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AWFUL FEELING WHEN THE MAD WATERS ARE FLOWING

Mrs. Hargett's Friend Who Lives in Greenville, Miss., Gives a Vivid Picture of Horrors of Floods

ASKS PRAYERS FOR WORKERS. ENGINEERS AND LEVEE BOARD

The Ashcraft-Huske Wedding and Men's Bible Class Come In For Attention of the Writer.

By Mrs. Knox Wolfe-Hargett

We have been somewhat censured, or called down, for our enthusiasm in writing so much concerning this, our Men's Bible class; and it was by a Methodist preacher too. I guess he meant it for good, as he thought it might become tiresome, or monotonous to outsiders. This boosting is what I'm with them for, to tell the world the progress of this particular class. If the public tires of hearing the tramp of these christian soldiers, they are used that fell among the thorns anyway, and we will tramp over them and go "Marching on before." Maybe they will do better some day.

Twenty-Two Miles Wide

"They say the river is 22 miles wide at a weak point at Scotts, and just across the river is Arkansas City, in Ark., and they are having a mighty fight to prevent a break. All up and down the rivers of Missouri, Ohio, Illinois, Wabash, White, Arkansas, and other rivers, thousands and thousands of men are fighting to hold back this mighty flood. Greenville is built right on the river, and from the levee on the north to that on the south there is a low protective levee built up around the town. Of course there are roads in all directions leading through these levees, but are all closed now except just a space wide enough for one car to pass through. Bags are lying filled at each road ready to close it entirely should a break occur anywhere.

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THE ROAD HOG IS A BIG WART ON CIVILIZATION

Ordinary Parkers and End-Seat Hogs Have Ill-Bred Manners, But Don't Touch Road Hog

A rural resident of the county wants an article written on "The Hogs," and here it is: What is a hog and where did the name originate? Mr. Webster gives a number of definitions for hog and says the word is of uncertain origin. Most people perhaps hold to the idea that the word "hog" was originated to give the proper expression to our thoughts in regard to the manner in which ordinary swine conduct themselves, but the manner of conduct of some people might lead one to conclude, upon second thought, that the name was originated for a class of human beings and that the swine kingdom is so much like said human beings that the word was adopted as the universal name for these lower animals.

In addition to the ordinary parker, there has always been a class of hogs that are a public nuisance. They are known as end-seat hogs and they go to church, picture theaters, and other public gatherings and always find a convenient seat on the end of a bench and insist that they be allowed to hold it, although it may make it necessary for men, women and children to scramble over their feet and legs in order to get by where they may obtain a place to sit down. These end-seat hogs are very harmless and about the only thing that can be said against them is that they are either selfish or ill-bred.

But the advent of the automobile has brought into evidence another kind of hog, known in America as the road hog, and he is the most dangerous and detestable of all the hogs in the hog kingdom. He has two ends. He uses the split-end to walk on and the other he uses to hang his hat on. He wears trousers and feels big. His stomach is filled with water, gas and other substances and his head is empty. He can drive an automobile, provided he is given both sides and the middle of a public highway in which to do it. His manners are bad and his regard for the rights of others are worse. He is hard to fatten and would make a mighty poor quality of pork if he should ever get fat. He lives and moves and has his being the same as other hogs, but he is not as thankful, for he refuses to even grunt when you drive into a ditch and give him the entire road. He is a dangerous animal, for he is calculated to hurt somebody else and kill his foot self. If he could be put in a pen and fed snakes, beef scraps and the refuse from the family table he might develop a more generous disposition. The game laws protect him and decent people don't want to contaminate themselves trying to teach him the laws of common decency. He is a thorn in the flesh of American liberty and a wart on civilization that nothing but death will remove. So, what's the use killing time talking about him? Why not elevate our minds through meditation upon more desirable objects, such as hookworm, measles, small pox, "flu," cabbage snakes and boll weevils!

Wingate High School Commencement

Commencement exercises of the Wingate High School will be held from May 4th to 6th, with the following program:

Thursday, May 4, 10:30, Reunion of former teachers and students. Address by Judge Walter E. Brock, Wadesboro, N. C. 2:30, declaimers and orators' contest by Gladstone and Philosophical Societies. 7:45, reciters' contest by O'Henry and McNeill Societies. Musical program. Friday, May 5, 10:30, baccalaureate sermon by Dr. C. E. Maddy, Raleigh. 2:30, annual debate by Gladstone and Philosophical Societies. 7:45, play—"Borrowed Money." Saturday, May 6, 10:30, Class Day Exercises. Literary address by Dr. Luther Little, Charlotte.

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Baptist Brotherhood Will Provide Meeting Rooms

Movement Launched at Friday Night Supper and Substantial Subscriptions Were Made—Interesting History and Progress of the Church

The Brotherhood Club of the First Baptist church at their regular monthly meeting Friday night launched a movement for the erection of a hut at the back of the church building for the accommodation of the club meetings, missionary societies, etc. The hut is to be 40 by 60 feet and so arranged as to fill the purpose for which it is intended to the best advantage. It will contain a cook room, cloak room and a dining room and will seat 210 people at tables or 400 in the regular order. The hut will cost about \$1150 and \$750 of that amount was subscribed Friday night by club members present.

It was demonstrated at the Friday night's meeting that the Baptist Brotherhood is all that the name implies and that its members mean to do things. The president, Mr. John C. Sikes, is a most excellent presiding officer and the pep and enthusiasm he puts into meetings cannot help but bring results. With the assistance of Dr. Burrell, the popular pastor, and Mr. R. H. Cunningham, the energetic vice-president, and other members who are wide-awake these meetings are proving an inspiration to the church that is destined to be far-reaching in its results.

The program was opened Friday night with "America." Dr. and Mrs. Green rendered some beautiful duets, with Mrs. Hall Wilson and Mrs. John Beasley at the piano.

A most delicious supper was served and everything went well until Dr. May burnt his tongue trying to drink hot coffee. However when the ice cream course was served Bob managed to get hold of two helpings which to some extent relieved his burns and put him in good humor again.

Mr. R. H. Cunningham is of course the clown of the organization. He and Mr. Joel W. Griffin met the members at the door, took them by the arm and had them shake with every other fellow. When Mr. Cunningham was called on for a speech everybody knew something was coming and he did. In the course of his remarks Mr. Cunningham said that he wanted everybody to feel free and easy and at liberty. He illustrated his position with a story of a young man and young lady who were sitting in the fifth story of a New York building looking out upon the Statue of Liberty. The young man was bashful, but finally he managed to get hold of the girl's hand and as he clasped it he said: "I wonder why the lights on the Statue of Liberty are so dim tonight," to which she promptly replied: "I suppose the dimmer the lights the greater the liberty," and he took the hint.

The pleasure of the hour was greatly enhanced by the appearance upon the scene of Rev. Mr. Hoyle.

Prof. C. M. Beach and Prof. Burrus of Wingate, all of whom made short, spicy talks.

The First Baptist Church male quartet, composed of Messrs. Henry Ellis Cottle, John Correll, Yates Laney and George Beasley, Jr., was introduced and rendered some excellent selections, among which was "Susan Jane."

Mr. Sikes made a most excellent address, appealing to the members of the club to stand behind the pastor, the B. Y. P. U. and other organizations of the church and closed with a beautiful portrayal of the manner in which Aaron and Hur held up the arms of Moses and caused his armies to prevail.

The fact must not be overlooked that the good ladies of the church made the event possible, for anybody who looked upon that scene of more than a hundred hungry men out on one of the rainiest nights of the season could not help feeling that the delicious supper that had been prepared and served under the supervision of wives and daughters of the club members had quite a bit to do with the success of the occasion.

Mr. Randolph Redfearn furnished the following interesting history of the organization and progress of the church:

The First Baptist church in Monroe was organized Oct. 22nd, 1822, by a presbytery composed of Rev. J. T. Copeland, Rev. Solomon Snyder, Rev. Elam C. Williams and Rev. Wiley Blackmon. The organization consisted of nine members, D. A. Covington, James Benton, J. V. Griffin, C. Austin, Susan A. Covington, Martha Benton, Martha Griffin, Martha Doster and Margaret Bibb.

The first church was built on the northeast side of the present cemetery where it stood for many years. During the pastorate of Rev. J. E. King, in 1878, a new brick house of worship was erected on the present site. This house was burned in 1885 and the present house was erected in 1886. A Sunday school room was added in 1905 and later other Sunday school rooms were built.

In 1884 some of the furniture and other household effects of the parsonage were sold at public auction and those of us who complain about high prices will be interested to know what things brought in those days, of course in Confederate money. Here are the prices paid: One saltcarr, \$2.10; one pepper box, \$1.30; one vinegar cruet, \$2.20; one tumbler, \$1.50; one tumbler, \$7.00; two plates, \$14.50; two plates, \$15.10; two plates, \$18.00; one set knives and forks, \$51.00; one set cups and saucers, \$52.00; one sifter \$30.00; one bedstead, \$89.00; one bedstead, \$91.00. Those purchasing the articles were John W. Holm, V. T. Chears, A. A. Laney and H. Ringstaff.

DID YOU KNOW THAT — North Carolina farm crops in 1919 were worth \$683,000,000. North Carolina lead New York, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin in value of farm crops for the year 1919. North Carolina is first in production of cotton per acre, first in value of the tobacco crop, first in production of soy beans and first in individual wealth of white population. North Carolina is second in value of farm crops per acre and in value of farm crops per capita. North Carolina is third in production of peanuts and sweet potatoes, and is fourth in value of all crops. North Carolina has 184 native minerals.

MARSHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CLOSSES IN GREAT GLORY

Last Exercises Largely Attended and Pupils Performed Excellently; Staton's Residence Burns

Marshville, May 1.—Last Monday evening the senior class of Marshville High School gave a play which was very good indeed and much enjoyed and there was the largest audience ever in attendance. Even the aisles and vestibules were packed with standing spectators. Music was furnished by the school glee club, also several piano selections from pupils of Mrs. White. In all considerable talent and good training was displayed.

Tuesday evening the last of the commencement program was given in a play entitled "The Flowers of the Dust." Scarcely ever do we find home talent so good in sustaining all the way through the characters portrayed, with such ease and naturalness.

The negro in the play was so good a make-up that it is told of him that on his way to a dress rehearsal the chief of police accosted him, thinking him some unknown negro and asked him where he was going with that candle he carried in his hand. Some one else also hailed him, as a chum—but you can ask the young man for details. In fact all were true to the parts they represented. Another full-to-overflowing house was in attendance.

The Wednesday Afternoon Book club met with Mrs. B. C. Edwards, where a most enjoyable time was given those present by the hostess. Two contests were given, won by Mesdames Covington and Griffin-Cream, cake and mints were served. Mrs. Moore of Raleigh was the guest of Mrs. Edwards.

Messrs. Boyce Hallman, H. T. McBride and Horace Harrell went to Atlanta last Wednesday.

Mrs. Krakos of Charlotte visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. J. C. M. Vann, Mrs. Will Horn and daughter visited Mrs. Boyce Hallman Sunday.

Mrs. Calvin Nash died Sunday and was buried Monday at Gilboa.

Mrs. W. S. Lee, Mrs. Warren Stack and son and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lee of Monroe were visitors here Sunday.

The house of Mr. J. B. Staton in the eastern part of town was destroyed by fire Sunday night about 1 o'clock. It was in flames when discovered by some neighbors. Efforts were directed to saving those living near. The house was unoccupied at the time.

Mr. Whitener, assistant cashier of Marshville Bank, received a message Monday morning of the death of his sister, who lives near Statesville. She leaves a husband and four little children. We extend our sympathies.

May 1, and the stores of our town close at 6 o'clock. This gives those who are working on the inside so much time for recreation on home duties, as gardening, home-beautifying, etc.

Not forgetting the auto-riding in which, let us take to the country, the highway or by-ways, as much as possible, and spare to some extent our streets and homes from the dust that comes and abides.

WILD DUCKS AND GEESSE IN BRICK NEIGHBORHOOD

Will Continue Efforts for Educational Advantages—Many Other Items of Interest

Brief, May 1.—Mrs. Howard Biggers and little daughter, Emily Howard, of Memphis, Tennessee, are visiting at the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. F. K. Biggers.

Mr. A. V. Philemon of Charlotte was a visitor in Brief recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pettes of Charlotte visited friends and relatives here last week.

Quite a number of wild ducks and geese have been seen using on the ponds in this section lately. Why not try to attract these rare fowls and make this one of their homes?

We are proud possessors of the highway leading through here and will be still prouder of it when the Carbarrus county road authorities grade their road connecting up with Concord. The necessity for this is very imperative. Too, we wish to remind the authorities in charge of the maintenance of this road of the fact that the upper end of this highway is badly in need of the drag or scrape. To let this go unattended will necessitate an expenditure of money which is now avoidable.

With the report of the great success of the schools of our county for the past term still ringing in your ears, let's think of what a much greater chance at improvement now than a year ago; and what a pleasurable duty before us in preparing and paving the way for greater achievements. Will we shirk this? Never! The good people of our county will not be held back; instead, they are going to continue to strive for the children's interest above all else.

An effort is being made to organize a baseball club here. We think this a grand idea and hope to see it get the support of all who are interested in the community spirit.

Mr. Roy Long received a telegram Saturday stating that his brother, Mr. J. B. Long of Winston-Salem, was critically ill. Mr. Long immediately tried to be with his brother.

The regular monthly meeting of the Farmers' Union will convene with Flint Ridge local union Saturday, May 6th, at 10:30 a. m. This will probably be the last session of the county union until August 1st.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION HAD A GREAT MEETING 27TH

Mrs. W. R. Burrell of Monroe Exhibited Three Chinese Idols and Explained How Worshipped

WOMAN HAS AT LAST COME INTO HER OWN

Mrs. Snyder Shows That We Cannot Render Service to Others Without Helping Ourselves.

By Mrs. L. C. Folk

The regular quarterly meeting of the W. M. U. of the Union Association met with the church at Ebenezer on April 27, 1922. Despite the threatening weather a goodly number was present, there being five societies represented. These were Monroe, Shiloh, Corinth, Oak Grove and Ebenezer. But the clouds all seemed to disperse and our hearts were filled with sunshine when we entered the church, and the words "Welcome W. M. U." greeted us from the pulpit, and too, the air was fragrant with the perfume of the pots and vases of beautiful flowers that adorned the church. They had been placed there by the ladies of the church.

Mrs. D. B. Snyder, our superintendent, had charge of the morning session. The service was begun by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," after which Mrs. Braxton Craig led in prayer. We then had a scripture lesson, a goodly number of the ladies taking part in the reading. For this lesson Mrs. Snyder had selected references dealing with the part that women had taken in the work of the kingdom in the time of Christ. Mrs. Snyder said that woman had been in the background, and that it was some time before our brethren were convinced that we had a part in the work, but that we were now coming into our own.

Personal service work was then taken up and discussed by Mrs. Correll, Mrs. Ashcraft, Mrs. Snyder and others. Mrs. Snyder said that in personal service work was found the two-fold blessing that we hear so much about now—that in doing this work we not only help some one else but we help ourselves, and closed by repeating the words of Christ when He said, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." "Help Somebody To-day" was sung, and we were dismissed with a short prayer by Mrs. Bigham.

The ladies of the church had prepared a bountiful dinner, which was spread picnic fashion in the beautiful grove that surrounds the church, and was much enjoyed by all who participated.

Mrs. Ashcraft had charge of the afternoon session, which was begun by singing "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," after which she read and commented freely on the tenth chapter of Matthew. Mrs. W. R. Burrell, organizer of the Junior work, then spoke on China. She told of the habits and needs of China and displayed three of the idols worshipped by the Chinese. She then called on one of the young ladies in the audience to come to the front and she placed on her, so all might see, a beautiful Chinese official gown. This gown was made of the finest of silk and elaborately embroidered in the most brilliant colors, made by the Chinese women, and said to be one hundred years old. Mrs. Burrell said that the Chinese girls were very unlike the American girls in that they had but few dresses, often working on one dress five years. China's greatest need is Christ, said Mrs. Burrell, and her doors were once closed to Christianity, but are now wide open, and closed by making a strong appeal to the young women and girls in the congregation to dedicate their lives to His service. After singing "Blest be the tie that binds" the meeting adjourned to meet with the church at Oak Grove the last Thursday in July.

\$20,000 in Bonds for Stealing Ford Car

(From Greensboro News) "Bound over to Superior court with bond at \$10,000," said Judge D. H. Collins in city court yesterday to John Gregory.

"Bound over to Superior court with bond at \$10,000," he repeated in the case of Ced Roberts.

The two men were tried for stealing the Ford touring car of W. H. Moore, of Revolution. Roberts pleaded guilty.

"Furthermore," Judge Collins said, "it is now the policy of this court in the case of automobile thieves, to require always a bond of \$10,000. It will not be less. It may be more. But I am to make them stay in jail at least until Superior court convenes. Something has got to be done about this promiscuous automobile stealing. It has gotten so that a man can't turn around without somebody grabbing his car."

With the combined bonds of \$20,000 required of the two men they could buy some thirty-five cars such as it is charged they stole.

The theft occurred April 8. Mr. Moore left his car on Railroad street in front of Tatum's. Three days ago Gregory and Roberts were caught in Kings Mountain. They had Moore's Ford with them. They had tried to break into a store in the neighborhood, according to police statement, and they are also wanted in Chester, S. C., where their home is.

Our ex-soldiers report a serious scarcity of ex-jobs.

Recent Contributions to Near East Relief Fund

Dr. C. D. Roberts, \$5.00; Mrs. C. D. Roberts, \$5.00; Mr. J. N. Price, \$5.00; Mr. Fred Smith, \$5.00; a friend, \$5.00; Miss Wilma Green, \$2.00. Total to date, \$34.00.

Attention, Veterans of Camp Walkup!

You are hereby notified to attend a meeting in the court house at ten o'clock, a. m., May 10th.

This is our Memorial Day. Our good friends, the ladies of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, will serve us a dinner at twelve o'clock in the hall of the American Legions. I hope we will have a full attendance and that you will be on hand promptly. It is but a few weeks till the annual re-union at Richmond, Va. General Julian S. Carr, our commander-in-chief, is very desirous that our state and our camp be well represented. I hope that all members who intend going to Richmond will provide themselves with a uniform in order that we may present a soldierly appearance. Arrangements are under way by which we hope to provide uniforms for those who are not able to do so. Major W. C. Heath will entertain us with a short talk just before the dinner hour. Let all comrades come and have a good time. S. E. BELK, Commander Camp Walkup.

All members of the Wesleyan P-1-1-4 class of Central Methodist church are requested to meet at Mrs. J. T. Hollaway's tonight at 7:45.

Death of Mrs. Calvin Nash

Mrs. Calvin Nash died Sunday night at 8 o'clock at the home of her son, Mr. Lee Nash, in Wingate. She was 65 years of age and was a most excellent old lady. For about five years she has been an invalid and for the past month her decline had been rapid. After being stricken about 12 o'clock Friday night she never regained consciousness. Mrs. Nash was reared in Marshville township and her maiden name was Agerton. She was a member of the Methodist church and was a devoted wife and mother and a good neighbor. She is survived by her husband, four sons and one daughter. Will and Luther Nash of Hamlet, and Lee and Frank Nash of Wingate are the sons and Mrs. Dan Howard of Hornsboro is the daughter. Mrs. Addie Eason of Hamlet, and Mrs. Frank McLendon of Greenville, S. C. Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon by Rev. J. J. Edwards and the interment was in the cemetery at Gilboa.