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DAMAGE BY FOREST FIRES.

Large Acres Burned Over in Lanesboro Township—Much Cordwood and Considerable Amount of Lumber Destroyed.

Last Thursday a Seaboard Air Line engine, it is claimed, started a forest fire in Lanesboro township that did an immense amount of damage. The fire burned over the lands of Messrs. J. M. Mooney, D. D. Hudson, N. A. Pressler, John T. Edwards, F. C. Allen, J. B. Covington, Ed. Horne, C. B. Williams, W. W. Moore, G. T. Boyett, the Willey Howers estate lands and the B. I. Boyd estate lands. The fire, owing to the long dry spell raged with great fierceness most of the time and was not extinguished until Monday.

The Anson Lumber Co., of Polkton lost about 20,000 feet of lumber, and an immense amount of cordwood was destroyed. In all about 2000 acres of land were burned over by this fire.

On Saturday, in the same township, there was another forest fire of considerable damage. This fire burned over the lands of Messrs. C. F. Bennett, W. A. Gaddy and the Huntley & Simons place.

Still another fire, on Wednesday of last week, burned over lands in Lanesboro township belonging to Dr. L. C. Smith, and Messrs. Dudley Edwards and S. A. Benton.

Aged Husband and Wife Buried in Same Coffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. R. Griffin, an aged couple who lived near Marshville, died within 30 minutes of each other last Friday night. The wife died first and just a few minutes later the husband breathed his last. Mrs. Griffin died of cancer and Mr. Griffin was afflicted with dropsy. He was 70 years of age and she was 68. They had been married 49 years.

The aged pair were buried in the same coffin, the interment being at Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist church Sunday afternoon. Elders E. E. Lundy, of Wilmington, and J. F. Mills, of Marshville, conducted the ceremony in the presence of an immense crowd, estimated to number two or three thousand people.

"Citizen" Thinks Graded School Has Too Many Holidays.

Contributed.

I am a tax payer and warm supporter of our graded school. It costs near twenty-five dollars (we think it more) each day it runs. This school is the university of many poor people, the beginning and ending of their education. Three days given to a carnival and two this week—on Thanksgiving and the other thrown in for good measure—is going a little too strong.

The pay goes along. Cut it down to per day of service and holidays would be kept with beautiful regularity.

There is no charge against the principal of the school as to the three days' solitude. We understand this was by order of the board. But we cannot afford to pay for foot ball games in Norfolk or elsewhere, and we give warning now. The true has come when these improvements paid for by the town should give the return in money in value received.

The school is a credit to our town, if it will only keep running. When it stops let the pay stop.

Did you ever think how many children the present board has in school? Good men, but where a man's treasures are there you will find his heart and energies.

"Watch Wadesboro Win," but nothing is more essential than a strong, consistent and persistent school. CITIZEN.

Convention Announcement.

The outlook is for the biggest Convention in years. Telephone me at once and tell me how many additional delegates you can take in your home. Do not delay! This is imperative!

What about that check? Some of the business men meant to send it but they have neglected it. Have you sent yours? Do it today.

The grocermen forget that the Convention means much to their trade. Each one should send me a check. T. W. CHAMBLESS.

P. S. 400 delegates enrolled to date.

It is worth \$8.00 to you to read our advertisement in this paper, so don't overlook it. BLALOCK HARDWARE CO.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

All Anson Pastors are Returned for Another Year Except Revs. E. J. Poe and W. P. McGhee.

Wadesboro Methodists, as well as the members of other churches in the town, are delighted that Bishop Atkins returned Rev. J. H. West to Wadesboro for another year. Mr. West has been pastor of the Methodist church here two years and during that time the church has been greatly built up in every way. All the other Anson pastors, except Revs. E. J. Poe, pastor of Lilesville circuit, and W. P. McGhee, pastor of Morven circuit, have been returned to the county for another year.

A list of the principal appointments is given below:

Charlotte District, H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder. Charlotte, Belmont Park, L. A. Falls. Riverview, Ira Irwin. Calvary, E. E. Williamson. Dilworth and Big Spring, A. L. Coburn. North Charlotte, W. O. Goble. Trinity, E. E. Bain, A. W. Poyer, assistant. Tryon Street, T. Rowe, W. L. Nicholson, superintendent. Lilesville, C. H. Clyde. Wadesboro, J. H. West. Wadesboro, M. Campbell. Weedington, J. H. Bradley. Asheville District—D. Atkins, presiding elder. Biltmore and Mount Pleasant, C. H. Christenbury. Marshall, E. O. Lawton. Mars Hill, H. Griffith. Tryon and Saluda, W. A. Newell. Weaferville Station, W. E. Poyer. Greensboro District, W. R. Ware, Presiding Elder. Asheboro Station, C. A. Wood. Centenary, D. M. Litaker. West Market, E. E. Lundy. High Point, South Main, O. P. Ader. Washington Street, J. E. Thompson. Liberty, C. B. Gandy. Randolph, A. C. Eaves. Randolph Circuit, L. E. Stacy. Keddville Station, L. T. Mann. Weaferville, A. L. Aycock. Morganton District—R. M. Hoyle, Presiding Elder. Connelly Springs, E. C. Puzey. Henrietta and Carolina, L. F. Bogie. Morganton Station, W. J. Jones. Marion Station, H. H. Jordan. Rutherfordton, T. J. Rogers. Rutherford College, E. E. Creel. Mount Airy District—R. M. Taylor, Presiding Elder. Boone circuit, T. E. Weaver. Elkin Station, R. C. Tuttle. East London Station, J. E. Jones. Mount Airy Station, J. F. Elk. North Wilkesboro Station, Z. Paris. Wilkesboro Station, B. F. Hargett. Salisbury District—J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder. Albemarle Circuit, M. Sprinkle. Albemarle Circuit, F. W. Tucker. Bethel and Big Lick, S. S. Higgins. China Grove, J. J. Eads. Concord Circuit, W. P. McGhee. Concord Circuit, E. J. Jones. Jackson Hill circuit, E. M. Avert. Kannapolis, W. B. Shinn. Lexington Station, A. L. Stanford. New London Station, J. E. Jones. Norwood Station, T. E. Wagg. Salisbury First Church, S. P. Torrentine. Salisbury circuit, J. T. Stover. Spencerville Station, R. D. Sherrill. Woodleaf circuit, M. B. Ridenhour. Shelby District—J. R. Scroggs, Presiding Elder. Belwood circuit, W. V. Hunnicutt. Gastonia, Main Street, G. D. Herman. Wainwright, J. H. Currier. Lincolnton Station, F. L. Townsend. Mount Holly, J. A. Bowles. Winston-Salem, T. B. Garrett, superintendent. South Fork, R. G. Stamey. Statesville District—J. N. Hugrins, Presiding Elder. Granite Falls, W. F. Sanford. Lenoir Station, C. M. Pickett. Mooresville circuit, M. T. Steele. Mooresville Station, R. M. Courtney. W. W. Foy. Statesville Broad Street, Harold Turner. Troutman, J. J. Edwards. Waynesville District—W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder. Brevard Station, C. S. Kirkpatrick. Canton, L. B. Abernethy. Clyde, J. H. Green. Haywood, J. F. Starnes. Waynesville Station, J. Barnhart. Winston District—T. F. Marr, Presiding Elder. Kernersville, H. C. Byrum. Thomasville, Main Street, Parker Homes. Walnut Cove, J. H. Brantley, centenary. J. E. Abernethy. Grace, W. M. Robbins.

Transferred: W. W. Peels, J. C. Wooten, F. S. Love, M. E. Self, C. E. Smith, to North Carolina conference; J. F. Hips, to East Columbia conference; V. L. Marsh, to Virginia conference, and A. H. Whisner, Baltimore conference.

Fire in Gullede Township.

About 1 o'clock last Friday night an old gin house on the Colonel John Robinson place, in Gullede township, was destroyed by fire. This place is now owned by Mr. Samuel Gatewood and his son, Mr. W. S. Gatewood. Besides the house, about 8,000 pounds of seed cotton, a wagon, a mowing machine and other articles of property were burned. The loss, about \$800, was covered by insurance. It is not known how the fire started, though Mr. Gatewood believes that it was of incendiary origin.

Remember the Orphans Today.

The most deserving charities in North Carolina are the orphanages of the state. Don't forget to show your thankfulness for the blessings you enjoy by contributing liberally to their support today.

Eclipse of Moon Friday Night

There will be a total eclipse of the moon early Friday morning. The eclipse will commence at 2 o'clock Friday morning and by 3:15 the moon will be entirely within the earth's shadow. The eclipse will be total for more than an hour and will be over by about 5:30 a. m.

TO FORCE DELIVERY OF COTTON

Alexander Sprunt & Sons Bring Suit Against Chesterfield Firm to Compel Delivery of Cotton Sold Them Last Spring at 10 Cents—Cotton Bought by the Sprunts in Anson Has All Been Delivered.

Alexander Sprunt & Sons, of Wilmington, have instituted suit in the United States Circuit Court at Charlotte, S. C., against Hunt-Streeter Company, a concern doing business at Chesterfield, S. C., to compel the payment of \$6,146.86, the difference in the price of 300 bales of cotton sold the Wilmington firm last spring at 10 cents and the price of the cotton at the time it was to have been delivered.

Alexander Sprunt & Sons bought many thousands of bales of cotton, in both North and South Carolina, last spring for 10 cents to be delivered this fall, and we notice from the papers that delivery in several instances has been refused. Their purchases in Anson amounted to between 1,100 and 1,200 bales. Of this amount 140 bales were bought in Wadesboro, 225 bales in Lilesville and the balance in Morven. All this cotton, we are glad to say, has been delivered, though it is possible the merchant-through whom the sales were made may lose small amounts.

As we understand the matter, neither the merchants through whom the sales were made nor the Sprunts themselves get the advantage of the rise in price. The Sprunts sold the cotton in Liverpool, receiving only a small commission for their services; therefore the English spinners who purchased it were the gainers.

The Sprunts were not the only firm that purchased cotton in this county last spring at 10 cents for fall delivery. Rogers, McCabe & Co., of Norfolk, Va., also purchased between 1,200 and 1,500 bales at Morven, we are told.

Peachland News—Two Marriages, Personal Items, Etc.

The dry weather is causing all the wells to fail and some have gone entirely dry.

Mr. S. L. Thomas spent one day last week in Monroe.

Mr. George Boyett has his fine residence near completion. We will be glad to have him and family with us.

Mr. Alfred Redfern has moved into his nice residence, just completed.

Mr. Fred Redfern is having several rooms added to his residence, which adds very much to its appearance.

Mr. J. A. Burns and family and Mr. S. L. Thomas spent last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thomas, of Burnsville township.

Mr. J. R. Beachum has moved here to send the children to school. We are glad to have them in our midst.

There has been more cotton sold on this market than ever before. Our clever buyers, Messrs. Nivens, Thomas, Redfern and Crowder, are hustling business men and always give the top of the market.

Miss Mattie Pifer has a position as clerk in Mr. Sam Thomas's store.

Miss Francis Curtis spent Saturday and Sunday in Lilesville.

Mrs. Ella Clarke, of New York, and her sister, Mrs. Huff, of Chester, S. C., are visiting their nieces, Mrs. Dr. Barrett and Mrs. R. D. Griffin.

Mr. Ernest Barrett, of Monroe, brother of Dr. Barrett, spent Saturday and Sunday with him.

Messrs. Branch Hendley and Ellis Ross spent Saturday night in our town.

Our Sunday school is in a very flourishing condition at present.

Prof. Gavlin has organized a prayer meeting at the Baptist church.

Prof. Hugrins preached an excellent sermon at the Methodist church Sunday.

Miss Annie Mills, daughter of Mr. John Mills, of Whitman, one of our bright students ran away and got married Sunday. We are very sorry Mr. Upchurch came and took her off, nevertheless we wish for them a bright and pleasant journey all the way through life.

There was another wedding in our town last Thursday night at the beautiful home of Dr. Barrett. The parlor was tastefully decorated in white and pink chrysanthemums and ferns. Mrs. M. B. B. of Monroe, played the wedding march.

Miss Kate Billingsley, of Monroe, came in dressed in a beautiful pink silk, carrying white flowers. Then the bride, Miss Rachel Billingsley, came in on the arm of the groom, Prof. B. J. Cromartie, and Rev. R. D. Redfern performed the ceremony in a very impressive manner. Only a few of nearest relatives and friends were present. The bride and groom were both very becomingly attired in their traveling suits and left immediately after the ceremony for Hiddente, N. C., where he is principal of a very prosperous high school. The bride is the beautiful daughter of Mrs. Julia Billingsley, of Monroe, and a sister of Mrs. Dr. Barrett and Mrs. A. D. Griffin of this place. She has many lovely traits of character. No one knows her but to love her. She will certainly be missed here in Peachland in society and church work of every kind, and especially the Sunday school. She has a host of friends in this and adjoining counties who join in wishing for her all the pleasures that can be strewn along her pathway through life. The groom was principal of the High School here last season and has many warm friends here. May God's richest blessings rest on this young couple. It is the wish of a sincere friend.

PLAN TO INCREASE FERTILITY OR POOR LAND.

The United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry, has sent the following circular to farm demonstrators in the Southern States:

To all Agents in Cotton Growing States:

It is of vital importance to the continuance of this work that it be broadened so as to help more people. For the crop season of 1910 we request that you commence at once to carry out the following plan:

(a) Secure as many Demonstrators as possible for corn and cotton and the staple crops in your section, following out the plans you have so successfully advocated in the past few years.

(b) There are farmers who will not wish to grow the staple crops of your section exclusively, and often where they do there will be some lands too poor to farm profitably until renovated. So the importance of restoring these soils cheaply and rapidly will be a great factor in building up a more prosperous agriculture in the South. In order that our work may aid in this move we can arrange to take such farmers as have some poor lands and desire to renovate them to take it up as Demonstrators upon either of the following plans:

Plan No. 1. Break, (plow) the land to ordinary depth as early as possible in October (not later than December 15th), harrow well and plant to rye at rate of 1 bushel per acre. About April 15th to May 1st plow the rye under 4 inches deep and sow to buckwheat at rate of 1 1/4 bushels per acre. As soon as buckwheat comes in bloom, turn under 8 inches deep, setting furrow well on edge. Disc thoroughly and sow buckwheat again, using 1 1/4 bushels per acre. When in bloom turn under flat 4 inches deep; disc, scatter 1,000 pounds agricultural lime, and sow to rye, using 1 bushel per acre. The following spring turn under 8 inches deep, setting furrow on edge, disc and harrow until fine, and plant to corn. At proper time sow crimson clover for winter cover crop, when this will grow. Where advisable to plant clover, cowpeas may be sown in corn when laid by, and when frost kills peas, rye may be sown for cover crop.

Plan No. 2. Plan No. 2, is the same as Plan No. 1, except no lime is used, and cowpeas (Whippoorwill or New Era) sown after first crop of buckwheat. Follow this by rye for cover crop, and plant to corn in spring.

Plan No. 3. Plan No. 3 is the same as Plan No. 1, except no lime is used, and New Era peas used instead of buckwheat, these to be plowed under when blooming, and sown again to peas and sorghum, 1 bushel peas and 1 bushel sorghum per acre. Plow this crop under 8 inches just before frost and plant to rye as in Plan No. 1 and follow with corn in the spring.

Plan No. 4. Spring Improvement of poor lands.—From April 1st to May 1st break land usual depth, and sow to buckwheat, 1 1/4 bushels per acre. When this crop is in bloom turn under 8 inches deep, setting furrow well on edge. Disc, and follow with buckwheat or cowpeas, 1 1/4 bushels per acre. Turn this under just before frost and sow to rye. Turn rye under in spring and plant to corn.

Plan No. 5. Break land early in April, harrow well and plant to Velvet beans in 3 foot rows, using 2 bushels per acre. If enough corn or sorghum be mixed in (six quarts for one acre) to hold up vines, it will be better. The beans should be cultivated 2 or 3 times, after which they will take care of themselves. Stock Stock may be turned on at least one month before frost to eat part of crop and pull down vines so that plows can turn under after frost. Disc well and sow to rye, and follow rye with corn in spring.

Dr. W. J. McLendon and Mr. Eli Griggs, demonstrators for Anson, will be glad to give farmers any information they can in regard to putting in effect either of the plans given in the circular.

Popular Couple Married Last Night.

Mr. W. Stokes Covington and Miss Etta Winfree surprised their friends last night by getting married. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Winfree, by Rev. J. H. West. Only members of the immediate families of the contracting parties witnessed the marriage.

Drop in our store during our Majestic Demonstration week, beginning Nov. 29th, and let us show you why the Great and Grand Majestic is the best on earth. A Souvenir Set of Ware, worth \$8.00 given with every Majestic Range sold.

BLALOCK HARDWARE CO.



PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Sam Houston is spending today in Charlotte.

Mrs. J. M. Covington went to Biscoe this morning to spend Thanksgiving Day with her sister, Mrs. J. R. Page.

Mrs. C. L. Pemberton and little son, who have been in Fayetteville several weeks visiting relatives, returned home last night.

Mrs. Eltona Clark, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mrs. Tina Hough, of Chester, S. C., are the guests this week of their cousin, Mrs. H. H. Cox.

Mrs. C. A. Lawson and daughter, Miss Stella Lawson, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Marshville.

Miss Anna McKinnon, of Laurinburg, is the guest of Mrs. L. D. Robinson this week.

Mrs. W. M. Morton and children, who have been spending sometime with relatives at Berryville, Va., are expected to return home tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pate, of Purvis, Mrs. Emma Hunter and Messrs. Thos. and Wm. Hunter, of Fayetteville, and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Marshall, of this place, are spending Thanksgiving at Riverside Farm with Mrs. J. B. Ingram.

Mr. T. V. Hardison, of Morven, spent Sunday with Mrs. Hardison, who is in the Charlotte Sanitarium for treatment.

Mr. W. W. Hendley and family left yesterday morning for Jonesboro. Mr. Hendley has bought land near Jonesboro and expects to make that place his future home.

Mrs. C. S. Wheeler returned Monday night from Charlotte, where she had an operation performed on her throat. The operation was successful.

Mrs. J. M. Covington, Jr., who has been spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. L. G. Atkinson, at Lake City, S. C., returned home on yesterday afternoon's Coast Line train.

Mr. W. M. Ross, of Mecklenburg county, is spending the day with his brother, Dr. R. D. Ross.

E. F. Fenton will winter flowers at the Wood and Iron Works building at a nominal charge.

LILESVILLE AND WALLTOWN.

Lilesville is on the upward move—new buildings going up and new people coming in.

Mr. E. P. Liles is building a nice cottage to rent.

Mr. W. R. Cox is having a building erected, to be used as a photographic studio for Mr. Williams, who is a fine photographer.

Mr. A. J. Allen has just completed a livery stable, and several nice horses and buggies have been bought. Mr. Geo. Sinclair, Lilesville's popular assistant postmaster, will be manager.

Mr. H. J. Wall is making extensive improvements on his residence. Mr. Geo. Ingram has painted his Dr. J. E. Kerr has made improvements on his residence.

A handsome high school building has recently been erected and is one of the best structures of the sort in this section of the State. This progressive step marks a new era in the educational advantages of the town and section. The school is under the management of Prof. J. A. McArthur, who was in charge of the school at Red Springs. He comes most highly recommended as one of the best educators in the State. Our people are highly pleased with him and his capable assistants, Misses Howerton and Delaney.

Lilesville is an ideal location for a high school. The altitude of this section insures pure and invigorating air, bracing and health giving, pure and cool water. The town is the best drained in the State and the soil so porous that an hour or so after a rain it is dry under foot. The people are refined, frank and cordial. Has nice churches, Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist.

The business men of the town are with one exception young men (Anson county boys), who started at the bottom round of the ladder, brave and well disciplined in the ways of trade are climbing upward.

Miss Sadie Poston, of Statesville, who has been visiting friends in Sumter, S. C., arrived here this morning to visit her Aunt, Mrs. Thos. G. Wall.

Mrs. Frank Gray, of Abington, Va., is visiting her sisters, Mrs. H. T. Spencer and Mrs. S. G. Wall, of Lilesville.

Mrs. J. A. Covington, of Richmond city, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Helen Wall.

Handsome Tableware

The Refined Home Is Known by Its Tableware

Our store is the home of Handsome and Dainty Dinner and Tea Sets. We have these sets in prices ranging from \$12 to \$65. We can please the most fastidious taste, and our prices are away below what the same goods cost in big city stores. We also carry a full line of cheaper grades of crockery.

Many elegant pieces of rich Cut Glass and handsome Hand-painted China just received. Nothing better for wedding presents.

W. N. JEANS
Rutherford Street