

HARD COAL FIELD BEING OPENED BY CHATHAM FOLK

Millions of Tons of Superior Coal Near Surface in Tract—Machinery Now Being Installed.

What appears to be a rich coal field is now being exploited by a company composed of Chatham county people. Something like fifty tons of high-grade coal has already been taken from the mine by wheelbarrow method, but machinery is being installed to operate upon a commercial scale.

The product is a superior coal, analyzing 79 to 81 per cent. carbon, 5 or 6 per cent. volatile matter, and only 15 per cent. ash. The State College chemist making the analysis states that the analysis indicates anthracite coal. The grade is altogether superior to that of the Cumcock and Coal Glen products, it appears, and ranks high among fuel coals.

The editor of the Record, in Siler City Saturday, found Mr. W. T. Dorsett testing the coal in a stove. The coal was there to show for itself, hard and glittery. A fire started on Friday morning, and occasionally replenished with a few lumps of coal, was burning with a steady glow.

The mine, according to Mr. Dorsett, is on a 640-acre tract willed by the late Oliver Newland to his grandchildren, including Mr. Dorsett's own four children and those of Prof. I. C. Blair of Raleigh. A one-fourth undivided interest was bought by John Gardner. The operating company is composed of W. A. Jones, of Gulf, president, A. J. Dorsett, of Raleigh, secretary and treasurer, W. R. Dorsett, of Raleigh, Mrs. M. M. Fox and Mrs. J. B. Marley, of Siler City, and Enos Blair of Raleigh.

The company has leased the mineral rights for 12 years from executor of the Newland estate and the Garner estate.

The tract lies, on Deep River about two miles north of Carbon, and about one mile from the Norfolk and Southern railroad.

The coal taken from the field thus far has been taken from the five-foot stratum jutting out twenty feet below the ordinary land level under a bluff overhanging a small stream. But as there is thought to be danger from overflow if the mine should be opened from this end, the plans are to sink a shaft from the top of the bluff, only 20 feet to the coal stratum. Machinery on a small scale is being placed for the uplift of the coal and screening and loading.

It is estimated that there are 3,000,000 tons of coal readily accessible under the tract, judged from borings. The stratum slopes toward the river, but so gradually that it is deemed that the deepest part is only 200 feet under the surface.

Mr. Jones, the president of the company, is a miner of long experience. He knows Pennsylvania mines, and had long experience at Cumcock.

If this, as indicated, is truly anthracite coal, it is unique in the south, and if the quantity is such as adjudged, the importance of the field is of almost inestimable value, affording, as it would, an abundance of high-grade fuel right in the heart of the industrial district of the state.

CORRECTION IN THE PRICE OF GINNING

The advertisement of the Chatham Oil and Fertilizer Company had already been printed when we got notice of change in prices. Instead of \$4.50 as it reads, the price is \$4.90 per bale, including bagging and ties.

It would not be so bad to listen to what some have to say if they would tell you something you had not hear before and in less time too.

Says Women Will Keep America Dry

Went To the Mat To Get Sobriety And Will Win, Declares George Mansfield

New York, Oct. 10.—"The American women 'went to the mat' to get more sobriety," declares George Mansfield in the first issue of "The New Age Illustrated," "and despite a perfectly terrible fuss over the deprivation, made by a lot of persistent 'serious drinkers,' the cold facts as they now gradually shape themselves, are that America is slowly but surely drying, and that there is not a chance that liquor can come back."

"We will have to face the fact," writes Mr. Mansfield, "that in a country like America, where we really respect women and offer them a chance to shape civilization according to woman's ideas, as well as to man's liquor and women's self-respect, welfare, and safety do not hitch together."

The writer in the new magazine points out that "the American woman first become conscious of her political serenity in facing the liquor question; and first became aware through it that she needed the ballot to aid her if one of her vital interests should become endangered. Let us grant," he continues, "it to be the truth that women, since attaining the vote, have not shown so much interest as men in ordinary politics. The fact remains that she wants the ballot as a flint-lock musket hung over her fire-place to snatch down if the deepgoing special interests of women or their offspring are very seriously endangered."

"It looks as if Mother Eliza Thompson, Frances Willard, Carry A. Nation and the great majority of women of both yesterday and today have got us men, with our age-old weakness for strong drink, backed in a corner. We have been making one gorgeous obstreperous fuss over it, but the facts seem to indicate that mother knows best."

NEGRO KILLED IN COAL MINE

A Negro miner was accidentally killed at Coal Glen Thursday. A cable broke on a car. He jumped out and was crushed between timbers. He was taken at once to a Sanford hospital but died immediately after arriving. The unfortunate man was a South Carolinian.

P. T. ASSOCIATION HAD A GOOD MEETING OCTOBER 7

The Parent-Teacher Association had a most enthusiastic and enjoyable meeting on Oct. 7.

Splendid reports were made by the committees and grade mothers. Thirteen new members were reported.

Committees were appointed and other plans made for the annual Hallow'en carnival.

Mrs. H. A. Bynum reported that the work of the public school music teacher had begun and that one lesson each week was being given in the seven grades of the primary and elementary school.

The association was most pleasantly entertained by Dr. R. M. Farrell and Miss Annie Bryan with violin pieces and by Mrs. H. A. Bynum and Miss Emily Taylor with vocal selections.

The children of the 1st and 2nd grades interpreted several nursery stories in costumed acting.

The delegates to the state congress to be held at Charlotte were appointed as follows: Mrs. O. J. Peterson, Mrs. Wm. Hunt, Miss Bertha Coletrane, Mr. J. S. Waters.

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"I'm striking a happy medium," said the detective as he hit the fake spiritualist over the head.

JOHNSON WINS IN \$10,000 SUIT

Former Pittsboro Policeman Sued For Killing Negro, Wins in Orange Court.

Lacy Johnson, former police chief of Pittsboro, who was sued by Simon Alston for \$10,000, under arrest and bail procedure, for killing Alston's son while the officer was in performance of his duty as police officer, was cleared by an Orange county jury last Saturday.

Johnson had been cleared of the criminal charge immediately after the shot which proved fatal, but the father of the dead man was not satisfied and brought suit under arrest and bond proceedings for the sum of \$10,000 damages.

It seems that no Chatham county lawyer would take Alston's case, and he employed R. O. Everett of Durham, who at the last term of criminal court here, on the ground of prejudice indicated by the failure to secure a Chatham attorney, secured a removal of the case to Orange county.

The case was set for last Thursday and a crowd of Chatham citizens were summoned as witnesses, chiefly of the character of the defendant. The case was not reached Thursday and only late Friday, making it necessary for the attorneys and witnesses to go the third day.

Messrs. W. P. Horton, D. L. Bell, and A. C. Ray appeared for Johnson, and R. O. Everett, of Durham and Graham of Hillsboro for Alston. The defense was also assisted by Gattis and Gattis of Hillsboro.

After three days' attendance by two score leading citizens of the county only a few were allowed to testify.

Two speeches were made on each side. Messrs. Bell and Horton spoke for the defendant, and Everett and Graham for the plaintiff.

Messrs. Horton and Bell are said to have made very able addresses. Anyway, the jury rendered a verdict in favor of the defense in short order.

James L. Branson Passes At His Home Near Staley

Liberty, Oct. —James L. Branson, 62, died at his home 3 miles south of Staley last night about 9 o'clock. The deceased had been in ill health for the past two years, and his death was not unexpected. He was a farmer and had lived in this community all his life. He was a member of Rehobeth Methodist Episcopal Church, having joined that church many years ago.

Funeral services were held from Bethany Church and interment made in the church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Ida Bridgers; eight children, Lula Joseph, Cecil, Mary, Dora and Daisy Branson, all at home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Branson; two sisters, Mrs. Levi Lindley and Mrs. J. A. Coltrain, and one brother, Randolph Branson.

CAMPAIGN WORKERS TO HAVE WORKERS FRIDAY

The leaders in the Baptist Centennial campaign of the Sandy Creek Association are to have a supper at the Sanford Baptist church tomorrow evening, Friday, Oct. 14. At this meeting the work of the campaign for the raising of the Sandy Creek's share of the \$1,500,000 fund to be raised for the Baptist colleges of the state will be inaugurated.

The chairman from each church is invited to attend, also the chairmen of the several groups of churches in to which the association is divided for campaign purposes. Mr. J. L. Griffin is chairman at Pittsboro, Charlie Fields at Bynum, L. P. Dixon at Siler City. Other names are not known.

It is all right to play an indoor game, provided you don't play to hurt the fellow on the out side.

O'Briant Apparently Had Planned Suicide

Durham Man, Held For Murder, Had Made Rope of Sheet And Tied It To Ceiling.

Durham, Oct., 9.—An apparent attempt on the part of Walter D. O'Briant, charged with the murder of Mrs. Sallie D. Smith Williams, to commit suicide in his cell in the county jail was frustrated by fellow prisoners who took a rope made from him while he was in the act of fastening it to the ceiling.

For more than an hour, after his effort at self-destruction had been frustrated, he raved like a maniac, at times howling only to burst into tears and then suddenly break out in boisterous laughter.

O'Briant, who made two other attempts at self-destruction, including the first one when, after sending a bullet crashing into the body of Mrs. Williams he turned the gun upon himself with almost fatal effect, is scheduled to go on trial for his life in this week's term of criminal court. His actions from the time he was rushed to the hospital more dead than alive as the result of the attempted murder and suicide have at times been queer and there are those people here, including the sheriff, who believe his act of today was done in an effort to sway the verdict when his case is placed into their hands toward an insanity verdict. That he will plead insanity has been the belief of observers here for sometime.

The prisoner, formerly in the jewelry business here, sprang into the limelight several months ago when, after waiting on an uptown corner for several minutes, apparently for Mrs. Smith with whom he is alleged to have been infatuated, sprang upon the running board of her car when she drove in sight and shot her. He ran for the distance of a city block, pistol in hand, when suddenly he re-traced his steps, got into the car beside his victim and sent a bullet through his abdomen. While being rushed to the hospital, O'Briant expressed the hope that both the woman and himself might die, while the woman wished that O'Briant might die. Neither had their wish for she died several days later and he got well.

O'Briant created a sensation when he escaped from the hospital while a patient there. He was captured and returned there, however, and for a time police stood guard over him to prevent him from any violence.

BROOKS WRITES FROM AVERY CTY

Editor Record:

It may be of interest to my Chatham friends to tell them of my whereabouts, and something of the baby county of Avery, in which I am now living. It commenced its existence in 1911, and is now 16 years old. It was made from parts of Mitchell, Watauga, Caldwell, and Burke counties, and is the one hundredth county of the State. The climate is ideal and the scenery is grand. Nearby is Mount Mitchell, the highest peak east of the Rocky Mountains. There is great educational activity in the county. Most of the local schools have been consolidated and the pupils are conveyed to the schools in busses.

I am teaching in the Cranberry high school. There are 12 teachers, five men and seven women, and there are about four hundred children. Mr. R. T. Teague, formerly of Chatham county, is the county superintendent of schools. He is highly esteemed by the people of his adopted county. Our principal is Prof. Daniel C. Butler of the state of Robeson. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and has both executive ability and tact. Although I am away from the county of my birth I still remember her people with great interest.

W. E. BROOKS.

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GRAND PRIZE GOES TO BYNUM

Bynum School Takes First Place at Fair; Goldston Second.

Bynum, Oct. 10.—The Bynum students left the fair grounds Tuesday with the grand prize. Bynum won 57 points and the next highest Goldston, won 40. These points were gotten by running, jumping, throwing and doing different kinds of athletic stunts. Bynum should be proud of her boys and girls for winning the most points of any in Chatham county.

Mr. Sion Sturdivant returned to Florida last week for the winter, after spending the summer here with his father.

Mr. Brooks Snipes has returned to Raleigh where he is a sophomore in State College.

Miss Camela Gilmore spent the week end here with Miss Fanny Riddle.

MONCURE PLANS FOR SILK HOSIERY MILL

Capital Stock of \$25,000 Sought for Initial Plant—Town's Advantages as Industrial Center.

With the successful opening of the new bank at Moncure there seems to have come a new spirit upon the old town, and plans are progressing for the establishment of a mill to make silk hosiery.

Investigations are being made of the possibilities of such a plant, and plans are afoot to raise a capital stock of \$25,000 for the enterprise.

Situated in the fork of the Cape Fear and with fine railroad facilities, Moncure has a location equal to that of any town for industrial development; while its access to a flood of power is not equalled by that of any town in the state. Within sight, practically, are two hydro-electric plants and the immense steam-electric plant of the Carolina Power Company, furnishing an abundance of cheap current for whatever industrial enterprises may be established for years and years to come.

It is a matter of history that this triangle, with Haywood then the center of community interest, lacked only one vote of becoming the site of the capital of the state. It is interesting to conceive what would have been the result if the capital had been located there. The map of the whole northern part of the state, if not of the whole state, would have been different. Here would have been the great city of North Carolina. With water for every use abundant and with the possibilities of water power much earlier than it actually came, the industrial basis of a city would have been laid much earlier than at Raleigh.

But while the great chance is gone for ever, Moncure still has its unique advantages, and with the enterprising spirit now manifest there is no telling how soon it may swing into line as one of the coming towns of the state.

214 TONS OF COAL IN ONE DAY

Since the mining force of the Carolina Coal Company at Coal Glen has been greatly augmented by bringing in a number of experienced miners, the daily output of coal is much greater than ever before in the history of the mine. The Express is informed that 214 tons of coal and 84 tons of rock were lifted from the mine Tuesday. This was more coal than was ever taken from the mine in any one day before. Two shifts are at work in the mine.—Sanford Express.

ROAD IMPROVED

Mr. L. D. Johnson, in charge of one of the road forces, has just finished top-soiling the old road from the Cumcock bridge to Gulf, a part of the old highway 60, turned back on the county after the completion of the short cut. This work did not come too early, as the road was in a bad fix. It is now reported to be in fine shape.

Autos Cause 47 Deaths In Month

September Figures Already Beyond Those For August; State Issues Report

With 47 fatalities from Automobile accidents in North Carolina during September already reported with figures for the State still incomplete, the death toll last month has passed that of August, when 42 deaths were reported, according to information from the State Department of Revenue.

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles of the Department of Revenue is furnishing a new type of service in the monthly reports listing the number of accident and fatalities, the cause of the accident if known, the age of the driver and those hurt and the conditions surrounding the accident.

Out of the 352 accidents reported during August, 443 persons were injured and 42 killed, according to the report. There were 566 cars, however, involved in the crashes, which indicated that the majority of the wrecks were by collision with other vehicles.

The majority of the collisions, in which the conditions were known, occurred in day-light on clear days, with the hour between eight and nine in the morning leading all other hours of the day in the number of accidents. Sunday, of course, led all other days of the week with 71 accidents, Saturday following next with 63, and other days as follows: Monday 47, Friday 56, Thursday 43, Wednesday 42, and Tuesday 40.

More than three times as many men as women were driving cars involved in accident, the report showing 441 cars driven by men and 125 by women. The majority of the cars involved were passenger cars with 506 out of the 566, being passenger cars.

Street and highway intersections were the scenes of most of the accidents, the report showing 50 accidents at highway intersections, six at rural intersections, 100 at street intersections, and ten at railroad crossings. There were 118 occurring on the straight highway.

FINE SERVICE AT BONLEE

Bear Creek, Oct. 4.—Sunday was a great day at Bonlee Baptist church. Mr. William B. Cheek, once a member of Bonlee church and teacher in the Sunday School, now superintendent of Lystra Sunday school in northern Chatham, was present and conducted the opening service. He took as his theme the faith of Daniel and the three Hebrew Children, stressing the latter's deliverance from the fiery furnace as an example of God's deliverance of those whose faith is firm and true to him. His talk was greatly enjoyed by all.

At the 11 o'clock hour Mr. G. E. Lineberry, superintendent of the North Carolina State school for the Blind, at Raleigh, delivered a great address on the Baptist Centennial Campaign. Mr. Lineberry is a native of this association and of this county, his grandfather, Rev. William Lineberry, having been one of the foremost Baptist preachers of his day. His speech was filled with reminiscences of this section and of the state. He referred to his boyhood visits to the home of his father's sister, the late Mrs. Sarah Emerson, at Bear Creek, whose home place was the farm on which this writer now lives with his family.

Mr. Lineberry is also a brother of R. B. Lineberry, long a minister in this association, now preaching in eastern North Carolina. The people in this section are always glad to welcome him for any visit and his wonderful speech was immensely enjoyed Sunday morning.

GROVER C. PHILLIPS.

If some people were shave down to the size that some people think they ought to be—it would take a search light, at close range on a sunshine day to make them appear as large as red bug full grown.

FINE EXHIBITS AT COUNTY FAIR

County Agents Comment Upon Exhibits; Cream Deliveries Increasing.

In so far as quality is concerned, the exhibits at the Chatham County Fair were the best in years. This was especially true in the case of the corn show. The largest amount of tobacco ever seen at the fair was shown this year. Mr. D. J. Williams of New Hope Township, exhibited the best grade of tobacco. Mr. J. M. Hackney of Siler City R.F.D., won first prize in the general farm exhibit class, although he was closely pushed by Mr. Duncan who won second prize. The poultry exhibit house was filled to overflowing, and some fine birds were shown. The exhibits of hogs and dairy cattle were also good, and excited very favorable comment from the judges.

One of the most interesting features of the fair was the talk made by Clarence Poe, Editor of the Progressive Farmer. His talk was on the subject of Dairy Farming. He pointed out to the farmers that there is very little danger of glutting the market with dairy products, and advised the farmers of Chatham to begin making preparations for this phase of farming.

It is interesting to note along the lines of Dairy Farming, that the cream route which was begun some weeks ago, and running through the central portion of the county now delivers 300 pounds of cream from Chatham to the creamery at Burlington per week. The agent made the first trip with the route hauler, and 65 pounds of cream were collected that time. This shows that the farmers in this county are beginning to turn to dairying for a sure and profitable source of income. As pointed out in an article some weeks ago, farmers in the vicinity of Pittsboro, Goldston, Bear Creek and Bonlee can deliver their cream to stores in the above named communities, and the route hauler will deliver this cream later.

In office at Pittsboro, Saturdays and first Mondays.
N. C. SHIVER, County Agent.

DESTROYING STALKS MAY DOUBLE NEXT COTTON CROP

(Columbia State.)

Statement by David R. Coker, Hartsville, to Darlington county newspapers:

"Four years out of the past seven were bad weevil years and Darlington county averaged less than 77,500 bales per year. In three other years the weevil was not so bad and the county averaged a little under 30,000 bales per year. If the farmers in Darlington county will destroy the green cotton stalks promptly most of the weevils will die before frost and little damage to the next crop is likely to occur until very late. This may mean addition of 10,000 or 15,000 bales to the county's crop. It will pay every farmer to cut his own stalks promptly whether his neighbors do or not but it will pay far better if all can be induced to destroy them. The quicker this work is done the more effective it will be. No more pressing or important subject has ever come to the attention of our farmers. Let's get together and destroy the stalks and do it quickly."

MR. WATKINS PREACHES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Geo. T. Watkins, one of the best known Baptist ministers of the state, preached a fine sermon at the Baptist church Sunday, on the subject of Christian Education.

Mr. Watkins came as an envoy of the managers of the campaign for a million and a half dollars for the Baptist schools.

A Meredith student was also scheduled to come, but the inclement weather probably was the hindrance.

Columbus was right. He sighted dry land—Ohio State Sun Dial.