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C. B. FITTS DIES SUDDENLY SUNDAY

Chairman of Board of County Commissioners Victim of Stroke of Paralysis

BURIED MONDAY AFTERNOON

It was a surprise and a shock to the people of Chatham county to hear that Mr. C. B. Fitts had died Sunday afternoon. The man was the picture of health, big, hearty, and apparently robust, in only verging upon what might be termed old age, being 56 or 57, according to information given the Record by one who has known him since 1892, when he first went to Bear Creek as a clerk.

Death came suddenly as a result of a stroke of paralysis or apoplexy. The news spread rapidly and a great throng from various sections of the county attended the funeral and burial, which occurred Monday afternoon.

Mr. Fitts was one of the most capable and progressive business men in the county, and as such was elected a member of the board of county commissioners three years ago and was re-elected last year. This term he was chosen chairman and has had opportunity to manifest his business qualifications. He has made a good official. He and his colleagues have been as liberal and as progressive as the funds at their disposal would allow. They have within recent months employed a county farm agent and have provided for a program of elimination of bovine tuberculosis. In his death Chatham county has lost an upright and progressive citizen and a conscientious official.

But his home and his village are the real losers. His wife and daughter, Mrs. Brooks, are those upon whom the death of this good man falls as a stunning blow.

No attempt is made here to give a sketch of Mr. Fitts' life. That we hope to publish later from the hand of some one who has known him long.

MOVING TIME FOR METHODIST MINISTERS

Bishop Denny at M. E. Conference at Fayetteville Monday Assigns Charges for the Coming Conference Year

It is moving time for many Methodist preachers, but, fortunately, not for Pittsboro's beloved Lance. He is assigned to this circuit for the coming year. But Brother Hinson, the affable and handsome pastor at Siler City, must move along. However, he does not have to go far, only down to Jonesboro. His successor at Siler City is Rev. M. L. Mason. The Goldston circuit draws Rev. G. H. Riggs. An interesting session of the Conference was held at Fayetteville, with Bishop Denny presiding. The appointments were read in conference Monday. Below is found the list of assignments for the Fayetteville and the Durham Districts:

Durham District: Presiding, M. Bradshaw; Burlington—Front Street, J. B. Hurley; Webb Avenue, J. W. Autrey; West Burlington, E. G. Overton; Burlington Circuit, R. A. Bruton; Brookside, W. L. Lay, Carboro; J. F. Starnes, Chapel Hill; Walter Patten, Durham; Branson, W. F. Elliott; Cavalry, D. E. Earnhardt; Carr, R. R. Grant; Cresson, D. M. Sharp; Lakewood, J. W. Dimmette; Memorial, H. G. Smith; Trinity, W. W. Peele; West Durham, J. W. Martin; Graham and Haw River, G. W. Starling; Hillsboro, S. F. Nicks, Leasburg, E. R. Clegg; Mebane, B. T. Hurley; Milton Circuit, W. L. Jones; Mt. Tiran Circuit, H. E. Lance; Person Circuit, J. W. Bradley; Roxboro; Long Memorial, F. M. Shamburger; East Roxboro and Longhurst, M. C. Ellerbe; Rougemont, J. Bascom Hurley; South Alamance, F. A. Lupton; Yanceyville Circuit, W. C. Merritt, Duke University; H. E. Spence, Duke University; J. M. Ormond, Duke University; H. E. Myers, Cedar Grove; Grove Circuit, E. C. Durham; Durham Circuit, W. F. Craven; Secretary School Work, L. V. Harris; Student Duke University, West Durham Quar. Con., C. D. S. Barcliff; Student Duke University, Trinity Quar. Con., H. C. Blackwell; Student Duke University, West Durham Quar. Con., W. G. Pratt; Student Duke University, Trinity Quar. Con., H. R. Ashmore.

Fayetteville Circuit: Fayetteville District: Presiding Elder, J. D. Bundy; Bladen Circuit, S. S. Ellington; Superintendent Carthage Circuit, J. M. Wright; Duke Circuit, L. C. Brothers; N. W. McDonald; Superintendent Dunn Circuit, G. B. Starling; Elizabeth Circuit, C. H. Caviness; Fayetteville, Hay street, J. H. Shore; Person Street and Calvary, M. F. Hodges; Fayetteville Circuit, J. C. Humble; Glendon Circuit; Goldston Circuit, G. H. Riggs; Haw River Circuit, W. J. Watson; Hemo Circuit, G. C. Wood, supply; Jonesboro Circuit, O. I. Hinson; Lillington Circuit, G. E. Forbes, supply; Hamers Circuit, L. M. Chaffin; Newton Grove, M. J. Underwood; Parkton Circuit, J. J. Roore;

ATTENTION, DELINQUENTS, PLEASE

You recall that during the summer months we wrote you a letter addressed you through The Record, stating that we would train a point and send the paper on till the fall if it was convenient for you to pay for it. You recall, too, that we would you were not trying to push the paper off on you against your will, and advised you if you actually didn't want our subscription continued, to drop us a card or leave the paper in your box marked "refused," and that if you didn't do one of those things you would be expected to pay for it. Well, you didn't do either and we have sent you the paper. Some of those thus favored have sent in their subscriptions and have thanked us for sending the paper on when they had no money. You haven't even thanked us, but we can get along very well if you'll only pay. Please don't let us have to send you a personal reminder. We are busy and it costs several cents to send you a special notice. Just look at your label and see your date and send along the money. We are offering a fine premium combination this week. Take advantage of it and get all the reading matter you need for \$2.25. The Record and five magazines of your choice from the list in the advertisement.

Please let's not see anybody else act as little as two or three fellows have, who after getting the paper several months, have recently written to discontinue and haven't said a word about paying. Yes, we throw their names out. We don't want as little and mean folk as those on the list. It's a good riddance. If you are that size, just say so and off you go. We expected there would be a few scoundrels like that, but preferred to risk it in order to help you and to keep our list intact till the fall. There are always some sorry folk among any several hundred thus grouped. Let them act according to their nature. The rest of you, pay as soon as you can, and if you really are not ready yet but expect to pay, drop us a card and say so that we may know what to count on and that you may not be thrown off the list and put on the dead-beat list not to be favored again.

THE MITCHELL TRIAL

The trial of Col. Mitchell by a court martial for insubordination in making very strong charges against the management of the air forces by the Army and Navy is furnishing more than the expected in sensations. Mitchell won first in getting General Bowley off the bench on the ground of previously expressed opinion. His greatest victory, however, was in securing permission to try to prove the correctness of his charges by the introduction of witnesses testifying to the inefficiency of the air forces. And the most sensational of all the witnesses was the widow of Col. Landsdowne, who lost his life when the great dirigible Shenandoah was wrecked. She charged that her husband had virtually been murdered in being compelled to make the fatal trip against his wish and judgment. But the charge that the president of the court had tried to influence her testimony was the most sensational charge, resulting in his voluntary withdrawal from the court in order to save the court embarrassment and to be able to answer Mrs. Landsdowne's charge of attempted corruption.

There is no telling when the trial will end.

New Orleans was the scene of a million dollar fire Tuesday night. An immense amount of coffee was in the fire zone.

Pittsboro Circuit, C. M. Lance; Roxboro Circuit, E. L. Hill; Sanford Circuit, G. T. Adams; Siler City Circuit, M. L. Mason; Stedman Circuit, E. W. Hurst, Jr.; St. Paul Circuit, J. A. Daily. We note that Rev. G. W. Perry, a Chathamite, is assigned to the Weldon church. But of all the appointments none gratifies the editor of the Record more than that of his boyhood friend Richard Royall to the first church of Washington. Richard came of a long line of Baptist forebears on both sides of his family, but through the establishment of a M. E. church in his neighborhood when he was a child, the Methodists now have a fine preacher, and by the way a rich one. He married rich and when the land boom was on a few years ago borrowed money, his wife's, we believe, invested in real estate and cleaned up. He is a first cousin of Rev. V. A. Royall, who, we believe, was once pastor of the Pittsboro Circuit and goes this year to the Franklin Circuit.

Moncure News Letter

A Batch of Interesting Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dowd and children of Carthage, spent last Sunday with her brother Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Hilliard. Miss Lelia Cox, who has been clerking in Mr. Hilliard's Cafe and store for the past year, went home with Mr. and Mrs. Dowd, where she has secured a position with them for the next year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ray and daughter, Miss Pauline, motored to Elon Sunday to visit Evan, Mr. and Mrs. Ray's son, who is in college there. From there they motored to Greensboro, and returned home by way of Liberty and Siler City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Womble and son, J. L., Jr., motored to Asheboro yesterday (Sunday) to attend the funeral of Mrs. Rush, the mother of Mr. T. E. Lassiter, who resides at Asheboro. Mr. Womble states that he had several blow-outs, had to get out in the mud to change tires and got stuck in the mud. He reached Siler City about dark and did not reach home until after dark. Mr. Womble wishes to thank the man (whose name he did not find out) who pushed him out of the mud, as the road was so slick and sticky that he did not stop to inquire who the gentleman was, for fear he would get stuck again. (If the editor had to convey all such thanks it would be a busy editor.)

Mrs. J. R. Jenks and little daughters, Doris and Chubby, spent last Sunday at Apex with friends.

The basketball game that was played between Moncure and Pittsboro last Thursday resulted in the score of 31 to 18 in favor of Moncure. The members of the Basketball Association were given an entertainment at the school building last Saturday evening.

MRS. W. W. STEDMAN.

UPPER CAPE FEAR NEWS

New Elam Church News—Miss Mann entertains—Pie Supper Saturday Night—Personal Notes

New Hill, R. 2, Nov. 16.—Last Saturday was regular preaching service at New Elam. Rev. J. Fuller Johnson delivered an excellent sermon on "The Attitude of the Disciples to Jesus." Beginning the third Saturday in December, which is the first of the coming conference year, Mr. Johnson will begin a series of sermons based upon "Salvation" or "Redemption." He urges all members to be present each service so as not to miss any of his messages. Last Saturday was also time for a business meeting of the church. Officers were elected for the coming year as follows: Treasurer, A. G. Mann; Secretary, Miss Alice Webster; the same sexton, leader and organist were re-elected. Delegates were elected to attend the Christian conference at Liberty church, Vance county, the week following the fourth Sunday in November. Those elected were Misses Rose Sturdivant and Mary Webster, Messrs. K. B. Riddle, A. G. Mann and G. F. Carr.

On the evening of November 14th Miss Maudie Florence Mann celebrated her 20th birthday anniversary at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mann. The guests were met at the door by Miss Mann and ushered into the living room, which was decorated with white and colored chrysanthemums. After sitting around the fire, enjoying "Progressive conversation" games were played in which all the guests participated. Assisted by Miss Blanche Holt, the hostess served a tempting sweet course. Miss Mann received many useful and appropriate gifts. There were about thirty guests present.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Holt went to Winston-Salem last week to see Dr. Capps who is treating a goitre on Mrs. Holt's neck. He stated she was getting along nicely. She will go to the twin city again in January.

There will be a pie supper at Gardner's school house next Saturday night, November 21. The proceeds will go for the benefit of New Elam church and will be used for buying paint for the new addition of the church. The public is cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Drake and little son, John Drake, Jr., of Greensboro, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Drake.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Beckwith and little son, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Halley and children, were Sunday guests of Mr. W. H. Beckwith and family.

ALICE WEBSTER, Cor.

Quite a number of Pittsboro folk attended the Carolina-Davidson football game at Chapel Hill Saturday.

SILER CITY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Marley Celebrate 40th Anniversary—J. H. Hicks Dead—Prominent Citizen Weds

Siler City, Nov. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Marley celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary at their home here, yesterday with a reunion of their children and the serving of a most sumptuous dinner. Present to enjoy the happy occasion were S. J. Marley and family, J. M. Marley, Jr., and family, Misses Pearl, Bronno and Kathleen of Greensboro, J. C. Phillips and family of Franklinsville, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Carrick, David Marley, W. J. Richardson and J. B. Marley and families of this place.

A number of citizens from here attended the funeral this afternoon of C. B. Fitts which was held at Bear Creek chapel at 3 o'clock. Mr. Fitts' sudden death yesterday afternoon at his home at Bear Creek came as a distinct shock all over the county, he being chairman of the board of county commissioners and a prominent merchant of his native section.

Misses Ava Stout and Nell Spence returned yesterday from a short visit to Richmond.

J. B. Richardson and family of Greensboro were guests here yesterday of relatives.

Miss Alma Wrenn and Lee Matlocks of Wendell were week-end guests in the home of C. K. Wrenn.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. McCauley and family of Chapel Hill spent yesterday here with relatives.

Mrs. J. W. Perry and daughter, Mrs. Lenora Stalker of Sheridan, Indiana will return to their home this week, following a visit of several days to relatives in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Junius Wren and children, James Clay and Parker, returned yesterday from Fayetteville where they attended the session of the Methodist conference.

A wedding of unusual interest occurred Nov. 7 when John F. Lambe of this place was married in Chapel Hill to Mrs. Mary Ellen Elliott, the ceremony being performed at the home of the bride's daughter, Mrs. Brown, wife of Professor Brown of the university faculty. Immediately following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Lambe returned here where they will make their home, Mr. Lambe being an extensive dealer in lumber.

Jas. H. Hicks, a farmer of western Chatham died at his home 7 miles from this place last Thursday night at 12:30 o'clock after having been a sufferer for several months from tuberculosis. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. T. W. Siler of this place at Rehobeth Methodist church in Randolph county Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

Surviving are his widow, who was before her marriage Camelia Johnson, one brother, Oran Hicks of Asheboro, and three sisters, Mrs. Manley Jones of the Big Meadow community, Mrs. W. H. Mann of Coleridge and Mrs. May Allred of High Point.

Mrs. Emma Wrenn is spending a few days with her brother, W. E. Woodly and family at High Falls.

Lynn Jordan who holds a position in Charlotte spent the week-end here with relatives.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. R. S. Fountain, November 14, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Dorsett and children and W. B. Dorsett and daughter, Miss Lottie Lee Dorsett of Raleigh, were guests of relatives here yesterday.

CLEVELAND SELF CAUGHT

Cleveland Self, who failed to answer when his name was called on a liquor charge at the October term of court, was captured Monday night by Sheriff Blair and his officers. Mr. Self was out under \$6000 bond furnished by Messrs. Dewey Dorsett, on whose farm he lives, and Mr. W. A. Headen. These gentlemen seemed in the way to lose that sum, but the presence of Self in the home community being reported to the sheriff, he and several deputies surrounded the house Monday night and called for him to come out, which he did without any attempt to flee or resist. The booze-maker at this writing, is in jail, and it is doubtful whether he will be so fortunate again as to secure bondsmen.

The small size of the Record last week caused a delay in the publication of some news matter that appears this week.

GOLDSTON NOTES

Good Sermons—Young Chinaman Speaks at School—Armistice Day Observed—Rev. J. H. Broom Seriously Hurt

Rev. Jonas Barclay preached a fine sermon at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning. His text was taken from II Cor. 2:14 "For the love of Christ constraineth us."

Sunday evening Mr. Barclay preached to only a few people on account of the rain. He preached a very fine sermon from Acts 20:24, "The Grace of God."

A little rain doesn't stop Mr. Barclay from going to church and preaching a sermon.

Mr. So, a Chinese young man, made an interesting talk at the school auditorium Monday morning at the chapel exercises. Everybody especially enjoyed his singing in the Chinese language.

Mr. So is a senior at Duke University. Mr. So's father is a professor in a college in China. This young man won a scholarship to Duke University out of eighty-five applicants.

Miss Mary Hammond, one of the teachers here, spent the week-end at her home in Rowland.

Misses Louise Ellis, Margaret Goldston, and Etha Elkins, students at N. C. C. W., spent the week-end at home.

The Goldston high school girls and Bonlee High School girls played basketball at Goldston last Wednesday afternoon. The score was 10 to 9 in favor of Goldston.

The Goldston high school boys played Pittsboro last Friday evening. The score was 24 to 18 in favor of Pittsboro.

Miss Eliza Rieves of Broadway, is spending this week with her sister Mrs. H. H. Stout.

The fifth and sixth grades had a very impressive service Armistice Day. After school the children marched two by two to the cemetery and carried flowers and placed them on the grave of a world war veteran. As they approached the grave in single file with U. S. flags and each placed flowers on his grave. Each stood in silence and reverence. Then all sang "Tenting Tonight," after all repeated in concert the twenty-third Psalm which was followed by a prayer by their teacher. All joined in singing "America" and were dismissed.

Rev. J. H. Broom, the pastor of the Baptist church here, met with a very painful accident in an automobile accident when he got his leg broken. He is now in a hospital at Winston-Salem.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATED

Celebrating the planting of twelve sugar maple trees, Pittsboro High School met with a small number of the parents in the auditorium Friday, November 13th to listen to the following program presented by children from the grades:

The Governor's Proclamation, Prof. Nolan Song—"Arbor Day" Primary grades Scripture lesson 4 Fourth graders Song—"Ho, For Carolina Audience Reading—"A Tree" Margaret Guinn, Fourth grade Story Leon Gilmore, 5th grade Reading—"The Tree's Dream" Louise Ray, 6th grade Song—"Tree Planting" Grammar Grades

From the first moment, when two adorable first graders rushed excitedly onto the stage ahead of their fellows, until the last song had been sung the audience showed that it was interested in the subject, "Tree Appreciation." That each believed with Margaret, "only God can make a tree" is sure; that each one caught some of Mr. Nolan's enthusiasm is certain; and that each person should have gone away glad of the promise of campus shade in some future year is expected. To the students and teachers who lived through the past September the word "shade" sounds as musical as "water" does to a man in the Sahara. Each grade in the school gave money for a tree. As the children come and go through many more scorching, perspiring September days may there be cool, delightful bits of shade, steadily growing larger, to refresh and please them. May they learn to love trees and properly appreciate them.

Mrs. Pat Tucker of Oakland township had to be hurried off to a hospital Saturday for an operation for appendicitis. She is at Sanford and is doing very well.

ROBBER RUNS RIOT IN RALEIGH

Holds Up Clerks and Robs Store—Shouts at Pursuers—Cornered, Shoots Officer Mangum

PAYS WITH MORTAL WOUND

A few years ago Raleigh could not, or would not have been conceived as the possible scene of a daring daylight robbery, followed by a pistol duel between the bandit and a city officer. But the following story from Monday's Raleigh Times is evidence that "movie" material is not confined to the "wild west."

Customer Turns Bandit

The Times' story follows: "A bandit, giving his name as 'Slim' Anderson, of Memphis, Tennessee, and Deputy Sheriff Will Mangum were seriously wounded here early this afternoon in a street gun battle following a daylight robbery of King and Holding clothing store of \$108 in cash.

"Both men were rushed to Rex Hospital, where the bandit is not expected to live. Mangum has a better chance, being shot through the stomach. "Reports from the hospital operating room were that both men were living at 3 o'clock.

Bandit Opens Fire

"Pedestrians were sent scurrying from the path of the fleeing bandit. "I'll get somebody," he is reported as saying just before he dived to shelter in the cellar.

"A large crowd gathered about the entrance. Mangum was greeted with a volley just before he entered but was able to return the bandit's fire.

May Be Ex-Convict

"The bandit entered the clothing store and tried on several suits. He waited until the store was empty except for three people, when suddenly he brandished an automatic demanding: 'Hands up!'

"He rifled the cash register and fled.

"Employees described the man as being a tall man, of slender build, and very well dressed. He left his old clothes in the store.

"The man is thought to be an ex-convict, and officials from the State Prison were seeking to identify him Monday afternoon.

"Another fugitive was seen to escape across Nash Square while the shooting was in progress.

"You all have got me; let me out for I'll get one of you before I go," said the bandit to Deputy Will Mangum as the officer covered him with his gun.

Officers Fire

"Before Mangum could reply, the stranger began firing, and simultaneously the pistols of Mangum and policeman Saunders, Pearce and Gattis began barking. Mangum was struck in the stomach, but the others were not hurt.

Fires at Boys

"The first intimation that the stranger was desperate came during the chase from the clothing store and the place where the man was cornered. He fired at James Briggs, Jr., and Cleveland Gill, two young men chasing him, as he tried to take refuge behind the new Professional building at Hargett and McDowell streets. The shots were wild and the young men continued to chase the stranger.

"Tyree Poole joined in the chase as the man went under the house and went into the cellar, but the stranger did not harm him. The officers appeared on the scene shortly afterward, with the shooting coming as the climax to the chase.

"The first intimation of the hold-up in the store came when the stranger, after dressing up in a new suit of clothes and hat, ordered Willis Holding, Clerks Tucker and McCain, and Archie Brown, the firm's tailor, to back up against the rear wall.

"The stranger stuck the barrel of his pistol under Willis Holding's chin. The four men retreated to the rear of the store while the robber went through the cash register.

"I'll shoot the first one who follows me," the stranger warned as he quietly left the store and started down Martin street.

Holding Gives Chase

"Willis Holding then followed him to the Capital Club corner and up Salisbury Street, calling for help as he chased the man. James Briggs joined in the chase.

"Going into the basement of the professional building, the stranger found his way barred and he emerged from the building by taking a pair of steps that led to the main entrance. At the entrance he turned and fired at Cleveland Gill and Holding as they advanced toward him.

"The unfortunate thing about the robbery was the absence of my regular army pistol which I have always kept at the store," said Holding. He explained that Frank King carried the weapon home a few nights ago to keep off burglars there.

"The stranger would have obtained more money by visiting the office of the store on the mezzanine floor. Mr. Holding had just prepared his receipts for a deposit before the stranger entered the store. That deposit money was on the desk in the office,