

Rambling and Scribbling

The Editor Gives an Account of The Towns and People Seen in Two Days of Subscription Work Last Week

Only two days of field work a week, but they serve to introduce the Record man to quite a few new people and acquaint him better with the geography and history of the county, and as many Chathamites really know little of the great old county as a whole, we again will take our readers on the rounds with us.

Visiting Siler City is no rarity, but on nearly every visit we have the pleasure of making new acquaintances or seeing Chathamites whom we have not seen in quite a while. Among those last week was Mr. C. N. Page, who with Mr. J. M. Jordan composes our list at the surviving little country post office of Brush Creek.

Those Ore Hillians take their corn shuckings seriously. When Mr. Forester and the editor walked up from the store, quite a bunch of the neighbors were already busily engaged and apparently as solemn as owls, and the solemnity was maintained till the last ear was shucked.

Anyway, the corn shucking in the bright light of a beautiful fall day with the shucking as the main thought in mind differed much from the recollections of the old-time corn shuckings in Sampson, when at night fall the little chaps, after seeing a sheep or a pig killed and a big pot out in the yard, supplementing the smaller cooking vessels in the kitchen, preparing for the feast away in the night, were thrilled by hearing the booming voices of the negroes approaching from the east and from the west with the old halloing song of "Bull Row," at least that is the way it sounded.

It was only at corn shuckings, log rollings, and wheat threshings that the editor's father ever brought home a jug, and one of those events without the toddy would have been accounted an injustice. It has been more than fifty years, but the memory of waking and peeping out the window while the white folk were eating, and seeing Tom Killett, a young buck, dancing by a torch light and to the patting of many black heads, is almost as vivid as if it were yesterday—and Tom, old Tom now, was living when we left Sampson three years ago.

But there was a live wire in the Forester kitchen, who pepped up things when the bunch reached the dining room. It was the vivacious Mrs. Hardin Holliday, an idea of whose wit and audacity may be had from a story we later heard of her. A patent medicine man was selling his wares one day near her and irritating her with a frequent cough. Soon she called to him if he had any cough medicine. He, thinking a sale was imminent, answered "yes, the best kind," to which he got the instant reply, "Why in the devil don't you take some of it, then?"

Mr. Bob Gorrell remarked, as all of us were busily engaged in disposing of the variety of good things to eat, "I have seen folks go to corn shuckings and just eat and eat; thank you for some more of that stew," and to Mrs. Holliday, who asked him just then if he would have some more pudding, accenting the "ing" with unusual clearness, he said, "Now, Mae, you are putting on airs because the editor is here; I'll take some pudd'n." And "I'll thank you for some chicken stew." Certainly, "Bob" is rather delicate, and just goes to corn shuckings to help get his neighbors' corn housed.

We were pleased to find Mrs. Forester a sister of Attorney L. P. Dixon, of Siler City, and thus made to feel more at home.

The editor pitched in to help shuck that pile of corn, but when it began to seem too much like work slipped away and called upon Mrs. O. B. Stroud, at her pleasant home nearby. Mrs. Stroud will be pleasantly recalled by the older Pittsboro folk, as she was a Headen, a first cousin of Mr. Will A. Headen, who, unlike Mrs. Stroud, has not discontinued his visits to Pittsboro, but, on the contrary, for some reason or other, pays particular attention in his drumming to Pittsboro merchants.

Mrs. Stroud is hale and hearty for her age. She has only two children, a son, who lives with her, and a daughter, Mrs. E. H., a fine young woman whom we had also the pleasure of meeting.

Mr. L. F. Gorrell was preparing to leave in a few days for Craddock, Va., near Portsmouth, where he will

spend the winter with his daughter, Mrs. J. B. Brown. He will have the Record, however, to keep him in touch with things here in Chatham. Mr. D. T. Vestal is playng substitute R. F. D. carrier for a week or two and had learned his route well enough by Friday to get in considerably earlier than on his first days. Mrs. Vestal has a nice little store and had already subscribed for the Record before the husband arrived.

We had only a moment or two with Mr. W. V. Cheek before the bus came, but was glad to learn that his son, Allan, who suffered so severely in his struggle with the negro in Cheek's store last winter when Mr. Fogleman was killed, is hopeful of finally recovering from the effects of the injuries, though he was that very day away to see his physician, we believe. We had the curiosity to step into the store and see the site of that memorable struggle, though the graphic description given of it on the trial made viewing it a mere form.

And that reminds us that we did not see Mr. N. H. Heritage, the veteran railroad man, but we are going again, and especially to visit the Springs and the good people in that old community, which we have known of since our childhood, when R. R. Vann, having come up to Mt. Vernon Springs to school, was lucky enough to win a bride and settle down there for many years of quiet usefulness.

As we leave the sun is dropping behind the sugar-loaf hill from which the village had its former name, Ore Hill, because of the presence of considerable iron ore in its bosom, some of which was mined in the earlier days.

We intended to work at Gulf the next day, but not knowing just what the hotel facilities were there and the Pugh house at Bonlee having been highly commended in the Chatham Record last week, we decided to drop off at that good little town, and there made a contract with the Bonlee Bank and Trust Company to run its advertisement weekly. So read these weekly messages from that strong institution.

Here we learn also that we were mistaken in naming Mr. J. L. Carter postmaster. Mr. Waddell is the postmaster, and possibly the only Democrat holding such a position within a hundred miles. Messrs. Waddell and Carter take turns postmastering and running the hardware store. There are other fine characters about Bonlee whom we hope to touch up some time, as we could not work them all into our story last week.

At Gulf Robert Morrissey, the Clinton youngster who carries the mail from Greensboro to Sanford, was along bright and early the next morning and gave us a lift to Gulf, where we spent several hours pleasantly with the good people of that, the second oldest town in the county.

It was in 1879 that the railroad was extended from Cummock, or Egypt, to "The Gulf." The road had been built to Fayetteville during the war to get coal, particularly for the arsenal at Fayetteville.

Gulf had an opportunity and didn't have an opportunity to become a real town. As the terminus of the railroad for nearly ten years, it should have got a fine start. Unfortunately, however, the land at Gulf was owned by the estate of Oliver Ditson, the famous publisher, and couldn't be sold, or nobody would sell it.

Mr. McIver and Mr. W. S. Russell were the early merchants, and Mr. Russell is still flourishing at the age of 89, and with his son, Mr. A. H. Russell, a chip off the old block, is carrying on a good business to this day. The McIver business is continued by the son of the founder, Mr. J. M. McIver, a good fellow, and almost necessarily so as the son of Miss Lois Anderson, who forty years ago with her brother, now Rev. N. L. Anderson, D.D., pastor of the most important Presbyterian church in Savannah and author of a recently very highly commended volume of sermons, taught our young ideas how to shoot in the old Clinton Male Academy. We surely intended to call upon our old teacher, but crowded till train time, failed to do so. It is difficult for us to conceive of her other than a trim young lady as we knew her in those older days.

Mr. J. R. Moore was on the job at the McIver store. Mr. McIver was away. Mr. Knight is a salesman at the Russell store. These stores are at the old village site, while a good brick block adorns a site at the depot, in the center of which Mrs. Hill, wife of the superintendent of the Coal Glen mine, an Englishman by birth and training as a miner, has a good store and does a fine business. On the south side is the post office, of which Mrs. Devereux is the genial and efficient mistress, who promises us to write the weekly happenings of Gulf for the Record. On the north side of the block Mrs. O. A. Beal conducts a good little cafe. The Record will

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TODAY

TO MEET CONDUCTORS. LINDBERGH, FORD, MARIE CHEAP AT \$100,000. GENERAL MOTORS IN ATLANTA. By ARTHUR BRISBANE

In China a labor party is trying to seize a Canton, material law is declared and more of China's 400,000,000 join Confucius, and perhaps hear what he thinks of fighting China.

When Bertrand Russell visited and wrote about the Chinese, he concluded that their salvation would be to wait, endure, let the whites kill themselves off. Then the yellows would rule.

China is not taking that advice. Yellows are as foolish as the whites about killing.

Students at Chicago's Northwestern university vote Lindbergh and Ford "the biggest men of the year." Queen Marie leads the women.

President Coolidge, Mussolini, the Prince of Wales, Mayor Thompson, Edison, Tunney, Al Smith, Babe Ruth get votes.

Ruth Elder, charming young lady, attracted attention and newspapers gave her at least \$100,000,000 worth of free advertising. Now the intelligent Loew company gives her \$1,000 a day for 100 days to tell about it in vaudeville.

For \$100,000 intelligent Mr. Nicholas M. Schneck gets the benefit of \$100,000,000 worth of publicity.

Madame Curie could not get \$100,000 for telling about radium. The people want action.

General Motors announces the establishment of a new plant in Atlanta, Ga. This is a tribute to the automobile-buying power of the South, the outstanding position of Atlanta as a distributing center and the common sense of Mr. Sloan and others that run General Motors.

Atlanta's Chevrolet plant will give work at good wages to many. Mr. Knudsen, head of the Chevrolet company, says: "A plant in Atlanta became not only a possibility, but a necessity."

Germany signs the League of Nations agreement "affording protections agreement" "affording protection after childbirth." A woman would be allowed to quit work six weeks before the birth of a child and remain away six weeks afterward, with pay and free medical attention.

That sounds almost like civilization—government compelling the employers to do for women what intelligent horse owners did for mares a thousand years ago.

A tax assessor at Washington, D. C. values White House building and grounds at \$22,000,000, the capitol \$53,000,000. State, war and navy buildings, \$13,500,000. Treasury building, \$23,000,000.

Uncle Sam should get some flying machines to protect all that property. A dozen bombing enemy fliers could soon knock those buildings around the ears of men that live or work in them.

A new high mark in United States finance and prosperity. National banks, including Alaska and Hawaii report to the comptroller of the currency, resources amounting to twenty-seven billion, two hundred and seventeen million, eight hundred and twenty-four thousand dollars, beating all records.

This doesn't include trust companies, and other great money institutions.

This is a rich country, getting richer every minute. Its citizens earn each year ten billions more than it costs to live. Don't sell the United States short.

A mother and father hid \$60 in a bureau drawer, telling only their 13-year old daughter, Christina, where it was. It disappeared. Three times the mother accused the child. The girl denied that she had stolen the money, then drank carbolic acid and may die. Not all parents realize a child's intensity of feeling.

Members of the clergy will discuss the drama today and listen to Mr. Otto H. Kahn tell about it. Producers of certain plays say they hope the "Church and Drama Association" will attack their plays. "We would put a pastor on the payroll if he would denounce us."

A dog will gladly dig up a decaying bone if you tell him where to find it. Many citizens unfortunately will attend a rotten play, if you will tell them where it is.

Lord Cecil says the British have "banged the doors" on any navy agreement with the United States. Thanks to Britain for encouraging the United States to mind its business and its own rules for its own navy.

A country that could manage itself with fewer than 4,000,000 population should manage itself with 115,000,000 population.

GARNER HAS SOLD PHONE SYSTEM

Central Carolina Telephone Co. Takes Over Chatham County Lines

W. H. Garner has sold his telephone property in this county to the recently organized Central Carolina Telephone Company, with headquarters at Troy.

For several weeks the larger company had held an option on the property. The option had only one or two more days to run when the purchase was made one day last week.

Mr. Garner foresaw a considerable outlay for improvements, especially at Siler City. In fact, a telephone system in a growing section calls for constant investment, since a considerable growth of any community necessitates many new connections and possibly a new central outfit altogether. That is the situation at Siler City, we understand.

Mr. Garner has devoted his life largely to the telephone business, though, as in many cases, it was a mere accident that turned his attention that way. He had just closed a school when a young man and was at his father's home over in Johnston county when a line was being erected right by the door. When he went out from breakfast one morning the boss of the job rather jokingly told him to put on the spikes and go up a pole and fasten a wire. Garner told him he could do that very thing and did. When he came down he was employed to help out with the work, and from that moment to this has been a telephone man.

He came to Chatham with only \$1,000, and part of that borrowed. He first got possession of one village plant and has constantly increased his holdings till he had practically all the lines in the county, including the exchanges at Siler City, Pittsboro, Goldston, Bonlee—in fact, all the towns except those on the S. A. L. railroad, which belong to the Southern Bell, which also has a line from Moncure to Pittsboro, connecting with the Pittsboro exchange.

By selling Mr. Garner is able to see actual cash for his long term of attention to business; while to hold meant the continual reinvestment of all profits and possibly the securing of additional capital.

Young Man Dies Of Hydrophobia

Clarence Fields, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Fields, who live three miles this side of Goldston, died Sunday morning of what Dr. R. M. Fields diagnosed as hydrophobia. The burial was at May's Chapel Monday, under the auspices of Mr. Jeter Griffin, Pittsboro's funeral director. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. R. Gordon, of Pittsboro.

Dr. Fields was first called in on the 16th. A few days later the young man went into convulsions, strongly showing the symptoms of hydrophobia. The family knew of no dog bite that might account for the disease and the victim was beyond the point where he could give an account of the possible source of hydrophobia. The physicians sent a sample of the sputum to the state laboratory for the hydrophobia test but no report had been made when the death certificate was signed.

Clarence was 22 years of age, and has thus been cut off in the heyday of youth.

Goldston News

Miss Edith Roberts, a member of the school faculty, will spend the Thanksgiving holidays with a friend at Polkton.

Miss Pearl Johnson will spend the holidays at her home at Bynum.

Miss Ola Harmon will spend the holidays at her home near Pittsboro.

The remainder of the faculty will be in Goldston during the holidays.

Mrs. Moore's third grade won the half holiday for last month.

The honor roll pupils for the last month are the following: Fola Burns and Irene Hilliard 7th grade; Herbert C. Watson, 4th grade; Mary Erma Rives, Janie Paschal, Elizabeth Ellis, Casey Hilliard, 3rd grade; Nancy Ellis, Mary Lois Harris, 1st grade.

The Goldston boys' basket ball team will play their first game of ball for the season this afternoon, with Bonlee.

Mr. Leon Goldston, of Texas is expected here this week to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Goldston. Mr. Goldston has recently married and will bring his bride. They are just returning from their honeymoon north. Congratulations are extended to the popular couple.

Ms. Fitts, who has spent some time here with relatives has returned to her home in Fayetteville.

Stockholders of the Lincoln company which Ford bought are bringing suit against the old man for many millions. Plaintiffs in damage suits, as well as death, love a shining mark.

BONDS SOLD AT GOOD PREMIUM

Fifteen Bidders Make Sale Of County Funding Bonds Competitive Sale.

Whatever may have been thought of earlier sales of county bonds, which it seemed might have been so advertised as to assure as few bidders as possible, the sale of \$100,000 of funding bonds last Thursday was a really competitive sale, and the bids varied from par to a premium of about two per cent.

There were two batches of the bonds, one of \$63,000 for the funding of the general indebtedness of the county; the other of \$37,000 for the funding of school indebtedness accruing before March 7, and accumulating for several years. The two made a total of \$100,000.

There were fifteen bidders. Wells, Dickey & Company, of Minneapolis, were the highest bidders for both batches, with the exception of a bid by Sheriff Blair as treasurer of the county for the \$63,000 issue. Their bid for the first batch was \$64,490.58, and for the second lot, \$37,875. They were awarded the school bonds, but the county treasurer bid \$64,800 for the first lot and that was awarded to him, or to the county.

Thus the county has bought its own indebtedness. It was this way: The county had used the sinking funds of the various districts in paying the indebtedness of the school board and possibly part of the general deficit. The \$37,000 of school bonds will pay back to the county the money used for the schools. From this the sinking funds may be restored. But those funds would have to be deposited in a bank or loaned elsewhere, and at a rate that would hardly equal that of the bonds. Accordingly the commissioners seem to have figured that they could save the county money by investing the sinking funds in the county's own bonds, and thus it results that the sinking funds of the bonds exist only as another county indebtedness. However, it is in such form that if, for any reason, a call for actual cash from the sinking funds should come, a sale of the bonds could be readily made, and the cash secured.

It looks like lifting one's self by his own boot straps, but it seems to work.

The bonds are 4 3-4 per cent, the lowest rate at which any county bonds have been sold, at least in several years.

Soy Bean Harvester Successfully Used

Mr. W. H. White and Mr. Talmage Siler, two farmers near Siler City, purchased a soy bean harvester this summer. In spite of the fact that they had had no previous experience with a harvester, these two men harvested 200 bushels of no. 1 Mammoth Yellow soy bean seed this fall, and some of this amount will probably be available for sale to farmers of that vicinity. This is probably the first bean harvester ever used in this county. However, considering the large quantity of beans that are seeded in this county every year, and the uncertainty of the farmers being able to obtain sufficient amount of the seed each year, it is hoped that farmers in more communities will obtain these harvesters.

Lespedeza, or Japan Clover, seems to thrive on land that is too wet natured for other crops. Last Tuesday, the Agent visited a six-acre field of this legume that had been seeded on Mr. J. F. Fox's farm in the Rocky River church community. It was one of the best stands of lespedeza ever seen by the Agent. Practically every foot of the land was covered with a thick growth of this legume, and part of the field that had previously been too wet for anything else, had a fine growth of Japan Clover. Mr. Fox states that he seeded part of this field last spring, and part of the field during the previous spring. He seeded at the rate of 12 pounds to the acre. This clover will be turned and followed in corn next spring.

The County Agent is still taking orders for government explosive, orders for 1,000 pounds being taken during the past week. The date of ordering is being postponed as much as possible in order to allow some farmers who need this explosive to obtain it. However, it is expected to order within the next three weeks. The cost of this material is \$4.75 per 50-pound case and cash or checks must accompany the order.

N. C. SHIVER, County Agt., In office Saturdays and first Monday. Pittsboro, N. C. Nov. 18, 1927.

A RESTRAINING INFLUENCE

(“O. J.” In Greensboro News)

Chatham's O. J. Peterson of the Record, suggests that we'll bear watching lest we do something to break into the state prison camp with a patch of 12,000 collards. Not this season, Pete. We've just tasted our first Chatham rabbit barbecued and have no notion of getting any farther from home than Mount Vernon Springs while the rabbit season is open.

NEW FORD COMES OUT IN PICTURES

Car Photographed in Michigan Is Reproduced in Magazines And Papers

The much talked of and long awaited new Ford has at last made its appearance, at least in certain places. A two-door sedan was photographed in Brighton, Michigan, as it stood on the streets. The picture appeared in several papers and in Motor Age, a magazine.

The sedan, according to a report about six inches longer in wheelbase in this magazine, appeared to be than the Model T. It was finished in a light green and while low in appearance appeared to have increased wire wheels, four-wheel brakes, speedometer, oil pump, water pump, bumpers front and rear, standard gear shift and bullet-type head lamps. These features were noted while the car was parked for a time at Brighton.

The front of the car closely resembles the Lincoln. Body line are generally graceful, the hood line being high and meeting the waist line of the body which is also much wider than in former models. The former models with the rear window curving as it meets the rear quarter. The roof line rises slightly to the rear quarter where it is rounded off.

Reports at the River Rouge plant are that the assembly line started running soon after November 15. Engines for the new car are now going through at the rate of about 1,000 daily. The die and tool rooms at the plant are in full operation. It is expected that production of 200 cars daily will be inaugurated about November 21. Production plans are for as high as 12,000 daily by June 1.

ERROR IN ADVERTISEMENT

A serious error occurs in the advertisement of the Siler City Hardware Co. That fine \$135.00 range is to be sold for \$97.50 and not \$9.75 as printed in the advertisement. That part of the paper was printed before the error was discovered.

BROWN CHAPEL ITEMS

Rev. C. M. Lance held a Thanksgiving service at Brown's last Sunday. It was an appropriate service and a really thankful congregation heard him, and expressed their thanks by giving the pastor a good sounding. This mark of appreciation falls to Pastor Lance on his return for his fourth and last year's work on the Pittsboro circuit. We hope to make this the best year of the four. Junius Durham of the University and Kiah Henderson of a Raleigh business school are home for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Crawford and William, of Fayetteville, have been visiting relatives in Chatham, Orange and Alamance. Mrs. Crawford is a daughter of the late John H. Dark of this community.

Mr. Ben Nicholson, the big poultry man of Alamance county, with his family spent Sunday with Mrs. Nicholson's sister, Mrs. F. R. Henderson, and was a welcome visitor at Sunday school.

State Highway No. 93, Pittsboro to Graham, is now being maintained by the state. The route selected is the one nearer Haw River. Others would have been glad to see another route selected. This relieves the county of another road.

Mrs. Meacham of New Hope township is with her grandson, John R. Goodwin. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin are the proud parents of a little girl.

LEE COUNTY FARMER COMMITS SUICIDE

News came to Gulf Saturday while the editor of the Record was there to the effect that Mr. T. M. Allen, a Lee county farmer, aged 64, had been found hanging to a tree. It was stated that Mr. Allen has been somewhat off in mind for two weeks. He had declared when he left home that he was going to Gulf to pay an account at the store of Mr. W. H. Hill. Soon after he left it was discovered that he had not taken the money to pay the account and that a certain rope and chain were missing. A search revealed the body hanging from a tree.

It was also stated that he was distressed about money matters, but that a check for \$1400 was received soon after his death.

ALL DAY December 3rd

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