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RECORD BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

New Law Requiring That Records Shall be Kept in Every Township in the State Goes Into Effect Next Month.—Registrars Appointed.

For the first time in the history of North Carolina the law has provided that an accurate record of all births and deaths be kept. The object of the law is to gather information about diseases and conditions of health that will make it possible to apply modern methods to the improvement of conditions and the destruction of disease. The law passed by the last legislature goes into effect next month and in every township in North Carolina men will be appointed whose duty it will be to keep and report the statistics. Heretofore such statistics have been kept only in towns of certain sizes. As this is a movement in behalf of better health conditions the people ought to render every aid in their power to assist the work of the statisticians. The statisticians will receive twenty-five cents for each birth and death record, and as there will be much information to collect, the work will be worth the money.

In the matter of deaths the statisticians will record the name and place and date of birth of the deceased, sex, color, whether married or single, educational attainments, occupation, name and birthplace of father, maiden name and birthplace of mother, medical attendance, cause of death, place and burial, etc.

In the case of birth will be recorded place and date of birth, full name, sex, color, whether twin or triplet, legitimacy, name and residence of parents, age of father, occupation of father and mother, number of children in family, attendance at birth, etc.

Each month the report will be made out and sent to State registrar.

The law provides that the chairman of the board of county commissioners shall appoint the health statisticians. Chairman J. E. Stewart has appointed the following for the county:

Lanes Creek, Dr. J. B. Eubanks. Buford, W. P. Plyler. Jackson, W. R. Steele. Sandy Ridge, W. L. Harkey. Vance, J. W. Roberts. Goose Creek, Dr. A. D. N. Whitley. New Salem, G. W. Smith, Sr. Marshville, Dr. D. R. Perkins. Monroe, T. L. Crowell.

H. E. Gullidge Drops Dead.

Wadesboro Messenger.

Mr. H. E. Gullidge, a prominent business man of Chesterfield, dropped dead yesterday afternoon on the road between Cheraw and Chesterfield. It is thought that heart failure was the cause. Mr. Gullidge had been on a trading trip to Georgetown, and was returning home when his life stopped.

Mr. Gullidge was a native of Anson county, and was a son of Mr. William Gullidge. For many years he had been in the live stock business, and about three years ago he formed a partnership with Mr. T. L. Huntley of Wadesboro and established himself in Chesterfield. He was an excellent business man.

Mr. Gullidge had travelled all over this section of the country, and, being affable, pleasant and straight-forward with all, he had made hosts of friends who esteemed his friendship highly.

Mr. Gullidge is survived by his wife, who was Miss Allie Gordon of White Store, and by several children. It is not known whether the funeral will be at Deep Creek or at Chesterfield.

Governor Pardoned Rev. R. L. Davis.

On last Saturday Governor Craig granted an unconditional pardon to Rev. R. L. Davis, State superintendent of the anti-saloon league, who was convicted in Wake superior court in July of assaulting Wiley Straughan with a liquor bottle. Mr. Davis produced affidavits from responsible persons that Straughan told him a few days after he got a bad lick on the head that he had no idea who hit him. Later Straughan testified that Mr. Davis struck him with a bottle.

Senators Simmons and Overman and Secretary of the Navy Daniels were among the hundreds of prominent North Carolinians writing to Governor Craig to grant the pardon. Other hundreds of letters came from persons outside the State. Judge C. M. Cooke and Solicitor H. E. Norris, after reading the affidavits, recommended a pardon. There was no opposition.

Mr. Davis appealed from a fine of \$20 and costs imposed in the police and superior courts, but later withdrew the appeal and presented the question of guilt or innocence to Governor Craig with the result that a pardon was granted immediately after hearing fully into the case.

Pastime Tonight.

William Humphrey in "An Infernal Tangle." Strange circumstance, quick temper and foolish suspicions are responsible for the disruption of two happy couples. Apologies and peace follow. It was ever thus.

"The penalty of Jealousy." A visitant appears before a wealthy paralytic and summons him to review the misdeeds of his past life. He sees himself rob a poor inventor, wrong a young clergyman, and drive his wife from home. As he makes amends for his wrongs, a miracle occurs.

Houston's Great Qualifications.

Boston Herald.

In common with most of the newspapers, The Herald has had occasion to criticize Mr. Bryan's conduct of the State department, and occasionally that of other members of the cabinet. It is with peculiar pleasure, therefore, that we can say of David F. Houston, the present secretary of agriculture, that he is, in the opinion of those who know, the best man ever assigned to that place since it became a cabinet office. The executive committee of the association of colleges and experimental stations, having the welfare of scientific agriculture at heart, recently had occasion to confer with the new secretary, and on their return to the hotel, in the words of one of them, "we plucked ourselves to see if we were walking on earth." So queer was the sensation of dealing with a secretary of agriculture who had a definite and intelligent policy, whose aims were scientific and whose grasp of the situation was comprehensive.

Secretary Houston is establishing many great reforms. He has decided to have the department attempt nothing which the experiment stations and other State agencies can do to better advantage. This will cut out an enormous duplication of effort. The so-called "extension work," like the teaching of farmers by practical demonstrations, will be turned over to those agencies, local and commercial, which are ready to do it on the ground. The new secretary has no desire to cover the earth, regardless of what other agencies are doing, merely for the sake of inflating the pay roll or of aggrandizing the federal department.

Dr. Houston has also reorganized the publishing system of the department, establishing a national journal of agricultural science, which will be made the vehicle of acquainting the world with the discoveries of his experimenters. He has called to his editorial service some of the ablest experts in the country. He is cutting out certain sensational endeavors, originally designed for popularizing the department, but having no place in a government-maintained institution.

The right man is in the right place. Dr. Houston's training has been most admirable. At the head of agricultural experiment stations, his meritorious work led to his selection for the presidency of Washington university at St. Louis, of which Winfield S. Chaplin, formerly of Harvard, was at an earlier period the head. And from that post Dr. Houston was last spring transferred to Washington. The department is a big scientific work shop, the largest in the world. It needed just such a man, and the president is to be given credit of finding him. And incidentally Houston saved us from Obadiah Gardner.

AT REX THEATRE THIS WEEK.

Special Features for Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday—Three Sensational Features Every Night.

"Ashes," a two reel masterpiece. This is the most remarkable feat of character acting ever attempted in the history of the stage. This is an unusual drama of romance, infatuation, jealousy, intrigue and sacrifice by Marion Brooks. Six popular actors figure in this production. "Mutual Weekly." In this great feature you will see the "Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration of the Great Three Days Battle of Gettysburg" and other great scenes.

Wednesday, "The Song of the Soup," a great Western comedy that is bound to make a hit. "Dora" is a pretty and heart touching drama, featuring 3 of the majestic's most popular actors. "An Errand of Mercy" is an other heart touching drama with a notable Thanbouser cast.

Thursday, "Truth in the Wilderness" is a two reel masterpiece, featuring America's most popular photoplay star, J. Warren Kerrigan. An inspiring production of adventure, romance and love "Rastus and the Game Cock" is a screamy comedy. This a Keystone and we assure you a hearty laugh with every scene.

Friday, "The Fisherman's Fortune" is an appealing drama of love and adventure. "To Err is Human" is a one reel masterpiece. "Crepe Bonnet" is a joyous comedy.

Saturday, "Old Mammy's Secret Code." A massive military production—terrific artillery fire—sensational infantry charges—thrilling rescue of the defeated Southern army by the cavalry, which hurls itself upon the advancing enemy. Pathetic death of the negro woman as she pays the penalty of her loyalty and is condemned as a spy.

Winchester Reunion.

Mr. T. W. Long went to the Winchester family reunion near Mineral Spring last week and made a number of group pictures of Mr. G. R. Winchester and his family. All of the eight of Mr. and Mrs. Winchester's children were present, except one. Mrs. T. C. Haigler, who lives in Goose Creek township and the weather was too bad for her to get there. Twenty-eight grand children were present and there was enough dinner for twice the hundred people who were out. There would have been many more except for the bad weather. Music was furnished by the Winchester string band and the day was a most pleasant occasion.

Come in and see the handsome premiums the Journal gives you.

MR. ELL BIVENS KILLED.

Shock From a Street Lamp Took His Life Instantly Last Wednesday Night.—Happened in the Presence of His Wife and Little Children.

No doubt everybody in the county has heard before this of the fearful tragedy in Monroe last Wednesday night when the life of Mr. E. H. Bivens, manager of the Monroe Oil Mill, went out like a flicker and he dropped dead in the presence of his wife and little children, with his hand on a chain which suspended a street lamp.

Though almost a week has elapsed the horror and shock of the news is yet upon the community. The arc light situated in front of the mill office had flickered out. As he had often done before, Mr. Bivens caught the chain that suspends it to give it a shake to start the even flow of light. Somehow that chain was at the moment charged with a powerful current of electricity, and no sooner had he touched it than he screamed and fell dead. No doubt he realized what had happened in the swift flash before consciousness had departed, but there was no time for suffering. Mrs. Bivens and the three little boys who were present, and their screams quickly brought the aid of Mr. T. C. Lee and other neighbors—but alas! there was nothing left for them to do but to tenderly take up the body and bear it home.

The fatal hour was about half past seven. During that day Mr. Bivens had been seeing to getting the mill ready to start up the next day for its first run of the season. With the attachment for his business and the constant care which he always gave it, he had walked down to the mill after supper with his wife and children to take a final look to see that everything was all right. As they left the mill and started home the tragedy took place. Only a few minutes before the fatal touch of Mr. Bivens to the chain the night watchman had been along and given the chain a shake just as Mr. Bivens did, though he had felt no shock.

Mr. Bivens was one of the best known and most respected young men of the town. He was a son of Mr. E. J. Bivens and was reared at the old home seven miles from Monroe, and was 33 years old. He had lived in Monroe twelve years and had been connected with the Oil Mill all that time, first as secretary, and later as general manager. Ten years ago last May he was married to Miss Alice Marsh, daughter of Mr. J. D. Marsh of Marshville township, and she with their three little boys survives him. The parents of Mr. Bivens live to mourn his death as the first one of their three sons and six daughters. The surviving brothers and sisters are Messrs. Blair Bivens of Monroe, and Curtis Bivens of Blacoe, and Mrs. T. C. Lee, Mrs. Lee Griffin, Mrs. J. A. Kidd and Miss Pat Bivens of Monroe and Mrs. J. Hamilton of Winston and Mrs. John Culp of Remington, Va., and Mrs. W. T. Gregory of Guess, S. C.

Mr. Bivens was an honest and straightforward man through and through. He was quiet and unassuming in his demeanor and he would not do a little or mean thing. He had not only the confidence of his employers but the esteem and respect of the public with which he did business. He was kind and gentle in all his ways and did his duty day by day with the care and precision of clock work. He was a member of the Methodist church.

The funeral was held at the residence on Thursday by Dr. Weaver, and the gloom of the cloudy and rainy day that wrapped the earth was nothing to that which shrouded the hearts of the stricken family, the friends and the acquaintances generally who had known Ellison H. Bivens in the full health and vigor of perfect manhood only a few hours before.

HOW IT HAPPENED.

Just how the wire became charged with the death current cannot be definitely known. It was not charged a few minutes before, because another man had touched it. It was not charged the next morning for Mr. Henry Crow, manager of the city light plant, touched it. Nay, it could have been charged only at the moment of contact with Mr. Bivens' hands for the reason that had there been a continuous current on it he could not have turned it loose. As it was his hands dropped instantly from the chain. The only way that Mr. Crow can account for the current is on the supposition that when Mr. Bivens gave the chain a hard jerk, as he did, the lamp jumped so high that just in the moment of relaxation the insulator at the end of the chain revolved and permitted the chain to hit the top of the lamp.

Boy Falls From Balloon to Death

Woodstock, Conn., Sept. 16.—Five thousand persons attended the county fair here this afternoon saw 13-year-old George Bernier fall five hundred feet to death. The boy was carried up by a balloon of Fowler, a Boston parachute performer, when one of his feet became entangled in a guy rope. Just over the race track and in full view of the entire crowd at the grounds, his struggles loosened the coil by which his feet were held and he fell.

Miss Ethel Helms spent Saturday and Sunday at Weddington.

A Model Dairy.

Those who wish to see how a modern dairy is conducted can have that pleasure by visiting Lee Park Dairy, owned by the Fowler & Lee Company and managed by Mr. T. W. Maness. The dairy is situated on a beautiful, well drained hill in the rear of Lee Park, and is built of lumber that was cut from large pine trees on the hill where the buildings stand. The plant is at present a thirty cow one, to be increased easily as desired. A beautiful six-room bungalow is the manager's home and running in a line to the east on the crest of the hill are the buildings used in the business. The cow barn contains thirty latest patent steel stanchions where the milking and feeding are done and is white inside with cement floor throughout, water flushed and as clean as a floor. Nothing whatever is kept in this place except the cows during milking and feeding. The milk is handled in the best possible way. At one end of this section is the dry feed house and at the other is the silo, now full of high grade ensilage just cut. The separate milk house is also cement floored, equipped with hot and cold water and movable vats. There is plenty of water from bored wells, which is lifted by air pump, with furnace for heating. Power is secured from the electric plant in Monroe. At present native grade cows are used and a pure Jersey bull is kept. The capacity can be increased at will by using better cows when they are procurable and by the simple addition of more stanchions. The whole plant is modern and based upon the best ideas. Mr. G. S. Lee has given the subject a great deal of study and has produced a creditable plant, designed at present to take care of local business in the most economical and labor saving way.

Another thing that Mr. Lee is working on that will be very pretty and interesting is the creation of a lake. Between the ball park and the dairy is a ravine with a number of lasting cold springs. This spot is being converted into a lake which will be supplied by the springs with clear lasting water, and will be some fifteen or more feet deep. It has already been partially stocked with fish.

The Clontz-Blair Reunion.

Correspondence of The Journal.

The Clontz-Blair reunion was held at the residence of Mr. John E. Haigler in Goose Creek township on Friday, Sept. 6th, 1913.

The following was the program of the day as it was carried out: Song, "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Prayer, Rev. J. A. Bivens.

Address of Welcome, J. E. Haigler. History of Clontz - Blair Family, Dr. John M. Blair.

Address, W. B. Love. Dinner. Song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Address, R. W. Lemmond. Short talks by visitors. Song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Benediction. Of the children of Adam and Patsy Clontz only three are living and were all present at this reunion. They are Mrs. Joseph Griffin, Mrs. J. E. Haigler and Esq. I. A. Clontz.

There are thirty-four grandchildren now living, one hundred and fifty-eight great grandchildren, and two hundred and thirty-seven great-great grandchildren, and three great-great-great grandchildren.

The crowd was large, but plenty of seats had been provided for their comfort in the beautiful elm grove at the residence of Mr. Haigler. Plenty of refreshments were on hand and helped to make the most excellent dinner all that anyone could desire.

The committee of arrangements, Messrs. J. E. Haigler, W. Clontz and I. C. Clontz, had left nothing undone to make the day pleasant and profitable for all. It is intended now to make the reunion yearly and the interest shown so far means that it will be a yearly success.

This reunion was held on the 66th birthday of Mr. I. A. Clontz, the only living son of Adam and Patsy Clontz, and also on the 60th birthday of Mr. Washington Clontz, the oldest living grandson.

Stole a Coat and Went to Roads in Thirty Minutes.

Last Saturday Rev. A. C. Davis and his daughter, Miss Allie Davis, were in town and Miss Davis left her raincoat in the Cople furniture store. The coat was left in the front part of the store and Mr. Davis and his daughter went to the rear and ate a lunch in the office. When they came out the coat was gone. The police were called and in less than no time Officers Fowler and Laney were on the track of the thief—Luther Reed, a darky about twenty years old. They found him at home and told him they had come for the coat. "It's hanging behind the door," he said. Sure enough, there was the coat, with Miss Davis' name on the inside of the collar. The boy was taken before the recorder and in thirty minutes was on the chain gang with a five months sentence.

Make Hay While the Sun Shines.

Pageland Journal.

Bear in mind that you will need feed stuffs next year, Mr. Farmer. Now is your chance to get ready. We hope our farmers will not send away one dollar for corn, hay and oats next spring.

THE AUTOMOBILE LAW.

The Secretary of State Calls Attention of Sheriffs and Other Officers to Looking After Violators.

The following letter has been sent to the sheriffs and other officers of the law in the State:

To the Sheriffs, Deputy Sheriffs, Police-men, Marshals, Watchmen and Constables of North Carolina: DO NOT PERMIT any automobile or motorcycle to run anywhere or at any time unless proper display number for 1913-14 appears on rear. DO NOT PERMIT any person to operate a motor vehicle of any kind unless such person shall, upon demand, show license for the current year.

DO NOT PERMIT any person to attempt to transfer license to another person other than the one to whom issued. They are also void for any machine except the one described therein.

DO NOT PERMIT speed exceeding TEN miles per hour in the business portion and FIFTEEN in the residential section of any city or town, and twenty-five miles on public highways.

Persons violating the automobile law are subject to a fine of \$50 or imprisonment for thirty days upon conviction before a Justice of the Peace or any other officer having jurisdiction.

Each of the officers named herein is liable on his official bond for failure or neglect in carrying out the duties above imposed.

Copies of the automobile law and blanks for registration will be furnished promptly upon application to J. BRYAN GRIMES, Secretary of State, Raleigh, N. C.

Meeting of the Union County Teachers' Association.

The Union County Teachers' Association will hold its first meeting for this year on Saturday the first day of November, opening promptly at 11 o'clock, in the auditorium of the graded school building in Monroe.

We are very anxious for a full attendance, as there are a great many things of vital importance to the schools which demand our attention, and should be discussed fully and freely. We ask also that the committee meet with us at that time and take part in the discussions.

Some of the principal topics will be The Compulsory School Law, The Six Months School Term, Adaptation of the Course of Study to the Practical Needs of the People, County Commencement, Boys' Corn Clubs, etc.

Let us all meet together and plan for the great work which we are soon to take up.

The regular examination of teachers will be held October 29th and 30th—Thursday for white teachers and Friday for the colored teachers. Teachers should be on hand early so as to have sufficient time for the examination, say 9:30 o'clock. Each can should provide himself with pen and ink, and other foolscap or ledger paper.

R. N. NISBET, Co. Supt.

Scalded in a Peculiar Way.

Mr. Houston Williams of New Salem township got scalded over the arms, chest, and abdomen in a most unusual way a few days ago while running the engine at Mr. C. J. Braswell's mill. He was standing by the boiler and had occasion to reach up and while so doing stumbled. As a man always does when falling, he reached his hand out to catch. Unconsciously his hand closed around the wheel which opens the valve to the blow off pipe of the boiler. This broke the fall but caused him to swing half around. The twist opened the valve and a stream of boiling water shot out of the boiler into Mr. Williams' breast. Luckily the valve was not turned completely open, else he would have been submerged in the scalding water. As it was his arms and chest were burned so that he has suffered a great deal and has not been able to do any work since.

Walters Reunion.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Mr. Moses Walters of Buford was 85 years old on the 11th of September and his wife nearly 77. He celebrated the day by giving a birthday dinner. His children, and grandchildren and neighbors brought in well filled baskets containing a plenty for the crowd of two hundred who were there. Mr. Walters is an old soldier who served three years in the war. He was born in Lancaster county but has lived in Union for thirty-four years. There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Walters eighteen children of whom ten are living, nine daughters and one son. They have sixty-two grand children and forty-three great grand children. An eighteen-year-old granddaughter lives with them and they run a farm and will make two bales of cotton and plenty of corn to do them. J. C. L.

Pitchfork vs Hatpin.

Columbia State.

When the debate between Senator Tillman and the South Carolina Suffragette party takes place the pitchfork will be debared unless the hatpin is admitted.

Col. A. H. Marsh of Concord, 91 years old, was found dead in bed Tuesday morning. He was apparently in good health when he retired.

CATTLE ON THE FAIR.

Farmers Must Quit Selling Their Female and Immature Stock.

If the Southeast is to become the great cattle section that it should in view of its natural advantages and the present and growing demand for cattle with commensurate prices, farmers must quit selling their female and immature stock, declares Dr. C. M. Morgan, dairy agent of the Southern Railway, who sounds a warning against a continuation of the wholesale depredation of cattle from the South.

"Farmers should keep their heifers and build up the quality of their stock by the use of pure bred bulls of dairy or beef type as desired," says Dr. Morgan. "This is the only way to increase the number or the quality of cattle in the Southeast. The scarcity of cattle is world-wide and it will never be possible to secure enough pure-bred cattle to develop the industry in the Southeast.

"Farmers who sell calves are simply giving the dealer a good part of the profit they should have themselves. If calves were fattened on the farm, using cotton seed meal as a concentrate, a higher price per pound would be received and the farmer would not only profit by this and the additional weight but would have in manure 85 per cent of the fertilizer value of the cotton seed meal.

"With the good grazing furnished by Bermuda grass and burr clover and the abundance of forage crops that yield bountifully in the Southeast, this section should be the great source of the country's beef and dairy products supply. The dairy division of the Southern Railway will send a man to help build a dipping vat or silo and to cooperate with persons in dairy business or desiring to enter it. The U. S. Department of Agriculture has offered to cooperate with any who have eradicated ticks and will send an expert to aid farmers in choosing desirable bulls of either dairy or beef type."

Cotton Anthracnose or Pink Boll.

The spots on the boll grow to about one-half an inch, are brown, and covered at a certain stage with a pinkish coating. Affected bolls open prematurely, and the lint is or is of inferior grade. Wet weather favors the disease. The loss sometimes reach 75 or even 90 per cent of the bolls.

It is a fungous disease, and fortunately does not spread far during a season because the reproductive spores in the pinkish masses are sickly and depend largely on splashing water rather than on wind for their dissemination. The disease is carried over winter or introduced into new localities chiefly through internally infected seed that have developed in slightly affected bolls. No satisfactory seed treatment is known. The fungus may remain alive on the old stalks during the winter, and cotton should not be planted in the same field the next year unless it has been fall or winter plowed to bury stalks.

To avoid the disease, do not plant contaminated seed. Safe seed of any variety can be secured from a moderately infected field if it is picked separately from stalks that have no diseased bolls and that stand a few feet away from affected stalks. If only a small amount can be secured, plant it in a special seed plot from which a large amount of clean seed can be had the year following. Be careful to have gins well cleaned if they have been used for diseased cotton.

Fortunately the disease is rather restricted as yet; but it is increasing at a dangerous rate. It is first brought into new localities in seed grown elsewhere. Growers are warned not to buy any cotton seed for planting unless reliably assured that it is free from disease. Take immediate steps to free your farm of this disease by the seed selection method. Get your neighbors to do the same. Full information about this and other important farm crop diseases is contained in Bulletin 182 of the N. C. Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C.

Recorder's Court.

Jake Plunkett, colored, larceny; 3 months on roads and to work out costs. Elbert Ratliff, colored, violating ordinance 80; costs. Leroy Crook, exceeding speed limit, driving; costs. Norman Rushing, colored, violating ordinance 1; costs. S. P. Griffith, assault and battery; costs. Sam Lee, violating ordinance 80; \$3 and costs. Arnfield Funderburk, colored, violating ordinance; 80; costs. Lawrence Reid, colored, larceny; 4 months and to work out costs.

Tenorrow W. J. Trull & Son will begin moving the residence of Mr. J. D. Parker to his adjoining lot on the south side of his present location. Mr. J. J. Parker will erect a residence on the corner lot where his father's house now stands. He expects to begin shortly.

Mr. G. W. Moser is teaching a singing class in the Second Baptist church. The nights for teaching are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7:30. The public is cordially invited. It is free to all. The hour for Sabbath school at the Second church has been changed from 4 to 1:30 o'clock.