilty. I have your sympathy right now. It is the rule in life that the innocent suffer with and far more than the guilty and if you repudiate Jesus Christ because He was innocently suffering for the guilty, God have mercy on you."

LYCEUM COURSE MONDAY.

Last Concert For The Season and it Will be a Good One, Too.

The next Lyceum course for Pittsboro, The Henry Duo, will be held on next Monday night, in the new school auditorium, February 4th, at 7:30 o'clock.

The concert will consist of music, readings, impersonations and character sketches.

It comes highly recommended by the press and from critics in other towns, and no one should miss the opportunity to attend.

The admission will be only 50 cents and 25 cents to this concert and it is worth far more than the price asked for admission. The public of Chatham county is indeed fortunate to have the opportunity to attend a high class entertainment at a nominal cost.

Remember the date, Monday night, February 4th, at 7:30 o'clock and be there if you can possibly get there.

PREACHED AN ABLE SERMON.

Oakland News and Personals That Will Interest our Readers.

Pittsboro, Rt. 3, Jan. 28.—Mrs. H. C. Clegg, Sr., who has been spending some time in Sanford with her son, Frank, who has pneumonia, has returned home.

We regret to hear that Mr. C. J. Knight is again ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert McIver visited in the home of Mr. Frank Thomas Sunday.

Mr. W. A. Griffin spent the week end in the home of Mr. W. M. Burns.

Miss Stacey Eddins was absent from school last week on account of illness.

Mr. Marvin Burns has been spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Burns.

Mr. Kinnon Eddins spent last Saturday night with Mr. Lucy Burns.

Rev. J. J. Boone preached an able sermon at Chatham church last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Ralph Knight's bird dog has left home and it is feared that he has rabies, as he bit several other dogs. The dog had not been killed up to today, (Monday.)

Miss Lula E. Beal, of Siler City, route 5, was in Greensboro Saturday in consultation with Dr. Banner in regard to eye troubles.

THE MAN IN OKLAHOMA

Conditions in Adopted State of a Native Chathamite

We stated a week or so ago that Mr. A. J. Cook, a former resident of Chatham county, was here on a visit for the first time in 32 years. Mr. Cook came to the Record office and we had a long conversation with him. When he was a young man he left the Browns Chapel neighborhood and went to Lone Grove, Oklahoma. He prospered and continued to stay there until a few weeks ago, when that insatiable desire to see old faces and renew youthful acquaintances obsessed his system and he came home.

He tells us that the transformation in the country in Chatham, both rural and in the towns, has been wonderful. He was amazed at the good roads, the nice homes and the general apparent prosperity of the people. He remained longer, perhaps, than he otherwise would but he just couldn't pull himself away from good people and he naturally wanted to stay.

The people of Chatham county are a good sort of folks; they are friendly; they are true; they are honest. The majority of them don't mind doing you a good turn if they like you, and if you are not worthy of their friendship they don't mind telling you so, therefore it is no wonder that our friend Cook wanted to stay the limit.

Mr. Cook told us all about his home in his adopted State. According to his version it is a wonderful farming section, but subject to many vicissitudes and contrary weather conditions. It is necessary to plant grain early there in order to get sufficient moisture to make a crop. In July, August and even in September at times, practically no rain falls and unless the crops are gotten to maturity before this calamity comes upon it, there will be a failure. He has known corn to burn up and shrivel in 24 hours time, on account of the dry, hot winds.

However, the weather conditions on man and beast is ideal. There is an even temperature, good water, healthy conditions and a splendid lot of people. Mr. Cook's physical condition bore out the statement that it was a good place to live. He is a stalwart, strong, well developed man, splendid physique and muscular in every respect. He had accumulated the brogue in voice that is characteristic of the people of Oklahoma and he is a good conversationalist.

It was a pleasure not only to The Record to have Mr. Cook call, but to his many old boyhood friends, the acquaintances of his ancestors and his relatives in Chatham county. He was too wise to return to his home without having The Record to follow him and we shall remind him every week for the balance of his natural days what is going on in Chatham county, whether he comes to see us again or not.

MEASLES BREAKS THE SCHOOL

Many Cases on Route Five Siler City Local and Personal.

Siler City, Rt. 5, Jan. 28.—We are having plenty of cold weather now. Lots of sickness in this neighborhood at present.

The children of Mr. Pearl Justice all have the measles, but they are improving.

The children of Mr. Bernice White also have the measles.

Mrs. Emma McIver was confined to her bed a few days but is out again, her many friends will be glad to know.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Burke, a son, Clyde, Jr.

Mr. Ben Dorsett broke the record with hogs in our section. He killed one that weighed 660 pounds.

The school at the Burke school has been closed on account of measles.

Miss Thompson, the teacher, has returned to her home on route 2. She was accompanied home by Mr. Walter Bowers.

Misses Allie and Vallie Burke and Kate McIver visited Miss Mollie Dowdy last week.

Mr. J. A. Cooper, of Mebane, visited relatives on route 5 last Sunday. MATILDA.

READ IT BETTER

Our good friend, W. P. Farrell, of Haw River postoffice, sends us a nice letter this week in which he is bragging on The Record. We highly appreciate all these good letters. Mr. Farrell says: "I have had the pleasure of reading every word in The Record and the more I read it, the better it seems to me. Some people kick about a newspaper and it is because they do not read it. They pick up a newspaper, glance over it and throw it down and say the paper is no good. I see so many new subscribers to the good paper you are publishing. I ask them to read The Chatham Record as carefully as I do and they will be so well pleased that they will think as I do, that Mr. Colin G. Shaw would send The Record every day. I am glad to know that so many are reading The Record. It makes me feel that they love the editor for sending us the news from the good old county of Chatham."

The children and grand children are invited to a birthday dinner in honor of Mrs. Charity Scott, near Harpers Cross Roads, on Sunday, February 3rd. A few of the older friends will be present, but owing to the indefinite state of the weather, the general public will not participate this year. Mrs. Scott will celebrate her 91st anniversary on this date.

BUILD A HOME IN PITTSBORO.

DO YOU KNOW THE RECORD

Of Thomas Browning in the War Between The States?

The Chatham Record has a query from one deeply interested in the record of one Thomas Browning in the war between the states. The party desiring the information is a near relative and wants to know the command, where and when enlisted, full name and any information about Thomas Browning. The late Thomas Browning left Chatham county soon after the war and located in a western state. If you know anything about this matter or the war record of the man, it will be greatly appreciated if you will communicate with the editor, Colin G. Shaw.

Any information will be greatly appreciated.

BUILD A HOME NOW!

A SHORT HISTORY OF AN OLD PITTSBORO LANDMARK

Last of the Old Ramsay Hotel Has Been Torn Down

It is really interesting to sit down with some old person and talk of some of the bygone days of Pittsboro, the old Pittsboro of long ago.

Last week workmen began tearing down one of the old landmarks of the town, and the memories of this old building fades away as the last vestige of the old house is removed.

For over one hundred years there stood on the main business street of Pittsboro what was known in the younger days of the town as the Ramsay Hotel. Today the remains of the old house has been moved away and in a few weeks will be built into a more and better looking dwelling house, Mr. W. Z. Crews having bought the old building and moved it to his plantation to be erected for a tenant, the same having been bought from the W. L. London estate.

During or before the Revolutionary war Mr. Joe Ramsay built and owned what is now known as Greene's Mill, on Rocky river. After that war he sold the mill and bought the entire block on the east side of Hillsboro street in Pittsboro and built the Ramsay Hotel, then the only house in the town that resembled a hotel. Later as the town grew, he added smaller buildings to the larger building, which accommodated more people. Still later two stories were built to this as an annex to the main building. Some years after this Mr. Ramsay died leaving several sons and daughters. They were Dr. Henderson Ramsay, Matthew, Alexander, Brockwell and Ed, five sons. There were also four daughters, Misses Euphenia, Patty, May and Mary Ann Ramsay. Miss Euphenia married a Mr. Headen, Miss May married Dr. John Page, Miss Mary Ann married Rev. Wm. P. Taylor, a Methodist minister and moved to Texas. Whether Miss Patty ever married it is not known.

This property was later bought by Harrison Pope, who married Mrs. David Turner. This was Mr. Pope's third wife and Mrs. Turner's second husband.

After the death of Mr. Pope his widow sold part of the land to the W. L. London estate. Also John Council a colored barber, bought about 30 foot front for which he paid \$7 a front foot. There is a big difference in the price of land today than it was 30 or 40 years ago.

Mrs. Pope lived in this old hotel for many years, she had as a companion, Mrs. Della Lutterloh, the mother of Mrs. Henry A. Bynum, and two nieces, Misses Margaret and Charlie Creel, Miss Margaret married Mr. W. R. Jones, who was superintendent at one time of the Chatham Oil mill. His wife died a few years ago and her remains were laid away in the Methodist Cemetery here.

About ten years ago the Londons became the owners of the land on which the hotel was situated and tore down part of it and built one or two dwelling houses with the lumber. The other part of the old building was moved to the rear, probably 200 feet from the street, where it has been standing for several years. Part of this time the lower floor was used as a beef and fish market and the second story as a pool room, there being a social club in town at one time and this room was the club's headquarters. The Boy Scouts met there also for a long while.

The old people of long ago, if they were living, could tell some tales of the good eats and drinks that they got at this old hostelry. It is said that Dr. Henderson Ramsay at one time in his life was a pretty hard drinker, and an one of his "periodicals" bought a live rattle snake from some colored men. The doctor kept his snakeship in a box in his office. When he would get on his sprees the doctor would handle the snake, but was never bitten by it. His friends, fearing the snake would bite him, chloroformed it.

There are other old houses in Pittsboro today that were built in the long ago. Part of the Burns Hotel was built in 1796. And it is the first house that this writer ever saw where the windows were built on the inside.

All of the Ramsays and all of their descendants are either dead or are living in other states, but if any of them were to come back today they would not recognize the place, for on the site the old hotel stood is a meat market, cafe, a bank and three store buildings.