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CREEDMOOR HAPPENINGS.

ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED BY REGULAR REPORTER.

Personals, Honor Roll of School, Pleasant Entertainment, Sunday School, etc.

We are sorry to report that Mr. D. P. Wagstaff is in quite feeble health.

Mr. S. H. Rogers has returned from Norfolk.

Miss Mary Hardy visited her sister, Miss Ruth Hardy, of Redwood, a day or two last week.

Miss Bessie Evans, of Bethel Hill, is visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. Claude Evans.

Miss Clellie Byrd, of the Fellowship section, spent last week visiting her cousin, Mrs. Claude Garner.

Misses Hettie Lyon, of Oxford, and Florence Lyon, of Stem, spent last Friday night with Mrs. Sam Lyon.

Glad to hear from Lackland again and did he not give the free seed distribution a round up? However it is all too true.

Brother W. S. Hester, we would be glad to shake your hand and do heartily endorse all the sentiments expressed in your article of last week's issue of the Public Ledger.

Sunday school was well attended on last Sabbath and the prayer service in the evening was quite interesting and quite a number proved their faith in the ones conducting, by going to sleep.

The names of the following good pupils were written on our honor roll last week: Fenner Sanderford, Burma Hester, Ruby Adcock, Sudie Adcock, Lector Cash, Ruth Fleming, Florence Jones, Sudie Tingen and Kathleen Moss.

The young people of and near Creedmoor were charmingly entertained at the home of Mr. Dutch Fleming on last Friday night. Those present were: Misses Hettie Lyon, Berna Sanderford, Ethel Holmes, Bessie Bullock, Mamie Lyon, Myrtle Peed, Mabel Cozart, Bessie Evans, Florence Lyon, Nina Aiken, Estelle Fleming, Minnie Winston and Sallie Bullock. Messrs. Sam Bullock, Leon Fleming, Ernest Crews, Clarence Lyon, Irvin Mangum, Caephas Allen, Sam Lyon, Tom Fleming, Hal Bullock, Walter Fleming, Henry Bullock, Bode Curkin, Early Fleming and Garland Bullock. Mr. and Mrs. Lasley, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Winston, Mrs. Chappell and Mrs. Peace. Quite a number of interesting charades were greatly enjoyed as well as the nice refreshments so charmingly served. Everybody seemed happy and to enjoy the entire evening and Misses Kate and Mary Fleming have proven themselves charming hostesses.

A host with but one single thought, Before a Legislature brought; A petition by which they sought, And one for which they boldly fought,

A dispensary.
On God's altar our children we've placed,

And know they'll never take a taste; What care we if others go to waste, For we are working to get in haste,

A dispensary.
What care we if tears be shed, If the weak are into temptation led; If children poor go hungry to bed, If by our men there can only be fed,

A dispensary.
What matter to us if hearts be broken, Homes are blighted and harsh words spoken;

We're doing our very best to open, And give our town as a loving token,

A dispensary.
'Twill pave our streets and light the town,

Then our record will be handed down; And posterity will ne'er, on us frown, Because our hands for them did found,

A dispensary.
Then when our life's work all is o'er, How sweet to hear the words go lower; Ye can never enter by this door,

Because ye founded in Creedmoor, A dispensary.

ANONYMOUS.

DEATH OF MRS. J. A. THOMAS.

Wife of Editor Thomas, of Louisburg Times, Passes Away.

Messages by telephone from Louisburg last night brought the sad intelligence of the death of Mrs. J. A. Thomas, wife of Editor Thomas, of the Louisburg Times. She passed away at a quarter after nine o'clock last night after a lingering illness of several years. While her death was not unexpected, it came as a shock to the family and their many friends in Louisburg, Raleigh and elsewhere. They have the sympathy of a host of friends. Mr. Thomas has the sympathy of the newspaper men of the State in this hour of grief, following so closely the death of his father, who passed away but a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Thomas was before her marriage a Miss Dent. She was a lady of sterling worth and was held in the highest esteem by those who knew her.

Mrs. Thomas is survived by her husband and seven children, these being: Mrs. D. G. Pearce, Mrs. A. F. Johnson, Messrs. Edward and Ernest Thomas, Miss Lucy Thomas and two small girls.—News & Observer of the 12th instant.

Death of Mrs. W. L. Rice.

A gloom has been cast over Salem township on account of the sad death of Mrs. Willie L. Rice, who died last Sunday at her home in South Hill, Va. The remains were brought Monday accompanied by the family and friends, and taken off at Lewis, and carried to the home of Mr. William Rice for burial. A large crowd assembled and at two o'clock Tuesday the Rev. Mr. Hall, a fine Christian minister of South Hill, conducted the funeral and burial services; paying a beautiful tribute to the memory of a good woman. Willie Rice was raised in this neighborhood and has lived here a part of the time since his marriage. The deceased was Miss Dora Baird, of Winston-Salem; her father and sister attended the burial. Mrs. Charlie Glover and Miss Mattie Rice, of Roanoke Rapids, attended the burial, also Mr. James Cheatham and others came with the corpse. The people were kind and sympathetic, offering every assistance they could. Mrs. Rice had been in feeble health for some time. A touching scene was a baby girl born on Sunday and brought with the family and corpse, and while mother was sleeping in the beautiful casket, the tiny little baby was resting quietly, and asleep in a basket on the bed nearby. The sympathy of our people is extended to the bereaved husband, the two daughter, two sons and infant, and to all the family. In behalf of Mr. W. L. Rice I extend his thanks for the kindness of the good people shown them in these hours of sadness. May the good Lord bless and comfort all the bereaved.
D. N. HUNT.

Exciting Incident.

While the Town Commissioners were in session Monday night transacting routine business the door was suddenly thrown open, and Ben Littlejohn, a colored boy, landed about midway the room, exclaiming "Frank Davis is trying to shoot me," which stopped the proceedings of the board for a few minutes. In the mean time Policeman Smith had gone in search of Davis and arrested him, and the Mayor tried him then and there and sent him to the grand jury in two cases.

Appear in Next Issue.

The editor is in receipt of a communication from Mr. E. C. Harris, the excellent Chairman of Board of County Commissioners, in reply to what we said last week concerning the working of the roads in Northern Granville, which will appear in our next issue with just such comments as we deem proper to make.

All headaches go
When you grow wiser
And learn to use
An "Early Riser."
DeWitt's Little Early Risers safe, sure pills

ITEMS FROM EXCHANGES.

NEWSY, POINTED ITEMS GATHERED FOR OUR READERS.

Short and Seasoned, Wise Pert, Gay and Solemn Things Talked About in the Merry-go-Round.

About 1,750,000 acres grow the world's tobacco.

Enmity of your enemies is less uncertain than the friendship of your friends.

The Indiana man who cut off his right hand because it offended him, it is needless to say, was a Bible reader who accepted all statements literally.

An Iowa man the other day paid \$150 for an ear of corn. Price is mighty high, but even at that it will pay him better than buying corn by the jug.

A Missouri legislator advocates a law limiting women to two \$1.98 hats in a year. Some woman has evidently made him feel cheap at some time or other.

At the marriage altar they take each other for better or for worse. A little later he thinks it couldn't be worse and she thinks she might have done better.

It is now said that thoughts of men and women can be photographed. Most men would take up their abode in the thickest part of the tall timber rather than have a snap shot of their thought.

At Kansas City Miss Maud Stater, aged 23, shot and killed Dr. Everett H. Merwin, aged 38 and committed suicide because she loved him, and he cared nothing for the attentions which she forced upon him.

The North Carolina Legislature is anti-caffeine but not anti-canine. It not only neglects to pass a dog tax law but is taking off the tax on some class of dogs on which tax had to be paid or dodged.—Wilmington Star.

A man in New York has just won a legacy of a million dollars as a reward for sixteen months' absence from liquor. Reward is sure to come when a fellow stops "swearing off" and just quits, but not always in round dollars.

Five Congressmen will be the portion of Oklahoma in the House of Representatives. Few of the newer States have so many even now, and no State has been admitted to the sisterhood with so imposing a first delegation.

The programme for the opening of the Jamestown Exposition April 26th, includes an opening prayer by Bishop Randolph, and an address by President Roosevelt, who will touch the button starting the exposition machinery in motion.

One great trouble with the country and farm labor is that too many people are getting the "town 'eech." The country offers the finest possible place for a good living and raising fine, healthy boys and sweet, smart, pretty girls.—Duplin (N. C.) Journal.

Henderson county has a centenarian in the person of Mike Simpson, who is a little more than 100 years old. It is said that he has never been more than ten miles from his home, and, though he resides only a short distance from Hendersonville, he has never seen that town.

Rev. A. M. Burroughs, of Bristol, Tenn., perhaps eclipses every other minister in the United States in the number of marriage ceremonies performed last year. The record for the year was 307. Up to the 1st of January he had married 2,150 couples in seventeen years. Mr. Burroughs is now 77 years of age, but the marrying business seems to keep him young and spry.

IF YOUR watch has gone on a strike and your clock has quit striking why bring them to W. D. Stimson and he will adjust the matter promptly and properly. Located at Paris Dry Goods store.

Subscribe to the Public Ledger.

HELP BUILD UP COMMUNITY.

Public Ledger Wants More Readers and a Liberal Patronage.

What we're going to say is that while the Public Ledger has added more than 100 new subscribers to its list since the first of January it thinks it should have more readers in view of what it offers for the money since its enlargement. It's business has increased year by year. It has a splendid and most appreciative constituency, and no paper ever served better people. But there are hundreds of folks right here in Oxford and Granville who ought to read the paper who are not subscribers, some of whom sponge on their neighbors because they hate to part with a dollar. As the Public Ledger is giving its patrons more and more for their money as the business grows, we ask those who appreciate the paper to do us the favor to mention its merits to those who are not familiar with it as a county newspaper.

Another thing. It is true that the newspaper renders in legitimate service to business enterprises, individuals—the general public—at least two dollars' worth for every dollar it gets in return, directly or indirectly. But this is a part of the nature of the business. A newspaper wants to build up its community and the county and help them on the road to progress. That is a part of its mission, hence the necessary service rendered directly and indirectly to all sorts of business enterprises. In return the business enterprises and the public generally should patronize the newspaper liberally as its may demand.

As some of our Oxford business men do not believe that advertising pays we will prove it to them if they will allow us the opportunity. We will give any merchant in town that wants it, 1 vol. one or two months free of charge. We will allow us to put one line at the bottom of advertisement and agree to comply with what it says.

Almost Run by Women.

If Norway ever should have a mayor the chances are 10 to 1 a woman would get the office. This Oxford county village of 1,500 inhabitants has more than a score of women managing progressive lines of business. The town physician is a woman. A woman is justice of the peace. A woman manages a dry goods store. Another is photographer, a fifth is bank cashier, a sixth is an undertaker, and still a seventh is an insurance agent. Until her recent resignation the Rev. Caroline E. Angell was, for eighteen years, pastor of the Universalist church at Norway. Mrs. F. W. Sanborn is responsible for the appearance of The Norway Advertiser, the local weekly. This by no means completes the list of the successful business women of Norway.—Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

Important Civil Case.

The docket, both criminal and civil, in the Superior Court ended last week was the smallest we have had in years. The criminal docket was ended by 10 o'clock on Tuesday. Only one civil case was tried, that of R. T. Green, Trustee, and John T. Williams vs Boston and Carolina Copper Mining Co. and others. Mr. Burton Craig, of Salisbury, appeared for the plaintiff, and Graham & Devin for defendant. The plaintiff sued for \$15,000 and interest. Defendant admitted the debt, but claimed that plaintiff was indebted to them for damages for breach of contract in failing to return the property he had in his possession. At last term of the Court the jury awarded defendant \$1,240 damages, and the plaintiff moved to set the verdict aside, to which defendant assented. At this term the jury rendered a verdict for defendant for \$1,518.26 damages, being \$278.26 more than the last jury give them. This reduced the amount due plaintiff to \$13,900, for which judgment was given. We understand the matter will now be promptly adjusted and the mine (The Blue Wing) re-opened at an early day.

MR. PHIL HAWKINS DEAD.

FOUND HURT IN HIS STORE ON THURSDAY NIGHT.

From the Result of which he Died in Hospital at Greensboro Friday.

Sunday's Industrial News says: Phil D. Hawkins, thirty-five years of age, died yesterday morning at St. Leo's hospital, where he was taken Thursday night for treatment. He is survived by a widow, several sisters, his mother and one brother, Wiley Hawkins.

Drs. C. S. Scott and E. L. Stamey were called to Mr. Hawkins' store Thursday night about twelve o'clock, and when they arrived they found Mr. Hawkins suffering from wounds on the head and face. The wife and a brother of the wounded man were present, and told the physicians that the patient received his injuries by falling. He was placed in a carriage and taken to a drug store, where his wounds were dressed, after which he was taken to the hospital.

At that time he was in a dazed condition. He appeared to be getting along nicely until Friday night about twelve o'clock, when he became worse, and at 6:30 o'clock yesterday morning he died.

Mr. Hawkins was well known in Oxford as he was connected with the Southern Railroad office here for about ten years and had many friends in Oxford who regret to learn of his death. He married Miss Mae Hundley, daughter of Mr. W. S. Hundley, a few years ago, who survives him. May the God of Love comfort the devoted wife in the trying hour.

From Good Road Man.

Mr. Editor—Much has been said about good roads in Granville county, and as far as talk goes Oak Hill township has had nothing but talk. To my own observation only twenty dollars out of the \$20,000 bond issue has been spent in our township. At the last meeting of the Board of County Commissioners the vote of this body very plainly shows to me that we will be from now on side tracked.

In case the bond issue is victorious in our good old county I am in favor of giving each township her proportionate part. I am in favor of good roads and will always favor them, but most heartily in favor of having our part of the money.

J. A. WATKINS.

A Merciful Man.

A merciful man is merciful to his beasts. We like to see our farmers when they drive into town on a cold, stormy day, put their teams in a stall or cover them with blankets. In the heat of summer they can always find shade in which to leave the noble animals that brought them safely to town. There are many, however, who on cold days will rush for a stove themselves and leave their horses in the storm while in the heat of summer they seek the shade and leave their horses in the sun. There is something wrong about the man who thus abuses his team. He may be a nice man, may belong to the church, may not swear, smoke nor have any bad habits, but we would not want to be his horse. No, sir.

Why of Course!

"Is your father rich?" someone asked a five year old girl, and the little one replied confidently, "Why, of course! He's got me." And she was right, too, for the father of a sweet, loving helpful little daughter is richer than some millionaires whose money cannot buy them the love of a single heart. How about your father? Does he feel that he is a rich man because of the daughter at home? There are households where it is hard "to make both ends meet" but where there is plenty of that better wealth, of love and goodness and loyalty. Is yours one of them?

GEN. ROYSTER FOR CONGRESS.

Let the People of the 5th District Recognize Granville's Claims.

Mr. Editor—I was glad to notice in your issue of Feb. 1st your endorsement of General B. S. Royster for Congress. It is well known that for many years Granville county has not been honored with any nomination in this District, except only once when inglorious defeat stared the party in the face and the nomination was going a begging. Now it seems to the writer that when we have a candidate who measures up to all the requirements of the office that our county should receive recognition.

As to the other candidate in the field we have not a word to say unfavorable personally. For many reasons our people would be glad to support him if conditions were different. Neither his ability nor his political or personal character can be assailed. But he has been nominated and elected Solicitor in the District for three terms (12 years) to an office which is one of the most important, and best paying political office in the State. The people of the District need the services of Mr. Brooks to fill out the term of the important office to which he has been elected, and there are many who believe that he should fill out his present term. The above might not be true if there were no other men in the District suitable to succeed Mr. Kitchin.

General Royster is a gentleman of large influence in the district, a lawyer of real ability, and a political leader whose influence both in his county and District is well recognized. It is needless here to speak of his superb leadership in Granville county, and how the county (once a Republican stronghold) has been rested from the enemy and now gives such an overwhelming majority for Democracy, and was previous to the last election the leading Democratic county of the District.

Our people believe there is no reason why he cannot and should not be nominated. Is political honor a just reward for party service? Then no one in the District has greater claims than General Royster. Is ability and capacity to be recognized? Then who can dispute his claims to these? Is public office a public trust? Then who has been more faithful to every public trust reposed in him than General Royster. Let him be nominated, say the people of Granville. He is competent, and political expediency demands it.

WM. H. HARRISON.

Oxford, N. C., February 11, 1907.

Unintentionally Tread on His Corn.

We are glad to learn through rather a curt note from Superintendent J. D. Wheeler, of the Road Force, that the report published in last week Public Ledger that another prisoner had escaped was not true, as only one had escaped. We heard it on the street and thought it was true, and try to be as accurate as possible, but must have had reference to the first one that escaped, which turned out to be true. We will say to the rather "huffy" Superintendent that the editor would have a hard time to chase down every report he heard and get an affidavit it was a "dead certainty" before he published it. So far as we are concerned we truly hope we will not be called upon to publish the escape of another prisoner, or anything that concerns Mr. Wheeler, not even his shuffling off this mortal coil.

\$300,000 Bond Issue for Roads.

The board of commissioners of Wilson county at a special meeting decided to have introduced in the Legislature an act authorizing Wilson county to vote on a bond issue of \$300,000 for road improvement. The election will probably be held in April and will doubtless be carried favorably. For some time public sentiment has been growing for macadamized roads as it is realized that its accomplishment would be highly advantageous to the county and the public generally.