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## PITTSBORO HAS FIRE LOSS

### Connell & Johnson's Store Burns With Heavy Loss—Whole Block Menaced.

Fire early Tuesday night broke out in the London building destroyed by Connell & Johnson with a large part of that good firm's stock.

The fire started up stairs, near the flue. When the fire was discovered and approached through the smoke two or three piles of trash were burning and could have been put out with a few buckets of water or a chemical tube, but it gained headway so fast that when water in small quantities was brought, it was unavailing, and the rapidly gathering forces turned to saving the stock and to efforts to confine the flame to the building.

The thick wall and an iron door made it possible to keep the fire from entering the warehouse annex, which reached within a few feet of the Bank of Pittsboro. Also, a metal roof on the warehouse gave hope above. But many failed to realize the feasibility of making a successful stand here and began removing the goods from the other buildings on the block with considerable damage to them.

Mr. George W. Brewer took charge of the fight at the crucial points and with real cooperation on the part of a number of fellows, white and black, kept the roof and the interior of the warehouse so wet that the blaze did not pass an inch beyond the thick wall erected by Capt. Bennett Moore thirty years ago.

To those who did not know the successful fight being waged at this point it seemed almost inevitable that the east side of the business section would be burned. But the perfect calm and the intersecting walls of the building wrought mightily for the town. The other sections had already fallen in when the flame finally broke through to Long & Bell's law office above the Odell Manufacturing Co.'s office and a little later through the second floor into that office.

Much of Connell & Johnson's stock was saved and later stored in the old warehouse building of W. L. London & Son, across the street, where the firm is going along with its business.

The building, we are informed, was insured to the amount of \$10,000, and the stock at \$6,500. The loss is considerably greater, but is hard to estimate. The building was the first brick store erected in Pittsboro. It was erected when building material was very cheap. The original cost was doubtless fully covered by the insurance, but the replacement value is quite a different thing.

There was never a clearer demonstration of the need and value of even a cheap fire fighting apparatus, which the town utterly lacks.

## NEW HILL NEWS.

New Hill, Rt. 2, Dec. 29.—Mr. W. A. Drake is slowly recovering from a fall he received more than a week past when he fell from a wagon, rendering him unconscious for a short while. While the fall was painful he was not seriously injured. His daughter, Miss Vera Drake, of Richmond, Va., and John W. Drake, of Greensboro, spent the Christmas holidays with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Seagroves, Ruby and Ethel Seagroves, of Raleigh, were guests last week of Mrs. Bettie Goodwin and Mr. J. L. Goodwin and family.

Mr. Zeb Hearne, Sarah, Esther and Earl Hearne of Raleigh, visited friends in this section a few days last week.

Friday night there was a "treat" given at New Elam Christian church. The choir sang a selection to begin the service. Mr. Zeb Hearne, who for sometime was superintendent of the

The smaller children of the Sunday school sang song selections and recited pieces which were enjoyed immensely. Without the knowledge of the members of the Sunday school, the committee had purchased each a gift which all were glad to receive. The entire congregation was given oranges, apples and candy.

Miss Swannie Drake delightfully entertained a number of young folks at her home Thursday night. Those present from a distance were Miss Vera Drake, of Richmond; J. W. Drake, of Greensboro; Misses Leslie and Iola Clarke, Johnnie Clark, Andrew Ellis and Leslie Copeland and of Raleigh.

## MONCURE NEWS.

Moncure, Dec. 29.—Christmas holidays passed off very quietly in and around Moncure. Many taking Christmas dinner out of town.

Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Cathell and daughter, Miss Virginia, and sons, Edwin and James, spent several days during Christmas visiting relatives at Linwood and Lexington.

Mrs. S. V. Holt spent several days with her mother, who is very sick at her home at Raleigh. We are glad to state that she is much better at this time.

Mr. T. B. Lambeth, who is very progressive and successful as a merchant at Moncure, has pneumonia. He is very ill, but we hope as he is resting very well today, (Monday) that the climax is over and he will soon be improving. Two trained nurses are with him.

Following are the names of the college boys and girls who are spending the Christmas holidays at home with their parents at Moncure:

Miss Virginia Cathell, State Normal, Fredericksburg, Va.; Miss Catherine Hackney, Mars Hill College; Miss Esther Womble, Peace Institute; Miss Amey Womble, Davenport College; Mr. Jennings Womble, Sam and Clarence Crutchfield and Robert and James Utley, Elon College.

Mr. and Mrs. Waverly Lassiter are spending Christmas with her parents at Stem, N. C.

Mrs. Emma Churchill, who has spent several weeks with her daughters at Vass and Hamlet, returned to her home here Saturday, Dec. 27.

Mr. R. L. McVicar, the efficient superintendent of Phoenix Utility Co., spent several days at New York City last week on business. Mrs. McVicar spent one day last week at Raleigh.

Mr. J. K. Barnes, popular cashier of Moncure bank, spent Christmas day with his mother at Jonesboro.

Mr. Allen Moore, assistant cashier spent Christmas day and until Saturday with his mother at Durham.

Miss Camelia, Stedman, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stedman, who has a severe case of appendicitis and recently underwent an operation, is improving rapidly and her physician states that she will be able to come home New Year's day, we are glad to state.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Lassiter and little daughter, Miss Christine, spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. W. O. Farrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Knight spent Christmas at Gulf, visiting friends.

Miss Linville and Miss Ola Harmon who are teachers in Goldston high school, and Messrs George and Lee Harmon spent a while with Mrs. W. W. Stedman last Saturday. Mr. George D. Harmon, who is attending the University of Pennsylvania, took the shoo-fly for Raleigh, there he boarded the train for Richmond, where he expected to take breakfast with many professors in a Historical Literary meeting. George expects to reach the University Monday.

Miss Etta Mae Olinger and Mr. Phillip Kearney, of Miami, Fla., were married at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. E. Moore on Main street Saturday, Dec. 27th, at four o'clock. Rev. C. M. Lance, pastor of the Methodist church officiating. It was a pretty but quiet wedding, only a few friends and relatives witnessing the ceremony.

Mrs. W. W. Durant, Raleigh, and Miss Mary Olinger, of Sanford, sisters of the bride, were present. Mrs. Kearney is an industrious and christian young lady and an efficient nurse.

Mr. Kearney is a successful business man of Miami. They left Sunday for Miami, where they will make their home. The many friends of Mrs. Kearney in and around Moncure extend congratulations and wish them both many happy and successful years.

## HOME FROM SCHOOL.

All of our young people who have been attending school at different colleges have been spending the Christmas holidays here at home. All will return this week. Those at home are Miss Minnie Bell, Raleigh; Miss Lillian Ray, Raleigh; Misses Lucile Farrell and Jennie Connell, Greensboro; Archie Ray, Davidson; William Hunt, Raleigh; William Hunt and Connie W. Bynum, University; Irlie Farrell, Atlanta; Henry A. Bynum, Raleigh; Arthur London, University.

Mr. A. P. Terry is in Watts hospital, Durham, taking treatment.

## DEATH OF YOUNG CROSS

### Mr. Ragland Injured—Carolina Stock—Local Matters.

Corinth, Dec. 29.—Our neighbor Mr. T. F. Ragland suffered a painful accident last week. He slipped upon an icy plank and fell and broke two or three ribs and is now confined to his bed while his injuries mend.

Mr. R. S. Ashworth was in bed a few days Christmas week at the home of T. H. Buchanan, due to an attack of the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coble who have been making headquarters with Mrs. Coble's sister, Mrs. W. J. Stephenson, have moved to Aberdeen. Mr. Coble is with the Carolina Power and Light Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Festrom have returned to their home in Wake Forest after a few days visit with Mrs. Festrom's father, Mr. W. J. Stephenson.

The Carolina boys are starting out this week on the last lap of their annual stock selling campaign. Better get yours now while the getting is good. They might oversell the authorized issue then you would be too late.

Mr. J. A. Ausley, of Buckhorn, spent Sunday with "friends" at Carabont. Con Harrison came in today from Florence, S. C., to be with his family over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Parker spent a couple of days last week at their old home in Albemarle.

Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Ellis and children, of Siler City, spent part of Christmas week visiting relatives at Corinth and Brickhaven.

Mrs. R. L. Wilson is moving back from Lee county to Corinth. Mr. Wilson who has been farming with Mr. Sam Stephens, has quit farming to go to work for the Phoenix Utility Co., near Asheville.

Mr. Willie Page and family of Merners, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Marks.

Miss Helen Thomas, of Raleigh, is spending Christmas week with relatives and friends at Corinth.

Mrs. D. A. Clark spent Christmas with relatives at Star.

Charles Buchanan Cross, aged 16 years, 10 months, died about 6:30 Monday, Dec. 22, at the Scott hospital in Sanford. He was the third son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cross, of Corinth. About two and a half weeks ago Charles was taken sick at home with what the doctor diagnosed as appendicitis. After several days of treatment at home he was taken to the hospital at Sanford for an operation. After an incision was made his condition was found to be such that an immediate operation was not possible. He rallied, however, and had been steadily improving for the past ten days. It was only a few hours before he died that the relapse came. His people had told him good night and all had returned to their homes at Corinth, thus it happened that Charles passed on to the great beyond with not even his mother and father at the bedside. Charles was a likeable, popular boy and had lots of friends. He was a member of the Buckhorn Methodist church, also a member of the Brickhaven Christian Endeavor Society. The Society had made its plans to give him a happy Christmas greeting but Providence decreed that instead of greetings it should be a wreath of flowers as an expression of our sorrow and loss, and our sympathy for his bereaved parents and relatives. He was laid away in the little new cemetery of the Buckhorn church with a very impressive and beautiful service, conducted by the new pastor, Rev. Mr. Duvall.

Sheriff Blair gave us another call Sunday before Christmas. He slipped in unawares along with five deputies, Cal Desern, Lacy Johnson, Fred Nooe, Emory Thomas and John Burns, and called at the home of W. O. Stephens. They seized considerable liquor in or about the house and found parts of two stills in the bushes nearby. One man tried to escape by running but officer Nooe soon overhauled him and brought him in.

W. O. Stephens and his sons, Arthur and Arthur, were taken on to Pittsboro to stand their preliminary trial before a magistrate. Personally, we do not know the conditions at the place, but we do know that in the past it has had the reputation of being mixed up with the liquor business, and their neighbors say was a disgrace to the community. It was within two miles of that the sheriff made his other Sunday haul of four

## DUKE UNIVERSITY.

### Trinity College Trustees Accept The Duke Benefaction.

The expected took place. The trustees of Trinity College, in session at Durham Monday, readily, unanimously and enthusiastically voted to change the name of the institution to Duke University, the one condition made by J. B. Duke's offer of \$6,000,000 and 32 per cent of the income from many millions more in Southern Power stock. In fact, while the trustees were about the last in the state to express publicly their approval, they seem to have been long in the "know," since the architectural plans for the enlargement of Trinity seem to have been already made and are even now in progress of execution.

Old buildings are to be destroyed ruthlessly to prepare the grounds for the new and enlarged scheme.

Trinity College will continue as the central college of the great university planned, retaining its name as such, while "Duke" will apply to the whole system of schools comprised in the University, which will include law, medicine, business and several other schools.

The project is an ambitious one but the funds will be available for its fullest realization.

## DIED AT AGE OF 98.

### Mother of Late Jack Lanus Dies in Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Mattie Lanus, accompanied by her son Mr. Brook Lanus, left Wednesday evening for Nashville, Tenn., on receipt of news of the death of her deceased husband's mother. The deceased had lived to the great age of ninety-eight.

## BESTOWED CHRISTMAS CHEER.

The Woman's Club gave a Christmas tree to the inmates of the county home. The gifts for the colored inmates were bestowed by the colored people of Pittsboro, as they desired that privilege of the Club. The old folk thoroughly enjoyed the occasion and the gifts, as they did a big dinner given them under the auspices of Mayor Ray, who also saw to it that the convicts in the road camp were provided with a Christmas dinner. Several charitably inclined help the Mayor provide the feasts for the unfortunates.

## MONCURE SCHOOL NEWS.

Moncure high school will open for its spring term January 5th. Owing to the crowded conditions in the elementary department we have employed another teacher, Miss Lela Brannon, Jonesboro, N. C., to assist in this work. Also Miss Kathryn Marley, Lumber Bridge, N. C., has been employed as voice and piano teacher, to take the place of Miss Kathleen Nolan, resigned.

## H. G. SELF.

Moncure, N. C., Dec. 29, 1924.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lawson had the pleasure of visits Christmas from their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lawson, of Liberty, and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Brady, of Moncure. Other relatives visiting them were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ridenhour, of Washington City, Mr. Wm. Brady, of Raleigh, and Miss Lucile Brady, of Moncure.

men about a month ago. We utterly fail to understand why people who would otherwise be good, sober, industrious citizens and good neighbors, will let the infernal liquor business keep them in trouble all the time and destroy their usefulness in a community.

In the past they have paid out good money to lawyers and court costs to get out of trouble, and we believe that they themselves would say that their devilment has cost them more than they get out of it, to say nothing of it being an ill-gotten gain. Some people who in every other way are respectable, law-abiding citizens, still cling to the idea that for the law to interfere with their liquor habits is depriving them of their personal rights and liberties. In time the old heads will pass on and this problem would soon solve itself, but in this particular case there are young folks involved who are bright, intelligent and have done splendid work at school. If our laws and courts can do anything to save the young folks from the clutches of this liquor traffic, it is high time the sentiment of the people was being crystallized into one supreme effort to back them up.

## MRS. STRAUGHAN PASSES.

### Record of Much Going To and Coming in Southwestern Chatham.

Bear Creek, Dec. 30.—Miss Alma Johnson, of New York, is spending the holiday season with home folks.

Lexie Moore, who was operated in recently at St. Leo's hospital, Greensboro, has returned to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Oldham and family, of Liberty, visited at J. W. Phillips recently.

Mrs. J. J. Fields has suffered a relapse, and is very low, but she has improved somewhat, and her chance for recovery is good.

G. W. Burke has bought a new Ford car. It will be remembered that he had a car stolen while his son S. C. was in Greensboro a few weeks ago, which he has never heard from.

N. G. Norwood, of Greensboro, spent the Christmas season with relatives on route 2.

Mrs. C. M. McPherson, of Burlington, visited her father, J. W. Loyd, during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Beavers, of Greensboro, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Nall and family, of Thomasville, visited at T. P. Beaver's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Phillips, of Swepsonville, and Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Broughton and family, of Burlington, were Christmas visitors on route 2.

Henry Thomas, of Haw River, spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. E. W. McIver.

Miss Eliza Willett, of Derby Memorial School, near Jackson Springs, and Miss Hilda Willett, of King's Business College, Raleigh, spent the holidays with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Maulden and family, of Siler City, visited at Mr. W. A. Coggins last week.

C. B. Tysor, of Sanford, visited his father, O. G. Tysor, last week.

Mrs. R. G. Holler and daughter, Mozelle, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Thomas and family, of Durham, spent the Christmas season visiting relatives near here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Vestal, of Greensboro, spent Christmas in Bear Creek and nearby.

Mr. D. W. Smith had the misfortune to injure his face last week. His axe had hung in a piece of wood and in knocking it out, it flew up and cut his face, though not seriously.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Dawkins, the 14th, a daughter.

Mrs. Effie Sykes and Miss Berta Coggins, of Maxton, and Carl Coggins, of Greensboro, visited home folks Christmas.

Mrs. Ruffin Holt remains in a serious condition. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Holt, of Salisbury, Mrs. W. I. Williamson, of Sanford, Mrs. J. M. Yarbrough, of Jonesboro, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Gilmore and children, Camilla, Walton and Darsey, of Pittsboro, Rt. 3, Mr. F. P. Mann and daughter, Ila, and Miss Moore, of New Hill, were visitors at her home during the week.

I. P. Coggins is all smiles, and he has a reason for it—his children gave him, as a Christmas gift, a radio set. Now he "tunes in."

Mossie Lee Moore, wife of James L. Straughan, died at the home of her father, J. S. Moore, of route 2, Wednesday, December 24, following an illness of more than two years. She had been confined to her bed for over a year, yet she had a great deal of courage in fighting to recover, but death finally won. The cause of her death was tuberculosis. She bore her suffering with great patience.

Mrs. Straughan was the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Moore, being born May 6, 1901, therefore was 23 years, 7 months and 18 days old.

She was converted and united with Sandy Branch Baptist church at the age of 18 years and remained a faithful member of same until her death.

She was married to James L. Straughan on Dec. 26, 1921. She spoke her last words just about 3 minutes before the end came, which were: "Sweet Jesus."

The funeral service was held at Sandy Branch Baptist church Thursday, Dec. 25th, being conducted by Rev. R. S. Fountain, of Siler City, in the absence of her pastor, Rev. J. H. Broom, of Bonlee.

Interment was made in the cemetery there. She is survived by 4 brothers and 3 sisters: Messrs C. V. and A. R. Moore, of Greensboro; E. J. Moore, of Siler City; Mesdames J. A. Phillips and W. W. Burke, of Bear Creek; and Mrs. J. C. Webster, of Akron, Ohio.

May her loved ones so live as to meet her in the city whose builder and maker is God, and where no death, sorrow, pain or crying ever enter—where all is joy and bliss.

## PHIL.

### "STUNT NITE AT CLIMAX."

There will be a "Stunt Nite" at Climax school house (two miles east of Staley) Saturday, January 3, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

A complete program has been arranged, after which various "stunts" will be performed, for which prizes are offered.

Admission 25 and 15 cents. Come and enjoy the program. Respectfully,

SALLIE FOGLEMAN.

Siler City, N. C.

Mrs. F. C. Mann has been ill several days; but is improving.

## SANFORD INVITES YOU.

### The Good Neighbor Town Offering Bargains Galore to Record Readers.

We are quite sure that many of the best of Record readers have awaited an opportunity like that offered in this week's paper by the progressive merchants of Sanford. Money has not been as plentiful as in other falls and people have bought conservatively. The result is many now may avail themselves of extraordinary opportunities to buy goods at prices that are startlingly low.

Several of the very best merchants in Sanford are putting on sales and offering goods at most attractive prices, making it possible for our readers to buy at an advantage that will thoroughly justify a trip to our progressive neighbor town.

The Williams-Belk Co. is preparing to move immediately into their handsome new home on Steele street, and, accordingly, are putting on a real cut-price sale to dispose of as much of this great stock as possible before moving. There is no faké in that sale.

Griffin Bros., well-known to Chatham people, are advertising a half-price sale that you cannot afford to miss.

Stein Bros. sale begins next Wednesday. They have a stock of beautiful ladies' ready-to-wear and are fine folk to trade with.

The reliable firm of Dalrymple, Marks and Brooks is advertising a sale that means dollars in your pocket. A 25 per cent cut with them means something.

Then the Johnson Shoe store has made a real cut on every pair of shoes in the house, and they say that the sale means actually a loss to them, except as they gain by the advertisement resulting from their low prices and by the disposal of their odd lots.

Baldwin Brothers will follow, and you know them.

Go down and take advantage of these exceedingly low prices and tell the merchants that you are from Chatham and are readers of The Record.

### SILER CITY NEWS ITEMS.

On Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson of Raleigh, will address the women of the community on welfare work. This program will be held in the school auditorium and will be under the auspices of the social service department of the Woman's Club. A cordial welcome is extended to all ladies of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Jordan, who have been living in Raleigh since their marriage in November, have returned from a visit to relatives at Glendon and Gulf, and will at once begin housekeeping in the home of Mrs. Jordan's mother, Mrs. Emma Wrenn.

Miss Madge Marley, who was formerly a popular member of Siler City's younger set but who now lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Marley in Greensboro, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Louise Marley.

Mrs. Nannie Pugh, a former resident of this place but who has lived in Greensboro for a number of years, compiled by her sons, Joe, of Norfolk, Evans and his wife, and Ben, of Greensboro, spent yesterday here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dorsett, of Washington, D. C., are spending several days with relatives in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCauley and children of Chapel Hill, spent the week end in the home of C. K. Wrenn.

Lynn Jordan, of Charlotte, spent a few days with his mother, Mrs. Sankie Jordan and other relatives recently.

Miss Pauline Jordan will return this week from a visit to Selma.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh L. Stone, both of whom were former members of the school faculty but are now teaching at Como, are guests of Mrs. Stone's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ferguson.

Mrs. Will Buckner, whose home was 8 miles northeast of this place, died early last Friday morning and was buried Saturday at the old family burying ground.

Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Clapp and Joe Boling, of Atlanta, spent the Christmas holidays here with relatives.

Misses Blanche and Mossie Stone recently visited friends in Sanford.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Nannie K. Siler last week were Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Siler, of Leaksville, and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Siler, of Pittsboro.