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MR. VARNER SELLS DISPATCH

Henry B. Varner who bought the Davidson Dispatch twenty-seven years ago has sold the paper to Ernest J. F. Crews, of Columbus, Ohio, who will assume active charge of the publication. Mr. Varner converted the Dispatch into a semi-weekly a few years ago. Fred O. Sink is business manager of the paper and will retire after 34 years of service with the Dispatch. Mr. Sink will continue his job printing business. E. Witherspoon who has been with Mr. Varner as associate editor will become editor, while Mr. Crews will be the business manager.

Mr. Crews is well educated, being a graduate of many of the best colleges in the country and is a World War veteran. He is married and has one child.

It is understood that Mr. Varner got in the neighborhood of \$50,000. for the newspaper plant he owned, which is probably one of the most valuable weekly newspaper or semi-weekly newspaper plants in the state. Mr. Varner was wonderfully successful in the newspaper game. But for the last few years he has been much interested in the moving picture shows, having an interest in picture shows at Lexington, Badin, Thomasville, High Point and other places. It is to be regretted that Mr. Varner has gone out of the newspaper business but it is gratifying to know that Mr. Witherspoon is to remain connected with the paper and that Mr. Crews, the owner, comes so well recommended from another state.

FORMER RANDOLPH WOMAN DIES IN TENNESSEE

Mrs. Lena Pierce Sager died at her home in Burns, Tennessee, August 1, following an illness of some weeks. Although a resident of Tennessee by marriage she was a relative of North Carolina, having been born in Randolph county, May 30, 1858. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufin Pierce of Caraway, and was next youngest of their family of nine children. In 1916 she went to High Point to work, making her home with her oldest sister. November 17, 1922 she was married to Mr. C. R. Sager of Burns, Tennessee, and in December they went to make their home in that state. She was looking forward to a visit back to the old home in July, but sickness and the grim reaper came and the journey homeward was made in a casket, accompanied by the young husband over the road they had traveled as bride and groom less than a year ago. Her body was laid to rest in the family plot at Mt. Shepherd cemetery, August 4.

Besides the husband and parents she is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Edgar Hill and Mr. C. B. Pierce of High Point; Mrs. Ernest Yates, of Fayetteville; Mr. C. A. Pierce and Mrs. S. C. Hunt, of Caraway; and also by a number of nieces, other relatives and hosts of friends.

It is hard to understand why one so young and beloved should be taken at the dawning of her new found happiness, but God knows best and is ever ready to comfort the heart that turns to Him. May His blessing rest upon the young husband bereft in the first year of their life together, the ageing parents and all who held her dear and mourn the untimely death of one so loved and young.

CAR TURNS OVER ON SHARP CURVE

Mr. W. S. Strider, of Pisgah, while turning the curve in front of Mr. W. A. Underwood's home in Asheboro Tuesday morning of last week turned his Ford car over and completely smashed the top and windshield. Mrs. Strider and two children and Mrs. Bertha Holt and two children of Albemarle were in the car. Both Mr. and Mrs. Strider received some cuts and bruises on their heads. Mr. Strider's right shoulder was badly bruised but no bones were broken. Also, Mrs. Strider's right arm was bruised. The other occupants of the car escaped uninjured.

DEATH OF RANDLEMAN MAN

John McDowell died at his home near Randleman last Friday night following an illness of a few hours from a stroke of paralysis, age 69 years. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Bowles and Rev. Mr. McKisson at Mt. Lebanon M. P. church, of which he was a member, Sunday afternoon.

The deceased is survived by his widow and six children.

MARRIED

Miss Nancy Louise Johnson of New Hope Academy and Mr. Paul Davis of Eleazer, were married August 19th, at the home of James W. Luther, J. P., in the presence of a few intimate friends. The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Johnson. The groom is the son of the late Will Davis and is an industrious young man. The young couple have many friends who will wish them much joy through life.

THE NEW M. P. COLLEGE

One of the buildings of the new M. P. College has been completed in High Point at a cost of \$150,000. The new building is one of the largest and most modern in the state.

DR. JOYNER AT ASHEBORO

Dr. J. Y. Joyner, who was for several years State Superintendent of public instruction and is one of the ablest and most progressive officers this state has ever had, has enlisted in the cause of co-operative marketing for the benefit of the farmers. On last Thursday he spoke to the farmers of Randolph in the court house, on the principals of co-operative marketing. He showed the utter folly of the farmers continuing to haul their cotton and tobacco to market without having one word to say about what price they shall get.

The speech was made by Dr. J. Y. Joyner on Thursday afternoon of last week. The crowd was not large but the interest of every one was fixed from the time the speaker began to speak until he closed. Co-operative marketing is the salvation of the tobacco grower and the cotton grower in this section. Someone has asked why it is that the corn and wheat farmer is not included in the co-operative marketing. The reasons assigned for this is that tobacco and cotton growing is restricted to a limited section of the United States, while wheat and corn and other grains are grown throughout most of the United States and the territory is so large that it is difficult to have an organization of co-operative growers for these widely grown products.

The Co-operative Marketing Association of the citrus fruits of Florida and California have been wonderfully successful and cotton and tobacco will be a success, we have no doubt; and that the territory extends over several states.

COUNTY DEMONSTRATOR MILSAPS URGES FARMERS TO PLANT CLOVER

Right at this season farmers are planning their crop of rotations for the coming year. What land will they put in grain this fall and to hold over for crops next spring. This is an important decision, and the next years crop will be measured by the wisdom of the decision.

Any farmer who has on his farm second year clover to turn this winter will have no trouble deciding where his corn will go next spring, or where his wheat will go this fall. Corn crop will follow the clover sod, and the wheat will follow the present corn crop. This will give him the opportunity to raise his land to clover in March, and then go the round over again.

The man who does not have this clover is the one I particularly wish to reach. If you do not have any clover on your farm to work into your crop rotation make a start this fall. Take a piece of land that you have broke for fall seeding, and work it down into a firm well pulverized seed bed, ready for seeding by the fifteenth or twentieth of September. Put a ton of ground limestone to the acre, and then seed it to oats and red clover. About ten pounds of clover per acre. There are a number of reasons for doing this. First, the clover crop is easily added without extra work. It is worth more to the land, and will pay more in dollars and cents than either wheat or corn, if sold as hay. But do not sell it as hay. Feed it to some good milk cows. Twenty to twenty-five dollars per ton will be all that you could hope to get for the hay, and you will be selling about \$11.50 worth of plant food per ton along with your hay. Why not let the cows have the hay? Sell butter fat which does not contain any plant food and put the manure back on the land. Feed the skim milk to some pigs and along with it some corn and wheat. You cannot afford to sell the grain from your farms at the prices, so utilize it on the farm where it belongs. You can easily market your corn to hogs at two dollars per bushel and your wheat also. Then if this is true you know that you cannot afford to sell the grain for \$1.00 per bushel. If you are doubtful about this, drop me a line, call me over the telephone, or call at the office and I think that I can convince you by showing you what other farmers here in the county have done, and what I will co-operate with you in doing.

Now is the time to get started. Order your lime at once. Get your clover seed and make a start this fall. Plan to milk more cows this winter than ever before. Keep all that you can feed, and then plan to make more feed next year. Randolph should be the banner live-stock county of the State. Let's make her so. Will you do your part? Let's pull together to that end.

WILLIAM FOX MAKING RECORD IN BOXING

William Fox the youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Fox, is making a good record in the boxing world. We clip the following from yesterday's Greensboro Daily News:

"William Fox, of Asheboro, won his way into the hearts of local boxing enthusiasts when he fought Tex-as Kid to a draw in four fast rounds before approximately 500 people at Nones hall last night. Both fighters showed lots of pep and science in dodging blows."

DIED

John Davis died at his home, in Yadkin College, Davidson, county, August 19th, aged 73 years. The deceased leaves a widow, Mrs. Lizzie Davis, and four sons and three daughters and thirty-two grandchildren.

BOTH PARTIES WATCH COOLIDGE

(By David F. St. Clair).

Washington, August 22.—The two great changes that have come over the face of politicians since the death of President Harding are now well defined. The Republican faction are making a frantic effort to unite around President Coolidge and the Democrats have assumed an attitude of watchful waiting.

Senator Borah has charted a course that it appears many of the progressives are inclined to pursue. He tells the disappointed farmers and stockmen of the Northwest to "give Coolidge a chance." The people, he says no longer attach importance to the names of parties. They want results and they do not care who achieves the results. Coolidge is a new man who has done nothing to divide the party and may be the very man to unite it if that be possible. Borah's statement followed that of Senator Moses of New Hampshire who was threatening to come out for Hiram Johnson before the death of Harding but lost no time in switching over to Coolidge.

The attitude of Borah and others has had a marked effect on the course of Hiram Johnson. On the death of Harding Johnson is said to have felt that his bonds of obligation not to be a candidate had been sundered and he was free to cast his hat in the ring. But Johnson if a candidate, would have only one issue, his opposition to the world court. Borah is of like mind so far as concerns the court. Borah's statement was an offer to Coolidge to steer clear of the court so as to head off Johnson's candidacy and save Coolidge's bacon in the Northwest. The rally to Coolidge has effectively silenced Johnson so far.

Borah's statement has also had the effect of stilling the energies of Senator Brothart and Senators Shipstead and Magnus Johnson. They have been made to hope for the moment at least that Coolidge will find some satisfactory solution of the wheat problem.

The outstanding strategic political fact so far as Coolidge is concerned, is that he can keep silent on the two great issues, the court and wheat, till congress meets three months hence. In the meantime his friends can perfect an organization that will make his nomination almost as certain as was the nomination of President Harding had he lived and that is what they are doing. Every move of the Coolidge forces so far has tended to make certain his nomination.

With his grasp on the organization and his nomination reasonably assured, Mr. Coolidge's friends say, that with the meeting of congress he can test the direction of the wind and shape his course accordingly. They declare that he has told nobody what he will or will not do except to say he will follow out as best he can the policy of his predecessor. But that we are told means nothing for in all probability Harding could not have followed his own policy had he lived. He had already widely deviated from his original course on the world court in his St. Louis speech.

While the Democrats are now waiting to see what is going to happen some of them who have looked upon the candidacy of Henry Ford with scorn have revised their opinion of the Detroit car builder. They fully realize that if Coolidge makes good, he will be hard to beat and they are beginning to wonder if Ford is about the only man who could beat him. They do not like to admit this even privately but some of them do blurt it out occasionally. But what keeps the Democrats still cheerful is their inability to see how Coolidge can ever master the difficulties ahead of him. Mr. Underwood has practically admitted that he has no solution. Mr. McAdoo's friends say he will offer a solution when the time is ripe. Henry Ford is frank enough to say the people do not know what they want and until they do there is no solution.

Mr. Coolidge has three months of grace in which if he chooses, he can on the big issues maintain a masterful silence. Some of his would be Republican rivals are wishing it otherwise and Democrats too.

JUNIOR ORDER ORPHANAGE NOT LOCATED

It is a mistake that the Junior Order orphanage has been located at or near Raleigh as stated in last issue of The Courier. Randolph is making a strenuous effort to locate the orphanage in this county, and it is believed that the prospects are good for getting it for this county. It is stated that a 200 acre site will be offered free.

THINGS FOR FARMERS TO DO IN AUGUST

Beans planted in late August usually bring good prices; plant late. Keep all vegetables gathered to encourage fruiting, clean up yard and fertilize shrubbery that is not making good growth. Plant root crops, turnips and Irish potatoes; transplant cabbage. Clean up and burn all dead and dying timber in the orchard to prevent shot hole borers.

Thirty thousand dollars is all that it is claimed that is necessary to remodel the capital at Raleigh. Miss Avery Elfrum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Elfrum, of Philadelphia, Pa., is visiting in this city.

MEETING AT WESLEY STAND

Protracted services of twelve days duration came to a close at John Wesley's Stand last Sunday night. These services were highly successful and were conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. F. Burkhead, assisted by Rev. J. A. Rheinart, of Bessimer City.

John Wesley's Stand has a historical background of widespread interest. It is claimed upon good authority that the great religious reformer and Apostle of Methodism conducted services on the spot at an early date in American history. Sparsely settled as the entire country was at that time, the pioneer farmers, their wives and children, came from afar to listen to the Gospel, which was preached as it had never before been preached in this section of the new world. This was years before the coming of the saints Asbury and before the war of the Revolution. At a much later period we understand that a rough but comfortable log structure served as a meeting place for the devout of the neighborhood; but it long fell into decay and no vestige of its existence is to be seen, nor are there any reliable records now available throwing light upon the spiritual status of the neighborhood until the year 1843. At that time according to certain papers in the possession of Brother Burkhead, his father, the late L. D. Burkhead, was a class leader there. Rev. Peter Dumb, one of the giants of his day and who wrote a tract which led to the conversion of the late Bishop Marvin, was Presiding Elder, and Rev. A. H. Lester, pastor. S. D. Bumpass succeeded him on the district in 1848, and L. D. Hendren became pastor. We learn further that, in 1852, H. W. Bobbitt was Presiding Elder and the sainted C. H. Phillips, of blessed memory, pastor. The coming of the great Civil War had a disastrous effect on the religious life of the vicinity, just as it had in every other part of the South, both city and country; hence we hear no more of Wesley's Stand until the year 1903.

It was then that Brother Burkhead preached there for the first time in his ministry. There was no house for religious worship, so a brush arbor was made to serve until a more substantial wooden structure could be erected. This structure in the course of time, due to growth of membership and a largely increased Sunday school, became inadequate to the demands made upon it, and today a lovely Tabernacle, though not yet entirely completed, serves the community. The money for this purpose was raised in bits, from people here and there, representing many varieties of religious belief, as well as from those without religious belief of any kind but who felt that the Tabernacle would serve a most useful purpose in advancing the cause of the Master in a locality where, without it, there would be no convenient place of public worship.

For nearly a score of years Brother Burkhead has labored with great zeal in the interests of the church, and that his efforts have met with divine approval is the unqualified opinion of all who are familiar with the facts. It is hoped that friends of his will come to the rescue and hasten the completion of the Tabernacle, which, even in its present state, is accomplishing so much in making men, women and children better.

We are much gratified to state for the information of all interested in John Wesley's Stand that the meeting just closed there proved the most satisfactory of any in all its history.

A FRIEND.

VIRGIL HILL'S SAW MILL BURNED

Monday night of this week at 2 o'clock the saw mill was discovered to be on fire. The neighbors came in and the saw engine and boiler and carriage were saved and much of the lumber was carried further away and saved. The loss to Mr. Hill was about \$500 and the loss of lumber was about \$500.

The mill was located on S. G. Coltrane's farm in New Market township, sawing the lumber for Mr. Holder.

Mr. Hill has purchased a new mill and will continue his sawing under his contract with Mr. Holder. The kindness and hard work of the neighbors did much to prevent greater loss.

FARMER HIGH SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER 16TH

The Farmer High School will open September 16th instead of the 4th, which has heretofore been announced with Prof. B. M. Chestham in charge. The eleventh grade will be added this year which means they will have another teacher making three high school teachers. The Marvin Kearns store building and the Mrs. Rosa Kearns house are being fitted up for class rooms.

CELEBRATION AT WADEVILLE

There has been built at Wadeville a fine consolidated public school building and its completion will be celebrated on next Friday with an all day picnic. There will be a big picnic dinner and some speaking. Wm. C. Hammer of Asheboro has promised to make a speech.

A great new school building, Ohio, is being built at that place and the new school will be opened in the fall.

TEACHERS FOR CITY SCHOOL

The opening date of the Asheboro high school will be announced later. The following teachers have been elected for the year 1923-1924.

W. H. McMahan, Superintendent. Miss Margaret Sparger, Principal. Music, Misses Bertie May and Nan-nie Bull.

Elementary Grades

First Grade: Miss Lucy Leigh Lovett, Miss Margaret MacNair, Miss Elma Priest.

Second Grade: Miss Virginia Steed, Miss Ava C. Wolff, Miss Ruth J. Cox.

Third Grade: Mrs. Bessie L. Rice, Miss Dorothy B. Hyatt.

Fourth Grade: Miss Donnie Lee Loflin, Miss Enola Presnell.

Fifth Grade: Miss Bertha Presnell, Miss Edna Lamb.

Sixth Grade: Miss Callie Vuncannon, Miss Phoebe Worth.

Seventh Grade: Mrs. Daisy P. Mobley, Miss Dolly Worthington.

High School

English, Miss Massa Lambert.

Latin, Miss Alma Lassiter.

French and Spanish, Miss Grace Frazier.

History and Science, Miss Eva Bullock.

Mathematics, Miss Margaret Sparger.

LETTER FROM MR. V. C. MARLEY

Mr. Editor:

As your correspondent, I am not able to give you "Ramses News" but will write a line that might interest some of your readers at least. My wife and I are stopping over night at this pretty little town, "Blowing Green", Va., on our way home from Baltimore where we have been for several days.

The town derives its name from the beautiful shady green lawns and fields, I suppose, the hotel named, "Lawn Hotel" having a beautiful grassy grove. There is one street (or highway) straight through the town and a number of stores on each side.

It is the county seat of Caroline county, the present having been built in 1808 as a resident, an old Confederate soldier, about the same age, informed me last night, "and", he added, "the old one is about a mile over". The life of the town is the tourists who are whizzing through all day and night. Numbers of them stop here for a night of quite rest. There are now people from Charlotte, N. C., Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Florida, and other states.

It is our intention to get breakfast and drive down to Richmond, 45 miles, and hear Rev. J. M. Roland, a North Carolinian who married a Randolph girl and who is quite a traveler and writer, as you all know. Tomorrow we expect to drive on "home to Caroline".

Just a word about the trip. It has been a delightful one being made up in a day and a half, no trouble about getting over roads or through towns and cities. Drove out 14th street, Washington and through congested Baltimore street, Baltimore, without a bother. Bought lots of pretty goods and taking good time to drive back.

Ere this will be in print we will be selling candy to the kids at home.

V. C. MARLEY.

Blowing Green, Va.

Sunday morning August 19, 1923.

REV. E. F. MUMFORD AT BAPTIST CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. E. F. Mumford, principal of the Liberty-Piedmont Institute at Walburg, N. C., and pastor of Walburg and Abbott's Creek Baptist churches, has been invited by the Baptist Young People's Union of the Asheboro Baptist church to speak on its special topic next Sunday evening. Rev. Mumford will speak at the regular preaching hour which is 8 p. m.

Mr. Mumford is not only a minister and educator in a general way, but understands the sign language used by the deaf and dumb, and has taught it in our State Institute for the deaf and dumb at Morganton. We hope to have him recite in this sign language. The pastor will preach at the morning service. Subject: "The Secret of Growing Fat In Soul".

JAS. W. ROSE, Pastor.

SINGER'S CONVENTION TO BE AT TABERNACLE SEPT. 9th.

The 14th annual singer's convention will be held Sunday September 9th at Tabernacle church, ten miles east of Greensboro. All members please be on hand at 11 o'clock, a. m., the opening hour. The books which will be used are Cross and Resurrection, 90 and 9, and Living Songs. All members bring well filled baskets and join in union dinner.

A BIRTHDAY DINNER

A birthday dinner was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Callicott near Streibly, Sunday, August 5th. There were between ninety and one hundred present. About one o'clock a sumptuous dinner was spread under a large tree which everybody present enjoyed as well as the ones it was given for.

After the crowd began to break away, Mr. Selmer Callicott of Asheboro, had the misfortune of getting two of his fingers seriously hurt but is getting along alright.

E. H. Norman secured judgment against the Greensboro Daily Record for libel in a case involving a charge that the Record had published a false statement regarding the death of a man.

STATE AND GENERAL NEWS

The directors of the High Point, Thomasville & Denton railway have been authorized by the general stockholders to increase the capital stock of the railway from \$125,000.00 to a million dollars.

The state fire loss was \$33,319.17 for the year ending April 1, last, according to the report of Stacey W. Wade, State Fire Insurance Commissioner.

Charles F. Lemmond, a jeweler of Charlotte, killed his wife by shooting her through the head on last Sunday night and immediately killed himself. Lemmond and his wife were often heard quarreling by the neighbors and were engaged in one of the accustomed quarrels when the killing took place.

The latest flogging in Macon, Ga., resulted in the arrest of three white men. They were placed in jail for attempting to beat up a negro man.

The judgment of \$1000.00 recovered by N. M. Sexton against Raymond-Lanier Company, of High Point was set aside by Judge Shaw in Greensboro, last week, because Judge Shaw said \$1000.00 was not enough.

The Winston-Salem Journal is advocating the name of Lewis Chatham for Lieutenant Governor, next year.

The Southern States are raising food products now as well as cotton. New England is no longer the truck garden, for 300,000 carloads of vegetables are now shipped from the southern states, 30,000 barrels of potatoes alone were shipped from this section of the United States. 16,000 carloads of watermelons, 10,000 carloads of peaches in one year from Georgia alone and North Carolina comes along a little behind.

The Lexington fire company was the winner in the state contest at Durham last week, \$100.00 being the prize; and Lexington tied with Kinston for second prize in the chemical contest, Statesville winning first prize in the chemical contest.

For the first time since 1852, when Franklin K. Pearce was elected to the Presidency, New England has a President in the White House, Calvin Coolidge. Pearce was a Democrat and had as his Secretary of War Jefferson Davis.

Today, August 23rd, the Reitzel family reunion will be held at Richland church four miles east of Liberty. All persons related to the family by blood or marriage and all friends of the family are invited to be present. Mr. Reitzel is president and T. C. Stafford is secretary of the reunion and the committee on arrangements includes C. A. Moser, F. E. Clapp, Henry Alford, Wm. A. Cline, G. W. Reitzel and Floyd Amick.

Four thousand dollars worth of clothing, consisting of twenty suits of clothing, men and women's, several pairs of shoes and nearly fifty dollars in cash at a burglary of the Stoke Department Store, on Main Street, Thomasville, sometime during last Saturday night.

D. B. Clinard, living at Wallburg, Davidson county, died last Saturday at the age of 78 years. He was a Confederate soldier and a well known citizen.

Phillip Harper was struck by lightning, and died soon thereafter, during a thunderstorm near Jonesville, Yadkin county, last Saturday afternoon. A great deal of damage was done to corn, which was flattened to the ground in many places, in that section.

The Internal Revenue Department, at Washington, says there are four billion bottles of drinks sold every year and there are ten thousand bottling establishments in the entire country with one hundred and ten thousand dealers.

The North Carolina Commercial Secretary's Association, with headquarters at Chapel Hill, is to issue a bulletin in connection with the extension of the University.

Burton Charles who was recently found not guilty of operating an automobile with a defaced number, has started claim and delivery proceedings against George T. Crutchfield, chief of police, Greensboro, for the return of an automobile which was recently confiscated by the Greensboro police department. The automobile was taken from Dallas Lang, a negro, and the number of the car is the same as that of another car now in operation in Detroit, Mich.

The Devil's Grippe is the latest name applied to a severe cold which has now become epidemic in certain sections of the country.

The Greensboro Daily Record is commenting upon the actions of the courts in which it says the majority of the courts are being conducted properly, and that it is only occasionally that there is a mis-carriage.

The Record says: "In an eastern city recently a woman was sent to prison for five years following her conviction of larceny of a pocketbook with five cents in it." But the Record does not say what eastern city this was in, or what county, or what judge; but if a judge has imposed a sentence of 5 years for stealing a pocketbook with five cents in it in North Carolina, he has exceeded the statutory authority, because a larceny of less than \$20.00 in North Carolina law is a misdemeanor and a person cannot be sentenced for 5 years in conviction for a misdemeanor. It may have been that case was for burglary in the second degree and the pocketbook was stolen after breaking into the house in the night or by trying to walk and robbing on the highway, but an ordinary theft of a pocketbook is not a crime in North Carolina.