COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

FAITH.

Gardner, little daughter of d Mrs. J. A. Gardner, died at home here Wednesday afternoon o'clock. About 10 o'clock that g her clothing caught fire in f the fireplace and was so badned before it could be put out he died that afternoon at the one year and five months. The was conducted at the Baptist by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Huff, d by Rev. Mr. Honeycutt and laid to rest in the Baptist cemhere in Faith. She was a little girl and will be missed by rents and neighbors.

is a fine card we just received, what is on the picture side: Dormitory, Winthrop College, Hill, S. C., and here is what is on the other side: Venus, ry, N. C. Lot pretty girls You should come down and m. Bill Way.

's the way to do. Sent Venus y card and tell him something in his items.

lady of Mt. Airy, Route 4, dollar bill for a jar of eczema oday and says she reads our

and Mrs. John Fink and little er motored out to Faith Wednight in his big fine car. They e prettiest little daughter you w. They read Venus' items. can buy one old-time threecupboard here in Faith. firm in Salisbury that buys s reads our items.

is a nice letter we just reRockwell, N. C., Route 2, Box ear Venus: Just a few words. your items where a girl 12 ld was in the sixth grade and one could beat it. Why sure, one boy in Rimer school just years old. Venus, I am just and in the sixth grade and me to school six years and have sed a single day. I go to school and my name is Cliffmer. Can you beat it? s the way to do. Write a good o Venus that he can put in ns. Now if any other little girl can beat him for attendschool trot out your boy or

s Caster told us the other day and W. T. Cauble hauled the rload of street curbing from rry to the railroad that we off from the granite belt. They t in wagons by hand and off ons on to the flat cars. Not derrick to be seen nowhere. s several years ago. Now uble has become wealthy and from farming and moved to y in his own home to take life nd Mr. Caster has become and is retiring from farm ake the world easy and Venus o retired. How times do

VENUS.

FAITH.

Julius Castor and Venus mo- Mr. Castor's son's, G. C. Monday and took dinner with d got a fine dinner. Mr. G. or works with Happy in the quarry and is getting along His wife is one of the best He has a car a fine milk cow, a fine piano, a fine home and ghters. It had been several nce we took dinner with them. e well fixed and good livers. oyed some good music on the

s got two letters today. Both ney in them for eczema salve. s from Salisbury and one from

aw then people taking lunch t Glover's Lunch in Salisbury. et D. W. Bann, of Linwood, in Salisbury. He sent Venus e relics for his collection one d has some more for him. the people leave Salisbury on trips they don't forget Venus. e just received a fine post th the picture of Kentucky horse and breeders associack, Lexington, Ky. Here is written on the other side: how is the snow down there? a big snow up here, but not as down there. You should here in the blue grass coun- see the race horses. Also the sand cave. From a Tar Heel, Vetmorde." That's the way to ways write back to Venus and where you are.

re having beautiful weather toarch 15th.

Brown, in Salisbury, told us he Dutch book dated 1791. Who t that for old books.

is a fine letter we just receivspeaks for itself:

gton, N. C., Mar. 10, 1927.

T. Wyatt, Dear Sir:—We will u to let you know how my son g along. He had such a bad eczema. He had it four years. scales all over his legs as large ters of a dollar. And his head olid scab on top, but he is just ne. It has all healed up and d looks nice and clean. He sleep and work now, thanks home-made eczema cure salve. annie Wood, R. F. D., 6, Box ington, N. C."

s the way to do. Don't let ildren suffer.

young lady who operates the e machine at the Carolina an office wrote our name and and embedded a Lincoln penand handed it to us while we anding looking at her operate chine. Who else knows how the penny in the metal?

VENUS.

POPLAR TENT.

are very glad to see the sun or the farmers so they can

Drusilla Poplin is on the sick t is improving.

ds and relatives gathered at me of Miss Mary Gray with rise birthday dinner. In the of the table set a birthday cake ully decorated with birthday s on it. Those present were: d Mrs. F. C. Gray and family, nd Mary Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Gray and daughter, Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Burris and family, W. E. Fortner and daughter, Grace, J. P. Poplin, Charlie and Willie Barbee, Tom Furr, George, Martin, John and Reuben Linker, Misses Floy, Ethel and June Burris, Eula Mae, Mary Jane Barbee. All left wishing her many more happy occasions.

The high baseball team of Gilwood came to Poplar Tent Tuesday evening and played. The score was 17 to 1 in favor of the league of Poplar Tent.

J. W. Barbee set one hundred and nineteen eggs and hatched ninety-seven. Venus, if you can beat that trot out your incubators.

PRETTY LITTLE GIRL.

BOSTIAN CROSS ROADS.

The Week of Prayer at Faith E. L. Church was a good success. They had pretty good attendance every night. The young people had a good program on Sunday night. Mrs. Junious Fesperman, Mrs. Hiram Brown, Claud Barger and Leon Barger did some good singing Sunday night.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Deal is a little better at this writing, we are glad to hear it.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lyerly, of near St. Lukes Reformed Church, gave to their little daughter a party Saturday night, March 12th. There was a large crowd there. The Happy Trex string band was there to give them some music for the crowd. After the music was over Mrs. Lyerly took the crowd into her dining room and gave us all a fine supper that was hard to beat. Everybody seemed to enjoy it splendid. Happy did you know when there is something to eat in it. We all hope that they will soon have another one.

Luther Miller, of near Biltmore school house, was a welcome visitor at Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Cauble's Sunday, March 13th. Happy and wife also visited them a little. Mr. Cauble is one of the Happy Trex string band.

Mr. and Mrs. Happy Trex visited Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Morgan Sunday evening, March 13th. We all had a good old time together and had plenty of music together. Mr. Morgan is also one of our little band. There are only five of us but they are always on the job.

Miss Pauline Carter, of near Shuping's Mill, is not any better at this writing. She has a good nurse with her all the time. We all hope to see her get better.

The Sons and Daughters of Liberty of Wiley Kluttz Council will have a big time Wednesday night, March 23rd. Everybody is welcome to come. The Happy Trex string band will be there to give them some music for the crowd.

HAPPY TREX.

CENTER GROVE.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Coggins were called to Sanford last Saturday night on account of the death of the eleven-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Bost. The child was run over by an automobile and never regained consciousness. Mr. Bost is the brother of Mrs. Coggins. We extend to them our sympathy.

Mrs. Henry Cook and children spent Thursday in Concord visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sloop and children, of Charlotte, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James A. Furr.

We were sorry to hear of the sudden death of Miss Ruth Talbert, of Albemarle. She took sick about 7 o'clock Thursday evening and died at 9 o'clock. She was sixteen years of age and was the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Talbert, who used to live in Concord. She had many relatives in this community to mourn her death. She leaves besides her parents, three sisters and two brothers and a host of friends and relatives who will miss her in this world but hope to see her in the great beyond.

Center Grove Home Demonstration Club held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. C. G. Sechler Thursday, the 17th. A Bible contest was first on the program. Mrs. B. A. Furr won the prize for the highest score and Miss Barker the consolation prize. Miss Barker demonstrated cup custard and brought us many interesting messages. All were invited to the dining room where delicious ice cream, cakes and fruit were served by Mrs. Sechler. Our next meeting will be the third Thursday in April. The place of meeting will be announced later. The Bible questions for next meeting will be found in the book of Deuteronomy, so all please study that book and be prepared.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Eddleman attended the funeral of Miss Ruth Talbert in Albemarle Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Greenlawn cemetery.

We are sorry Mrs. D. B. Castor is on the sick list. Most of our sick people are better.

Mrs. Herbert Flora and children, Herbert, Jr., and Mary Catherine, arrived last week from Owensboro, Ky., to spend a while visiting relatives and friends. They are at Mrs. Flora's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Castor, at present. All are glad to see them back and hope they will make a long visit.

Little Paul Brown Karriker is on the sick list. Hope he will soon be better.

Mrs. Jas. A. Furr and Mrs. W. W. Sloop and daughter, Ruby, visited Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Furr at the home of D. W. Widenhouse last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Karriker recently moved into their handsome new bungalow on the highway and are enjoying housekeeping. Mrs. Ed. M. Cook and Miss Helen Cook spent Thursday with Mrs. Albert Moose in Kannapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Eddleman spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Eddleman in China Grove.

Recently four young men of our congregation have acquired something new for themselves, viz: brides. They are: James Cook, Miss Agnes; Roscoe Coggins, Miss Alma Freeze; Joe Ray Castor, Miss Esther Lowder; Lock Weddington, Miss Revine Dixon. We wish for each a long and happy life. We also hope each bride will join Center Grove Church and be instrumental in founding real Christian homes—the greatest need of the present time.

Mrs. "Doc" Shinn, who was real sick the past week, is able to be out again.

George Patterson has moved back to the old Tumley homeplace from Kannapolis where he moved for the winter months.

There are eight or ten cases of whooping cought and two of chickenpox in our community at present.

Cedric Earnhardt, Mrs. D. A. Earnhard, Mrs. U. Z. Caldwell and Miss Ruth Earnhardt went to Albemarle Friday to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Talbert and family.

D. W. and Homer Widenhouse and K. C. Furr, of Georgeville, were visitors at the home of Jas. A. Furr Friday.

Mrs. J. L. Eddleman had quilties parties at her home Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

Sunday, March 3rd, was the second anniversary of the coming of Rev. E. F. K. Roof to serve as our pastor at Center Grove Church. We have enjoyed his messages for he has truly "broken unto us the bread of life." Just as Mr. Roof was finishing presenting a life membership pin of the U. L. C. A. to Mrs. L. K. Hurlocker, D. B. Castor presenter to Mr. Roof, in a few well chosen words, a present of money in behalf of Center Grove congregation as a token of their love and esteem for him and his good wife. We hope they will be with us many more years. REPORTER.

FISHING WORMS.

I observed with keen interest a recent article in our well known paper, commenting on our decidedly blond Isaac Walton of the present age who claims the distinction of having recently divested nature's famous aquarium of one of its oldest pioneers which I am told balanced the beam at approximately five and three-quarter pounds prior to interment. As many local kindergarten fishermen viewed with envy the remains of that over corpulent and highly dignified member of the Bass Kingdom, but by no means worthy of such admirable significance as to create such inevitable excitement among a few pupil fishermen.

This coveted honor has recently been shattered and will remain so, and for your information let me suggest that you refer to the Beaver Dam Log Book and you'll find written therein:

"Lost—March 16th, 1920, between 6 and 7 a. m. a most lovable character whose age is a mystery; weight six pounds and five ounces, and whose name was none other than Grandma Tut.

So my dear aspirant of the coveted title will kindly step out of the furlined bathtub and again assume his position at the hands of the celluloid skillet. X.

Death of George H. Basinger.

George H. Basinger died at his home near Mill Bridge March 18th after an illness of less than one week, at the age of 83 years, nine months and three days.

At the age of nineteen years he enlisted in the Southern army of the Civil War on September 7, 1862. At the battle of Sharpsburg he was captured and imprisoned at Point Lookout. He was exchanged and re-enlisted. He was wounded at Spottsylvania Court House April 9, 1865. He was given an honorable discharge with the army of northern Virginia by General Robert E. Lee.

When but a young man he was catechized and confirmed at Organ Evangelical Lutheran Church and remained a member of the same until 1881, when he transferred his membership to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of which he remained a faithful member until his death.

He was twice married. First to Catherine Overcash, to which union were born seven children, six of whom surivev, viz: Mrs. Abe Morgan, Mrs. J. A. Morgan, Mrs. J. A. Bostian, Charles M. Basinger, Mrs. L. A. Martin and Mrs. T. K. Blume.

In November, 1885, he was married to his second wife, Miss Lydia Moore. To this union were born five children, viz: Mrs. T. K. Plyler, Mrs. R. C. Rogers, W. E. Basinger, W. F. Basinger and H. S. Basinger.

One child, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren preceded him to the spirit world.

He leaves to mourn his death a devoted wife, eleven children, fifty-five grandchildren, forty-four great-grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. Eli Lippard, and Mrs. Luther Philips, and a host of friends and relatives.

He was loyal to his community, his family and his church. Truly his contribution has been great and may his memory be a lasting benediction.

The funeral services were held at Grace E. L. Church on the day following his death, conducted by his pastor, Rev. C. A. Brown, assisted by Rev. B. S. Brown, D. D., pastor of Ebenezer E. L. Church; M. L. Ridenhour, pastor of Kimball Memorial E. L. Church, Kannapolis, and C. E. Hass, pastor of the Methodist Church, China Grove. A very large concourse of relatives and sympathizing friends attended the services, after which his body was laid to rest in the cemetery nearby to await the ressurrection of the just.

Corbin Street Parent Teacher Meeting.

The parent-teacher Association met at Corbin street school Thursday afternoon. There was a good attendance. Reports were given for February, and it was found that the work of the association had progressed. The treasurer reported a seventy dolar profit from the George Washington party.

The association has had, so far, quite a successful year. The grade libraries have all been brought up to standard and above. Each grade has at least three sets of supplementary readers. Several sets of reference books, too, have been bought and paid for. The grounds have been improved by a fountain, shrubbery, trees and some play ground apparatus.

The chief feature of the afternoon's program was a paper read by Mrs. J. O. Moose, the title of the paper being "Are Children People?" It was written by a twelve year old girl and was extremely interesting.

A message from the Concord Hospital states that Mrs. J. S. Lafferty, who is undergoing treatment there, is resting as well as could be expected.

Sermon Preached at Hagerstown In 1828 by Rev. William Artz

Boyd W. Moose brought to our office a copy of a sermon preached by his grandfather, Rev. William Artz, at Hagerstown in 1828, and this sermon is reproduced below. Mr. Artz was at one time pastor of Organ Church, and his remains lie buried in the St. Johns Church cemetery. The sermon in full is as follows:

Isaiah 45:12.

In this verse there is abundant encouragement given to repentance derived from its blessed effects and consequences, which are the following three:

1st. Deliverance from spiritual bondage. "Ye shall go out; ye shall be led forth." The Egyptian and Babylonian captivities were types of our spiritual captivity, and the deliverance of the people of God out of these captivities was a type of our deliverance from spiritual captivity. And this is one of the blessings here promised to all repenting and returning sinners.

2nd. Spiritual joy. "Ye shall go out with joy; the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the fields shall clap their hands. There was great joy at the deliverance of the people of God out of their Babylonian captivity. "When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. There was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongues with singing."—Ps. 1, 2. And in our text the mountains and hills and trees and the fields are represented as rejoicing in their joy and deliverance. Which mystically means the great rejoicing there is, at the deliverance of sinners from their spiritual captivity. This is a matter of the greatest joy.

3rd. Spiritual peace. Ye shall be led forth with peace. As the people of God were led along from Babylon to Judea quietly and peaceably; so shall true penitents enjoy peace and quietness in their passage from sin to grace and glory. Their repentance shall be followed with abundance of peace. The doctrine of the text, then, is "that sinners shall be brought out of their spiritual captivity with joy and peace." Hence we shall take occasion to consider the following particulars, which are embraced in the text.

1st. Sinners in their natural state are under spiritual captivity. Their state is a state of bondage. All natural men are spiritual captives. Particularly:

1st. They are captives to the justice of God. Sinners are traitors and rebels against God, and hence the justice of God holds them as its prisoners. They are bound under the condemning power of the law of God. And therefore they are said to be by nature children of wrath, i. e., such to whom wrath is due and against whom wrath is denounced by the righteous sentence of the law. They stand bound to suffer eternal punishment for their sins. Hence we are said to be brought out of the hand of divine justice, by the payment of a price for our redemption. For ye are bought with a price. Ye are redeemed with the precious blood of Christ. Christ, by shedding His precious blood for us, made full satisfaction to the infinite justice of God, and to free us from our bondage to divine wrath.

2nd. Sinners are captives to Satan. The devil, when he first approached man with his temptations, gained a victory over him. And men naturally are captives to him, as being conquered by him, and by the just judgment of God are left under his power. And therefore sinners are said to be led captive by him at his will. He tyrannizes over them and works in them. He continually tempts them and urges them on to all manner of evil. Great is the power which Satan has over natural men. They obey him as their father. Ye are of your father, the devil; and the lusts of your father ye will do. They serve him as their god and therefore he is called the god of this world. They practically own him for their god by yielding subjection to him rather than to God; the true and loving God.

3rd. Sinners are captives to sin. Indwelling sin bears sway in their hearts. This is the principle which governs them. They are under the dominion of sin, so as to be the servants of sin and obey it in the lusts thereof. We ourselves are sometimes foolish,—serving divers lusts and pleasures. Sin is the law in them which gives its command to which they are obedient; their natural lusts are their lords, which hold them under their power. And hence wicked men are said to be held in with the cords of their sins, which means that they are held by the strength of their lusts and are kept under their full power and dominion.

II. The second thing which we learn from this interesting passage is, that sinners may be brought out of their spiritual captivity. This will be the blessed privilege of all true penitents.

1st. They shall be delivered from their captivity to the justice of God. This binds sinners over to suffer the punishment due to their sins, but now upon their repentance, justice will let these prisoners go free. Their chains of guilt shall be knocked off and their obligation to punishment shall be done away. For God will grant a full pardon to all repenting sinners. Repent ye, therefore and be converted that your sins may be blotted out. Because of the repentance of sinners God will be merciful to their unrighteousness and their sins and iniquities He will remember no more at all. On account of the price which Christ has paid to the justice of God for their ransom, they shall be set at liberty from the condemning power of the law of God.

2nd. They shall be delivered from their captivity to satan. When a sinner is brought to repentance he is turned from the power of satan unto God. He no longer abides in willing subjection to the temptation of satan. He is then delivered from the power of darkness and translated from his slavery to the decil and made a willing subject of Jesus Christ.

3rd. They shall be delivered from their captivity to sin. No sooner do sinners repent, than the cords of their iniquities with which they are fastbound are broken asunder. The Holy Spirit of God modifies their lusts and frees them from the domination of sin. But now being made free from sin and become the servants of God, they are set at liberty from the commanding power of their lusts and yield up themselves servants to God though their lusts remain and stir in them yet they do not reign over them. Though they strive to recover their dominion over them, yet they shall never be able to accomplish it, for God has assured them that sin shall no more have dominion over them. It shall never have an absolute uncontrolled power over them as it formerly had. Though it may through its violent workings, carry them sometimes to particular acts of sin; yet it shall not hold them under its power; but they shall rise again by faith and repentance and shall be more set against sin for the time to come.

III. A third particular taught us in the text is that the deliverance of penitent sinners from their spiritual captivity is with joy. When sinners are brought to repentance and rescued from their spiritual thraldom, it is a matter and an occasion of spiritual joy, Particularly:

1st. It is a matter of joy to Jesus Christ. This is represented to us in the parable of the man who rejoiced in that he had found his sheep that was lost. (Luke 15:6.) Jesus Christ is the Great Shepherd and perishing sinners are his lost sheep. When they are reclaimed from the wanderings and brought home to Jesus Christ by faith and repentance, it is a ground of rejoicing to Him. And the conversion of sinners must need be a matter of joy to Him, for thereby satan's kingdom is weakened and His own enlarged. This affords Him a ground of triumph over that implacable enemy to the interests of both God and man.

2nd. It is a matter of joy to God the Father. This is represented to us in the parable of the father rejoicing at the return of his prodigal son. (Luke 15). Let us eat and be merry, for this my son was dead and he is alive again, he was lost and is found. And they began to be merry. And this must need be a ground of rejoicing to God inasmuch as in this way His glory is advanced. For when sinners are converted to God, they cease to live to His dishonor and do now devote themselves to His service and glory. They become active instruments of His praise, making His glory the chief scope of their lives.

3rd. It is a matter of joy to the holy angels. Evil angels indeed are filled with vexation and trouble at the conversion of sinners, but good angels do exceedingly rejoice at it. There is joy in the preseence of God over one sinner that repents. They rejoice in that glory, which redounds to God by the sinner's repenting, and they rejoice in his welfare and salvation of the sinner in this way of repentance and hence they do with cheerfulness minister to all true converts, taking special care and charge of them as those who are dear to Christ.

4th. It is a matter of joy to the saints of God. The man that found his lost sheep, called together his friends and neighbors to rejoice with him. And the Father in the parable calls us on his servants to rejoice with him on the return of his prodigal son. This gives us to understand that the friend of Christ, and the servants of God, do rejoice in the conversion of sinners. They have no greater joy than to see sinners turn from sin and walk with God in newness of life. "I have no greater joy than to hear, that my children walk in truth." Thus Barnabas a good man, was glad when he saw the grace of God in the conversion of the Gentiles (Acts 11:23). Good men do exceedingly rejoice to see others become good and joining with them in service and glorifying God here and forever.

5th. It is matter of joy to repenting sinners themselves. When the people of Israel were brought out of their Babylonian captivity, their mouth was filled with laughter and their tongues with singing. There was such an overflowing fullness of joy and gladness in their hearts as discovered itself on their countenances and voice. So shall it be with all true penitents who are redeemed from their wretched captivity. Many sinners, upon their sincere repentance and first conversion to God have the oil of gladness plentifully poured out upon them. Thus it was usually with the converts recorded in the Holy Scriptures. They partook of the comforts of the Holy Ghost, at the same time when they were made partakers of His grace. We frequently read of the holy and exquisite joys of believers; yea of their rejoicing with joy unspeakable and full of glory. Indeed all true penitents are not actually possessed of such joys. They may for a season when there is need of it be in heaviness. Yet, however, the repenting sinner has a right to special joys. Christ has promised that such as mourn for sin shall be comforted. And they, who sow in tears shall reap in joy. There is a harvest of joy which they shall reap in due time, especially in the world to come.

There they shall partake of fulness of joy forever. And oftentimes in this life God does revive the spirit of the contrite ones. There are seasons in which they have some comfortable experience of the love of God to their souls and in which they rejoice in the hope of eternal glory. Now and then they sit down under the shadow of Christ with great delight and His fruit is sweet to their taste. He brings them into the banquet hall and His banner over them is love.

IV. The fourth and last particular taught us in the text is, that sinners shall be redeemed out of their spiritual captivity with peace. Indeed when a soul is lead out of its spiritual bondage to sin and satan it then begins a warfare; it engages and will continue to be engaged in a spiritual conflict all its days on earth. Yet, however, there is a manifold and blessed peace which it enjoys. All true penitents are partakers of the most desirable peace.

1st. Repenting sinners shall be brought out of their spiritual captivity with peace. Indeed when a soul is led.

1st. Repenting sinners have peace with God. While they were impenitent and disobedient God was their enemy. But upon their repentance and conversion to God, thereby becomes reconciled to them. Thus when Ephraim repented, God says of him: Is Ephraim my dear son? Is he a pleasant child? When the prodigal returned, his father embraced him, kissed him and restored him to his favor. God is then as well pleased with penitent sinners, as if they had never displeased Him at all. Through Jesus Christ God is perfect and eternally pacified and reconciled to them.

2nd. Repenting sinners have peace with the creatures of God. While men abide in their fallen state all the creatures of God are in opposition to them. They are ready at the command of God to be the executioners of His vengeance on sinners. There is not the least creature but what would destroy a sinner, if it had orders from God to do so. But when sinners turn to God by repentance, there is no creature that will or can hurt them. There it as it were, a league of friendship between every true convert and every creature of God both animate and inanimate. Thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field, and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee. Those that truly return into covenant with God, shall have all creatures brought again into covenant with them so as not to hurt them but to further their welfare and promote their everlasting good.

3rd. Repenting sinners have peace with their own consciences. The conscience of an impenitent sinner is warned against him. It accuses him of sin, condemns him for it; cites him before the judgment of God, and then disturbs and terrifies him. Unless he be unusually hardened, his conscience will trouble him. But when a sinner repents of his sins and returns unto the Lord, his conscience speaks peace to him. It excuses him and acquits him before God, and gives in its testimony for him. This conscience purged from dead works, as being conscious of a believer's freedom from the guilt of sin by the blood of Christ, is a continual feast. The enlightened conscience of a repenting sinner is not an enemy to him; but a friend that speaks comfortably to him. When sin is repented of it is pardoned. And when sin is pardoned there is peace in the soul, Though not always so much as perfectly to free from fear, yet so much as to secure from sinking into despair.

4th. Repenting sinners have peace with death. To impenitent sinners death is a dreadful enemy. To them he is emphatically the day of terror. They can hardly think of it without amazement and trembling. And, then too, they do all they can do to banish the thoughts of it from their mind. They look upon it as the end of all their comforts and the beginning of their neverending sorrows, and therefore put it far away from them. But to a true penitent death is a real friend. Its sting is taken away (his sins being pardoned) and so it can do him no harm. Nay, it will do him the greatest service, as it will put an end to his sins, his sorrows of every kind and as it will transfer him to a state of eternal blessedness with Jesus in the kingdom of heaven. The death of the penitent then as to his body is but a sleep; or lying down to rest for awhile in order to awake to endless life of glory. And his death as to his soul is but a passage to heaven, the place of perfect rest and peace. The righteous is taken from the evil to come. He shall enter into peace; they shall rest in their bed until the resurrection.

From this subject we learn how sad and deplorable the condition of impenitent sinners is. For their state is directly contrary to that of repenting sinners. These enjoy liberty, joy and peace, and consequently, impenitent sinners have neither true liberty, nor joy nor peace.

1st. They have no true liberty. Indeed impenitent and disobedient sinners usually think that no men enjoy such liberty and freedom as they do. They live as they list, following their own corrupt inclinations and gratifying their own vile affections. This they count real liberty, which is nothing but licentiousness. This is what they reason true freedom which is indeed most awful slavery. The carnal Jews thought themselves free and in bondage to none. Whereas our Lord gave them to understand that they were the slaves of satan and sin. And what more captivity can there be, than be under the command of sin, under the tyranny of satan and the condemnation of the law of God. And this is the sad case of every impenitent sinner in this world. And what will the end of this bondage be at last? Why, the wretched slave, that has been doing the drudgery of satan and tiring out himself in the service of sin, will at last be shut up in the prison of hell and there be tormented with the devil forever. His work they do and his wages they shall receive.

2nd. Impenitent sinners themselves think that they lead the most happy and pleasant lives. They eat, drink and are merry, indulging themselves in carnal and sensual pleasures. But these are no real, no satisfying pleasures. They are no better than those which the beasts of the field enjoy. And they are of very short duration. The pleasures of sin are but for a season. They will not last long, but in a little while they will come to an end. Then the consequences of them will be most dreadful. They will terminate in exquisite and eternal torments. Thus it was with that voluptuous person who fared sumptuously every day; when he died he went down to the place of torment. And the more that persons have hold in pleasure the more and the greater will their torments be. How much she hath lived deliciously, so much toment and sorrow give her. So that these sweet pleasures will end in bitterness. The joys of sinners will be followed with endless sorrow. They will mourn at last and weep and wail forever. Their present laughter, therefore, is nothing but madness. For like madmen they are sporting in that which will end in their destruction.

3rd. Impenitent sinners have no true peace. Indeed sinners may be in a state of carnal security and so enjoy a kind of fake peace. This may arise from many causes. Sometimes it arises from infidelity. Thus when sinners do not believe the existence of God, or that he is so holy and just a God as he is declared to be in His Word, they may enjoy something of inward quietness, as not apprehending the wrath of God, that will be revealed against sin. Sometimes they are so drenched in sensual pleasures and immersed in worldly business as to have no thought of the danger of their condition; sinners may be free from inward troubles and be at ease in their minds. But this is no true peace of conscience. It is rather stupidity or death of conscience. Their conscience is lulled asleep, but not spiritually at rest. And sooner or later, their consciences will awake and be armed against them and terrify them. For there is no peace to the wicked. (Isaiah 48:22). And as they have no true peace of conscience, so neither have they any real peace with God. He is an enemy to them in their present state and will ere long appear to them as such. Though for a time he may retain his anger and dispense his favours in his providence to them, yet His wrath will in a little while wax hot and break forth against them. That most awful passage will be verified with regard to them: "I lift up my hand to heaveen and I say live forever; If I set my glittering sword and my hand take note on judgment, I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me."—Deut. 32:40-41.

Dr. and Mrs. Spencer Entertain at Dinner.

Salisbury Post.

Dr. and Mrs. Frederick B. Spencer entertained last evening at an elaborate and wonderfully beautiful dinner at their home on South Fulton street in compliment to Miss Lula Belle Paris and Robert Heindel Scott and their bridal attendants. The home which lends itself perfectly to lavish entertaining, was adorned on this occasion with immense vases of peach blossom, bridal wreath, jonquils, tulips and other spring flowers.

Mrs. Spencer wore a handsome gown of white satin embroidered with moonstone beads and carried a fan of Spanish red ostrich. Miss Paris was charming in sunset taffeta with full skirt trimmed with cabochons of taffeta ruchings. The neck was outlined in the back with a broad band in cowl effect of powder blue satin which hung loose in front and extended to the bottom of the dress. Gold kid slippers completed the costume. She wore a sapphire and diamond bracelet, the gift of the bridegroom.

The guests who numbered about sixty and included members of the bridal party and additional friends and relatives were seated at dinner in both the dining room and the coffee room adjoining it. The bride's table was an exquisite arrangement in pink and yellow, and it was lighted, as was the entire room, entirely with yellow and pink candles. Festoons of pink and yellow tulle hung from the chandelier to the table corners where they were attached with bows to silver candlesticks.

The bride's chair was tied with a huge tulle bow and an artistic bouquet of sweet peas, orange blossoms and rosebuds. A lace cloth covered the table and the flowers were combined jonquils, flowering ammon and narcissus. Oblong pink baskets filled with salted nuts and silver comports of bon bons were placed for each guest. The tables in the coffee room were similarly appointed and adorned. A delicious dinner was served.

Later the guests went to the drawing room where a program of dances and music was given. Little Miss Camille Austin of Charlotte, little Elizabeth Miller Leoard and Miss Lucille Urbansky charmed everyone with their dancing, while Mrs. Lillian Rozellel was warmly appladed for her singing. Mrs. Frederick Spencer graciously gave two delightful readings and Mrs. John L. Rendleman was prevailed on to sing in a duet from "Maytime," with Mrs. Rozzelle.

The bride-elect, who has a most appealing soprano voice, sang a group of charming songs which pleased everyone. Miss Julia Burton of Marion, Mrs. Robert M. West and Mrs. William Urbansky played accompaniments.

At nine o'clock the bridal party went to the First Methodist Church to rehearse for the wedding which is to take place at seven o'clock this evening and will be followed immediately by a brilliant reception at the home of the bride's parents on South Main street.

No. 2 School P.-T. A.

The Parent-Teacher Association of No. 2 school held its regular monthly meeting Thursday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock, with a good attendance.

It was decided at this meeting that this association would join the City Council of the Parent-Teachers Association.

It was also decided to grant the request of Mr. Long, to furnish material for the building of lattices for the rosebushes that have been planted on the school grounds.

The association gave a beautiful picture to Mrs. Lee's room for selling the most tickets to the play which the mothers gave recently.

The mothers are planning to give another play, "The Old Maids Convention," in the near future.

Birthday Dinner Set for March 27th.

A birthday dinner will be given on March 27th for William A. Downum, of Concord Route 2.

All of his relatives, neighbors and others interested are most cordially invited. Mrs. Downum fell January 1st, sustaining injuries which have kept her confined to her bed since.

Everybody interested is invited to attend and take well filled baskets.

B. L. D.

Ruth Talbirt Dies in Albemarle.

Ruth, 16-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Talbirt, Albemarle, became ill about 9 o'clock Thursday night and died about 12:30 Friday morning. L. A. Talbirt went to Albemarle to be with his brother Friday.

The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

By virtue of authority vested in me by a deed of trust executed by Otis Dickens, on the 14th day of March 1923, which deed of trust is duly recorded in the Register's office for Cabarrus County, N. C., in Book No. 5 page 35, default having been made, I will sell at public auction at the courthouse door in Concord, N. C., on Saturday, the 16th day of April 1927 at 12 o'clock M., to the highest bidder for cash, the following real estate:

Lying and being in Ward No. 4 of the City of Concord, and being lot Nos. 1 and 24, in Block "B" on the map of Liberty View as surveyed and platted by Reece I. Long on January 1920, a copy of which is filed in the office of Register of Deeds for Cabarrus County, N. C., in Map Book No 2, page 4.

Beginning at an iron stake on South Georgia Avenue, corner of lot No. 2, now lot of H. J. Plunket, and runs with his line S. 87 1-2 W. 144.4 feet to an iron stake in old line, corner of lot No. 23; thence N. 43 E 106 feet to an iron stake; thence S 71 E. 73 feet to an iron stake on South Georgia Avenue; thence with South Georgia Avenue S. 2 1-2 E. 48 feet to the beginning.

Title to said property is supposed to be good, but the purchaser takes only such title as I am authorized to convey under said deed of trust.

This the 17th day of March, 1927.

JOHN M. HENDRIX, Trustee.

By Hartsell & Hartsell, Attorneys.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE.

By virtue of authority vested in me by a deed of trust executed by C. A. Bost and wife Janie Bost on the 28th day of October, 1922, which deed of trust is duly recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Cabarrus County, N. C., in Book No. 47, page 220, default having been made, I will sell at public auction at the courthouse door in Concord, N. C., on Saturday, the 16th day of April, 1927, at 12 o'clock M., to the highest bidder for cash, the following real estate:

Lying and being in Ward No. 4 of the City of Concord, and being lot No. 11 of the property of Gilbert Hendrix, as surveyed and platted by Reece I. Long in 1922, a copy of which is filed in the office of Register of Deeds for Cabarrus County, N. C.:

Beginning at an iron stake on Lincoln street, corner of lot No. 10, and runs with the line of lot No. 10, N. 83 3-4 W. 120 feet to an iron stake, corner of lot No. 10 in the line of lot No. 9; thence with the line of lot No. 9, S. 9 1-2 W. 51.9 feet to an iron stake on Linker street; thence with Linker street S. 75 3-4 E. 120.6 feet to an iron stake, the intersection of Linker and Lincoln streets; thence with Lincoln Street N. 9 1-2 E. 60 feet to the beginning, and is a part of the property conveyed to Gilbert Hendrix by W. M. Linker and wife Lalla Linker on the 22nd day of July, 1922, and recorded in Record of Deeds No. 99, page 101.

Title to said property is supposed to be good but the purchaser takes only such title as I am authorized to convey under said deed of trust.

This the 17th day of March, 1927.

JOHN M. HENDRIX, Trustee.

Hy Hartsell & Hartsell, Attys.

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SALE OF LAND UNDER MORTGAGE.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority conferred upon me by a certain mortgage trust deed executed on the 25th day of May, 1925, by P. D. Sides and wife, Anna Sides, and duly recorded in the Register's office for Cabarrus County in Book of Mortgages No. 49, page 220, and default having been made in the payment of the bonds secured by said deed of trust, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in Concord on Monday, the 25th day of April, 1927, at 12 o'clock M., the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lying and being in the Northeastern corner of Cabarrus County on both sides of the highway and both sides of the Yadkin Railroad leading from Salisbury to Albemarle, and bounded as follows:

Tract No. 1. Beginning at a stone on the North side of the Albemarle road and runs N. 20 degrees East 40 poles to the road side; thence S. 88 degrees East 2 poles to the center of the railroad track; thence down the railroad S. 41 degrees East 47 poles to the old line; thence with the old line S. 31 1-2 poles to a stake; thence E. 23 poles to a stone; thence S. 46 degrees N. 21 1-4 poles to the Albemarle road; thence up said road N. 47 degrees W. 71 poles to the beginning, containing 11 1-2 acres more or less.

Tract No. 2, Beginning on a stump in the right of way of the Yadkin R. R. and runs East 30 poles to a stake on an old corner by twto white oaks and two post oaks; thence N. 5 degrees E. 23 poles to the public road; thence with the said road as it meanders 44 poles to a stump; thence S. 23 degrees W. 24 poles to a stone; thence with the R. R. right of way S. 55 degrees E., 26 poles to the beginning, containing 7 acres, more or less.

Tract No. 3. Beginning in the road at a small willow oak on the S. side of the road and runs with the road 73 1-2 poles to the old line; thence with the old line S. 2 2-2 degrees W. crossing the R. R. 90 2-3 poles to a stage Rufus Troutman's corner; thence S. 88 degrees E. recrossing the R. R. 70 poles to a pine knot in Troutman's line; thence N. 2 1-2 degrees E. 66 poles to the beginning, containing 34 1-4 acres more or less.

Tract No. 4. Beginning on a stone Coda's and Troutman's corner in D. S. Morgan's line and runs with Coda's line W. 34 poles to the R. R.; thence with the R. R. S. 41 degrees E. 46 1-2 poles to D. S. Wagoner's line in the R. R.; thence with D. S. Wagoner's line N. 36 poles to the beginning, containing 4 acres, one rod and 21 poles of more or less.

See deed from W. C. Wagoner and wife to P. D. Sides, recorded in Register's office of Cabarrus County in Book 94 on page 15.

The new hard surface highway from Salsbury to Albemarle runs through the above property. There are two good dwelling houses on the property.

This, the 21st day of March, 1