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LOCAL NEWS

of interest to
ALL OF OUR READERS.

G. W. File one of our good citizens, was a Salisbury visitor yesterday.

The many friends of T. A. P. Rosman of the Ebenezer church neighborhood, who has been in poor health for several months will regret to learn that he has suffered a stroke of paralysis and is unable to speak.

Mrs. P. A. Sloop had a fall the other day and suffered slight injuries, but is improving.

That's a handsome line of new dress goods at Corriher, Carpenter Company's.

B. S. Shuford went over to Gaffney, S. C., Wednesday to open a safe that he had previously owned. The present owner of the safe with the full combination and written instructions could not open it and an expert from the factory tried and failed. Mr. Shuford opened it on first trial with ease. It's all in knowing how.

Mr. R. Brown, G. G. Backwell, John O. Boston, Hoke Rickard and J. N. Dayvauld motored over to Greensboro in Mr. Brown's car Wednesday afternoon and returned that night. The thermometer was registering about 20 degrees Fahrenheit as they split the liquid air in an open car on their return. Gaith says, "Boys I'd take a chew of tobacco, but I'm afraid my jaw is too cold to work," and the others afraid they would crack their faces, grinned.

Holshouser & Dayvauld have received a splendid line of spring shoes and other reasonable goods and in their new advertisement in The Record, invite you to call and inspect same.

Carl Sloop has given up his position at Corriher, Carpenter Co's and accepted a position with the Lillian Knitting Mill.

Quite a number of farmers from the Ebenezer church neighborhood were here yesterday to get some fertilizer. Their car failed to come and they were considerably disappointed.

Jas. E. Corriher, Jr., has purchased a Ford automobile.

Miss Ruth, daughter of Rev. P. E. Parker, who has been in the hospital in Baltimore for some time, is reported to be considerably improved.

Mrs. M. J. Graham has received a splendid stock of spring and summer millinery and will have same on display, Friday and Saturday, March 24th and 25th. Every body is invited to call. See advertisement in this paper.

Mrs. C. G. Voss was called to Empire, Ga., yesterday to be at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Smith, who is reported quite ill.

Miss Alice Powlas of the Organ church neighborhood, is visiting relatives here.

H. L. Gobel, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Mettie Ham, at Greensboro, has returned home.

Mrs. F. R. Shepherd and Miss Mary Sifferd spent Tuesday night in Concord.

Get it at Sifferd's.

Beat Back German Infantry

Attack Launched on Le Mort Homme, Following Severe Bombardment.

March 16.—Reports at the hands of the French again has been the net result of a German infantry attack launched with huge effectives after a heavy bombardment against French positions Le Mort Homme, northwest of Verdun. The Germans, who attacked in solid masses, were driven eastward toward the Bois des Carreaux, where the French guns inflicted heavy casualties on them.

Around Donsumont and the village of Vaux the big guns are operating with redoubled violence, while southward in the Woëvre the artillery duels in the Meuse hills continue.

In the Argonne forest the German guns are still shelling the German positions northwest of the road from Varennes and German batteries near Montfaucou.

The latest German official communication making reference to French attempts to "dispute our possession of the heights of Le Mort Homme" has brought forth a statement from the French Embassy at Washington that the Germans never have gained a footing on the hill, which the French still hold.

The Italians continue strongly on the offensive against the Austrians at the Isonzo front especially on the Pedgora heights sector and southwest of San Martino. Both Austrians and Italians lay claim to success around San Martino. The Austrians assert that an Italian attack in this sector failed and that the Italians left their dead on the field.

Mrs. J. L. Sifferd suffered an attack of vertigo Wednesday and has been kept at home since, but is some better now.

G. H. Saffrit, Hoke Rickard, Flake Eddleman, Arthur Holshouser and Berlin Weaver went up to Salisbury Tuesday night to see their best girls.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Boat, R. L. Eddleman and J. A. Bruton were Salisbury visitors Tuesday night.

Born to N. W. Menius, Tuesday, a young farmer.

A Van Pelt is spending a few days here owing to illness. He hopes to return to his work in Charlotte this week.

Attention is called to the report of the condition of the Bank of China Grove to be found in this paper, as the report shows this bank is in a splendid condition and is a substantial financial institution.

The Merchants and Farmers Bank of Landis, one of the coming worthy and sound banks of the county, have a statement in this paper to which attention is called.

Jacobus Is Dead.

Well, Jacobus the 45-year-old cat, recently purchased by Bernhard & Eggle, after about two weeks' service has gone dead. The horse was driven some distance to the country Wednesday and was kept busy yesterday morning delivering groceries, but just afternoon showed indications of being unwell. He grew worse rapidly and began lurching as if suffering much pain and, though efforts were made to quiet him, he began running and jumping wildly until he came to the big hole just below where the garage is to be built, when he fell, rolled down the embankment and died.

Proper Treatment for Biliousness.

For a long time Miss Lulu Skilton, Chateaufort, N. Y., was bilious and had sick headache and dizzy spells. Chamberlain's Tablets were the only thing that gave her permanent relief. Obtainable everywhere.

U. C. to Meet With Mrs. Swink.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet with Mrs. W. J. Swink, at 8 o'clock, Saturday afternoon. All members are requested to be present.

School Notes

The China Grove High School had a preliminary contest in recitation and declamation. There were three reciters and six declaimers. This contest was to select one from each to represent our school at Elon College.

The Student's day, which was to be the 25th of this month, has been postponed till nearer commencement. The date will be published later.

The O'Henry Literary Society held its last regular meeting Tuesday, March 14th. The program was very interesting.

The China Grove High School is expecting to have another recitation and declamation contest on the 30th of March for the purpose of selecting one from each to represent our school at Davidson College.

Mr. Miller's agricultural class went to James Lingle's Thursday, March 8th, for the purpose of pruning his orchard. Mr. Lingle retained the boys very delightfully. After completing their work a nice dinner was served. They were taken to the Pilot Stock farm and from there to China Grove.

Miss Fannie Brown is expecting to take four of the Farm Life school girls home with her to spend the week-end.

China Grove Firm Open at Kannapolis.

Blackwelder & Ritchie have opened a branch store in the northern section of Kannapolis and R. M. Ritchie went down there Tuesday to take charge of its conduct. J. A. Blackwelder, with the assistance of Herman Secher, has charge of the store here. There are very clever gentlemen to do business with and will no doubt succeed in this new enterprise.

Ladies to Meet at Baptist Church.

The Woman's Extension Movement will hold their regular meeting Sunday afternoon, at 8 o'clock in the Baptist Church, when a full program will be rendered. All the ladies are requested to be present.

The Court of Last Resort.

Around the stove of the cross roads grocery is the real court of last resort, for it final overrules all others. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been brought before this court in almost every cross roads grocery in this country, and has always received a favorable verdict. It is in the country where man expects to receive full value for his money that this remedy is most appreciated. Obtainable everywhere.

A Spelling Match

The patron of the Deaton school, which is taught by Prof. Frank Criss and his brother, Bill, and the patrons of Patterson school, taught by Misses Fisher and Menius, enjoyed to the fullest extent a spelling contest between the two schools. The contest was held at Deaton school house several days ago. Both schools showed excellent training in spelling. During the first period they spelled with crosses and the score was a tie, each school having eighteen crosses.

During the second period the visitors were entertained by an old time spelling match. Deaton lined up on one side of the school room and Patterson on the other, and the words went back and forth from one side to the other. When a person missed a word he had to sit down. This time the match game ended in favor of Deaton, which never fails to do its part. The champion speller was Miss Lillian Blackwelder of Deaton, who succeeded in spelling every word on Patterson's side and was also the one left standing on Deaton's side.

American Troops Cross Border

More Than Four Thousand in Pershing's Command, Which is Main Column.

San Antonio, Tex., March 15.—B. I. Gagnier-General Pershing with more than 4,000 troops today began pursuit in Mexico of Francisco Villa, whose raid across the border last week caused President Wilson and his cabinet to decide to use the United States army to run him down.

General Pershing's report that he and his command have crossed the international boundary line just south of Columbus, N. M., reached Major-General Frederick Funston, in charge here of general operations, late today. Reports of progress in the country where the search has been begun will be made by General Pershing to General Funston, but it is not anticipated that these will be frequent or deal with any but the more important developments.

How far into Mexico the column had reached tonight was not known here, nor did General Funston appear greatly concerned. General Pershing's course for the next two days is known at headquarters and not until after Friday are sharp developments expected.

Colonel George J. Dagg, heading a smaller column that entered Mexico some distance west of Columbus also is moving in a southerly direction and these two forces should be within touch of each other before the end of the week. By that time it is expected an infantry support will hold the lines of communication along which motor trucks for the transportation of ammunition and supplies will be operated.

The consignment sent by General Funston was released tonight but efforts still were made to keep secret the details of the plan of campaign, the exact number of men engaged and their actual locations.

General Pershing's report of his entrance into Mexico served to dispel to a great extent fears in some quarters that resistance would be offered by troops of the defunct government. Colonel Bertania the commanding officer of the Carranza garrison at Palmar, on the south side of the dividing line, promptly joined General Pershing. His force was only some 400 men, but they were reported to have displayed willingness and even eagerness to join in the chase. As a body the Mexican troops will remain under their own commander but a number of them are being employed as scouts by General Pershing.

General Pershing has gone into Mexico with orders to overtake and wipe out Villa and his organization. Unless orders higher in authority than General Funston's, the campaign that was begun today will continue until Villa is captured or killed. No limits have been placed in the field of operation. After the campaign is well under way, it was pointed out circumstances may cause restrictions but just now the troops are prepared to go anywhere to carry out the president's orders. It was expected the troops would cross earlier in the day, but minor troop movements and other details of organization delayed the start.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney made oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of one hundred dollars for each and every case of catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Frank J. Cheney, Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1880.

(Seal) A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Mrs. Shuford Entertains

Mrs. B. S. Shuford delightfully entertained a number of friends at a St. Patrick party on Thursday evening. The home was made very attractive with potted plants and white carnations, the color scheme being green and white.

After the guests had arrived the hostess began the evening's entertainment by inviting all to begin a search for Irish potatoes, which were hidden in the parlors and reception hall. Mrs. Charles E. Miller, Miss Ella Mae Miller and Mrs. R. D. Jenkins proved the most diligent searchers for they found the greatest number of potatoes. In cutting for the prize Mrs. Miller was given a box of candy.

Progressive Rook and Blarney Stone followed and Mrs. R. D. Jenkins and Miss Fannie Wortham made highest score. However, Mrs. Jenkins was more fortunate in cutting and was given a box of correspondence cards.

During the remainder of the evening Miss R. Van Horn and Hampton Stirewalt entertained the guests with music, after which the hostess served a salad course.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Jenkins, Misses Lura D. Berry, Myrtle Pemberton, R. Van Horn, Ella Mae Miller, Della Belvin, Ruth Thom, Ruth Johnson, Fannie Wortham, Ola Lynn, Martha Shuford, Mrs. F. E. Corriher, Luther Lyer, Hampton Stirewalt and Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Shuford.

Colds Quickly Relieved

Many people cough and cough from the beginning of Fall right through to Spring. Others get cold after cold. Take Dr. King's New Discovery and you will get almost immediate relief. It chokes your cold stops the racking rasp, tissue-tearing cough, heals the inflammation, soothes the raw tubes. Easy to take. Antiseptic and Healing. Get a 50c bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and keep it in the house. "It is certainly a great medicine and I keep a bottle of it continually on hand," writes W. C. Jones, man, Francis, N. H. "I may back it up as satisfied but it nearly always helps."

J. W. Howell Killed at Spencer

J. W. Howell, aged 46 years a section-master for the Southern Railway at Spencer, was struck by a switch engine and instantly killed while walking on the yard there late yesterday afternoon. He had just quit work for the day and was walking along a track and did not see or hear the approaching locomotive. His head and body were crushed by the impact, and he probably never knew what hit him. His body was prepared for burial and was shipped to his old home at Pine Level, near Selma. He is survived by a wife and several small children.

Keep Your Bowels Regular.

As everyone knows, the bowels are the sewerage system of the body, and it is of the greatest importance that they move once each day. If your bowels become constipated, take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets just after supper and they will correct the disorder obtainable everywhere.

Prominent Visitors.

Yesterday China Grove was honored by a visit from a number of prominent State and County officials. They were here to inspect the Farm Life School, the party being composed of the following: Hon. J. H. S. Henderson and Prof. R. G. Kizer of Salisbury, chairman and secretary of the County Board of Education respectively, and J. Y. Jones, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Prof. D. H. Hill of the A. and M. College, Raleigh. They report having found the building and conditions very satisfactory, but the equipment was not found complete.

Get it at Sifferd's.

Big Guns Keep Up Constant Fire

Are Making Remarkable Progress Toward Mesopotamian Frontier. Italians Active.

March 15.—The German Crown Prince's army has apparently paused to take a breath or bring up reinforcements for a continuance of the advance against the Verdun fortress and its outlying defenses. Meanwhile, the big guns are exchanging shells at various points along the entire line from Belgium to the Vosges mountains.

The latest assault by the German infantry between Bethincourt and Cumieres resulted in the winning of important positions, but by counter-attacks the French succeeded in retaking a portion of the ground and according to the official statement of the French War Office, both Bethincourt, the height of Le Mort Homme and the village of Cumieres on the southern boundary of Cumieres wood, all positions of great strategic importance.

To the east of Verdun there has been considerable activity around Vaux and Damloup and fighting at places range is still in progress around the eastern slopes of Fort Vaux, which for days past has been the object of some of the hard fighting.

The French have taken a German trench south of St. Souplet, which indicates that in the Champagne region the contending forces are still endeavoring to take advantage of every opportunity to strengthen their lines.

Advice from Petrograd describes remarkable progress in Persia of the Russian troops, who are moving swiftly over different roads and in the face of considerable opposition towards the Mesopotamian frontier, where shortly they expect to be in touch with the British forces at Kut-el-Amara and the relieving column under Generals Lake and Alymer. The Russians are now said to be within 50 miles of the last difficult pass which will place them in the rear of the Turkish Bagdad army and their object is to cut the railway to the north thereby preventing the Turkish army from receiving supplies and co-operate with the British against Bagdad.

In their advance against the Turks along the Black Sea littoral toward Trebizond the Russians have captured additional Turkish officers and men and two machine guns. A British column has attacked an advanced position of the Turks in Mesopotamia taking a considerable number of prisoners.

In the Austro-Italian zone the Italians are vigorously shelling Austrians' positions and here and there throwing their infantry into the fray. No marked changes in the line have occurred, however.

The British have captured the Port of Sollum in West Egypt from the Senussi tribesmen led by Turkish officers with only slight resistance. Afterward they pursued the fleeing tribesmen and captured officers, men and guns.

In East Africa the Boer General Smuts is actively pressing the Germans, who are reported to be retiring southwards along the Tanga Railway.

A semi-official dispatch from Berlin says an investigation by the German Admiralty has disclosed the fact that no German submarine sank the Norwegian bark Blinn, on which there were a number of Americans, in the Havre Roads.

During the illness of General Gallieni, the French Minister of War, his post will be filled by Rear Admiral Le Case, Minister of Marine.

A Specific Agent for Colds.

The nearest thing to a specific against cold is a sleeping porch or open bed room and a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get up. Even then you will occasionally take a cold, especially when colds are epidemic, and when you do you will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a great help in enabling you to get rid of it. Try it. Obtainable everywhere.

SALISBURY

AND
ROWAN COUNTY LOCALS

Work was started yesterday morning on the excavation for the foundation of the Sunday school department of St. John's Lutheran Church. While this auditorium is being erected services will be held in the main auditorium of the church, which is to be rebuilt also. This work will be rushed.

Rev. Theodore Andrew, of Lexington, is preaching a series of sermons this week at old Christ Episcopal Church, Cleveland. This old church is about one hundred years old. For the next three months Rev. Andrew will assist in supplying several churches in this county.

A degree team from the Spencer lodge of Woodmen of the World, will go to Lexington tomorrow night where they will initiate a class of fifty candidates at one time.

All the superintendents in the northern district of the Southern Railway met in Spencer for a conference, on Thursday. General Superintendent, R. E. Simpson, of Washington, presided.

A young white boy was given twelve months on the roads in court on Thursday for stealing tickets and selling them to suburban streets.

A slight fire, which might have resulted seriously, was fortunately discovered in time on Thursday morning in the local passenger station. The fire department was called out and the flames were quickly extinguished.

In the county court Wednesday morning a young Negro by the name of Ed Lisker, who has saved time on the roads, was tried on several charges of larceny of automobile goods. The defendant admitted that he stole a pair of auto tires from the Thompson garage and sold them to another party. Judgment was continued and he was tried and found guilty on another similar charge and judgment was again continued. There are several other cases to be worked up against him. Mr. Thompson, from whom the tires were stolen, says he has lost between \$500 and \$1,000 worth of auto supplies in the recent past.

Salisbury will have its annual clean up day this year on April 1st. The city will haul off the garbage free of cost.

Jas. D. McNeil of Fayetteville, president of the State Firemen's Association, spoke Tuesday night in Salisbury. He is making a tour of the state visiting various volunteer departments in the interest of the association of which he is head.

An old fiddler's convention is to be held in the old court house next Monday night. This will be open to all players of Salisbury and all of Rowan county.

The municipal band of Salisbury is playing in the evenings for the Colonial theatre and are sharing in the proceeds this week. The percentage thus obtained is to go toward the purchasing of new uniforms for the band.

The meeting of the Grand Council of the Royal Arcanum of North Carolina, will open in Salisbury on April 26th, and a big meeting is looked for.

President Harrison of the Southern Railway intends to award a medal to all who have been in the employ of the company for twenty-five years or more. A number of employes of the company in Salisbury and Spencer will receive medals.

The city board of aldermen will meet tonight to take action on the light proposition and consider other routine business.

Cemetery Street, from Main to Church, is being treated to a coat of sand and crushed stone. A portion of Church Street near the railroad will also be worked up.