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## Californians Here

Two Former Chatham Youths Drive from Los Angeles—Correspondent Discusses Columbus Day and Cole Case

Brick Haven, Oct. 12.—Today, in many of the schools throughout our country, will be observed as Columbus Day. It is well too that in the rush and confusion of today's chaos we take time to honor the traits of the man to whom is due the honor of the discovery of the Americas. Of course, there is historic proof that Columbus was not the first man to discover the new land, but those early discoveries left the country unknown and the result of Columbus' voyages was the opening of two great continents for civilization. When we observe Columbus Day, we honor courage, faith, determination, persistence—traits that make men and women so needed by the world today. All honor to the schools that make a break in the regular routine to observe Columbus Day.

The diphtheria cases mentioned last week are better and no other case has developed. The community is grateful that an epidemic has been prevented, and we hope there will be no recurrence of this dreaded disease.

Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Dowell and Miss Della Dowell of Forestville spent Thursday and Friday here with Mrs. O. C. Kennedy. Mrs. Dowell will be here until the latter part of the week.

Misses Mabel Andrews and Mary Roberts Seawell of Meredith College were week-end guests here of the Misses Seawell.

Messrs. James and Albert Thomas of Los Angeles, California, spent a while here last week. They made the trip by motor, taking the southern route by Miami, Florida. It is quite interesting to hear them tell of the experiences encountered along the route. These boys were born and reared here, and it is always a pleasure to see them and to know that they are happy and successful.

Mrs. N. T. Overby and little Jewell Lane Overby has been spending a while with relatives at McCullers.

The Cole trial has been the chief topic of conversation here for the past two weeks and now that the jury's decision has been rendered, discussion has not yet abated. Few, if any, wished capital punishment, but none has been heard to stand for entire acquittal. It does seem that justice has been weighed in the balance and found wanting. The blame is upon the jury for the miscarriage of justice, but even though that be the case, a black spot has been placed upon the judicial records of North Carolina that is not going to be easily erased in the minds of a majority of those who have followed the case closely.

Mr. and Mrs. Phyl Harrington and little Mrs. Mildred Harrington spent the week-end with Mrs. Harrington's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan of Bonsal.

## Planning Bridge at Avent's Ferry

Would Serve Sections of Two Counties, Also Shorten Raleigh-Sanford Distance

(By F. M. Nash)

The principal item of news this week is in regard to the proposed bridge over the Cape Fear river at or near Avent's Ferry. This move took definite shape and made a real start on last Monday in Pittsboro. The Commissioners of both counties held a joint meeting in Pittsboro, at which they approved unanimously a proposal that each county should go "fifty-fifty" in the cost of building the bridge.

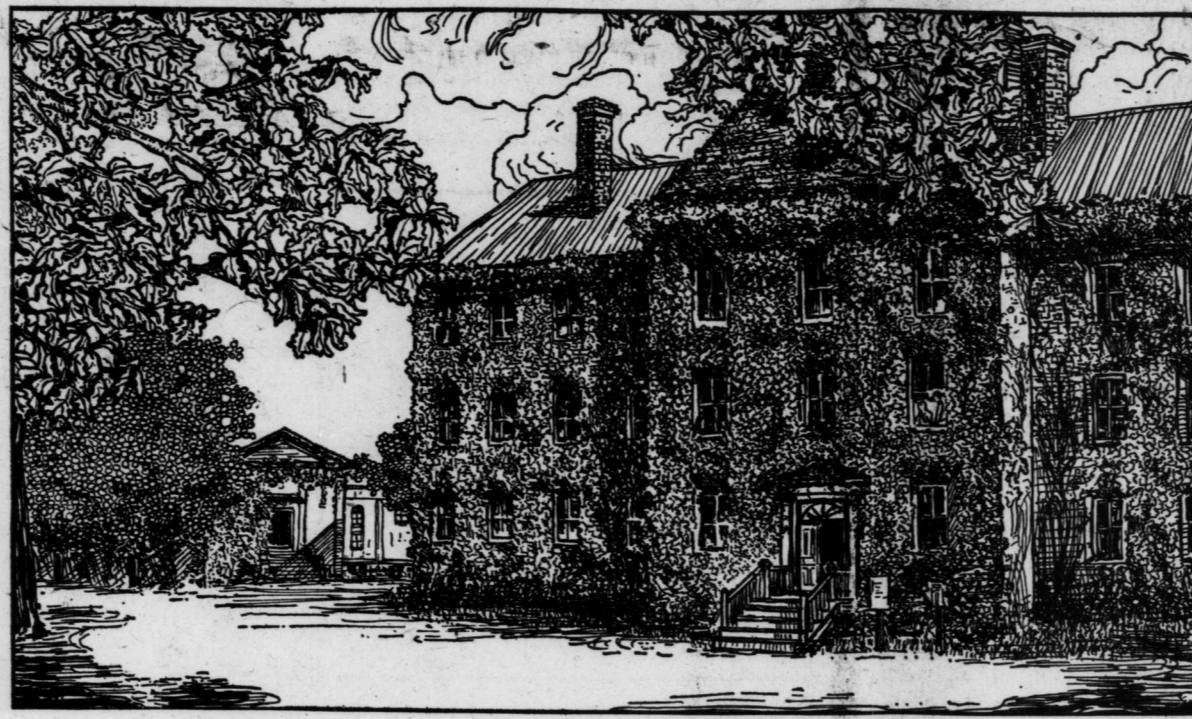
Furthermore, they passed a resolution asking Mr. Hill, the highway commissioner, for this district, for an engineer to make preliminary plans and survey this bridge. It seemed to be the general opinion of all present that if the engineering department of the state highway commission will assume the task of engineering and supervision of construction and will secure bids for the work, that the two counties will in turn place the bridge funds along with necessary guarantees in the hands of the state commission for carrying on the work. This bridge will furnish a long needed outlet for large sections of both Lee and Chatham. Furthermore, it will be on a direct line between Sanford and Raleigh, and will be seven miles shorter than any other present or proposed route. Let's go after it!

## IT IS JUDGE SILER

Walter D. Siler, Appointed Emergency Judge, Holding Two-Weeks Term at Rutherfordton

Walter D. Siler had been appointed an emergency judge by Governor McLean and assigned to hold the two-weeks term of court at Rutherfordton and was over there on the bench before it became generally known that our townsman had been so honored. It will be Judge Siler when the Honorable Walter D. returns to his home town.

## Old South Building at Chapel Hill, Which May Be Razed or Remodeled



### Building Committee Will Definitely Decide Its Fate

(From the Chapel Hill Weekly)

The committee on buildings of the University's board of trustees is expected to decide, at its next meeting, what shall be done about the South building—the next oldest structure on the campus.

There are two alternatives: tear it down and put up a new building in its place; or, save the exterior and reconstruct the interior.

As is usual when such a problem must be solved, money is a big factor. It is reported that the interior reconstruction plan, which involves strengthening the foundations, calls for a greater expenditure than would the erection of a new building. At the last meeting of the building committee, one or two of the members said they were opposed to trying to save the South for the sake of sentiment; that, if the partial reconstruction cost more, they favored tearing it down.

President Chase is known to be strongly of the opinion that the exterior of the South should be preserved. W. C. Coker thinks likewise. Without doubt opinion in Chapel Hill is heavily against demolition, and people here believe that a vast majority of the alumni, if they had an opportunity to express themselves, would oppose it.

Although the chances seem to be that some way will be found to save the shell of the South,

### The Chatham Fair

Now In Progress—Five Exhibits but Attendance Cut By Long Deferred Rain.

The long deferred rain has come, but just in time to spoil the prospects of a large attendance at the Chatham Fair, now in progress at Siler City.

The fair got a good start Tuesday. The exhibits are exceedingly creditable. The agricultural department, however, is not what it would have been if the seasons had been more propitious.

The officers have worked hard; a new building has been erected; community exhibits have been introduced as a new feature. The fair deserved a better fortune in weather, but maybe the last day or two will be more favorable.

The fire works Tuesday night were good. The midway is reported good and clean.

Go today or tomorrow if you can.

Mr. H. N. Butler, superintendent of the Carolina Coal Mine, in Pittsboro Tuesday, stated that the mine is producing about 100 tons a day. Mr. Butler himself has been at the mine comparatively little since the explosion in the summer. It has been his task to undertake to bring about settlements with the families of the victims of the disaster, and he has succeeded in making satisfactory settlements. He says that the danger of bankruptcy has passed. By the way, Mr. Butler did what few men in the state has ever done, if any at all, placed the publication of administration notices by wholesale. We are printing a dozen of them this week. We gave the harassed mine and mine folk wholesale rate on the batch.

the fact that its destruction has been suggested seems to justify the assumption that the old building is actually in danger.

Those who don't want it torn down say that, if the first reconstruction plan is too expensive, it should be abandoned and a less costly plan should be devised. The case of the Old East, while it may not be parallel in all details, is generally parallel. The engineers found a way to save the Old East by building a concrete structure on the inside of it.

The cornerstone of the South was laid April 14, 1798, more than 127 years ago. It reached a height of a story and a half, and then the work had to be stopped for lack of funds.

In those days lotteries were regarded as a perfectly respectable way of raising money. As Kemp P. Battle phrases it in his history, "the public conscience of the day saw no harm in calling the aid of the goddess Fortuna for promoting religion, education, or any other desirable end." The trustees held a lottery. The prizes amounted to \$5,500, and the net profit to \$2,215. A second lottery raised the profit to \$5,080.

Still there was far from enough money to complete the building. In 1803 Colonel Polk, president of the board of trustees, issued a public appeal. This brought only \$1,664. In 1809 and again in 1811 President Caldwell traveled through the state soliciting contributions. He got \$8,220. In 1814 the South was completed.

Dr. Battle, in one of his pas-

sages about the hostility to the University in the early part of the century, says:

"It seems strange that it should have been seriously attempted to bring odium on the authorities of the University because of the beginning of the South building. A person writing to the newspapers, signing himself 'Citizen,' denounces it as 'a palace-like erection, which is much too large for usefulness and might be aptly termed 'The Temple of Folly,' planned by the Demi-God Davie.' (It was not planned by Davie but by Governor Spaight.)"

"Caldwell answers this sarcasm by showing that it was absolutely essential to the progress of the University. He closes his discussion of the charge of 'Citizen' thus: 'As soon as the light of truth is thrown upon "Citizen," the visage from which issued such noisy and imposing declamation appears nothing more than one wretched blank of inanity and dullness. Malignity and lust of sway are his guiding principles and his composition unites with the boisterousness of a stentor the harshness of callous feelings."

For 1909 years the life of the University has centered about the South building. Through all the expansion it has remained, as it were, the hub of the wheel. When the layout of new buildings was adopted four or five years ago the consulting architects, McKim, Mead, and White, agreed with the University authorities that the South should be the dominating structure on the campus.

### "WHAT WILL BE?"

(By Henry F. Durham)

What will become of Chatham county if after a man is submitted by his attorneys as being guilty of aiding and abetting in the sale and manufacture of strong drink, be turned loose and not have to pay the penalty along with the poor white man and the negro.

After we people who wish to see our county made so that we can feel it safe to raise the young and rising generation, and have elected the best sheriff ever, along with his deputies to help eradicate it of the law breakers, and have elected a well qualified solicitor and one that stands strongly against any violator of the law, yet our good lawyers and business men of Pittsboro and that have their names on the church records go strong handed against our solicitor before the Governor and ask that a moneyed man be turned loose, when the poor white man and the negro has had and will continue to have to go to the roads. I ask that you, as readers of this, open your Bibles and read carefully and prayerfully the first nine verses of the second chapter of James. Now I have known Mr. Ambrose Woody all my life and was raised up my first boyhood days with him and have nothing in this world against him, but I say where will we be if we allow a man who pleads guilty to go footloose, and furnish him who has no money or friends to defend him.

May God help him to so realize his mistake in back life that he will completely surrender his life to God for we cannot serve both God and Mammon. We should love our neighbor as ourself and lend a helping hand to him in trouble and I, for one, will do

## Moncure News Letter

S. S. Conference a Success—75 Men Arrive at Power Plant in an Emergency.

Mr. C. W. Womble, of Golston, spent last week-end with his mother, Mrs. Lois Womble, and Mrs. Mary Barringer.

Miss Mabel Self, of Pittsboro, spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Self.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell, Jr., spent last week-end with his uncle, Mr. R. F. Dixon and family at Snow Hill. While there they attended Kinston Fair Friday evening and then Saturday spent the day at New Bern. They reported a nice trip in the eastern part of the State.

Messrs. Jennings Womble and Evan Ray, who are college students at Elon, spent last week-end here with their parents.

The Sunday School Conference of Pittsboro District was in session at the Methodist Church here last Saturday, Oct. 10th, 1925. The meeting opened promptly at 10:30 o'clock with Rev. C. M. Lance in the chair. Mr. J. J. Womble was elected Secretary. The following program was carried out and thoroughly enjoyed by the good congregation:

Song—Moncure Choir.  
Devotional Exercise—Rev. C. M. Lance.

Song—Moncure Choir.  
Address of Welcome—Mr. H. G. Self.

Response to Welcome Address, Supt. W. R. Thompson.

Song—Mt. Zion Choir.  
Address: "The Aim and Task of Sunday School"—Mr. L. L. Gobbel, Field Secretary.

Song—Moncure Choir.

Address: "How to Teach an Adult Class"—Supt. W. R. Thompson.

Song—By Moncure Girls.

Address: "How to Teach the Primary and Junior Classes"—Miss Georgia Keene.

Song—Mt. Zion Choir.

Dinner: a long table was full of things to eat and many nice compliments were made about it.

At two o'clock the evening service opened with song by Moncure Choir and devotional exercise by Rev. C. M. Lance.

Song—Mt. Zion Choir

Song—Moncure Choir.

Address: "Worship and Reference in the Sunday School"—Miss Georgia Keene.

Song—Mt. Zion Choir.

Song—Moncure Choir.

Round Table Discussion.

Song—Mt. Zion Choir.

Song—Moncure Choir.

Benediction—Rev. C. M. Lance.

Everyone had a word of praise for the speakers and singers and said it was an enjoyable and helpful day.

The Epworth League met last Sunday evening at 7 o'clock with the president, Miss Amey Womble, presiding. Miss Pauline Ray, the Secretary, then called the roll and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The subject for the evening was, "Strength from God," and Mrs. W. W. Stedman was leader for the evening. Scripture lesson II Cor. 6-10; Phil. 4:11-13 was read and then prayer by the leader.

Next was song: "Growing Up for Jesus," by little Misses Annie and Dorothy Lambeth, Inez Holt, Camelia Stedman, Lois Ray, Margaret Strickland, and Roberta Lambeth.

Then next the subject was taken up and discussed by the following:

I. What is strength and the different kinds of strength—Miss Virginia Cathell.

II. Getting Strength from God—Mr. Evan Ray.

III. Do We Know Our Weaknesses—Mrs. R. A. Moore.

IV. Do We Know the Sources of Strength?—Miss Amey Womble.

V. How do we get Strength from God?—Mrs. W. W. Stedman.

Song—By All.

Closing Prayer—Mrs. R. A. Moore.

Miss Virginia Cathell will be leader for next Sunday evening.

Rev. C. M. Lance preached at the Methodist Church last Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. His subject was, "The Superannuated Preacher."

There have arrived from Badin at the Carolina Power and Light Co. about 75 men. The crane has broken down, which necessitates the carrying of coal from the cars to the stokers in the boilers in wheelbarrows. Of course this is only temporary until the broken parts are replaced.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference of the Methodist church of the Pittsboro district will be held at Chatham church October 25 and 26. All members should get busy if they have not paid up and let us send our beloved pastor, Rev. C. M. Lance, to the North Carolina Conference at Fayetteville, November 11th with a clean sheet and paid up in full.

The 11th grade English class and their teacher, Miss Olivia Harmon, motored to Raleigh to look over the News and Observer's office last Friday evening. They had an enjoyable and instructive trip.

Uncle Joe Headen, an aged colored man of New Hope township, was paralyzed while walking along the road Saturday and lay there all Saturday night and the greater part of Sunday, we are informed by Mr. O. M. Poe. Yet he is said to be improving. The paralysis was only on one side.

## The Cole Case

A Resume of the Principal Points in the Great Trial that Ended with the Acquittal of the Slayer of Ormond

The Cole case ended with the acquittal of Cole. For two weeks the interest of the state had been centered in Rockingham where nearly a score of the best lawyers in the state battled for and against the slayer of young Ormond.

The defense was based on the plea of both insanity and self-defense. The insanity plea was based upon receiving a letter from young Ormond in which he stated that he and Cole's daughter, Elizabeth, had lived as "man and wife" for a year, and that she would not be happy marrying another under the circumstances. He intimated that if he would make her marry her he would not expose her. He asked his daughter whether this was true and she not only denied this was true but expressed a willingness to submit to a physical examination to prove her innocence, and during the trial physicians did examine her and declare her in their opinion as innocent as a babe.

Cole replied to this letter with one in which he called Ormond a cur and a liar and threatened him. Ormond responded with a threatening letter. Cole laid the matter before his attorney, Fred Bynum. Cole, Bynum, and another man went to Raleigh to see Ormond and settle the matter. Ormond was not there. When advised by a Raleigh attorney to indict Ormond for slander, Cole said he did not want to make the matter public.

Bynum journeyed on to Nashville where Ormond's father lived. There he found young Ormond, who with his father, agreed to drop the matter and to annoy the Coles no more. Bynum rode back to Raleigh with young Ormond, who on the way, while the agreement was in Bynum's pocket, according to Bynum, said if Cole ever crossed his path he should shoot him.

In the meantime, it seems, Miss Cole continued to write to her former lover. Ormond saved these letters and they were ready to be placed in evidence the state's lawyers stated, to indicate that Ormond had told the truth in the "man and wife" letter and was trying to do the manly thing.

Cole's wife testified that she had said she believed her husband was crazy. He would pray nearly all night. Others testified to having made similar remarks about Cole. Cole testified that he was afraid when he would hear a Ford horn toot lest it be Ormond ready to carry out his threat. He said he prayed for guidance and felt that he was doing no wrong when he shot Ormond. He blurted out that he didn't expect to be tried.

The state's evidence of the shooting was practically uncontroverted by any witness except Cole, who said that Ormond started for his Ford when he saw him and that he rushed to the car to get him before he could get the pistol which was in evidence Ormond carried regularly and which was actually found in the car after his death.

The state insisted that Miss Cole's character had nothing to do with the case, but the defense stubbornly insisted that she is innocent and that the slander and the repeated annoyance of Ormond's had unbalanced her father's mind. It was a battle royal. Two days were largely devoted to the speeches of the lawyers.

Saturday Judge Finley charged the jury and the twelve men picked from a venire of 200 brought from the neighboring county of Union, retired to consider the case. On the first ballot 8 voted for acquittal and four against them. Later Saturday evening three more came over to the eight. One man stood alone. When begged to vote with the eleven with tears in his eyes, he asked to be given the night to think and pray over it. Sunday morning he voted with the eleven and Cole was pronounced not guilty of any crime. The jury prayed before each ballot.

After the verdict was rendered Judge Finley ordered the sheriff to take Cole back to jail and produce him at Wilkesboro Tuesday to show cause why he should not be confined in the criminal insane hospital. So the scene was shifted to Wilkesboro and the hearing resulted in his being set free as sane now, whatever the state of his mind when the killing occurred.

## BARN BURNED

James Dunn Loses Burning Blockaders Suspected of Doing It

Mr. James Dunn, who lives near Rives' Chapel, had the misfortune to get his barn burned last Saturday morning. It was discovered on the point of falling in about day.

It seems Mr. Rives had a warning a few weeks ago to move from the community. A still had been discovered near his home by officers some time ago and it is supposed that the blockaders suspected Mr. Dunn of having reported its location to the sheriff. Since the warning, Mr. Dunn had tied his stock out from the barn and thus when the fire occurred saved them.