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EARLY EXPLOSIONS DEEP RIVER FIELD.

Former Chatham Lady Recalls
Tragedies of Earlier History
of Coal Mining in County.

Additional to the interesting story of coal mining in Chatham county written by Hon. W. D. Siler a few weeks ago, it is gratifying to be able to publish the following reminiscence of a former Chatham lady, which is furnished The Record by Dr. Clarence Poe, Dr. Poe writes:

"Editor Record:—Your readers may be interested in the following information about former explosions at the Cumcock mine as sent me by my aunt, Mrs. Alice E. Brown, formerly of Chatham County, but now of Vidalia, Ga. She writes me:

"The first explosion was in March 1856. It was about nine o'clock in the morning. Father and the hands were in the field. They heard a loud sound like a cannon, and looking, they saw the awful smoke coming out of the shaft. Father and my brothers all went and when they got there they said of all the cursing and swearing, those boss men were doing it. From what I can remember there were eleven killed and one was blown up to the mouth of the shaft and caught on a nail and when he was brought to the top someone said to him, 'You ought to thank the Lord.' He said he didn't thank the Lord, he thanked the man that put the nail there. In a little while he went back down and a piece of timber fell on him and he was killed. The next explosion was just before the war; and right after the war in 1866 another explosion occurred."

A BRIEF FOR PUBLIC HEALTH.

Moore County News.

Not all public health work is graft, as a farmer living near Columbus, Ga., believed. That was ten years ago. His especial contempt was reserved for tubercular inspection of cows, and when two of the herd of an adjacent dairy farm were branded as suspicious by the milk inspector, he purchased one of them. He didn't believe there was any such thing as tuberculosis in cows.

That farmer lost his wife from tuberculosis; his son is permanently disabled from bone tuberculosis, and his two daughters are in a tuberculosis hospital.

Here's his statement:

"In the fall of 1912 a dairy herd near me was tested for tuberculosis and two cows were put out of the dairy. One was killed as a reactor and one was called suspicious, and the suspicious cow was taken to my premises and milked. I felt that the office of milk inspector was a graft, to give some man an easy job, and did not believe that there was any such thing as tuberculosis in cows. This cow was fed just as those in the dairy was fed, and in one month she looked so bad that I was afraid to milk her. She was given back to the man who formerly owned her. My son developed tuberculosis the next year and has had it until the present time, and my wife, I believe, contracted it from the boy. The boy was kept in the hospital at Decatur, Ga., for four years, and on his back for nine months, where part of the bone of the neck was removed and a part of the leg bone used to replace the neck bone. My two daughters are now in the tuberculosis hospital at Alto, Ga., and I believe that they contracted the disease from their mother, who was buried here today."

And all this might have been avoided if the farmer had believed what the inspector of the state department of health told him about the danger of tuberculosis in cattle.

Rev. J. S. Hardaway, one of the best known Baptist ministers of the state, died Tuesday at his home in Oxford. Mr. Hardaway served the Oxford church as pastor a total of 20 years and has lived at Oxford since his retirement from pastoral work.

A contract for a great dam near Saluda has been let. It will cost \$1,700,000 to complete dam, water tunnel, and plant to be erected. The dam will be 172 feet high. The water then will be conveyed by a ten-foot tunnel 500 feet lower down the mountain, making a pressure equivalent to a 700 foot head of water. The plant will generate 50,000 horse power.

DESTRUCTIVE STORMS IN UPPER CAPE FEAR.

Mr Matthews Loses Barn; Lady
Shocked by Lightning—Local
and Personal Notes.

New Hill, Rt. 2, June 22.—A severe cloud passed over this section on Thursday afternoon. Lightning struck the feed barn of Mr. J. R. Matthews, destroying it also a lot of feed. It will be remembered that Mr. Matthews lost his home a few years ago, and he has not yet completed his new home since the destruction. He has the sympathy of all in his financial loss.

On the same afternoon, we are informed, Mr. Kendrick of Merry Oaks was standing against the wall of an old house and lightning knocked him to the floor, but he soon recovered. Friday afternoon another cloud passed over and much rain, wind, and lightning with it. Mrs. G. F. Carr was standing on the porch at her home when lightning struck the telephone pole. She received a severe shock in her left limb and foot, but has recovered.

Miss Charlotte Copeland has returned after a visit to her sister, Mrs. Bill Poe, at Chapel Hill.

F. M. Lasater, of Durham, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lasater.

One evening recently Misses Grizell and Alice Copeland were at home to a number of their friends. Those present enjoyed the occasion.

Miss Carrie Lassiter has returned after spending three weeks in Sanford with her sister, Mrs. Addie Hilliard.

Mrs. Annie Walker, Paul and Willard Walker, Messrs William and Henry Carter and little Curtis Carter, of Greensboro, were Friday night guests of Mrs. Addie Webster.

Mrs. O. M. Goodwin, of Sanford, Mrs. C. B. Thomas and son, Fred, of Siler City, were Friday guests of their sister, Mrs. G. L. Mann.

Due to preaching services at New Elam, the New Hope baseball team did not play Saturday, but quite a number attended the game at Brickhaven after services were over.

Mrs. Carrie Ellis and little daughter, Aileen, of Varina, and Miss Emma Johnson, of South Carolina, were week-end guests of Mr. E. H. Holt and family.

Last Saturday night Miss Dora Holt entertained a host of friends at the home of her mother, Mrs. W. S. Brown. Outdoor games were enjoyed. The hostess served delicious ice cream.

Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning Rev. J. F. Johnson filled his regular appointment at New Elam Christian church. At each service he delivered excellent sermons, and on Sunday there was an unusually large crowd present.

Miss Annie Poole spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Bettie Goodwin.

Miss Alma Kendrick, of Merry Oaks, was the dinner guest Sunday of Miss Rose Sturdivant.

Quite a number of people from this section attended the Home Coming at Gum Springs Baptist church Sunday, and report a very good time. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lasater, of Durham, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lasater and attended the Home Coming Sunday.

NEWS FROM BEAR CREEK.

Bear Creek, Rt. 3, June 22.—Quite a large crowd were present at Sunday school at Beulah Baptist church Sunday, where an excellent gospel message was plainly delivered by the pastor, Rev. A. G. Lassiter, of Star.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Myrick were visitors in the home of her sister, Mrs. Mary J. Boyd, of Bear Creek, Rt. 1, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Purvis, of Greensboro, were visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Powers, of Rt. 3, Saturday night.

Mr. Avery Powers, of Greensboro, spent Saturday night and Sunday with home folks.

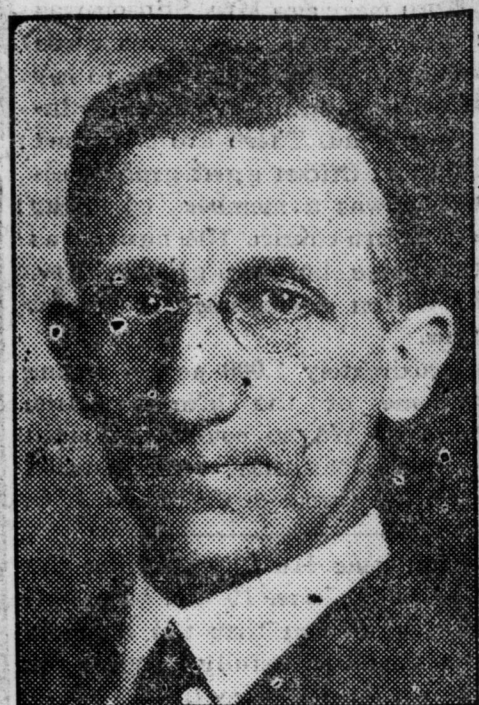
Misses Mary Kidd and Annie Myrick was a Sunday visitor in the home of Miss Clara Powers.

We regret to report that Mrs. Mary Purvis is quite sick. We hope she will soon be well again.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Powers and Mr. and Mrs. Huey Powers, of Asheville, were visitors in this community Sunday and attended preaching at Beulah.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Purvis and children visited Mrs. Purvis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Brewer, at High Falls Sunday.

BROWN EYES.



REV. WILLIAM STEWART.

A revival at the Pittsboro Methodist church will begin next Sunday, June 28th. Rev. Wm. Stewart will do the preaching and Rev. R. C. Goodchild will lead the singing.

A cordial invitation is extended to each of the pastors of the town, and their congregations to cooperate with

CAROLINA COAL MINE GIVEN RECEIVERSHIP.

Judge Bryson Grants Permanent Receivership to Company Despite Attorneys' Plea.

Greensboro Daily News.

Rockingham, June 18.—On June 18 a temporary receivership for the Carolina Coal company was secured before Judge Daniels in Raleigh with J. H. Kennedy made temporary receiver.

Judge Daniels set June 18th as time for having a hearing before Judge Bryson at Rockingham upon the question of making the receivership permanent. It was at the mines of this coal company that 53 men were killed several weeks ago in Chatham county. The petition for a receivership followed so that the company could keep the pumps working and eventually sell the mine and liquidate to its creditors.

Appearing before Judge Bryson here today for the coal company was D. B. Teague and for the receiver was A. A. F. Seawell, all of Sanford. Present also were J. R. McQueen and C. M. Reeves, of the mining company. At the conclusion of Attorney Seawell's request that the temporary receivership be made permanent, Attorney K. R. Hoyle addressed the judge and asked that the receivership not be made permanent. E. L. Gavin also spoke against the receivership, these two lawyers then asked that an additional receiver be appointed.

Judge Bryson declined to do this and signed an order making the temporary receivership permanent and John H. Kennedy as sole receiver. It is understood that Mr. Hoyle stated after the hearing that he intends starting proceedings throwing the company into bankruptcy.

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KILLING OF ROBED ATTACKER JUSTIFIABLE, COURT DECIDES.

Russellville, Ala., June 23.—At a preliminary hearing here today John Jackson, farmer, was acquitted of the charge of killing Lee Martin in repelling an attack of robed and masked men on his home a few weeks ago. Judge Sarigent, of the law and equity court, held the killing justifiable.

Jackson testified that he fired on the men who came to his home at night and attempted to break down the front door. Martin died shortly afterwards at his home where he was carried by companions. Neighbors of Jackson testified to seeing the robed men pass along the road.

After his acquittal Jackson stated he would move to Naomi, Tenn., where his wife's relatives live. Neighbors have agreed to finish working his crop free of charge. Jackson stated that he had been warned before the killing to quit his "way of doing."

President Coolidge is apparently in real earnest about cutting down expenses of government and lowering taxes. Gratifying progress has been made in the payment of war debts and in decrease of operating expenses of the government. Coolidge is proving, too, that he is a bigger man than some of us imagined him to be.

President Coolidge is off for a two-months sojourn to Swampscoot on the New England coast.



REV. R. C. GOODCHILD.

We also extend an invitation to the people of the surrounding communities.

Services on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Through the week services will be held 10 a. m. and 8 p. m.

THE PASTOR.

MR. B. N. GILMORE PASSES.

The many friends of Mr. B. N. Gilmore, of Goldston, will be grieved to learn of the death of that good man. He passed away at his home in Goldston last Saturday at 12:30 p. m., after two months of confinement to his room with heart trouble.

Mr. Gilmore was seventy-three years of age. He married Miss Delilah Gaster, of Moore county, in September, 1874. The couple celebrated their golden wedding last September.

There were twelve children born to the union, of whom eight are still living, namely: Messrs W. A. Gilmore, of Yemassee, S. C., R. S., of Charleston, S. C., C. F., of Charleston, S. C., L. N., of Fort Bliss, Texas, Messdames O. R. Freidell, Charleston, S. C., H. A. Ferrebee, Savannah, Ga., D. K. Warren, Charleston, S. C., J. A. Williams, of Goldston. All were present at the funeral except R. S. and L. M. Gilmore.

Mr. Gilmore became blind several years ago and since that time has had to lead an inactive life, being cared for by his good wife and daughter. However, he was able to go about town and greet his friends and was always cheerful and had a good word for everybody.

The burial was at Goldston cemetery Sunday, after a funeral service conducted at the home by Rev. Jonas Barclay of Pittsboro. An immense throng of friends and neighbors was present to pay their last respects to their friend.

Mr. Gilmore was long a member of Corinth Methodist church. He was not an educated man but was strong intellectually and strove to give his children the education which he himself failed to receive.

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PRISON POPULATION SHOW BIG INCREASE.

Associated Press.

Raleigh, June 23.—The population of the state prison on June 22, 1925, was 1,387 prisoners, an increase of 658 prisoners within a period of four years. This announcement was made today by George Ross Pou, prison superintendent, in an official statement to the press.

The statement shows that during the month of May, 1925, a total of 64 prisoners were committed to the prison, while 21 were released, an increase during the month of 43. From June 1, 1925, to June 22, 1925, a total of 45 prisoners were received at the prison and 24 released. This shows an increase in the prison of 65 prisoners in 22 days.

Confederate Veteran Passes.

Mr. John D. Smith, a Confederate veteran, died at his home near Siler City, Friday, June 12, and was buried in the Siler City cemetery the following day. Mr. Smith was 81 years of age. He was a member of the notable Company E, 26th N. C. regiment, of which the only survivor now is Col. J. Dan Dorsett of Siler City.

The funeral services was conducted by Rev. O. I. Hinson.

BIRTHDAY DINNER EVIL.

News of General Interest to Our
Readers From Bennett.

Bennett, June 22.—Bennett and surrounding territory has been blessed with good showers of rain during the last few days, and corn, cotton and gardens are showing the effect of it. Farmers are busy getting the small grain housed.

The local baseball team won two games last week. Thursday Bennett defeated High Falls 1 to 0. Saturday Bennett defeated Ramsour on the latter's ground 8 to 6. Gulf team will play the local team here Saturday. An effort is being made to get a double-header for the Fourth of July. A plan was on foot to have a general celebration here on the Fourth, but definite action was not prompt enough to make necessary arrangements in order to have a good program and the idea has been abandoned. We trust that a greater interest will be taken next year and that a well arranged program will be presented in Bennett on the 4th of July.

Rev. E. A. Livingston will preach at Blue Rock School house near the home of Mr. C. V. Tally next Sunday at 3 p. m.

Mr. E. E. Johnson, who recently sold his Cafe outfit here, is moving to Troy, where he will conduct a cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Moses, of Goldston, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. S. Phillips Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Forrester, of Greensboro, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Forrester is an employee of the Southern Railway, as engineer.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Routh, of Randleman, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Routh is a brother to Mrs. Jones and holds a position as professor in State College.

Mr. M. A. Routh has been given the contract for an addition to the Bennett Motor Company garage, and material is being placed on the lot for the improvement. The garage will be an up-to-date structure when completed, having a plate glass front. Messrs J. B. Powers and C. E. Jones owners of the building, have done a good business since taking hold two or three years ago. Four mechanics are employed besides working themselves.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Oats, of near Bennett, a daughter. Before marriage Mrs. Oats was Miss Adelaide Kidd. She is the second wife of Mr. Oats and the little girl just arrived makes the nineteenth child for Mr. Oats.

Did you ever hear of so many birthday dinners being held throughout the county? It appears that most of these anniversaries fall on Sunday. This scribe believes in due respect to loved ones and relatives, but it would be more appropriate to visit them on their birthdays and present them with such gifts and tokens as we might choose, and for that matter, have a general picnic celebration, but it is not a good thing to have them on Sunday. Especially is this true should there be an appointment at a nearby church on the Sabbath day, which is calculated to keep many from the church. Why not have them late in the afternoons, if they must be held on Sunday? Let's go to Sunday school and religious worship in the mornings, and we will enjoy the birthday celebration all the more when we go after a visit to the service at the church.

There are so many things in this day and time to draw the young people and a great many of the older ones away from the church and especially the Sunday school. We believe many people are making a great mistake in having these special occasions on Sunday at the hour that we should worship at the churches. Nothing should prevent anyone from attending Sunday school and preaching on Sunday, except Providential hindrance, such as sickness, deaths, funerals and misfortunes beyond our control. We, who profess to be leaders, ought to be very careful as to the example we set, and we should arrange for the Sabbath and use it as Christ taught us to do, leaving an example for the younger people to follow.

The world is getting uneasy about the trouble in China. Americans have been ordered to leave Canton, where the hostility to foreigners is marked.

STATE NEWS

It is stated that there are probably four thousand negroes in the North Carolina summer schools for that race.

Durham county's county home is nearing completion and it is reported as being one of the best in the state.

A severe hail storm Sunday did much damage in Gates and Bertie counties. At Windsor the hail is reported as covering the streets to the depth of five inches.

Mrs. J. J. White, of Rockingham county, is reported as having made \$1300 extra money on the farm last year by the sale of potato slips, eggs, poultry, etc.

Tom Jimison, recently deposed Methodist minister, is studying law at Wake Forest College. Jimison is a live wire and his entry of the bar will mean hot old times in the courts in which he shall practice.

Deputy sheriff D. F. Wooten of Watauga county, is under charge of killing a young man after an unsuccessful whisky raid Saturday night. Much indignation has been expressed in the state, but Wooten will plead self-defense.

The judicial conference provided for by the recent session of the legislature, meets today in Raleigh. The conference comprises all the supreme and superior court judges of the state and is presided over by Chief Justice Stacy.

Frank Parker, agricultural statistician, recently made a trip over certain counties of the cotton section in an airplane, taking 102 pictures of the cotton crop at various points. He thinks that this kind of observation gives a more exact idea of the crop prospects than any formerly used.

Dr. R. H. Lewis, of Raleigh, and Dr. E. J. Tucker, of Roxboro, have been reappointed for a term of six years as successors to themselves on the state board of health. Dr. W. L. Best, of Greenville, succeeds Dr. Fred Day, of Winston, on the board of examiners in optometry.

Claude Wheatley, of Beaufort, a Republican, has been appointed as successor to John E. Cameron of Kinston as highway commissioner for the second district. Mr. Cameron a few weeks ago voluntarily entered the state hospital for mental treatment. Mr. Cameron is a Republican.

A motion was denied by Judge Daniels in the Wake Superior Court Monday to postpone the trial of Jesse Wyatt charged with killing Attorney S. S. Holt of Smithfield a few weeks ago until the July or September term. A special term for the trial has been called. Judge Daniels gave attorneys for Wyatt till July 1 to prepare their case.

A thorough investigation into the Caswell Training school is to be made by a commission to be appointed by Governor McLean. Dr. Rankin will be an advisory member of the committee. It is desired to determine the real scope of the work that has been attempted by the school and also what can be wisely attempted by it. Dr. McNairy, superintendent since the inception of the school, has been replaced by Dr. Dixon of Ayden.

STATE NEWS.

Rev. G. M. Daniel, pastor of Red Springs Methodist church, was drowned Monday while swimming in a pool between Raeford and Fayetteville. The children of his Sunday school with whom he had gone to the pool recalled seeing him dive into the pool but did not notice him any more. When discovered he had been dead probably a half-hour. The water where he dived was only four feet deep and it was not determined on first report whether he had hurt himself in diving or not.

Dr. Mike Roberson, one of the six Durham physicians under indictment for the sale of narcotics, was convicted in the Federal court at Raleigh Tuesday. The case of Dr. E. H. Boling next went to trial. Judgment was withheld by Judge Meekins in the Roberson case till the completion of all the six cases.