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BIG BUILDING BOOM NOTED IN SILER CITY

Several Business Houses and Residences Under Construction--Other News Items

Siler City, June 27.—At the present time Siler City is experiencing an unprecedented amount of building activities. Four handsome new brick business houses are being finished, these being the John F. Lambe building, H. L. Terry's new market, which is also shared by the bakery, a store building and a new home for the Gen Theatre, the last two being erected by H. W. Webster. Also in the heart of the business section the Page Trust company is remodeling the old Webster-Paschal building into a modern banking house. J. T. Ferguson is enlarging his business place and Dr. J. D. Edwards is completing a most attractive new building which will furnish quarters for another drug store, the upper part of this building having just been finished for professional offices.

In addition to all this improvement in the business section the manufacturing industries are expanding, a large number of homes of the better type are in course of construction and along with it all goes the work of installing the water and sewerage. The directors of the Chatham County Fair Association were in session today, planning additional building space for the coming fair. An enlarged premium list has already been mailed out and all indications are for an unusual event this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Coley Gee, who were recently married in Randolph county, Mrs. Gee formerly being Miss Blanche York, the attractive daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. York, have moved into their beautiful bungalow.

Mrs. George Duke, of Raleigh, was the guest this week of her sister, Miss Neil Perry.

S. P. Teague suffered minor injuries yesterday while alighting from a car near Loves Creek church. He is recovering satisfactorily.

The 70th birthday of Mrs. Martha Fesmire was celebrated last Sunday at the home of W. A. Summer near this place.

"Aunt" Mary Henden, one of the oldest negro women of this section died near here last Wednesday. Her age was nearing the century mark.

Recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Elkins were, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Coble and little daughter, Mrs. William Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. John Coble of Burlington.

Berton Cooper left today for Chicago where he goes following his graduation from the University of North Carolina to pursue further his course in electrical engineering.

Karl Elkins and Fred Thomas returned yesterday from the boys' scout camp near Fayetteville where they spent several days.

On account of the torn up condition of the streets heretofore putting in the water system, Siler City will for the first time in more than twenty years first to celebrate in great style for the Glorious Fourth.

Mrs. W. H. Strayhorn, son Billy, and daughter, Carolyn, of Durham are the guests of her sister, Mrs. T. D. Bynum.

Miss Carr Lane is spending some time visiting friends at Albemarle and Charlotte.

Mrs. J. B. Marley, and daughter, Louise and atherine, Miss Evelyn Fox, William Wren and Rufus Reitzel left yesterday by motor to spend several days with relatives and friends in Columbia, S. C.

Ben H. Lambe and little daughters, Peggy and Sallie of Washington, D. C., arrived yesterday to spend a week with his father, J. F. Lambe.

Guests of Mrs. E. H. Jordan are Mrs. Decie Brooks Rollins, of Craddock, Virginia and Miss Maggie Davis, of Rome Georgia.

Rev. and Mrs. R. S. Fountain have returned from Williamston where they were called on account of the death of Mrs. Fountain's mother.

Prepare Your Land for Grass

It is now admitted by the best farmers that the only right and economical way to sow grass is to sow it alone. That means it should be sown in our territory in the late summer or very early fall. The land should be prepared now for this purpose. Very much after the method of preparing land for wheat.—Southern Planter.

There are 28,400 habitable rural dwellings now vacant in Missouri.

MONCURE HIGH SCHOOL ON ACCREDITED LIST

School Has Grown Gratifyingly Under Principalship of H. G. Self--Other News Notes

We are glad to state that Moncure High school is on the accredited list now.

Mr. H. G. Self has been principal of the school for three years. The first year that he was employed there were four teachers, five including the music teacher, and an average attendance of 100 students, but now there are eight teachers besides the music teacher, with an average attendance of 200 students. Moncure school has doubled in growth since Mr. Self has been principal.

Nearly all of the schools in this community have consolidated with Moncure School during these three years. A good principal and consolidation make a school grow. A list of the faculty for next year will be published later.

Mrs. Mae Hall, of South Carolina, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. R. Jenks, this week.

Misses Catherine Thomas and Pauline Ray left Monday for Louisville, N. C., where they will attend the Epworth League Assembly this week, June 29 to July 3rd inclusive.

Mr. Clinton Bryan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bryan, and Miss Frizelle Knight, of Pittsboro, were married at the home of her mother's, Mrs. Charlie Knight, of route 2, on last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan are well known and have many friends in and around Moncure. Mr. Bryan has a friendly disposition and has been rural mail carrier for many years.

Mrs. Bryan is a very pretty and attractive young lady, of gentle disposition and loved by all who know her. They will make their home at Pittsboro. We wish for them many years of happy wedlock.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Bryan spent last week-end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bryan.

Mr. P. S. Lassater, of Yemassee, S. C., was in town today, Monday, visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stedman and little daughters, Camelia and Ruth, spent Sunday with Mr. A. B. Clegg and his sister, Mrs. R. A. Speed. The day was pleasantly spent and thoroughly enjoyed. They served a delicious dinner and Mrs. R. A. Speed made a charming hostess. Mr. A. B. Clegg is a prosperous farmer. He owns a large plantation with several tenants on it.

The Epworth Leaguers held a very interesting meeting at the Methodist church last Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The president, Miss Catherine Thomas, was in the chair. The roll was called and the minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Miss Pauline Ray. Then the president turned the meeting over to Mrs. J. E. Moore, the leader for the evening. The subject was "Christian Education."

1. Scripture lesson Acts 10:34-43 and also the Importance of Christian Education.—Mrs. J. E. Moore.

2. Prayer: Mr. H. G. Self.

3. Duet: "Jesus Lover of My Soul" Misses Pauline Ray and Hilda Wilkie.

4. Christian Education in Africa.—Miss Eva Phillips.

5. Christian Education in the Orient.—Mr. H. G. Self.

6. Educational Missions as a vocation.—Miss Catherine Thomas.

7. Collection.

8. Prayer.—Mrs. W. W. Stedman.

Bank Robbery at Bonlee

Western Chatham has had two recent robberies. Ten days ago or more the post office at Ore Hill was robbed, the loss being about \$175, we are informed. Last Monday night the bank at Bonlee was entered. The robbers, fortunately, could not gain entrance to the new vault and safe, but got into an old safe where some church money had been temporarily deposited, not having been counted but probably about \$20. That money and probably \$50 worth of stamps deposited there by the postmaster, whose safe was robbed some months ago, comprised the chief loss. There is said to be no clue to the perpetrators of either crime.

First Chatham Blossom

Mr. B. N. Dickens, of Corinth, was the first Chatham County man to send in a cotton blossom. It came just too late to be printed in the last issue of the Record.

Quite a number of other shocks

COTTON PICKING MACHINE INVENTION OF GEORGIAN

It is a Hand Machine Capable of Doing Work of Four Men.

The following appeared in an issue of last week's Augusta, Ga., Chronicle:

Augusta has another new industry. It was announced yesterday that the Foucher Cotton Picking Company is to manufacture its products here, which is an invention of an Augustan, Harry E. Sourcher. The enterprise, which has for its purpose the manufacture of a practical cotton picker, is financed entirely by Augusta capital and located in this city in the face of inductive offers from other cities in this section of Georgia and South Carolina.

Already, it was stated by a large stockholder in the company orders have been placed for the manufacture of 100 of the cotton pickers, and these machines are now under construction in Augusta. Hundreds of other orders are expected in the very near future, just as soon as the farmers learn of the advantages of the picker over the old methods.

The picker, it is stated, will average 65 pounds per hour and will pick the cotton cleaner than by hand. It has a life of ten years and according to its inventor will pick as much clean cotton in a day as four men or "hands". The picker it was announced, will be sold for approximately \$150 each. The machine is run by a small storage battery and is carried on the hand picking the cotton and conveying it to sacks in a very light wagon which is pulled by the person who operates the "picker".

Picks and Conveys Cotton.

The light wagon which is pulled along row by the person operating the "picker" is very light in construction and has six empty canvas bags of a capacity of 75 pounds of cotton each. When a bag is filled it is dropped along the row. The wagon is 15 inches wide and 40 inches high and is so light as not to hinder operating the cotton picker.

It is expected that experiments that will be conducted by the "picker" will lead to sales of the machines throughout the entire cotton belt that will ultimately mean the establishment of a great plant here for their manufacture. It was pointed out that the possibilities of the machine are unlimited in consideration of the great saving in labor that it represents. The fact that it does not pick trash and is operated so handily is pointed to by the manufacturers as the means of assuring its success.

BRYAN-KNIGHT

Post Office Romance Culminates in Marriage of Mr. Clinton Bryan and Miss Frizelle Knight.

The expected has happened. Mr. Clinton E. Bryan and Miss Frizelle Knight are married. The happy event occurred on last Thursday. The marriage vows were taken at the country home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Charles J. night, a few miles south of Pittsboro. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Thomas Clegg, of the couple left for a few days' tour.

This marriage is the culmination of a courtship that has progressed for many moons between two popular postal employees. The groom is carrier on Pittsboro R. F. D. 1. The bride was a clerk in the post office till two weeks ago, when she retired and went down to spend the remaining days of her girlhood with her mother, being succeeded at the post office by Miss Lelia Justice.

The Record is convinced that Mr. Bryan has secured a real jewel. She is not only pretty, genial, affable but has proven herself courteous and capable as a postal employee. In fact, it seemed a pleasure for her to serve the patrons of the office, and the writer is convinced that he has never come in touch, in all his years of newspaper experience, with a more efficient and pleasant postal clerk. If Clinton Bryan does not deserve congratulations no young fellow does.

Many friends wish the happy young couple long life and much joy.

Prof Matt Thompson, long known as a leading public school man of the state, died Tuesday at the Morganton State Hospital.

Quite a number of other shocks

MURCHISON CLAN MEETS

Fifth Annual Meet at Mount Vernon Springs Tomorrow

The fifth annual reunion of the Murchisons will begin tomorrow at the Mount Vernon Springs Hotel and will last through Monday, July 6. Mr. Duncan M. Murchison, of Rock Hill, S. C., secretary has sent the Record an interesting program for the occasion.

Robert Alexander Murchison, of Fayetteville, is president; Geo. C. Smith, of Douglas Ga., vice president, Mrs. John Colin Murchison, of Orlando, Fla., is historian; Prof. Claudius Murchison, of Chapel Hill, is reporter; Mrs. G. L. Merrill, of Gulf is assistant secretary.

Mr. D. M. Murchison says he has been away from Chatham 33 years, but has been greatly gratified in noting the various developments in the old county. He gives the editor an invitation to look in upon the clan in reunion and he will be delighted if he finds it convenient to do so. The Murchisons are real folks.

Mr. Murchison states that all are natives of Chatham and have many relatives and friends in the County whom they would be glad to have call on them during the four days at Mount Vernon Springs.

GULF NEWS NOTES

Mrs. H. A. Russell and little daughters, Inez and Anne, returned Sunday night from Asheville, where they have been for some time visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Duval and Mr. and Mrs. Lano, of Sanford, spent one day last week in Greensboro, N. C.

Mr. John Lilly, of Star, spent the week-end here with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Phillips spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister at Bear Creek.

Miss Margie Murchison and Mrs. John Fremant visited friends on Sunday.

Last Thursday night the slab pile at Mr. A. J. Little's saw mill caught on fire and would have destroyed the whole mill but for the quick work of Mr. M. J. Jordan, who lives near the mill. Mr. Jordan gave the alarm by blowing the whistle. Help was there in a few minutes and the fire was soon put out.

Rev. J. H. Broom, the pastor of the Baptist church, could not be with us so Mr. G. L. Merrill preached for us, using for his text, "The Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world."

Last Thursday night Miss Eleanor Palmer, who has been taking training at Central Carolina Hospital, Sanford, is now home for her vacation, gave her friends a delightful camp-fire supper and weiner roast, which was greatly enjoyed by those present.

Mrs. J. N. Little has returned home after visiting her son, A. G. Little.

Misses Margaret McIver and Mary Lacy Palmer, from Greensboro, spent the week-end here with their people.

KISSES ON PUBLIC ROAD ARE COSTLY

Greenville, S. C., June 20.—Kissing on public roads in Greenville county is a costly matter.

Thursday night a young couple are said to have been seen "necking" in the City View section. They were arrested and hauled before a local magistrate. The young people produced a marriage license and said they expected to be married shortly. However, that fact made no difference to his honor the magistrate. The boy then entered a plea of guilty for both himself and the girl. He was also charged with reckless driving.

"Fifteen dollars for reckless driving and \$20 for reckless kissing," the magistrate said.

"Thirty-five dollars for a kiss," someone said.

"No \$35 for a lot of kisses."

"Worth it?"

"I'll say they were worth it," replied the young swain as the couple departed.

New Police Force.

John Burns, who has proved to be as good, if not better than any policeman Pittsboro has ever had, has resigned. Lacy Johnson has been appointed to serve as "chief" from now on. Pittsboro loses a good "cop" but the force is about as handsome as ever.

EARTHQUAKE WRECKS SANTA BARBARA, CAL.

Great Buildings Rock Like Boots and crumble. Millions of Damage. Few Lives Lost

Santa Barbara, Calif., June 29 — (AP)—A series of earthquakes, described by survivors as rocking and swaying the business center of Santa Barbara as if it were on a turbulent ocean, early today left the principal structures of the channel city a mass of debris and ruins. The loss of life was not large, due to the tremor occurring at 6:44 o'clock in the morning and also that the mass of ruins fell in the second earthquake, some 15 minutes after the first tremor.

Estimates of the loss vary from \$3,000,000, a "conservative figure" by the city manager to \$30,000,000, a figure quoted by the city engineer.

Indications are that 12 lives were lost, although this rests upon the recovery of several bodies asserted to be in the ruins.

Mrs. Perkins A Victim

Mrs. Charles E. Perkins, widow of the railroad wizard, former president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, was declared to be buried in the ruins of a section of the Arlington Hotel. Manager A. L. Richmond said that he did not have the slightest hope that she escaped and debris was being removed to uncover the body. Manager Richmond also believed that Bertram B. Hancock, of Los Angeles, was killed, his room Visit the National Capital and its demolished.

State street, the main thoroughfare, is a mostly avenue of ruin, portions of its most stately buildings being tumbled down, and cornices, walls, and fronts of practically all principal structures shattered down.

The earthquakes continued through out the day. They menaced the water supply by crashing out the dam of Sheffield reservoir, but a by pass has been established to a main reservoir back in the hills and water provided for the city.

Hotel Demolished

The terror-stricken 30,000 inhabitants in most cases settled down to an emergency existence by noon, many of them living on the lawns.

"I have been through 50 earthquakes but never one like this before," said Manager Richmond of the Arlington Hotel. "It just took the hotel that we considered strong as a fortress and shook it back and forth as if it were a rag."

"It was precisely as if one were at sea in a storm. One would not believe it were possible for a building to move with such force in so many directions and apparently so imply as did the Arlington. The hotel is a total loss."

Other stories of the motion of the earthquake were similar.

"The twisting of the earth was like a violent storm at sea," said Harry Afford, janitor of the Daily News. He was one of the comparatively few men in the downtown district when the earth began its shivering.

Like Ship In a Storm

"The first shock shook the Daily News building like a little ship in a big storm. It knocked several of us down. There was nothing to do, it was just a question of getting up and holding on. Then came the second shock. This was the one that did the damage. It just rocked back and forth, until the crunching and crashing sounds showed that the buildings were being torn down."

Londons Gather at the Old Home

Mrs. Henry A. London has been enjoying a reunion of her family. Those who have been here are Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Fell and children, Miss Bettie Fell, Armand London, and Sallie London Fell, of Trenton, New Jersey; Mrs. John H. Anderson, daughter, Mrs. Thomas Wooten, little Bettie London Wooten, of Fayetteville, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac London, and children, William Everett, Lucia Payne, and Bettie Louise, of Rockingham; Mr. H. M. London and son, George Elliot London, of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Cordon and son, Jim Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jerome, and Fred Jr., all of Raleigh. And other members of the family are expected this week.

The water in Frenchman's Bay, on Desert Island, off the coast of Maine at midday of the day when one of the marine annelid worm breeds, becomes blood red due to the untold numbers of red eggs cast into the bottom waters by the worm.

STATE NEWS

Governor McLean has been so busy that he has not considered the matter of a vacation.

The Ham meeting continues at Smithfield the rest of this week. Great crowds are attending, it is reported.

Over near Newton a still has been found operated by gasoline, which eliminates the smoke signal. However, it was found and captured.

Mr. B. N. Duke has given \$15,000 to establish a ward for crippled negro children at the State Orthopedic Hospital at Gastonia.

Commissioner of Labor Grist, makes an official statement of the cause of the explosion at Coal Glenn. A defective powder blast was the prime cause.

Governor McLean has decided upon a successor to Sam L. Rogers, recently deceased, as a member of the wage commission, now in session, but is not ready to name his man.

Death row in the penitentiary had

been thinned out by recent electrocutions, but two or three convictions of negroes for murder and subsequent sentence to the chair last week are filling up the row again.

Tax Commissioner R. A. Doughton, reports a shortage of \$730,000 in income tax as compared with receipts to the same date last year. The decrease is accounted for largely by lack of textile prosperity.

North Carolina has paid during the year ending July 1, \$160,000,000 into the U. S. Treasury, \$140,000,000 coming from the tax on the tobacco business. There has been an increase of 17 per cent in the number of personal returns made.

Henry Mason, a negro charged with gambling, deputized another negro Monday to take \$25 and answer to his name in a Greensboro court and pay the fine. The negro did so, but instead of drawing a fine he drew thirty days on the roads in Mason's name.

Fifty carloads of peaches were shipped from North Carolina last week. Of course, the largest shipping season is still weeks ahead.

The supreme court has decided that it is legal for counties to advance money to the state highway commission for road construction within their borders, and the door has been flung wide open for that kind of business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sikes, of Mebane, and a party started out early Sunday morning to go to Norfolk, but got only to the depot. Here they drew up for one train to pass and not knowing that two trains met there drove upon the track just in time to be struck by the second train. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sikes are dead. The car was driven by their son, Hubert.

STATE NEWS

After the conviction of Dr. Roberson, of Durham, last week for the illegal sale of narcotics, there occurred a mistrial in the case of Dr. E. H. Bojng. Judge Meekins announced that if the others indicted would submit that he would not place a prison sentence upon any of them. All submitted, including Dr. Bojng. The biggest fine of all was placed on Dr. Bojng, \$1,000, but this was afterward cut down to \$500. The others got off with \$250 each. Judge Meekins declared Durham the hub of the dope business in the state, or words to that effect. It seems that some of them had made practically their whole income from dispensing dope.

It has been stated that Governor McLean has offered the secretaryship of the North Carolina railroad to W. J. Brogden, of Durham, who managed Mr. McLean's campaign last spring, but Brogden is reported by the Durham Herald as having no hankering for a railroad job or any desire for "pie" at all. He was in conference with the governor Tuesday and it was suggested that he might be offered the presidency of the road if he declined to be secretary. There is a string of candidates for the job, which pays \$2,000 a year and is now held by Arch Johnson, editor of Charity and Children, who was very helpful in Morrison's campaign but who voted for Bailey last year.

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LOOK AT YOUR LABEL