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MRS. LAWRENCE IMPROVED

Christian Endeavor Honor With Program, Mothers Day—Local and Personal Notes.

Brickhaven, May 11.—Mrs. A. R. Lawrence who has been at Rex hospital for an operation, and is now staying in Raleigh taking treatment under Dr. Wright, is getting on very nicely indeed, and it is thought now that she will be home in about ten days. Mrs. Lawrence's many friends and relatives are very glad to know that she is improving so rapidly.

Mrs. H. T. Johnson, of Morrisville, attended the Memorial exercises at Christian Chapel Sunday and is spending this week with relatives here.

Our people are enjoying the commencement exercises of the Moncure school this week. The school has a corps of splendid instructors and the programs are always interesting and well rendered.

Mr. Grady Truelove of the Cherokee Brick Co., spent the week-end in Raleigh with his sister, Mrs. L. H. Lee. He left early Sunday morning on a few days motor trip to South Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lawrence and children, Ruth and Helen, and little Forrest Lawrence spent awhile Sunday in Raleigh with Mrs. A. R. Lawrence.

Ben M. Utley, of Miami, Fla., is expected here today to spend his vacation with his mother, Mrs. J. W. Utley.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harrington are both on the sick list. We shall be glad to see them out again. Mr. Harrington is the popular, efficient superintendent of the Brickhaven Sunday school, and everything seems wrong when he is not able to be on the job, so to speak. Mrs. Harrington also has a part in the school that is not easily filled. She is teacher of the primary class.

The Christian Endeavor Society of this place had a representation (as a visitor) at the special program in honor of Mother's Day rendered by the Endeavorers of the first Presbyterian church of Raleigh yesterday evening. Miss Mary Lee Utley, our corresponding secretary read the Scripture lesson: Proverbs 31, on the Perfect Woman. The program was composed of poems, talks and songs all relating to Mother's Day. One interesting feature of the services was a short talk by Miss Lillian Ray, of Pittsboro, on the subject, "Christ and His mother."

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Parker and children of Buckhorn were week-end guests here of Mrs. J. H. Overby. Mr. and Mrs. Parker are splendid folk, and are among our most regular attendants at Sunday school and C. E. meetings.

The Memorial exercises held at Christian Chapel Sunday were among the best that has ever been held there. The music was especially good. These exercises are held annually and crowds of people from far and near attend. The day can well be termed a home-coming day, for this is one time during the year when all absent members of the church make special effort to return to the home church.

A BIRTHDAY DINNER.

On May 7th the friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mrs. F. L. Pilkington on Pittsboro Rt. 3, to celebrate her 66th birthday with a big dinner.

Mrs. Pilkington is the mother of four children: Mrs. Pet Oldham, Mrs. Jesse Dark, and Johnnie Pilkington and Jesse Pilkington.

Mrs. Jesse Dark had a beautiful cake with 66 candles, representing the 66 years that her mother had lived.

A long table had been built for the occasion and when the good ladies had set all the good things on that table, it was a good sight to look upon, and after all that were present had eaten all they wished, (and the number was near 100,) there was enough left to have fed as many more.

The writer has known Mrs. Pilkington for a number of years and we feel safe in saying that she is one of our very best women, and her children are all among the best people that we have.

May this good woman live to see many more birthdays.

ONE PRESENT.

One experiment station kept a record for three years on a garden plot, one-twentieth of an acre in size. The average net profit was \$47.38.

POTTERY PLANT ATTAINS

FLARING POPULARITY.

Gains Nation-Wide Reputation Within Few Weeks.

Sanford Banner.

One of the numerous new industries in the Sanford District which has gained a nation-wide reputation virtually overnight is the North State Pottery Company, a few miles from town.

Although the plant has been in operation but a few weeks its success has been assured from opening day, and already orders have been received from Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Waterbury, Conn., and other remote cities.

The pottery is in the natural color of the clays from which it is made. Within a quarter of a mile of the plant on property owned by Mr. Cooper are deposits of white, red, brown, gray, blue, red and black. Combinations of these natural colors make possible an almost unlimited range of shades.

The blue-black clay is the latest discovery. The find was made by accident while digging a well only a few days ago. It is a rare color, and offers great possibilities.

Production and designing are in charge of J. F. Owens, whose experience is the result of training since seven years of age and the fact that he comes from a long line of potters, and has spent a year in Italy studying under the artists there. One of Mr. Owens' forbears, the noted English potter, Peter Craven, established the first plant in this country. Nelson Scott, a grandfather on his mother's side, was also a noted potter.

Like so many other important industries, the establishment of the North State plant was the result of a co-incidence.

Mrs. Cooper a short time ago took a sample of one of the clay on the farm to Mr. Owens to learn if it had any possibilities. Mr. Owens then visited the farm, and the other deposits were discovered. They proved to be of such exceptionally fine grade that Mr. Owens abandoned his works in Moore county and allied himself with Mr. Cooper.

At present 250 different shapes are being turned out by the plant with a wide variety of colors and combinations.

The demand for the product is so great that the capacity of the plant is being doubled.

PARENTS PUT BAN ON PRIMPS.

Raleigh High School Parent-Teacher Association Puts Itself on Record.

News and Observer, May 12.

The Raleigh high school Parent-Teacher Association at a meeting last night in the high school auditorium went on record as opposing silk stockings, powder, rouge and lipsticks for high school girls and unanimously voted to exert their efforts to prevent further use of them by the girls in the high school here.

Mrs. K. W. Weathers brought the question to the attention of the Association declaring that she and other parents were thinking seriously in regard to the dress of their daughters. She declared that silk stockings and other extravagances ought to be cut out. She declared that the mothers ought to do something about the compacts and lip sticks that their daughters are carrying to school.

Miss Margaret Connor and Miss Laura Jones, teachers declared that they heartily endorsed Mrs. Weathers' remarks.

Mrs. R. N. Sims, president of the Association, called for a vote and the Association went on record without a dissenting vote.

Mrs. W. H. Cox, of Laurinburg, has been visiting her father, Mr. T. M. Bland, whose condition she found improved.

The State College Summer school begins on June 15 and closes July 24. The announcement of courses has been published and may be secured by those wishing to attend.

Mr. B. L. Richardson, of Siler City, Rt. 1, reports a four-legged chicken a week old and in good health.

Mrs. Wade Barber has been on the sick list the past week.

BUILD A HOME NOW!

GUILTY, SAYS JURY.

Needleman's Assaultants Convicted of Crime of Mutilation and Draw Long Terms.

The trial of the men charged with the mutilation of young Joseph Needleman in Martin county which has held the attention of the state the past week came to an end Tuesday evening, after less than three hours of consideration by the jury, with the verdict of guilty.

Twenty-four men had already confessed to participation in the mob, but not to a part in the actual crime of mutilation. The main fight was against Sparrow, senior, Heath, Bullock, and Griffin, the last named the man identified by Needleman as the one who actually performed the operation. Young Sparrow had been tried and was not tried with the other four principals, but is expected to throw himself upon the mercy of the court without trial.

Needleman himself appeared early in the trial and told a straight and dramatic story of the crime. It seems so clear that he is not guilty of the rape charged against him by the young woman who a day or two later became the wife of Sparrow that the solicitor takes a non-suit, though mighty little good will it do the young man if as the solicitor seems to expect Needleman will not survive the ordeal, he having grown worse since his appearance before the court.

The four men made desperate efforts to prove alibis, and actually had men of fairly good repute to swear that they were seen elsewhere at or near the time of the crime. However, the evidence of the men who confessed to have been in the crowd at least before the breaking of the jail and some of them during the operation, and the identification by Needleman himself, made the effort to convince the jury that they were elsewhere at the time of the mutilation futile.

One of the principal witnesses relied upon by the state was the Primitive Baptist preacher Stone, stepfather of the girl, who professed deepest repentance for his share in the crime, and, though having turned state's evidence, expressed the desire that he be punished.

Verdict Received Quietly.

The following account of the close of the court battle is from the News and Observer:

"The verdict was received quietly. Court was recessed at 4 o'clock this afternoon, after the jury took the case at 2:56. Four minutes before 6 o'clock the court house bell tolled, indicating that a verdict had been reached. Almost the entire population of the town surged toward the building filling it and overflowing into the streets. Judge Sinclair and the attorneys and court officers had to fight their way to the bar.

At 6:10 the jury filed into the court room and announced that a verdict had been reached. The verdict against the senior Sparrow was first recorded. He sat with bowed head. Bullock received the fatal words with a stoical smile. Griffin whitened, Clayro Heath sat quietly, as he faced the trial and heard himself declared guilty of mutilation without premeditative malice. The crowd was silent, and for a long moment the court waited after the verdict was recorded.

From the crowd came the explosive sob. A group of women relatives of the prisoners broke down. The wives of Griffin and Bullock, sitting beside them, wept audibly. The sister of Heath, Miss Drusilla Heath, bore the verdict with composure, though she broke when the youth was led away to the jail at the direction of the court. He kissed her and shook hands with two friends who were sitting near and went out. The guard attending him grew confused, and with a smile Heath took him by the arm and led him away. Heath has the sympathy of the crowd.

Back to Jail.

The other three defendants hesitated to go. Griffin turned back to plant an awkward kiss on his wife's tearful face, and Bullock's wife clung to him as he turned to go. He was still smiling with derision that was more apparent than real. Griffin's face was white and distorted. They passed out through a lane opened in the throng, and went away to the ancient jail into which they cut their way six weeks ago and committed an unspeakable barbarity.

The verdict, as returned against Griffin, Bullock and F. W. Sparrow,

ENGINEER EDUCATORS

AT BUCKHORN PLANT.

Corinth Scribe Differs From Editor on School Matters—Local and Personal News.

Corinth, May 12.—On last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Horton entertained their mother, Mrs. Fanny, their sister, Miss Ellen Pennington, and Mr. Hare, all of Duncan. It was Horton's first wedding anniversary. Mrs. Horton is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. R. Baker, at Apex.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Ellis, of Siler City, again spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Harrington.

A splendid service was held at Buckhorn church Sunday in honor of Mother's Day. Mr. Joe McIver was the moving spirit and made a most appropriate talk. Mr. Joe's mother, Mrs. Katherine McIver, is able to be up and about her home again after her serious fall and injuries last winter. Her recovery has been remarkable. She is bright and cheerful and an inspiration to us all. No wonder Mr. Joe could and did say eloquent things about Mother's Day.

Our good friend, Mr. O. J. Peterson, seldom passes up an opportunity to throw cold water on any effort of our county authorities to bring our county schools up to the minimum standards being laid down by the state, and being established in the most progressive counties. There is probably no perfect educational system in force in any county. But it is a sure thing that there never will be a standard educational system of any kind in the county that won't make a try at it, and it is sure an up-hill pull to get such needs established when the movement has not the hearty and unquestionable support of the local papers. If this don't draw too much fire perhaps we will say some other another time. Mr. Peterson is an estimable gentleman and our friend, but we sure don't agree with his ideas about our school needs.

The Cape Fear steam plant and the Buckhorn hydro plant were favored last Saturday with a visit by 27 members of the state "S. P. E. E." (Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education.) After a trip over the property of the big modern steam plant they were given an outdoor picnic dinner by the Carolina Power & Light Co. at the Buckhorn plant. These men are largely directors and inspectors who are on the faculty of our state and private engineering schools.

The Record is informed that 24 graves of Confederate soldiers were decorated at Mt. Pleasant Methodist church cemetery on Sunday, May 10. We hope to have the names of the soldiers buried in these graves for our next issue, as well as other locations of graves for our next issue.

Sr., carry a maximum punishment of 60 years in the State prison, and that against Heath a maximum of ten years.

"A fine verdict and I am glad it happened in Martin county," was the sentence that was on every lip as the crowd filed out of the court room. Martin county feels that it has vindicated itself. Here was committed one of the most barbarous crimes in the history of the State, and here was vengeance of an outraged law visited upon the perpetrators of the crime. Martin feels that it has been allowed to redeem itself since the trial was not moved from here and that twelve men returned a verdict against the members of the mob.

Gilliam Congratulated.

Solicitor Gilliam was widely congratulated upon the outcome of the case. He has worked night and day on it since the crime was reported to him and has led the prosecution of the members of the mob with unremitting energy. He has done nothing to stir bitterness, and all that was required to fulfill the demands of justice, his friends declare. Throughout he has conducted himself with fine discretion.

Judge Sinclair was gratified with the verdict. He has felt a deep shame that such a crime could happen in North Carolina and deeply concerned that it should not go unchallenged. His trial of the case is regarded as eminently fair, and into the record have been written only four minor exceptions to his rulings. It is not regarded as likely that any appeal will be taken from the verdict rendered.

DEATH OF MISS HOLT.

Beloved and Popular Young Lady of Moncure Succumbs to Pneumonia.

Moncure, May 11.—This community was indeed shocked last Thursday morning when it was announced that Miss Hazel Holt, seventeen year old daughter of Mrs. S. V. Holt, was dead. Although she had lingered at about the same condition for many days, but on Monday before she died she appeared to be better.

Besides her devoted mother, a trained nurse, the local physician, Dr. Cathell, and Dr. Fox, of Raleigh, did all that human hands and medical skill could, but the pneumonia from which she suffered would not relinquish its grasp. Her mother remained at her bedside constantly as Hazel did not want her mother to leave her. The girl said that the nurse was good, but no one could wait on her like her mother.

Hazel was steady, industrious, loved music and always was kind and helpful to everybody. She had many friends and they thought if Hazel was with them, they were all right. She was young and full of life and buoyant with the aspiration of life. She was timid and had a sweet personality—she was a sweet Christian girl.

Hazel was a member of the Methodist church here and made a loyal good member. Always at Sunday school and church and several months before her death she was the pianist for Sunday school. She was always willing and ready to do whatever she was called on to do at home, at Sunday school and wherever she could be of service for good.

Hazel realized that she was not going to live and told her mother that she was ready to go, but she hated to leave her mother for she would be so lonely.

It is sad for such a beautiful flower to be plucked so early in life, but we can't always understand the will of our Heavenly Father.

Last Friday at one o'clock the funeral was conducted at the Methodist church by Rev. J. Fuller Johnson, of Fuquay Springs, assisted by Rev. B. J. Howard, of Chapel Hill. He took for his text, "The Damsel is not Dead, but Sleepeth." It was indeed a sweet and impressive service.

The following were the names of the flower girls: Louise Harrington, Ruth Ennedy, Eunice Thompson, Cleo Cotten, Mae Womble, Camelia Steadman, Audrey Thomas, Lillian Olinger, Tula Mims, Julia Johnson, Stella Womble, Mabel Self, Lillie Hackney, Elizabeth Farrell, Hilda Wilkie, Annie Lambeth, Janie Carr, Elna Burgess, Lucile Wicker, Mae Watson, Alice Stephens, Pauline Thomas and Edna Ray. It was indeed an impressive sight to see the young girls carrying so many pretty flowers in honor of one who was so beautiful.

The active pall bearers were Delmas Hackney, Ewan Ray, Garrot Wicker, Bob Cotten, Zeb Harrington and Delmas O'Connell. The honorary pall bearers were Bell Womble, Glenn Womble, Salter Utley, Cecil Beddoes, Ralph Crutchfield and James Thomas.

The flower girls and pall bearers were school mates of Hazel and some her class mates. It is indeed a warning to the young as well as the old to live right and give their lives while young to the Master, for it is sweet to live for Him and die so as to be ready to meet Him.

After the funeral the body was taken to New Elam Christian church for interment. A short service was conducted at the grave and the body was laid to rest under a bank of lovely flowers in the presence of a large crowd of sorrowing friends.

Hazel is gone but will be missed at home, at school and at Sunday school and everywhere. She leaves a devoted mother and sister, Inez. Her father died with pneumonia a few years ago. Hazel has gone to meet him in heaven—a city whose builder and maker is God, a city that hath no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it; for the glory of God doth lighten it and the Lamb is the light thereof.

Miss Catherine Hackney, who has been attending Mars Hill College the past year is at home for the summer.

Some farmers are reporting a serious shortage of tobacco plants. A number of growers in Nash county state that they are getting only fifty percent of a stand.

SUPERIOR COURT SESSION.

A Big Docket and Slow Progress Being Made.

The regular May term of court for the trial of criminal cases is in progress with Judge Bond presiding and Solicitor Williams prosecuting. The docket is very full and the court has failed utterly to keep up with the calendar set for the several days. Sixteen cases were set for Monday with the result that the court is still engaged at noon Wednesday on one of the Monday calendar cases.

The Grand Jury.

The following named good citizens compose the grand jury: N. J. Wilson, foreman; W. B. Teague, Jake Johnson, Ostia Perry, E. A. Braxton, N. M. Brewer, Ira Smith, J. Wade Siler, Henry Harris, J. D. McIver, R. D. Smith, T. N. Cotten, Ira Foushee, W. T. Utley, Ed. M. Harris, Wesley Thomas, W. B. Webster, J. W. Griffin.

Judge Bond made, as usual, a clear and forceful charge to the grand jury.

Cases Disposed of.

Ordered that case against R. Lanus be taken from calendar.

Cases ordered continued against Leon Morgan; Lonnie and Rommie Chambers and Merritt Womble; Joe Sills and Henry Gilliland; John Vestal and Ben Brewer; Weldon Watson; W. J. Smith; Julia Clark.

G. L. Savage ordered to pay \$20 and be allowed till next court to pay balance of cost in case growing out of automobile accident.

Case against Grady Ellington who died last week removed from docket, and former judgment ordered stricken out.

Case against Will Briggs ordered not prosed.

George Woodell and Mary Foushee fail to appear; capias issued. Same in case against Bill Jordan.

J. A. Woody pleads guilty to possession of whiskey, but claims it was for personal use. Judgment that he serve six months on roads, but Mr. Woody's friends hope for a reconsideration and substitution of a fine for the road sentence. He is out on bond till Friday.

Dempsey Carter pleads guilty to possession and transportation of liquor; sentence not delivered.

Miles Beal is convicted on liquor charge; sentence deferred.

Sam Seals pleads guilty to carrying concealed weapon; 2-1-2 months on roads.

Will Johnson for being drunk draws \$50. fine.

Will Poe paid \$15 and costs for connection with whiskey case.

State vs. N. F. Barber for failure as mayor of Goldston, to report fees collected; Mr. Barber pleads guilty to charge, though he had only a few dollars and was merely waiting till there was more in hand to send in. He pays costs. It was a mere technical fault and nobody thinks that Mr. Barber was intending to keep the money.

Durham Elkins pleads guilty to transporting liquor. He was with Riddle to whom the liquor belonged. Elkins lost his car and pays \$100 fine and cost.

J. W. (Cap) Johnson not guilty of disposing of mortgaged property.

The case against Brigham Brinkley and Arthur Oldham for lacing of certain parts of saw mill equipment or tools was taken up Tuesday and is not ended when this is written at noon Wednesday.

Miss Carrie Speight of Goldsboro is here as court stenographer.

Mt. Pleasant School News.

The honor roll for April at Mt. Pleasant school is as follows:

First grade—Annie Mae Mann, Blanche Mann, Mildred Hackney, Curtis Hamlet, Marion Norwood, Aggie Williams.

Second grade—Larry Norwood, Winfred Norwood, Reggie Norwood, Edith Teer, Ben Williams.

Third grade—Clara Hackney, Ola Mann, Elizabeth Morgan, Jessie Sturdivant.

Fourth grade—Billie Brewer, Glenn Harris, Ben Hall Hamlet, Lamont Norwood, Adel Smith, Addie Sturdivant.

Fifth grade—Rachel Crawford, Hazel Burnette, Louetta Mann, Ben Jones, Evelyn Smith.

Sixth grade—Clem Gattis.

The month's average was 51.85 and the year's daily average 48.51.

BUILD A HOME IN PITTSBORO.