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LOCAL NEWS

of interest to
ALL OF OUR READERS.

Attention is called to the report of the condition of the Bank of China Grove which appears in this paper. This is one of the most reliable financial institutions in the State.

Misses Edna and Ruth Brown and Mary Bostian, LeRoy Bostian, V B Miller and Chester Misenheimer, went down to Union church Sunday to attend the annual public missionary service.

Corrifer - Carpenter Co. have just purchased a nice line of Walla-Walla gum, one of the best on the market.

F W Bost spent Wednesday at Derita's visiting relatives.

Mrs Hulbert Cooper after spending several days here with her mother, Mrs D White Bostian, returned to her home at Hight Point, Tuesday.

Mesdames C H Deal and A G Deal attended the funeral of R J Cook in Cabarrus county last Monday.

Misses Thelma Hurley and Gertie Foil and Henderson M Bernhardt and Bert Saffrit were in Salisbury and Rockwell Wednesday.

Arthur Holshouser and wife of Salisbury were visitors at J L Holshouser's Saturday.

Miss Thelma Bringle of Salisbury visited Miss Fannie Eller here Sunday and Monday.

M D James and wife of Chester S C, who are visiting at J L Holshouser's, will return home Sunday evening.

Misses Mary and Marie Græber of Kannapolis are spending the week with their grand parents, Mr and Mrs H L Græber.

J L Bostian and wife, and D White Bostian and wife visited at DeWitt Patterson's Sunday evening.

Misses Elizabeth Williams, Virginia Harris, Flake Edleman and Cecil Graham went to Salisbury the glorious fourth.

Sunday night the store of T G Keenly at Woodleaf was entered and a lot of goods consisting of overalls, shoes and general merchandise was carried off. This store has been robbed quite frequently recently.

Rev and Mrs J H Keller, who have been visiting during the past month at Center Hall, Pa., Rev Keller's old home have returned home after a very pleasant trip.

H S Sechler is now assisting Agent J A Thom at the depot having taken the position vacated by Mason Wilhelm.

Dr and Mrs B C Taylor will leave Saturday, July 7th, for a two weeks visit to Dr Taylor's father, during which time Dr Taylor's dental offices at China Grove and Landis will be closed.

Everett Beaver, Jason and T L Washam were in Salisbury on business yesterday.

Miss Mary Rose has returned from a two months visit to relatives in Charlotte.

Allie Winecoff and wife of Concord, spent Sunday here at G R Davis'.

Miss Lucy Cress daughter of P J Cress was taken to the sanatorium in Salisbury Sunday for treatment. She is suffering with rheumatism and nervousness.

Dr B C Taylor of Landis, attended the meeting of the State Dental Society last week and reports a most enjoyable and profitable affair.

Rev W H Riser preached at Ebenezer E L church Sunday afternoon, the regular pastor, Rev R R Sowres, being at Union church to address the Woman's Missionary Society.

Mrs C B Miller spent yesterday in Charlotte.

The community club met Tuesday with Mrs W H Riser.

Mrs W J Swink is visiting her sister Mrs Pierie, at Cheraw, S C.

Rev E C Cooper of Philadelphia is spending a few weeks here and at King's Mountain's visiting relatives.

Some thief stole three fine hens from A L Klutz's coop the other night.

Dermost Graham, who has been at Charlotte for some time is at home. He expects to join the navy soon.

C A Campbell of Enochville, was here on business yesterday.

The Merchants and Farmers Bank of Landis' report of condition is to be found in this week's Record. This is a splendid bank, makes a good showing and its officers are courteous and accommodating.

The Ladies' Aid Society of St Mark's E L church will meet Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs Walter E Deal.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine.

Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty five years and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts through the blood and healing the disease portions.

After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Medicine for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medicine at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials free.

F J CHENEY & CO, Toledo, Ohio

Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

New Gun Installed.

The new gun for the Patterson Manufacturing Co., has arrived and is being erected. Within a few days they will be ready to do gunning for all comers. If any one has a bale that has not been ginned this company would be glad to communicate with him, they want to try the new gun.

A FOURTH OF JULY 58 YEARS AGO.

A Mammoth Parade, Fire Works, Speaking, Free Brandy and a Real Barbecue.

In talking with uncle Jimmie Casper now 80 years old he told about the Fourth of July as it was celebrated in Salisbury before the war, in 1859 in particular. On this occasion he said the rural folk fattened a beef, sheep or hog for the occasion carrying them to Salisbury a'ready dressed and ready to barbecue by the wagon load, that the trenches were dug one fourth of a mile long and that bark and prepared wood coal were used to do the cooking, which was begun early enough to have it all thoroughly done in time for the big noon meal. This was sliced with large knives and spread on long tables located in the grove about Chambers cotton mill, afterwards used as the Confederate prison pen. People from all parts of the county and surrounding counties were present in large numbers and after all had eaten to their satisfaction, the slaves were invited to help themselves, of which there was an abundance for them. There was a big parade, miles in length, including military and political organizations. A Cabarrus company had a long line of log cabins drawn on wagons with four horses to each. On the wagon were women and children who were abundantly supplied with American flags and banners. This was during the campaign when Wm. H. Harrison was the Whig candidate for president, and Bell and Everett were his opponents. Some of the banners bore the famous inscription, "Tippicanoo and Harrison too."

Capt. Riley and Ramsay were there with the Rowan artillery and their two field pieces, as was also Capt McNeely and the Salisbury military company of which Mr. Casper was a member, as were also the following who yet survive: E B Neave of Salisbury, W A Weant of Mocksville, C. Peeler of Rockwell, Jerry Eddleman of the Ebenezer neighborhood, Louis Holshouser who lives just outside of the southern limits of Salisbury, one in Concord and perhaps others who cannot be recalled just now.

At night there were fire works, tar barrels and large balls of waste saturated with oil. Mr Casper says the provisions consumed on this occasion, at present prices, would cost some eight or ten thousand dollars. Among the interesting features was the placing of barrels of apple and peach brandy on the street corners with spigots and cups handy which was free to all.

The fantastics was a striking feature of the parade. This was composed of men dressed in long-tailed coats and large breeches made of calico, and wearing tall, pointed hats. They brought into service all the old, poor horses, wornout buggies and carts that could be found, attached to which were cow bells and other things that would help make a noise. The jollification was an all-day and an all night affair, when our people, both town and country, were united and good-will, hospitality and bountiful generosity was overflowing.

Cause of Despondency.

Despondency is often caused by indigestion and constipation and quickly disappears when Chamberlain's Tablets are taken. These Tablets strengthen the digestion and move the bowels.

MURDER OF AN OFFICER.

More Details of the Killing of Deputy Sheriff Miller.

The news of the brutal murder of Deputy Sheriff J H Miller, the story of which is told by the Landmark's Mooresville correspondent, was received about 7 o'clock Saturday evening and Sheriff Alexander hurried to the scene of the killing. He was accompanied by other officers and a good many citizens from here went to join in the hunt. Charlie Williams, aged 63 years had been working for Mr Whit Dry in Chambersburg township. He left there about three weeks ago, in debt to Mr Dry for some provisions that had been advanced to him, Mr Dry swore out a warrant against him and it was turned over to Mr Miller, deputy sheriff in Chambersburg township, to execute. Saturday afternoon Mr Miller met up with Mr A Y Neal, deputy sheriff in Davidson township in Mooresville, and they went to arrest Williams. They left their machine at Mr James Steele's, one-fourth of a mile from where Williams lived and walked to Williams' house. Williams was not at home when they reached there—was out squirrel hunting, the officers were told. They started to leave after calling Williams several times and receiving no answer. Before they had gone far they saw Williams coming out of the woods, walking toward his house. The officers went out to meet him. When they met Mr Miller told Williams he had a warrant for him. Williams did not stop but walked by and continued toward the house. Mr Miller called to him a second time to stop and hear the warrant. The negro turned, raised his single-barrel shot gun and warned Mr Miller if he advanced further he would shoot him. The officer stepped back a few steps, stopped, let his hand fall to his side, and at this the negro shot. The load took effect in the throat and upper part of chest, producing almost instant death. The negro began at once to reload his gun. Officer Neal who was standing several feet away and who was not armed, ran around the house and headed for Mr Steele's home for help. The negro ran through the house but Mr Neal had gone. The negro then went back to Mr Miller, removed the officer's pistol and pocketbook and turned the body over. He then fled to the woods.

Fifty to 200 people gathered and took part in the search Saturday night. The search was resumed Sunday morning, about 12:45 o'clock Sunday afternoon the negro was found in a piece of woods near the Linwood school about four miles southeast of where he had killed Mr Miller. He was sitting against a tree facing and about 100 yards from the main road, and partly concealed by overhanging bushes. "There he is," came from one of the half hundred in the searching party, among them Deputies J A Gunn and A Y Neal. Simultaneously several shots were fired. Yr S H Houston rushed towards the negro, calling to the crowd not to shoot. Mr Houston, as assisted by Messrs J W Simpkins, Oscar Spears and W F Spears, gathered up the negro, hurried him to an automobile and to jail.

When found the negro had his gun in his hand. He was shot before he had opportunity to shoot Dr Ross McElwee examined and dressed the negro's wounds when he was brought to

Miss Elizabeth Sifford Celebrated Her Birthday

Little Miss Elizabeth Sifford entertained a few of her friends Wednesday, July 4th, this being her tenth birthday. After playing several games they were invited to the dining room where they were served with ice cream and cake. The table was prettily decorated with ivy, nasturtiums and United States flags together with two pictures of President Wilson.

After the refreshments they enjoyed the game of pinning the tail to donkey. Little Miss Nellie Bostian was the most successful and won the prize, a box of candy. They then went to the lawn where they had several games. Miss Elizabeth received a number of nice presents which she appreciated very much.

Those present were Misses Zenith Riser, Gladys Pouny, Helen Lyerly Elizabeth and Maude Norris, Helen Ritchie, Nellie Bostian, Hazeline Stirewalt, Katherine Brown, Josephine Harris, Mabel Cooper and Mary Virginia Hurley.

Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy.

Now is the time to buy a bottle of this remedy so as to be prepared in case that any one of your family should have an attack of colic or diarrhoea during the summer months. It is worth a hundred times its cost when needed.

Death of Mrs. Pollie Weaver.

Mrs Pollie Weaver aged about 80 years, mother of George Weaver, who lived with her son near Grace church, died Wednesday night at 11 o'clock from the effects of old age and gallstones. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Grace E L church of which she was a member, Rev G O Rittle officiating. The interment was in the cemetery near the church. Besides a son, she leaves two daughters, Mrs A Leazer and Mrs Caleb Basinger of the St Mark's church neighborhood.

Installing Telephone System.

The Southern Railway Company is installing a telephone system over its lines through this section as a substitute for telegraphy. A phone will be installed here and will add much to the convenience of the service and the public generally.

Heavy Rain Last Wednesday.

Last Wednesday, July 4th, one of the heaviest rains for several years fell along Grant Creek west of town. The ground was washed considerably, the bridge at Bunch Bradshaw's was damaged, the Caldwell bridge was swept away and crops in the low lands were damaged.

Dr McElwee does not consider the wounds serious unless blood poison develops. The injuries were produced by bird-shot mostly in the head and chest, with a light sprinkling over his limbs.

News was received here Sunday afternoon that a party from south Iredell would be here that night after Williams. As a matter of safety Sheriff Alexander transferred him to another county. Thirty to forty people did visit the jail Sunday night. They were allowed to satisfy themselves that Williams had been removed and they left quietly.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, the Supreme Architect of the universe did on the 21st day of May, 1917, call from labor to rest, our beloved and esteemed brother, A M Correll, therefore be it resolved:

First, That in the death of our brother Eureka Lodge, No 283, A. F. & A. M., has lost a true and faithful member, one who always exemplified in his daily life the great principles of our order, his family a kind and devoted father, and the community a good and valuable citizen, true to every trust committed to him.

Second, That while we mourn the loss of so good a man and so faithful a member, we rejoice in the assurance that our loss is his eternal gain, and we will ever cherish his memory here.

Third, That we extend to his bereaved family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy and pray God's blessings upon them in their bereavement.

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family, copies sent to the Orphans' Friend and the county papers for publication and that they be spread upon our minutes.

W. R. BOSTIAN,
H. S. BOSTIAN,
H. R. OVERCASH.

The Rowan County Exemption Board met Saturday and organized by electing M C Quinn chairman, Jas H Ramsay secretary and C W Woodson as examining physician. The board will have an office in the second floor of the government building. This board's duties are relative to those wanting exemption from the selective draft of June 5th.

The Yost Pless-Stirewalt re-union will be held at Mt Hope Reformed church on Wednesday, August 1st. A regular program will be prepared as usual.

The glorious fourth was not celebrated to the extent intended in these parts. The rain put everything on the bum. The big flag at Chestnut Hill was raised and it continues to float in the breeze.

Canning Factory to Open August 1st.

The people of Rowan County are asked to bear in mind that the Rowan Canning Company's plant has been bought by Mart P. Moore of this city, and C. M. Summers of Statesville, N. C., as before noted in this paper some time ago. The above named parties will operate the same under the name of "The Sum-Mo Products Co." and will be open for business after August 1st, 1917, and will endeavor to do a general canning business as far as their machines will permit. Cash will be paid for all produce when delivered. All parties who wish to sell to the factory will please let the company know the kinds and amount of produce that they will probably have for sale after August 1st. All products will be graded and paid for as to quality and fitness. Rates for handling the produce will be furnished by the company free. Parties wishing to address the company can do so at box 68, Salisbury, N. C. The Sum-Mo Products Co.