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Capt. J. J. London Writes of Tropics

Letter to Post-Dispatch Editor From His Brother, Capt. J. J. London, of the U. S. S. Vega.

Carries 2 Crates of Peaches to Panama in Cold Storage. Tells of Virgin Isles, their Live-Stock, Roads and Temperature.

With news apparently very scarce in Chatham, we are clipping the following letter from the Rockingham Dispatch, of which Isaac London is editor. This letter from a former Pittsboro boy should be of interest, not only to his friends, but to many who are ignorant of the Virgin Islands, a comparatively new acquisition in the U. S. territory.

U. S. S. Vega Panama Canal, August 6, 1930.

My dear Isaac: I received the Georgia Belle peaches from Rockingham July 25th, before leaving Norfolk on July 28th, and I am writing to let you know how well they have kept on my passage through the tropics. (The peaches were shipped from Neal Hick's orchard, 3 miles from Rockingham.—Editor). As I told you I obtained these two crates of peaches to distribute to my friends in the Virgin Islands and in the Canal Zone. Peaches are a rare treat for people who live in the tropics, and particularly so are these very fine type of peaches. I kept these peaches in the chill room of the ship's cold storage. The chill room temperature is just about freezing temperature. The peaches survived the ten days of this temperature very nicely. Before giving them out I allowed them to remain in normal temperature for twenty-four hours, and after sorting them over threw out a few with bad spots where they had evidently been bruised in shipping. My friends were truly delighted with them.

On this trip to the Pacific Coast of the Vega, I was directed by the Bureau of Navigation to stop by the Virgin Islands to deliver some blooded live stock, which the U. S. Department of Agriculture has presented to the Governor of the Islands for use in improving the breed of live stock. This live stock consisted of stallion, bulls, rams, and boars.

Mr. W. H. Black from the Department of Agriculture came along with this live stock and has given me some interesting information in regard to it. Since some of it came from North Carolina I will tell you about it. The government has a thirteen hundred acre farm at Beltsville, Md., run by the Bureau of Animal Industry. There they breed blooded animals, mostly short horns, formerly called Durhams. We had aboard from that farm a very fine short horn bull valued at \$500. We had also a red polled young bull bought from them Reynolds Lybrook Farm at Advance, N. C. This breed I understand is for a dual purpose; i. e. for both beef and milk. By "polled" is meant a bull with no horns. When this type of bull is bred to a long horn cow the calf has no horns. Another young bull came from the Sanford and Rich Farm at Mocksville, N. C. This was an Aberdeen-Angus bull, also polled.

The boars were five months old, Poland, China and Duroc-Jersey breeds. And the rams were a year and a half old, Corriedales. The stallion was of the Morgan breed from the U. S. Morgan Horse Farm at Millberry, Vt. I understand this breed is very rugged and suitable for general farm use. I wonder if our family horse of our early youth named "Morgan" was of this breed. He certainly was made use of for all purposes, and I must say did it very well.

We landed these animals at the island of St. Croix, though we stopped a few hours before at St. Thomas, the Capitol of the Virgin Islands. I had not been in the harbor of St. Thomas in twenty-five years and found very little change in the port and city. Since my first visit however, these islands have come under the sovereignty of the United States. You may be interested to have your memory refreshed regarding these islands. I had my memory so refreshed from a bulletin which was distributed to the bluejackets of our liberty party as they landed on the dock for a few hours liberty to see the city of St. Thomas.

After two negotiations, in 1870 and 1902, for the purchase of these islands, had failed, the purchase was finally made in 1917. The Virgin Islands, about one hundred in number, small and large, are situated about one hundred miles to the east of Porto Rico. Great Britain owns about one-half of them. They were first discovered by Columbus on his second voyage in 1494, and for some three hundred years were the cause of much fighting between various nationalities. At various times they were settled and claimed by the Dutch, English, Spanish, French, and Danish. The islands were heavily populated with negro slaves used

Sunday School Assn. Holds Meeting

The Chatham County inter-denominational Sunday School Association met with Goal Glen Union, Wednesday, August 18th, and the meeting was called to order by county president, T. B. Beal, of Bear Creek. Rev. C. L. Wicker of Gulf led the devotional service. J. W. Gilliam of Sanford made an address on "How to give Missionary and Stewardship Instruction". Miss Flora Davis, General Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, spoke on "Goals for Kingdom Building Sunday Schools." An offering was Sunday School work. Dinner was served in picnic style on long tables. All ate to their satisfaction and what was left would nearly feed the same number again. Rev. J. W. Buckner, of Siler City, returned thanks to the table.

In the afternoon Rev. J. W. Buckner conducted the devotion services. "What the Adults of the Sunday School Should Know and Be," was ably discussed by Hon. F. L. Paschall of Siler City. Miss Flora Davis spoke on the "Organizing and training Young People People for Kingdom Service," which was very instructive. The business period was then held. T. B. Beal was reelected president. The county was sub-divided and three vice presidents were elected to look after these three districts. Those elected were: Hon. F. L. Paschall, of Siler City; Prof. H. G. Self, of Moncure and Harry B. Norwood, of Pittsboro. Also the township presidents and division superintendents were elected. Rocky River Baptist Church was chosen as the place of the 1931 meeting. While no pennant was given, but the Meroney M. E. Sunday school had the best attendance at the meeting.

The night session was opened at 8:00 o'clock, with Rev. J. W. Buckner leading the devotional service. Miss Davis spoke again on the "Beatitudes of Leadership," which was greatly enjoyed. The audience gave a rising vote of thanks to the people of Goal Glen for their splendid entertainment.

In the cultivation of sugar cane and there occurred several minor slave insurrections at various times. In 1848, thirteen years before our War Between the States, freedom was proclaimed for all slaves of the Danish West Indian Islands.

The three principal islands of the United States Virgin Islands are: St. Thomas, area twenty-eight square miles; St. John, area twenty square miles; and St. Croix, eighty-four square miles; You see all three of these islands together are not one third the size of an average North Carolina county. However, they are rather thickly populated, having in 1918 a population of about thirty thousand. Of these only about two thousand are white. St. Thomas is the seat of the insular government. The governor has been, and is a naval officer. The present governor is Captain W. Evans, an old friend of mine. We were stationed, for two years together at Great Lakes, Ill., in 1911. Two items worth mentioning about these islands are: that they have excellent roads. Good roads are always encountered in European colonial territory. The other item is the remarkable climate of St. Thomas. Records show that the minimum temperature in winter is sixty-seven and the maximum temperature in summer in ninety-one. I will always remember how our father in his later years of feeble health was so interested in hearing me tell of climates I had encountered such as that of St. Thomas. This maximum temperature of ninety-one strikes me very forcibly when I read in the papers of temperatures around one-hundred all over the United States, and I am sure the temperature of sixty-seven would be welcomed in the winter time by a great many places in the South.

Hearing you tell, while on my last visit home, about the crop conditions in North Carolina and the general "hard times" leads me to tell you about a condition I have just encountered across from St. Thomas to St. Croix I took with me Judge Noll of the Island Court. He was going over to place in bankruptcy a million dollar Danish sugar company. He described to me the pathetic situation down here. This company has gone into bankruptcy because of the low price of sugar, and principally on account of the poor crops of the past few years and particularly this year. The sugar cane crop this year will probably be two thousand tons instead of thirty thousand tons. Think of that. They simply do not know what is to become of some five thousand negro laborers. For three months the Island government and Red Cross have been helping these laborers to survive. My friend the governor has a very serious problem on his hands. I have been wondering if these five thousand negroes could find jobs on Southern plantations!

J. J. L.
Small boy—Me fadder wants five cents worth of ice cream.
Clerk—Cone?
Small boy—Now! Rosenbaum.

Brown's Chapel News

We have a great old church and community and I try to write some of the good things as an encouragement. However, we are not perfect by any means, and some evils mentioned along with the good things should be a warning to us all to try to improve. But human nature seems not to want to hear the bad side of life when it comes as a warning or rebuke, though very few of us seem to realize the trouble our sins may cause some one and how displeasing they are to our Maker. The old saying about the hot dog is still true, and if teachers preachers, and newspapers would be plainer with facts a lot of howling might be heard. I do not remember hearing a sermon preached in some time in which I did not feel hit, and if we would read more of the Holy Word and do more praying, our consciences might lead us in a different direction. For us to say that we could live a life of service and make no enemies would be placing ourselves above our Maker and His Son.

Our revival services began Sunday with our beloved pastor on the job. That evening brother I. W. Durham of Carboro, a former member, made a very important talk to a few of us gathered in before the rain. At this writing, Rev. J. A. Russell of Durham has arrived and in his morning and evening services Sunday, made a wonderful impression, and we are hoping and praying for a real revival.

We were delighted to have a Mr. Browning of Hillsboro teach our Men's senior class Sunday morning and appreciate his message very much.

Mr. I. W. Durham had a pleasant chat with Mr. A. F. Whitaker Sunday morning and the latter, who has been very feeble, expressed his pleasure at being able to attend the revival meetings for the first time in a considerable time.

We have had fine rains and the crops are looking fine, for both of which we are very thankful.

Among the many visitors at the services Sunday were Mr. Will Cook, father and sister, who lived here 35 years ago, but now live in Alamance county.

Mrs. Lizzie Dark is back home from her second treatment in Durham.

Mrs. S. J. Henderson is down here spending the week in the meeting, and with relatives. Her daughter came up Sunday morning with her nephew, Mr. Kiah Henderson. Mrs. Langster is spending a week with her sister, Mrs. G. G. Luterloh.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Turrentine of Salisbury are down for the week with Mrs. Turrentine's mother, Mrs. S. J. Wright. Vernon has only 8 children and says he is seldom lonesome.

We were delighted to hear Miss Pearl Johnson, Pittsboro's returned missionary, at Emmaus two Sundays ago, and should be delighted to have her speak at our church.

Mrs. G. M. Lindsey of High Point has been spending some time with her sister, Mrs. E. J. Dark. Mr. R. G. Perry is attending the state meeting of Juniors as a delegate from the local church.

Miss Lelia Mann came down from Burlington Monday evening to be with us in the meeting and to spend some time with relatives. Also, Mr. Leaton Mann, of Durham, is here.

A feature of the excellent Monday evening service was the violin music furnished by a young man, Connell, a choir director of one of the Sanford churches.

Antioch News

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson, of Illinois, and Mrs. Logan Womble of Pittsboro spent Sunday with their brother, Mr. R. B. Johnson. Mrs. Martha Oldham and two children of Bynum spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Oldham.

Mrs. W. R. Oldham has returned to her home at Yancyville after spending last week with relatives in the community.

Mrs. John Poe of near Bynum spent a few days last week with relatives in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnson of Laurinburg spent the week end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson.

Mr. Colon Thomas is spending a few days this week with relatives at Gum Springs.

Mr. W. R. Oldham of Yancyville spent Sunday with home folks. Mr. Carl Oldham spent the latter part of last week with relatives at Bynum.

Mr. W. R. Dawkins of near Moncure spent a few days last week with her daughter, Mrs. E. C. Hart.

Visitor—What does your dad give you for spending money?
Danny MacTavish—Ten whacks.
—Pathfinder.

Moncure News

Misses Roberta and Annie Lambeth spent several days last week at Wrightsville Beach. Their aunt of Fayetteville accompanied them to the beach.

Mrs. Daisy Moore who has been spending the summer in this community, left yesterday for Lexington to visit her brother there.

The Carolina Light and Power Plant near here commenced running last Wednesday. On account of the drought there was not enough power at Norwood and Blewett Falls, so they had to fall back on the power plant here. There are 25 new men who came in to help run the plant.

The members of the Methodist Sunday School here will go on a picnic next Thursday to Lakewood Park, Durham.

Mr. George W. Geide left today for Harrisburg, Penn. to look after some urgent business.

Mr. Hostetter, who is president of the First National Bank, Lancaster, Penn., is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Geide. His wife accompanied him here.

Mrs. Harlowe Mims and children, who were visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mims, returned to their home in Raleigh Sunday. Mrs. J. A. Mims went home with them and will spend this week in Raleigh.

Mr. E. W. Avent, Jr. and sister Miss Ruth, of Bynum, were guests of Miss Pauline Ray Sunday.

Miss Josephine Lester of Raleigh spent last week with Mrs. H. B. Dellinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Dezern of Star are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Dezern, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Cole of Elkin are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Cole. Mr. Roy Cole will be here for some time for he rented the Cole Filling Station and will sell gas and groceries.

Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Jones and two daughters, and Dr. L. G. Sykes and son, of Salemburg, paid Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stedman a pleasant call last Sunday afternoon in passing through. Prof. and Mrs. Jones are co-presidents of Pineville Junior College.

Miss Mary Bland, who has been taking a vacation, has returned to her work at the bank. She reports a grand trip to the mountains.

Miss Catharine Thomas is leader of the Senior Epworth League next Sunday evening. All members are requested to be present and the public is cordially invited.

Mrs. Bertha Johnson spent one day last week with her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Langley, and Misses Thelma and Estelle Johnson spent last week with their sister, Mrs. Langley.

WHY, INDEED?

We commend the question in the following letter from the Tuberculosis Association those who have to do with the disposition of the state's moneys:

"At the recent meeting of the North Carolina conference on tuberculosis were unanimously adopted: In times of stress, whether war, pestilence, famine, financial, unemployment, or what not, the tendency is for tuberculosis to show a marked increase both in number of cases and number of deaths. During the World War some of the European nations showed more than 300 per cent increase.

It therefore behooves us and the people of the state to enter more heartily, more enthusiastically, and more efficiently into the fight against tuberculosis than we have ever done, and our efforts should be directed toward the prevention of infection and keeping the bodies of our citizens, particularly our children, in at least a normal state of nutrition and we must find the cases and treat those who need it.

In this connection we desire to express our regret that in the 20 per cent cut in appropriations found necessary by our state budget Commission, it has been made to apply to the State Department of Health including County Health Departments and tuberculosis work. Appropriations for these things should be increased rather than decreased, particularly in times of depression.

The County Health Departments should be enlarged and extended rather than decreased and curtailed, and we express the hope that a way will be found to do these things. Why should we pay county and state taxes for education and curtail the appropriations to health and tuberculosis work, thereby increasing the number who are unable to attend school and the number who though able to attend school are unable to pass their grades. We might ask which is the more important, the child or the education we try to give him?"

Verily, it seems that the North Carolina government is so obsessed by the fetish of education that it deems it more important to send a child to school than to feed him and keep him in health. Homes are sold from under the children to pay school taxes, and now when cuts are made in every other department of the state's work, teachers still get their 1919 salaries.

Sandy Creek Baptist Women Hold Session

250 Delegates Gather at Aberdeen Church—Sanford Woman Is Named As President.

Sanford, Aug. 18—The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary union of the Sandy Creek association, was held in the Baptist church of Aberdeen Friday with approximately 250 delegates and visitors. Mrs. J. U. Gunter, of Sanford, president, presided with Mrs. E. D. Nall of Sanford, as secretary. Mrs. R. G. Farrell of Aberdeen welcomed the visitors. Mrs. L. B. Hester, of Goldston, responded.

Roll call showed that approximately all of the 59 churches in the association were represented and reports were encouraging. The morning devotional services were led by Mrs. R. P. Johnson, of Pittsboro. The afternoon devotional was in charge of the Aberdeen Y. W. A.

Mrs. W. N. Jones, of Raleigh, state president, Dr. C. E. Brewer, of Raleigh, president of Meredith college; Mrs. J. M. Whitted, of Durham, divisional superintendent, and Miss Pearl Johnson, of Pittsboro, who for 14 years has been a missionary in China, were present and delivered addresses. The Y. W. A. of Siler City gave a demonstration showing the help of the Margaret fund in the education of the children of the missionaries.

At noon visitors were guests of the Aberdeen society at luncheon served in the Sunday school rooms.

Mrs. J. U. Gunter, who for 10 years has served as president, declined re-election. The new president is Mrs. P. H. St. Clair, of Sanford. Other officers elected were: Mrs. C. L. Brower, of Siler City, vice president; Mrs. E. D. Nall, of Sanford, secretary; treasurer, Mrs. Samuel Oliver, of Bass; Mrs. R. H. Weaver, of Sanford, superintendent of Y. W. A. and G. A.; Mrs. J. C. Dent of R. A. and Sunbeams, The Canipe, of Siler City, superintendent meeting will be held with the Brush Creek church.—Exchange.

113th. FIELD ARTILLERY REUNION

The 113 E. A. Reunion was held at Fort Bragg last Friday and Saturday, August 15th and 16th. This regiment was a unit of the famous 30th. Division, which won fame for crushing the Hindenburg line in the World War. This regiment was organized entirely in North Carolina. Battery A from New Bern; B from Washington; C from Durham; D from Wadesboro; and Monroe; E from Lenoir; and F from Mooresville. Supply and Headquarters Companies were both organized in Raleigh. But on January 20th., 1919, there were 38 states in the union and 2 in foreign countries (Italy and Scotland) represented in the regiment, yet there were 1097 of the 1462 were North Carolina boys.

This was the second reunion which the regiment has held. A similar reunion was held at Fort Bragg in 1927. Major Robert M. Eanes, of Winston-Salem served as president from that date until this meeting, when Dr. B. R. Lacy of Richmond, Va., was elected as president. Three vice presidents were elected: Major R. M. Hanes of Winston Salem; L. B. Grayton of Charlotte; and L. L. Mallard of Raleigh. CN. Burgess of Raleigh was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the reunion. There were about 100 present. A reunion will be held at Fort Bragg again next year. It was thought better to hold them each year than tri-annually. Next year it will be decided whether or not it will be held each year or every third year.

Those attending seemed to enjoy the reunion to the fullest extent. Of the 25 Chatham boys serving in this regiment, the following were in attendance: W. G. Burns of Orangeburg, S. C.; C. E. Dorsett of Winchester, Va.; Prof. W. R. Thompson of Pittsboro; J. C. Harmon of Pittsboro; R. W. Vann of Mount Vernon Springs; T. B. Beal of Bear Creek. There were people from Maryland, South Carolina and Virginia in attendance and possibly other states in the union.

Asbury News

The Asbury School will begin in September with the same teacher in charge, namely, Miss Margaret Johnson. The trucks will go to Pittsboro and Goldston with the higher grade pupils.

The revival meeting starts at Asbury hte third Sunday in August. Rev. T. A. Johnson will assist pastor Chaffin. The services will be at 3 p. m. and 7:45 in the evening.

Miss Margaret Johnson and Mrs. J. W. Johnson got up a shower consisting of various articles and money for Misses Mildred and Margaret Williams at the Sunday School last Sunday, each class giving gifts and money. Also the general collection went to them. These girls have been sick for some time, but are better now.

CURRENT COMMENT

The tumult and shouting raised in Chicago when two new-born babies were mixed in a hospital, makes it seem that we are not yet educated up (or down) to the point where we can agree, with Plato, that offspring should be scrambled in a common throng, to be nurtured and educated by the state.

Filipinos who do not like an official sent to govern them, throw copies of his books into the ocean. Those who are not interested in farm relief might show their disgust for the agriculturalist by purchasing a few elevators of grain, and burning it up. Perhaps the real problem of the Farm Relief Board is to find some means for spreading the Filipino point of view, and thereby make unpopularity relieve over-production.

New Yorkers who are working for the abatement of noise, favor small fines persistently levied, and claim that they are more effective than thousand dollar threats, which it will pay a wrong-doer to oppose. Not many over-time parkers could withstand a half dozen arrests per day, each with an expeditiously collected half-dollar fine, and Gotham's suggestion will bear wide consideration in connection with petty misdemeanors of many kinds. As to the exorbitant, uncollectible fine, few figures in fiction are more ridiculous than the Queen, in Alice in Wonderland, whose term for indicating even mild displeasure, was: Off with his head!

No one who has travelled upon the net work of motor bus routes which is spreading over the land, will be surprised or displeased to learn that there are about ninety-three thousand vehicles of that description in use. The coming of the motor bus however, has marked the passing of the joggling steamer, the narrow gauge railway, and the trolley, all of which seemed to have time to wind about, and carry the passenger by much that was pleasant to view. It is by no means all gain and no loss wit the bus rider, but after all, it will require a good deal of argument to overthrow any line of reasoning that rests on the axiom that a straight line is the shortest distance between two points.

PITTSBORO SCHOOL OPENS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER FIRST

The Pittsboro school will open Monday morning, September 1st., at 8:45 o'clock. Due to increased enrollment of the school, a formal opening exercise for the public will be omitted. In the past much time has been devoted to speech-making and other conventional activities, with little being accomplished toward school organization. So pupils may come prepared to be classified and assigned to his spend the day. Every pupil will be proper section or grade.

In some of the grades where a division is necessitated because of crowded conditions, intelligence tests, will probably be given in order to secure homogenous groups. Much time and money can be saved by both school and elementary pupils if they will bring all second hand books they have for sale. The school wants to cooperate in every way possible in making the school efficient with the least financial burden being imposed upon the parents. There are practically enough second-hand books in the possession of the pupils to furnish the entire school. So gather them up and bring them Monday morning.

All school truck drivers will make their specified routes Monday morning and will try to schedule their time so as to be here promptly. The school appreciates the splendid cooperative spirit shown by the patrons in the past. The faculty members hope to be able to show their appreciation of this fine spirit by a loyal devotion to the cause for which they are employed. The following is a list of faculty members with their home addresses and teaching positions:

J. S. Waters, principal, Pittsboro; Mrs. G. H. Brooks, Sr., History, Pittsboro; Miss Kate Coble, Science, Greensboro; Miss Mellie Boggan, English, Silver City; Miss Martha Patrick Archbell, Foreign Languages, Elizabeth City; Mr. Frank Barclay, Mathematics, Pittsboro; Miss Margaret Siler, First grade, Siler City; Miss Ethel Lee Lowery, First grade, Morven; Mrs. E. E. Williams, Second grade, Pittsboro; Miss Mattie Sue Hatch, Second grade, Charlotte; Miss Bessie Chapin, Third grade, Pittsboro; Miss Mary Dell Bynum, Fourth grade, Pittsboro; Miss Ruth Halt, Fourth grade, Morven; Miss Ena Dell Anderson, Fifth grade, Timmonsville, S. C.; Miss Della Wilson, Sixth grade, Newton; Miss Edith Gain, Seventh grade, Lawndale; Mrs. H. A. Bynum, Music, Pittsboro.