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FIRST OF ALL,  
THE COUNTY NEWS.

## CARVERS CREEK.

Shiloh was the Mecca to which the Methodists turned their faces on Sunday last, quite a large delegation going out to hear Dr. Kilgo of Trinity, preach the dedication sermon, but as the News was there himself I leave the report of the services to him. Dr. Kilgo, speaking of Trinity college, said if a boy had a good character at home, and was industrious and really wanted an education, it was possible for him to go to Trinity and stay there four years or until he graduated and leave it with a first class education. He mentioned one boy who came there and had to borrow four dollars and a half from him to get started, who went through the whole course, graduated, and is now wearing good clothes and kid gloves and doing a prosperous business. But then a good deal depends on the boy. In the first place, he must have a character at home. You see, boys, how important it is for you to be careful how you act at home. It may decide the whole course of your life—decide whether you get an education and make your mark in the events of the world, or pass on to a nameless existence. Take your choice. The matter is left entirely with you.

Dr. Gillespie strolled over Sunday morning, and taking a seat under the shade of an oak that stood in the yard, fell into a reminiscent mood, and began talking of the changes since his boyhood days. "They say the church at Shiloh is finer than Carvers Creek church. Well I guess it is that times are changed and they need finer churches. It is all right to keep up with the progress of the times. Carvers Creek church was a fine church for the country at the time it was built, and the log house we tore down when we built the new church was good enough for the times when it was built.

And I catching on to the trend of

his thoughts asked him: "Doctor, how about the old-time folks? Your father was a prominent man—a member of congress at a time when that was an honor; how did he live? What kind of a house did you live in when you were a boy?"

The Doctor chuckled a sort of dry laugh and after a moment's hesitation said: "Well, I'll tell you. Our first house was a log cabin about 20 by 30 feet, with a partition across it, and then the back part into two rooms just a little bit bigger than a bedstead. But father built a framed room at each end of the log house and put a piazza in front, so that gave us five rooms. And there was a shed on the back side of the house where we used to keep the gig—what you would call a buggy shelter, and when John A. Robeson married sister Eliza we had the wedding supper under that shed and you would be surprised to see how mother could fix around to accommodate company. This road was a public road then; everybody traveled it. There were no railroads or steamboats, and the Moores and Waddells, in passing up and down from Fayetteville to Wilmington, would often stop over at our house. Old Mr. Morris Waddell, uncle, I think, of Alfred M., would most always stop. Father thought a heap of Morris Waddell. He would drive up from Wilmington with his family in a two horse carriage with a negro driver, and there would be beds put down on the floor and we would pack away somehow and enjoy it. We did not have buggies and carriages then like they do now, and most everybody rode horseback. When I was young I remember taking your mother up behind me on horseback and going to a frolic, and another time I carried Mrs. McDowell. When I was a little boy I used to go to mill. The Carvers Creek mill was dry about half the time in

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## Horses & Mules AT LUMBERTON NORTH CAROLINA.

FULLER BROS. wish to announce to the citizens of Bladen county that they will keep their stables well filled at LUMBERTON DURING THE ENTIRE SUMMER WITH A SELECT LOT OF HORSES AND MULES.

## Bicycles REPAIRED AND FOR SALE.

We keep in stock a large supply of BICYCLE SUN-DRIES and PARTS. Have your old wheel enameled, and made to look as good as new. GUNS and PISTOLS also repaired. **YOPP & HELM,** No 209 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.

The LANCE appreciates the efforts of its friends, cor. not excepted, to give it the latest news, but to what it started to say. Needent say anything about Friday and Saturday, plenty to do to appreciate resting Sunday. Monday morning all "locals" put in type. Ready for letters from cor. by 2 o'clock Monday—in some instances none come—use "scissors." Two o'clock Tuesday, two or three letters; into type they go. Wednesday print first side, distribute type and canvass thoroughly for "locals." Thursday morning put "locals" in type; go to press by noon—on time. To "Halifax" with editorials if we can get sufficient county news, but something has to be gotten first of the week.

S. C. P. Jones, Millsburg, Pa. writes: "I have used DeWitt's Little Early Risers ever since they were introduced here and must say I have never used any pills in my family during forty years of house keeping that gave such satisfactory results as laxative or cathartic." R. J. Hester



I am a farmer located near Steady Brook, one of the most malarious districts in this State, and was bothered with malaria for years, at times so I could not work, and was always very constipated as well. For years I had malaria so bad in the spring, when engaged in plowing, that I could do nothing but shake. I must have taken about a barrel of quinine pills besides dozens of other remedies, but never obtained any permanent benefit. Last fall, in peach time, I had a most serious attack of chills and then commenced to take Ripans Tablets, upon a friend's advice, and the first box made me all right and I have never been without them since. I take one Tablet each morning and night and sometimes when I feel more than usually exhausted I take three in a day. They have kept my stomach sweet, my bowels regular and I have not had the least touch of malaria nor splitting headache since I commenced using them. I know also that I sleep better and wake up more refreshed than formerly. I don't know how many complaints Ripans Tablets will help, but I do know they will cure any one in the condition I was and I would not be without them at any price. I honestly consider them the cheapest-priced medicine in the world, as they are also the most beneficial and the most convenient to take. I am twenty-seven years of age and have worked hard all my life, the same as most farmers, both early and late and in all kinds of weather, and I have never enjoyed such good health as I have since last fall; in fact, my neighbors have all remarked my improved condition and have said, "Say, John, what are you doing to look so healthy?"

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