



TAR HEEL SCRAP BOOK

BY Lura Thomas McLean

Four hundred and twenty-eight persons injured and seventy-seven killed on our state highways within the month of May!

This appalling record is not sufficiently appalling to us or we would do something about it.

One little thing we could do would be to see that every one driving a car undergo a rigid examination and secure a driver's license. Too many morons are grasping the steering wheels.

Two of the most important men in the world today—apparently—and certainly two of the most widely publicized, Hitler and Mussolini—were only corporals in the World War. But they took part in that war. They were in it.

Edison's statement that America has lost her balance, becomes clearer daily to the man in the street. "The man with the hoe" has known it for some time. At last there is a man at the helm who desires and strives to do something about it.

But could you imagine even an "enthusiast," supposedly sane, becoming so unbalanced as to state publicly that this entire population will finally go nuttier?

Against the statement of that anonymous prophet I should like to state that perhaps even that bonnet shall never be entirely eliminated from this civilization.

Another reason why we like Raleigh. The Garden Club, the Woman's Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Power and Light company call in a tree expert, Mr. Dromma, to discuss what is needed in tree improvements by "The City of Oaks." More.

will be benefited. More. Some of those passing through may be so favorably impressed as to remain.

So Jimmy Wedell, famed flier, holder of the speed record by land planes and beloved for his errands of mercy executed in the air—such as flying through unfavorable weather to rush a dangerously ill child to Johns Hopkins—has ended his air-plane career in a crash, and was buried last week in a small Baptist church yard, under a tall cottonwood tree in a small Texas town.

I adored Abe Martin, J. P. Alley and Claire Briggs—but have been frightfully tired of "Flapper Fanny" and of "Willie Willis" for a myriad aeons. Precisionists—your pardon! Ex-travagant phraseology, so quite necessary at times to convey what one feels.

"More professors given government assignments," reads a headline—Roosevelt evidently still has faith in the universities.

I can't disagree there—for having lived about over the State from Wilson to Waynesville and from Pine Town to Hickory, and having visited with natives from Bath to Brassstown and from Pink Hill to Murphy, I still regard Chapel Hill as the center of the Old North State in every worthy way.

Former U. S. Senator, and former Colorado Governor, Chas. S. Thomas, dies at the age 84. This former native of the small town of Darien, Ga., was quite an individualist—as it seems Thomases are wont to be. It is said that he frequently stated that he set for himself only one standard and that was never to deviate one inch from his own beliefs.

He desired cremation and requested that there be no flowers.

Me? I want my flowers when I am dead. Much prefer them then than when living.

So would you, if you had ever had hay fever!

Mrs. E. R. Osborne and little daughter, Nancy Russell, of Rocky Mt., are visiting Mrs. J. H. Knight.

Miss Carrie Howard is visiting friends in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wall and little son, Thomas, have returned from Pee Dee after a visit with Mr. Wall's mother.

COMMISSIONERS TO ENLARGE FUND COUNTY LIBRARY

Board Passes Motion To Add \$500 To Present Library Appropriation.

DELEGATION AT MEETING

Group Representing Library Appear Before Aldermen Requesting Funds

The county commissioners had their regular monthly meeting at the court house last Monday and passed on two or three important matters. Mrs. W. W. Robards with five other ladies, who are trustees of the Lee County Library, came before the board with C. H. Crabtree and Prof. Harward, of the Deep River School, asking that an appropriation of \$1,500, instead of \$1,000, the present amount appropriated, be included in the county budget for the Lee County Library.

Mr. W. R. Hartness and Mr. Currie Golden came before the board, representing the Lee County Hospital, asking that the county budget include \$5,000 as an appropriation to the hospital for this year. They gave facts and figures showing why it was necessary that the hospital receive this amount. A motion passed the board favoring the appropriation asked for. The hospital has been hard pressed for funds to keep the institution going.

Miss Simpson, Home Demonstration Agent, and Mr. E. O. McMahon, Farm Agent, came before the board and made their reports for the month of June.

COTTON BLOSSOMS MAKE APPEARANCE

Many Farmers Report Earliest Cotton Blossom; Mrs. J. N. Martin Is First

The Express stated last week that the farmer who would report the first cotton bloom to this office would be credited a year's subscription to The Express. According to the dates turned in with the large number of blossoms, Mrs. J. N. Martin, of Siler City, has received the credit for the first cotton blossom to appear in this section.

believe Mrs. Martin captured the honor or last year. Mrs. Martin has not only one of the best farms in Lee county, but she is one of the best farmers. Her farm, over near Tramway, is in a high state of cultivation and produces good crops every year. She gives her farm her personal attention and we suspect there are farmers in the county who could profit by studying her plan of cultivation. The following other farmers have turned in cotton blossoms:

J. R. Harward, Jonesboro, R. 2, June 29; J. W. Mason, Lillington, R. 8, July 2nd; DeBerry Hayes, Sanford, Route 1, July 1st; John W. Gilliam, Sanford, Route 3, July 2nd; Mrs. Minnie Spivey, Sanford, Route 3, July 3rd; Miss Edna Jackson, Jonesboro, Route, July 3rd; John Levy Clark, Jonesboro, July 2nd; J. G. Wright, Broadway, July 2nd. All the above people and many others who did not send in cotton blossoms, saw the notice in The Express last week, which shows that the paper is widely read in this section.

ROTARY OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED TUESDAY

Dr. M. L. Matthews, new president of the Rotary Club, and Rotarian T. G. Gunn returned home Monday night from Detroit where they represented the club at the annual convention of Rotary International President. President Matthews made an interesting talk at luncheon Tuesday in which he gave a running account of their trip to Detroit, and their return home. At a later meeting he will have something to say about the convention which included delegates not only from the United States but from countries in Europe, South America and elsewhere in the world.

The newly elected officers of the Rotary Club will be installed at luncheon next Tuesday. The club has a membership of thirty-five men, the largest number on its roll since it was organized in the summer of 1926, nine years ago.

BIRTH AND DEATH OF INFANT.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Link, of Swann Station, announce the birth and death of an infant son on Saturday, June thirtieth.

The infant was buried in the family plot in the Cameron Grove Cemetery, with Rev. J. S. Cook of the Jonesboro Presbyterian church, officiating.

Personal

Miss Frances King spent the weekend with Miss Bertha Bray of Siler City.

John R. Cheek and Miss Wanda Wright, of Siler City, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Fields, at this place last Sunday.

Mrs. Mattie Riggsbee, Misses Margaret Gunter, and Thelma and Edna Williamson left Sunday for Raleigh where they joined a party for a trip to Washington, Niagara Falls, Toronto, Canada and Detroit, Michigan, and on their return will visit the World's Fair at Chicago, and other places of interest.

Mrs. H. A. Palmer spent a few days at Lemon Springs last week with her father, Mr. George Smith, who is not at all well.

Mr. and Mrs. Mozele Harris, of Durham, spent Sunday with Mr. D. D. Hinson and family.

Mrs. J. E. Barkley has returned to Washington after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. G. Formy-Duval.

Miss Ruby Smith has returned to Pleasant Garden after a visit with Mrs. Hugh Perry.

Miss Mary Moffitt Gregson, of Hamlet, spent last week with Miss Ruth Gregson.

Mrs. J. B. Ingram and son are visiting Mrs. R. R. Summers.

Miss Margaret Seymore, of Apex, is visiting Mrs. J. R. Bowers.

Margaret Simmons spent last week at Shalotte with relatives.

Miss Luna Monroe has returned to Charlotte after a visit with Mrs. B. Cole.

Mrs. T. A. Riddle, Irene Judd, H. M. Williams and Miss Gertrude Campbell spent Tuesday in Gulf with Mrs. Robena McRae.

Mrs. W. H. White and little daughter, Margaret Anne, spent the week end in Siler City with Mrs. B. G. Barksdale.

Mrs. Minnie Councilman has returned from Greensboro where she visited Mrs. Glenn Scott.

Miss Cecil Sewell, of Brick Haven, and Mrs. Frank Calfee, of Raleigh, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Riddle Sunday.

Miss Virginia Cathell, of Raleigh, who visited Mrs. W. H. White last week, went to Lexington Tuesday for a visit.

Miss Gertrude Campbell, of the Pocket section, is visiting relatives in Sanford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bowers, of Siler City, spent the week end in Charlotte Tuesday.

On Sunday evening a bolt of lightning struck a large and beautiful oak tree in the front yard of Mrs. Minnie Councilman on Buffalo street and literally tore it into splinters. The limbs of the tree were scattered in every direction and Mrs. Ida McManus who was on the porch was shocked but not seriously hurt.

Mrs. C. H. Crabtree has returned from Wilson where she visited her mother, Mrs. A. C. Hughes. She was accompanied by Mrs. Clark Hughes.

Miss Kate Farley and Mrs. E. L. Robertson, of Tarboro, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Carter, left this week to spend the summer at Montreat.

Mrs. E. B. McIver, of Sanford route 3, returned from Willow Springs, near Smithfield, where she attended the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Dixie Young. Mrs. Young died last Wednesday and was buried Thursday. She had visited Mrs. McIver a number of times and her friends will regret to hear of her death.

Mrs. D. H. Cooper and son, Hobson, are spending the week at Clinton with Mrs. Cooper's sister, Mrs. Davis and family.

Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Hawkins and children, Barbara and Frank, Jr., are sojourning at Myrtle Beach.

Miss Cornelia Cheek, who has been a patient at Lee County Hospital is now convalescing at home.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Makepeace returned from Morehead City Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Underwood, Jr., Miss Mary Frances Underwood, Luke Riddle, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Heins, Sr., of Sanford, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Byrd, of Branchville, S. C., spent the week end at Heins Camp on New River.

Mrs. Chas. F. Rogers left Tuesday afternoon for Concord to visit her sick sister, Mrs. Walker.

Miss Anne Makepeace has returned from Southern Pines where she visited her cousin, Sue Anne Milliken.

Mrs. Clarence Nall, of New York City, has returned home after a visit with Mr. Nall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Nall. She was accompanied on the return trip by Miss Marion Nall.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley and children, of Shelby, have been visiting Mrs. Dudley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hartness, at their home in Siler City.

HOWS ONE?

The Express is informed that there is a lawbreaker in the road convict camp near Sanford who boasts that he is making \$500 per month by staying in prison instead of offering to pay a heavy fine to the State and thereby gaining his freedom. He has the money called for when he is discharged from prison he will go out and enjoy it. He is not the only man now in prison waiting to get out to enjoy his ill-gotten accumulations.

GIBSON SPEAKS ON COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Hospital Auxiliary Entertain Kiwanis Club at Hospital Friday Evening.

The Kiwanis Club served dinner by the auxiliary at the Lee county hospital on the evening of Friday last. The ladies sustained their reputation as being charming hostesses on occasions of this kind. A good program combined to make an unusually delightful evening for those who were fortunate enough to be present. The shade and the beautiful grass added to the attractions of the evening.

Mrs. W. R. Hartness, Mrs. J. R. Rives, Mrs. W. C. York, Mrs. F. Hamilton, Mrs. B. B. Kamm, Mrs. Garland Currin, Fred Byerly, Miss Jessie Buchanan, Mrs. Waylon Hinson, E. M. Fields, Mrs. J. E. Brinson, O. F. Golden, Mrs. C. P. Rogers, Mrs. E. H. Frazer, Mrs. Norma Devette, J. Talmadge Smith, Miss Makepeace, Rev. A. V. Gibson, Dr. H. B. Lutterloh, Miss Mary John, and the visitors were welcomed by Mrs. York, who took charge of the ladies of the auxiliary for the evening.

The evening was a most interesting one. The speaker of the evening was Dr. H. B. Lutterloh, who spoke on "Community Spirit."

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Locally

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Oliver and little daughter have returned from Hot Springs, where they spent several weeks taking the baths.

It is expected that the papers will be signed up this week and work will begin at once on the foundation for the new tobacco warehouse on the lower corner of Wicker and Endor Sts. near the other warehouses. The work will have to be rushed to have the building ready by the time the market opens in the fall.

Fort the past few days there seemed to be an epidemic of tramps moving through Sanford on Seaboard Air Line freight trains. A railroad detective was busy here the first of the week making them leave the trains. A number of the Weary Willies were arrested and carried to the city hall, but were turned loose and told to move on as Sanford did not need them.

State Health Officers were here last week inspecting business buildings in the town to see if the owners were complying with the health laws of the State. They ordered a number of buildings, including stores, offices and other structures so altered that they would furnish better ventilation for those employed in the buildings. Improvement has been made in the ventilation of a number of buildings and others will receive attention.

A two-weeks mixed term of Lee Superior Court will convene here on Monday, 16th, with Judge M. B. Barnhill, presiding. The first week will be taken up with the trial of criminal cases while the second week will be devoted to the civil docket. Judge Barnhill is well known to many people in this county as he has presided at several terms of Lee court. Several prisoners are in jail awaiting a hearing.

According to reports reaching Sanford, a serious train wreck was averted narrowly Saturday afternoon when Deputy Sheriff T. T. Elkins, of Chatham county, found a 12-year-old boy placing rocks on the track of the Atlantic and Yadkin Railway Company, at a point several miles this side of Siler City, only a short while before a passenger train was due. The boy, whose name was not learned, was reported to have been in the act of placing the rocks on the track.

Dr. M. L. Matthews and Mr. T. G. Gunn have returned from Detroit, Michigan, where they attended the annual International Rotary Convention as delegates from the Sanford club. The Express has received a picture from the Chevrolet Company, of that city, in which Dr. Matthews appears. His picture was taken along with that of a car. One of the highlights of the convention was a visit to the famous General Motors Proving Grounds by hundreds of the visiting delegates. Among the visitors was Dr. Matthews. The photograph was taken upon completion of a ride over this most celebrated of all testing grounds in the new 1934 Chevrolet. Dr. Matthews reports a great trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ennis have returned from New Bern, where Mr. Ennis attended the 14th annual meeting of the State convention of the National Federation of Postoffice Clerks, as an official of the organization and delegate from the Sanford postoffice. In the election of officers for the current year Mr. Ennis was advanced from 4th to 2nd vice-president of the State organization. This was a compliment to the young man and shows his standing in the organization. This was put down as the most successful meeting of the convention. They were entertained royally by the people of New Bern and had a most delightful stay in the historic city. The meeting next year will be held in Charlotte.

There has been great improvement in crops since the recent rains. Tobacco and corn suffered during the dry spell, but cotton seemed to thrive as it always does during dry weather. The rain Sunday afternoon and night left a good season in the ground and all crops are now taking a new start to grow. This section was visited by a terrific thunder storm Sunday afternoon. Lightning struck a large oak tree in the yard of Mrs. Ada McManus, near the wholesale house of Howard-Bobbitt Company and reduced it to kindling wood. The tree was in a few feet of Mrs. McManus, who was seated on her front porch. She was severely shocked, but not seriously hurt. People who have seen the remains of the tree say they have never seen a tree so completely destroyed by lightning. It was split in shreds from the top to the roots.

GALA DAY OBSERVED HERE WEDNESDAY BY THOUSANDS

LEE COUNTY HOSPITAL

The patients at Lee County Hospital this week are: Mrs. W. T. Seagraves, Harvey Ashburn, Cunnock; T. J. McDuffie, Route 1; Beverley Neal, Route 5; Mrs. T. A. Lambeth, Jonesboro, R. 4; Mrs. Willie Stone, Sanford, Route 3; Miss Cornelia Cheek, Miss Reba Joyce, Mrs. L. P. Wilkins, and Miss Zona Kelly, Sanford; Mrs. Bailey E. Cameron, Jonesboro, R. 3; Miss Minerva Thompson, Cameron; E. L. Thomas, Jonesboro.

HOSPITAL, LIBRARY, NEED MORE FUNDS

Hartness and Golden Present Cause of Needed Funds For Lee Hospital.

The Board of Aldermen were asked at their regular meeting Tuesday night to appropriate funds to the Lee County Library and the County Hospital. An interested group of citizens composed of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Robards, Mrs. Charles Reeves, Ty Crabtree, and Miss Helen Rosser, the Librarian, called and asked that the amount appropriated by the town to the library be increased from \$300 to \$500. Mrs. Robards gave a financial report of the library, its receipts and expenditures and showed by facts and figures that the institution needed more funds to increase its facilities and meet the demands of the reading public. Miss Rosser also made a talk showing the necessity of more funds to carry on the library. The board agreed to appoint a committee, take the matter under consideration and decide later as to whether or not the amount asked for should be granted.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hartness were before the board in the interest of the Lee County Hospital. Mr. Hartness, in a talk appealed to the board in making up its budget for the year to allow one cent on every one hundred dollars worth of property and 25c on each poll to help take care of the demands of the hospital. He stated that the hospital financially had been pressed due to the fact that about half the farms standing and holding kinds of farm and home products in their arms. On the side of the car in big letters were these words, "We Belong to the Grange." A veritable hit was made by a Hoover cart which followed in its wake, on the side of which one read, "I don't belong to the Grange." Other cars brought up the rear.

FARM WOMEN OF COUNTY HAVE MEET

Club Women of County Have Big Day At Court House; State College Speaker

On June 30th, at the court house all day exercises opened with singing of "Old North State," all standing after which the club women repeated in unison the collect of the Club Women of America.

Next 141 club women who had completed the 2-year course in clothing were given awards of merit by State College. Mr. Chas. Hall spoke on the Grange. Eight clubs put on a singing and stunt contest. The clubs were: Hunt Springs, Dignus, Highland-Jonesboro, Court House, Cool Springs, Lemon Springs, 53 Highway, Tramway. Tramway won first prize and Cool Springs second. This entertainment showed remarkable team work and spirit. The songs were old timers with original words by the women.

The next number was a Cotton Dress Show. Coat Suits and Sport Dresses, 1st prize, Mrs. Lonnie Sloan, Broadway, donated by Williams-Belk Co.; Second prize, Miss Pauline Cox, Jonesboro Route 4, donated by Efrid's Dept. Store.

Trimmed Dresses: 1st prize, Mrs. H. A. Mayo, Jonesboro Route 4, donated by Avert, Thomas and Jones; 2nd prize, Mrs. T. M. Cox, Jonesboro Route 4, donated by Avert, Thomas and Jones.

Reconditioned Dresses: 1st prize, Mrs. John Hancock, Jonesboro, Route 4, donated by Oliver's Store; 2nd prize, Mrs. J. B. Powers, Deep River Club.

A lunch committee composed of leaders of several clubs laid the tables and decorated the 90-foot table in the grove behind the court house. The club women spread dinner which was bountiful.

At 2:30 p. m. the afternoon program opened by singing "We Believe in the South," and then all prizes were awarded. Mr. C. F. Parrish, of State College, spoke on the A. A. Cotton program.

After supper many of the young people gathered on the street and engaged in street dancing. There was also a dance at the 3-W warehouse which lasted till a late hour.

At 6 p. m. many gathered at the platform which had been erected on Steele street to hear the address made by the speaker of the day, Ex-Lieut. Gov. R. T. Fountain, of Rocky Mount. He was introduced by Mr. J. G. Edwards, of the Lee County Bar. Mr. Fountain opened his speech by brief

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