

TRIBUTE TO GRAND OLD MAN—JOHN B. BLANTON

Editor of Pickens, (S. C.) Sentinel Writes of Mr. Blanton in His Paper, Calling Him An Ideal Man.

An account of the death of Mr. John B. Blanton, which occurred in Forest City, N. C., July 9th, would hardly be of very great interest to the Sentinel readers, since few if any of them knew him. However, Mr. Blanton held such a warm place in the heart of the Sentinel editor that we beg our readers to allow us a few words about him. He was a grandfather of Mrs. Gary Hiott, of Pickens, and was eighty-four years old.

When a young man he entered the Confederate army and served throughout the Civil War, being severely wounded at the battle of Gettysburg. Returning from the war to a desolated country he found that his wounds incapacitated him for the only kind of work he knew anything about—farming. Undaunted, though, he entered the mercantile business and was successful. Then fire destroyed his store and left him to begin again. Again he entered business and again he was successful, accumulating considerable property, giving a great deal of it away and losing much more by going security for friends. He could never say no to any one who asked him a favor.

The reason I mention these facts is to show the courage of the man during the most trying time in this country's history. Misfortune, disadvantage and lack of opportunity could not keep him down. By his own hard work and perfect faith in God he overcame all obstacles.

Mr. Blanton probably came nearer than anybody I know to being my ideal man. He was modest and unassuming, quiet and peaceable. No one ever heard him speak ill of any one. He was kind-hearted and generous, always ready to aid the unfortunate, not with counsel alone but with money from his own pocket if need be. He was a most liberal supporter of his church and so unostentatious was he that no one knew how much he really did give. He never proffered advice, but so great was the confidence of the people in him that his advice was often sought and then he gave it with great care. He walked so close to God that he was strong, but he knew the frailties of human kind and was always ready to lend a helping hand to the weak. His faith and trust in God was perfect and sublime. His greatest pleasure was derived from a daily reading of the Bible, and his knowledge of that book was wonderful. One of the most beautiful things that ever came under my observation was this feeble old man daily reading the Word of God aloud to his blind wife who was his companion over the rugged way of life for more than fifty-six years. During reconstruction days he held public office, not from ambition, but of a desire to aid in the restoration of white supremacy and Democratic rule. When this was established he retired to private life.

North Carolina has produced more prominent citizens than Mr. Blanton, but none better. His life of work, faith and triumphant victory is an inspiration to me and to many others.

And after eighty-four years of a well-spent life on earth I know that today he is dwelling in that land of cloudless day and perfect peace and is basking in the sunlight of his blessed Savior's love.

GARY HIOTT.

DEATH OF MRS. YELTON

Bostic, R. 3, July 24.—On Tuesday morning, July 11, the death angel visited the home of Mr. Adam Yelton and called away his wife, "Aunt Mary Jane." She was seventy-two years of age and has been sick for some time. Her remains were laid to rest at the Cedar Grove cemetery Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. She leaves to mourn her loss, a husband and other close relatives and many friends.

MASONIC PICNIC AT THERMAL CITY

Rutherford County to Entertain Governor and Editors of the State on August 3.—Addresses on Top of Chimney Rock.

Rutherfordton, July 24.—The Masons of this District are preparing for a large picnic at Thermal City, August 3. The Grand Master and other noted speakers will be present. Five counties are represented in this district. The Haynes Band, of Cliffside, will make music for the occasion. Hundreds of Masons and their families are expected to attend.

Rutherfordton is making preparations to entertain the Governor and members of the North Carolina Press Association here next Friday morning as they go from Shelby to Chimney Rock. Attorney G. W. Edwards, President of the Chamber of Commerce, will deliver a short address of welcome. A response will be made by some prominent editor. Short talks will be made by two or three prominent editors. Punch, ice cream, cigars and the best melons ever grown in this county will be served.

The highway to Chimney Rock is in the best condition it has ever been. Dr. L. B. Morse, President of the Chimney Rock Company, will admit the editorial party to the mountain and his property free. The Kiwanis Club of Shelby will give a big banquet to the editors on the Rock at 1 p. m. Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick, of Charlotte, Governor Morrison and other noted speakers are expected to address the editors on top of Chimney Rock, Friday.

Chimney Rock has many new attractions to offer the tourist this season. A new club house next to Cliff Dwelling cottages has just been completed. The mammoth Rock on the side of the mountain serves as one wall of the club-house. Meals are sent to the club-house dining room from the dining room on top of the rock in a large steel basket. Many people are stopping in the Cliff Dwelling cottages. They are unusually cool at night.

A German range finding periscope which is located on top of the Chimney is attracting much attention. It was found by Earl A. Munger of Michigan in Verdun just after the Armistice was signed. It was used by battery commanders in field work. This periscope makes the vision clear for miles away. Tourists often enjoy a baseball game three or four miles away by the use of the periscope while towns have been seen 30 or 40 miles away.

WILLIAMS—HIOTT

The home of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Williams, of near Easley, was the scene of a beautiful wedding ceremony on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock when their youngest daughter, Miss Flossie Williams was married to D. W. Hiott, Jr., of Easley. The officiating minister, Rev. D. W. Hiott, father of the groom, took his appointed place before a beautiful arch of green and white. The bride and groom entered together and, standing beneath the arch, plighted their wedding vows, the impressive ring ceremony being used. Mrs. Hiott as Miss Williams, has been greatly admired by a large host of friends and is a young lady of unusual beauty and personal charm. Mr. Hiott is one of Easley's best citizens and a business man of high repute. As the editor of the Easley Progress he is admired by a number of friends throughout the state.

Immediately after the ceremony they left in their car for a trip to the mountains of North Carolina and Virginia—Easley, (S. C.) Progress.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiott passed through Forest City Tuesday en route to their home at Easley, S. C. While here they were pleasant callers at the Courier office. Mr. Hiott and his brother, Gary Hiott, were formerly editors of the Courier, and made a host of good friends while here. The Courier joins their many friends in wishing them much happiness and success in the years to come.

Don't let that miserable tired feeling become a habit. Get rid of it today by taking Tanlac. Reinhardt Drug Co.

SHELBY PLAYS HENRIETTA MILLS THURSDAY, JULY 27

Fast Game at Caroleen When Two Crack Teams Hook Up—Notes of Other Games.

A record breaking crowd will greet the fast Henrietta Mills baseball team when they hook up with Shelby at Caroleen Park this afternoon, (Thursday, July 27). Our boys are going to try to wipe out the defeat sustained at Shelby July 19, when they went gloriously down in a fast game resulting in a score of 2-1. Henrietta Mills has gained the reputation of being one of the best amateur teams in the State and surprised some few fans when they trimmed King's Mountain at Henrietta.

Every fan in the county is looking forward to today's game at Caroleen. Some new players have been secured, and when the umpire calls time at 5 o'clock this afternoon our boys will be ready for the battle of their lives.

Henrietta Mills at Shelby

The Shelby correspondent of the Charlotte Observer reports the Henrietta-Shelby game as follows: Shelby, July 19.—Since Henrietta Mills trimmed the husky mountaineers from King's Mountain yesterday a record breaking crowd was out this afternoon to see the newly organized Henrietta Mills outfit in action. It was a fast snappy game from the beginning featured by brilliant fielding by both clubs. Time after time balls that looked like hits were fielded with ease. Vassey, the spitball artist, worked out a good game for Henrietta Mills till the eighth inning when relieved by Hilton. Lee started for Shelby, but came out in the second inning with the bases full after one had scored. Robinson went in and forced them out in order. After that there was no more scoring for Henrietta Mills.

Johnson, Hudson and Robinson led the hitting for Shelby. Red Johnson having a perfect day with three hits out of three times up. Martin and McVey were the hitting stars for Henrietta with two hits each. Henrietta Mills has a fast club and will give somebody trouble before the season is over. Shelby 2 11 1 Henrietta Mills 1 8 6 Lee, Robinson and Gurley; Vassey Hilton and Arnold.

The Game at Tryon

Henrietta Mills journeyed over to Tryon last Thursday and put up a game fight, finally going down to a score of 5-4 in favor of Tryon. The team has no abili to plead, but we are sure that if they had not been worn and tired from their long trip the score would have been different. Our boys went in to the game without rest on practice and had the score tied in the seventh. By the hardest kind of an effort Tryon put over the winning run.

High School Lad Gets No Hit No Run Score

Shelby, July 22.—Fallow, the 19-year-old high school wonder from Batesburg, S. C., pitched a no hit, no run game for Shelby today against Monroe and struck out eight men. It was one of the fastest games seen on the local diamond this year.

Shelby scored in the second inning. Shelby had men on bases nearly every inning, but couldn't get the needed hit to drive in the runs. Poole, Parks and Gurley led the hitting for Shelby with two hits each.

Monroe had a much stronger team than when here before, there being several new faces in their line-up, among them Bob Kirke, the ex-Hornet second baseman.

More than 1,500 yelling fans were out today anxious to see Monroe get a licking. Shelby 1 9 3 Monroe 0 0 2 Batteries—Fallow and Gurley; Lowder and Lowe.

Defeat Tryon, 9-0

Henrietta Mills met Tryon at Henrietta Tuesday and romped away by a score of 9-0. Batteries were Bridgewater and Phillips, Tryon; Fowler and Arnold, Henri-

S. S. CONVENTION CAME TO CLOSE FRIDAY NIGHT

Splendid Speakers and Well Selected Program—Meet at Hollis Next Year—New Officers.

The Rutherford County Sunday-School Convention, held Thursday and Friday at the Methodist church in Forest City, came to a close Friday night, after a most successful meeting.

Sunday school workers of the county had the opportunity of hearing Dr. D. W. Sims, General Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday-School Association at various sessions of the convention. When Mr. Sims took charge of the co-operative Sunday school work in North Carolina in November, 1920, there were only nine of the hundred counties in the state with a County Sunday School Association. Mr. Sims has spoken to Sunday school workers of Rutherford county before, and is noted for his humorous, yet practical and instructive addresses.

Assisting on the program was Miss Flora Davis, Assistant Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association. Miss Davis is a specialist in Adult Bible Class work. For many years she was connected with a large women's Bible class of Montgomery, Alabama. She has had practical experience and special training on all phases of Sunday school work, and her lectures were of special interest to all Sunday school teachers.

Friday morning, Mr. J. B. Avey, of Charlotte, President of the State Sunday School Association, made a great speech and one thoroughly instructive and enjoyable. In the afternoon he spoke on the "Successful Sunday School."

The program was a good one throughout and much good will result from the meeting—Sunday School work being given a great impetus through the many helpful suggestions made by various speakers.

The visitors were given a royal welcome to our city and were loud in their praises of the hospitality of our citizens. A splendid dinner was served on the grounds Friday at noon.

Following a happy speech made by Mr. J. P. D. Withrow, inviting the convention to meet at Hollis next year, his invitation was accepted. The time will be set later by the county president, Mr. C. C. Reid.

The election of county officers resulted as follows: President, C. C. Reid, Rutherfordton; Vice Presidents, Mrs. W. C. Bostic, Capt. B. L. Smith, Forest City; Secretary-Treasurer, R. R. Blanton, Forest City.

Township Presidents—Rutherfordton, J. L. Taylor; Green Hill, J. P. Jones; Union, Miss Mary Willie Lollar; Cool Springs, C. C. Moore; High Shoals, B. E. Roach; Sulphur Springs, G. M. Cole; Gilkey, Rev. A. P. Sorrels; Morgan, L. D. Hemphill; Camp Creek, W. P. Flack; Colfax, J. E. Glover; Duncan's Creek, J. P. D. Withrow; Golden Valley, Miss Hull; Logan's Store, S. Walker; Chimney Rock, Tilford Nanney.

Henrietta Mills. Fowler struck out 15 men, while Henrietta got 11 hits off Bridgewater, including one double and two triples. The attendance was good.

Ready For Shelby

The Henrietta Mills team is all ready for Shelby, and has been strengthened by several new players. The game this afternoon at Caroleen will doubtless prove one of the most interesting and hotly contested of the season. Fans from all over the county will be on hand to root for the home team.

EDITOR ILL

Editor C. E. Alcock has been ill the past two days, but hopes to be out by tomorrow. Several news items were omitted because of his illness, but we hope the readers will accept the paper this week with a spirit of tolerance.

Buy a Ford and spend the difference.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM UNION MILLS

Successful Revival Meeting at Camp Creek Baptist Church—Death of Little Child—Social News.

July 24.—Mrs. L. J. Rodgers, of Columbus, Ga., arrived here Saturday to spend several weeks visiting her mother, Mrs. F. B. Logan.

Mr. and Mrs. Will McKinney and children, of Mitchell county, are visiting Rev. and Mrs. M. L. Buchanan.

Virgie, the little three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, died late Saturday afternoon, following an illness of several weeks. The funeral was held at Round Hill Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, being conducted by the pastor, Rev. M. L. Buchanan. Interment was in the Round Hill cemetery.

A successful revival meeting was held at Camp Creek Baptist church last week. Rev. J. H. Smith, of Spartanburg, did the preaching and was assisted by Revs. B. M. Hamrick and N. H. Walker. A Sunday school has been organized at the church. Rev. W. H. Walker, of Union Mills has just been elected pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Morgan and children, of Forest City, visited Mr. Morgan's parents here Sunday.

Mr. Memory Freeman and Misses Jacqueline Hill, Lila Freeman and Alda Freeman, of Cliffside, visited relatives and friends in Union Mills Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. M. J. Knott, Matron of Round Hill Academy, spent the week-end in Mayo, S. C., visiting relatives.

Prof. and Mrs. H. A. Nanney and attractive little daughter, Elizabeth Weeks Nanney, after spending two weeks here with relatives of Mr. Nanney, will leave Tuesday morning for their home in Macon.

Wednesday of this week will be observed here as labor day when local patrons and friends of the school will meet to finish the new athletic field at Round Hill Academy. The ladies will serve a big picnic dinner to the workers. Quite a little work yet remains to be done on the field in the way of grading and building the grandstand.

Round Hill will have strong teams in both baseball and basketball next year. In baseball there will be six or more aspirants for a place on the pitching staff. Games with Fruitland Institute, Yancey Collegiate Institute, Boiling Springs and other high schools will be arranged for the fall term.

Misses Mildred Rucker and Catherine Bennett McCall, of Charlotte, accompanied by Miss Minnie Sue Rucker, of Gilkey, spent Thursday in Union Mills, the guest of Postmaster and Mrs. C. C. Goforth.

Mr. Sam Nanney, of Flat Rock, is visiting his brother, Mr. L. C. Nanney, and other relatives here. Tate station on the C. C. & O. now has a general store owned and managed by two young ladies, Misses Elenor Sparks, of Tate, and Parnell, of Pensecola, who recently purchased the stock of goods of Sparks and Tate. Sparks and Parnell is the style of the new firm.

The Women's Missionary Union of the Baptist church met with Mrs. C. Y. Nanney Saturday afternoon. After all matters of business had been disposed of, the hostess served refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hollifield, of King's Creek, S. C., visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hollifield Sunday. Mr. Hollifield is agent for the Southern Railway at King's Creek.

AUCTION SALE AUGUST 5

We are printing an advertisement on another page of this issue announcing an auction sale of land held by Mr. J. D. Ledbetter. Anyone interested in buying a farm should turn to this page and see what Mr. Ledbetter has to offer. The terms are easy and the land is to go at your own price. In addition to the sale there will be a watermelon feast and band concerts. Prizes will also be given to the lucky ones on this day.

NEWSY LETTER FROM HENRIETTA CORRESPONDENT

Serious Accident at Bridge Over Floyds Creek—Bible Class Entertains—Social News.

Miss Mahaffee Entertains

Last Friday evening Miss Florence Mahaffee entertained a number of her friends at her home, the occasion being in honor of her cousin, Miss Gertrude Fanning, of Langley, S. C. Interesting games and music were enjoyed throughout the evening and delightful punch was served which was indeed refreshing. The number enjoying Miss Mahaffee's hospitality were Misses Ruth Higgins, Sadie and Edith Jenkins, Ola and Sarah Wilkins, Alice Edwards, Ada Smith, Francis and Louise Tabor, and Gertrude Fanning; Messrs. Buren Phillips, Charles Poole, Robert Neal, Miles Haynes, Henry Jenkins, Hicks Hamrick, Joe Whisnant, Walter Smith, B. C. Whitehead, Clyde and M. B. Mahaffee.

Bible Class Entertains

The Moore's Bible class of the Baptist church entertained their wives and friends at a delightful ice cream supper Saturday evening at the lovely home of Mr. W. S. Moore, their beloved teacher. The beautiful lawn with its special arrangements of electric lights proved an ideal place for the affair and a hundred or more young folks gathered for the pleasant occasion. Under the arbor Mrs. Moore sliced and prepared the delicious home-made cakes and about ten gallons of cream was served to the crowd.

Serious Accident

Last Sunday evening a rather serious accident occurred between Harris station and Henrietta at the bridge over Floyds creek, when a car driven by Mr. Walter Phillips turned over the embankment at the end of the bridge. There was a buggy on the bridge and to avoid running into the vehicle a chance had to be taken by the driver which resulted in the car being turned top. Fortunately the driver was not seriously hurt, receiving only a fractured rib, and the young lady with him, Miss Emily Allen was not injured at all.

Miss Elma Scoggins, who has been employed for several years at the Henrietta store, goes to Caroleen to work the first of the month. We regret much to see her leave Henrietta. She is spending her vacation this week at home.

Mrs. L. A. Niven, of Birmingham, Ala., spent several days here, visiting her sister, Mrs. Ella Bryant. She returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. J. F. Sherard left Monday for Ninety Six, S. C., where she goes to spend a week or more with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Anna Sherard.

Miss Ola Lovelace, her father and mother, with Miss Lois Yelton, all of Rutherfordton, spent Tuesday very pleasantly with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lovelace.

Mrs. Nan Crawley and children, of Spartanburg, are spending a few days here the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McMahan.

Mrs. Tom Babington, of Shelby, spent Sunday night and Monday here visiting her sister, Mrs. R. L. Armour.

FOUR TOMATOES WEIGH 4 POUNDS, 5 OUNCES

Mr. J. L. Gamble, of Forest City, was a pleasant visitor at the Courier office last Monday when he came to make the editor a present of four large tomatoes which he had raised. The four of them weighed 4 pounds and 5 ounces and were of the Brimmer variety. Mr. Gamble said he had picked 5 pounds and 5 ounces of tomatoes off one vine that morning and thought he would get at least that many more off the same vine. Mr. Gamble also renewed his subscription to his home paper while here and had much praise for our efforts toward making the Courier one of the best weekly newspapers in the state.