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Missionary Societies Hold District Meeting

Fair a Success—Colored Fair Next Week—Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Hart Dead—Chathamite Becomes P. E.

OTHER INTERESTING NEWS

Siler City, Oct. 20.—The Fayetteville district meeting of the Woman's Missionary society will convene here this week, the opening service being at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening at the Methodist church. Rev. O. I. Hinson, pastor of the local church, will conduct the devotional exercises which will be followed by the conference sermon by Rev. J. H. Shore, pastor of Hay Street church, Fayetteville. A special music feature of the evening will be a solo by Mrs. M. W. Coble of Burlington. Thursday's session will convene at 9:30 o'clock, the program being rendered in the following order: devotional exercises, organization, report of auxiliaries by the district secretary, Mrs. Emma L. Hunter of Fayetteville, an address by Mrs. Riggsbee, superintendent of young people, round table discussion, report of committees, address, "Forward Look" by Mrs. Emma L. Hunter, followed by closing prayer. Immediately following this service the entire conference will be the guests of the Woman's Missionary society of the Baptist church, whose hospitable invitation has been graciously accepted by the committee on entertainment. Approximately forty delegates and visitors including Miss Alice Green, a returned missionary from China, will be present from various churches of the district. The officers of the local organization are Mrs. Lydia Campbell, president; Mrs. W. S. Durham, secretary, Mrs. Herbert Tysor, treasurer.

The Chatham County Fair held here throughout last week terminated successfully despite the fact that the drought of the summer lessened the agricultural exhibits and heavy rains fell at intervals on Wednesday and Thursday of the fair.

The Chatham County Colored Fair embracing Chatham, Orange, Lee, Wake, Randolph, Durham and Moore counties, will open here next Tuesday, the prospect being that it will eclipse former fairs, which each year has enlarged its various departments.

A death of a prominent woman of this section occurred Tuesday, Oct. 13 when Mrs. Lee S. Edwards was stricken with apoplexy at her home 2 miles west of this place and died a few hours later. The funeral service was conducted Wednesday afternoon by Rev. Richard S. Fountain, at Love's Creek Baptist church and interment made there. Surviving are the husband, Lee S. Edwards and three brothers, Eddie Thomas of Mancure, Lonnie and John Thomas of this community.

Mrs. D. E. Shaw of Broadway is here today en route to Greensboro where she will attend the synod in session at the First Presbyterian church at Greensboro. Returning here Thursday she will be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Lambe during the remainder of the week.

Friends here of Mrs. R. W. York are grieved to learn of her illness at her home six miles west of this place. While about her household duties Sunday morning, Mrs. York suffered a stroke of apoplexy and her condition since that time has been serious. Today, however, her physician reports that she is somewhat improved.

Miss Sallie Vestal, a former resident of this place but who for several years has been in government employ as a registered nurse in the navy department, located at Washington, sailed this morning on board the Henderson from Norfolk for the Pacific coast where she will remain aboard a navy hospital ship during the coming winter months.

Of interest to his friends is the appointment by the recent western North Carolina Conference of Rev. E. W. Fox, as presiding elder of the Mt. Airy district. Mr. Fox, who is the son of Mrs. D. G. Fox of this place, has many relatives and friends here who will be pleased with his promotion.

Mrs. J. F. Fox and Mrs. C. E. Brady have gone to Greensboro today to see their relative, William Fox of this place, who was recently operated upon at a hospital in that city for appendicitis.

The local express office forced added to their safety and convenience a separate department in the depot, which is wired in and provided with a lock.

Work is rapidly progressing on the final water mains to be connected with the recently installed plant. A second and more powerful pump is being installed which will materially aid in the more rapidly filling of the big reservoir.

Mrs. John S. Hart, age 53 years, died at her home yesterday morning at 6 o'clock two miles east of Goldston, this county, and was buried today at 11 o'clock at Antioch Christian church, the service being conducted by Rev. Mr. Cardin of Durham.

MR. WOODY WRITES

Quit Dealing in Liquor—7 Years Ago—Never Made Money That Way

Would Give \$1,000 for People to Know Truth—Never Went to School Day in Life

Dear Mr. Editor: Please allow me just a few lines in your paper, as I see so many in it about me. I never have seen as much about a man who has murdered another, and I never saw people so down on one man.

If I ever have done any one any wrong or said a word against an one I am willing to get down on my knees and ask for pardon.

I frankly admit that I had a gallon on whiskey. I had had it about two weeks, but never had tasted a drop of it. I had two children sick and two doctors told me to get some whiskey and give them. As for the quart they found down below the house, I knew nothing about it.

As for selling whiskey, I used to sell some seven years ago, but quit it. But I was not the only one that sold it then. Several of the officers made and sold it too. I have never made a drop of whiskey in my life, and as for making money from selling liquor, I am \$5,000 worse off by drinking and messing with it. I know. Other folks guess and speak what they think and not what they know. I would give a thousand dollars today if the people of Chatham county just knew the truth about it.

I have worked hard all my life and helped my children and made a little start and saved it and put it to work. I have been farming 26 years, have never had to buy a bushel of corn, a sack of flour, a pound of meat nor a load of rough feed. I have made some good trades in my life. I made nearly \$6,000 on one deal, and never have made one without making good. But I know I have never made a clear dollar off of whiskey. But I never have heard as many lies told on any one in my life as have been told on me. Mr. N. J. Dark said I went to George Hudson's and offered him \$500 for 100 gallons of liquor, and I know I have never thought of such a thing in my life. I never bought over ten gallons of whiskey at one time in my life and God knows this is true. He also said I had been going to Cleveland Self's often the last two or three years, and said Mr. Wade Johnson said he had seen me going there too.

I don't know where Mr. Self lives, though I have been told he lives at the John Dorsett place, and the last time I was ever at that place was about 18 years ago. We thrashed wheat there. I have never been to Mr. Self's house in my life and have never seen him with a drop of whiskey in my life. If our good people worked as hard to get sinners converted as to get me on the roads, there would not be one sinner left to advocate the cause of wickedness. Also, some say so much about my being a church worker. I do go to church about every Sunday. I like to go to Sunday School, for it is the only school I ever went to a day in my life. I never went to every-day school a day. I was brought up very hard. Men don't give me any credit, but I hope God does. And I intend to live right if the world goes back on me. I forgive them for they know not what they say, and some day the truth will be known.

I could say a lot about folks who have talked about me, but if I cannot say something good I will keep my mouth shut. I have just written these few lines to let the people know the truth, and if I know my heart this is the truth. This is the first letter I ever wrote to a paper. Please excuse bad writing and mistakes, for I never wrote my name until after I was married. I am sorry everything happened as it did, but I had not the whiskey for sale and have told the people to stop fooling with it. If I have to go to the roads, I can go if it will do the people any good. I want to thank every one of my friends for every word or act they have done for me, and will try never to make them sorry for doing so, and I am ready to do anything for them I can.

Yours truly,
J. A. Woody.

(Very slight changes have been made in the language of the above letter by the editor. The spelling was a different matter. But it is a remarkable document for a man who could not write his name when married. Moreover, Mr. Woody has given a recipe for getting ahead financially that will work with any farmer or any one else.—Editor of the Record.)

It takes money to publish such a paper as this, and get it out early in the week. The trouble is all the work has to be crowded into two or three days. It cost \$50 more to get out last week's paper than that of the week before, but the Oct. 8 issue couldn't be mailed in time to reach all the readers that week. If the people want a paper printed like this one, let them subscribe right now.

A Day at Elon College

Mt. Elam, Sunday School Picnic at Elon and Visits Orphanage and College

New Hill, Oct. 19, 1925.—Last Saturday was the day set apart by New Elam Sunday school to go to Elon College on a picnic. Many of the members did not go but those who did enjoyed the day to the fullest extent. We went via Chapel Hill, Mebane, Graham, and Burlington. We reached Elon about 11 o'clock and after resting awhile ate dinner, which was welcome to us after the ride up there. After dinner Supt. Charles D. Johnson of the Christian Orphanage, took us to look over the stock at the orphanage. They milk 13 cows, getting 30 gallons of milk each day. Five mules and horses are used on the orphanage farm. This fall they have 17 hogs to butcher, they also have chickens and ducks.

At the home for the large boys and girls Mrs. Weatherspoon, a cultured lady, is the matron. She showed us over the home, which is certainly a nice home for the children. We were invited to the living room where the children entertained us with song selections. After this we went to the home for smaller children and found everything in perfect condition in this building. We visited the hospital but fortunately there was not a patient.

At this orphanage there are 115 or 120 children to be cared for by the Christian churches and of this number we found three children from Chatham county.

Leaving the orphanage we went to Elon College, where we were the guests a short while of Dr. W. A. Harper, president of Elon College. We enjoyed a short stay with Dr. Harper very much. We also met the treasurer of the Christian college, Mr. Foster, who went with us through each of the college buildings. We visited the Y. W. C. A., Y. M. C. A., the chapel, society hall, library, and at the college auditorium we heard some beautiful music on the new pipe organ which they recently purchased at the price of \$35,000. In fact we visited all the places of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Beckwith, and Robert Beckwith spent Friday in Raleigh shopping.

Mr. Ruby Seaford left for his home near Lexington Saturday after spending the summer months in Chatham.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Goodwin, Mrs. G. L. Mann, Misses Vada Goodwin and Rose Sturdivant were in Sanford last week shopping.

Mr. John Wilson died almost suddenly last Wednesday morning at his home on this route down near Bonaal. He had been in declining health for sometime, we are informed, but not seriously ill. He is the father of Mr. Robert Wilson. He was laid to rest in Ebenezer Methodist cemetery Thursday afternoon. School started at Gardner's school house last Monday with Mrs. J. R. Matthews teacher. There were about 25 scholars present.

Mr. G. L. Mann is sick with tonsillitis. We hope he will soon be well. We are sorry to learn Miss Inez Holt of Moncure in a Raleigh hospital with appendicitis, but we sincerely hope she will get along fine.

Thank you,
ALICE WEBSTER.

Moncure Notes

Haw River R. R. Bridge Complete—Several Personal Items Circus is Calling

Many from our town attended the State Fair at Raleigh and also the county fair at Siler City last week. Some are planning to attend the circus at Raleigh and also at Sanford next Wednesday, October 21st.

The steel bridge that has been under construction for the last three months across Haw River is now completed and some of the men have left for their homes or another location, while some will leave this week. Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Perfarer, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Craddock will leave this week, also Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Tomlinson and Mr. and Mrs. Satterfield. They are now loading the bridge building equipment and tools to be sent to Winstonsalem.

Miss Virginia Cathell spent last Sunday at Jonesboro with her uncle, Dr. and Mrs. Sowers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Barnes, the cashier of Moncure Bank spent Sunday with his mother at Jonesboro.

We are sorry to state that little Miss Inez Holt had an attack of appendicitis at school last Thursday morning. She was taken to Mary Elizabeth hospital at Raleigh, on Saturday and was operated on. Mrs. S. V. Holt, her mother, was with her during the operation but came home today, Monday, and stated that Inez was getting on as well as could be expected the first few days. We hope her a speedy recovery.

We are glad to state that Miss Francis Thompson, one of the high school students, is back at school after an operation for appendicitis.

Little Miss Doris Jenks spent several days with her aunt at Apex, last week.

Mr. J. E. Harmon Dies

Prominent Citizen of Mt. Zion Community Died Oct. 15

Mr. J. E. Harmon who has been ill for sometime passed from this earth to heaven last Thursday afternoon, and was buried in the cemetery at Mount Zion church Friday afternoon at three o'clock.

Mr. Harmon was the son of the late Jimmie Harmon. All the members of the family have passed away but it was a family to be proud of.

The funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. C. M. Lance in the presence of a large concourse of friends and relatives.

Mr. Harmon loved his church, and his God. He liked to go to Sunday school and attended regularly when he was able.

We will miss him, yes, indeed. If it was not God's works how could we bear to part with those whom we love so dearly. God only knows and always does things right and best and may we be resigned to his will.

We left his body lying in the cemetery under a beautiful mound of flowers which were many and beautiful.

Rev. R. F. Bumpus, of Greensboro and Miss Nena Troy spent from Friday to Monday with the Misses Clegg, Miss Troy is a missionary to China and has been home on a furlough since June.

Mr. J. Lee Harmon, our Sunday school superintendent, took a superintendent's course and received credit at the Sunday School Teachers' Training school at Sanford last week.

Mrs. Lee Harmon attended two evenings but on account of teaching she could not attend all the time.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner Petty and Mr. Dock Gunter also attended the school. Mrs. Petty was present at each of the meetings and received credit.

Rev. B. E. Stanfield of Jonesboro was at Mount Zion church Saturday afternoon. He met with the officers and teachers there and checked up the work done there in our Sunday school. He complimented our work very highly and thought we had a fine Sunday school. We are going to work to bring it up to a standard Sunday school next year.

Mr. Stanfield checked up our work last year and we like him very much.

Mr. Stanfield took supper with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Harmon Saturday evening. He knew Mrs. Harmon before her marriage.

It was a pleasure to have our pastor, Rev. Mr. Lance with us at this meeting Saturday afternoon.

We were very sorry indeed to hear of the death of little Miss Nora Petty of Pittsboro, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Petty who used to live in this community. She was a wonderful sweet little girl. As I think of her, I can see her sweet smiling face. The family has our deepest sympathy.

LOCARNO

Locarno, Switzerland, has become immortalized in almost a day. It is the scene of the epochal conference between high representatives of the European powers that has resulted in agreements and treaty plans that apparently mean peace for Europe and the discontinuance of the wasteful and sinful maintenance of immense armies.

The conference was held at the suggestion of Germany and the participating statesmen from the other countries, from even France, are enthusiastic in their praise of the German attitude. Good will prevails in Europe as it hasn't in several decades.

The conference was held in an atmosphere of concession, and has resulted in agreements, later to be embodied in treaties, that assure protection to France and Belgium against the much feared vengeance of Germany in later years. Those countries solemnly agree not to attack each other but that is not all—England and Italy pledge themselves to attack immediately any one of them that breaks the pledge. Germany agrees not to erect a fortification along the French border—not within thirty miles of the Rhine. France accepts Germany's pledge in good faith and makes concessions to her former arch enemy.

Every disagreement must be settled by arbitration. In short almost every conceivable barrier to attack and general war in Europe has been erected. The assaulting party knows in advance that all Europe would be against it, with the probability that America would aid and abet the powers assaulting the outlaw.

It is a great consummation and Europe is rejoicing in the prospect of a long era of peace. Locarno takes its place in history as the site of an epochal event. A new era, it is trusted, has begun. Peace and good will are the key words. All hail Locarno and what it signifies.

Representative of J. Van Lindley Nursery Company, Landscape Department. It is not a home till it is planted. G. G. Gilmore. Builder of Beauty, will help you. Write him at Bonlee, N. C.

TWO NEGROES CONFESS PART IN WHIPPING CASE; 2 STEPHENS IN JAIL

BENNETT NEWS LETTER

Thieves on Rampage—Better Crops than Expected—School Full—Want High School

Bennett, Oct. 20, 1925.—The corn yield in this vicinity has turned out better than expected. A good many of the farmers made more than last year. The cotton crop also shows a good turn out and as the soil in this section yields a good staple it brings the top-notch price. Mr. W. C. Brewer who runs a gin here buys all he gins, paying on an average better prices than elsewhere. The farmers are now busy sowing wheat and putting their tobacco on the markets.

Mr. S. W. Maness, who some time ago purchased the hotel property, has moved into the hotel building and is now prepared to take care of the traveling public.

Mr. J. H. Scott, who has been manager of the Chatham Lumber Company of Siler City, has accepted a position with the Pennsylvania Lumber Company of Greensboro with which for three years he held a position prior to coming to the company in Siler City, where he started off the new lumber company, which resembled the concern that he formerly worked for. Mr. Scott has a home here at Bennett where he expects to live, going backward and forward.

Mr. C. C. Cheek is tearing out his boiler and engine at his lumber plant and putting in another with much stronger power. He has purchased more land adjoining his plant and is planning to do much more business than heretofore.

Some person, unidentified at the present, went to the home of Mr. A. B. Phillips, the R. F. D. Carrier of Bennett route one, and took a new tire off his Ford car Sunday night. Also some one took about five gallons of oil from Mr. E. H. Johnson, the Standard Oil man, Sunday night; also, someone took a pump from a saw mill near this place the same night; so it will pay us to be awake while we sleep.

Patrons of this school district are pleased with our new school faculty this season under the management of Prof. R. L. Forrester. We are having a good school.

We have a good many students who have entered for high school studies and we hope that our county board will take steps to take care of these high school students and put more teachers here, which would be less cost than to figure the idea of putting on trucks to haul them elsewhere to an established high school. Then, too, the children would not be out in the cold and in the cold and bad days of rough weather. We hope that we can get on a boom by another year and have a larger building so that we can take care of the students coming from other districts, as our building now is overflowing. We pay our taxes and we are just as much entitled to have a good school and advantages here as elsewhere.

The Bennett Motor Company is selling a good many cars, in fact, they have more demands than they can supply.

This section was blessed with good showers of rain last week and Sunday, which have been a great help to our water supply.

Funny things happen these days. Several years ago, after Mr. J. E. Jones had purchased a car, while a garageman at Carthage was under doctoring it some, he asked where a car first gives out, and the reply was, your pocket book. Many of us have discovered the truth of the reply.

LITTLE NORA PETTY

Nora Kate, the daughter of W. O. and F. K. Petty was born March 4, 1915 and departed this life October 15, 1925. Her body was laid to rest under a mound of flowers in the cemetery at the Baptist church at Pittsboro.

She loved her church and Sunday school, and was a regular attendant and exercised deep interest for one of her age. She was much loved by her Sunday school class, which was readily seen by the interest shown. Not only was she loved by her classmates, but loved by all. She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour, and was baptised the 4th Sunday in last May. Her suffering was intense but of short duration, for she went to be with her Lord whom she loved and who loved her.

"Here lies a rose, a budding rose, Blasted before its bloom:

Whose innocence did sweet disclose Beyond that flowers perfume. To those who for her loss are grieved, This consolation is given— She's from a world of war relieved, And blooms a rose in heaven." HER PASTOR.

Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Mann and Fletcher spent a day at the state fair last week.

Developments in Ragsland Case Rapid; Five Persons Now Involved

FON BURKE BACK IN JAIL

Developments in the Ragsland whipping case have been fast the last few days. As indicated in the article a few weeks ago telling of the identification of Fon Burke by Mr. J. M. Ragsland, of Cape Fear township, as the man who lured him from his home last spring when he was set upon and beaten by two negroes, the two negroes were under suspicion, and were arrested by Sheriff Blair and his deputies last Saturday morning. Brought before 'Squire Blair for a preliminary hearing, the negroes, Buck DeGraffenreid and Will Harris, confessed the whole thing, stating that Burke had paid them \$25 and a gallon of liquor each to help him "do a job," and that they had done it. They also implicated W. O. and T. A. Stephens, white men of Cape Fear township.

A few hours after the confession of the negroes they were taken to Greensboro and jailed to prevent any possible attempt of an indignant community to seek to pay them in kind for the outrage against Mr. Ragsland.

T. A. Stephens was arrested Saturday night and his father, W. O. Stephens Tuesday morning. Brought before 'Squire Blair they waived preliminary hearing. The 'Squire fixed bond at \$5,000 each, as he had in the case of the negroes. They failed to give it and were held in jail. However, they thought they could get it by calling upon friends in four different counties. The 'Squire told them to go to it, or rather let their friends seek the bond, but to be sure to bring from the clerk of the court of the resident county of each bondsman a certificate vouching for the solvency of each bondsman.

Court meets next week with Judge Devin on the bench, and this and other important cases will come before him. There is a big docket, but the Ragsland whipping case is the biggest case to be tried.

THE DIXON REUNION

One of the biggest and most interesting events recently occurring in this section was the reunion of the Dixons and related families at church last Friday. One present informed the Record that there were possibly two thousand people present. The progenitor of the family was Simon Dixon.

The following program was observed, the only speaker absent being Senator Dixon of Montana:

10 o'clock A. M.—Opening Exercises.

Song—"America."

Prayer—Rev. Walten Allen of Kansas.

10:30—Address by Hon. Joseph M. Dixon of Montana.

Roll Call by Prof. R. H. Hutcheson, Snow Camp, N. C.

Song—"Ho! For Carolina" by Sylvan School.

"Characteristics of the Dixons" by Prof. Z. H. Dixon, Elkin, N. C.

Song—"Carolina Hills."

Address by Dr. W. T. Whitsett, Whitsett, N. C.

Song.

Unveiling of Simon Dixon Monument.

Assembly of Families for Social Greetings and Group Pictures.

Song—"When You and I Were Young, Maggie."

Reassembling of Descendants for Finals.

Song—"Gathering of God's Children."

Benediction—Rev. Z. H. Dixon.

All the news each week is to be found in the Record, and all for \$1.00.