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## Seeking Salt in Chatham County

### A Great Industrial Interest Concerned with Finding a Supply of Salt in This State Geologists Employed

You will note an advertisement in this issue of *The Record*, in which all persons in this section of the State are asked to report any occurrences of salt. In this connection, *The Record* had a very pleasant call Tuesday from Prof. Stuckey, professor of geology at State College, accompanied by one of his students, Prof. Stuckey has been asked by Dr. Pratt, state geologist, to make an investigation of the possibility of salts being found in the Deep River section, and while the professor is not hopeful of a successful issue of the research, he feels that there is justification for it.

The evidence comes from a book written by State Geologist Ammons in 1856. He it was who first studied the Deep River Coal field and he watched the sinking of the Egypt shaft analyzing the materials of the various strata. He mapped all the Deep River section from away over in Moore county to the Cape Fear. He it was also who determined that in the triassic period a lake extended from the neighborhood of Carthage, on to the east of Pittsboro, and to the east of Chapel Hill. The coal fields are a consequence of the existence of that lake, and it is in the old lake area that there is the possibility of finding saline deposits.

Ammons discovered on what he terms the "McIver place," without distinction between two McIver places noted on his map, "crystallizations of salt on rocks after they had been covered with water. Both these McIver places are located on the other side of Deep River. But we need not waste time in finding where reports of this kind should be reported. It might mean much to the county if salt should be discovered for which there is other demand desired by the great industrial concern which is backing this investigation, for, this work is not being done with State money, but by the advertisement comes from those interested in the discovery of what they are seeking.

## BYRD RETURNS FROM SOUTHERN POLE

It seems hardly eighteen months since Richard E. Byrd set sail for the regions of the southern pole, but it has. And he has reached civilization again, having arrived at Dunedin, New Zealand, the first of the week. He was given a great greeting there, but these days the whole world can join in the greetings, as was evidenced Tuesday morning, when a chain of radio stations brought Admiral Byrd's voice to his friends all over the United States. And what is notable, we heard him speaking on Wednesday morning here in Pittsboro on Tuesday morning. It is ten thousand miles to Dunedin, which is almost directly under our feet, and this was the longest-distance conversation ever held. Byrd had to talk over the telephone from Dunedin to Wellington, where the radio station was located, which carried the words across the Pacific ocean. Accordingly, it was easier to talk to him than for him to talk to his friends in America, as the telephone could catch the words from the radio more readily than the radio from the telephone. Thus another marvel has been recorded. Two of them—18 months in the Antarctic region and all safe in civilization again, and the voice of the explorer resounding through the whole earth, wherever a radio was tuned in.

## Oakland News

The young people's S. S. class of Chatham church held its regular class meeting last Sunday evening at the home of Miss Hazel Thomas. Mr. Hall the teacher, was not present, so the assistant teacher and president took charge and had a very commendable meeting.

The two adult classes of Chatham church will hold a meeting at the home of Mrs. O. A. Harmon.

There have been several accidents in this vicinity. It has been asked where are the people on Sunday. They are thronging the highways, apparently not knowing where they are going, riding night and day, nervous, not knowing what to do. It is alarming and has fallen upon us like a nightmare.

It is an exciting time and our duty is to wake up and do our part in trying to put a stop to this commercialism, Sabbath-breaking, money-making and worldly sur-

## Young Rouse Robs Bank and is Caught

Probably few Chathamites realized when they read of the capture of two young men last week who robbed a Salisbury bank that one of them was the young desperado Rouse who escaped Deputy Burns last year by knocking him down when he sat in the deputy's car and the latter stood by off guard.

The young fellows made a big haul from the bank in open daylight, compelling the bank employees to go into the vault, where they were locked up. They fled in a car, but pursuit got so hot that they took to the woods. A lot of silver they carried was deliberately thrown away, as it hindered their flight.

The Rouse family had only recently moved to this county when they became involved in a charge of general stealing. The young man in question was the chief rogue, but he stored his goods at his father's home and thus involved the whole family. The family soon left the county. The Chatham officers had not been able to locate their man. But what the Roynan court will do for the young scamp will probably make it unnecessary for the Chatham court to deal with him. However, we imagine that John Burns would like to have him in charge again for a short while.

## Bell's School is Increasing Fast

### Enrollment Growing Each Year While the Building Doesn't Grow a Bit—Mr. Bronce Holland Buried, also Mr. Will Woods.

There will be a play, "Light-house Nan," at Bell's school next Saturday evening, March 15th, at 7:30 o'clock. This play, given by the pupils of Berea high school, was coached by Mr. I. F. Grigg, formerly of this school, and it comes to us highly recommended. Admission will be 15 and 25 cents.

A negro minstrel was given at our school last Saturday evening by pupils of the high school for the benefit of the Bell's Sunday school. This show was highly entertaining, and the proceeds, \$37.10, was a considerable aid to the Sunday school toward making a payment on their new piano.

Supt. W. R. Thompson was a visitor at Bell's school last week. After observing in several of the rooms during the afternoon, he made an inspiring talk to the teachers at the close of the school day. Among the things he asked was that the teachers follow the suggestions of the State Department of Education in putting school facts and figures before the public during the remainder of the school year to show the people that they are getting value received for money expended on education in this State. He suggested a Parent Day on which the patrons could come and visit the school, observe in the classrooms, inspect the building and grounds, and thus make the school more popular among the people.

A total of 361 pupils have been enrolled at this time last year. The average daily attendance for the first six months is 225 pupils in the elementary grades and 54 in the high school. The average at Yates school is approximately 45 pupils, the total enrollment to date being 50. Our high school average warrants the addition of one more teacher for next year, although it is evident that conditions will be even more crowded than this year. We are now using the stage for a classroom, and in addition some 60 pupils are housed in the two little "built in" upstairs rooms. The growth of our school has been steady. Each term for the past two years it has been necessary to add one teacher and one truck, and it is likely that we will have more teachers and trucks next year. During all this growth in school population, the building has not grown in size, and patrons are beginning to wonder what will have to be done next in order to make more room.

The Parent-Teacher program this week is to consist of an old-fashioned spelling match. A lively time is expected.

Mr. Bronce Holland, brother of Mr. Walter Holland of this community, was buried at Bell's church last week. Another recent funeral in the community was that of Mr. Will Woods at Martha's Chapel church.

Thomas Cash, a pupil at Bell's who recently had his arm broken while cranking his truck, is now able to use his arm to some extent.

When Mme. Louise Bodrier came to Leeds, Eng., from Paris to find her husband, who had written her he would be detained two years on

## CHATHAM IS SELECTED FOR TAXATION STUDY

### Forest Inquiry Turned to South with North Carolina Designed for Study of Problem of Taxation of Timber Lands

### THIS STUDY WILL BE LIMITED TO ONLY THREE COUNTIES IN STATE

### Beaufort in East, Chatham in Piedmont, and the Third in West, Not Yet Named, Chosen for Study—Prof. Paul Wager in Charge

The widespread complaint against the excessive taxation of timber and cut-over lands and the charge that such taxes are hastening the depletion of our forests and hampering the reforestation movement prompted Congress in 1926 to make provisions for a nation-wide investigation of the subject.

The United States Forestry service was authorized to undertake a thorough study of existing methods of taxing forests and potential forest lands, the effects of such taxation, and the possible effects of a change in the basis of taxation.

Consequently, in 1927, the Forest Taxation Inquiry was established, with Professor Fred R. Fairchild of Yale University as director. During the last three years the inquiry has made rather exhaustive studies in the Pacific Northwest, in the Great Lakes area, and in New England.

The inquiry has now been turned to the South, and North Carolina has been selected as the field of study. The State Tax Commission has exerted its influence to have the study made in this State, particularly for the reason that the people of the State have the opportunity this fall to vote on a constitutional amendment which, if ratified will permit a departure from the uniform rule in the taxing of forest lands. Prof. Paul W. Wager of the University of North Carolina has been granted a leave of absence from the University to direct the study.

Professor Wager was sought for the work because he has made a special study of local government and taxation in the State, and also for the reason that he worked for the Tax Commission two years ago, and wrote one section of the report.

Intensive studies will be made in three counties—Beaufort in the East, Chatham in the Piedmont section and one county, not yet decided upon, in the mountains.

The Board of County Commis-

sioners has extended a formal invitation to the inquiry to conduct its research work here and have volunteered the fullest co-operation. Mrs. Ernest Farrell and Mrs. W. L. Powell have been employed by Prof. Wager to help with the clerical work. Their pay, as does all other expenses of the study, comes from the United States government appropriations. Hence, the county is put to no charge at all in the matter. After a few days a forester will be added to the staff.

The investigation will involve a classification of all the rural property of the county, a study of assessment practices, an analysis of real estate sales, a measurement and analysis of tax delinquency, a study of county finances and a study of county resources, actual and potential, and of land utilization generally.

Of course, the main objective of the study is to find out how much tax timber and cut over lands are now paying. How much less they would pay under some alternative plan of taxation and how the county could be reimbursed for its loss of revenue. No one suggests that the burden be shifted to agricultural lands; in fact, the study may show that agricultural land is quite as severely burdened as forest lands.

In course of his investigation Prof. Wager will have to call on property owners, particularly those who have recently purchased or sold land, for certain information. Some people may be reluctant to reveal facts regarding their private affairs lest the information so revealed be used against them by the local tax officials. Prof. Wager wishes to assure such people that his study is entirely impersonal and as soon as the figures are recorded the names are discarded. The county commissioners feel that the county has everything to gain and nothing to lose from the study and urge everyone to co-operate to the fullest possible extent.

## CHATHAM BOY GETS RECORD AT STATE

### Walter Lee Stinson Earns \$3500 While Taking Course at State College—Will Graduate in June.

A net earning of over \$3,500 and a B.S. degree in chemical engineering are the attainments of Walter Lee Stinson, of Goldston, now a member of the senior class at North Carolina State College.

Stinson, as he is known around the campus, has not quite finished his four year's college work, as he is not due to graduate until June, but he has already earned \$3,500, about \$1,000 of which he has invested with his father, E. L. Stinson.

Back in the fall of 1926 Stinson entered State College with barely enough money to get started and without any income at all in sight. But after registering he began to look around for work. For the first few days he got a few odd jobs through the College Y. M. C. A. These jobs consisted of caring for babies on a few occasions, washing windows, working in flower gardens, racking leaves, and various other odd jobs around homes.

Stinson soon found that he could not get enough work through the College Y. M. C. A. with other jobs he could pick up to fill in his available time, and that he was not making enough to meet his expenses. So he decided to go to The News and Observer office and try for a job delivering papers. Here he succeeded in getting a job he has had ever since, winter and summer. This work fitted in exactly as it required him to get up every morning at 4 o'clock, rain shine, sleet or snow. This he could do before classes begun and while other students were getting their last nap.

"This early rising and a little work before breakfast gets you just right to start a perfect day," said Stinson, "and it also helps to answer Mr. Bowen's call for board

## Brown's Chapel News

A fine meeting of the Epworth League Sunday after Sunday school. Those taking part in the services were Junius Durham, Edwin Perry, Harry Henderson, Misses Cornelia Henderson, Roberta, Catherine, and Margaret Durham, Allene Dark, Charlotte and Jessie Wright, Connie and Christine Perry, and Elizabeth Lutterloh. Mesdames Dark and Mann deserve credit for their excellent work as superintendents.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Sturdivant of Cary were welcome visitors at S. S. This was their first visit since the arrival of their son about three months ago. The little fellow was the show of the day.

Also Miss Woody and Mrs. Hiden Lindsey of Winston were pleasant visitors. Some of those kept away for several weeks of illness were back also. Both Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Mann, on the other hand, were sick last week, and as they are in dairy business that meant hardships on some other folk.

Mrs. W. M. Perry was called to help attend the sick children of her daughter, Mrs. Lois Ray, of Durham.

A. Mr. Hih and Frech Houch were down last week, doing some more work on the home of the latter's father, and one or two nights had some real music.

The shock of the death of Attorney Ray was severely felt in this community. Several of our folk attended the funeral.

Sunday school at 10 o'clock next Sunday, preaching at 11 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Clegg of the Chatham church community and Mr. Kiath Henderson of Raleigh were visitors last Sunday of the latter's father, Mr. W. C. Henderson.

All visitors to Brown's are asked to watch out and not step on the flowers planted by the ladies. They spent time and labor planting them.

Frank Guess, 80, of Newport, Ind., claiming his wife supported him, filed suit asking \$10,000 damages from the driver of an automobile which struck and fatally in-

## Proceedings of the County Court

The following cases were disposed of Monday and Tuesday by Judge Bell's court:

Ernest Henderson pleads guilty to liquor charge. Roads 12 months.

Wilson Alston, 6 months, on roads, on larceny charge.

Case against Jesse Rogers—no pros.

Joe Brooks not guilty of violation of prohibition law.

A preliminary hearing of the charge of assault against Herman Forrester was held Tuesday and the young man was held for superior court under a \$500 bond. This charge grew out of the death of E. P. Paschal in an automobile collision on highway 60, November 30, 1929.

Craven Stubbs, not guilty of abandonment.

Archie Dixon, guilty of C. C. W., \$50 and costs.

Paul Wilson, 6 months, but judgment suspended upon bond for \$200 for good behavior. A liquor charge.

## Poe Chooses Not to Be Candidate

### Register of Deeds Leaves Field Open and Expresses His Hearty Appreciation for Support and Kindness of People These Ten Years Past

Editor Record:

After careful consideration of the political situation in Chatham county, I have definitely decided not to make the race in the June primary for renomination for the office of register of deeds. I wish to thank the people and especially my fellow Democrats for their long and loyal support, while register of deeds. I shall always remember every one of you, you are my friends, I love every one and I love the Democratic party a more than words can express, and my desire is for victory in November, 1930, in county, state, and nation. I have done my best in each and every campaign to hold up the banner of the Democratic party, and will continue the fight as I see it for the best interest of the people and for the success of the Democratic party in the future.

Again thanking each and every one for the support given me in the past, I am always,  
Yours truly,  
C. C. POE,  
Register of Deeds, Chatham Co.

## BOOTS 71 YEARS OLD

From the Sanford Express of last week we clip the following item concerning a pair of boots from the store of Mr. W. S. Russell, the veteran merchant of Gulf. Mr. Russell is probably the oldest man in the county, but, like the boots, is still staunch and sound. The item follows:

"While in Stroud-Hubbard's store the other day a representative of The Express was shown a pair of boots calculated to attract attention on account of their age. These boots were made for a boy not more than five to six years of age. In examining them we found copper tips on the toes which carried this information: "Patented Nov. 29th, 1859," 71 years ago. These boots were kept in stock by Mr. W. S. Russell, who has been engaged in the mercantile business at Gulf for a long number of years. They were hand-made and the soles were put on with wooden pegs made for the business. The front of the tops are of beautiful soft calf-skin leather. This calls to mind the fact that before the Civil War many well groomed gentlemen of the Old South wore beautifully finished hand-made boots that gave them a distinction in high society. They were made of the very finest leather and highly polished. Many of the slave holders wore this brand of boots."

## IMPORTANT MEETING OF U. D. C. THIS SATURDAY

All members of the Winnie Davis chapter U. D. C. are requested by the president, Mrs. J. M. Gregory to attend the meeting of the U. D. C. at the home of Mrs. J. W. Hunt, Saturday afternoon, March 15th, at 3 o'clock.

Final plans for the district meeting to be held here in April will be made.

## MRS. LANGLEY BREAKS ARM

Mrs. Jane Langley, the aged mother of Messrs. Will Langley, of Moncure, and J. H. Langley of Pittsboro, had the misfortune to slip on the wet ground at the home of Mr. J. H. Langley, with whom she lives, and break her arm near the shoulder joint. As an extra precaution, she was taken to Sanford after the bone was set and an

## Many Attend Ray Funeral

### A Throng Present—Floral Tributes Very Beautiful—Several Striking Tributes Paid the Deceased by Home and Visiting Ministers

The funeral of Mr. A. C. Ray, an account of whose tragic death appeared in the last issue of the Chatham Record, was postponed, because of the late arrival of a daughter from Baton Rouge, La., till Thursday afternoon.

The funeral services were held in the Methodist church, in order that this building, larger than the Presbyterian church, might more nearly accommodate the great throng of attendants.

On the platform and taking part in the services, led by Pastor Barclay of the Presbyterian church and pastor of the deceased, were Revs. B. C. Shennonhouse, pastor of the Episcopal church, Rev. J. A. Dailey, pastor of the M. E. church, Rev. E. R. Gordon, former pastor of the Pittsboro Baptist church, Dr. Gilmore, pastor of the Sanford Presbyterian church, Rev. E. G. Matson, pastor of the Jackson Springs Presbyterian church, the boyhood church of the deceased, and Rev. C. L. Wicker, pastor of the Gulf Presbyterian church, and a former pastor of Mr. Ray's.

After scripture reading by Pastor Barclay, each of the gentlemen named paid a tribute to the life and character of the deceased, who had been a zealous church worker for many years.

After these impressive services, the body was laid to rest in the Presbyterian churchyard. The floral tributes were numerous and most beautiful, speaking in the most graceful language the love and respect of many friends and relatives. Numerous friends and relatives were present from other counties, and from Raleigh came Messrs. Walter D. Siler and J. Dewey Dorsett, also Governor Doughton.

The circumstances of the death made the funeral services all the more impressive, while the sorrow of the whole community and sympathy for the bereaved family was generally manifest.

All the children were present except Mrs. Saville, of Baton Rouge, La., who was kept away by illness.

## Insane Wife Shoots Archie Smith Dead

Archie Smith was the son of Kemp Smith of Randolph county but Archie had been hauling lumber to Mr. L. B. Hester's planing mill at Goldston for some time, and would have been doing the same this week if his young wife had not gone crazy and shot him dead.

She and the child were living with her parents over in Randolph while her husband hauled lumber from his father's saw mill in Chatham to Goldston. The timber from one location had been delivered and he was to start this week from another location, therefore he was home.

The tragedy took place early Monday. The wife rose about 2 o'clock, took the baby out of the bed and fired a load from a shotgun into the body of her husband killing him dead. Members of her family rushed in and stopped her before she could reload and shoot herself, which she seemed bent on doing.

She had been suffering from tuberculosis of the bones and could get no relief. Steps were taken to place her in the asylum at Morganton.

Mr. Hester speaks in the highest terms of Archie Smith, who was only 22 years of age. According to Mr. Hester, the young man was a gentleman and a hard worker.

## RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call unto himself the able and efficient superintendent of Pittsboro Presbyterian Sunday school, Mr. A. C. Ray, therefore, be it resolved:

First, That we, the Presbyterian Sunday school of Pittsboro, feel a deep sense of our loss in the removal of this devout one who, as an elder of the church and superintendent of the Sunday school, has served faithfully and well, and will be sadly missed, in the church and community—

Second, That we extend to the bereaved ones our tenderest sympathy, and commend them to the Heavenly Father who doeth all things well—

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be written in the minutes, and a copy sent to the family and to the Chatham Record and Presbyterian Standard for publication.  
MISS CARRIE JACKSON  
MRS. JAS. A. THOMPSON