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NEXT B. & L. CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN THIS CITY

In the past Albemarle has been unable to attract, or to entertain, any of the larger meetings or conventions, but at last we have reached the stage where we can look forward to the time when we shall be prepared to accommodate various meetings and organizations. The certainty of the completion of the new hotel between now and next June, enabled Messrs. W. L. Mann and A. P. Harris who attended the State meeting of the Building and Loan League, at Wrightsville Beach, last week, to land the next state convention for Albemarle. This convention will be held next June and will bring from seventy five to one hundred visitors to Albemarle from practically every county in the State. This is the beginning of bigger things along this line for Albemarle. A strong pull will be made to land the annual meeting of the North Carolina Press Association here at a not far distant future date, and other organizations of similar kind will no doubt be attracted to Albemarle in the future for their annual meetings.

Our townsman, Mr. A. P. Harris, who attended the convention at Wrightsville last week, was right signally honored by being elected a member of the Executive Committee of the State Building and Loan League.

Albemarle was selected by the League as the place for the convention next summer by an overwhelming vote in which both Asheville and Winston-Salem were pulling against her for the convention to be held in those cities.

The meeting of such organizations as the State Building and Loan League should serve as a call to every patriotic citizen of the town to do his part in improving his premises and co-operating in every way towards making Albemarle one of the most attractive places in the country. The climate of this town is ideal in almost any season of the year. The scenery is most magnificent. No prettier spot can be found in the State. Within a fifteen minutes' ride one can take in a part of the Uwharrie Mountains, Badin, where the biggest aluminum plant in America is located, and other places of interest to the outsider. There is no reason why this town could not be made one of the choicest convention cities of the State in the near future. We have great possibilities in the future if every citizen of the town will co-operate in a proper manner.

OLD SOLDIER SHOT FROM AMBUSH NEAR OAKBORO

Mr. Frank Morgan, an old Confederate veteran about seventy-eight years of age, was shot from ambush near Oakboro yesterday afternoon. He was passing along through a wood traveling a somewhat abandoned path when suddenly and without warning he was fired upon by someone, a shotgun having been used, with the result that he was rather seriously wounded, a large number of shot having entered his body. It is said that he was wearing his Confederate badge, and the party who shot him possibly took it for a prohibition officer's badge, and fired, thinking he was shooting a revenue officer.

It will be remembered that three or four years ago near the same section a man by the name of Shoe was shot and instantly killed while passing through the woods, but the guilty party was never apprehended, and until this day the slayer of Mr. Shoe is unknown. Sheriff Morton was called and rushed to the scene of the shooting promptly, and proceeded to scour the woods for the assailant of Mr. Morgan, but, although he and his deputies are at work on the case this morning as we go to press there seems to be no clue as to the guilty party. While Mr. Morgan is seriously wounded, it is hoped that he will recover in the absence of complications.

TEACHERS' SUMMER SCHOOL OPENS TODAY

The teachers' summer school opens today in Albemarle and as we go to press quite a goodly number of public school teachers of the county are arriving and getting suitable quarters for the occasion.

TWO GAMES GO TO OFFSET ONLY LOSS OF THE WEEK

The Efrid-Wicasset Baseball team has won two and dropped one game since our last issue, and, although the wins were appreciated by the players and fans, how that loss did hurt! It was to the fast Monroe outfit on Friday afternoon at Monroe.

The first win came on Thursday, when the supposedly strong team of Swift and Company, from Charlotte, came over and took a drubbing 6 to 0.

Having heard that the local outfit couldn't hit a portside, the Premiums trotted out Balowsky, a slim, short heaver who throws from the wrong side of his equator. For a few innings he got by in pretty fair shape, although being hit freely, but in the fourth and sixth the deluge fell, and Balowsky was yanked so hard that he lost his cap. Herion, his successor, didn't have a thing but a wind-up, but he got by with it. He would reach down for a handful of dirt on every pitch, and he had the home team staring in open-mouthed wonder as to what he was going to do with the aforesaid dirt, and just where he got the nerve that made him unafraid to walk into a pitcher's box. The visitors were helpless before the pitching of Morrow, who held them to four scattered hits, while his mates were pounding out a total of 8, three of which were for extra bases.

On Friday the team went down to Monroe, accompanied by a brass band and everybody who had a dying or very sick grandmother and were able to pull the old stall and go away.

Albemarle piled up three runs in the second and third innings on home run clouts by Morrow, Grandy and Ryan, and it looked as if Paul Lowder, pitching for Monroe, was in for an awful drubbing. Meanwhile Prentiss Mauldin was breezing along in fine style until the 5th, when, with two men on, he got one over the platter just where "Bull" Hasty wanted it, and the ball hasn't been seen since. The ball cleared the fence in right field, and that smash made the hearts of the Albemarle contingent beat like a trip hammer that is being worked overtime. The fabled bed of thorns would have been as welcome to them as anything else about that time.

The game rocked along until the seventh with the score tied at five all, and during this inning Allen went to the hill for Albemarle in place of Mauldin. During the remaining part of the game Monroe got to him for three runs, for which he was not altogether to blame, and came off winners 5-8.

The old world "if" played a big part in this loss, but we're not here to wield a hammer. The best of us make errors at times, and besides it profits nothing to cry over spilt milk. Suffice it to say that when Monroe comes here tomorrow for the third game between the two teams, the town is going out in full force, all except the cripples and blind ones, and they're going to set their satchels down on the bench occupied by the Albemarle team. Selah.

Saturday's game was between Efrid-Wicasset and Advance, from up near Winston-Salem, and was a much better game than the 7-2 score would indicate.

Clayton pitched his usual strong game, and was never in danger of losing. In only one inning did the Tobaccoists score, the 5th, when a couple of hits, a walk and a sacrifice followed by an error gave them two runs. Clayton has learned that it is a wise pitcher who holds himself in hand and keeps something in reserve for a pinch, and when the pinch comes he usually produces the stuff to come out unscathed. He has not lost a game since his reinstatement with the team, and has worked as much, or more than any other hurler on the staff.

Peoples, the opposing twirler, had worlds of stuff, but was handicapped by wildness, both in pitching to batters and in throwing to bases. Three of Albemarle's runs were due to wild pegs to second and first. He allowed only four hits, and two of these were of the infield variety. Somehow the Albemarle bunch has better luck off good pitchers than at the hands of some fellow who thinks he

Old Salem Church Sets Pace For all Other Rural Churches

News-Herald Representative Attend Church at That Place Sunday, and Heard Magnificent Sermon by Rev. R. O. Eller, Pastor

Good roads, good schools and good churches with capable pastors, as a rule, go hand in hand. That community which puts its religion first and foremost, always prospers. These statements are clearly demonstrated beyond question right here in our midst, and the Millingport Section is the place for one to go to be convinced. On last Sunday morning the editor of the News-Herald jumped in a car with a friend and wandered out to that garden spot of Stanly County six miles West of Albemarle, to attend services at Salem Methodist Episcopal Church. We had heard much talk and many favorable comments about the fine new brick church structure just completed at Millingport, of the fine preaching which Rev. R. O. Eller, the Salem pastor, has been doing in this new church, of the fine new brick school building just recently completed in that community and we had a curiosity to see this community first-handed.

Salem Methodist Church is one of the oldest Methodist churches in the county and has on its membership roll approximately five hundred names. The membership of this old church is not confined to the Millingport Section. Scores of men and women who have grown up in the atmosphere of Salem Methodist Church have gone out to other sections of the county, and even to other states, but have retained their love and admiration for the old home church. Because of this many of them have left their membership there. A number of these members now hold prominent positions in Albemarle and attend services regularly every Sunday, driving out from here to Salem each Sunday for this purpose. The new church structure, which was completed a few months ago, on the site of the old building, is one which would do credit to the best street in Albemarle or any other town of this size. It is the very latest thing in modern church buildings, having electric lights and other conveniences possessed by the best city churches. The parsonage, located on the same lot, and nearby the beautiful brick church, is modernly constructed and equipped with electric lights. The new church and parsonage stand about two hundred feet back from the main Albemarle-Concord highway in one of the finest old oak groves to be found anywhere. The grounds have been laid off in beautiful walks and driveways and the land is now being prepared for lawn grass and other shrubbery. The beautiful old oaks show indications of careful attention, as does everything else about the place. At the 11 o'clock church service a congregation assembled which we suspect was larger than any single church in Albemarle enjoyed at the same hour, the large auditorium having been fairly well filled with people from the community for miles around. The church has an excellent choir and the services were impressive and helpful. Rev. R. O. Eller, the capable pastor, read as the scripture lesson the third chapter of Philipians, and took for his text a part of the twelfth verse of that chapter. "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect." The minister took the position that perfection never has and never can be attained in this world.

One who attends a church service at Salem and hears this able young minister deliver one of his interesting and learned discourses, will be able to see therein to a great extent, at least, an explanation for the erection of the beautiful Salem Church structure, and the fine congregations which attend upon divine services there each Sunday. The extraordinary preaching of Rev. Mr. Eller and with the community under the leadership of the strong, stalwart families of the Millingport Section, the Lipes, the Lowders, the Hatleys, and the many others which we might mention, with the fine public school and other advantages, serve to make that community a model which might well be followed by other sections of the county and State.

ought to take off his shoes and take a running start before he delivers the ball.

As we said elsewhere in this article everybody's going to the game with Monroe tomorrow, and we have a hunch that when the ump shall have made his last decision of the day and the last ball has been thrown, that the followers of the Monroe club will have that pale, sickly feeling that made its abiding place with the rooters from Albemarle on last Friday. Are we right? Come and see.

that perfect knowledge is impossible. This he said was exemplified by the fact that Christ himself had not perfect knowledge in his human capacity. He sighted the example of a number of historical characters who had attempted to attain perfect knowledge only to discover their knowledge increased the utter impossibility of ever being able to attain the goal of their ambitions.

He took the position also that it is impossible for mankind to become free from mistakes, and that it is impossible for humanity to rise above temptation. "It is the devil's business to mislead people," declared the preacher, and he said that he was not certain that it is not the person who is the nearest perfect that the devil tempts sorest. "There are those who do not inherit the devil," he declared and in substantiation of this statement he held up the worthless, conscienceless, fellow who has already gone to the point where his conscience no longer seems to lash him into the path of rectitude. "I warn you," he declared, "that when you reach the point where you are not tempted you are in a dangerous place."

Rev. Mr. Eller closed his discourse with the discussion of the possibilities of one being able to attain a perfect motive. He thought that this was possible in the process of the growth of Christian Character, and did not hesitate to advance the theory that he believed that growth does not cease at death. He declared that he believed the process of growth continues throughout eternity. He dismissed the idea of heaven being a place where one is given a golden harp and left with nothing in the world to do but play on it throughout eternity. He believes that people who have been accustomed to doing things in the world would not be satisfied in heaven with nothing to do but play eternally on a golden harp. His theory was that there would be something more for every saint to do than to quietly rest and fritter away eternity. Rev. Mr. Eller admonished his hearers to strive to develop that state of perfect motive in this world, and in view of this, and in view of this continuation of growth and development in perfection, he closed with the following statement: "Then forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, let us press towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

ENGINEER SIGMAN DROPS DEAD THIS MORNING

A telephone message from Badin as we go to press this morning stated that Engineer Sigman, who was relieving another engineer on the Winston-Salem Southbound passenger train dropped dead at Whitney about eight o'clock this morning. High blood pressure is thought to have been the immediate cause of Mr. Sigman's sudden death.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Doby and daughter, Miss Gladys, are visiting relatives in Hickory.

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST OF THE CURRENT WEEK

Raleigh, June 25.—The Highway Commission will ask the state treasurer and the council of state to sell another four or five million dollars worth of highway bonds in order to take care of their expenditures for road construction during the present year.

Kinston, June 24.—One person was killed and five injured late today when a West Construction company truck laden with negro paving laborers left the road at Smith's crossing, 12 miles from here, and crashed into a group of visitors in the front yard of a country home.

Tokio, June 24.—Japan today sealed her pledge to promote world peace taken at the limitation of armament conference at Washington by declaring her final decision to withdraw her troops from Siberia and announcing to the world a policy of non-aggression.

Washington, June 25.—Representative Hammer said that the Democratic postmaster at Rockingham was railroaded out of office, not because there was anything of a serious nature against him, but for the purpose of giving a job to M. F. Long, Jr., who was subsequently appointed to the position.

New York, June 25.—Notwithstanding the uncertainties comprised in the several labor disputes and the impending reductions in railroad freight rates, industry maintained its gains during the past week.

Washington, June 24.—An appropriation of \$7,500,000 for new construction work on the Wilson dam at Muscle Shoals, Ala., was authorized today by the house and sent to the senate for concurrence. Under the limitation fixed by the house, however, none of the money can be expended prior to next October.

WEATHER REPORT

For the period of June 26 to July 1st, 1922:

For South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Generally fair except local showers near the coast; Normal temperature.

TEXAN WHO LEFT STANLY IN 1860 SAYS STANLY IS A DIFFERENT SECTION.

Mr. R. H. Kirk who left Stanly County with his father, General M. Kirk, in 1860, is here on his first visit since he left more than sixty years ago. He stopped over on his return from Richmond where he attended the reunion of Confederate Veterans last week. He arrived in Albemarle Saturday afternoon and immediately fell into the hands of friends who have been giving him the time of his life ever since. Mr. Kirk is a retired planter, having accumulated quite an estate in Texas, and although seventy-five years old, is as spry as a sixteen year old boy and fairly bubbles over with life and energy. Asked by the News-Herald representative as to what he thought of the changes which have taken place in Stanly County since he left here sixty years ago, a fifteen-year-old boy, Mr. Kirk said, "When we left North Carolina in 1860 it was a very worn out and poor country. Stanly County was not much of a place in which to live and Albemarle was a very small place with a court house, jail, two stores and a few scattering residences. The county was non-progressive and non-productive. Now I find that everything has changed completely. You have a wonderful county, showing evidences of progress and prosperity everywhere." Mr. Kirk was very favorably impressed with Stanly's good roads and with Albemarle's growth. The last time he was in Albemarle, he said, was when he came here with his father for the purpose of purchasing a few articles preparatory to the trip West. He was reared on the old Kirk Plantation near the cross roads between New London and Richfield. Dr. Charles I. Miller got him in hand Sunday and took him to the old Kirk home place. Speaking of this trip Mr. Kirk said, "I found nothing that looked like what the old place did when we left.

LUTHERAN PICNIC THURSDAY

The Sunday School of the First Lutheran Church will enjoy a picnic Thursday evening at Rocky River Springs. Those intending to go on this picnic will meet at the church at 2 o'clock and all start from that point. A picnic supper will be enjoyed at the springs before returning to Albemarle.

Prof. E. S. Graves, principal of the Kingville Colored School, is at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., for several weeks specializing in school supervision and educational psychology.

The old house was no longer there and all the sign left of it was a pile of rocks marking the spot of the fallen chimney. I had been looking forward to taking a drink of water out of the old spring, but the dog-gone burglars up there had filled it up with saw-dust and I failed to get that refreshing drink which I had looked forward to upon my visit to Stanly." He will be here and in Rowan County for a few days this week, and expects to return to Texas the latter part of the week. He will take in the big development at Badin today. He has been looking forward to his Badin trip with all the keen interest of a fifteen year old boy. During the war between the states Mr. Kirk served in the Western Army, having been in Cheatam's Division, Haxton's Brigade, Turner's Battery. He says that the flood in his section has practically ruined the country for the time being.