

MONCURE NEWS

We are very sorry to state that Mrs. J. E. Cathell has measles. Miss Lillian Jourdan, the 7th grade teacher spent last Saturday in Raleigh on business.

Miss Mabel Self, one of Miss Berry's students at Pittsboro, is at Moncure this week observing and teaching in Miss Effie Thomas' room, who is the teacher of the 3rd and 2nd grades.

Mr. W. Clay Farrell, the rural carrier on Route one, has been sick for the past few days. Mr. J. Lee Harp has been carrying the mail for him. We are glad to state that Mr. Farrell is much better.

Mr. S. V. Holt, the efficient clerk of the Chatham County Board of Education, is at home taking his vacation.

Mr. O. M. Mann, who purchased a home at Fayetteville, has moved to Fayetteville, where he is running a grocery store and meat market. He is occupying Mr. J. E. Bryan's home on Main street which was occupied by Specialty Supply and Distributing Co.

Mrs. J. L. Sowers of Lexington, and Mrs. Travis and son of Helena, Montana spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cathell.

Miss Virginia Cathell, Mrs. J. L. Sowers, and Mrs. Travis spent last Saturday in Raleigh.

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GOLDSTON NEWS

(Too late for last week)

Mrs. E. M. Underwood of Sanford is a visitor here Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. A. B. Womble charmingly entertained at a sumptuous dinner last evening. The invited guests were Messdames Marvin Womble, Edd Harris, Percy Murchison, Mess Goldston, J. Joseph Harris, T. Murchison and H. P. Goldston.

Mrs. George Rives spent Friday and Saturday in Greensboro visiting her mother, Miss Floy Jordan, who is seriously ill in Dr. Long's hospital.

Mrs. Guess P. Murchison was a visitor here Friday.

Mrs. John Hoyle, of Ramseur is visiting her father, Mr. C. W. Womble this week.

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DE WITT C. ROBERTS DIES AT SILER CITY

Had Been Ill Only a Short While—Mrs. Pickard Passes Away At Her Home

Siler City, March 6.—After an illness of short duration, DeWitt C. Roberts passed away at his home here at 5:25 o'clock Friday afternoon, at the age of 65 years. Mr. Roberts was well known throughout the community, having come here in the young days of the town and in the meantime having served the town as policeman and tax collector. Until recently he was engaged in the mercantile business.

Mr. Roberts is survived by his mother, Mrs. M. L. Crutchfield, now 83 years old, of Greensboro; one daughter, Mrs. J. E. Culbertson, of Siler City; three sons, Isaac H. and George N. Roberts, of Atlanta, Ga.; two sisters, Mrs. Lou Glenn, of Durham; Mrs. W. W. Master of Winston-Salem. One daughter is dead.

The funeral will be conducted from the Baptist church here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Richard S. Fountain, and burial will follow at 4 o'clock in Oakwood cemetery.

Mrs. Carl Pickard, after having been confined to her bed for a week, died at her home here at 6 o'clock this morning. Only one of the twins which were born within an hour a week ago, is living. Surviving besides Mrs. Pickard are five small children and two sisters, Mrs. M. C. Calhoun, of Ocala, Fla., and Mrs. Lauter L. Smith, of Revolution, Greensboro. A message from Mrs. Calhoun states that she will come to the funeral and burial. Mrs. Smith, however, on account of sickness, will not come. The funeral will be held from the home, with the burial to follow in the local cemetery. Rev. Richard S. Fountain will have charge of the service.

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THE ROAD COMMISSION

The road commission in session Monday received its first report from the newly appointed superintendent of county roads, Mr. A. T. Ward, who took charge February 11.

Mr. Ward has a general oversight of the road work in the county. He receives \$1900.00 a year, furnishes his own car and pays his own expenses. He has been in nearly every part of the county already. He has employed Mr. Latta Poe to take charge of an emergency truck. He is stationed at the convict camp and uses a force of trustees, going out and clearing out culverts, filling holes, and otherwise caring for the smaller defects which by making one small section bad makes the whole road more or less impassable.

The commission is again getting in touch with the Lee county commissioners with regard to the building of a bridge at Aven's Ferry on the Cape Fear. The Record is informed that the Chatham board expects to leave no stone unturned in its purpose to secure a bridge at that important point.

The usual routine of bills were approved.

GOLDSTON ROUTE ONE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Hilliard and family and Kermit of Durham were week-end visitors in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Hilliard and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Coggins.

Miss Eutha Hilliard of Durham spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hilliard of Goldston.

Misses Myrtle Jeffries, Maggie Vaughan, Cleg Smith, Elsie Hilliard, Messrs. Astor Smith, Talmadge Candie, John Vaughan, Wade Palmer, Oren Palmer, Clifton Lakey, Dewey Phillips, Robert Phillips, Fletcher Jourdan, Kermit Hilliard, and Mrs. C. E. Phillips of Siler City and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Vaughan were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hilliard Saturday night. They all enjoyed the singing and music.

Mr. Budd Bradford, of Gulf, Mr. Kerney Smith of Siler City were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Hatch's Sunday afternoon.

We were all sorry to hear of the accident—Mr. Jonnie Gaines' car turned over Sunday.

Mr. C. E. Hilliard and son, Alred, motored to Burlington Sunday.

Mr. Hubert Oldham is very ill with pneumonia. We hope he will soon recover.

Mrs. Rob Elkins is very ill. We are glad to know Mr. G. Gaines has returned home from the hospital in Burlington.

Mr. Tom Gaines and family have moved back to Siler City.

"BROWN EYES."

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

The Commissioners in session March, paid the usual salaries and had the usual swarm of bills for approval and payment. There was no unusual business at all. The register of deeds turned in \$205.55 as February fees the largest February business in Register Poe's experience, as was the January business. The clerk of the court turned in \$172.00. His January payment, which included hunting license fees.

Chatham Teachers Have Good Meeting

The teachers of Chatham County met in Pittsboro last Saturday morning, the main purpose of the meeting being the study of the Reading Circle Book. The meeting was called to order by its president, Mr. Husketh, of Siler City. The business of the session was disposed of before the classes assembled. During this period Superintendent W. R. Thompson, who is untiring in his efforts to get an eight month school for every child in Chatham County, asked the teachers the consensus of opinion of the people in the various communities concerning the eight months term. The report was encouraging. At 11:30 the regular class began. This work was entered into with earnestness and enthusiasm. Mr. Thompson and the faculty of Pittsboro school served lunch to the teachers of the county.

TAX COLLECTIONS GOOD

Tax collections for January and February are reported unusually good for those months. Register Poe says if the collections in the full were speeded up so as to secure money to pay the teachers' salaries the county could go on a cash basis. The only money borrowed by the commissioners since September was to pay the teachers' salaries the first month or two and that has been paid back.

THE MOCK TRIAL

The "Mock Trial" came off according to schedule and a goodly sum was realized. A large part of the population were involved in it in one way or another, and each participant functioned satisfactorily. "Slim" Lawson in black, was the culprit and as he escaped hanging probably thinks he won his case. Fred Nooe, dressed as a flapper, was the stenographer. The "trial" was supposedly a comedy, but one who has frequented the real courts could probably tell you that more bizarre affairs actually occur in the court room than this, only they sometimes are pitifully tragic if not lacking in an equivalent of burlesque.

PERMANENT PASTURES

County Agent Shiver Discusses Importance of Such Pastures—A Number Interested

Accompanied by the pasture specialist, Mr. S. J. Kirby, the County Agent has visited a number of interested farmers in order to plan for the seeding of permanent pasture mixtures. The grasses and clovers to be used for these demonstrations are selected upon the basis of their adaptation to produce good grazing on the particular soil types, and under the conditions which they will be seeded. It is believed that Chatham county has great possibilities in the production of permanent pastures, which afford the cheapest and very best kind of food for all farm animals. The type of soil common to much of the area of this county has proved well adapted to the production of permanent pastures in a number of the adjoining counties.

No attempt has been made to put on a wholesale pasture campaign. Only a few of the leading men in each of a number of the communities have been induced to seed from one to ten acres each as demonstrations, and from the results obtained in these, we expect to see the acreage in pastures in this county greatly multiplied within the next few years.

Mr. Kirby thinks that Orchard Grass, Tall Oat Grass, and Dallis Grass are especially well adapted to our more fertile red clay uplands, and that there is no doubt that we should use Red Top or Herd's Grass and Dallis Grass for the more fertile low lands. He thinks that in all cases, we should use Lespedeza and Alsike Clover is especially well adapted to making good yields on land where Red Clover fails. It will make as good or better yields where Red Clover does its best in our section, and will make good where Red Clover fails.

Alsike is not so sensitive to lack of lime, although it is benefited by liberal applications of lime. Lespedeza is valuable, like Alsike Clover, as a hay and pasture crop. It is capable of making very good yields on the very low lands, and at the same time, succeeds well on our highest uplands. Many farmers believe that the native, volunteer crop of Lespedeza is just as good as the cultivated strains of this crop, but this has been disproved many times over in sections adjacent to our own county. In fact, the cultivated strains of this crop will yield many times the amount of hay or pasture that will be produced by the native or volunteer crop.

The work with permanent pastures should receive a hearty interest in the county. For years past, farmers have invested heavily in permanent pasture mixtures about the contents or adaptability of which they know little or nothing. They have not secured permanent pastures, and in many cases, the seed cost has been higher than the total returns. At the present time, a number of pasture and hay crop seed are being offered for sale at fabulous prices which are not at all adapted to our conditions, or even to this section of the county, such as, Herbae-Prati, "Velvet Grass" and many others too numerous to mention. The former is a Latin name for meadow grass, a nick name which is applied to Meadow Fescue, costing at most reliable seed houses 18 cents per pound, but offered under this fictitious name of Herbae-Prati at a dollar and a quarter to a dollar and a half per pound. The Extension Service is anxious to advise the farmer against this kind of loss, and at the same time, to enable them to get permanent pasture mixtures and lawns at the cheapest possible price.

N. C. SHIVER, County Agent.

W. S. RUSSELL OF GULF

Aged But Alert Chathamite Subject of Complimentary Article

Possibly none of his friends were more surprised than Mr. W. S. Russell himself when Sunday's Greensboro News displayed a double-column picture of himself and an appreciative write-up.

Mr. Russell is 83 years of age. He was born in Robeson county, was living in Alabama when the war broke out in 1861. Hurrying home, he enlisted in the army and served his full four years, fighting his last battle at Bentonville and surrendering with Johnson near Durham.

After the close of hostilities he came to Cummock and was employed by Brower and Moffitt, at a salary of \$15 a month. A few years later he bought Mr. Brower's share of the business. In May 1879 he moved to Gulf and has been conducting the business there ever since. He has associated with him now his son, Herbert, but he himself is still active.

Talking to the News reporter without knowledge that he was such, Mr. Russell is reported as saying: "Why, if we had whiskey here now with these automobiles I don't believe I should care to live here; it would be dangerous to every one venturing on the highways."

Mr. Russell is said to attribute his vigorous old age to lack of worry.

Quintelius' Quintessence of Ill-Luck

Quintelius Harris and a companion had mighty hard luck Sunday. Quintelius' good-looking car was hobbling on two wheels, one of them barefooted, behind a truck Monday, while his companion was suffering from a broken collar bone. Quint is reported to have escaped unhurt.

BELLS SCHOOL

The Columbian Literary Society met Friday night and gave a very good program.

The society adopted a plan that was suggested by Mrs. Harmon, teacher of the 6th and 7th grades. Practically all the students in school will be given an opportunity during the month to take part in society work. This is an important phase of the school work.

Mrs. Harmon was unable to teach Thursday on account of a severe cold. Miss Hallie Goodwin, a former student, spent Monday at Bells' school. Miss Goodwin has successfully completed her business course at Bules' Creek Academy.

Misses Lila Upchurch and Hattie Williams spent Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Lassiter.

Miss Gertrude Stone delightfully entertained a number of friends at her home Saturday night. A very enjoyable time was reported.

Mrs. J. T. Mills, who has been very ill for the past few days, is now reported better.

Misses Jeneverette Seymour and Helen Horton spent Tuesday night with Miss Horton's sister, Mrs. Reg Mills.

Mr. J. R. Gardner spent Friday in Durham on business.

Miss Vada Cummings spent Tuesday night with Miss Minnie Belle Goodwin.

Mrs. J. M. Melton and children, Hugh and Hazel spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Herndon.

Miss Gertrude Melton and Mr. J. E. Stone visited Misses Zachary and Chilton Friday night. A nice time was reported.

Mr. J. B. Hammond, of Marion, S. C., has been visiting his brother, Mr. J. C. Hammond.

Messrs. C. L. Lassiter and Frank Baldwin spent Friday in Durham on business.

Misses Mildred Johnson, Annie Jones; Messrs. Carl Yates and Arnold Markham motored to Raleigh Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Cal Morgan of Siler City, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morgan.

Mrs. I. F. Grigg, of Durham, spent the week-end in Chatham with her husband, Mr. I. F. Grigg, principal of Bells' school.

Mr. J. H. Luther is recovering from an attack of influenza.

Messdames L. L. Babb, M. J. Mangum and children, Hazel and Helen, from Fuquay spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ellis.

Mrs. W. T. Horton spent Thursday night with her sister, Mrs. L. L. Bryan.

The following members of Mrs. Bryan's family spent Sunday at the home of Dr. B. D. Bryan, Wake Forest: Dr. C. H. Bryan, of Apex, Mr. Swannee Bryan of Raleigh.

Mrs. L. J. Howard, who has been ill is recovering.

Misses Cheek and Johnson attended the Mock Trial at Pittsboro high school Friday night.

John Burns Has Another Boarder

Deputy Cal. Desern went down to Tarboro Tuesday and brought back Wendell Barrett, colored, who has been wanted here sometime for stealing two suits of clothes from Mr. Will London. Since hiking out from Pittsboro Barrett was caught and tried for another crime in Moore county and got a sentence of six months on the roads. He was hired out to Edgecomb county and had just completed serving his term when Mr. Desern brought him over and installed him in the Burns boarding house till the next term of criminal court. Barrett is said to have gone to the London home and represented that he had been sent by the pressing club proprietor for the suits, got them, and faded away.

SWINE GROWING PAYS WHEN DEVELOPED RIGHT

Raleigh, N. C., March 10.—From five grade sows and a pure bred Berkshire sire, a swine growing industry has been developed on the farm of the Upper Coastal Plain Branch Station near Rocky Mount that is returning approximately \$3,000 per year to the farm.

"This is an instance of profits in swine raising when the work is started in the right way," says Prof. R. S. Curtis, animal husbandman at State College. "This work was started only four years ago and was begun by selecting from a car of hogs that we secured in Georgia for feeding purposes, five of the best looking brood sows. These we crossed with a pure bred Berkshire sire and now from the farm, we are shipping annually, two car loads of fat hogs, one in the spring and one in the fall. In about two weeks' time, Prof. Earl Hostetter, who has charge of our swine work, will ship 60 head of 200-pound, well-finished hogs to the Richmond market."

Prof. Curtis states that this is one idea that should be adopted by farmers all over North Carolina. The total cost of the hogs used to start this work did not exceed \$75 and from this start has grown a two carload business annually returning approximately \$3,000.

This but emphasizes more than ever the practical method of growing into the hog business instead of buying into it as so many growers try to do and so often fail. Prof. Curtis states that it is really an inspiration to see the good things which may come in livestock farming from small beginnings when properly managed.

BEAR CREEK NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Hilliard of Durham were week-end guests of A. D. Coggins.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Fitts of Siler City, Rt. 3, spent the week-end with Mrs. C. B. Fitts.

Mrs. Eliza Emerson returned to her home Friday after spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Moore in Siler City.

Miss Hilda Willett of Raleigh is spending some time with home folks.

At this writing (Monday P. M.) Mrs. Luther Andrews of Rt. 1, is not expected to live. All of her children have been called home.

Rev. Mr. Beach closed a very successful S. S. meeting at Bear Creek Baptist church last Wednesday night.

The field of churches, including Bonlee, Sandy Branch, Goldston, Gulf, and Tyson Creek, have called Rev. Mr. Byerly of Thomasville as pastor. Mr. Byerly will make his home at Bonlee. He will begin work April 1.

Miss Mollie Cheek, who has been on the sick list, is improved now.

J. J. Norwood has sold his farm to M. F. Norwood and M. W. Wellett.

Mrs. E. M. Scott of Bear Creek Rt. 1 died today, March 8.

Mrs. Fannie Murry and Miss Vallie visited Mrs. H. L. Fields in a Greensboro hospital recently.

Mr. Carl Coggins of Sanford spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Watson and Miss Myrtle Wilkie of Greensboro visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wilkie Sunday.

Miss Eliza Rives returned to her work in Greensboro Saturday after spending a few days at home.

DR. ROOT HOLDS CLINIC IN PITTSBORO

Dr. Aldert S. Root, baby specialist of Raleigh, conducted a baby clinic in Pittsboro, sponsored by the Health Department of the Woman's Club.

Forty-six children were given a thorough examination. The mothers were told if there was a lack of development along any line, and diet lists were given showing the proper food for the children. Dr. Root considered the condition of the children examined at this clinic to be above the average.

At noon, lunch was served the out-of-town mothers and milk and crackers furnished the babies by the Health Department.

In the afternoon the club women were given a most interesting and instructive talk by Dr. Root. He stressed proper food, fresh air and sunlight as being essential factors in the growth and development of the child. He was given a rising vote of thanks by the club for his wonderful services to the little children of the county.

Dr. W. B. Chapin and Mrs. Addie McManus, Chairman of the Health Department, ably assisted in this clinic.

N. P. J., Publicity Chairman.

NEW ELAM NOTES

New Hill, Rt. 2, March 7.—The New Elam C. E. Society met Sunday night and rendered an interesting program. Calley Goodwin was leader. Those taking part in the service were Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Carr, Janie Carr, K. B. Riddle, Blanche Holt, Alice Webster, Rose Sturdivant, Lola Jones, Vada Goodwin, Ruth Holt, and Dwight Webster. Miss Janice Carr made a good report on the C. E. union meeting which she recently attended at Fuquay Springs.

Mrs. W. T. Mann is seriously ill at her home. Mr. Mann is also confined with influenza. Their grandda