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TWO AT STATE LIBRARY PASS

Batch of News From The Good town of Bennett.

Bennett, Aug. 3.—Rev. J. C. Kidd, E. A. Livingstone are away this week, holding meetings at their churches and reporting much interest manifested on Sunday, the beginning of the season. J. H. Powers, known as Jack Powers, who has been sick a good while with cancer on side of his face had been blind for seven months, but was cured last Tuesday, 28th, and was buried at his church cemetery at Beulah Baptist church on Wednesday. Mr. Powers was seventy eight years old at his death and had always lived there he died, had lived a Christian life, united with Fall creek Baptist church about forty years ago, and was one of the charter members who helped to institute Beulah Baptist church. He reared twelve children, six boys and six girls, all who are now married, raising a family of their own and own their own homes, and live within five miles of their father's home. He leaves a wife, who was Miss Cynthia Ritter, daughter of Capt. John Ritter, who was home-guard during the Civil War. His sons who are living are J. T., J. B., C. H., E. S., and Bennie H., his youngest son, who lived with him. His daughters are Mrs. J. E. Jones, Mrs. J. F. Cheek, Mrs. John Jones, Mrs. E. G. Cheek, Mrs. R. B. Kidd, and Mrs. W. A. Moffitt.

He had thirty-nine grand children and eight great grand children. He has one brother, Mr. Ames Powers, who lives near him, and is eighty years old. A large crowd attended the funeral service, which was conducted by his pastor, Rev. A. G. Lasater, assisted by Rev. J. C. Kidd, Rev. E. A. Livingstone, Rev. G. R. Underwood, and Rev. Mr. Pickett.

Mr. Garrett Smith, who lives near Fall Creek Baptist church and whose father died a few years ago, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ritter, last Thursday. He had lain down for rest in the afternoon and passed away at about seventy-nine years old. He had been a faithful member of his church. His pastor, Rev. J. C. Kidd, stated that he was among the faithful members, and was always in his post. He is a brother to Mr. Lam Smith and Mr. Corner Smith, the treasurer of the Sandy Creek Baptist Association.

He was buried Friday at Fall Creek Baptist cemetery, the services being conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. C. Kidd. He belonged to the High Falls Junior Order and they rendered a ceremony.

Quite an enjoyable time occurred at Mr. John Bray's Saturday evening party. His relatives and friends surprised him by meeting there and preparing a big supper in the yard. They were up at Bennett at the time and reaching home and finding the yard full of people and the supper prepared. It made him feel good thus to meet his relatives and friends. It was an enjoyable time with all.

Bennett base ball team won two games last week, defeating Columbus three to one, and High Falls six to four. They have challenged some better and stronger teams than they have played heretofore, but some can't get a game. Probably they are afraid they will get beaten. The team will play Ramsour here Saturday afternoon.

The crops through out this section are suffering for rain, while in sections corn has a good chance so far. Holding its own very well. Cotton looking very good. A good many of the farmers are busy hauling ties and lumber to the markets here. There is also a good deal of cedar being put on the market.

Meeting of W. M. U.

The W. M. U. of Sandy Creek Association will hold its annual meeting at Bear Creek Baptist church Thursday September, 17th. All church members of the Association are urged to attend and representatives whether they are an organized society or not.

W. O. Davis, of Upper Halifax, inspected 21 farms and found the boll weevil doing damage in a majority of the fields visited. Mr. Davis states that the farmers of Halifax are now preparing to make infestation counts as to tell when dusting is needed.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Mr. H. A. Fields Victim of Tree Which He Was Cutting — Lived Two Hours.

Mr. H. A. Fields, one of the good citizens of White's Bridge community died last Thursday as a result of being struck by an old pear tree which he had sawed down. He lived only two hours after being struck, but was conscious to the very last.

It was a most ancient pear tree and was dying. Mr. W. W. Fields, son of the deceased says that Mr. Porter Stedman when 92 years old said that the tree was as large then as it was when he was a boy. The ancient landmark was only cumbering the ground, and Mr. Fields and his little grandson Henry Phillips went out to cut it down.

When the tree was about to fall, Mr. Fields directed the boy to run and he himself stepped away, but, unfortunately, made a mistake in the direction, and when he discovered it, it was falling toward him and he didn't have time to get out of the way. A limb hit him upon the right shoulder, bursting his collar bone and otherwise crushing him. Mr. W. W. Fields was called and he and Henry carried the stricken man to the house, where he soon passed away.

Mr. Fields was 73 years of age. He married Miss Clara White, a sister of Rev. J. M. White, father of Dr. John E. White. Mrs. White and one son survive. He had been a member of Mays Chapel Baptist church many years. The funeral was preached by Rev. R. R. Gordon at Mays Chapel and the body was laid away in the church cemetery, in the presence of a large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives.

BRICHAVERN Vs FORT BRAGG

Chatham Team to Cross Bats Saturday With Army Team at Sanford

The Brick Haven Baseball team, which has made quite a record this summer in its games with local nines, has cut out for itself a more ambitious program. It has arranged to tackle the Fort Bragg team at Sanford Saturday.

The game will begin at 3:30, and will be played on the Sanford diamond. The Chatham team is composed of Tyler Dewar, pitcher, Brooks Snipes, catcher, Thomas Hamlet 1st base, Leo Buckner, second base, Zeb Harrington, 3rd base, Frank Gattis, short stop, Hugh Buckner, left field, Sam Utley, center field, Salter Utley, right field.

This game should enlist more than the local interest about Brickhaven and Corinth. The fans throughout the county should take a pride in being here and cheering the county team.

CRACK SECOND NINE WINS OVER NEW HOPE

Moncure's Winning Team of Youngsters score another victory.

Moncure August 3.—Moncure's 2nd nine, composed of boys under fourteen, won over New Hope Saturday afternoon by a score of 14 to 11. The winning pitcher was Julian Ray. The first five were pitched by John Womble, at the end of which the game stood tied 11 to 11. But after Ray was put in he held the New Hoppers rather now the hopeless, hitless to the finish.

Frank Morrison caught a faultless game. Frank Morrison hitting a two bagger with two men on the bases, changed what appeared to be defeat in victory. Capt. Pete Sasser looking for some other team.

Visiting Home Folk.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Rudd, of Columbia, S. C., have been visiting Mrs. Rudd's relatives in the Ferrington community. Mrs. Rudd was a Williams. They left this county ten or twelve years ago and seem to be prospering in the state of their adoption. While here they took the opportunity to run up to Richmond to visit a sister.

SIMON'S BUNCH ROUNDED UP.

Sheriff and Posse Capture Five Negroes, Long Time Booze Makers—Out on \$2200 Bond.

The Sheriff has had his eye for some time upon Simon Alston and his boys, who have apparently been doing a land-slide business in booze. Yet till last Saturday the officers had not been able to get them with the goods or to get definite evidence.

Last Saturday, Sheriff Blair, played a strategy upon them. He had gathered a group of fourteen officers, among whom were five good runners. He divided his forces into three groups leaving Pittsboro a few minutes apart. The one went the direct road to Simon, while the group starting earlier made their way around and came up from the other side, thus cutting off both approaches to the house. So well-timed were the goings of the two groups that they arrived at Simon's the same minute with no warning to the booze-makers and dispensers.

There was a scurrying to and fro. One son seized a fruit jar of booze and started for the barn. He had his eye upon Deputy Desern and had not yet seen the sheriff and his coterie. The Sheriff was watching him, however, but was some little time in getting the attention of Deputy Harrington who was looking at another fellow being endangered by Mr. Desern's party. The black saw the sheriff about the time Harrington saw the negro. The latter started across the field jumping a wire fence. Harrington heeled it after him and overhauled him.

The father and three sons and one of the negroes working with the Hagedorn Company on the road paving job were captured. The last named had a gallon which he had presumably brought, but he flung the jug down and broke it. Plenty of evidence of dealing in the stuff was found, booze in the house and out of the house, empty kegs with the smell of booze, etc.

The five were brought to Pittsboro but were released upon a combined bond of \$2200.00. A preliminary trial will be held August 15, before Squire Blair.

GULF NEWS

Miss Mary Lacy Palmer is giving a house party at Lakeview.

Mrs. Talmage Johnson and Miss Katherine Humprey, of Charlotte, are staying this week with Mrs. Walter Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Cole, and Mrs. Martha Ann Cole of near Sanford visited Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gaines, Sunday.

Miss Virginia Murchison who is attending summer school at Wake Forest spent the week-end at home.

Mrs. F. O. Smith and children and Mr. Altan Jordan, of Durham and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Murchison and children, of Vass, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jordan.

The revival that was held here last week at the Baptist church, in which Mr. J. A. Honeycutt did the preaching, accomplished much good in the few days he was here. He was compelled to return home on account of sickness in his family. Nine were baptized and one joined by letter.

Mrs. Jack Vann Laudingham and son Joseph, Jr., of Raleigh, and Miss Margie Murchison, of Sanford, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Murchison.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Little attended the Brooks-Little reunion at Marshville last Thursday.

Miss Fannie Beal, who has been spending her vacation with her sister Mrs. W. H. Hill, returned to her home in Durham, last Sunday.

Mr. Archibald Palmer, of Sanford, is here, spending his vacation with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Palm.

Soil fertility is still the biggest problem to be solved by Tarheel farmers, says one investigator who claims that if our acre yields were as good as the average of the county, we would have added \$50,000,000 to our income in 1924.

CHATHAM COUNTY ASLEEP

That is Conviction of the Record's Fair Correspondent After Attending Farmer's Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Pickett, of Durham, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Griffin last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Bynum and children and Miss Lizzie Clegg attended the Farmers' Convention at State College last Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Ivey P. Harmon and little daughter Hilda, and baby, John Harold, of Hartsville, S. C., spent from Wednesday until Saturday with Mr. J. E. Harmon.

Mr. Floyd S. Harmon returned with Mr. Harmon to South Carolina and spent a few days.

Our revival began last Sunday. A large crowd was present and heard Rev. C. M. Lance preach a strong and forceful sermon. Rev. Mr. Goodchild led the singing. He is a fine singer. The offertory song, "The Savior With Me," was very impressive.

Messrs. Grady S. Patterson, Beverly Lake, Misses Elizabeth and Virginia Lake, of Wake Forest, Mr. George D. Harmon, and Mrs. Caldwell, of Mt. Smith, Arkansas, motored to Pinehurst and Aberdeen last Thursday. They reported a pleasant trip.

Mr. George D. Harmon left last Friday for a two weeks' stay in Washington City where he will spend most of his time working on his thesis in the Library of Congress.

The twenty-third annual session of the North Carolina Farmers' and Farm Women's Convention held at State College of Agriculture and Engineering, Raleigh, July 28, 29 and 30, 1925, was one of the most successful conventions that has been held. It was a real vacation for the farmers as well as an instructive one. There were about 1400 farmers present and 520 were farm women. These people represented different counties in the state. Some of the most distant counties had the largest number of representatives. Forsyth county led in number, with one hundred and forty present. Hyde county next, eighty. There was a silver cup presented to Forsyth county for the largest number.

The writer regretted that Chatham county was not represented with a larger number of men and women. Probably there were a dozen from Chatham.

Some one asked the writer "If she learned anything new while at Raleigh?" The reply was, "Yes, that Chatham county is asleep and not doing anything comparable to other counties with reference to the more progressive and scientific methods of farming. The counties, that were really doing things had county agents and home demonstration agents and were organized in farm and home clubs and were doing first class work."

Chatham county was not mentioned in the convention at all. Chatham county has some of the finest people within the state, but they should realize the needs of cooperative farming and less individualism; therefore Dr. Brooks and the other people of state college. Dr. Brooks is certainly a fine man and is one of the best orators in the state. State College is fortunate in securing him as president.

Governor McLean lectured at the Convention and a number of other prominent men, and also women, made fine lectures.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clark and daughter, of Apex, spent last Sunday with his sister, Mrs. W. B. Harper.

Opposed to Investigation.

Shanghai, Aug. 2.—(AP)—A dispatch received here from Peking says the foreign office has cabled Chinese ministers abroad instructing them to inform the governments to which they are accredited that the Chinese government is opposed to another investigation into the recent Shanghai disorders.

MONCURE NEWS

Miss Wilkie Bride of Mr. John Bell, Jr., Beautiful Home Wedding at Moncure—Other Moncure Items.

Mrs. J. R. Jenks and little children and Miss Eva Phillips, who have been at Rutherfordton, N. C., for the past ten days, enjoying the mountain scenery and air returned home last Saturday for a few days. Miss Phillips will go to Montreat to enter school for fall term.

Miss Catherine Thomas, who has been at Apex, for the past ten days visiting relatives returned home last Saturday.

Last Saturday morning at the home of Miss Florence Wilkie, at 11 o'clock Miss Hilda Wilkie, the oldest daughter of Mrs. Johnnie Bell Jr., was married to Mr. Johnnie Bell Jr., the son of Mr. John Bell.

It was a very quiet and beautiful home wedding. Rev. R. R. Gordon, of Pittsboro, N. C., officiating. It was an impressive ceremony. The parlor was beautifully decorated with ferns and potted plants intermingled with bowls of rosebuds. Mrs. J. W. Utley, sister of the groom, played the piano while Miss Willie Brown, a cousin of the bride, beautifully sang, "The Sweetest Story Ever Told." Then the strains of the Lohengrin Wedding Wedding March burst forth, while the bride and groom entered. Little Miss Lois Wilkie, sister of the bride, dressed in pink voile and lace, carried the ring on a silver tray, showered with lilies of the valley. The bride was lovely in an ensemble suit of green charmane and crepe black satin with tan accessories carrying a shower bouquet of bridal roses and lilies of the valley.

Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left for Richmond and other points. After the 10th of August they will make their home in Moncure.

Mrs. Bell is the popular, attractive and refined daughter of Mrs. Florence Wilkie, who taught school one year after completing the High School course at Moncure High School 1922-1923. Mrs. Bell is very talented in music, both piano and voice and has secured the position as instructor of the music department of Moncure High School next year.

Mr. Bell, a former State College Student and who made a successful year on Moncure Route one, is the son of Mr. John Bell, Sr., and is now a promising salesman of the Quaker Oats Company.

There were no services at the Baptist Church last Sunday, as the pastor, Rev. Jesse Blalock, of Aberdeen, was taking his vacation.

The Epworth League met at the Methodist church last Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Miss Catherine Thomas the president, in the chair after the Bible reading by the president and prayer by Mrs. W. W. Stedman, roll was called by the secretary, Miss Pauline Ray, and then the minutes of the last meeting read. The subject for the evening was "The Friendliness of God as Seen in Nature." The following took part in the program:

Song: Onward Christian Soldiers—By All.

Nature Reveals God's Glory—Lo Miss Lucile Wicker.

God's Providence Seen in Nature—Camilla Stedman.

Nature Reveals God's Glory—Lo Lift Up Your Eyes to the Hills—Is Ray.

Roberta Lambeth.

Learning from Nature—Margaret Strickland.

Song: Win Them One by One—By the Leaguers.

Reading: If God Cares for the lark, nay the very grass—will be not much ser things—the birds, the flowers, more care for you, his children?"

Mrs. W. W. Stedman.

Song: "I am so Glad That Jesus Loves Me."—By all Present.

Prayer—Mrs. Daisy Lambeth.

Closing Prayer—Miss Arvey Womble.

Everybody invited to attend the Epworth League meeting, next Sunday.

CHARGED WITH RAPE

Fon Burke Taken to Penitentiary for Safe-Keeping—Charged with Criminal Assault Upon Young White Girl.

Fon Burke, a young man of good parentage but not unknown to the court records, was taken to the penitentiary Monday afternoon to pre-He was charged with rape upon a sixteen-year old white girl, living within a few miles of Pittsboro.

While there were no indications of the formation of a mob, yet it is said that the people in the girl's community were rather wrought up, and it is a fact that the father declared that he would shoot Burke if he saw him, and expressed regret when he learned that he had been spirited away to the penitentiary.

The story of the alleged crime as it comes to the Record is something like this:

Young Burke had been going with the girl and the father had threatened to whip her if she did so again. But last Friday afternoon, rather late the girl was at her grandmother's a few hundred yards from her own home, and Burke came up. They went to ride.

When the girl came home she was crying and cried practically all night, refusing to tell what had happened. But at last she was persuaded to tell the story. According to the story as reported to the Record, Burke began to hug and kiss her after they started to ride. She urged him to quit and take her back home. Instead of quitting or returning home, she says he whirled into a woods road, stopped, dragged her from the car and accomplished his purpose. The statement is made that her underclothes were "as bloody as a stuck hog."

Officer Desern was early informed of the matter and was on the watch-out for Burke. On Monday a warrant was sworn out.

Officer Desern found his man in Cape Fear township Monday and arrested him and brought him to Pittsboro. Burke declared his innocence, but wanted time to get his witnesses. No trial of any kind was held, but the young man was hurried off to the penitentiary.

It is not known when a preliminary hearing will be held, but probably not till time has served to cool down the temper of the wronged family and others.

day evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moore and little daughter, Melba, spent last week-end at Goldsboro, N. C. with relatives.

Miss Mae Watson, of Osgood N. C. spent last week-end with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Crutchfield, here, Mrs. R. P. Johnson and little nephew, Harry Bell and Miss Minnie Bell of Pittsboro attended the Wilkie-Bell wedding, last Saturday, also Mr. Worth Wilkie, of Raleigh.

Rev. C. M. Lance will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday morning and evening.

Miss Willie Bostian, who spent last week with Miss Catherine Hackney has gone to her home at Peak S. C.

Capt. J. H. Wissler is now at Cedar Springs, Va., visiting relatives there.

Mr. I. D. Wilkie, wife and child are spending their vacation in Virginia with relatives.

Mrs. Hillary Marks and children, of Carrboro are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Womble.

Miss Catherine Thomas is spending Tuesday (today) in Raleigh shopping.

We are glad that Mr. C. C. Thomas, the efficient depot agent, who has been very sick is able to be up and out again.

The Methodist Sunday School is planning to go on a picnic at Lake Good Park, Durham next Wednesday week. Everybody invited to go and take a basket.