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to perfection in any calling, but here's a doctor whose picture should adorn the Hall of Fame. He stopped the nurse and asked her how the fellow was getting along that he fixed up with mule glands. "The operation was a success, Doctor," she said, "he KICKED himself to death." You'll not "kick" if you select the things that go to make up a meal, at our store. All that you need do is choose, from our stock, the things you want. We have done the selecting of quality for you.

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DEATH CLAIMS MRS. MAGGIE WILKINS

Funeral Services Held at Florence Baptist Church June 22nd

Funeral services were held at the Florence Baptist church Friday, June 22, at 2:00 o'clock for Mrs. Maggie Wilkins, age 50 years, 10 months and 23 days, who died at her home on Church street Thursday morning, June 21, at 10:15 o'clock. Revs. Z. D. Harrill, C. C. Matheny and H. C. Sisk officiated and interment was made in Cool Springs cemetery.

The deceased is survived by her mother, one brother and a host of friends.

She had been in ill health for over a year, but only in bed for a week.

The many beautiful flowers were carried by ten members of the Woman's Missionary society of which she was a faithful member.

She was a member of the Florence Baptist church, a good woman and had been a widow for five years.

LEWIS HOME DESTROYED

The home of Mr. E. A. Lewis of Alexander Mills, was destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon, June 21. The house was owned by Mr. A. A. Abernethy of Alexander. There was no insurance. The loss is estimated to be \$1,000. Mrs. Lewis, who is a cripple had a narrow escape. The origin of the fire is unknown.

MORRIS-LAUGHRIDGE

Mr. Hicks Morris was married in Gaffney, S. C., last week to Miss Beatrice Laughridge. Both are from Forest City and have the congratulations of their many friends.

VETERANS GET PENSIONS

State Auditor Baxter Durham has notified the Davis-Dickerson - Mills Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy that the following Confederate veterans have been recently placed on the State Pension Roll and will get checks in June of \$182.50 each: Messrs. J. H. Crawford, Isaac Hollifield, K. J. Carpenter, Littlejohn Kennedy and J. L. Wright. All veterans on the State pension roll now get \$1 per day.

INTERESTING AND OTHERWISE

(CLARENCE GRIFFIN)

Progress of Mail Service

Good mail service today is the rule rather than the exception. The slightest delay in the mail or a mistake by a postal employee is a signal for a 'dressing down' of the entire postal system. Today's efficient service is not the result of chance, and has not always been with us. It is within the recollection of the oldest inhabitant that weeks elapsed between the time of mailing a letter in New York and the date of its receipt here.

Many people who have not yet lived their allotted span of three score and ten years can remember the old stage coach as it bumped its way into Forest City from Charlotte, headed for Asheville, while the memory of the oldest inhabitant can recall the shrill notes of 'Uncle' Levi Hamilton's bugle as he came down the crooked turnpike from Rutherfordton headed for Shelby. 'Uncle' Levi, a trusted old ante-bellum negro, would drive his coach into Burnt Chimney around four o'clock each morning. Before entering town he would sound his bugle lustily as a signal for the postmaster to have ready the outgoing mail.

Strange as it may seem today, the present postal system has not been with us many years. It was not until 1848 that the United States Government used stamps, and the R. F. D. routes were not inaugurated until a few years before the Spanish-American war.

Prior to the coming of the railroads the mail was carried over dim trails on horseback, packed in saddlebags. This mail was gathered at central points and riders carried it to various distributing centers over the state. Over some sections of the state, which were served by roads suited for carriages the mail was transported by stage coach.

Before the advent of the rural free delivery routes and the present efficient system of transporting the mails, every community center or 'Company' had a postoffice. The county was not, until 1868, divided into townships, but into 'companies' instead. These postoffices each served all patrons within a given area, just as a school now serves all patrons within a district.

In 1850, the population of Rutherford county was 13,550. The county embraced all the territory now within its present bounds and Polk county as well, since that county was not formed until two years later. Fourteen postoffices served this area. It is interesting now to look at the old postal directory for 1850 which gave Rutherford county's postoffices as follows: Buck Shoals, Chimney Rock, Golden Valley, Green Hill, Hicksville, Island Ford, Logans Store, Montfords Cove, Pickney, Rutherfordton, Sandy Plains, Webb Ford, Tryon and White Oak.

From 1850 to 1860 the population of the county dropped to 11,573, due partly to the formation of Polk county from its borders. Yet in 1860 the county had twenty-one postoffices. Buck Shoals, Montfords Cove, Tryon, White Oak and Pickney had been dropped from the above list and Brittain, Butler, Cedar Creek, Coopers Gap, Cuba, First Broad, Grassy Knob, High Shoals, Oak Springs, Otter Creek, Pattons Home and Suck Creek added as new postoffices. Ten years later, 1870, the county was served by sixteen offices. Butler, Cedar Creek, Hicksville, High Shoals, Island Ford and Suck Creek had been dropped from the list or consolidated with other offices, and Burnt Chimney was added to the list.

The increased population of the county in 1880 made it necessary to almost double the number of offices, there being twenty-four in the county that year. In 1890 the total had crept up to 43, and in 1900 to 45. From that date to the present the number of offices have been decreasing, due to the rural free delivery service.

The R. F. D. service was first put into operation in North Carolina on

MISS HELEN WILSON WEDS ROBERT BLAND

Caroleen Man Claims Miss Wilson, of Nebo, For Bride

Nebo, June 27.—A wedding marked with simplicity and beauty was that which took place Monday evening June 25, at 8:30 o'clock at the home of the bride, when Miss Helen Wilson of Nebo, became the bride of Mr. Robert Bland, of Caroleen, N. C.

The home was beautifully decorated with baskets of sweet peas, ferns and potted plants. The improvised altar was banked with rhododendron and on either side were tall white standards, bearing white candles with flickering glow, which lent fascination to the attractiveness of the wedding scene. The vows were spoken under an arch of lovely lilies. Rev. H. E. Stimson, pastor of the bride, officiated, using the impressive ring ceremony.

To the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Miss Helen Plant, cousin of the bride, the happy couple descended the stairs and entered the living room to the improvised altar, preceded by the maid of honor, Miss Lottie Wilson, sister of the bride, the only attendant.

During the ceremony soft music was played which added much to its impressiveness.

Following the taking of the vows a reception was held. The bride's table in the dining room was a picture of loveliness. The cover was of file lace over pink, and bore four pink candles in silver holders. Bowls of sweet peas were attractively used in the decorations. During the reception the bride cut the immense white wedding cake, and was followed by the guests.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mrs. John L. Wilson and is possessed of great charm and talent. She was formerly a successful teacher of McDowell county but for the past

October 23, 1896, with the establishment of two routes from China Grove, N. C. This branch of service was at first experimental and its adoption by the postoffice department for all offices was slow. It was not until March 2, 1903 that the first route was established in this county. This was R. F. D. 1, Rutherfordton, with Mr. Josephus Mode carrier. The R. F. D. service sounded the death knell of the numerous small community center postoffices. By 1910 the service had eliminated almost half of the offices in the county, and, despite a heavy increase of the number of mail patrons by 1920 there were only twenty one offices in the county, while the number of R. F. D. routes had increased to twenty. At present there are twenty-one offices in the county, and twenty-two R. F. D. routes.

few years has been a popular member of the faculty of the Caroleen Schools. The groom is the son of Mrs. S. A. Bland, of Caroleen, and is a prominent business man of that town, having held a responsible position with Henrietta-Caroleen Manufacturing Company for a number of years.

The happy pair left by motor for Wrightsville Beach and other points in Eastern North Carolina.

RELIEF FROM CURSE OF CONSTIPATION

A Battle Creek physician says, 'Constipation is responsible for more misery than any other cause.' But immediate relief has been found. A tablet called Rexall Orderless has been discovered. This tablet attracts water from the system into the lazy, dry, evacuating bowel called the colon. The water cools the dry food waste and causes a gentle, thorough, natural movement without forming a habit or ever increasing the dose.

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