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TAR HEEL SCRAP BOOK

BY

By Lura Thomas McNair.

Looking over old note books and papers one finds many memorable things. No wonder there may be truth in the story of the German scholar who wept upon the banks of the Rhine —when questioned as to the source of his seemingly irreparable grief, he replied—"My notebooks were spilled out in the river. All my education is gone now!"

In an old note book which I kept on English composition in the class taught by Miss Katharine Johnson, (sister of Gerald of the Baltimore Sun) I found these words: "Good description is not word painting at all. On the contrary it deals with what painting cannot. Words move on. There is not the static remaining painted canvas."

These words have been a great comfort to me since the days of my freshman English. All my life I had secretly longed to be an artist. I had wanted to depict color and feeling on canvas. My own folks and friends had advised music as my medium of expression. However, teachers advised words via the path of the pen. And these words quoted above certainly show the way writing has it on painting—if one may be forgiven for putting the idea crudely.

Could painting or even music excell is beauty and depth of feeling these words from a poem from India.

"Sleep ye never reposing ants
Sleep ye shining beetles of the night
Winds cease ye from whispering
Restless grass, pause in thy rustling
Leaves of the palm be still
Reeds of the waterways sway not,
Blue river cease thy lapping of the banks!
Slumber thatchings of grass
Windows bamboo latticed,
Low doors that squak like ghosts,
Low glimmering fires of sandalwood
Slumber ye all.'

No doubt too, this exquisite verse lost something in the translation.

Speaking of slumber perhaps the candidates have time for it now, but certainly not the farmers. The recent rains, late spring, visiting candidates (?), and procrastination in many things, has put farming far behind time. He is even more behind than is usually the case.

O. T., in a well written piece which I clipped some weeks ago, expressed the idea that it might be a worthwhile (certainly for the country) thing if relatives of former owners of old homes in the country would return and build up these decaying places. These crumbling old homesteads.

Politicians may be blamed for these crumbling places, partly. The policy has been for a long time to take everything, especially churches and schools from the country. Earnings there are still very small too.

Louis Bromfield, in his notable novel "The Farm," gives the best answer I know. It explains the almost impossibility of cultured life in the country.

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Mesdames Sam Ingram and J. G. Formy-Duval went to Durham to hear Mrs. Roosevelt at Duke University.

Mr. Sam Lane left Monday for Brevard where he will spend the summer at a Red Cross camp.

The Missionary Society of Turner's Chapel served an ice cream supper Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Ralph Cline at Colon. The evening was pleasantly spent together. Home Coming Day will be observed at the church in August and preparations are being made for this special event. It is hoped that every one that possibly can will attend this service.

Make your preparations to be in Sanford on the Fourth of July. The most elaborate program ever put on here for the Glorious Fourth will be pulled off on that occasion. Stunts never before heard of in these parts will play a conspicuous part in amusing the throngs that will be milling through the streets of Sanford on that day. The Express will publish the program in time to let the public know what kind of amusements will be put on.

Friends and relatives in Sanford, Jonesboro, and this section, will be pleased to learn that Rev. Chas. Brooks, of Cary, who is in a Raleigh hospital for treatment, is now improving.

THREE NEGROES KILLED BY TRAIN NORTH OF TOWN

Three Negroes Meet Death On Seaboard Tracks One Mile North of Sanford.

DISCOVERED BY ENGINEER

Identified As Being Residents of Durham Trying To Get Work At Cameron

Some time after midnight Saturday morning three colored boys, all of whom were supposed to be under 21 years of age, were killed by No. 6, north bound passenger train near the plant of the Borden Brick and Tile Company, a short distance north of Sanford. The tragedy was discovered by the engineer of a freight train that arrived here about five o'clock that morning. It was later learned that their names were Jessie and Gillis Moore, brothers, of Durham, and Harry Green, of Greensboro. The bodies of these three unfortunate boys were cut to pieces and scattered along the track by the second train. The remains were gathered up, placed in a box and carried to the potter's field, near the County Home, and buried. Upon learning of their fate some two or three negroes from Durham came to Sanford the next day, claimed the bodies of the boys, disinterred them and carried them back to that city for burial.

Different theories are advanced as to how they were killed, but this will probably never be known, as it appeared that there was no eye-witness.

Police Officer R. S. Kelly states that he saw these three negroes about midnight on the night that they were killed near the Sanford Cotton Mill and as they seemed to be auspicious characters he searched them, but found nothing that should call for their arrest. They stated that they went to Cameron to pick dewberries, but as the fields were full of laborers they failed to get employment and were on their way back to Durham when they stopped here. They left going in the direction of Raleigh and were never seen again alive. Many inquiries have since been made by telephone by negroes from a number of towns in this section wanting information as to how they were killed.

Years ago The Express carried a story of a peculiar accident that occurred on the railroad tracks just about where these negroes were killed. A man of erratic mind, who had been engaged in the tobacco business [illegible] were to Raleigh, but not having the price of a ticket, finally made up his mind to count cross ties to the capital city. Stopping on the railroad near where the Borden Brick and Tile plant now stands, he sat down on the end of a cross tie to rest. Back in those days the stock law had not become effective and live stock were permitted to ramble at will over the roads and streets and out-of-way places just as children are now. While Mr. Wadlington (that was the name of the gentleman in question) was enjoying a needed rest a cow came along the track, stopped and looked him over. Before she had time to move a long freight train came thundering down the track and knocked her off. The remains of the bovine struck Mr. Wadlington knocking him into the ditch. The train stopped and the railroad crew picked him up and brought him to Sanford for repairs.

A reporter of this paper called at the railroad station and looking him over found that he was covered with blood, bits of beef and other things. He made a sorry picture. He was stripped, washed and put in the care of a doctor. After he recovered he brought suit against the railroad company for damages. When the case came up in the court for a hearing the attorney for the railroad company argued to the jury that it was not the train that injured and humiliated the plaintiff, but the cow. The jury agreed with the attorney for the railroad company and failed to give him damages. Perhaps there never was a case tried before or since in the North Carolina courts of this nature. Some of the papers of the State published the story of the collision of the man and beast and the trial for damages under heavy head lines.

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Mr. Melvin Clark, County Auditor, who spent the week end at home, returned to Fayetteville Monday, where he is resting and recuperating. His friends will be pleased to learn that he continues to gain strength, and hopes to be able to return home some time soon.

Dr. F. L. Knight returned this week from Charlottesville, Va., where he attended the reunion of the class in which he finished his medical course. He was accompanied by Mrs. Knight. They had a most delightful and worthwhile trip, being away several days.

Brevities

Mr. Harold Makepeace has built a modern brick bungalow out at the Makepeace farm on Route 3 and he and Mrs. Makepeace will move out there next week.

Mr. Bernice Cox, who was right painfully hurt by being struck in the stomach by a flying piece of wood from a planing machine at the Sanford Sash and Blind factory the first of the week, is now improving, his friends in Sanford and this section will be pleased to learn.

As the farmers were busy in their young crops last Saturday few of them were seen on the streets during the day, but they were here in great numbers at night and the merchants and their salesmen and saleslades were kept busy waiting on customers. Parking room was at a premium in the entire business district till a late hour.

The grocery stores of the town closed Wednesday at 1 p. m. for a half holiday. These half holidays will be observed each week by both the grocery and dryi goods merchants till the latter part of the summer. The dry goods merchants will observe the half holiday for the first time this season next Wednesday. People who wish to trade on Wednesday should call at the stores before 1 o'clock.

The appearance of the Christian church has been greatly improved during the past few weeks. New brick steps have been built at the front and the church has been painted both in and outside and the yard beautified by putting out grass. Everything about the church has undergone a marked improvement. The chrch is blessed with an able progressive preacher who has done much to bring about these things.

Mr. L. S. Poe and wife, and son, Raph, of Cokesville, Tenn., are making a two weeks' visit to Mr. S. W. Poe and other relatives in the Pocket section, also in Sanford. Mr. Poe moved from this section to Tennessee 14 years ago and has since made his home at Cokesville. Mr. Poe is engaged in the coal business. He is making a success of his business and likes his adopted state. However, he is still interested in Sanford and this section and likes to occasionally come back, visit kith and kin and look [illegible] young men who left this section during the past 25 years and went to other states where they have made a success in some kind of business.

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Fewer farmers than usual came to Sanford Saturday, during the day, inasmuch as the cessation of the rains that had covered a period of two weeks had called them to the fields to work young crops. The season now is an exceptionally busy one, but few crops appear to have been endangered except where land was badly washed, during the wet spell. The farmers were busy Saturday scrapping it out with "general green," and have been hard at it this week cultivating their cotton and tobacco. If they can have a few more days of good weather they will have the crops clean. For the next week or two they will be busy harvesting their wheat and oats. An exceptionally good crop of wheat is reported, but there is a poor crop of oats due to the fact that they were killed out during the cold weather last winter. Tobacco is growing off nicely and the farmers are putting it in good shape as fast as they can cultivate it.

Last week The Express gave facts about the liquidation of the 14 offices of the Page Trust Company that will no doubt prove of interest to people who had money deposited with the Pages. Last week the liquidators began preparing 20 per cent dividend checks for the depositors, with headquarters at this place. They expect to commence mailing them out when they are ready. The Express is informed that the payment requires the writing of about 8,000 checks, which is being executed as swiftly as possible. This dividend will be the first that the Page Trust Company has paid and was made possible through the receipt of a $350,000 loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Atotal sum of $460,307.50 was required to make possible the payment; the Page Trust Company has available for such use $416,437.47. The checks will be sent from headquarters at this place, where liquidation is taking place. A number of bank clerks have been busy for some time getting things in readiness to make out the checks and forward them to the depositors This money will be turned over to them at a mighty good time —at a season when money is scarce. It will be put a good lot to money in circulation in Sanford and this sec-

PROMINENT CITIZEN PASSES AWAY HERE TUESDAY MORNING

John R. Jones Dies At Home Here At Age of 72 Leaves Many Relatives

MAN OF CIVIC AFFAIRS

Has Been Quite Active For Number of Years In Industrial Welfare of Community

J. R. Jones died at his home in Sanford Tuesday morning at seven o'clock death resulting from complication of diseases. He had been feeling unwell for some time but took his bed only about ten days ago.

The funeral was held at four o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church, the service being conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. V. Gibson, assisted by Rev. S. Golden of Carthage. The interment was in Buffalo cemetery. The pall bearers were: P. T. Barrington, A. Griffin, W. C. York, W. [illegible] George Wilkie and Austin McCormick, and the honorary pall bearers were the officers of the church. The floral designs were numerous and beautiful.

John Roderick Jones came of a prominent Moore county family. He was a son of Anderson Jones and Annie Hedgepeth Jones and was born November 3, 1862, near Glendon. Of his four brothers and four sisters only three brothers survive, these being Charles of Jonesboro, of Wilmington; Jessie [illegible] of Jacksonville, Fla.; Kennedy [illegible] of Gonzales, Texas; and [illegible] Emma Kimrey, of Sanford. He was educated in the public schools of his native county and the Union Normal school near Carthage.

On December 7th, 1886, Mr. Jones was married to Miss Mattie Hayes, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William A. Hayes, of Carbonton. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Jones four survive, these being Mrs. R. W. Shaw, of Fort Mill, S. C.; Mrs. R. McIver, and W. A. and R. L. Jones, of Sanford. There are two grandchildren, Will Shaw, of Fort Mill, and John Jones McIver, of Sanford.

In his early life Mr. Jones was engaged in farming and the lumber business. He settled in Sanford in 1889, established his business at a merchandise and remained in business here for two or three years, then moved to Carbonton, where he followed mercantile [illegible] there for eighteen years.

Cotton Mills and as such he directed the business affairs of the mills for twenty-five years. The mills prospered under his direction and paid good dividends to the stock-holders until the depression set in.

As a business man Mr. Jones was interested at one time or another in nearly every business enterprise of the community. He was a stock-holder of the Sanford Cotton Mills, the High Falls Cotton Mills, the Bank of Sanford, the Edwards Railway Motor Car Company, the Carolina Brick and Tile Company, the Sanford Buggy Company, the Makepeace Box and Lumber Company, the Mill Store Company, and the Central Carolina Furniture Company. He encouraged almost every business enterprise that has been organized in the community for the past twenty-five years by taking stock and in nearly all of the enterprises in which he was interested he was a director. On account of his foresight and good business judgment his advice was often sought by business men who thought of embarking upon new business enterprises.

Mr. Jones was a man who took a deep interest in civic affairs. At one time he was Mayor of Sanford. He was a member of the first board of commissioners of Lee County and chairman of the road commission. He advocated the establishment of the Lee County Hospital and was a member of its board of directors. Governor Morrison appointed him a member of the board of directors of the North Carolina State Sanatorium at Montrose and he held that position for a number of years.

Mr. Jones was a Mason, and an elder in the Presbyterian church. To his church he was a liberal contributor.

Come what might Mr. Jones was always calm and hopeful. When the depression came he, like many other men of affairs, was a heavy loser but he never allowed this to depress or embitter him. To the end of his long, active and useful life he thought and acted in terms of optimism and he faced life with the spirit of youth. In his death this section of the state has lost a man who was one of its upbuilders in business, agriculture and civic affairs.

The following out-of-town people attended the funeral Wednesday:

Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Shaw and son, Worth, Jr., Fort Mill, S. C.; Mr. and

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Make Plans For Big Celebration on Fourth

It is being planned to celebrate the elaborate scale than evere before in the history of the town. It will be held under the anspices of the local camp of the Modern Woodmen of America. A. K. Miller has been made general chairman and will be assisted in getting up and carrying out the program of the day. Following are the committee chairmen who will have charge of the various features of the program: Music, W. H. Fitts; finances, Dr. R. O. Humphrey; Banquet, H. T. Makepeace and W. B. Bryant; baby parade and contests, Mrs. Minnie Maude Campbell; parade, W. T. Chaffin; Refreshments, Mrs. J. T. Davenport, Jr., Mrs. R. O. Humphrey and Mrs. W. H. Fitts. The Express is informed that there will be three bands in the parade and the program will include amusements for the entertainment of both old and young.

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INSURANCE TALKED AT KIWANIS MEET

Husketh and Overton Make Interesting Talks On Insurance Valuation.

The Kiwanis Club was served dinner by the ladies of the Presbyterian church in the dining room of the church last Friday evening. Following were guests: Mrs. W. C. York, Mrs. W. R. Makepeace, Mrs. C. H. Crabtree, Mrs. M. W. Harriss and Mr. Sandy Monroe.

The club will be served dinner at Three Points Friday night by the ladies of Buffalo Presbyterian church.

At the conclusion of dinner the program was turned over to Chairman Wagoner of the program committee. The program was featured by talks made by S. J. Husketh and J. A. Overton on insurance.

Mr. Husketh, in his discussion of the topic, "What the Insurance Company Does With Our Dollars," said that the insurance companies are our trustees to invest safely the money we commit to their trust, and return it to us or to our loved ones [illegible] He stated that during [illegible] years the insurance [illegible] to policyholders and to beneficiaries $11,000,000,000, and during the same time increased their assets [illegible] billion to $2 billion dollars. [illegible] insurance companies look for safety [illegible] policy loans are the kinds of investments that insurance companies choose, said he.

Mr. Overton talked on the "Duties of an Insurance Policy," saying that insurance is not money, but shelter, food, clothing, doctor's bills, etc. Mr. Overton explained how the professional insurance agent may be of service to the public in arranging the insuurance programme to give the most protection to the dependents while they need it, and then how these same policies may be used after the family is self-supporting to guarantee to the insured his own life income. He gave an illustration of an ideal family insuurance programme, using the trust forms provided by the companies and the retirenemts annuities for men and women when they reach the age of 60 or 65. Mr. Overton stated that men and women who have and who are arranging their insurance on this plan are "Facing the Future Unafraidd."

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BERRY CROP OPENS WITH GOOD PRICES

Reports From Auction At Vass and Cameron Show Up Well; Season Short.

Heavy truck loads of dewberries are now being rushed through here every evening from Cameron and Vass to New York and other Northern markets. Fifteen hundred and thirty-two crates of berries were sold on the local auction market at Vass last Saturday at an average of about $2.90 per crate. Choice berries sold for as high as $3.30. The price has dropped off some since Saturday, and berries are not selling so well this week. The trucks are loaded at Cameron and Vass late in the afternoon and are driven over Federal Highway No. 1, reaching the Northern city markets early next morning. The yield is good and the berries are of a good flavor. One more week will probably clean up the crop. By that time the early peach crop will be moving. A few shipments of the Mayflower and Early Rose have already been made through here to the Northern markets. There will be a good crop of peaches raised on the Wilkins farm near Lemon Springs, in this county, but there are very few early peaches on this farm. They will begin to move about the middle of July.

COUNTY DEMOCRATS MET SATURDAY; NEW LEADER

VISITS FISHERIES

Mr. J. S. Matthews, who runs a meat market here, accompanied his father, Mr. J. W. Matthews, who operates a truck from here to the coast to handle fish, to Vandemere, near New Bern where he spent a few days the first of the week watching the big seins at work. He saw great quantities of fish caught when the seins were pulled in and dealing in fish himself the operations were of peculiar interest to him. He says there is a large crop of fish at the fisheries this season.

GRAHAM S. FIELDS PASSES SUNDAY

Former Head License Bureau Here Dies at Hospital Sunday Morning.

Graham Salmon Fields died last Sunday morning at Lee County Hospital of streptococcus infection after an illness of two months. The funeral was held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at Center Methodist church, conducted by his pastor, Rev. L. C. Larkin. A quartette composed of F. Y. Hanner, W. L. Seawell, Mesdames H. F. Makepeace and Bessie Buchanan sang, "Rock of Ages," "I have Heard of the Land," "Nearer My God To Thee' and "Abide With Me." The lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose of Sanford conducted the service. Mr. Fields was an active member of the order.

The pall bearers were H. A. McIver, R. L. Kelly, Paul Lucas, H. C. Hickman, G. G. Dorsett, Doyle McFarland and A. F. Womble. Interment was in the family plot in the cemetery near the church. [illegible] R. L. Burns and Mrs. Bill Fields had charge of the flowers.

The deceased, who was the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Fields, of Sanford, [illegible] Fields, Carthage route [illegible]

At the time he lost his health Mr. Fields was employed by R. L. Burns, who represents the Gulf Refining Company at this place. For five years he had charge of the automobile license bureau under the auspices of the Carolina Motor Club and was a Notary Public.

Mr. Fields was a loyal member of Steele Street Methodist church. Referring to his church work, his pastor characterized him as a leader among the young people and paid a beautiful tribute to his high Christian character. He was a teacher in the Sunday School of the Young People's Bible Class, the members of which attended his funeral in a boy. In his death the community has lost a most excellent citizen and his family have the sympathy of many friends.

Visiting Speakers At Methodist Church 17th

Two visiting speakers will be heard at the Methodist Church next Sunday.

At the morning service Dr. W. F. Quillan, General Secretary of the Board of Christian Education of the Southern Methodist Church will bring the message. He will come under the auspices of the women of the church and will speak in the interest of the Woman's work of the Southern Methodist Church.

At the evening service Miss Lucy Foreman, of Nashville, Tenn., will be the speaker. She will speak with special interest to the young people of the church and community. She has had wide experience in serving young people in the Summer Assemblies all over the country.

Miss Foreman knows how to make a service attractive and inspiring for the boys and girls and young people who come. She makes a practical approach to the problems that confront the youth of today. The young people of the entire community are invited to hear her at 8 p. m. Sunday night.

Dr. Quillan and Miss Foreman are both serving this week as instructors on the faculty of the Pastor's Summer School at Duke University.

The Methodist people of Sanford and the people of the entire community are to be congratulated upon having the services of these two visiting speakers on Sunday.

LEE DEMOCRATS DECIDE ON NEW COUNTY LEADER

Dr. J. F. Foster Elected To Lead Lee Democrats For the Next Two Years.

WILLCOX SUCCEEDS JONES

At the meeting of the Lee County Democratic Executive Committee, which was held soon after the adjournment of the County Convention at the court house last Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Dr. J. F. Foster was elected chairman to succeed K. R. Hoyle, who held the office six years, three terms. Mrs. T. C. Black, of Jonesboro, was elected vice-chairman, and Mr. Ray Byerly of this place, secretary.

Dr. Foster has been a straight Democrat ever since he was old enough to vote and has never scratched a Democratic ticket. He is a hard worker at whatever he undertakes and his friends may rest assured that he will not neglect the duties of this office while it is in his hands for the next two years. He starts out with the determination of calling in every member of the committee of 11 when problems of importance come up for solution.

Mr. K. R. Hoyle, the retiring chairman, called the convention to order and presided during its deliberations. Mr. W. W. Robards, local correspondent of several daily papers, was called to act as secretary and was assisted by Bob Mason, of the Sanford Herald, and P. H. St. Clair, of The Express.

Upon roll call it was found that all the 11 precincts in the county were represented. However, some of the precincts did not file the names of the members of their committeemen. A motion prevailed that all Democrats be good and regular standing go as [illegible] [illegible] Upon [illegible] committee was appointed to draw up resolutions of respect as follows: J. Wardy Willcox, C. L. Williams [illegible] Mrs. T. C. Black was unanimously elected [illegible] committeewoman to the State Democratic Executive Committee. The present plan of organization provides for this.

Delegates were elected to the Congressional, Senatorial and Judicial conventions. A goodly number of Democrats from all over the county attended the convention and were interested in its proceedings. It was the first time some of the young Democrats ever attended a political convention.

The precinct primaries to elect precinct executive committees and delegates to the county convention were held in the 11 precincts of the county Saturday afternoon and were pretty well attended although it was a busy time with the farmers. Following are the names of the committeemen in the precincts which sent in reports to the county convention:

West Sanford: S. V. Scott, chairman; Mrs. C. M. Reeves, E. M. Underwood, J. F. Foster, W. H. Gurley. Mr. E. M. Underwood presided over the meeting. Solicitor C. L. Williams who was recently nominated for judge of this district, in a strong talk thanked his friends and neighbors for their support and made a strong appeal for harmony in the ranks of the party.

East Sanford: J. T. Ledwell, chairman; E. T. Ussery, S. T. Ingram, Mrs. W. M. Kelly, M. W. Smith.

Deep River: E. J. Johnson, chairman; L. L. Riddle, C. F. Johnson, Mrs. J. F. Womble Lemuel Johnson.

Gum Springs: Glenn Yarborough, chairman; H. P. Womack, B. C. Burns C. A. Maddox, Nell Yarborough.

Cumnock: E. L. Gunther, chairman; Miss Estelle Burns, W. B. Mason, W. T. Seagroves, Fred Poe.

Jonesboro: C. A. Hamilton, chairman; Mrs. R. A. Watson, J. A. White H. F. Oehler, B. A. Brannon.

Broadway: W. C. Buchanan, chairman; Mrs. Carlos Thomas, J. P. Dalrymple, H. M. Thomas, W. B. Lasater.

East Pocket: E. O. Matthews, chairman; Mrs. W. H. McDuffie.

West Pocket: E. L Cole, chairman; Mrs. F. B. Smith, L. R. Gladden J. M. Willcox, G. R. Paschal.

Greenwood No. 2: J. D. Walker, chairman; L. L. Stone, S. V. Godwin, J. V. Gilmore, Mrs. O. R. Link.

Greenwood No. 1: (No report).