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## SILER CITY NEWS

When Asphalt Top Is Laid \$115,000  
Paving Program Will Be Fin-  
ished—Social Affairs

Siler City, Aug. 8.—Attracting no little attention is the big concrete mixer of Hedrick Construction company who has just placed the machine near the center of the business section preparatory to the pouring of base within the next few days, which when topped with asphalt will complete the \$115,000 paving project contracted for by this company. Practically all the ditches have been finished which were necessary to extend the water mains in certain districts and when the actual paving begins the project will move rapidly to completion. At the present time travelers through Siler City as well as its citizens are at times puzzled by the necessary detours but all are cheerfully and gladly accepting the inconvenience.

Two delightful social affairs of the past week were a dinner party given at the Chatham Inn by members of the local orchestra, Misses Ava Stout, Vera Campbell, Stanley Denton, Garland Stout, Frank Teague and Kelly Sears to their guests, Misses Grace Reitzel, Peggy Wrenn, Sadie Fox, and Clara Presnell and Edwin Ferguson and Marvin Teague.

Another pleasing affair was Tuesday evening when Miss Frances Dorsett entertained honoring her house guest, Miss Sarah Dorsett of Spencer and Miss Lelia Edwards of Clearwater, Florida, who has been visiting relatives and friends here for three weeks. During the evening Miss Dorsett assisted by her sister, Miss Mildred, served a delectable salad course following by block cream and cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Junius Wrenn and children, James and Parker, will return today from Newton, where they have been guests of Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Womble.

Mrs. T. D. Bynum will return to her home today following a visit to relatives in Durham.

The Philathea class of the Methodist church will enjoy an outing together with a supper at Hackney's Mill Tuesday evening. Special guests will be members of the local orchestra.

The Sunday school classes of T. A. Kennedy, W. A. Thomas and Miss Rachael Brooks picniced at Kimesville Thursday.

Misses Kate Vestal, Kara Lane and Lillian White, spent several days motoring through the mountains of the state last week. Miss White remained at Black Mountain for the remainder of her vacation before returning to Sanford where she holds a position.

W. B. Elkins and father John R. Elkins of Winston-Salem were guests today of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Elkins.

Miss Susie Rabey of Suffolk, Virginia, who was a former member of the school faculty here, is a guest of Miss Inez Headen.

Siler City will be well represented at the Masonic picnic which will be held at Mt. Vernon Springs next Friday. This is an annual affair and comprises as those entitled to attend members of 11 lodges in Chatham and Lee counties. Among the prominent speakers on that occasion will be Grand Master John H. Anderson of Fayetteville and Dr. W. C. Wicker, educational secretary, of Elon College.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Thomas and son, Fred, returned yesterday from Shalotte Beach where they spent a delightful ten days.

## ENJOYABLE PICNIC

The Episcopal church gave a picnic in honor of the choir last Thursday afternoon at Bynum. Swimming, boat-riding and dancing were enjoyed, after which a delicious lunch was spread.

Those present were Miss Mary Sue Poe and Royal Shannhouse; Miss "Tootsie" Johnson and Thomas Morgan; Sadie Johnson and Lester Farrell; Bessie Chapin and Lawrence London; Louise Brooks and John London; Laura Barclay.

The chaperones were Mesdames Shannhouse, Victor Johnson and Louise Noce.

Dr. Chapin gave typhoid vaccination to more than four hundred on his first appointment here last Wednesday.

Lystra Baptist Sunday school picnicked at Lakeview Tuesday.

We were pleased to have a call from Messrs. W. E. and W. C. Brewer, father and son, Tuesday.

## Mountain Flying Best in Winter, Say Pilots

Cheyenne, Wyo.—Air mail pilots who daily skirt over the Rocky mountains have ideas that clash with the popular idea of good flying weather. They prefer to ride ahead of a strong wind to the fair, warm weather of summertime.

The mail birdman is not unlike his fellow worker on the ground. He wants to finish his job as quickly as possible and a strong wind at his back speeds him to his destination.

The best flying times of the Rocky mountain division of the transcontinental air mail route have been made in the winter, air mail field officials report.

## Rev. Tasso W. Siler Seriously Injured

Siler City Minister Found Unconscious  
Near Here in Smashed Car—  
Injuries Less Serious Than  
Feared

### DROPPED TO SLEEP IN CAR

With his collar bone and several ribs broken and severe flesh injuries about the face, Rev. Tasso W. Siler of Siler City, was taken to a Sanford hospital Tuesday after he had been given the best attention possible here by Dr. Giles of Siler City and Dr. Chapin of Pittsboro.

Mr. Siler was discovered about eleven o'clock sitting unconscious in a smashed car a mile or two below Pittsboro. Mr. D. B. Noce, going out on a truck to see about the cutting of some timber a few miles out on the Moncure road, met Mr. Siler just as he left the road for the timber site. Within a half hour or so returning he found the Siler car two miles up the road from where he had met it. The car was crushed in the north east bank and headed back toward Moncure. The top was crushed in, the windshield broken out, the steering wheel and rod crushed downward and inward. Mr. Siler was sitting in the seat fettered by crushed top and steering wheel and rod, unconscious but muttering prayers. Blood was issuing freely from wounds on the head and dripping on the running board. It took force to remove the wounded man from the trap in which he had been caught and crushed.

Taking the injured man upon the truck, it was only a few moments before Mr. Noce met Dr. W. B. Chapin going toward Moncure and made unavailing efforts to abstract his attention and stop him. Failing to stop the Doctor, he came on to the latter's office here. Fortunately, a state nurse was in town and came to the aid of the sorely stricken man. A telegraph call to Siler City brought Dr. Giles posthaste and within another half hour or so Dr. Chapin was back on the scene.

All this time, Mr. Siler was unconscious but praying. Finally before he was taken to the hospital he became conscious enough to say that he had fallen asleep in the car. The indications from the condition of the car and the signs on the road were that the car had swerved into the embankment on the side of the road, had turned over twice and turned round, heading back the way from which it had come. Wedged in the car Mr. Siler had retained his sitting posture and was still under the wheel when found.

The accident is tragic and the dropping to sleep was due to the constant strain and loss of sleep in attending his invalid wife. The injury is the more pathetic when it is considered a price of devotion. Mrs. Siler is a constant user of Fuquay Springs water and her husband was just returning from the Springs with a jug of the medicinal water when the disastrous nod overtook him.

Fortunately, what seemed perhaps a fatal injury is stated by the physicians to be less severe than first appearances indicated, and it is hoped that the wounded man will be up and about within a few weeks.

A regular ambulance being unobtainable, the Marley hearse from Siler City came over and was used as a conveyance for the sufferer.

## BEAUTIFUL BIRD IDENTIFIED

Rare Visitor from Dry Tortugas Vic-  
tim of Hunger Found by Mr.  
J. W. Womble

The beautiful bird found last week by Mr. J. W. Womble was taken to the state museum at Raleigh by Mr. H. M. London, who writes Mr. London as follows:

Dear Mr. Womble:  
"On my return to Raleigh August 5th, I took the beautiful bird which you found on your place August 3rd, to the Curator of the State Museum, Mr. H. H. Brimley, thinking it might be mounted by him. On account of the very hot weather, however, the condition of the bird was such that this could not be done."

"Mr. Brimley knows that this is a tropical bird known as a Sooty Tern found in the Dry Tortugas, West Indies. Its name 'Sooty' comes from the fact that its plumage is soot-black, though the throat and breast are snow white."

"As you doubtless noted the very long bill, the bird lives on small fish. Mr. Brimley thinks that this bird was doubtless blown by the recent tropical storms on the South Atlantic coast inland and then exhausted by lack of food gave out and fell in a dying condition on your farm where you found it. He says that just last week one of these same birds was brought to him by a youth near Raleigh, who found it in a dying condition, and he has mounted the bird where it can be seen in the State Museum. With one exception, these are the only two instances that Mr. Brimley knows of this bird being found so far northward and inland."

Yours truly,  
HENRY M. LONDON.

## MRS. LONDON HOSTESS

Mrs. Henry A. London was the gracious hostess of a number of many of her friends last Friday afternoon. Appropriate refreshments were served. It was one of the largest and most enjoyable functions of the seasons.

Principal and Mrs. A. N. Nolan returned Tuesday evening from their holiday sojourn at their old homes at Shelby and Forest City.

## Moncure News Letter

Mr. W. W. Stedman, who is president of the Federal Land Bank Association of Chatham county, attended the meeting of two districts, North and South Carolina which was held jointly at Columbia, S. C. last Thursday and Friday, August 5 and 6. He reported a good meeting with two hundred members present. The reception given Friday evening at the hotel was very elaborate and each one enjoyed the occasion very much and appreciated the hospitality given them while in Columbia.

Mr. Stedman also went to Greensboro and Durham before returning home.

Miss Virginia Cathell, who is teaching the the Methodist Orphanage this summer, spent last week-end at home with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Cathell.

Mr. A. B. Clegg and sons, Carlton and Horace and Mrs. R. A. Speed, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Womble and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Womble and family attended the Home Coming Day at Chatham church yesterday, Sunday. A big crowd was present and they reported good singing and good preaching.

Mrs. E. G. Hedrick and children of Lineville, Ala., spent last week-end with her brother, Mr. J. J. Hackney and family.

The revival is in progress at the Methodist church. Rev. C. M. Lance is preaching some good sermons. Services at 10 o'clock in the morning and at 8 o'clock in the evening. Song service at 7:45 o'clock.

We are sorry to hear today, of the sickness of Mr. Jack Thomas on Route two. Hope he will soon be better.

Miss Lucile Maynard the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Maynard went to Pittsboro today, Monday and is taking music lessons under Mrs. Henry Bynum.

Mr. C. W. Womble of Goldston is visiting Mrs. Lois Womble and Mrs. Mary Barringer this week.

Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Lance and little daughter, Sarah, spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moore last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Self spent last week-end with their parents near Siler City.

## DR. HUBERT M. POTEAT COMING FOR RECITAL

Dr. Hubert M. Poteat of Wake Forest will give a lecture-musical under the auspices of the Music Department of the Woman's Club next week in the school auditorium. This recital will consist of a short lecture on music followed by a song recital. Those who have heard Dr. Poteat know what treat is in store for all who come. It is earnestly hoped that a large number will attend as the proceeds will be used to advance music in the school here. The admission will be 50c for adults and 25c for children under fifteen. Pittsboro feels honored in having Dr. Poteat give us this musical opportunity, so lets give him a large audience. The exact date will be announced next week.

There is an impending shortage of workstock in North Carolina and the Nation, find livestock workers. Farmers can grow a good work animal on the farm at a cost of not over \$150.

## FROM A CHATHAMITE AT E. C. T. S.

Editor Record:—I have been thinking for some time that I would send a letter to the Chatham Record. I want to tell you how much the little paper means to you when you are away from Chatham in other counties. You hear people on every side say, "How good that little paper is. How well it is written and they always seem to have plenty of news to write too."

You know that makes the heart of a true Chathamite swell bigger and bigger. When the county you are in doesn't know Chatham only through the papers.

I have a negro sermon outlined, that we had to outline for English yesterday, that I want to send to the little home paper, for amusement, just to show what part of our work is.

I want some one to guess the title of this sermon.

I. Madness.  
(a) Caviled: He caviled with his father.  
(b) Traveled: He traveled to a far country.  
(c) Raveled: He raveled out his character.

II. Sadness.  
(a) Hogs: He fed the hogs.  
(b) Togs: He wore out his togs.  
(c) Dogs: He went to the dogs.

III. Gladness.  
(a) Sealed: He was sealed by the ring.  
(b) Vealed: He was fed the fattest calf.  
(c) Healed: He was healed by his father's love.  
End

I'm thinking of the hills back home. All crowned with fields of green: The red birds poised high above, In so serene.

The valley out below The fields of wind blown wheat: The little house out from the road All so prim and neat.

Now I view the castled hills In far off home lands, And though I do not know their thoughts, My heart still understands.

NORMA O'CONNELL  
East Carolina Teachers' College,  
Greenville, N. C.

## New Elam News

Death of John C. Johnson Much Re-  
gretted—Choir Visits Merry  
Oaks—Personals

New Hill, Rt. 2, Aug. 9.—The writer and many others in this section were very sorry to learn of the death of Mr. John Cave Johnson which occurred, having been fatally injured by an automobile at Fort Bragg, Saturday night.

Mr. Johnson was a first cousin of our neighbor, Mrs. J. L. Goodwin. He visited her last Easter and was well liked by all who met him. He was only 27 years old and had faithfully served his country.

Mrs. Robert Sauls and children from near Durham are guests of Chatham relatives.

Mrs. Ella Roache of Danville, Va. is spending several weeks with her aunt, Mrs. J. C. Puryear.

F. M. Lasater, who holds a position at Durham, spent last week with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lasater.

Mrs. Charlie Bryson and two children of Apex visited her father, Mr. Lonnie Copeland last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sauls and children Ernest and Rosalee spent Sunday at Broadway with Mr. E. T. Mann and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Holt and children, Edgar and Roy and Katherine Riddle were Sunday guests of Mrs. I. M. Gilmore.

One of the nicest gatherings we have attended this season was held at Merry Oaks school house Friday night when the New Elam singing choir was invited by one of our good friends, Mr. B. H. Windham, to come down there and sing. Mr. Windham is one of our good members at New Elam but can't attend all of our church services. After singing several selections Mr. Windham and Mr. Leamon Reynolds, assisted by Misses Mollie Cotten and Alma Kendrick began serving delicious ice cream in the enjoyment of which everybody present took an active part, getting all he wanted. We certainly enjoyed the evening with Messrs Reynolds and Windham as hosts.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mann and children of Raleigh were recent guests of Mr. W. F. Mann.

Mr. Glenn Tysinger of Reidsville spent the week-end with his brother, Mr. Bynum Tysinger.

## ENJOYABLE PARTY

A number of the friends of Miss Maggie Vaughan of Goldston delightfully gave her a surprise party Saturday night. Games and music were the enjoyable features of the evening. Those who enjoyed the evening were Misses Clara and Norman Phillips, Bear Creek; Selma Moore, Ina Phillips, Bonlee; Eutha Hilliard, Cleo Smith, Estelle Oldham and Myrtle Jeffries of Goldston; Messrs. Corbett Gains, Allen White, Jodie Dark, Albert Oldham, Walter Moffitt, Earl Stout, Manly Oldham, Boyace Burke, Goldston; Joe and Victor Lloyd, Clarence Wilkinson, Colly Beaver, Bear Creek; Robert Jourdan, Budd Bradford, Robert Phillips, Gulf; Nathan Vestel, Mt. Vernon Springs.

## ONE PRESENT.

## MERRY OAKS NEWS

Miss Alma Kendrick spent the week-end with Miss Zephie Cross of Brick Haven.

Miss Maggie Lee of Cumlock spent last week with Mrs. Lloyd Hipp.

Mr. John Howard from Florida is visiting his sister, Mrs. Nathan Williams.

Miss Leona Holt spent Sunday night with Miss Florence Sauls.

Miss Cloie Holt made a business trip to Raleigh today (Monday).

Mr. and Mrs. Sexton Sauls spent Sunday at Broadway with relatives.

Mrs. Stella Holt made a business trip to Durham last Thursday.

## MRS. C. G. HARWARD

Mrs. C. G. Harward died at her home in New Hope township Wednesday, July 23 and was buried at Bell's cemetery the following day. Mrs. Harward before her marriage was Miss Annie Goodwin. She was 78 years of age.

Mrs. Harward was a highly respected Christian woman and will be greatly missed in her community. She leaves, besides her devoted husband, several children and grandchildren to mourn their loss.

The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Mr. Bodie.

## IN MEMORIAM

Rebecca Willett Cox, born September 30, 1851, died August 7, 1926, age 74 years, 10 months and 8 days.

She professed religion at an early age and joined the Methodist church at Hope, remaining a member there till the Friends church was established at Edward Hill, she then removed her membership to Friends church there where she became a charter member. She remained a member there till after her marriage to Levi Cox in 1905. She then removed her membership to Friends church at Holly Spring, remaining a member there till after the death of her husband. She then removed her membership back to Edward Hill, remaining a member there till her death.

She leaves three brothers and one sister, four step-daughters, and a number of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

The funeral was conducted Sunday, August 8, at Edward Hill by Rev. E. W. Byerly of Bonlee.

## MOST POPULAR OF GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

National Education Association  
Reports on Tests.

Washington.—The United States, England, France, New York city, China, London, and Germany.

These are the geographical names most commonly mentioned in the United States, according to tests reported in the yearbook of the department of superintendence, National Education association.

"Surveys also have determined what, from the American point of view, are the mountains, cities and other geographical features most useful for a school child to know, on the basis of the times he will encounter them in his newspaper and other reading," says a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society.

"The Amazon still is the longest and largest of rivers, but the Rhine ranks first in geographical interest, according to one rating. And after the Rhine come the Nile, Danube, Mississippi, Hudson, Volga, Euphrates, Saar, Jordan and Thames. The mighty Amazon is fifteenth on this list.

"In pursuance of their effort to teach first the geographical matters of most common knowledge educational committees took widely read magazines, newspapers and books. They found that the ten most popular mountains of the earth, judging from times they were mentioned, are: Alps, Caucasus, Rocky, Ural, Carpathian, Andes, Everest, Appalachian, Himalaya, and Mt. Blanc.

"Greenland is the largest island but the Philippines rank first in American frequency of mention, one geography teacher investigator finds, and the six next in line are: West Indies, Hawaiian Islands, East Indian Islands, Porto Rico, Sicily, and Samoa Islands."

## ARCTIC BOWMAN



Van Campen Hellner, New York society man and sportsman, sails soon for the Arctic, where with his bow and arrow he will hunt for bear, seal and walrus for the American Museum of Natural History's new hall of ocean life.

## \$200 Money Order Frees Two Held by Moslems

Teheran, Persia.—A \$200 money order, sent from Philadelphia, has ransomed two Armenian women who have been held as Moslem serfs for the last ten years. They are Mrs. Margaret Hovsepian, forty years old, and her daughter, Angela, seventeen.

Mr. Hovsepian formerly lived in Persia, but is now a resident of Philadelphia. He lost all trace of his wife and daughter in a deportation ten years ago, and gave them up for dead. Recently he learned through the Near East Relief that they were captives of Named Pasha, a notorious Persian bandit, who demanded \$200 for their ransom.

The money was forthcoming at once, and mother and daughter were freed a fortnight ago. They are now on their way to America, and will arrive in Philadelphia early in June. Their case is said to be one of the most interesting of more than 25,000 which have been handled by the missing persons bureau of the Near East Relief.

## ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Jenkins of Goldsboro announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter,

Mildred Elizabeth

to  
Percy Trice Blalock  
of Winston-Salem. The wedding will take place at the East Fourth Street Baptist church of Winston-Salem, September seventeenth, nineteen hundred and twenty-six.

## A Beautiful Wedding

Faison-Peterson Nuptials Celebrated  
Here Tuesday Under Most  
Pleasant and Auspicious  
Circumstances

Tuesday was a gala day in the Peterson home here. The marriage of the oldest daughter Nell, to Mr. Ferdinand Johnson Faison of Clinton was scheduled for the hour of five p. m. Guests arriving Monday evening and Tuesday forenoon busied themselves with the Petersons and Nooes in adding the last charms of flower and evergreen to the beautiful and commodious home, which, with its recently trimmed spacious lawns, never presented a more lovely or imposing appearance.

The color scheme followed was that of yellow and green, and several homes and gardens of the town had graciously contributed their glories of potted and cut flowers to help beautify the scene of the coming festivities, while in the sun parlor was spread a striking array of presents predating the formal announcement.

From Clinton, the home of the groom, came his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Faison, and daughters Misses Margaret and Georgia, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Johnson and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Moore and children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Best, Mr. James Barbrey and Miss Annie Berry Scott, Mr. T. M. Lee, Mr. O. J. Peterson, Jr., the only brother of the bride, Rev. George M. Matthews, pastor of the groom's family and a life-long friend of the bride's father, and Miss Bonnie Belle Horton and Miss Louise Waller. From the home community gathered a few friends, including those who had become better acquainted with the bride-elect during her brief and infrequent visits here since her parents made Pittsboro their home two years ago.

The ceremony was preceded by appropriate music on the piano by Mrs. Best, at whose own marriage two years ago the bride-elect had performed a similar service. The pianist was accompanied on the violin by Mr. T. M. Lee. Two appropriate solos were rendered in the charming voice of Miss Louise Waller, and then came the bride and groom to the rhythm of the ever popular Mendelssohn's wedding march.

The ceremony was most impressively performed by Rev. George M. Matthews, whose silver-toned voice most reverently pronounced the words of one of the most beautiful of ceremonies.

Greeted and congratulated by friends, the happy couple tarried not, but promptly entering their car, which in the meantime had been more than duly decorated by some of the guests with heraldings in chalk of the fact that it bore "newly weds," they set out for points in the western part of the state.

However, they will not tarry long, but returning to Clinton the latter part of the week will be given a reception by the parents of the groom and will then be at home in Roseboro, the booming western Sampson town.

The one great disappointment of the occasion was the failure of Mrs. Peterson's sisters to arrive. Mrs. Gonzalez, who had come up from Sanford, Florida, to Mrs. Neves' home in Greenville, S. C., was taken with a severe acute illness and both sisters and husbands were prevented from coming. Likewise providential hindrances detained other expected guests from out of town.

## Attended National Farm Loan Association

V. R. Johnson, secretary-treasurer of the Chatham County National Farm Loan Association attended the meetings of the 515 local associations of the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida last week held at the Columbia Federal Land Bank for the purpose of discussing the business of making long-termed farm loans. Howard C. Arnold, president of the bank, told the delegates that farmers in these four states have borrowed more than \$77,000,000 through these associations since the bank was established nine years ago.

## MRS. GRIFFIN ENTERTAINS

On Thursday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 Mrs. Jas. L. Griffin and Mrs. Ernest A. Farrell entertained at 4 tables of bridge and 4 of rook at the home of Mrs. Jas. L. Griffin in honor of Miss Mary Griffin of Raleigh.

The porch was charmingly decorated with a profusion of summer cut flowers, yellow and green being the dominant colors.

The front hall was most attractively decorated in roses and shasta daisies. Here Miss Sarah Griffin served the guests with delicious punch.

At the conclusion of the game, an ice course was served followed by mints. Out of town guests were: Mrs. Robt. Haile of Rock Hill, S. C.; Mrs. L. L. Wrenn, Mrs. Wade Hadley and Mrs. J. Dewey Dorsett of Siler City; Mrs. Thos. B. James and Miss Maggie Haughton of Wilmington.

Visiting Mrs. Henry A. London are Mr. and Mrs. John H. Anderson and son Henry London Anderson, Mrs. Thomas Wooten and Bettie London Wooten of Fayetteville; Mrs. James H. Cordon, James H. Cordon, Jr. and Betsy London Cordon, of Raleigh; William Everett London, of Rockingham; Mrs. J. H. Fell, Sally London Fell, Armond London Fell, of Trenton, New Jersey; Mrs. F. D. Jerome and Fred, Jr., of Oxford. Commander John J. London is expected in a few days.