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LIEUT. G. T. EVERETT RECEIVED PROMOTION

Laurinburg Man Named by Secretary of War as Military Instructor at Maryland Agricultural College.

It will be interesting to the friends and relatives of Lieut. George T. Everett to know that he has been selected by Secretary of War Garrison as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the Maryland Agricultural College to succeed Maj. James A. Dapray.

Lieut. Everett is a son of Mrs. M. W. Everett of this city, and is a young man of the finest character and ability. He has filled the office of First Lieutenant of the Twenty-fourth Infantry with credit and distinction for quite a while, and has just recently returned from the Phillipine Islands, where he has been doing service.

The honor that has been conferred upon Mr. Everett is one that brings a feeling of pride to his friends and relatives here and elsewhere.

Regarding his appointment the Washington Times of January 14th says:

Secretary of War Garrison today detailed First Lieut. George T. Everett, of the Twenty-fourth Infantry, as professor of military science and tactics at the Maryland Agricultural College. Lieutenant Everett, who now is stationed at the Presidio, at San Francisco, has been instructed to leave at once to assume his new station.

The post at the Maryland Agricultural College has been vacant since the resignation of Major James A. Dapray, after a quarrel with the trustees. Subsequently, Secretary Garrison threatened to withdraw military instruction from the college unless the trustees and the State of Maryland constructed suitable quarters for the military classes and for close drills.

Governor Goldsborough assured the War Department that these conditions would be complied with, and relying on these assurances, Secretary Garrison gave orders permitting the re-[illegible] of military training at the [illegible] as instructor.

Death of Mr. J. A. Campbell.

After an illness of but four days from pneumonia, Mr. John A. Campbell, aged about 65 years, died at his home at the Dixon Mill Friday afternoon.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. J. B. Thompson Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the burial taking place at the McCall burying ground about two miles north of Laurinburg.

Mr. Campbell was a carpenter by profession and was quiet, unassuming and good citizen.

The stricken family have the sympathy of their friends and the community.

Honor Rolls.

Following are the honor rolls of the Rockdale school, Gibson and the Edinboro school.

ROCKDALE.

First Grade—Elizabeth Adams, Clarence Bullard, Lucy Gibson, Nancy Teal, Nina Fletcher.

Second Grade—Francis Louise Adams, Nelson Fletcher, Alma Mudd.

Third Grade—Willie Bullard.

Fourth Grade—Edith Gibson.

Fifth Grade—Annie Bullard, Bessie Gibson, Sara Gibson.

Seventh Grade—Dewey Pearson.

Eighth Grade—Dannie Parrish.

Tenth Grade—Annie McNeill.

Edinboro—Margaret Warwick, Louise Warwick, James Fee, Minnie Fee, Hattie Fee, Cora Fee, Willie Gibson, Etha Austin, Carrie Austin, Genevieve Lee, William Smith, Clayton Smith, Walter Smith, Mattie Peele, Annie Peele, Mary Peele, Luia Peele, Robert Peele, Mamie Walters, Estalle Driggrs, Josie Walters, Angus Walters, Fletcher Goodwin, Thomas Porter Jessie Fee and Hanah Fee.

Slow Pay—Fast Driver.

"What do you know of the character of the defendant" the Judge asked a negro washwoman subpoenaed in an accident case.

A white man had been arrested for careless driving of a second-hand car.

"He's reliable," Miranda said.

"Have you ever seen him drive his car before?"

"Yes, suh."

"Would you consider him careless?"

"Well, Judge, as fer de sake dat dat [illegible] ain't gwinter hurt nobody, [illegible] to be all here, I might as well tell yo' dat he aho' is learning [illegible] his wash."

SCOTLAND BANKS SHOW MUCH PROGRESS

Over One and a Quarter Million Dollars Laid Away in Our Banks—Increase Over Last Year.

As good churches and schools indicate religious and moral advancement; as well kept stores, paved streets and walks, and a clean town indicate civic progress, and as an empty poor house speaks of the thrift and energy of a people, so does strong, well filled banks tell of the commercial and financial welfare of a community, and this being true, Scotland county has reason to feel just a tiny bit proud and eminently satisfied.

In accordance with calls from the Comptroller of the Currency and the Corporation Commission, the banks here, as elsewhere, made reports as to their health or weakness, as the case might be, on December 31st, 1915, and the reports as contained in our last issue gives pleasing evidence of the good standing of our county in the financial affairs of the world.

There are five banking institutions in the county, some young and some old, and all in fine condition. Remember please, that Scotland county is a small county as square miles are counted, but as the voice of money speaks, it is one of the large powers in the State.

The combined resources of our banks total $1,627,131.51. There is on deposit in these banks $1,272,642.53.

The five institutions and their respective business powers this year as compared with the same period last year, show a healthy increase in both the total resources and the deposits held in trust. In total resources they show a gain over Jan. 1st, 1915, of $139,855.07; in deposits a gain of $228,588.15.

Individually they make the following showing:

The State Bank, Laurinburg—
Resources Jan. 1st, 1915, $[illegible].77.
Resources Jan. 1st, 1916, $[illegible].65.
Deposits Jan. 1st, 1915, $744,[illegible].17.
Deposits Jan. 1st, 1916, $747,847.69.

First National Bank, Laurinburg—
Resources Jan. 1st, 1915, $[illegible]
Resources Jan. 1st, 1916, $[illegible]
Deposits Jan. 1st, 1915, $[illegible]
Deposits Jan. 1st, 1916, $177,572.09.

Scotland County Savings Bank, Laurinburg—
Resources Jan. 1st, 1915, $161,003.45.
Resources Jan. 1st, 1916, $213,705.99.
Deposits Jan. 1st, 1915, $144,572.45.
Deposits Jan. 1st, 1916, $194,290.93.

Bank of Wagram, Wagram—
Resources Jan. 1st, 1915, $83,293.08.
Resources Jan. 1st, 1916, $87,894.25.
Deposits Jan. 1st, 1915, $32,798.77.
Deposits Jan. 1st, 1916, $56,707.73.

Bank of Gibson, Gibson—
Resources Jan. 1st, 1915, $87,188.13.
Resources Jan. 1st, 1916, $120,113.85.
Deposits Jan. 1st, 1915, $46,945.81.
Deposits Jan. 1st, 1916, $96,424.39.

If this money that is on deposit in the banks of Scotland county could be divided out according to the Socialistic idea of division of the wealth of the nation, basing the division of the last census, every man, woman and child, both white and black, in Scotland county, would have more than $80 each.

Anybody want a division? Speak up quick.

Maybe Lee Correll.

The topic of baseball coach for the A. & M. team for the 1916 season is absorbing among fans and players at present. The vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Fred Anderson will be filled at a meeting of the athletic council to be held the first of February.

Already there are a number of candidates for the position, but nothing definite can be said yet, except that it is pretty generally believed that Captain Winston will actually determine who the coach will be. Winston's ability as a baseball player and his knowledge of "inside baseball" qualify him for selecting a man for the position. Lee Correll, who has served his four years as a college player, and who has played in the Southern league for two seasons with Columbia, has been mentioned in connection with this year's pilot for the team. Correll is a fielder and able batter, and stands a chance for the position.—News and Observer.

Claims to be Over 100.

Mrs. Caroline Chavis, who was recently placed on the pension list of widows of confederate soldiers, stated that she was born on Jan. 1, 1816, and is now over 100 years old. She is the widow of W. J. Chavis, a confederate soldier.—Pee Dee Advocate.

It's no disgrace to be poor unless you were once rich.

THINGS PERTAINING TO LIFE

By Harry M. [illegible] North.

THE PRACTICAL JOKER.

The picture and the story of a man who changed the sign-board at the forks of the road. The board was made to point in the wrong direction and the man had done it for fun. Shortly after the change a messenger came running for a doctor for a man who was very sick. He naturally followed the wrong road and did not get the physician in time to save the sick man. But what difference did this make so long as the first fellow could have his fun.

The practical joker holds human safety and convenience and comfort as a small thing if he can but get a moment's diversion out of the matter. People have gone maimed through life or have come to an untimely end as a sacrifice to his sense of humor. Oh, certainly, he may be repentant and sorry afterward and may make many apologies, but this does not restore the loss he has occasioned by his folly.

The important thing is that he should have his laugh, have his fun. Some folks have strange ideas of amusement. They do not consider the cost if they do not have to bear it. What pleasure is there in the pain or discomfort of others? This man delights to get another at disadvantage and put him to confusion; he wants to see the tears flow and to hear the cry from the injured one.

It is usual for him to select a weaker person or some one for the time off his guard to be the victim of the jest or horse play. May be it is a child or a woman or an unsuspecting man. He assured that it is not one who just then is in a position to defend himself against the assault. Health is upon the spirit of unfairness and cowardness. Otherwise the laugh might be turned upon him and he be the one to howl in pain. Hazing is an excellent example of this. Here you have the many against the one, and possibly they are concealed by disguises [illegible] against the victim. This is a high type of humanity, is it not?

There is something selfish and brutal in this joker. You would not consider him a pleasant person to be with, since he has no consideration for the feelings of others. There appears nothing of fineness in the texture of his character, no delicacy in his soul, but he is rough and uncouth and coarse. Surely there is no other sort of fun so low as this. The joker takes an unreasonable time for his merriment; everything is forced and uncalled-for. Frequently he himself is the only one to laugh, and his laughter is loud and long. The victim of his unseemly and ill-mannered jest is pained too much to enter into the merriment. Tears would better suit his case.

Of course one will occasionally play a joke of this kind on another who does not make a habit of doing so. Let him cease at once lest he become used to it and hardened in that way to the consequences. It is a bad tendency for any of us.

Now there is a sort of fun that is sweet, and like the sunshine it gladdens and blesses. There is fun that brings no sorrow with it but heals the pain of human hearts instead of increasing that suffering. There is a laughter that is full of kindness and love making music in the soul. Against such fun and such jokes there is no law either human or Divine, but much in its favor. Let us rejoice in this kind but shun every form that hurts.

Death of Mr. D. D. Stubbs.

Gibson.—D. D. Stubbs, who resided three miles west of Gibson, passed away Jan. 9th at 10 o'clock at the age of 72 years. Mr. Stubbs had been confined to his bed for three years, and his death was not a surprise to his many friends. He was one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of this section—was for 18 years postmaster at Brightsville and justice of the peace for a number of years. He leaves a widow, four sons and four daughters.

His sons are Hector and W. H. Stubbs of McColl; Colin and Luther Stubbs of Laurel Hill. His daughters are Mrs. J. D. McQueen of Brightsville; Mrs. H. C. Townsend of Bennettsville, Mrs. Roswell Smith of Laurel Hill and Mrs. W. F. Lovin of Gibson.

Thank goodness the sleigh riding rule of driving with one hand holds good for carriage rides on moonlight nights.

[illegible]ING TO LIFE

[illegible] North.

[illegible] JOKER.

[illegible]CHERS' ASSOCIATION MET.

[illegible]and County Teachers' Association Have Successful and Helpful Meeting.

(Communicated.)

[illegible] January meeting of the Scot[illegible] County Teachers' Association [illegible] held at Mason's Cross last Sat[illegible], Jan. 15th. The day was very [illegible] and disagreeable but the attend[illegible] was good. Thirty-seven out of [illegible] answered the roll call.

[illegible] meeting was called to order by [illegible]ident Williamson at 11 o'clock. [illegible] Cranford, the invited speaker [illegible] absent, the association immed[illegible] took up the question of a [illegible]ers' Reading Circle. After sev[illegible] spirited talks, the teachers prac[illegible] unanimously decided to adopt [illegible] work as planned and outlined by [illegible] State University. Prof. Rabb and [illegible] McMillan were elected section [illegible] for this work.

[illegible] Boyce of the Laurinburg Grad[illegible] school conducted a writing class, [illegible] teachers assuming the role of [illegible]. Her purpose was to demon[illegible] the superiority of the Palmer [illegible].

[illegible] exercises were suspended for [illegible]. The usual Scotland county [illegible] followed, to which justice was [illegible] in an enthusiastic manner.

[illegible] after dinner program consisted [illegible] reports on Moonlight Schools, ar[illegible] for County Commence[illegible] and other business.

[illegible] meeting adjourned at 2:30. At [illegible] Prof. Cranford, who had been [illegible] to Bennettsville on school busi[illegible] for his own county, arrived in an [illegible]. He expressed himself as [illegible] he would be able to get to [illegible] before adjournment, and [illegible] his speech in the afternoon. [illegible] justice to Prof. Cranford, who [illegible] his enforced absence was liable [illegible] from his neighbor county [illegible].

[illegible] at Wagram.

Mrs. Lytch's Brother Passes.

[illegible]. W. McN. Lytch received a [illegible] Wednesday night announcing the death of her brother, Mr. Mi[illegible] M. Sistrunk at Monthrop, Fla. [illegible] regarding Mr. Sistrunk, his illness [illegible] death the Ocala, (Fla.,) Daily [illegible]:

[illegible]r. Minor M. Sistrunk, a citizen of [illegible] county, and well known and be[illegible] by many people in Marion, died [illegible] his home near Monthrook Wednes[illegible] evening.

[illegible]r. Sistrunk had been very ill for [illegible] months with throat trouble, suf[illegible] intensely all the time. He had [illegible] a sufferer for health for years, [illegible] best surgical skill being of no [illegible]. He was a patient of the Mar[illegible] County Hospital for several weeks [illegible] November and December, and [illegible] returning to his home had been [illegible] by a specialist, but all medi[illegible] skill and the loving care of his [illegible]ily and other relations and the [illegible]titude of friends proved of no [illegible].

[illegible]r. Sistrunk was born forty-nine [illegible] ago on the plantation home of [illegible] parents at Stafford's pond near [illegible]throok. He leaves a widow and [illegible] children; an aged father, Mr. J. [illegible] Sistrunk, and two brothers, Messrs. [illegible] T. and Henry Sistrunk of this city; [illegible] sisters, Miss Rosabelle Sistrunk [illegible] Monthrook, Mrs. J. N. Willis of [illegible]liston, Mrs. William Lytch of Lau[illegible]burg, N. C., and Mrs. J. S. Blitch [illegible] Monthrook.

[illegible] brothers, Willard and Carlos, [illegible] preceded him to the bourne from [illegible]ich none return, and both died in [illegible] month of January, the former on [illegible] sixth, seventeen years ago, and [illegible] latter two years ago, on the 12th.

[illegible] passes from us in the prime of [illegible] a good and useful man, whose loss [illegible]ll be severely felt not only by his [illegible]mily and personal friends, but the [illegible]munity at large.

Two Old Darkies Dead.

The old time negroes are fast passing away, and their passing brings many thoughts of sorrow and regret [illegible] the hearts of their white friends.

Two have passed over the great [illegible]vide during the past week. These [illegible]ere Prince Albert Malloy, who died [illegible] his home on Laurinburg R. F. D. [illegible]o. 2, Sunday afternoon, and Charlie [illegible]Howard. Howard was one of the old [illegible]ype of negros, and had lived here [illegible] Laurinburg for many years. He [illegible]ed of pneumonia January the 11th.

LACY McLAUCHLIN SERIOUSLY STABBED

Scotland Citizen Received Serious Wound While Attempting to Make Peace Between Two Men.

The friends and relatives of Mr. Lacy McLauchlin were distressed to learn of the serious accident which befell him at his adopted home, Florala, Ala., on Monday of last week, when he was seriously and perhaps fatally stabbed while attempting to make peace between two men who were engaged in a fight.

From what can be learned of the happening, Mr. McLauchlin was witnessing a fight between two men, and attempted to separate them. One of the belligerents, who was armed with a knife, continued to fight regardless of the presence and efforts of Mr. McLauchlin, and in his rage stabbed him.

The first message that came announcing the sad affair, bore the distressing news that the injury was a fatal one, and it was hourly expected that a message announcing his death would come.

Mr. McLauchlin's brother, Mr. D. L. McLauchlin, left as soon as possible, Tuesday, for the Alabama town, and he with another brother and a sister, have been at the bedside of the young man since.

The latest message received conveyed the good news that he had rallied from the shock of the wound and was in a more hopeful condition.

Mr. McLauchlin is the son of Mrs. B. L. McLauchlin, of Wagram, and a nephew of our townsman, Mr. A. H. McLauchlin. He is 26 years of age and has been in Alabama for seven or eight years.

SCHOOL LETTER.

Facts About the Laurinburg Schools—Preliminary Debates.

School work has begun with a vim, and in the high school especially has there been a noticeable improvement in the quality of work done. This may be due to the fact that those who make a grade of ninety on every subject will be exempt from examinations. Whatever may be the cause, we are glad to note that this improvement comes with increased interest in society work, and with extra duties connected with the tri-angular debate.

Some time before Christmas every member of each society agreed to enter the preliminary debate that was to be one of a series of debates to determine our representatives for the tri-angular debate. On Monday of this week the Euphemian Society had its preliminary, and on Tuesday the Philomathian Society had its first contest. In each contest the girls upheld the affirmative and the boys the negative side of the query. The girls won in the Euphemian Society and the boys in the Philomathian. The interest manifested by every pupil was remarkable. On the morning of Tuesday, January 26, at nine-thirty the semi-finals will be held. This will also be an inter-society debate since the representatives selected in the preliminaries will have for their opponents members from the other society. The final debate will be held on the night of February fourth. The pupils deserve your presence and interest, and we feel that an invitation will be sufficient to secure your presence at both of these debates. We know that we will entertain you, and we believe that we will surprise you as to what can be done.

Several improvements have been made since our last letter, and all of these are due to the efforts and interest of the pupils. The societies of the High School presented to the school a handsome table and eleven chairs for the auditorium stage. This represents a cost of something over $50.00. The third grade has added a pencil sharpener to the equipment of its room, and though the fourth grade can display no evidence of its interest during the past month, still it deserves great credit for selling nearly a thousand Red Cross Seals, and appropriating the equivalent of the prize that it was to receive in money to the Red Cross fund. We are all looking forward to the time when each grade will have an opportunity to plant and care for the flower beds that have been assigned it.

Next Monday will be the day for the semi-annual promotions, and with very few exceptions every section will be promoted as a whole.

The attention of the patrons is called to the fact that there are still book bills that have not been paid, and that it is our desire to close this matter up within the next week.

R. W. Rabb.

QUICK AND STANTON INDICTED FOR MURDER

Two Marlboro Men Charged as Being Slayers of Emerson Wright—Two Versions Given Before Coroner

Louder Quick and Frank Stanton, Marlboro citizens, charged with the murder of Emerson Wright of Scotland county, were given a hearing before the coroner at Bennettsville, S. C., and both are under indictment, Quick for the actual shooting and Stanton as accessory.

Our readers will recall the happening which took place January 3rd.

There seems to be a wide difference in the testimony of those who were present as to the tragedy, as will be noted from the following, which is taken from the last issue of the Pee Dee Advocate:

An inquest was held Thursday by Coroner T. F. McRae, at which the following facts were brought out:

Wright and Quick spent most of the day in Bennettsville Monday, and were on their way home that night.

E. W. Quick, C. C. Caulk and W. Ed. Caulk were in automobile. The lights went out and Quick got out to fix them. While they were stopped, Louder Quick and Frank Stanton drove up in a buggy, drove around the automobile and stopped. Soon Emerson Wright and his brother, M. M. Wright came along in a buggy and drove around the automobile, but a wheel of their buggy caught a wheel of Louder Quick's buggy. This brought on a row which resulted in several shots being fired and the death of Emerson Wright.

According to the testimony of those who were in the automobile, when the Wright's drove into Quick's buggy, Quick said: "Hold on Emerson, you are hung in my wheel." Wright replied: "You needn't crow about it so." Quick said: "I can crow as big as you can", and stepped out of his buggy. Then a shot was fired from Wright's buggy, and was followed by several shots from both sides.

Says Wright's Did Not Shoot.

M. M. Wright testified as follows: We were coming from Bennettsville [illegible] o'clock Jan. 3rd. We [illegible] this side of Boykin church. They were taking it slow, and we started to drive around them to the right side. Loud Quick said, "It looks like you are in a hell of a hurry." I said, "Yes, we want to get home." Loud said, "Well, you d—— get faster." We were nearly around in front and a pistol fired from behind us. The second time it fired my brother fell over in my lap and said, "Manly, I'm shot." There were two or three more shots after he was hit. I don't know who fired the shot. Neither my brother or myself shot. We had nothing to shoot with. I saw no auto at all. Neither of us were drinking.

(Signed) M. M. Wright.

Was Shot in Back.

Dr. E. A. Livingston of Gibson testified that he was called to see Emerson Wright and found him in a semi-conscious condition on the porch of a house on T. J. Adam's place; that he was shot in the back of the neck, below the base of the skull and to the left of the median line, the ball ranging slightly towards the median line and upward.

Rev. G. W. Davis was foreman of the coroner's jury, which rendered the following verdict: "That Emerson Wright came to his death by a gunshot wound in the hands of Louder Quick, and Frank Stanton as accessory. (Signed) T. F. McRae, coroner; G. W. Davis, foreman; W. H. Gibson, Joe Hubbard, W. J. Adams, T. W. Huckabee, W. P. Adams."

Out on Bond.

Louder Quick came to Bennettsville and surrendered to sheriff Patterson Thursday night. He was later released on $500 bond. Stanton was released on $500 bond.

Quick has a pair of pants with a bullet hole through one leg, near the crotch, which he says was shot by Wright.

Injured by Dynamite.

McColl, S. C., Jan. 18.—Reese Bethea, 18-year-old son of Noah Bethea, of the Adamsville section, narrowly escaped instant death by a dynamite explosion Saturday. The youth was blowing up stumps; and it is said that he threw the dynamite under the lighted stump. For a while it was thought he was dead; but, though badly injured about the legs, arms and face, he will live. It is thought one eye is lost.

The bald headed man is thankful that the fly doesn't have feathers on his feet.