

School News

The Bell's Parent-Teacher Association met on Thursday night of this week for the first meeting of the year. The presiding officers were Mr. Robert Seymour, President, and Miss Hazel Tisdale, Secretary. An interesting program was given by pupils of the ninth and tenth grades. Several new members were added to the association, and plans were made for the year's work. These chiefly building up the library and beautifying the school grounds. A prize of from two to four dollars was voted for the grade getting the most books into the library during the year. It was further decided that an educational motion picture offered by the State Department of Conservation and Development would be included in the program of next month.

The first month's enrollment at Bell's totaled 327 pupils, 63 of which are in the high school. 50 pupils are enrolled at the Yates school.

The pupils who are to represent Bell's School in the spelling contest at the fair are: Alma Mitchell and Claude Holt in the first class, and Glenn Horton and Louise Barbee in the second class. The school is also sending exhibits to the educational department at the fair.

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class will give a concert at Bell's School on Thursday evening, October 10th.

Mrs. Leon Wilson is spending the week-end with her parents at Aurora, N. C.

Death of D. W. Dowd

The Record is indebted to the Dunn Dispatch for an account of the death of a good Chatham county citizen, away over in the southwest corner of the county—that of Mr. Daniel W. Dowd. One of Mr. Dowd's sons, D. J., lives in Dunn, hence the information of the Dispatch. Mr. Dowd died September 19. The Dispatch item follows.

Mr. Daniel W. Dowd, father of D. J. Dowd, of Dunn, died last Thursday afternoon at his home in Carbon, Chatham county, after an illness of several months. He would have been 80 years old had he lived until October. He was twice married, first to Miss Deliah Gilmore, and after her death to Miss Stella Smith, both of Chatham county.

Mr. Dowd is survived by his last wife and four children, two of his first union and two of his second. Surviving children of his first marriage are D. J. Dowd, of Dunn, and Mrs. W. D. Tillman, of Goldston; of his second marriage, Daniel, Jr., of Goldston, and Mrs. Atlas Saunders of Sanford. Fifteen grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Dowd was born in Chatham county, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Allen Dowd. He was the last surviving son of the family, although three living sisters are numbered among those who mourn his passing: Mrs. J. M. Oldham and Mrs. David Oldham, of Goldston, and Mrs. James Oldham, of Greensboro.

Death of J. R. Edwards

Mr. James R. Edwards, of Mt. Vernon Springs, died Saturday September 21, after several months of illness. He was in his 74th year. The burial was at Providence M. E. church, Rev. J. W. Bradley conducting the funeral services.

Mr. Edwards was one of the county's best citizens, and had reared a most creditable family. His wife was Miss Rebecca Jane Phillips.

Surviving children are Miss Mary Edwards and Mrs. J. E. Chandler of Greensboro, Rev. J. R. Edwards of Bethel, Mrs. Alston Brooks and Mrs. Hugh Dixon of Siler City, Miss Alice Edwards and Mr. Lawton Edwards of Mt. Vernon Springs.

The deceased was brother of Mr. R. L. Edwards so well known as court official during court terms here, also of E. Manly Edwards, and of Rev. Anderson Edwards of Salemburg.

Kudzu Again

The Record is determined to make its readers conscious of the possibilities of kudzu. Here is another paragraph from the Monroe Enquirer.

W. H. Barton, the county agent of Edgefield county, South Carolina, who drove his automobile two hundred miles to observe my methods of growing kudzu from seed, writes that—

"John P. Able of Leesville, S. C., has three acres of kudzu, about five years old, on which he grazed this summer 75 head of hogs, including shoats, three to five cows, four to six mules when not being worked."

Mr. Barton also states:

"Kudzu enriches the land on which it grows, the hay retains its leaves, is two per cent higher in protein than alfalfa, and will produce on the same land more hay than alfalfa."

Certainly the wise farmer will familiarize himself with this wonder legume plant.

NINE STRIKERS FREED OF CHARGES

Charges Against Other Seven Reduced from First to Second Degree Murder

Nine of the 16 Gastonia strikers indicted for the murder of Police Chief Aderholt were set free and charges against the other seven reduced from first degree to second degree murder when the special term of Mecklenburg county court convened at Charlotte Monday for the second trial. This action on part of state attorneys came as a surprise and was taken, according to their statement, in order to expedite the trial and to make more sure the conviction of those against whom they had most evidence. Cases charging secret assault against the seven were consolidated with the second degree murder charges and will be all tried together.

The nine defendants released are the three women, Vera Busch, Sophie Melvin and Amy Schechter, against whom first degree murder charges were abandoned at the first trial and who have been out on bond since, and the following men: Delmar Hampton, K. O. Byers, N. F. Gibson, Russell Knight, Robert Allen and J. C. Heffner.

Facing the second degree murder and secret assault charges are: Fred Erwin Beal, 33, National Textile Workers Union southern organizer, Lawrence, Mass.; George Carter, 24, strike picketer, Mizpah, N. J.; Joseph Harrison, 24, union organizer, Passaic, N. J.; K. Y. Hendricks, 29, union striker, Gastonia; William McGinnis, 23, union striker, Gastonia; Louis McLaughlin, 24, union picket captain, Gastonia; and Clarence Miller, 23, Young Communist League organizer, New York City. They were denied bond and remanded to jail after the charges were changed.

The trial which began Monday morning is really the third time the case has been called. It was first called at a special term of Gaston county court in August, but upon motion of defense attorneys Judge M. V. Barnhill moved it to Mecklenburg. A special term of Mecklenburg court was ordered which began on August 26 with Judge Barnhill again on the bench. More than six hundred men were called in special venire and seven days were required to get the jury. Then after three days of testimony on of the jurors went insane and a mistrial was ordered. Governor Gardner called another special term to begin September 30 and again Judge Barnhill was asked to preside.

None of the high nervous tension which marked the other two terms was evident Monday. Several of the big lawyers have been released from the case by both sides and instead of a trial of communism or atheism or a rehashing of all the industrial troubles of the territory the case now becomes merely the trial of seven men for the killing of a policeman.

Not a single juror was obtained from the regular panel and special venire of 100 was ordered drawn from the box, Judge Barnhill announcing that if a jury was not secured from that list another venire would be called from outside Charlotte township.

The seven defendants were remanded to jail without bond, the judge declaring that he did not want the trial to be again disrupted by the running away of any defendant or any show of outside violence.

It is predicted that the trial will last for about three weeks. Many things will make it faster than the other hearing. At the other trial each of the defendants charged with first degree murder had 12 peremptory challenges and the state had four, while the second degree cases had four for each defendant and two for the state, a grand total of 226 peremptory challenges; besides the great number of prospective jurors who declared their opposition to capital punishment and were rejected for cause. Since the charges have been reduced and the number of defendants cut to less than half, the total number of peremptory challenges is 42—four for each of the seven defendants and two for the state in each case.

Weeks Motor Co. Postpones Car Sale

The sale of used cars advertised by the Weeks Motor Company for Saturday was far from a success. The hardest week in the year, apparently, was chosen for the sale. Not a bale of cotton and scarcely a pound of tobacco had been sold, while the scanty funds from last season's crop had been drained to the bottom.

Two or three cars were sold, but at such low prices that it was decided better to call the sale off and try another time. The next sale is to be Monday, October 21, the first day of court, at one o'clock. Some out-ton and tobacco should be sold by that time, besides, the first day of court will bring people here from all parts of the county.

Brown's Chapel News

Brother Peterson and I are good friends if he did intimate in his editorial comment last week that I haven't much common sense. True, we all know that cows have to be milked on Sundays and that the words of Christ were that the sabbath was made for man. However great Constantine may have been, God said he made everything in six days and rested the seventh, and blessed it and called it a holy day, and commanded that no work should be done on that day. Therefore, if man has changed the day, we should after working six days try to remember God's word and keep the seventh as near holy as possible, and make ready beforehand to so keep it. I have no scruples again the delivery of milk on Sunday if it is in accordance with God's holy will, but with the conveniences of today, ice, coolers, and such like every town person that cannot keep a cow might prepare for Sunday.

We farmers do as little as possible of our week-day work on Sunday. I know of some who hoot and puff at the church for having meetings on Sunday to attend to the business of the church; yet some of these same people are in the milk business for the money they get out of it on Sunday as well as other days. However, nearly everybody knows who writes the Brown Chapel news and I am willing to bear the blame for all bad and give God and the Record credit for all the good.

(Editorial note: The editor of the Record had in mind Constantine's own unchristian conduct when the editor wrote that "whatever Constantine's faults, he certainly had commonsense." But for Brother Durham's benefit, we'll say that there is not a word in the Bible commanding the keeping of Sunday holy, if it is God's Word that is to settle the question and not common sense.)

I wish all of the Record readers could have been present at a meeting of the upper end of the Fayetteville conference called for all officials of the church and heard the message of Dr. Few, which bore out what I have said, that few of us do our best. He says he does not, and I do not, but I am continuously working to that end.

Mr. W. C. Henderson yet on crutches feels somewhat better and is glad to be back home after a week's visit to his sister, Mrs. H. G. Dorsett at Wake Forest.

Bear Creek News

Mrs. J. J. Cheek is on the sick list, and we hope for her an early recovery.

Messrs. W. L. and G. T. Dunn and G. B. Emerson are running an eating booth at the Chatham County Fair this week.

The W. A. ("Bill") Phillips store building is going up in a hurry. All of the outside work is done and Mr. Phillips hopes to open up this new store on or about the 10th of October.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wallace and Mrs. Andrews, all of Durham, were Sunday visitors in the home of L. D. Poe.

Robert H. Marsh, col., is building a new bungalow on the Pittsboro-Goldston highway, just west of Hugh Elkins.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Poe and family were visitors in the home of A. T. Ward, of Bynum Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ivey and Miss Glennie Dunn were Sunday visitors in Greensboro.

J. L. Straughan, of Greensboro, was a visitor on route 2, during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Beaver and family, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Maulden and sons, Amick and Herbert, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hall and family, all of Greensboro, were Sunday visitors here and near here.

Mrs. P. L. Elkins is confined to her bed with pneumonia, her friends will regret to learn.

Mrs. T. C. Vestal is not improving very much at St. Leo's hospital, in Greensboro. She must undergo a third operation, we learn.

Mrs. J. H. Watkins is much improved, we are glad to state.

Miss Dora Moody and Miss Mamie Burke, who holds positions in Burlington, spent the week-end with home folks.

The Baraca-Philathea class of Meroney church held a birthday party at the home of A. W. Willett Saturday night which was well attended and a goodly amount was raised.

First Visit Made in 59 Years Is Ended

Mr. J. T. Straughan of Connell, Washington, who arrived in Pittsboro August 22 for his first visit to his old home in 59 years, has returned to his far western home. His stay of almost a month and a half was enjoyed very much by him and he appreciates the kindness the people extended him.

On his arrival in North Carolina, he found, to his sorrow, only two sisters and two brothers of the large family living.

His people were more than glad to see him and they extended him a hearty welcome, and they regret his departure. It will take about seven days for him to reach his home, but his friends and relatives here wish him a safe and pleasant trip. It is really good bye.

Moncure News

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell, Jr., who lives at Fuquay Springs now, and where he has a position with "The Coain Store" there, were in town yesterday, Sunday. Their many friends here are always glad to see them. They are missed in Moncure, for it has always been their home town.

Miss Lucy Boone, the music teacher of Moncure school, spent last week-end with her parents at Burlington.

Mrs. Roy Cole of Charlotte spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stedman and Mr. J. F. Womble attended the meeting that was called by the presiding elder and held at the Methodist church, Sanford, last Friday afternoon. Dr. W. P. Few of Duke University, was the main speaker of the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Ray of Mt. Airy spent yesterday, Sunday, with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ray.

Mr. W. C. Mauldin of Buchhorn was in town Monday.

Many from here are planning to attend the Siler City Fair, tomorrow, Tuesday.

Ben May of Sanford Died Monday Evening

Mr. Ben May of the Carter Furniture Company, Sanford, well and favorably known by many Chatham people, died Monday evening as a consequence of a paralytic stroke ten days previously. He was a native of the eastern part of the state, a descendant of Major Ben May, a distinguished Revolutionary soldier and presumably the man for whom Maysville, in Jones county, was named. He came to Sanford sixteen years ago and became a member of the Carter Furniture Company.

Mr. May was married on January 7, 1890, to Miss Frances Lang, of Pitt county, who survives him. Surviving him are the following children: Mrs. A. K. Miller; Mrs. John Lashley, Miss Mary Frances May, Sanford; Ben May, Jr., Durham, Fred and William May, Sanford.

The burial was at Buffalo cemetery, just west of Sanford, Wednesday afternoon.

The Weather and The Cotton Crop

During August and July Pittsboro had an excessive number of cloudy and drizzly days, but with a minimum of rain. Yet, while there was not within the period enough rainfall at one time to "run" on ordinary land, the soil was fairly well supplied with moisture, as none of the drizzles was lost, all soaking into the soil. But October has started with a soaker. Cotton had just begun to open at the time of the near-frost on September 19, but that cold spell and the misty, drizzly days following stopped it. Two fair days came and it started to open again, but it now appears that it will be the tenth of the month before ginning will begin in earnest. But, when opening of cotton does start, it will finish quickly, as practically all the bolls are grown, and none too many of them at that. Probably there had not been ginned a half-dozen bales in the county on October 1.

Kimbalton News

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Ferguson spent the week-end in Greensboro with her father, Walter Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Filmore Ferguson of Rocky Mount were visitors in the home of A. V. Ferguson last week.

Mrs. Nannie Burke is improving after having a stroke last week.

Walter Clark of Greensboro spent a day last week with his daughter, Mrs. Zeb Ferguson.

Mrs. B. W. White and children spent Sunday in Siler City with R. H. White.

Mrs. Bob Johnson left Monday for treatment in a hospital in Greensboro.

Still and Man Seized

Officers J. R. Lasater, Ex. Fearington and Jim Womble were rewarded early Monday for a prolonged vigil near a still in Williams township by the seizure of Charlie Barbee, colored, who came to start up the still. A white man escaped, but is thought to have been recognized. The plant was operated by steam. It had been run Sunday, it appeared, but the liquor was taken away. Two barrels of beer were destroyed. The prisoner was brought to Pittsboro for a preliminary hearing.

Mr. Lasater said that he had found in the recent past several sites where the still had been in operation, but had not been fortunate enough to locate it till this occasion.

THE COUNTY FAIR HAS BAD OPENING

Rain, Poor Crops, and General Scarcity of Money Hit It Hard—Bad for Carnival.

The Chatham Fair had the odds against it at the best. The crops would make it hard to produce a fine display of farm products, while the fact that not even any of the cotton or tobacco had been sold would make the scarcity of money more felt than on previous fair occasions. But on top of all that, Tuesday, set for the first day, was the worst day of the year. Nobody could go or would want to go. It was school children's day, but hardly one child could go. Possibly another day, with better weather, will have been assigned them before the Record reaches its readers. But one can hardly help sympathizing with that carnival bunch over there. This is one time when a carnival will not carry off a barrel of money. If the weather as we write on Tuesday should keep up, it will be lucky if the carnival get money enough to move on.

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But while the Grange passed in North Carolina, it has still held on in the north and west. It has not sought at any time to revolutionize the affairs of the farm through politics, but has steadily plugged away at its task of trying to help farmers to help themselves. It will hardly get a large membership in the state on its return, but even a few active chapters, or lodges, will put the state in touch with the most widely extended organization of farmers in the country.

Progressive Grocery Had Good Opening

The business of the Pittsboro store of the chain of Progressive Groceries was very gratifying. It cannot be said that prices are so much lower than in other Pittsboro stores, if any at all, but it is gratifying to be able to know that one can get what he wants when he wants it.

It was a busy store Saturday, and the cash receipts ran a few dollars ahead of what the company had counted upon. Yet the business of the other groceries did not seem so badly affected. People were buying what they hadn't had an opportunity to buy in Pittsboro regularly, and there was simply an increased business.

The foregoing is a proof that the right kind of stores here will bring additional trade. There are 15,000 people within a half-hour's ride of Pittsboro, and such stores as the Progressive will turn many of them this way.

Music Department

The music department of the woman's club will meet with Mrs. Mattie Thompson and Mrs. W. B. Chapin at the home of the latter, Friday, October 4th, at 8 o'clock.

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Mme. Marie Zadille, 44, of Nantes, France, recently gave birth to quadruplets, two boys and two girls.

Goldston Rt. 1 News

Miss Elsie Hillard of this route has returned home from a two weeks' visit to her brother, N. W. Hilliard, in Durham.

Miss Estelle Stinson of Siler City spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Stinson, of Goldston, route 1.

Miss Cleo Smith of Siler City spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Smith on this route.

Miss Jennie Hilliard visited her sister, Mrs. Bob Phillips, at Gulf, during the week-end.

Mr. Bob Wilkie of this route, who was badly hurt some time ago, is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gaines of Goldston spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Stinson.

Master Ray Brooks of Bear Creek spent a few days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Hilliard.

Officers Nabbed Lon Petty Again

Lon Petty, who was put under a \$1500 bond a few weeks ago on a charge of making liquor, was again nabbed Sunday by Sheriff Blair for possession, and another \$1500 bond was required. He is now under bonds for \$3,000. The first bond was made by Mr. Petty himself, but he had to call in friends to help him out this time.

Armed with a search warrant, the sheriff searched the store but found no liquor. An odor about the residence augured better luck there. The members of the family, including Mrs. Petty, were busy disposing of the booze. Some had been poured through an opening in the floor to the ground under the house. Mrs. Petty was going out with a lard bucket full, probably to pour it out where it would not tell as evidence. But still about five gallons was seized and brought to Pittsboro. That quantity included nine fruit jars and the bucket taken from Mrs. Petty.

The Pettys live in the home of the late Geo. W. Perry at Silk Hope.

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