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## Delightful Week-End House Party.

Bonnie Oaks, the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gant, has been the scene of much merriment during the week-end house party, which was given by Misses Jessamine and Corinna Gant.

The charming guests of the Misses Gant were: Misses Ellen Graham, Eugenia Clark, Penelope Davis, Elizabeth Jones of Raleigh, and Lucy Atkinson of San Marcos, Texas; Messrs. John Davis, Walter Clark, Jr., Kimbrough Jones of Raleigh, Roger Gant, E. Palmer Davis of Duke, John C. Woolfolk of Richmond, Va.; Kenneth Gant and John Q. Gant, Jr.

On Friday night the Misses Gant delightfully entertained in honor of their house guests at a unique Leap Year party.

One of the features of the evening were Leap-Year letters of proposal, written by the young ladies, and responses by the men. Miss Eugenia Clark was awarded the ladies' prize for the most attractive proposal, and Mr. Manly Baker won the gentleman's prize by his clever response. The consolation, being cut for, fell to Miss Elizabeth Jones.

The pleasure of the evening was much added to by the delightful vocal solos of Miss Long of Graham, and Mr. Woolfolk of Richmond, accompanied by Miss Atkinson on the piano.

At the close of the game the guests were invited into the dining room, which was most attractive in its decorations of pink carnations and ferns. The color scheme of pink and green being artistically carried out. A delicious salad course was served.

The popular guests of the Misses Gant's house party were charmingly entertained by Mrs. Erwin A. Holt, Saturday evening.

## Temperance Lecture.

Hon. Jno. G. Woolly, twice nominated on the prohibition ticket for President of the United States, and R. L. Davis Supt. of the Anti-Saloon league of the state were present at the Baptist Church Monday night and addressed a small but attentive audience. Both indicated their belief that the bill now pending Congress to protect interstate commerce against the shipping of liquorous beverages will be passed.

To petition the passage of this bill petitions were circulated at the various churches Sunday morning with a view of getting all the voters who favor the passage of this bill to sign. These petitions will be sent to our congressman and senators.

## Social at Mr. Barnwell's Home.

Saturday night twenty or more of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. L. Barnwell were delightfully entertained at their home on Washington Street in honor of their friend Miss "Curly" Kennon of Mebane, the cousin of Mrs. Barnwell. Games were played, refreshments served and the evening spent in a very delightful and enjoyable manner.

## Wonderful Law.

We want to say in the beginning, before we say anything else, we are prohibition and a strong believer in prohibition. But what tickles our fancy and makes us laugh up the sleeve is this wonderful prohibition law of ours, and the great good it is accomplishing. Generosity, kindness, free-heartedness, it has them all. Out of half dozen recent arrests all for retailing, each swore very positively the "hauling water" was given them. Suppose we pass a law prohibiting the sale of beef steaks, accordingly the result would be that we would have to buy steaks from a man who would be given a free. A wonderful law, we should say! Why not pass a law prohibiting the sale of shoes or clothes, and receive these all free. A wonderful law, isn't it to be sure. Charitable, benevolent it has them all.

In our opinion it is proving to be one of the most wonderful laws on the statute and we wonder why some smart ike don't pass others similar.

## Mr. Roy Fonville Speaker of Occasion.

We quote the following from Tuesday's Raleigh News and Observer, which paper carried the picture of Mr. Le Roy R. Fonville of the Charlotte Bar who was the principal speaker at a service for students at the Presbyterian Church at Raleigh Sunday night. Mr. Fonville is one of Alamance counties famous and illustrious sons who is making his mark in the world:

Mr. Fonville made an interesting and impressive talk on "The Obligations of Strength." Himself a man of education and strongly interested in his theme, he made good use of his time and materials.

At the creation of the world, said the speaker, man was bidden to take dominion, and ever since then strength has been the distinguishing quality of man. The man of brawn and muscle, and the man strong in self-control, service and chivalry, has to this day been the favorite in real life and in fiction. Civilization has changed not the popular love of strength, but the ideal for the right use of strength. Those who serve the world are the great ones; Christ's gospel is a gospel of social service.

The elements of strength for the young man or the young woman, said Mr. Fonville, are three. First, one must have and maintain a proper physical endowment. The temple of God must be treated well and reverently.

In the second place, one needs an intellectual endowment—a quick, keen, observant mind, adaptable and unshackled. One needs poise, judgement, and humility.

And finally, one requires spiritual strength. The things of the spirit, underlaid by many, are not idle dreams. Ideals are behind every great thing. The capacity for dreaming which belongs to youth is a promise of great things, a thing for which everyone ought to be profoundly thankful. Cynicism, the denial of ideals, is of the pit. The results of it are pessimism and a callous calm, a kind of soul-death.

Ideals, said the speaker, are hard to keep up—hard like other things worth while. Just as it is hard and worth while to conquer the air, to manage a great business, to conquer a passion, to overcome a physical handicap, so it is hard and worth while to stand alone, to be different, to stay away from the crowd when the crowd is in the wrong. Life at its best is not easy.

Strength, said Mr. Fonville, is a sacred trust which one dare not refuse to employ for service. From him who has received much shall much be required. One must face life in a spirit of gratitude for strength and with a determination to fulfil the obligations which strength entails.

## Twelve Persons Drown in Mississippi.

Cario, Ill., Jan 28—Twelve persons are reported to have been lost today when a rowboat in which they were crossing the Mississippi river from Birds' Point, Mo., to Cario was caught in an ice jam. They were being ferried across to the cotton belt railway station here.

Searching parties have been unable to find any trace of the lost boat or its passengers.

## Fire At Glen Raven

The storage room of Glen Raven Cotton Mills caught fire Monday about eleven o'clock and was destroyed by fire with 150 bales of cotton total loss of cotton and building estimated at \$7,500. The origin of the fire is unknown. Some of the bales of cotton were still burning Tuesday it having gotten its way into the bales so badly it could not be extinguished. It was realized from the first that the cotton could not be saved.

The Republican National Convention will meet in Chicago, June 18th and name the next President. The Democrats will meet in Baltimore on June 25 and give each other black eyes and incidentally name an "also man."

## "Mary Ann" Monday Night.

Owing to the down pour of rain only a small audience was present at the Graded School Monday night to hear "Mary Ann," the impersonator. "Mary Ann" in the person of Miss Davis, of Raleigh, of the faculty of St. Mary's College, and sister of Mrs. Erwin Holt, was dressed in a beautiful blue evening costume. The play was divided into four acts and was very interesting from beginning to end.

"Mary Ann" was the maid in the home of Mrs. Leadbetter, and was acquainted with a Mr. Launchlot who was a musician but could not sell his music. Rosa was the daughter of Mrs. Leadbetter, whose mother deserted her brought up like a lady. Later on, "Mary Ann" inherited five billion dollars, and still later, Launchlot made a success of his music which sold well, he and "Mary Ann" finally marrying.

## Be Pleasant.

Although the streets are sloppy and everyone is prone to kick, be pleasant, remember our town and historic old county of Alamance is by far better than many places in Tar Heel State where lowlands and marshes exist. Keep in view the fact that only a few days which will fleet away quickly will bring the balmy days of spring with their sweet perfume, and the melancholy weather will be no more. Be pleasant and keep sweet, it will always pay in the end.

## Resolutions of Respect

The Teachers' Association of Alamance County, having lost one of its Charter Members; Mr. James I. White wishes to place on record this expression of appreciation of his life and character.

For nearly half a century Brother White has been a faithful teacher, a member of the County Board of Education, and a moving in our association. By his noble bearing upon his associates he won their confidence.

Resolved by the Alamance Teachers' Association that the sympathy of this body be expressed to the family of the deceased and that as an evidence of the esteem in which he was held, this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this association, a copy sent to the State Dispatch for publication.

H. C. Stout,  
E. C. Rumbley,  
Minnie Montgomery Sec.  
Committee.

## Overman-Hodgin

At the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. Sarah Overman in East Burlington, last Friday Jan. 26 1912, Mr. Chas. Overman and Miss Cassie Hodgin were happily united in the bonds of matrimony Esquire H. F. Moore officiating. We wish them a long and happy life.

## Should Have a Gas Plant

Mayor Freeland has recently received a communication from Kummerl & Co. of Philadelphia Pa., with a view of seeing the business men of Burlington in the near future relative to establishing a gas plant here. This firm is putting in plants at Henderson and Elizabeth City. This will be a splendid industry for our town and should be encouraged.

## Two Sets of Triplets.

Gaffney S. C., Jan. 26—Yesterday in Gaffrey was indeed a bay to make the heart of, "Teddy" Roosevelt, that able enemy of race suicide, happy. It is thought that the record for births was broken in this city, two sets of triplets being born here Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Harris are rejoicing over two girls and one boy, while a similar happy event occurred among the population at the home of Wash Deal. Six in one day amongst two families is a good record for any town, and the fact that "Gaffney Grows Great" cannot be disputed.

Acetylmethylenedisalicilyc acid is the latest cure for rheumatism. Pronounce well before taking.

## Can Anyone Beat This Decatur Pitcher's Record

Even Carl Swanson's great pitching record with the Florence Athletics falls into insignificance before that of John Payne, the fast young Decatur, Ned., twirler, who has already signed with Vancouver team of the Pacific Coast league for next year.

Payne is but 20 years of age, but has turned a trick which baffled most of the veteran heavies of the big leagues, for during the recent carnival at Decatur he pitched his team to victory over the fast Onawa, Ia., aggregation not giving a hit nor run, and allowing no one to reach first base his control and support being perfect. But twenty-seven men faced him, and the final score was 3 to 0. This great game was pitched on September 9. It is a record in this state.

He has pitched twenty-six games this season, of which five were shut ones. Of these he won twenty-three and lost three struck out 213, walked but thirteen and allowed but 132 hits. He has batted a little over .300 per cent.

It is thought that Payne after a year's experience on the coast, will be heard from among the big ones.—Ex

(Mr. Payne, with his father, Mr. W. T. Payne, of Graham No. 2 was in The State Dispatch office Monday. He is an Alamance County boy who is destined to be one of the world's greatest ball players.) Local Editor.

## Church News

Dear Editor: Owing to extreme cold weather and bad roads we held our first service at Lows for 1912 it was very cold roads still bad we had a very encouraging turnout. When such men like Johnnie Coble and Jacob Sharp, in their four score years can come five or six miles it looks like the younger ones could attend. We missed Riey Brown and wife. All our former Pastors know how faithful, but the infirmities of old age and affliction prevent their regular attendance, but the influence of their example is seen in the regular attendance of their children. Like others though dead live through their children and grandchildren. There are some very faithful and true workers, and no church has a more earnest and faithful Sunday School Superintendent than Lows in Wilbur Clapp always at his post of duty. He made a few very earnest remarks for all to make this year a power in Sunday School work. I do hope his remarks will be heeded and that the young will take more interest and the older ones will give them a good example.

We have not much sickness more than colds.

Mrs. Austin Coble has been right ill but glad to note she is very much improved. Her son Will is quite happy another young lady arrived at his house a few days ago, it came to stay. They say he is very proud, I don't blame him. With best wishes for the success of your paper.

A Reader.

## New Pipe Organ Installed

In the latter part of last year we published the fact that Messrs J. Harvey and William E. White and their sister, Mrs. Phil Carleton, now of Richmond, proposed to give the Presbyterian church a handsome pipe organ as a memorial to their mother, the late Mrs. Emma V. White. Before Christmas the pulpit platform was changed and a recess built at the rear for the reception of the instrument. A choir platform has been built between the organ and the preacher's desk. The installation of the instrument was completed last week and on Saturday night an informal recital was given by Prof. Elythe of Burlington, who knows how to handle an organ. The organ is of splendid volume and sweet and mellow tone. Our Presbyterian friends have just cause to feel proud of this splendid organ.—Alamance Gleaner

Miss Sue Mebane of Mebane spent Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mebane.

## Winston-Salem Negro Handled Roughly.

Philadelphia, Pa. Jan 26—Special. With a clothes line around his neck, his face and body battered by blows and kicks, Brewster Hurston, a 15-year-old negro boy who came to this city from Winston-Salem, N. C., escaped being lynched by the narrowest margin on the parkay at Twenty-first street last night. It was only the arrival of Policeman Chambers of the Twentieth and Butterwood streets station that saved the youth. According to the testimony at the house of detention, Chambers fought his way into the infuriated crowd of men with his revolver and held the crowd at bay until the patrol crew arrived from the station house. Hurston was arraigned before Magistrate Yates in the house of detention today and was held under \$500 bail on a charge of highway robbery. He was covered with bruises and cuts and showed plainly the effects of the treatment he received last night.

Witnesses testified that Miss Jessie Smith of No. 631 North Thirteenth street was waiting at Twenty-first and Spring Garden streets for a car last night Hurston came down Twenty-first street, and as he passed Miss Smith, he pulled the hand-bag from her wrist ran west on Spring Garden street. William Ruoff of No. 2415 North Twenty-third street, who was riding on a bicycle, started after the running youth, shouting "Stop thief". A large crowd collected and some one shouted that Hurston had attacked a woman. While the crowd was thumping and kicking the boy, some one got a clothes line. This was thrown around his neck and he was being dragged towards a lamp-post when Policeman Chambers arrived.

## Church Notice.

Church of the Holy Comforter, John Benner Gibble, Rector, Services: Friday, February 2nd., Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, Holy Communion 10:00 a. m. this date is also the first anniversary of the Rectorship of Rev. Mr. Gibble of St. Athanasius Parish.

Septuagesima Sunday: Sunday School 9:30, Holy Communion, 11:00, Evening Prayer 7:30, Sermons at the Church Services, Confirmation Lecture 3:30 p. m. Public cordially invited. Paws free. Polite ushers. Fine vested choir.

## Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

The Chamber of Commerce will give a Banquet to the business men of Burlington that are interested in the present and future of our city at the Ward Hotel Friday evening at 8:30 Feby. 16th.

In order that this may be in every way satisfactory we will charge \$1.00 per plate and we believe that we will have a large attendance of the business men of Burlington. We will have someone as representative of our neighboring Cities to talk to us as to what they have done thru this avenue.

Now let us get together for a long steady pull in 1912 for the upbuilding of Burlington.\* Anyone that is interested and wishing to attend will get their card from either the President or Secretary upon deposit of \$1.00 and this to be done not later than Feby. 13 as we must know by that time just how many will be present.

W. E. Sharpe, Pres.  
J. H. Vernon, Sec.

## The Death Rate From Typhoid Fever.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—Death rates from typhoid fever in North Carolina municipal cities of over 1,000 population in 1910 were 57.7 per 100,000 it was announced at the census bureau today. No records are available for previous years.

Jno. R. Foster received a telegram to-day stating that his daughter Miss yraM who is visiting at Suffolk Va. is ill and it is thought she has appendicitis.

## BAD FOR RICHESON

Boston, Mass., Jan. 25.—Silas N. Phelps, of Monroe, the murderer of Deputy Sheriff Emmett F. Haskins, has lost in the fight to escape the electric chair, the executive council today by a vote of 7 to 1, refusing to commute the death sentence.

Phelps probably will be executed early tomorrow and certainly before sunrise Saturday. Phelps crime was the killing of Deputy Sheriff Emmett F. Haskins on June 12, 1910. On the previous afternoon Phelps had stabbed Wm. Penn, superintendent of a paper mill where he was employed and Haskins with a posse had been sent to arrest him.

He was convicted of murder in the first degree in November, 1910.

## PRES. HARPER RAISED \$50,000 FOR ELON

Elon College, Jan., 25.—President Harper arrived on the hill at 9:27 tonight and made the announcement that the special fund of \$50,000 for Elon College had been completed. He has been at work on this fund ever since the latter part of September and has completed it within less time than seemed possible when he undertook the task. President Harper says it was not easy to refuse to let people give when they really wanted to, as they certainly wanted to in this case. He smiles and declares simply that he did not have the heart to refuse them the opportunity they desired. But we suspect some of them would not have given if they had not been interviewed.

"Only one man has denied the privilege of giving to this fund," declared the president. "Who was that?" asked a chorus of anxious voices. "Dr. W. W. Staley, of Suffolk, Va.," was the response, "and the reason was that Dr. Staley served the college 11 years as president without salary, and during that time gave \$3,500 of his own money to the college." Then everybody agreed that the gift had been properly refused. "But," declared the speaker, "Dr. Staley could not be outwitted, for he gave for his wife and also for each of his three children."

## Knocked Into a Cocked Hat

From the Chattanooga Times Dem.

We shall be somewhat surprised if the verdict of the country following this incident is not that Governor Wilson has at last knocked Ed Bryan into a cocked hat" by outdoing him at his own game—selfish perverseness and wilful disregard of the obligations of personal friendship and political partisanship. It is melancholy, too, that it appears so, for Governor Wilson was at one time the most promising figure among all the Democratic entries for the Presidential nomination.

## Against Kitchin.

Gov. Kitchin, who now thinks he is running for the Senate, will be remembered in Rockingham as the gentleman who used to have forty fits a minute cussing the tobacco trust when he was wanting some office and who after he was elected Governor appointed an official of the trust a director of the North Carolina Railroad—and that, too, after the aforesaid trust official had worked and helped to defeat the late lamented Keuben D. Reid for the senate in the year 1908. Keuben Reid fought for the tobacco farmers of our State while he was alive and now that he is dead and gone to a just reward we believe that the tobacco farmers are going to do a little fighting for him.—Madison Herald.

Atlantic City is having its annual spasm of virtue, which doubtless will continue until the advent of warm weather makes it interfere with cash registers.