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## MOUNT ZION NEWS

Miss Lizzie Clegg has returned home from a visit to her aunt who lives in Asheville.

Rev. C. M. Lance, the pastor, will preach at his usual time at Mount Zion Sunday afternoon.

Surprises are always enjoyable. Well, Mr. J. Lee Harmon received one of those enjoyable surprises last Saturday evening when quite a bunch of people entered his home. It was his birthday or rather June the second was the date, but it was celebrated at this time. It was all planned by Mrs. Harmon, his wife, and it was indeed an enjoyable affair. The guests were seated in the reception room where old fashioned games were played. Music was enjoyed by all, with Miss Ola Harmon at the piano.

The guests were now shown to the dining room. The birthday cake was in the center of the table. It was beautiful. It was white with the green candles, in pink holders surrounded with sweet peas.

Mr. Harmon blew the candles out, the cake was cut and was served with delicious home made ice cream by the hostess, assisted by Miss Ola Harmon and Mrs. Clyde Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon's home was most attractive. The decorations for the evening were sweet peas.

Near eleven o'clock the guests departed, saying and showing they had a good time, and wishing Mr. Harmon many more such happy birthdays.

Mr. Turner Petty says that he has a turkey that has sixteen young turkeys. At four weeks old, she began to lay again, and has been laying every day. When she goes to the nest, the little ones sit around her. This is something unusual, isn't it?

Mr. Fred Lilly who was taken seriously ill sometime ago is reported very much better, we are glad to report.

Mrs. J. Lee Harmon and Miss Ola Harmon are leaving this afternoon for Durham, where they are expecting to attend the union reception at Duke University tonight and also be there for the address tomorrow.

## EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of the last will and testament of Mrs. Matilda Straughn, late of Chatham county, I warn all persons having claims against the estate to present them duly proven on or before the first day of May, 1928, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons owing the estate will please make early payment.

This May 2, 1927.  
IRA A. SMITH,  
Executor, Siler City, N. C.  
May 5—6tp.

## NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners in care of the undersigned at their office in Pittsboro, N. C., until twelve o'clock noon, June 22, 1927, for \$50,000. Funding Bonds of Chatham county, N. C., dated April 1, 1927, bearing interest at the rate of 5 percent per annum, and maturing annually April 1st, \$1,000, 1928 to 1937, inclusive, and \$2,000, 1928 to 1957, inclusive, without option of prior payment. Denomination \$1,000, coupon bonds, not registerable as to interest nor principal, interest A. and N. I, payable in gold in New York City; general county obligations; unlimited tax; delivery at place of purchaser's choice. The bonds will be awarded at the highest price offered, the amount of premium to determine the award. The purchaser to pay for bond forms, and Attorney's fees.

Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "Proposal for Bonds" and be accompanied by a certified check for \$1,000. (or cash) payable to the order of the county treasurer and drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company. The right is reserved to reject all bids.

C. C. POE,  
Clerk, Board of County Commissioners.

## Products of Old-Time And Modern Schools Are Compared

Superintendent of Schools in Elizabeth City For 20 Years Gives His Opinion

D. V. Meekins in News & Observer Elizabeth City, May 28—Are the schools of North Carolina today, with their investment of millions in modern buildings, with all conveniences and equipment, gymnasiums, laboratories, domestic science departments, worship, and a 10-months school term and highly-paid teachers, turning out better citizens or more learned scholars than the old-fashioned schools of yesterday?

The answer is no, if one may take the opinion of a man who has been an educational leader in the state for a half century. That man is Prof. S. L. Sheep, who retires this week as superintendent of the Elizabeth City schools, a position he has held for 20 years.

In an interview given this week Prof. Sheep assigns the chief cause of our failure to produce masterful students to the growing tendency to broaden the curriculum and teach the child a multitude of studies, of which he may only gain a smattering, and the mastery of none.

Another reason for this failure to turn out finished students is the fact that many of them are not college materials, he says. Too much attention has been paid to the quantity of education we can cram into a child's head, and so little to the quality of it. Too many parents have been slaves to the ambition to see their child in college; when they should be seeing that the child gets quality education in the high school—a few things learned well.

And too many of the students sent away to college are not even college material. They would be far better employed in learning a trade, or entering business.

A deplorable condition, but proven by the fact that less than 50 per cent of the students who enter high school during the first year, ever graduate. This is largely the result of a lack of interest in the studies pursued, indicating more than anything else the outcome of poor teaching.

And it all gets back to the high schools, for these teachers went to their normal schools or colleges, where they were accepted as having mastered the work of the high school; and because they were accepted, they didn't get the right kind of training in these institutions. With minds yet immature, they are sent out in the world to make interesting a multitude of subjects, of which they know nothing but must try to cram into minds that see no need or feel no desire for such subjects.

Professor Sheep cites noted educational authorities to sustain his statement.

Prof. Sheep's statement, granted this week, has behind it the experience of a man who is known as one of the educational leaders of North Carolina. He has taught four generations of Elizabeth City people, since he came here 49 years ago to teach a private school, which he conducted for 29 years. As Superintendent of the Elizabeth City schools he has guided the education of more than 1,500 students for many years in the mysteries of a complex curriculum specified by the State Department of Education. For 14 years, he has held the chair of Arithmetic, Algebra, and Geometry at the Summer school of the University of North Carolina. Here is what he says: "We Should Strive For Quality."

"Dr. Edgar W. Knight has created something of a sensation throughout the State by his discussion of the need of longer school terms but another item needs equal emphasis—the quality of instruction given. The spreading of our curriculum over a great number of subjects gives the student a smattering of a great many things, and a mastery of none.

"This fact has been recognized by leading colleges for many

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## Miss Pearl Johnson Writes From Japan

Miss Pearl Johnson, missionary to China, who, as noted in these columns, took refuge in Japan months ago when the Chinese troubles about Shanghai were at their height, has written several letters to her sisters and brother from Japan.

In a letter dated April 8, just after their arrival in Japan, she writes: "Today at eleven the Japanese school girls who felt so sorry for us that they took up a collection for us are coming with their dishes. That is a bit amusing, though touching. We haven't felt a bit like refugees and hardly know how to act when treated as such."

A little later she announces that six girls with their teacher, making quite a ceremony of it, brought the beautiful china, 163 pieces, and how she and her four companions enjoyed dividing them out. Pittsboro will probably see Miss Pearl's share some day, for she does not know but that she may have to come home if the troublous times in China continue.

The church members in the Japanese town with the unpronounceable name in which Miss Johnson is refugeeing also were kind and presented fruits.

She visits two cherry blossom parks and is enriched with the beauty of the flowers for which Japan is so famous. She also notes attending two baptisms, which were performed in the Pacific ocean.

It is good to know that she is pleasantly lodged and perfectly safe, and among friends. She hopes to be able to continue her work in China, for she "loves the Chinese," but "always wants to do what the Lord wishes her to do."

## CANNELL AND JOHNSON DISSOLVE PARTNERSHIP

Messrs. Cannell and Johnson have dissolved partnership. Mr. Johnson has bought Mr. Cannell's interest in the business and will conduct both the Pittsboro and the Moncre store. On the other hand, Mr. Cannell has bought Mr. Johnson's interest in the store building here, which, however, will still be occupied by Mr. Johnson. This arrangement releases Mr. Cannell from the store and gives him more time to devote to the other irons he has in the fire.

## MRS. GEORGE SMITH VICTIM OF STROKE

Mrs. George Smith died at her home just beyond Bear Creek on the Goldston road, Sunday as a result of a stroke of paralysis which she suffered a few days before. The burial was at Goldston Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Smith was before marriage Miss Nannie Burke. She was a sister of Mr. W. H. Burke of Goldston. She leaves a devoted husband to mourn her untimely end.

## Father And Son In Same Jail

Wes Carroll, who was exiled last January from Chatham and adjoining counties, was captured a week or two ago in Durham with 49 gallons of liquor, was tried and sentenced to a year on the roads. He appealed and bond was fixed at \$1000.00, but Sheriff Blair's deputies appeared on the scene Saturday and brought Wes back to Pittsboro, where he was lodged in jail. Pitty to say, his aged father was in the jail. It will be recalled that the father, Charles Carroll, a formerly respected citizen of Gulf township, was sentenced at the last term of court to spend a month or two in jail and to pay a considerable fine. Thus father and son, both men of capacity and who might be respected and useful citizens, have become the victims of the booze business and habit.

Cotton dealers and manufacturers must be delighted with these cotton festivals all over the state since the farmer has sold his cotton to them at a very cheap price.

## Sandhill 16 School Auditorium Tuesday 14

Pittsboro to Have Songfest Directed by a Noted Vocalist; Everybody Invited

The people of Pittsboro and the surrounding community will have the opportunity of hearing at the school house, on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock, sixteen male voices under the direction of E. Ellsworth Giles, who has sung in "Old First" Presbyterian church, Fifth Avenue, New York Central Congregational, Brooklyn, and other New York churches. He was called from this city to the First Presbyterian church, Pittsburgh, at the highest salary paid a church singer at that time.

Mr. Giles is at present located in Pinehurst, and he and his trained singers come to us highly praised by those who have heard them.

The following is an extract from Mr. Giles's letter:

"We have a varied program, comprising serious and popular songs, mixing in a generous supply of the negro spirituals and ballads, songs which men everywhere have sung and popularized."

We have sung five times in Pinehurst and return engagements in Laurinburg, Raeford, Aberdeen, Carthage, Hamlet and other surrounding towns."

Adults, 35 cents.  
Children 20 cents.  
The Pittsboro school gets 50 per cent of the proceeds.

## PROSPECT OF BETTER MAIL FACILITIES

Postoffice Inspector Dawson was here Tuesday, and it begins to look as if the Durham mail truck will be turned to Sanford, thus giving Pittsboro and Bynum better mail facilities. Two trips a day from Pittsboro to Sanford will obviate the necessity of mail by train at all. The railroad is carrying comparatively little of the mail now, but is probably getting pay for the same weight estimated as carried by it before the morning R. R. mail train of Sanford met the inspector here.

## J. C. Norwood Died Tuesday Evening

Mr. J. C. Norwood died Tuesday evening, after suffering for several months with tuberculosis. The burial occurred Wednesday afternoon at the Presbyterian church. Mr. Norwood leaves his devoted wife.

He was known by thousands throughout the state, as the proprietor of the Exline hotel.

## H. F. Durham Compliments Rev. Lance

Mr. Henry F. Durham writes: Rev. C. M. Lance at Brown's Chapel last Sunday certainly had the attention of his congregation. You could have heard a pin drop. His text was "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh upon the heart." Some who do not take much interest in the church say that Mr. Lance is the best man and preacher that Brown's has had in quite a while.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that in an action pending in the Superior court of Chatham county, entitled "Spoon and Brewer et al. vs. Goldston Sash & Door Company et al." was declared insolvent and all of its assets were placed in the hands of the undersigned receivers: all creditors will take notice that they shall file all claims against said Goldston Sash & Door Company with the undersigned receivers on or before sixty days from the date hereof, as required in the above mentioned order, or else this notice will be pleaded in bar of their participation in the assets of said insolvent corporation.

This 21st day of May, 1927.  
V. O. OLDHAM & C. C. BREWER,  
Receivers Goldston Sash & Door Company.—May 26—4tc.

## Rays In Serious Automobile Wreck

Mrs. R. J. Saville, of Raleigh, and her mother and sister, Mrs. A. C. Ray and daughter, were in what might easily have been a tragic accident Sunday evening. They had been to visit relatives near Jackson Springs and the accident occurred when they were entering the highway from a side road entering the highway from the west. Mrs. Saville, who was driving, could not see up the highway, and drove to the very edge of it before she could see a car approaching from the left. She immediately stopped her car, when she saw a car approaching, leaving plenty of room in the broad highway for it to pass. But the young man driving the approaching car, though advised by his mother, who was with him, that there was a car ahead, got his eyes and mind fixed upon a car approaching a little distance beyond the Ray car, and ran plumb into the Ray car without any of the usual wailing and wailing crash.

Though the striking car was an old Ford it frightened out Mrs. Saville's new Chevrolet roadster in the road and sent it flying down the road forty feet. The Rays the mother of the driver of the were only severely shaken up, but other car was right badly, though not dangerously, hurt.

A telegram informed Mr. Ray of the accident and he went down for the family. The Saville car was taken over by the Chevrolet agency at Raleigh, from whom it had just been bought, with the promise that it should be made as good as new in short order, but at Mr. Saville's expense. While the driver of the other car was undoubtedly and admittedly at fault, he is a poor man and no damages are being asked of him. His car was not seriously injured.

## THE JOHNSON FIRE.

Last week's news item about the loss of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson's home by fire was written while the house was still burning. Since that time we have learned that the home and furniture was insured to the amount of \$5,500.00. The piano and part of the other furniture was saved, thus reducing the sum that will be paid on the \$1,500.00 policy on the furniture.

It seems that the rapid spread of the fire was due to an explosion of an oil can or the oil stove after the fire had made some headway. Some one passing heard an explosion and immediately saw the flame spread to the back porch. Mrs. Johnson was upstairs and did not know the house was afire till she happened to look out the window. Without the explosion and the consequent rapid spread of the flames, possibly the fire might have been checked. The oil stove, we are informed, had not been lighted in a week. Hence, it is supposed that the fire originated from the kitchen stove flue.

In addition to the loss sustained by Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Miss Jennie Connell, a sister of Mrs. Johnson, lost several nice dresses and other garments which were in the Johnson home, and Messrs. Harris and Brooks, two of the highway engineering crew, who had a room in the home, lost their Sunday fixings.

## TO THE ESTATE OF MRS. W. D. HOOKER:

This is to notify you that 116 acres of land located in Hickory Mountain Township, Chatham county, North Carolina, listed in your name, was sold for taxes for the year 1924 at the court house door in Pittsboro on September 6th, 1926, when the undersigned became the purchaser thereof and holds receipt therefor. Unless such taxes, cost and interest, as by law provided, be paid to me, I will as soon hereafter, as by law permitted to do, apply to the Sheriff of Chatham County for a deed therefor.

This May the 12th, 1927.  
A. D. DORSETT.  
June 2, 4tc.

## Mr. Joseph Campbell Died Last Thursday

Highly Respected Citizen of Hickory Mountain Township; Result of Stroke of Paralysis

Mr. Joseph Campbell, a highly respected citizen of Hickory Mountain township, died last Thursday as a result of a stroke of paralysis which occurred Wednesday about one o'clock.

The burial was at Hickory Mountain Methodist church the following day. The funeral was preached by Rev. W. L. Maness, pastor. A large crowd was present to express their respect for the esteemed gentleman.

Mr. Campbell was over 70 years of age. He had been in good health up to three or four months ago, but had not been confined to his bed till the stroke Wednesday.

He married Miss Phronia Ray, of the same section of the county. There are six living children, Messdames H. K. Eubanks, J. A. Woody, Henry C. Johnson, and Marvin Ray, and Messrs. A. J. and Ki Campbell. There are two dead, Mrs. J. M. Ellis and Hattie, the latter of whom died when a child.

He was a good man and will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

## A Pittsboro Boy Wins Distinction

A real distinction has been won by C. C. Hamlet, Jr., of Pittsboro. Some months ago the State Department of the American Legion Auxiliary offered a prize of \$20 to the youth writing the best essay on the subject "An American Citizen's Duty to His Government." The contest was state-wide, and young Hamlet has won the prize over all contestants from a hundred counties.

The award will be presented to "C. C.", as the brilliant youth is generally known, at the next meeting of the Pittsboro Legion Auxiliary, which will be held at the home of Mrs. W. R. Thompson on Friday evening, June 10, at eight o'clock. All members of the Auxiliary are urged to be present.

## EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having duly qualified as executor of the last will and testament of the estate of T. J. Harrington, deceased, late of Chatham county, I hereby warn all persons holding claims against his estate to present them on or before the first day of May, 1928, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons owing the estate are requested to make immediate payment.

This May 1, 1927.  
MRS. CLARIE L. HARRINGTON,  
Executrix.  
Long and Bell, Attorneys.  
May 6—6tc.

## NOTICE OF LAND SALE

By virtue of the powers contained in a certain mortgage deed, executed on the 13th, day of January, 1925, by John Bynum, to W. G. Fields, the same being recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Chatham county, in book FX, page 189, and default having been made in the payment of the bond secured therein, I will on, TUESDAY, JULY 5TH, 1927, at the court house door in Pittsboro, sell for cash to the highest bidder the following described tract of land in Hadley Township, Chatham county, North Carolina, being more fully described as follows:

Beginning at stake and pointers, Justice line, thence North about 3\* east 110 poles to oak and pointers; thence East 71 poles to branch, stone and pointers, Durham's line; thence as the Hugh Crutchfield line to pointers; thence west 89 poles to the first station, containing 74 3-4 acres more or less, the same being lot No. 3, in the subdivision of the Hugh Crutchfield farm.

Time of sale twelve o'clock, noon. This June the 4th, 1927.  
W. G. FIELDS, Mortgagee.  
A. C. Ray, Attorney.

## NEW ELAM NEWS

(Delayed)

Etheleen, the attractive little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Carr celebrated her seventh birthday anniversary Tuesday afternoon from two to five o'clock by inviting quite a number of little friends to the home of her parents.

The charming little folks were cordially received by the hostess, they all presented their useful and appropriate gifts they had selected for her.

After the arrival of all the guests they began playing out-door games that all children delight in. Misses Janice Carr and Inez Andrews participated in all the games. After this they were invited into the dining room which was beautifully decorated with sweet peas and Easter lilies, in the center of the lovely arranged table was a birthday cake with seven tiny candles. Mrs. Carr, assisted by Misses Lillie Hackney and Lillian Olinger Mesdames. Dewey Olinger and David Goodwin served banana ice cream and cake. Cutting the cake caused much merriment. Roy Holt cut the lucky piece and received the prize, which was a box of crayons.

Those present to enjoy Etheleen's delightful party and present gifts were Katherine Riddle, Ethel Moore, Francis and Wilma Goodwin, Melba Moore, Nancy Ann Womble, Rubbie Cowan, Pearl Hackney, Magdaline and Marjorie Goodwin, Hazel and Mary Gladys Upchurch, Roy Holt, Bill Olinger, Ray Mann, and L. B. Olinger.

We were indeed fortunate to have with us in our Christian Endeavor society at New Elam church Mr. John C. Luther, our capable mail carrier, a person in whom we have the utmost confidence, by our everyday dealings with him. We have found him to be an ideal Christian man, and a dependable friend. We have never listened to a better and more inspiring message than the one Mr. Luther in a most beautiful manner delivered. He used as a subject "and when the south wind blew softly." This is recorded in Acts. 27, Chapter, and 13 verse. We are all familiar, I am sure, with this chapter as Paul foretold of the danger, that lay before them if they attempted to sail to Rome, yet he was not believed, the judgment Master and owner of the ship being more trusted than Paul's prophecy. The south wind blew softly and all went well until a tempestuous wind arose, and the ship was wrecked. Mr. Luther classed us all as on a voyage of life, and finally have, as the south wind did, a tempestuous ending. He said, one might finally be saved as were Paul and all on the ship and yet lose our personality, and prestige, one may be criticized by man and that was nothing compared to our own conscious condemning ourselves. Our subject was "China".

Miss Allen Luther also spoke a few well chosen words on China and the condition which exist there in regards to the Missionaries. I would that our local society could train the young people to become just such men as we believe Mr. Luther is.

Coley Goodwin who was a student at Elon College the past session has returned home to spend his summer vacation.

Misses Rose Studivant and Vada Goodwin, in their usual graceful manner, entertained about twenty of their friends at the hospitable home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Goodwin on the evening of May 28th.

We are indeed sorry to note the illness of Mrs. G. L. Mann, who is our efficient and much loved Sunday school teacher, and we are anxious for her complete recovery.

There are a lot of cave-men in this nation of ours. You can always know them. When trouble starts they run to a cave.

It is a cinch the farmers were desperately in need of help—else they never would have gone to Congress for it.