

TODAY

DEEP SEA FISH AND MEN
AMERICA'S FIVE BIG MEN
THE SOCIALIST VOTE
BE WISE—KEEP PREPARED!
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Scientists study fishes that live a mile below the ocean surface. Bring them to the top, removing the included in that migration to land. Human beings live at the bottom of an atmospheric ocean, 500 miles deep. If you took us to the top we probably should burst, and we should die surely. Man cannot live even ten miles up, to say nothing of 500 miles.

We pity the poor, submerged deep sea fish, leading such dull lives. They would pity the submerged poor among human beings.

Science says all of earth's life was once in the ocean. Some animals climbed on the land, developed lungs in place of the fish's bladder, ears in place of gills. Men were included in that migration to land. Other animals, even more ambitious, learned to fly—the birds.

Among human beings a few, bird-like, fly above the level of necessity to the realms of wealth. Once they get there, they, like the birds, are safe. But, like the birds, they don't do much thinking. They don't have to think.

Mr. Brown, known the world over as the recalcitrant stormy petrel of thought, quarrels with President Coolidge because the President speaks of good will between nations, then asks for fifteen cruisers.

That's not inconsistent. The other nations know that we can get the fifteen cruisers, and fifty if we want them. And that creates the "good will."

Brown asks, "Is a man who goes out into the world armed only with faith more timid than he who carries weapons?" Of course he is. Look at the rabbit. He carries no weapon, and is more timid than the lion or wolf, that has a mouthful of weapons.

You can't be truly courageous unless you are wise. And if you are wise, you keep prepared.

Socialists of the country discover with grief and surprise that their Presidential candidate, Norman Thomas, polled only 30,000 votes, against more than 15,000,000 for Governor Smith and 22,000,000 for Herbert Hoover.

Debs, in 1912, got nearly 900,000 votes. However, Socialists need not be downcast. Their candidate had a hard time, running against prosperity, 7,000,000 Coolidge plurality, the "wet-dry" question, etc. When people are as busy as that, they haven't time to think about Socialism.

Will Rogers selects an "All-American Team" of ability, as follows: Thomas A. Edison, Henry Ford, Herbert Hoover, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and Lindbergh.

He probably leaves out the ablest man in the country, as yet unknown. That's fortunate, for it means we have reserves.

Rogers would have those five men run the country, "move Thanksgiving Day up to election and do away with elections entirely."

The plan would work, of course. The original John D. Rockefeller could have done the job alone when he was younger. He would have known how to select the men.

But the people must plan to go to walk, no matter how badly they earn themselves as babies must learn to do it at first. If you always hired a man to push your baby around in a wagon, the baby wouldn't develop.

More worry for the criminal. The steamship Aquitania, 600 miles at sea, received by wireless photographs from Davenport, England.

Hereafter a criminal leaving his country under an assumed name may have his picture sent broadcast to every ship at sea.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

We reported only a part of the Christmas batch of marriage license last week, up to December 23rd. Later the following couples got license: James B. Wilson, Siler City, and Annie Belle Smith, Bear Creek; John Langley, Pittsboro, and Iola M. O'Connell, Corinth, H. L. Cox, Bennett, and Nellie Woody, Pittsboro; J. Troy Pugh, Pittsboro, Rt. 2, and Clara E. White, Siler City, Rt. 3; Charles Lambeth and Linnie Murray, Bennett; Raymond L. Hutchins, Chapel Hill, Rt. 1, and Ruby May Dean, Chapel Hill, R. 1.

Colored—James Glover, Siler City, and Rebecca Johnson, Pittsboro; Ernest Green and Naomi DeGraffenreid, Hickory Mountain, Tyresse Pool and Sadie Stone, Bynum; Jerry Baldwin and Lucile Headen, Siler City; Willie Alston and Allen Alston, Pittsboro; James Dawson and Geneva Wilson, Apex, F. F. D.

Beloved Moncure Woman Passes

Mrs. Cynthia J. Harmon, the widow of the late Joseph Carson Harmon passed away Dec. 25th, 1928 at 9:15 o'clock. She was 73 years, 2 months and 15 days old. She had been in feeble health since she had pneumonia seven years ago, it seemed almost a miracle that she recovered at that time. This leaving her heart in a weakened condition, therefore she has suffered with shortness of breath, especially the last year or two. She stated that no where hurt her, if it was not for her shortness of breath she would be all right.

Mrs. Harmon was the oldest daughter of Nancy West Petty and Spencer T. Petty. Her mother being an invalid several years before her death, at the age of eight years she had to take up the responsibility of the home with her father's help, looking after her invalid mother, caring for her two sisters Bettie Petty and Mollie Petty and brother Isaac Newton Petty. Her mother was a good and consecrated Christian, therefore instilling into the heart and life of her oldest daughter lessons that she never forgot and carried with her through life.

She gave her heart to Christ when she was eight years of age, was baptized and became a member of Mt. Zion Methodist Church. After her mother's death she longed for a mother to guide her, but instead she leaned more fully on her Lord and Master asking for knowledge and wisdom in carrying out her daily duties, also applying herself by reading much. She attended private schools and the Academy with her brother and sisters. She taught school for many years.

At the age of 28 she was married to J. C. Harmon, soon after which her father died. She took her two sisters to live with her, where her sister Mollie made her home until her death, but Bettie married Jno. E. Harmon in a few years. Bettie was a teacher also.

Mrs. Cynthia Harmon made her husband a helpful and loving companion. They loved their home and the Church of God. Always attending Sunday School and Church at Mt. Zion. Mrs. Harmon was teacher of the Advanced Quarterly Class for many years and leader of the singing.

She reared one step-child, Alpheus O. Harmon and nephew, Obie J. Harmon until he was eight years of age.

The following are her children: Mrs. W. W. Stedman, of Moncure, Floyd S. Harmon, who lives at the home place, J. Lee Harmon, Moncure, Mrs. M. D. Foister, Sanford, and Geo. D. Harmon Professor of History at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harmon loved their children and made many sacrifices for them, in order to give them a chance of an education. They taught their children to work. They carried them to Sunday School and Church each Sunday. Their home was always open to ministers, loved ones and friends, and every-one. And too they would always divide with the needy.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon were blessed with health up to the fall of 1921, when both of them were stricken with Flu and pneumonia which proved fatal to him.

Mrs. Harmon always lived by faith. She was a woman of prayer and worked to save souls. Although she was not so strong physically in her latter days, she was always thinking of others and doing for others, never thinking of self. Her children honored her and loved her devotedly.

At last she realized that she was rapidly passing away. She never complained but always was thankful. She was submissive to God's will so Christmas night, Dec. 25th, 1928, her soul ascended to heaven, without a struggle, but just as a gentle Lamb, just as if she heard her Lord say, "Fear not, it is I."

Funeral services were held at Mt. Zion Methodist Church Thursday afternoon, Dec. 27th, 1928, at 2 o'clock. Rev. C. M. Lance, her former pastor and Rev. J. A. Dailey, her pastor now conducted the funeral services.

Messrs. J. Wesley Harmon, J. Obie Harmon, R. H. Stedman, Geo. L. Bynum, W. B. Thomas and Glenn Dorsett were pall-bearers. Those who carried flowers were Misses Cordie Harmon, Camelia and Ruth Stedman, Mrs. Nannie Ferrell of Durham and Mrs. Alma Gallion of Greensboro and Messrs. Claiborne and Marion Harmon.

The interment was made in Mt. Zion Cemetery besides her husband. Her grave was covered with many beautiful floral designs.

LANGLEY-O'CONNELL

Mr. John Langley and Miss Iola M. O'Connell were married in Pittsboro December 24. Squire Lysander Johnson performed the ceremony. Mr. Langley is a resident of Pittsboro and is highly esteemed. The bride is a charming young lady of Corinth. Mr. Langley already had a home here, with his mother as housekeeper.

Writes With Feet



Count Ireneus Plater Zyberk, Polish author of Warsaw, who, being armless, has written several books with his feet and mouth.



HARRY R. IHRRIE PASSES AT HEMP

Member of Moore County Bar Succumbs to Influenza and Pneumonia

Funeral services over the remains of Harry R. Ihrrie, Moore county attorney, were conducted Monday afternoon from the home of his brother, Dr. Horton Ihrrie, at Pittsboro, seat of his nativity. He died early Sunday morning at Hemp, where he recently located for the practice of law. Influenza, coupled with pneumonia, was the immediate cause of his death, though the deceased had been a sufferer for many years of tuberculosis and diabetes.

The deceased was about fifty-six years of age. He died comparatively young, yet few men have crowded a more eventful life in such a short span of years. He practiced law in several states, farmed in Mississippi, ranched in Texas and attained reputation and wealth in the west when two-gun men were not a rarity. At one time he is said to have possessed the largest herd of Jersey cows in the United States.

After graduating from the public schools of Pittsboro, Mr. Ihrrie entered Trinity college. Then he studied law at the University. Upon being admitted to the practice of law, he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Congressman E. W. Pou, then solicitor, at Smithfield. Carthage first knew Mr. Ihrrie in 1895 when he came here to form a partnership with H. F. Seawell, Sr.

Mr. Ihrrie stayed here but a few years. The lure of the west proved irresistible and he went to the land of wealth and romance by easy stages, first locating in Mississippi, then moving to Texas and later Oklahoma. He accumulated much wealth and in San Antonio, Texas, he was regarded as one of the leaders of the bar.

The health of the deceased, however, broke down in the west, and he returned to his old familiar haunts in Pittsboro and Carthage in search of health, suffering from two major ailments. But despite the overwhelming odds against him, he made a gallant fight to live, and death struck him as he was battling as if a brilliant future of accomplishments lay before him.

Harry Ihrrie was the soul of honor. He had a Chesterfieldian manner that was the envy of his associates and friends. His knowledge of the law was profound, and unlike many lawyers, he possessed the ability to make money. Had his health not failed, friends here believe, he would today have been one of the wealthiest and most influential citizens of the southwest.

The deceased is survived by one daughter and several brothers and sisters, including Mrs. Pou, Dr. Horton Ihrrie and Mrs. Nat Hill.

OLD BUILDINGS DYNAMITED BY NEW YEAR'S ROISTERERS

New Year's eve roisterers took unwarranted privileges with the old wooden buildings on the west side of main street, including the old court house that has come down from the earliest days of Pittsboro. Dynamite was exploded at the rear of the middle of the three old wrecks, the explosion tearing out part of the walls and floor of the building. Pieces of dynamite seem to have been inserted in holes in the other two buildings, resulting in more interior than outside damage. The explosion broke out five large window panes in the near-by Pilkington drug store.

These buildings are an eyesore, but their tearing down without being replaced by new ones would not much improve the appearance as they have cellars under them.

NEW HOSIERY MILL FOR SILER CITY

The Chatham Hosiery Mill has been incorporated, with J. A. Thompson and W. J. Evans of Burlington, and J. Wade Siler of Siler City as organizers. The authorized capital stock is \$100,000. A building for the new enterprise is already under way.

Five Prisoners Escape From Jail

Sawed Way Out of Cell, Broke Through Floor and Then Brick Wall

Seven hack saws were found after much search by Jailor John Burns Friday as leavings of five white men who left the Chatham bastille Thursday night without leave or warning. The escaped prisoners are Newby Johnson, who was only recently landed in jail after having forfeited bail quite a while ago; C. C. Overstreet, who was awaiting trial on a liquor charge; Donnie Adams who was held on a charge of driving a car while drunk; N. S. Williams and Gary Fowler, Lee county prisoners. They are supposed to have escaped about 4 o'clock Friday morning. Negro prisoners who heard them but were a time-piece guessed that to be the time, that they were busy.

The five men were locked in a were without a time-piece guessed cell on the lower floor. It appeared that some one had approached the window opposite the cell and prized the protecting heavy wire, raised the window slightly and slipped the saw underneath, from which place they could be fished to the cell with a bed slat or by other means. However, visitors have been to the jail recently, and it is possible that they had conveyed the saws to the prisoners, but not so likely.

They cut four bars, each twice, thus making a square opening big enough to permit of the squeezing through of their bodies. When they had got out of the cell into the "run," they found a place in the floor where the flooring was piced as it approached the wall and these short pieces of flooring were broken up, and through the hole thus provided they oozed down beneath the floor where they attacked the brick wall with an iron bed railing. When through this wall they were on the ground, and soon made themselves scarce in Pittsboro. One of the negro prisoners said he hollowed at them as they were escaping and was told to hush up or he would get a hole blown into him, and he shut up.

This is the first jail breaking here in quite a number of years. The men accused of automobile stealing and lodged in the jail last spring undertook to cut themselves out of the same cell and the recently escaped scamps finished one bar which fellows had started last spring. In that case, the would-be jail breakers were interrupted and their saw taken from them. But possibly the presence of a partly sawed bar gave these the idea of perfecting the job forsaken by the former tenants of the cell.

NOOE-ALSTON

The long expected marriage of Mr. D. B. Nooe and Miss Evelyn Alston occurred December 26th. They rode off to Littleton that morning, but that was nothing unusual, as Miss Alston frequently visited her mother in that town, and few suspected that this trip was different from others. But it turned out differently.

Having secured license at Warrenton, they proceeded to the home of the bride's mother where the ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Pattishall, pastor of the Littleton Methodist church.

The happy couple then proceeded to Richmond and through the Shenandoah Valley on a honeymoon jaunt returning here Sunday evening.

The bride has lived in Pittsboro since a mere child, residing with her uncle Capt. J. F. Alston, engineer on the Pittsboro-Moncure train. She has been more like a daughter to him than a niece. She is a charming young lady and has numerous friends in Chatham and other counties.

The groom is a son of Mr. B. Nooe. He is a graduate of State College, served in France during the world war, and for several years has been engaged in the lumber business here.

The couple are domiciled at Captain Alston's home.

They have received many congratulations and their marriage, so long accepted as a foregone conclusion because of the observed devotion of each to the other, is accounted one of the happiest events of the holiday season.

ACED HUSBAND AND WIFE DIE WITHIN TEN DAYS

Mr. Joe Boggs of Silk Hope, this county, died at the home of his son C. F. Boggs at Saxapahaw last week. His wife had died only ten days before. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Mr. Harris of Silk Hope and Rev. Mr. Jones of Burlington.

NOTICE

Annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Pittsboro, Pittsboro, N. C., will be held in their office on the 8th day of January, 1929, at Ten o'clock. Being Tuesday after the first Monday in Jan. 1929. This Dec. 25th, 1928.

BANK OF PITTSBORO, per W. L. Farrell, Ass't Cashier.

Quits Society



Miss Mary-Anna Beckwith, Chicago debutante of two years ago, is now working in the advertising department of a Chicago shop. In her desire for a career, she quit society's exclusive ballrooms for the life of a working girl.

Ten Birds Is Bag Limit for One Day

There seems to be some misunderstanding on part of hunters as to number of partridges one may kill in one day. Ten is the limit. But here is a good alibi for the fellow who gets caught with eleven. A hunter was returning from a day in the fields and had sixteen partridges. He met the game warden, and the officer wanted to know if the hunter did not understand that fifteen birds was the limit in Virginia. The hunter replied that he did, but explained it this way: He had fourteen birds and was looking for the fifteenth one. His dog flushed a covey and he shot. He killed two that time, but he didn't mean to do it!

Moncure News Items

Christmas season is about over. The old year "1928" is now gone and the new year "1929" is now on.

There are many cases of "Flu" in and around Moncure at this time. Mr. I. D. Wilkie is very sick at this writing. His father, Mr. C. D. Wilkie, is also sick. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Brown have been sick for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Moore are both very sick with "Flu." Hope all these will soon recover.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Thomas and daughters Misses Catherine and Elizabeth left Christmas Day for Florida, where they spent the remainder of the week visiting different points in Florida. They returned today, Monday.

Miss Davie Boyd and Mr. A. B. Clegg were married at Sanford Christmas Day. Miss Boyd was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Boyd of Route one, Moncure. She was a teacher and for the last year or so has been working in Raleigh. Mr. Clegg is a prosperous farmer, and has made an outstanding success in farming during recent years, while others plead hard times. We wish for them much happiness and long life.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mell, Jr., and Mrs. W. T. Utley and little daughter Jesse Belle, motored to Laurinburg yesterday to see relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wicker and family have been real sick with "Flu" since Christmas Day, but glad to say that they are better at this writing.

Mr. J. V. Womble, after spending the holidays at home, has returned to White Plains to resume his work there as teacher.

Mrs. Emma Churchill has returned home from a visit to her daughter at Vass.

Miss Lillie Mae Wilkie and a friend, Miss Bradley of Raleigh, spent several days during Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Wilkie.

Mr. Roy Brown, a rural carrier out of Dunn, was in town last Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Benfield have moved back to Moncure. There many friends here welcome them back.

We are glad to state that Mrs. P. S. Lassiter, who has been very sick, is improving. Hope she will soon be well again.

The Epworth League held quite an interesting meeting last Sunday evening with a talk by W. W. Stedman and several special selections rendered by the choir with Mr. S. W. Womble as leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Geide and nephew, Mr. Myers, who have spent the Christmas holidays with Capt. J. H. Wissler left today, Monday, for their home at Harrisburg, Pa.

Mr. J. W. Utley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Utley, returned to his home at Pensacola, Fla., today, Monday. Mr. Utley is an instructor at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

Mrs. Daisy Lambeth and daughter, Mary Helen, and Mrs. Edgar Lambeth spent several days at Fayetteville last week visiting friends. Moncure school opens Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1929.

Yonkers, N. Y., has a special "trouble man" to whom the people are invited to tell their troubles. This service can't be complete until those who have undergone surgical operations are invited to describe their experiences.

Four Convicts Lose Lives at Coal Glenn

Eight Cars Containing Five Convicts Each Break Loose and Rush Down Incline.

SEVEN OTHERS INJURED

Question of Wisdom of State Leasing Convicts to Mine Raised

The question of the wisdom of the state's leasing convicts to the Chatham county coal mines has been brought to a focus by a deplorable accident on Wednesday evening after Christmas. Four colored convicts are dead and seven others injured, while 31 more were menaced with instant death.

The cause of the accident has puzzled mine officials and also state officials. The cars had been used all day in hauling up ton loads of coal. It was quitting time and the train of nine cars had gone down for the men. Three white men were in the front car to which the cable that drew the train up was fastened. The other cars were linked to these by coupling pens, which are said to be safeguarded. When about 200 feet from the mouth of the mine, going at about three miles an hour, the coupling between the second car and the front car came out or was broken and the eight cars thus loosened rushed down the incline into the depths of the mine.

The forty negroes realized that death stared them in the face, but held on rather than risk jumping. The cars piled up at the end of the track and the men were thrown hither and thither. Two were killed instantly, and two others so severely injured that they died a short while after they reached the penitentiary that night. The other injured men also were conveyed to the prison hospital, where they received necessary attention.

The officials at Raleigh got busy. Superintendent Pou of the state prison, and directly responsible for the lease of the convicts to the mine, was in Washington, but hurried home and to the mine to make investigation. Mr. Bell of the prison management had preceded him. Mr. Grist, commissioner of Labor and Printing, whose duty it is to inspect the safety of the mine, also became alert. He states that an inspection was made by Federal Inspector Cash, accompanied by him a few months ago and that certain recommendations were made, which the mine management assured they would be acted upon promptly.

Coroner Geo. H. Brooks, of this county in which the mine is located, held an inquest Thursday, and the jury pronounced the accident unavoidable. The members of the coroner's jury were Albert Selgrove, W. H. Winebarger, A. G. Wilder, W. F. Giles, Everett Freeman, and L. D. Underwood. One of the bodies of the two over which the inquest was held is reported as broken up rather badly with crushed head.

The dead are James Ray, of Wake county, under sentence of 2 to 8 years for housebreaking; Waddell Dortch of Durham county, sentenced 7 to 10 years for burglary; Alebert Spencer, Johnston county, under sentence of three years for assault with intent to kill; Henry Simmons, of Beaufort county, in for 30 years for murder.

The injured are Mewlee McEachin, Walter Bailey, George Berry, James Parker, Matthew White, Ostelle Wade.

O. A. Wakefield, general superintendent, was not present when the accident occurred. John Cutley, a superintendent, and D. W. Roberts, a white miner, and S. F. Ross, a white guard, and two colored miners were in the first car, who went on to the surface and manned another train of cars to go to the rescue.

There is little question that the policy of leasing convicts to mines will be brought up in the legislature with an attempt to pass an act forbidding the practice. As to the possibility of suits being brought against the state for the death of the miners no information has been received. Anyway, the accident puts an additional burden upon the coal company, which has had misfortune after misfortune, including an explosion three years ago which killed 52 men, and cost the company a good sum.

Some women think they are keeping a confidence when they don't tell anyone that they don't know.

MR. GRIFFIN RESIGNS S. S. SUPERINTENDENCY

Mr. J. L. Griffin, for many years superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school here, resigned his position Sunday and Mr. Victor R. Johnson, former assistant superintendent, was chosen to succeed him. Mr. Griffin has served long, faithfully and efficiently, and it was with regret that the school was moved by his lack of physical vigor to accept the resignation. A committee was appointed to draw resolutions of appreciation and regret.