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The serious mistake in the report of the story of the killing of Mr. Fogleman cost Chatham county dearly. It would not have been half as difficult to get a jury if the report had not gone out as it did.

There seemed once a disposition to criticize Attorney W. P. Horton for his ardor in the defense of Pearl Mitchell. On the contrary, in the opinion of this writer, the man has never done a more creditable thing.

If you have ever tried the childish stunt of trying to rub your forehead with one hand and pat your stomach with the other at the same time, you can conceive of what a mastery co-ordination of mind and muscles Pearl Mitchell must have, who when surprised in the Cheek store, instantly threw up one hand in surrender, cried out don't shoot, felt in his pocket with the other hand for a pistol, running as if to get away when shot at but still holding up one hand in surrender and fishing for the pistol with the other.

Pittsboro is in a deplorable condition with regard to postal facilities. When the schedule of the S. A. L. train was changed a few weeks ago, the usual morning mail for the S. A. L. was taken to Moncure by car. But a few days ago the postmaster had orders to discontinue that program.

The gentleman who got a hat too big for him at the court house Saturday night will do the Record man a favor by swapping back. His, even when the lampwick is taken out is still too small for us.

SILER CITY MASONS TO CELEBRATE 4th ANNIVERSARY

Siler City Lodge will celebrate its 4th anniversary tomorrow night, Jan. 28, with the following program: Music Invocation Rev. W. L. Maness Solo Mrs. J. Q. Sawell Address: "Forty Years of Masonry in Siler City" M. M. Fox Address Hon. V. R. Johnson, D. D. G. M. Music Mrs. Frank Brooks Introduction of Speaker Hon. J. D. Dewey Dorsett Address Judge Francis D. Winston Past Grand Master of Grand Lodge of North Carolina Music Announcement

MERRY OAKS NEWS

Miss Elva Gunter of Merry Oaks went to Pittsboro Thursday on business. We are very sorry to state that Mrs. S. E. Holt, who has been on the sick list several weeks, is not much improved. Mrs. Adelaide Holt has been spending several days with relatives in and around Merry Oaks. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pate spent Saturday night in Merry Oaks. They left Sunday to go to Liseville where they will make their home. We are very glad to see Mr. T. H. Windham out again. He was one on the sick list last week. Ralph Hipp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hipp was cut by an axe when his little brother was cutting wood. The axe struck his head. Mr. Bill Case of Detroit is visiting his brother Mr. C. H. Case of Merry Oaks.

HALL'S STORE IMPROVED

Visitors to Mr. C. C. Hall's store note a marked improvement in his store since he has cut out a section of the partition between his former store room and the room recently occupied by the Chatham Hardware Company. Occupying both these good rooms which he bought a few months ago. The two rooms together make a commodious store, and the goods have been arranged very conveniently in the two apartments. Mr. Hall is now prepared to carry a larger and more varied stock, and it is expected he will do a considerably enlarged business.

PARENT-TEACHER MEET

Encyclopedia Reviewed—Carolina Playmakers to Come—Plans for Washington's Birthday.

The Parent-Teacher Association of Pittsboro school held its regular meeting Friday night January 21.

After the minutes of the last meeting were read, reports from the different committees were read. Prof. Joian, publicity chairman, reported he buying of new song books for the school; the association received \$11.86 for selling magazines by school children and \$5.00 from the proceeds of a show given at the school.

Prof. Waters reported that he had secured the Carolina Playmakers to give an entertainment February 12. We feel very fortunate in securing these entertainers. Mrs. Brooks, reported that she had received the Encyclopedia Britannica, which cost \$99.35. The Ass'n paid \$73.00 of this amount. It has been placed in our school library for the benefit of the entire community.

Mrs. Horton reported that a colonial entertainment would be given at the school on February 22, as was decided at the December meeting. The medicine cabinet in the first aid room has been replenished with the necessary medicines to be used in case of emergency. It was decided that the P. T. A. would serve sandwiches and coffee to the county teachers at its next meeting which will be February 5. This will be sponsored by the chairman of the social committee, Mrs. G. W. Blair. Mrs. Mattie Lanus, the central grade mother, reported that the objective for the grades from one to six would be to secure supplementary books for the library in each room, which was much needed in each grade.

Mrs. Hayes, our president, contributed one dollar each for the first five grades as a beginning fund. We are very grateful to Mrs. Hayes for this and with this good beginning and we hope to be able to accomplish much toward filling in the necessities of the grades. The eleventh grade won the dollar for having the most parents and friends present to represent their grade. Special mention should be made of the untiring efforts of their capable grade mother, Mrs. C. C. Poe. New members added to our list are Mesdames A. V. Nolan, Lat. Poe, Sykes. A growing flower was sent to Mr. Arthur London, a member of the executive board of the P. T. A. We are very glad to have him back with us. Mrs. Shannonhouse distributed leaflets on the child labor law.

The main speech of the evening was made by Hon. W. D. Siler, who discussed the history of Chatham county. In the beginning Mr. Siler stated that the purpose of education is to prepare boys and girls for life, to train them in habits of industry and honor so that they will grow into citizens who love their country, are proud of its institutions, and who obey its laws. To obey it is necessary to know something of the history of one's country, state and county. Chatham is venerable with age. Before 1750 white people were dwelling in this section of the state. In 1771 the county had its birth. It is the daughter of Orange and the granddaughter of Granville.

The first Clerk of Court was William Hooper and the first Sheriff was Elisha King, both being appointed by the royal Governor. The first court was held at what was known as the Stephen Poe place, 4 miles northwest of Pittsboro. At the end of the first year there was a deficit of over \$40.00 in the treasury and it is the opinion of the speaker that this deficit has never been collected. The county court had extensive jurisdiction. It probated will, administered financial affairs and fixed the prices of food. The form of punishment was rather severe, for perjury, one had an ear clipped. John Wilcox and Isaac Brooks were the first representatives to be sent to the colonial assembly. In 1774 representatives were sent to New Bern and in 1775 a big delegation was sent to Hillsboro at this time the military plans for the state were taking definite form. The speaker next gave a brief sketch of the activities of Chatham county during the Revolution stating that more people were killed at Sutphin Mill, than a part of Chatham, than were killed at Lexington or Bunker Hill. Judge Siler traced the history of the county through the Revolution and the members of the Parent Teacher Association hope to secure him for another lecture at a later date. Mrs. Henry A. London, who never fails to pay tribute to the memory of the Confederate Soldiers, spoke briefly of the Confederacy. Judge W. C. Harris, who was presiding over court here, told of the good work that the Parent Teacher Association may do in bringing the community into closer relations and in creating a right atmosphere in the school vicinity. The parent and the teacher working together for the good of the child may do what neither could accomplish alone.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Faison and O. J. Peterson, Jr., came up from Sampson Sunday to visit their parents.

J. M. FARRAR DEAD AT 109

Native of Chatham County Dies in Birmingham, Ala., at Age of 109. James M. Farrar, a native of this county, but for many years a resident of Birmingham, Ala., passed away last week at the age of 109 years. A dispatch from Birmingham, dated January 21, says: "Born in Chatham county, N. C., September 7, 1817, Mr. Farrar came to Birmingham with a number of companions from that state during the early boom of this city and liked the place so well he returned to North Carolina and brought his wife and nine children here to live. "His wife died several years ago. More than 100 descendants survive. "He was an active worker in the Presbyterian church and his last years were spent in attempting to develop a perpetual motion machine. "The old gentleman had numerous relatives in this county.

PLAN SESQUI SHOW FOR OLD NORTHWEST

Cahokia, Ill., to Be Scene of Brave Doings Again.

Cahokia, Ill.—The historic old Northwest territory will live again here when the Northwest Territory Sesqui-centennial exhibition will be held in 1928. Plans are now under way for the sesqui-centennial, following the organization of the Northwest territory commission of 100 residents of Cahokia, direct descendants of the early French settlers, and the preparation of incorporation papers by State Representative Thomas L. Fekete of East St. Louis.

Under three flags, the fleur de lis of France, the union Jack of Great Britain and the stars and stripes of the United States, the destiny of the territory has been formed for more than 200 years. The states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin now comprise what was then an unbroken wilderness, inhabited by savages, wild beasts and a few traveling missionaries and tradesmen.

France There First. France was there first and stamped her policy and personality so firmly on the region that they were continually cropping out to harass the later American advance. Government under the French and English regimes was mainly paternal and military, but within a very short time after Gen. George Rogers Clark had won the country northwest of the Ohio, the state of Virginia, on the basis of its claim to that region, passed an act establishing the "county of Illinois," for the purpose of providing a temporary form of government and affording necessary protection to the inhabitants.

On December 12, 1778, Patrick Henry, who was then governor of Virginia, appointed Col. John Todd as county lieutenant; in the spring of 1779 Todd set up his government, but difficulties arose and he left the country in the fall of 1779 or 1780.

Virginia had been forced to withdraw its support of the Northwest territory because of difficulties at home and the necessity for some sort of government for the unorganized western country had become very urgent.

Government for the territory was contained in the ordinance of 1787, passed July 13 of that year, and on October 5 Gen. Arthur St. Clair was elected the first governor of the Congress of the Confederation at the time the ordinance was passed.

Ohio Sliced Off.

Congress desired to admit Ohio to the Union as soon as possible, so in May, 1800, an act of congress sliced away that state, and all that part lying west of a line beginning at the Ohio opposite the mouth of the Kentucky river and running thence to Fort Recovery and thence north to the Canadian border was called Indiana territory. The census of that year showed only 4,875 persons, exclusive of Indians, living in the territory.

A further division occurred in 1805, when congress detached all that part of the Indian territory north and east of the southern extreme of Lake Michigan and called it the Territory of Michigan.

It was not until February 3, 1809, that the Illinois territory was set off by congress. It was an isolated strip of frontier, extending north from the Ohio to the Canadian border and stretching from the Wabash river to the Mississippi in width, with Kaskaskia as its capital and with practically all of its settlements in the southern part.

Ninian Edwards, chief justice of Kentucky, was appointed its first territorial governor by President Madison in June of the same year.

Butter Used in 450 B. C. to Keep Hair Smooth

Stout Falls, S. D.—Sleek hair, the pride of modern youth, was "old stuff" to the Greeks and Romans around 450 B. C. Only the ancient Greeks and Romans used the modern one better and went butter fat to do the trick, according to Prof. W. B. Combs of the dairy division of the University of Minnesota, speaking at the National Butter Makers' association annual convention here recently. "After studying the history of butter," Prof. Combs said, "I have concluded that butter substitutes must have been introduced in the year 2000 B. C., when the tribes of East India, who used butter in their holiest sacrifices, used substitutes for their less holy sacrifices.

Man Uses Vicar's Phone to Place Bet on Horses

London.—Rev. George Potter, vicar of St. Chrysostom's, Peckham, who has always permitted all of his 8,000 parishioners to use his telephone, has announced that he will censor all calls in the future.

He declared youths' lengthy calls to girl friends and "delayed at the office" calls cannot be permitted from his home. "One man came in recently," he said, "and asked if he might use the phone. He called his bookmaker and asked him to 'put \$1.25 each way on that horse.'"

Latest Fad

Pittsfield, Mass.—The latest fad for girls is to take a stroll with a hopping white rabbit held by a leash.

Worst Lie

Oxford, England.—The worst lie, in opinion of Gilbert K. Chesterton, is that an American worships money.

THE BOY'S LINCOLN

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

LINCOLN, I love you most for this: I never knew a boy to miss: The glory of your story. He Could be the boy you used to be, In his imagination. You Were one he understood and knew. Though history was often dim, You were no mystery to him. With you, because he understood, He worked the garden, cut the wood, Or drove the wedges for his sire. With you he lay before the fire And saw strange fancies in the blaze. The dreams God grants in boyhood days, Or on some little journey took Along some well-beloved book. He had the bruise, the blow, the fall, Yet had a mother through it all, A second mother, wise and kind. Yes, every boy could somehow find Himself in Lincoln, could behold Within himself the boy of old. Could hear his voice, and touch his hand, A boy a boy could understand.

Lincoln, for this I love you best: You struck a spark in boyhood's breast And lit in boyhood hearts the fire Of high ambition, that desire (What flags are folded or unfurled) That yet must somehow save the world.

For, if a lad could be the lad That Lincoln was, if boyhood had That common kinship, knew the truth Of Lincoln's dreams in Lincoln's youth, Yes, felt his pain and lived his joy, If Lincoln was another boy, Then boyhood, making manhood's plan, Could think of Lincoln as a man— Could dare to dream his dreams, and know

A boy may rise, however low To any heights, however high, If he, like Lincoln, dares to try. Lincoln, for this I love you most: That boyhood loves you. Men may boast, But this is greatness. And today, Whatever orators may say, In this your greatest greatness lies: I see your dreams in boyhood's eyes. (© by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

THE YOUNG LADY ACROSS THE WAY



The young lady across the way says the appendix must be of some use in the human body or it wouldn't have been put there and she supposes the same thing is true of gall stones. (© by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

Probability

"What will the traffic problem be five years from now?" "Oh, we'll commute from the parking spaces to the office."

History of Pop in

Poplin came from Avignon, and the reason for its name is not immediately apparent until we remember that, until 1791, Avignon was a papal town, and therefore the silk manufactured there was called by the Italians papalino, and by the French papelin, so that when it was introduced into England in 1693 by the Huguenot refugees it automatically became poplin. Today, most poplins are of worsted and flax or wool and cotton, and those of Irish manufacture are deservedly popular. Readers of Jane Austin will recall the delightful confession in "Emma": "I have some notion of putting such a trimming as this to my white and silver poplin."—Exchange.

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ALLAYS FEAR OF QUAKE INCREASE

Director of Georgetown "U" Replies to Inquirers

Washington.—The earth is not shaking any more than it used to, but people are noticing it more.

This is the answer of Director Tondorf of the Georgetown university observatory to the flood of inquiries reaching him as to whether earthquakes are increasing in number and frequency.

Because of the precision of instruments which record tremors, the public is informed constantly through their newspapers of disturbances of the earth's crust in all parts of the globe. The lay belief that the shocks are becoming close together is a result of this publicity.

"The layman, unofficially interested in the restlessness of the earth's crust, should know the truth," says Doctor Tondorf. "The problem of computing earthquake frequency was first scientifically undertaken by Count de Montessus de Ballore, one-time director of the seismological observatory of the government of Chile.

In 1900, after a close analysis of the then available earthquake records, 131,292 in number, he placed the annual average earthquake occurrence at 3,830, equivalent to an ear shock every two hours and twenty-seven minutes.

Four years afterward Dr. August Sieberg of the University of Jena questioned the estimate as too low. A recalculation made by him in 1923 lifted the annual average frequency to 9,000, or about one every hour.

Five thousand of these quakes he indicated as being felt sensibly on some part of the earth's surface in varying intensities. Violent quakes, classified by others as world-shaking, occur at intervals of every three and one-half days, either on the continents or on the ocean's bottom. Those on land, however, average every fifth day.

"California, the least immune of all United States territory, is visited by a shock on an average of 81 times annually. The liability of one of these shocks being heavy is about eight-tenths of 1 per cent."

"Rent Party" Staves Off Collector in Harlem

New York.—Two novel easy-money schemes have grown up in Harlem, haven of the negro in New York.

The "rent party" is the most unique. When the visit of the rent collector is imminent and the family treasury is low, comes the happy thought of turning the living quarters into an impromptu place of entertainment for a night. The box office is the sidewalk, where tickets to the "rent party" are sold to whomever among the passers-by can be impounded into the home. The price of admission is 25 cents upward, according to the "swankiness" of the household.

The motley room of guests occasionally get boisterous, leading the revelers into the toils of the law.

The other scheme, in which the rewards are uncertain except for the promoters, is a sort of lottery, known as "numbers" or the "policy game," operated with the daily figures of total stock market sales as a basis. Although contributions of as little as a nickel are solicited, considerable sums are involved.

Burglar Discusses Art as He Takes Jewelry

New York.—A burglar with a penchant for discussing art with his victims, if they happen to meet him, robbed Mrs. Adelaide O'Donohue of Brooklyn of \$15,000 in jewels. Mrs. O'Donohue, police said in revealing the burglary, was awakened by a flashlight in her face just before daybreak and called out, "Who are you?" "I'm a burglar," was the reply. "I want your money and your jewelry."

She told them they were in the bureau, but he paused to remark: "That's a corking fine painting you have there. Is it genuine?" Mrs. O'Donohue assured him it was and that it was called "Out of Chaos Comes the Dawn." The thief, glancing out of the window, remarked that sure enough it was dawn. He then went to the bureau and selected gems, conversing the while.

The burglar remarked upon volumes of Byron, Shelley and Keats on a table.

"Sleeping-Car Sirens" Bilk American Tourists

London.—Sleeping-car sirens are a menace to travelers in some parts of Europe. Wealthy Americans are said to be frequently their victims. Good looks, beautiful clothes, a mixture of tears and coquetry, a card case containing names of famous persons of Europe and a tearful tale of a lost purse or railway ticket enable these adventuresses to extract large sums of money from male travelers.

Yugo-Slav police recently arrested a young woman of twenty-four who for the last three years has been levying toll from wealthy travelers on the famous Simplon Express, which rushes across the continent from Paris to Constantinople.

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Margaret H. Womble having resigned as administrator of the estate of J. D. Womble, deceased, and I having been appointed and qualified as administrator, d. b. n., of the estate of the said J. D. Womble, deceased, all persons holding claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 1928, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate settlement. This the 6th day of January, 1927. G. W. BLAIR, Admr., d. b. n., J. D. Womble, deceased, Long & Bell, Attys. Jan. 20, 6t.

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THE CHATHAM PRINTSHOP Record Bldg. Pittsboro Sale of Land

Under and by virtue of authority conferred by an order of the court in the matter of: Mattin Gunter, O. J. Gunter, et als vs. J. E. Gunter, Fred Gunter, et als, entered on August 17, 1926, wherein the undersigned were appointed commissioners to sell said land for a division among the plaintiffs and the defendants; and whereas, all of one matters have been adjusted by W. D. Bright, one of the plaintiffs and other defendants with reference to the fourth tract of 75 acres described in the complaint.

Therefore, in accordance with said order as relates to said tract of land between the parties thereto, the undersigned commissioners, will, on Monday, February 7th, 1927, at 12 o'clock noon, at the court house door in Pittsboro, Chatham county, N. C. expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following tract of land:

Fourth tract of land consisting of 75 acres, more or less, allotted to Elizabeth Gunter in the division of the lands of John W. Gunter, deceased, made by Nathaniel Clegg, Alexander and Calvin Pattisall on August 22, 1860, to which division reference is hereby made for a full and complete description of said tract of land. This 4th day of January, 1927. D. L. BELL and R. L. GAVIN, Com.

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