

2000 Brings Many Improvements To The Town.

the Chatham papers of May glean the following information: street lights were turned on last night and the citizens of town went wild with delight. Old Potter, one of the foremost citizens of the town, was seen trying to light a cigarette by an electric light. A man might have known better than the idea of a man of his age, trying to smoke cigarettes. How to be wondered at. Pinkies, who lives near the street, was out in the yard picking up the lights came on, and when the lights came on, and the world had come to an end that it was burning up the town. He can't blame aunt Polly as she can't read nor write, but it looks as if he could have learned all the things from her women friends who are talking of cutting the street down on the main street of the town. If they do, it will break up the hiding places of the blind tigers. Willie Burgass, a very respectable woman living on Long Avenue, was born to her 36th child Saturday. Her husband are to be pitied. How they feed and clothe so many children is not known. Mr. Jonas Matthews went fishing Saturday and fell into the river. When he came to the surface he had a snake in one hand and a snake in the other. He was so excited about having the snake that he sank under the water and came near drowning. The streets have changed. The new streets of today was the old one of 78 years ago. Instead of electric lights the corners we have 25 big arc lights situated at different points on the outskirts of the city which give light to the people living here. Every house has artesian water running into the houses; the streets are paved with solid rock, hewn out in blocks six inches thick and 12 feet square. Street cars running over the thoroughfares of the city have wheels to run on but glide over the streets so easy and without that people riding in them go to bed and have to be waked up when they get where they are going. The old courthouse that stood in the center of the town 78 years ago has been torn down and is built on the site of what they use to call the site of Hill. All around it is surrounded by stores anywhere from two stories high. It is in a beautiful location and is near the Medical College street car barns, the movie theater and a few negro shacks. It is the shacks will be torn down in the future. What I learn from the county records in the long ago Pittsboro must have been a slow village as the papers at that time stated that before the street lights were put in people used to go to bed at seven sharp. The town well, situated in the middle of two streets, was locked up by Tom Leach, who carried the well at 6:30 o'clock p.m. and those who had not got their night's water had to go without until morning.

will go by motor to Miami Fla., where they will teach this winter. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald C. Gyles are congratulating them upon the arrival of a daughter. J. C. Fesmire has returned to his home south of here after a rather prolonged stay at a Greensboro hospital.

STRANGE AND CURIOUS. Peculiarities That Will Astonish Almost Anyone.

Dead bandits in Kansas are worth \$1,000 apiece. By the explosion of a barrel of beer E. Foster, of Los Angeles, lost an eye. Sound travels 1,100 feet a second. Radio waves travel 186,000 miles a second. The world's tallest man is Jan Van Albert, 23 years old. He is 9 feet and 3 1-2 inches tall. Dan J. Hickey has witnessed 225 executions in 31 years at Sing Sing prison. He has retired. A single bet of \$100,000 against \$30,000 has been placed in New York in favor of Coolidge. Old Werner Bauer a Bohemian farmer, was a great smoker. In his will he wanted his pipe and tobacco buried with him. During a flood in a Wisconsin town the water became so high that the lady postmistress had to put on a bathing suit to do her work. A baseball pitcher out in Minnesota missed his train. An airplane took him to the game in time to save the day by a score of 5 to 4. A. J. Fuller, 96, was recently married to Mrs. Mary Saunders 74, at the Bevoir, Miss., soldiers home. Pat McLaughlin, 104, was the best man.

HELD UP AND ROBBED ON DURHAM ROAD

Bynum Neville, white taxi driver reports that he was held up and robbed on the Chapel Hill-Durham boulevard between 3 and 4 o'clock Tuesday morning while returning from Chapel Hill, where he brought a load of students and was alone in the car on the return trip to Durham. He was stopped by three negroes, one of them shoving a gun in his face while the others went through his pockets, relieving him of \$6.00, overlooking \$25.00 in his vest pocket. The robbery took place where the New Hope valley road enters the boulevard.—Chapel Hill News.

Legion for Big Army and Navy.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 18.—With rousing choruses of "yeas" the sixth national convention of the legion went on record here today for a navy second to none, and adequate army and other preparedness. Passage of the universal service act, sounder Americanism, soldiers and officers national training camps and similar proposals also received the endorsement of the convention in a session of more than five hours. Condemnation of the two departments of United States veterans' bureau and demand for immediate trial of Colonel Forbes on the indictment charging irregularities in his management of the bureau were contained in other resolutions adopted. On international matters the first bitterness of the convention sessions was shown, but when the issue was turned to one of confidence in National Commander John R. Quinn, who retires tomorrow, the latter received unanimous and ringing support. A woman under arrest in Hagerstown, Md., thought she'd have the last word before a judge, but she didn't. The judge sent her up for 30 days and fined her \$100 for contempt of court.

QUERY DEPARTMENT. Answers by John

What is the height of impropriety?—Alice, Apex. Answer—Laughing at a funeral when someone slips into the grave. What kind of a book would make a good present for a man who is to get married.—Sarah, Pittsboro. Answer.—A pocket book. Are there any stingy men in Chatham?—Josie, Durham. Answer—Whoopee! Yes. We know a man so stingy that he talks through his nose to save wearing out his false teeth. My limbs are covered with little black specks and they move about. What are they?—Miss Sallie, Pittsboro. Answer.—See if you can catch one of them. If not, they are fleas. How long before my boy can go out after whooping cough?—Mrs. Mower Auburn. Answer—He doesn't have to go out after the whooping cough. It comes to him. What is the meaning of the words: Cry and weep?—Mary Jones, Aberdeen. Answer—When a baby cries, that means 5 cents for candy. When a married lady weeps, it costs her husband about \$70 for a winter coat. That's all the difference. Where was Babe Ruth raised?—Henry B, Raleigh. Answer—In an orphanage. Every boy, whether he was born in Pittsboro from poor but honest parents or elsewhere, has a chance to either become a baseball artist or president of a good soap factory. Twenty-four hour service for depositors has been inaugurated by a bank in Phoenixville, Pa. After banking hours patrons deposit their money in a chute which runs direct to the vault.

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man in a New York courtroom to powder her nose. The judge had her to be locked up.