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ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR

MRS. M. J. THOMAS DEAD

Funeral Services Held At Methodist Church.

Mrs. Mary J. Thomas, mother of Postmaster Walter Thomas, of this town, died at the home of her son, Mr. James C. Thomas, of Raeford, on Wednesday night, Dec. 15th. The remains were brought to Rockingham on the night of the 16th and carried to the home of her son.

The funeral services were held at the Methodist church at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning and were conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Hurley. The interment took place at Eastside cemetery, the pall bearers being: H. S. Ledbetter, J. S. Ledbetter, W. L. Parsons, D. M. Morrison, J. A. McAulay, W. N. Everett, W. A. McDonald, Dr. F. J. Garrett.

Mrs. Thomas was 74 years of age, and before her marriage, was Miss Mary Covington, sister of Messrs. W. T. James H., W. M. Covington and Mrs. H. C. Jones, all of this town.

Mrs. Thomas was a woman of innate refinement and unusual traits of character, which coupled with remarkable intellect and mental attainments, had made her eminently beloved in Rockingham and throughout this section of the State. Her passing will be received with deep regret by many friends and admirers in North Carolina.

Mrs. Thomas is survived by seven children, her husband having died a number of years ago. The surviving children are Messrs. W. J. Thomas of Charlotte, John Edwards and Walter Thomas of Rockingham, and Mrs. James C. Thomas, Mrs. Mary McDonald, and Miss Mary Thomas, all of Raeford.

All of her children were present at the funeral services except Mrs. McDiarmid.

Dr. Livingston Johnson.

Dr. Livingston Johnson, who has been corresponding secretary for the Baptist State Mission Board for the past 15 years, was presented with a handsome chest of silver at the State Convention, held at Charlotte, last week, the gift coming from 150 of his friends throughout the State. The convention also passed the resolutions of appreciation which we print below. Dr. Johnson was pastor of the Rockingham and Roberdel Baptist churches for a number of years, and has many warm personal friends, among all denominations, in this county.

AN APPRECIATION.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant." This language uttered by our Lord in a parable, will be applied in simple justice by the Baptist brotherhood of North Carolina to our retiring corresponding secretary, yes and as they review a ministry which ignoring State lines, has touched the uttermost borders of the Southern Baptist Convention, many brethren and fathers throughout the South will take up and repeat the divinely-framed encomium: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Reviewing the record of his official service during the 15 years just closing, one notes an increase of 28 per cent in the number of our Baptist Churches in the State; of more than 61 per cent in the total of our members; and of more than 320 per cent in our contributions to missions; all due in large measure to his efficient leadership. He will note further, that under a plan suggested by the corresponding secretary, The Biblical Recorder management has been so reorganized and so related to the convention that it is now our organ in reality without involving us in the

slightest financial responsibility; that by the same a substantial foundation has been laid for a long needed church building fund and that 60 churches worth \$245,000, have already been erected through foundation; and that in his capacity as a trustee of two of our colleges, and with an interest that embraced all the other institutions, he has rendered valuable service to Christian education. Finally, one will observe that throughout this period while lending a powerful hand to every enterprise of our denomination, he has contrived effectively by tongue and pen to the measures that made for civic righteousness in city and State. As one surveys these achievements he marvels greatly, and exclaims: "What hath God wrought?"

"Moreover, these labors more abundant have been performed with a faithfulness unflagging, an energy untiring, a loyalty to truth unyielding but ever tempered charity, a generous recognition of the service of others that elicited their hearty cooperation and a love for his brethren so genuine as to win in turn the unmeasured love of all.

"Resolved, therefore, that we as a convention record our grateful appreciation of the inestimable service rendered by Brother Livingston Johnson as our corresponding secretary, and of the self-denying devotion of his wife which rendered possible her husband's great achievements. Resolved, further, that we tender both our affectionate regard and invoke the best blessings of God upon their future lives."

Superior Court.

There was a term of the Superior court held here last week, Judge Frank Carter, of Asheville, presiding. Many cases were disposed of, the following being some of them:

McCaskill vs. Pegram. This case was for the possession of a tract of land near Ellerbe, and was compromised before reaching the jury.

The case of Shores vs. Kelly took a rather curious turn. The defendant confessed judgment to the plaintiff in the sum \$200.00, and then went to the jury on a counter claim, and the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant for \$175.00 and the cost.

Judgment was rendered against the defendant in the Steen-Freeman case.

The court ordered a non-suit in the case brought by Daniel Little, administrator, against Jas. Nash LeGrand and others. The plaintiff appealed.

J. L. Everett vs. T. J. Gibson was the last case reached. Judgment was rendered for plaintiff.

A General Mixture

There was a case tried here in Judge Carters Court, the other day, in which there was a general mix up of nationalities, politics and religion. The plaintiff, being of German extraction, was represented by English and Irish attorneys. The defendant, being distinctly Irish, was represented by a blue blooded Scotchman. Among the attorneys was a Democrat, a Republican, a Bull Moose. There were Methodists, Baptist, Presbyterians and Catholics in the scramble. The decision was also mixed both the plaintiff and the defendant scoring.

Richmond county is to have a term of civil court, beginning next Monday, Dec. 20th. Judge Carter, who is to hold the court stated, where here last week, that on account of the holidays he would be here only one day—for hearing motions—and that no jury cases would be called.

A MAN FOUND DEAD

Coroner Holds Inquest; Two Men In County Jail.

Coroner Smith received a telephone message Tuesday morning that a dead man had been found on the Pate farm, three miles south east of Hamlet. The Coroner went down to the farm immediately and on reaching there found, in a tenant house, the dead body of a young colored man, 18 or 20 years old. A jury was empaneled and after hearing such evidence as they could gather returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death from causes unknown to them. After the jury had been discharged, the Coroner accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Flake and Brown, investigated the case further and obtained sufficient evidence to warrant the arrest of G. Washington and John Henry David, who are now in jail. There are warrants out for several others, but at the time of going to press no arrest had been made.

The Recorder's Court.

The following cases were disposed of in Recorder Lowdermills court, on Wednesday.

State vs. M. F. Nevels, on two charges, one for larceny of a pistol, the other for jumping a board bill. He was represented by Attorney Cashwell, and vigorously prosecuted by Solicitor Jones. He was found not guilty as to the larceny of the pistol and guilty on the other charge and given ninety days on the roads.

State vs. Tillman McRae, charged with larceny of twenty dollars in money from Jesse W. Wainwright.

The defendant was represented by the law firm Kelly & Boggan while Lawyer Cameron assisted Solicitor Jones in the prosecution. There were quite a number of witnesses examined for the State and also for the defense. The defendant was a young colored boy who proved an excellent character by some of our best white citizens, especially those whom he had worked for. After hearing all the evidence and able speeches by the Attorneys on both sides, the recorder rendered a verdict in favor of the defendant.

The last case tried was that of State vs. M. L. Tucker, on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon. The defendant was represented by Messrs. Boggan & Kelly, while Solicitor Jones, was again assisted by Lawyer Cameron. The attorneys on both sides handled this case with some warmth, contesting every inch of ground. The defendant was found guilty and fined \$20.00 and the cost.

Man With a Little Case.

The Dispatch Man strolled into the county court room some days ago, while the judge was calling cases. He called 54 and asked if the plaintiff was ready, Attorney Harrell, arose and stated that he represented the plaintiff and that they were ready. That it was a case started in a magistrates court by his client, against a New York concern for \$3.50, which was honestly due him. The lower court gave him judgment for this amount and the case is now in this court on appeal by the defendant. "who represents the defendant," said the court. "I do," said Lawyer Cameron. "and we are ready." "The jury is with the plaintiff," said the court. Attorney Harrell, then cast his eye towards the jury box, scanning each juror carefully and stood aside one man. Then Lawyer Cameron took a whack at the jury. He also cut out one man. Then Clerk McAulay, empaneled the jury. Then Attorney Harrell read his complaint, set-

ting fourth that the New York concern owed his client \$3.50, honest money. Lawyer Cameron, representing the defence, read his answer and went a step farther, and read a counter claim, which he had filed. Then Lawyer Cameron took a look at Attorney Harrell. At this juncture Attorney Harrell arose and took a look at Lawyer Cameron. Then both took a look at the court. "Proceed gentlemen," said the court. Then Lawyer Cameron said, "please, your honor, as the plaintiff has not answered my counter claim, I presume I am entitled to recover," but he made no motion to this effect. Then Lawyer Cameron took another look at Attorney Harrell, saying, "I think we might compromise this case, I believe we will agree to quit even." Then Attorney Harrell, looked at the court, and then at Lawyer Cameron, and said "we will accept that proposition if the defense will pay the cost. So the case went off of docket and out of court; everybody interested apparently being satisfied. The court smiled and, no doubt felt relieved.

Right here the Piedmont Dispatch desires to state that Judge Carter, never dodges his duty. A poor man, with a little case, receives the same attention in his court as the richest of the rich, and this is as it should be.

J. W. Smith Dead

Mr. J. W. Smith died at his brother-in-law's, Mr. J. B. McKeithan's, at seven o'clock Thursday, December the 9th, of paralysis and was buried at Tabernacle Methodist church, three

days ago. He had been paralyzed six months. He had been with Mr. and Mrs. McKeithan eight months. He leaves a wife and six children. Two sons and four daughters and two brothers and sisters survive him. His brothers and sisters are Mr. Henry Smith, Gibson; Mrs. J. B. McKeithan, Hamlet; Mrs. J. F. Peele, McColl, S. C., and Mr. Luther Smith, of Ghio. Mr. Smith was a member of the Methodist church.

The pall bearers were Messrs. E. A. Lackey, L. A. Patrick, O. E. Jordan, C. M. Folsom, Dock Terry.—Hamlet Messenger.

Boggan Ellerbe Married.

Mr. Boggan Ellerbe, the popular agent at the Rockingham Railroad depot was married to Miss Mary Covington, daughter of the late M. C. Covington, of the Zion neighborhood. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. John Melton. Rev. Mr. Barker, the bride's pastor, performed the ceremony.

The happy couple left immediately after the ceremony for points South, on their bridal trip. They have our best wishes.

The Moonlight School Movement has reached proportions beyond anything hoped for when the work was planned, according to devices from the State Department of Education. The reports show that thousands of the State's illiterate have already taken advantage of the school and have been freed from the chains which held them before the work was inaugurated. Six thousand teachers have engaged in the work, giving their services, voluntarily and freely.—Charlotte Observer.

When the housewife becomes as particular about the nutritive elements in the dishes she serves as she is now about their palatability, Nurse says we shall see an astonishing change for the better in the disease and mortality statistics.

CRIMINAL COURT JURY

Report of County Commissioner's Meeting.

The Board of County Commissioners was in regular monthly session last week. No business of importance was transacted except drawing a jury for the criminal court, which convenes here on January 3rd. The following is the list of jurors drawn.

Jno. F. Currie	S. D. Tanner
I. W. Webb	Jno. O. Gibson
W. R. Rhyne	G. H. Cockman
D. B. Bulter	C. F. Parish
T. H. Rowan	J. M. Lowe
A. T. Howell	J. T. Statts
J. E. Forbis	W. F. Webb
J. W. Thompson	W. A. McDonald
J. B. Liles	Alex McKenzie
W. H. Gardner	C. F. Webb
C. S. Cole	Joseph Gibson
J. A. Parker	H. E. Maske
B. S. Ledbetter	Jno. C. Gibson
W. T. McDonald	C. H. Gibson
W. L. Gibson	Alfred Baldwin
S. F. Hutchens	J. R. Ephland
J. A. Nienyer	W. F. Baldwin
John Mashburn	J. W. Diggs, Jr.

Mr. Hill Parsons and a party of friends are off on a ten days hunt.

Mr. Thos. B. Hunter, one of our popular druggists, is visiting his old home in Halifax county.

Miss Margaret McAulay, the bright little daughter of Mr. J. A. McAulay, was the first lady visitor to the office of the Piedmont Dispatch.

Mr. C. D. Sinclair and daughter, Miss Ruth Sinclair, and Miss Annie Florence Reynolds were welcome visitors, at our office, Friday afternoon.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. W. A. McDonald, who has been several weeks, is so much improved that she will return home early next week.

We were glad to meet on the streets a few days ago our old friend of by gone days. Mr. C. H. Kelly, Mr. Kelly was accompanied by his son Mr. Hamilton, of City Point Va.

Mrs. L. Swingle, of Cleveland, Ohio, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McDonald at their home on Randolph street. Mrs. Swingle will spend the winter here. She will be joined, in a few days, by her husband, who will spend the holidays here.

Our fellow townsman, Mr. John T. Bennett, was in Washington, D. C. this week. He was accompanied by his friend, Solicitor Brock of Wadesboro. It is reported that Mr. Benett is a candidate for the solicitorship to the Hawaiian Islands. If this is true, we hope he will succeed, still Rockingham would hate to lose him as a citizen. He is a good lawyer and a mighty clever man.

Old uncle Pat Covington, who lived in the Roberdel section, came to his death last Sunday, a week ago, in a horrible manner. He arose early, and was making his fire, using kerosene, which exploded, and, as usual in such cases, he ran out of doors in to the open air and was soon so badly burned that he died next day. Uncle Pat was a good old man, and was thought well of by all who knew him. He was an ex-slave, being owned before freedom by the late Walter K. Covington.

Tacky Party.

The Roberdel High School closed Friday evening December 10th, for the Christmas holidays. The purpose of closing so early was to give plenty of time to build a new auditorium and class room. The eighth grade gave a delightful entertainment for all members of the High School, Friday night December 10th most all of whom were present, with Professor W. C. McColl

and assistant High School teacher miss Graeber as chaperones. All assembled at the School building at 7:30. Many delightful games were played, in which all took part. At ten o'clock refreshments were served consisting of ice cream, cake apples, and candy. All present reported a good time.

One Present.

Plants in the home, in the living room, or sleeping room either, are all right—not injurious to health—provided the windows are not kept closed day and night to keep the plants from freezing. The claim that green and growing plants give off carbon dioxide—a poisonous gas—may be true, but the amount is negligible and its injury to health small, compared to the foul air kept in the room by keeping the windows closed on the plants.

It is estimated that a large bay window packed full of growing plants gives off no more carbon dioxide than a simple low-turned gas jet. This means that growing plants with the proper ventilation that a room should always have is to be no longer regarded as a source of danger.

The greatest harm that growing plants or flowers in the home can do during the winter is to cause the people themselves in that home to become hot house.

Where both fresh air and plants can be had, the home is made beautiful and attractive, and at the same time is kept healthful. But where one is to be had at the expense of the other, let it be first and always fresh air. Health Bulletin.

Miss Lelia Sinclair and Mrs. L. C. Covington visited Mrs. J. W. Bacon, last week.

The box party at Harrington last Saturday night, was a success, and was enjoyed by all. The proceeds will go to the school.

Miss Belle Covington is at home from Roberdel, where she has been attending school, to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Kelly gave singing last Thursday night in honor of Misses Bert and Johnnie Gibson. All present had an enjoyable time.

Mrs. Mollie Schools, of Raeford, is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Wilkes.

The friends of Mrs. C. B. Covington will be glad to learn that she is improving.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harrington has been very sick, but we are glad to hear he is improving.

Mr. J. A. Wilkes was seen early Wednesday morning, wearing a long, sad face, and when asked what was the trouble, he said: "It's another girl."

A prominent widower, of this community, has purchased a rubber tired buggy. Look out girls!

Rev. D. P. Bridges preached his first sermon at Cartedges Creek Church, Sunday afternoon, we extend to Mr. Bridges a most hearty welcome.

The Ladies Missionary Society will meet Sunday morning immediately after Sunday School all the members are requested to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dockery moved to their new home in Wolf Pit. Mr. Dockery was a great Sunday School and Church worker and will be missed very much by the people of this community. Mr. T. G. Thomas and family will move into the house vacated by Mr. Dockery and will take charge of his farm.

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