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How Corinth Folks See It.

Corinth, March 10.-Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Ashworth, of Fuquay Springs, spent Sunday in Corinth.

Miss Marie Phillips spent Sunday at her home in Bonlee. Rev. J. J. Boone preached a good sermon at Phoenix Hill Sun day afternoon. We hope the people of the community will come out for this service more regularly from now on. He preaches every second Sunday afternoon.

A Ford load of Buckhorn people attended the Ham-Ramsey services Sunday night. The big tabernacle was filled to the doors and some 200 people responded to the call to "Hit the Saw dust

The Bridge Proposition at Avents Ferry is still "hanging fire." The two groups of county commissioners have not as yet "got together" on it. If they can't agree right soon to some sort of a building proposition it will have been unfortunate that the matter couragement. We are making prepa-

ever came up at all. While this matter has been discussed by individuals in both counties for some little time, the first thing official was a communication from Sanford expressing a desire and even eagerness to see a bridge put in at or near Avents Ferry and in the same have with it. This will incur a cost communication the only basis for sharing the cost that was in of near six thousand dollars, but it any way mentioned was that of a fifty-fifty basis. Chatham county replied that they were ready any time to sign agreements and start work. But when the official proposition from the Lee county replied that they were ready any time to sign agreements and start work. But when the official proposition from the Lee county replied that they were ready any time to sign agreements and start work. But when the official proposition from the Lee county replied that they were ready any time to sign agreements and start work. But when the official proposition from the Lee county replied that they were ready any time to sign agreements and start work. But when the official proposition from the Lee county replied that they were ready any time to sign agreements and start work. But when the official proposition from the Lee county replied that they were ready any time to sign agreements and start work. But when the official proposition from the Lee county replied that they were ready and the start work as the start work. ty board of commissioners was made in a joint meeting at Pittsboro on March 4th, it was conditioned upon the acceptance by were placed on our list are as follows: both counties of the poll population ratio, as a basis for sharing

Inasmuch as it is evident on the face of the matter that the Mrs. H. L. Coble, J. A. White, Mrs. building of the bridge would benefit Lee county as a whole far Stephen Oldham, T. A. Hargrove, D. more than it would benefit Chatham, we people of lower Cape C. Huckabee, Jas. A. Hargrove, Hen-Fear feel sure that the Chatham commissioners should not yield, ry Zavon Teague, W. J. Moody, W and we also feel that Lee county has very materially hurt her M. Johnson, G. C. Perry, Mrs. Lulu previous good standing in the eyes of most all of us.

THE PATH ACROSS THE HILL—COMEDY DRAMA 3 ACTS.

The Path across The Hill, is a comedy drama in three acts Miss Mary J. Hart, Robert Cox, F. C. that will be presented at the Truth high school on next Saturday Smith, Joe J. Cheek, John Wiley night, March 15th. It is one that will interest you from start to Brewer, Clark Brady, Mrs. Nannie finish and you should make every effort to see it.

The following is a synopsis, list of characters and the program: Mrs. J. H. Fisher, R. B. Oldham, Miss Characters:

Grandpa-A cheery, lovable old man, gentle and refined-

Avery Ausley. Goert Post-A fine, manly fellow, naturally generous and Tysor, Miss Eliza Rieves, R. H. ppy, but obsessed with a desire for vengeance-Armond Wicker, C. B. Crutchfield, Mrs. B. G.

Stephens. Walter Conrad Ruth's brother. Very self-important at times rell, R. A. Alston, Mrs. R. H. Over- correct answer to the above riddle,

but fun-loving and boyish—Arthur Stephens.

Dr. Reed—Inspired by personal ambition—Delmas O'Connell win, Miss Burlin Jones, Fred John—The judging will be according to ar-Salamander-A jolly, good-hearted negro; very fond of big son, R. A. Horton, D. B. Nooe, W. rangement, penmanship, spelling and

words-Robert Cotten. Grandma-Sweet and gentle, radiates joy and retains the love ley, J. W. Boone, G. W. Thrift, J.

of playfulness which people sometimes lose with advancing age M. Womble, Mrs. W. G. Foster, Ed--Esther Ausley. Ruth Conrad-A sweet womanly girl, generous and loving-

Orlan Mull. Flo-A frivolous, selfish girl, inclined to be loud-spoken-Em-

Lutie—Cute, full of mischief and deeply in love with Walter ble, T. C. Perry, Charlie Johnson, and aided you in the answer.

Zuzu-A good-hearted "black" treasure, deeply worried over

her love affair—Clara Cotten. Synopsis Ruth Conrad is engaged to Dr. Reed but delays marriage because she feels it will leave grandpa Crawford without a home. But grandpa and Mrs. Davis find romance in the autumn of life, and Ruth is about to marry Reed when two strangers arrive in town. One is Ruth's cousin, Flo, who straightway sets her cap for the Doctor and the other is Robert Post, whose meeting with grandpa ends his years of search for the man who plundered his father's bank and sent his father and mother broken-hearted to the grave. Grandpa does not deny the crime, but begs Post to wait until Ruth's future happiness is assured. Flo wins the doctor away from Ruth while Post tries to stifle his love for Ruth because of his desire for vengeance on her grand father, but the by all those present. old couple show them that love is a stronger power than hate, and grand father is proven innocent of any wrong doing. "The Path Across the Hill" leads to happiness for all those worthy of

ACT I. The living room of the Conrad's home in an Eastern

ACT II. The same scene, two weeks later than Act one.

life's best.

ACT III. The same scene two weeks later than Act two. ALWAYS IN TROUBLE OR A HOODOOED COOON.

AT BELL'S HIGH SCHOOL SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 15.

Following is a list of the characters and a synopsis of the play, "Always in Trouble, or a Hoodooed Coon," to be presented at Bells school, Apex, Rt. 3, next Saturday night, March 15th. It is full of mirth from start to finish and you should try to be there.

Characters: Misery Moon (A Hoodooed Coon)	William Farrar.
Gideon Blair (A Millionaire)	Carl Yates.
Tom Rissle (As Slick as a Whistle)	Glyn Womble.
Hiram Tutt (An Awful Nut)	_ Hugh Holleman.
Samantha Slade (A Poor Old Maid)	Pattie Stone.
Rosebud Reese (Her Charming Niece)	Ruth Bryan.
Paula Maleek (A Bolsheviek)	Hallie Goodwin.
Lula Pearl (A Jazz-time Girl)	Jessie Horton.
Place—A Railroad Station in Slabtown, Miss	S.
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Time of Playing—Two hours. ACT I. The railroad station. A grouchy millionaire. A Jazz-

ACT II. The next day. Paula on trial. The bomb explodes!

ACT III. An hour later. Shhh! Not so loud.

If you want your advertisement to be read by all of the people in Chatham county, place it in The Chatham Record—The paper read by almost everybody that's anybody. It is the paper that is in most every home and the ONLY paper in many homes. It has the distinction of being the only paper in the world that has four times as many subscribers as the population of the town in which It is published, weekly denomination. You should subscribe, too.

BIG LIST OF NEW FRIENDS. MISS PAULINE MOON WINS. Nearly A Hundred This Week Few Replies to The Puzzle And We are Proud of Them

Again this week we are puting on nearly a hundred names on our subscription list. In fact, about eighty We are proud of these friends and to have them listed among our friends. Our list keeps on growing and we now have the largest list of any paper ever published in Chatham county. Continually we receive many letters of praise and elsewhere in this issue we are publishing some of them. During the week many friends called at our office to give us words of praise and this gives us much enration now to greatly improve The Chatham Record, having bought a new type setting machine that is the very latest model manufactured and with every equipment possible to

to publish their names. Others who

Mr. W. G. Fields, J. W. Oldham, Geo. D. Harmon, Industrial Bureau, Lindley, Willie Brown, Miss Kathleen Waddell, Mrs. Mattie Pugh, D. Y. It takes one to make, White, Mrs. Sallie Dixon, Miss Ola Hatch, R. J. Hough, R. H. Oldham, O. R. Hilliard, Mrs. R. O. Frasier, Phillips, J. E. Jones. R. G. Gorden, Rose Burns, Isaacsons Dept. Store, lowing: A. Seagroves, Charlie Watson, Henry Alston, J. R. Headen, Clara Ethel Than With The Head?" Womble, J. R. Thomas, Phillip Far- age, who sends us the first and by, Mittie Harrington, J. L. Good- we will give a six months free subna Rollins, J. A. Shadrach, Miss Lucile Goldston, S. T. Pike, G. H. Lawrence, J. K. Gunter, Mrs. A. R. Kelly, J. F. Burnett, D. G. Hatley, R. . Ward, W. F. Crutchfield, L. J. Wom-R. W. Perry.

THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Held in School House in Pittsboro on Last Saturday.

Something like a hundred teachers met in the auditorium of Pittsboro high-school last Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. The principal address of the day was one delivered by Dr. George Paschal of the faculty at Wake Forest. He is a Chatham boy, brother of Robert Lee Paschal, who has made such an enviable record in Texas, and an uncle of Attorney Fred Paschal at Siler City, His address was an excellent one and greatly enjoyed

Following the address Mrs. H. A. Bynum and Miss Jennie Connell sang At the afternoon session a business

meeting was held.

A committee submitted a formal plan for the County Commencement which will be held April 18th. The Association passed resolutions

requesting the County Board of Education for an eight months school in every district as early as possible, but until we have an eight months school, the board is asked to require all teachers, teaching in six months schools to promote children two grades for three years.

The county seventh grade examination will be given on April 10th. A complete program for the preliminaries and the county commencement will appear in next week's Chatham

The many friends here of Mr. George Chapin, will be glad to know that he has so far recovered that he is now able to leave the hospital. It will be remembered that a few weeks ago it was necessary to amputate one of his legs, following a disastrous fire at his home town, Leesburg, Florida.

FRONT POGE I FPOSSIBLE.

ARE YOU FOR BAILEY?

The Record is anxious to know just how many of its readers are n favor of Hon. Josiah W. Bailey, of Raleigh, for governor of North Carolina. If you intend to support * him, will you send us a postal *
card telling us so? Address your *
card to The Chatham Record, *
Pittsboro, N. C., and simply state *
"I am for Bailey," and sign your *
name. We shall appreciate it if *
you will do this at once.

Some Missed The Answer. The answer to our puzzle in our issue of February 28th was:

"A SECRET." There were only nine to answer our puzzle and there were but three of these containing the correct reply, one of whom was adjudged to be the best by Joe Snyder. This was Miss Pauline Moon, of Rt. 1, Bear Creek, and her reply is published be-

Another answer was received from Miss Annie Mae Dixon, Cumnock, Rt. 1, that would have offered close com-petition to Miss Moon, but her letter did not reach us until Friday, March 7th, and was therefore not in time

to compete for the prize. Miss Dix-on's reply is published in another column of this paper.

We are proud of the interest that our young friends are showing in our contests and we hope to have a number of answers to our next puzzle that is published in another column.

Miss Moon's answer to the puzzle, winning the prize is printed below. She is but sixteen years of age and is a student in the 7th grade at the Welch school. Miss Beulah Burgess is the teacher of this school.

Following is the reply: Dearie me! What is that? Someone whispered in my ear;
Just wait, I will tell you what—
It's the best I have heard this year.

It's just enough for one, And too much for two; It will be none at all, If I tell it to you.

And two to keep it; And if you do not tell, It will be "A Secret."

ANOTHER STUNNER TO GUESS. Six Months Subscription For The Best Answer to Riddle.

The riddle man's latest is the fol-

"What is Higher Without The Head

ages of twelve and twenty years of points. P. Horton, Atlas Farrell, Cecil Lind-general construction of the reply. The requirements are but few and we hope that everyone who answers it will be very careful and not overlook any of them. They are as follows: Give your name in full, age and complete mail address.

Name the school you are attending, if any, and the name of the teacher. State on your honor that no one

State whether you are a regular reader of The Chatham Record or not and if so what feature of the paper you like best.

If you have formerly won a prize subscription say so. We want all to try it, but no prize will be given to a former winner.

Address all letters to Joe Snyder, care of The Chatham Record, Pitts-boro, N. C., and all letters must be in his hands not later than Monday night, March 17th.

YOUNG FOLKS HAVE QUILTING. Local News From Our Neighbors in Upper Cape Fear.

New Hill, Rt. 2, March 10.—Last Tuesday Miss Vada Goodwin gave a quilting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Goodwin. This was the first work of the kind that Vada ever undertook, and it is indeed a credit to the little girl. Those present were Mesdames G. L. Mann, Jack Goodwin and W. H. Beckwith, Misses Blanche Holt, Mabel Mann, Mary Webster, Dova Holt, Nena Sturdivant

and Alice Webster.
Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Holder of Durham, spent last week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Sauls.

Misses Lilla Ellis and Hilda Las-ater spent Wednesday in Durham on a shopping trip.
Millard Goodwin has purchased a

new Ford roadster. G. B. Sturdivant was confined his room last week with a severe cold.

Mrs. Bettie Thomas and Mrs. J. Jeter Hackney were guests of relatives on this route last week. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Webster,

Clayton, are spending a few days with Chatham relatives. Douglass Puryear and Arthur Ellis spent the week end in Raleigh.

Miss Flonnie Goodwin charmingly

entertained a host of young people at the home of her parents one evening last week. All those present enjoyed the gracious hospitality of Miss Good-

Many Chatham people will regret to hear of the death of Mr. Milton Stephens which occurred at the home of his parents in Sanford one day last week. Mr. Stephens made his home in Chatham until a few years ago. He was about 29 years of age. A number of young friends spent

a pleasant evening Thursday at the home of Mr. A. M. Goodwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Woody and children, and Floyd Lasater of Durham, spent Sunday in Chatham.

Dr. J. C. Mann, who visits Pitts boro every month, is having a hand-some bungalow built near Anex. It is intimated that wedding bells will * be ringing soon.

Will the People Ever Awaken?

Suppose the old C. F. & Y. V. Railway had never been dismembered, what vould Siler City be today? It would have been one of the leading towns in North Carolina. Also premeditate upon the result of the development that would have influenced Chatham county. It is hard to conceive just how badly North Carolina has been crippled by this political movement, but the most concise and accurate estimate we have had the privilege of reading is that by The People's Advocate, of Fayetteville, in its issue of February 23rd, when it said:

Unjust freight rates and taxes unjustly apportioned are the two great brakes upon the wheels of progress in North Carolina. Our people are struggling hard to go ahead, but these handicaps will hold them back and finally defeat all of their efforts.

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We intend here to say a word about freight rates.

Every man pays freight rates. If he buys anything to wear or to eat that is shipped over the railroad he pays the freight.

If he sells anything like cotton or tobacco, he pays the freight.

THE RAILROADS IN CONTROL.

The railroads have so contrived that the people of North Carolina pay more freight than people of other states. The cities of Virginia have much more favorable freight rates than the people of North Carolina. For this reason about 3,000 men are traveling over North Carolina selling goods out of Virginia cities. This is the main reason why there never have been large cities in North Carolina, and why many of the smaller towns are not growing as they should.

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We hear much talk about unjust freight rate discriminations against North Carolina. But our people do not know the facts. The farmers pay these unjust rates on plows, farming untensils, mules, and fertilizers when they buy, and on cotton and tobacco when they sell. The merchants cannot sell at low prices because they have to allow for high freight rates. All is passed on to the consumer—in the high cost of living.

Wholesalers cannot buy in large quanities and distribute over large territories because the freight rates are so fixed as to make it impossible to compete with cities of Virginia. Millions of dollars worth of North Carolina goods are sold from Richmond.

This is what is known as our freight rate problem. Why have the state authorities permitted this?
What is a state for, if not to obtain justice for its people?
The railroads are in control in North Carolina.
WHAT HAS BEEN DONE?

We now have on foot some contests that, if properly conducted, will bring about just freight rates. But will they be properly conducted?

We have two cases pending before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

We have the case to set aside the sale and dismemberment of the C. F. &

Y. V. in Wake County Superior Court.

Will these cases be won for the people? Not unless the people control the men who are to conduct their cases. If the railroads elect the Governor, they will control. The railroads are on the job all of the time. There are "millions in it" for them.

One thing would settle the freight rate question for this state, and that is a through line and a through rate for the Middle West over our mountains across the state and to deep water on our coast. If we got the through line we would be entitled to the through rate. The railroads know this; but the people do not. The through rate would reduce rates to every point in the state. It would save the people from five to ten million dollars a year

in freights. We have a good river harbor at Wilmington. We have a real sea-harbor at To the girl or boy between the Southport -a harbor unsurpassed. But we have no through line to these

> Simply because the railroads will not have it so. Whenever we have tried to get a railroad line across the State East and West, the railroads have broken it up. They knew that a through line meant a through rate and corresponding reductions in freight all over the State.

LET US SEE The State built the Atlantic & North Carolina from Morehead City to Goldsboro, the North Carolina from Goldsboro to Salisbury, the Western North Carolina from Salisbury to Asheville. Here was a through line across the state to deep water.

What has happened? The railroads took over these lines, and made the road from Greensboro to Goldsboro a branch line; and cut off the road from Goldsboro to Morehead from that. The Southern controls to Goldsboro; the Norfolk Southern controls

from Goldsboro to Morehead City.

This destroyed this plan to relieve us. The State's own Railroad line from

the mountains to the sea was broken up.

Again citizens of this state built the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad from Mount Airy to Wilmington. It was intended to give the State a through line from the West to the sea. It connected with Norfolk & Western at Rural Hall. The Norfolk & Western penetrates the Middle West. Here was North Carolina's great opportunity. Here was a through line in the making, and a through rate in sight.
What happened?

The Atlantic Coast Line and the Southern bottled up the C. F. & Y. V. R. R., bought its bonds broke it, and sold it at the court house door, and divided it between themselves—in flagrant violation of the decree of the court ordering the sale and to the everlasting prejudice of the people of North Carolina. What did the state do? Nothing.

Now that 25 years have elapsed it is making some appearance of doing something. It has entered a suit, but the suit is being neglected. It has been on the docket since May, 1923, and, until recently, no progress made. In this suit the Attorney General of this State is Plaintiff, and Hon. A. L. Brooks is of counsel for the State. Paragraph seven of the complaint

declares: "The plaintiff alleges that the said purchase and dismemberment of the property of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley was contrary to the law, was CONCEIVED IN FRAUD AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVADING THE DECREE OF THE COURT, which authorized the sale of said property as an entirety, DECEIVING AND MISLEADING THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, and eveding the act of 1897, Chapter 305 and of committing and working a great injury to the people of the State of North Carolina and especially those people living in the sections of the said state traversed by said road. That the said act of the said Southern Railway Company and the said Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company through its officers and agents was a CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE THE ANTI-TRUST LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO VIOLATE THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, and the said deed of the Atlantic & Yadkin Railroad Company to the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company or to the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company was FRADULENT AND CONTRARY TO LAW AND EXECUTED IN VIOLATION OF THE LAWS OF THIS STATE, and the same is void and should be surrendered and canceled, and the said property formerly composing the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Company should be operated and

its franchise enjoyed as an entirety.

Such is the sworn declaration of the Attorney General of the State. If what he solemnly swears is so how is it that this outrage against our people, "conceived in fraud", this violation of law, this outrageous injustice, has been permitted by the state to go unchallenged for 25 long years.

The rialroads are in the saddle.

If the country from Mount Airy to Wilmington along the C. F. & Y. V.

R. R. is undeveloped—if we have no through line from the Middle West R. R. is undeveloped—if we have no through line from the Middle West across the state to Wilmington or Southport—now you know why. We ought to have as many fine growing towns and cities along the C. F. & Y. V. R.R., as we have from Reidsville to Charlotte. We do not have them because the C. F. & Y. V. was destroyed as a through line.

Again the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio crossed the mountains connected with the great coal fields of the Middle West, and crossed the Seaboard Air Line at Bostic, Rutherford county, N. C. From Bostic to Wilmington runs the S. A. L. in a straight line through our cotton-mill country.

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Here was opportunity at hand for a through line and a through rate from the mountains to the sea, across the State. It was our most recent opportunity.

What happened? The A. C. L. recently leased the Carolina Clinchfield & Ohio R. R. for 999 years— long enough to be sure—and is planning to connect it with the Louisville and Nashville in the Mississippi Valley, on one hand, and with a Georgia or South Carolina port on the other—giving North Carolina the

When the attention of this State in this matter was called for, the State took a neutral position.

The State of North Carolina stands by and sees this done. It takes a neutral position while the interests of her people are slaughtered before her

That is strong language—but investigate the truth of it for yourself.

It is, in this connection worthy to be noted that one of the candidates for

Governor has for years been President of an Atlantic Coast Line subsidary known as the Virginia and Carolina Southern and represented as an inde-(Continued on page three)