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## TAR HEELS PROPOSE FORM BIG MILL MERGE.

Forty southern mill men, representing many thousand spindles, trying to get together on a propionate agreement was reached.

This is the second conference of the kind held here recently. N. B. Mills, of St. Louis; J. P. McKee, of Laurinburg; J. C. Smith, of Shelby; W. A. Mauney, of Kings Mountain, and others were present. The consensus of opinion among those who would talk was that the merger will come. The hard times of the last few years have crippled some of the southern mills and, it is said, something must be done to improve present conditions.

## MOSES SPEAKS GETS 30 YEARS

Convicted of Second Degree Murder  
Judge Gives Him the Limit.

The case of Moses Speaks, who murdered his wife and son in law, was tried at the Guilford term of court last week. The case was given to the jury at 4:30 Friday afternoon and at 6:00 the verdict of murder in the second degree was given. At 12 o'clock Saturday Judge Daniels pronounced the sentence of thirty years in the state prison, which is the maximum punishment for murder in the second degree. Speaks is now 48 years old.

A nol pro was taken in the case of murdering his son-in-law, leaving the charge open for prosecution any time it may become necessary.

## Benbow-Long.

The marriage of Miss Marguerite Long one of Greensboro's most popular young women, to Mr. Charles D. Benbow Jr., was solemnized in West Market Church, by Rev. E. K. McArthur, last Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. D. Benbow, of Greensboro, and is a member of one of Guilford's oldest and wealthiest families. Miss Long is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Long, and her father is one of the South's most successful surgeons.

## Dispatching By Phone on Aberdeen and Asheboro.

The Aberdeen and Asheboro railroad, which operates entirely in North Carolina, in the counties of Moore, Montgomery and Randolph has purchased telephone equipment to take the place of the telegraph for dispatching trains.

A central station will be established and a switchboard installed at Biscoe. Four telephone lines will enter this switchboard and will terminate at Asheboro, 27 miles away; Mount Gilead, 25 miles; Ellerbe, 23 miles; and Aberdeen, 47 miles, including branches. There will be a total of 21 telephone stations on these four lines.

Through the medium of the switchboard at Biscoe the dispatcher will be able to reach any station he desires, and the traffic on the entire road will be under his supervision. Arrangements also will be made for connection with several local lines at Biscoe.

## CAN SAVE \$250,000,000

So Says A Democrat Of The Ways  
And Means Committee.

"We will run the House at one-third less than the Republicans have been doing," said Representative Oland Kuchel, recently. "If we had the entire Government, we could save \$250,000,000 a year. We have cut off the payroll about 100 men. This, I think, should appeal to the business people of the country."

## Judge Peebles Declines to Try Any More Murder Cases in New Hanover County.

At the recent term of Superior Court in New Hanover county Judge Peebles refused to try any more murder cases in New Hanover county and had the cases of Dick Gause and Garfield and T. E. Tiedale, who was indicted as an accomplice of Gause, removed to Pender county. He said that there was no trouble in packing a jury so as to acquit a defendant no matter what might be the charge. Judge Peebles declared that there was a surprising spirit of lawlessness and that an unhealthy condition as to enforcement of the law exists in that county.

## Two Mine Explosions In Alabama And Pennsylvania.

An explosion in the Banner Mines of the Pratt Consolidated Coal Company, near Littleton, Ala. last Saturday caused the death of 138 people, 123 of whom were convicts, nearly all negroes, two free whites and three free negroes. Only 45 were taken out alive. The damage to the property is slight, only about \$120. It is thought the explosion was caused by safety powder ignited by a lamp and followed by dust.

Seventy four dead bodies were taken from the Pancost colliery at Throop, Pa., as the result of an explosion last Saturday. Many explanations are offered as to how the victims came to their death. One cause it is said was the failure of the inside mine bosses to realize the danger to the men in the tunnel till it was too late to get them out. The company hired one man to run two engines situated about 200 feet apart, saving \$1.80 per day. This was the cause of the explosion.

The disaster is to be investigated by national, state and county authorities.

## Wood Ro hock.

Miss Lena Rothrock, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rothrock, of Thomasville, was married on Wednesday evening of last week to Rev. Thomas Woods, pastor of the Reformed church at Thomasville.

## County Commencement Rained Out.

Owing to a rainfall on the night before, the County Commencement last Saturday did not materialize. Eight applicants made their appearance by one o'clock, five more came from Liberty. It was a matter of impossibility for the students to have been here. Telephone messages came from different parts of the county asking that the county commencement be postponed.

Since so many of the schools have been out for sometime and the High School commencements are now on hand, it is thought best not to try to get the students together again. Just as soon as the diplomas can be properly signed they will be mailed to the boys and girls who passed successfully the examination for the seventh grade certificate.

We hope next year to have a longer list of the students of the county to take the examination. This county commencement idea should be in the mind of every teacher, and she should try to teach her pupils all of the subjects required in the course of study instead of a few, thus making the education of the child an all round one, and preparing him for higher institutions of learning.

## Liberty Commencement April 18 and 19.

The date of Liberty High School commencement will not be on Monday and Tuesday, but will be on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, April 18th and 19th.

The annual literary address will be delivered on Wednesday afternoon by Governor Kitchin.

## Died.

Mr. Uriah Presnell died of blood poison April 7th at his home in South Asheboro at the age of 74 years. Four children, Virgil Presnell, Madeline Cornelia Trogon, Ellen Cox, Lydia Morris all of this county with the widow survive the deceased.

Mr. Presnell was one of our most highly respected citizens.

The funeral was conducted at Flag Springs by Rev. L. H. Hatley his pastor. Mr. Presnell was a consistent member of church and led an exemplary life.

## Died.

Mr. I. M. Dorsett of Concord township died April 14th at the age of 65 years, of heart trouble. The deceased is survived by a widow and eight children. The remains will be buried at Farmers today.

Mr. A. O. Redding of Asheboro died April 11th of heart trouble and other complications at about 51 years of age. The deceased was a member of the M. E. Church and buried in Asheboro Cemetery yesterday. He is survived by a widow and six children.

## Some Valuable Suggestions For Working Dirt Roads

Mr. Editor:

The writer is a subscriber to your valuable paper, and is in deep accord with the many articles on good roads which you are publishing in your paper. I note that on almost every page you have something about good roads. To my mind there is no question in the whole economic business of our country which is so important as this, to the people of Randolph. The Tariff, Reciprocity with Canada, Prohibition, Child Labor, or any other of the vital subjects which have been so agitating the minds of our leaders in our legislative halls, pales in significance when compared to the question which lies at our very door, and which is so easy to correct, in a measure, if any ordinary common sense were used in handling it.

I am heartily in favor of a bond issue for the county, proceeds to be used for macadamizing or otherwise improving our main highways. I have been particularly struck, however, with the following item, which I have had the pleasure of reading in your last week's issue: "The public roads of this county are well-nigh impassable." With special reference to this item, I wish to make an amendment to this by saying that some of the public roads of this county are absolutely impassable for loaded teams and other traffic. I will go further and particularly as to the roads referred to, and I particularly wish to call your attention to the road immediately adjacent to and leading out of the town and inside of the limits of Asheboro township. If you will take the trouble to drive out of Asheboro northward on the plank road, you will see just exactly to what I refer. After reaching the township line continue on through Back Creek and into Randleman township into New Market township, you will find that the road in Asheboro township is heavy loaded teams or other traffic, whereas the road in the other townships has been graded, ditched out in the low places, thrown up in the center and a drag or scraper used occasionally, so that it does not deserve the name of being impassable by any means, but on the contrary is a very good smooth firm road most of the time.

About twelve months ago a small amount of work was done on the road in Asheboro township, which was in the nature of filling up the holes, but with no provision for drainage. With the winter rains assembling and standing in these low places, the scriptural expression of "the last condition of that man being worse than the first," is certainly applicable to this road, in other words, the work that was done on it was absolutely thrown away, and a continuation of repairs to the road made on this plan is simply throwing the taxpayers' money away. If the township trustees in the various townships would require the superintendent to use the road subjects for digging deep ditches in the low places where water gathers, so as to carry the water away, and expend the tax money belonging to the township in the use of machinery such as a road scraper and split log drag, you would find that ten months of the year you would have most excellent dirt roads and the result would be most surprising. This method has been adopted in some of the townships, and all you have to do is to get a look at the road to see that this is just what I refer to. The \$500.00 or \$600.00 to which Asheboro township is entitled, if expended for dragging and scraping the road, using a split log drag on the average of about once a month after the road has been properly thrown up would work a vast difference in the present conditions of the roads not only in Asheboro township but the same method would work wonders in other townships where the roads, as you say, are almost impassable. This, however, does not apply to Randleman township and New Market where most excellent results have been obtained by use of machinery and the King split log drag, also other townships.

The writer does not claim any originality in advancing this idea but its simply copying the instructions and suggestions of our State officers to whom large salaries are paid to study and tell us about this subject, who therefore know what they are talking about. The old fashioned method of "warning in" a lot of hands to go over the road throwing a shovel of dirt here, a stone or two there and a little brush in a hole over yonder, is just about as far behind the times as plowing with a forked stick would be when cultivating our fields, but that is exactly the method which a good many of the townships are still using in working the road.

As before stated, it is surprising to the writer that as intelligent a class of farming and town people as connect the citizenship of Randolph county and who are noted for their adoption of modern ideas in the cultivation of the soil in corn contests and finest wheat fields in the State, could be to such a large extent, indifferent when it comes to doing anything towards improving the roads. I am in favor of carrying out at least some of the good doctrine which you so fully advance and agitate in your most excellent paper.

## SHORT ITEMS OF NEWS

Augustus A. Chandler and Miss Lizzie Sellers, both of Greensboro, were married last week.

Miss Myrtle Woodard and Ernest E. White, of Greensboro, were married March 20.

The reconstruction of a railroad from Aberdeen to Lumberville is now merely a question of detail of laying the rails.

John Brown, a young farmer of Durham county, was injured by a falling tree one day last week so that he died later.

Miss Alice De Len Nelson, daughter of Mr. John Nelson, former clerk of Superior Court of Guilford county, died at her home in Greensboro one day last week.

In the Democratic municipal primary at Statesville last week L. C. Caldwell was nominated for mayor over E. G. Gaither by a majority of 271.

Frank A. Carter, of Asheville, has been appointed by Governor Kitchin as judge of the superior court in the Fifteenth Judicial District to succeed Judge J. S. Adams, deceased.

In the baseball game at Greensboro between the University of Virginia and the University of North Carolina last Saturday, the Virginians won by a score of 3 to 1.

As the result of a quarrel between Henry Jones and Ernest Way, both of Venable, Jones was shot and perhaps fatally wounded. Ray surrendered to the office.

Forty or fifty Southern cotton yarn spinners met in Washington last week to consider a proposition to merge into one concern. The plans did not materialize, but it is thought something will be done later.

The water commissioners of the city of Thomasville have made a contract with the board of trustees of the Baptist Orphanage to furnish water for the city. The contract to put in the system has been let to J. B. McCreary & Co., of Atlanta.

## Trinity Commencement

Trinity High School commencement closed last night with the graduating exercises and a play, "A Clergyman's Courtship" by the high school department in which a dozen or more took part.

Olivia Vaughan, an actress, goes to a country village to find material to reproduce in a rural play. She falls in love with a country clergyman, but through the visit of her manager, her original purpose is revealed. Then comes a stormy scene, which is followed by a reconciliation of her profession and a reconciliation with Grayhar.

Governor Kitchin delivered the annual address yesterday morning to a large audience who had assembled to hear the distinguished governor who as usual made a most eloquent, instructive and entertaining address.

On Tuesday night there was a play that proved to be most popular. "All a Mistake" proved a great success.

The primary department gave an interesting entertainment.

Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, of High Point, preached the annual sermon last Sunday morning. The year has been a most successful one.

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This April 8th, 1911.

A Citizen.

## Married.

A beautiful church wedding unique in its elegant simplicity and beautiful in every detail was celebrated in Fairview Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Ran'oph County, on Wednesday evening April 4th 1911 at 8 o'clock.

The little church never looked more beautiful than on this occasion, when with ferns artistically placed about the Chancel on pulpit and pedestal; and with drapery of pure white and lavender lined with green and dotted here and there with numerous brazen candlesticks, all aglow with light and brilliancy, until around the pulpit, all became as a huge mass, resplendent with beauty.

Just before the appointed hour with Mrs. A. S. Raper in charge of the organ as the sweet strains of music began to peal forth, a hush of quiet seemed to reign supreme, until Miss Jessie Parks of Trinity, N. C., whose voice is noted for its wonderful sweetness of quality, sang "Answer." As the clear, distinct voice of this sweet singer died away in the hush of expectancy, Mrs. Raper struck the chords of Mendelssohn's wedding march and the ushers, Mr. Clarence Meredith and Mr. Fred Ingram came down the aisle and took their places near the chancel.

Just then the bridal party entered the church in the following order: First came Mr. Mack Hyatt, with Miss Lena Hammer, then Mr. Vanir Leuk with Miss Jewell Montgomery followed by Mr. Jamur Freeman with the groom Mr. Jeter Montgomery. Then in the stillness entered Miss Estelle Cranford the bride's Maid of honor with the bride Miss Artie B. Cranford who met the groom at the altar where the Bride's Pastor Rev. A. S. Raper, said the impressive ceremony of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

During the ceremony Mrs. A. S. Raper played softly, "Answer" which breathed the harmony of all things beautiful in the solemn grandeur of the Methodist service. When the vows had been made and they were pronounced man and wife together, the pastor offered his congratulations and to the Bride and Groom the bridal party left the church carrying with them the best wishes of a large audience of their friends.

Misses Hammer and Montgomery both wore lovely dresses of pure white beautiful in every detail. They had lovely satin sashes with large bunches of palmer violets tied at the side.

Miss Estelle Cranford was dressed in lustrous silk, most artistically trimmed and draped in silver tinsel carrying in her hand a huge mass of ferns and carnations.

The bride is well known as belonging to one of the most prominent families of her section and is a young lady of rare qualities of head and heart. The bride was handsomely dressed in band embroidered marquisette over white silk carrying in her left hand a beautiful bouquet made of lovely bride's roses.

The groom is a promising young man of sterling qualities, living in High Point, N. C.

The popularity of this couple was attested by the beautiful presents from friends.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cranford, the bride's parents a reception was tendered the bridal party. The luncheon consisted of a salad course, then of another of ice cream and cakes.

## Wets Win in Primaries at Salisbury.

In the Democratic primaries held at Salisbury last Saturday the following were nominated:

Mayor, F. M. Thompson, Aldermen, North ward, George Fisher, C. J. Norman; South ward, H. C. Trot, J. F. Ludwig; West ward, M. C. Quinn, E. J. Rabe; East ward, J. C. Keatler, D. W. Julian. This is regarded as a decided victory for wets.

## Farmer Commencement.

The 'Courier' acknowledges receipt of the invitation to the Farmer High School Commencement, to be held April 24 and 25 from A. Roy Cox. The following are the members of the graduating class:

Rosa Barnes, Margaret Parrish, Kathrin Dorsett, Walter Kearns, Alma Lawter and Hope Hubbard.

Work has commenced on J. G. Miller's new brick building on Depot St.

## Whitaker-Spencer.

At the Methodist Protestant Church, Asheboro, N. C. on Wednesday afternoon, April 12th, at three o'clock, one of the prettiest marriages of the season was solemnized when Miss Clara Maie Spencer became the bride of Mr. L. L. Whitaker, the Rev. Talton M. Johnson, the bride's pastor, officiating.

The church was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns, potted plants and American Beauty roses, the prevailing colors being green and white.

For several minutes before the bridal party arrived Miss Hazel Rush, of Sardinia, S. C. rendered a select musical program. Preceding the entrance of the bridal party, Mr. Henry B. Martin, of Winston-Salem, N. C., sang a tenor solo, "The Light of my Soul", by Christopher Marks.

Then as Miss Rush played Mendelssohn's Wedding March the bridal party entered, the bridesmaids proceeded to the chancel by the left aisle and the groomsmen by the right. Misses Charlotte Boykin, of Camden, S. C., Selma Whitaker, of Salisbury, N. C., Elizabeth Adams, of Greensboro, N. C. Esther Ross, of Asheboro, the bridesmaids, wore white cloth coat suits, black picture hats and carried Parma violets.

Preceding the bride was the maid of honor, Miss Addie Yancey Moore, of Wilson, N. C., beautifully costumed in a white cloth coat suit, a white picture hat, and held Parma violets.

The groomsmen, who entered at the same time, were Dr. D. K. Lockhart, Mr. Sulon B. Stedman, Mr. Sam Spencer, of Asheboro; and Mr. C. J. Jones, of Petersburg, Va.

The bride never looked lovelier than when she entered on the arm of her father, gowned in a beautiful blue traveling suit, with hat and gloves to match. She was met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. Clarence Bost, of Cooleemee, N. C.

During the ceremony the strains of Schumann's T. aumerei came very softly from the organ, adding greatly to the sweetness and sublimity of the service.

The bride, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Spencer, of Asheboro, is unusually popular and attractive, and the groom, a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Whitaker, of Salisbury, is one of Asheboro's most promising young business men.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker left on the afternoon train for an extended tour through Florida, touching St. Augustine, Palm Beach and Jacksonville, and will be at home in this city after May 1st.

The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Martin, of Winston-Salem, N. C., Miss Addie Yancey Moore, Wilson, N. C., Miss Hazel Rush, Sardinia, S. C., Miss Selma Whitaker, Salisbury, N. C., Miss Charlotte Boykin, Camden, S. C., Miss Elizabeth Russell Adams, Greensboro, N. C., Miss Mary Elder Beebe, Spies, N. C., Miss Blanche Johnson, Greensboro, N. C., Mr. C. W. Jones, Petersburg, Va., Mr. Clarence Bost, Cooleemee, N. C.

## NORTH CAROLINA GRANITE IS SOUGHT IN NEW YORK.

When New York comes to North Carolina for granite in the cornice work in Gotham's new municipal building, North Carolinians have something to ponder about. The fame of this state's granite has gone out far and wide and the placing of a big contract for North Carolina granite is due to its superior quality. The North Carolina Granite company, of Mount Airy, whose quarries are operated by the Mount Airy Granite company, are now engaged in cutting stone for the cornice work of the municipal building of New York. It is said that the work will aggregate \$200,000.

Miss Ella Arnold Lambeth, of Thomasville, sang in the First Methodist church at Salisbury last Sunday morning. Miss Lambeth has a well trained voice, is a graduate of Salem Female College, also has taken a year's training in the Boston musical conservatory. A treat is in store for all who may hear her.