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Leasburg Items.

The spelling match at Leasburg Thanksgiving proved an event of unusual interest. During the week before there were frequent little gatherings around neighbors' hearths to study and "give out words."

The crowd that assembled for the occasion were more or less gleefully excited for the hour.

Mrs. B. F. Stanfield and Mrs. W. S. Dixon drew sides. Each man was loyal to his own and the battle was rather hard fought.

Mrs. Dixon finally won the honors for her self and her side. Delicious home grown apples were furnished for refreshments by members of the Community Improvement League.

The people of Leasburg are generally gratified with the action of the conference that returns to their dear beloved pastor and presiding elder.

Since the Conference Mr. and Mrs. Martin have been visiting relatives and friends in the eastern part of the state.

We are glad to state that Miss Aggie Chandler who is suffering from a painful fall of a week ago, is gradually improving. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bradsher and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newman returned Monday from a week end visit in Durham.

Mrs. W. J. Pulliam has returned from an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. R. T. Poole, in Troy.

The colored people of this community have the hearty sympathy of their white friends in the loss of their church St. James, by fire last Thursday night.

Recent improvements had made the building one of the best appointed in this section of the country and the great loss can not easily be replaced.

The church has a large and loyal membership.—X.

More Than a Pound a Day.

Jim Dunn killed three hogs last week which were ten months old and weighed 326, 305 and 292, the three averaging a little more than a pound a day during their life.

Brookdale Locals.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Brooks was the scene of a beautiful marriage Wednesday at 4:00 p. m., when their daughter, Miss Effie Brooks became the bride of Mr. G. M. Fox, Jr. Rev. J. J. Boone, Pastor of M. E. Church officiating. The bride is much esteemed for her many fine traits of character. The groom is one of the most prominent business men of the county. They left immediately for a tour of northern cities.

Miss Esther Wilson and brother of Durham, spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Long, of Burlington, attended the Fox-Brooks wedding last week. Prof. R. E. Brooks of Linwood, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Brooks last week.

"Hard times" may exist, but the wave has not swept over Brookdale yet—at present there is much building activity here, a sure sign of progress.—"Billie Goat."

Bethel Hill Items.

The High School Debating Society held its first public debate of the season Thursday evening before a huge and appreciative audience. The debate was presided over by Mr. Thos. B. Woody, and the questions discussed was Resolved, that Foreign Emigration is detrimental to the United States. The affirmation was represented by Messrs. R. A. McFarland, Vaces Woody and A. C. Gentry, while the negative was defended by Messrs. Robt. Walker, Otis Evans and N. L. Hunt. The judges were Messrs. Bruce and Howard Woody and George C. Barnett, who rendered their discussion in favor of the affirmative.

Miss Ruth Gooch of Oxford College spent Thanksgiving with home folks here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Beam attended the Teachers Assembly in Charlotte last week.

Ceffo School Honor Roll

Second Grade—Lonie Wrenn. Sixth and Seventh Grade—Emily Barnett and Lena Evans.

NEGRO CONFERENCE IN ROXBORO

Bishop Coppin Presides and Reports Show Growth of Church Work.

The 22nd annual session of the Western North Carolina conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church, Bishop L. J. Coppin, D. D., of Philadelphia, presiding, met in Queen's Chapel, with a program consisting of welcome addresses by Mayor M. C. Winstead and Attorney S. G. Winstead. The musical feature of the program was the solo by Prof. C. R. Stewart, of the negro A. & M. college, Greensboro.

Dr. R. H. W. Leake, presiding elder of the Greensboro district, and the father of the conference when service and his far-reaching influence among the thousands of workers of this great denomination is taken in consideration, said after the conference had been organized, after the administering of the communion, that the reports of this conference will not fall below reports of former years and will come up to the standard as did the North Carolina conference of this denomination which has just closed.

The other presiding elders of the other districts of the conference are: Raleigh Dr. J. H. Jackson; Morgantown, Dr. W. J. Jordan; Durham, Dr. K. C. Holt.

The bishop, as he does at all of his conferences, emphasized the fact that the character of the ministry of his race must be above reproach and that the peculiar exigencies of the age required trained men for service. That this is largely the cause for the remarkable work being done by his denomination in helping to make the Afro-American people an influence for good, is strikingly evidenced by the type of ministers and laymen in attendance here.

Among the visitors from the North Carolina conference of this connection and made addresses today are Drs. W. H. Capeheart, G. D. Carnes, A. Stroud and A. J. Wilson. During the week some of the leading negro educators and workers for the uplift of their race will be present and will deliver addresses.

The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. V. M. Worth, of Yanceyville. The conference held appropriate services Thanksgiving day and the Thanksgiving sermon was delivered by Rev. C. W. Robinson.

Jim Carver Day Killed.

News was received here Sunday of the death of Jim Carver Day. His body was found on the railroad track near LaCrosse, Va., on last Saturday evening. It is supposed that he fell from a train and was killed, though there is no positive knowledge as to the cause of his death. His body arrived here and was buried in the cemetery yesterday morning.

Those Little Reminders.

For the past several days we have been sending out notices to all of our subscribers, showing how you stand with The Courier. Please remember, it takes time, work and money to send you these notices and we trust every one who receives one of them will respond with promptness. Don't throw them aside, but give them your attention.

Thanksgiving Party

On last Thursday evening from eight until eleven o'clock, Miss Annie Brooks delightfully entertained a large number of her young friends, at her beautiful home near town. After numerous games were played, delicious refreshments were served.

HINDENBURG'S FORCE IS SPLIT IS VIEW OF THE BRITISH EXPERTS

Petrograd Reports Capture of Ten Miles of Trenches Northeast of Lodz. King George Leaves for Visit to Troops in France.

LONDON, Dec. 1, 11:05 p. m.—Another day of battle between the Russians and the German allies in Poland has passed without news of a decisive result. The Berlin official statement tonight says there is nothing of importance to report from Poland, while the Russian government rests on its warning against over-optimism.

The facts, as gleaned from correspondent's dispatches, appear to be that three semi-independent engagements are progressing between Thorn on the north and Cracow on the south, in which both combatants have achieved local successes, without a distinct victory for either.

Some British military experts believe Field Marshal von Hindenburg's forces have been split into three units, one of which is almost enveloped, while the Russians have driven a wedge between the German army and its Austrian ally in the region of Cracow. They declare the Germans have consistently underestimated the qualities of their Muscovite opponents and have opposed them with a body composed almost wholly of second line troops but now are rushing heavy reinforcements from the western line to avert a Polish Sedan. They express the opinion that the issue depends on whether these arrive in time.

Berlin reports the failure of the Russian attack on the fortifications east of Darkehmen in East Prussia, with heavy losses, while unofficial messages from Petrograd describe an important Russian gain and the capture of 10 miles of trenches northeast of Lodz.

Advices from Holland report that railway traffic, newspapers and posts in the Brussels region are entirely suspended it is presumed for the purpose of suppressing news of a movement of German troops to the eastward.

The only development of the day in the western theater was the renewal of the British naval bombardment of the German base at Zeebrugge.

England was surprised at the announcement that King George had left last night on a visit to the British headquarters in France, where he is certain of an enthusiastic reception from the soldiers.

Thanksgiving Services.

Thanksgiving services were held in the Baptist church here last Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. D. F. Putnam. After the sermon a collection was taken up for the Baptists Orphanage at Thomasville and a goodly sum realized, larger than usual. In the evening services were held at the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. N. C. Yearby, pastor. Collection was taken here for the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh, a liberal response was also given.

Cashier of Milton Bank Missing.

Mr. E. Hines, Jr. cashier of the Bank of Milton, has disappeared, leaving no forwarding address. We hear that he is short in his cash something like sixteen thousand dollars, and that the shortage has been running for the past eight or ten years. The Bank of Milton was a small institution having only five thousand dollars capital stock, with deposits of about ten thousand dollars. Of course this shortage caused the bank to close.

Thanksgiving at Loch Lily

A most enjoyable week end was spent by a number of young people attending a house party at Loch Lily Club House last week. The party left Roxboro Wednesday and returned Sunday evening. The entire time was filled with pleasure, auction bridge and dancing being the most popular amusements.

Those attending the house party were: Misses Sue Long, Breta Noell, Lucille Pass, of Roxboro, Mamie Jeffreys of Chase City Va., Carrie Tom Farthing of Creedmore, Martha Holt of Graham, Edna Wharton, of McLeansville, and Messrs. P. E. Whitehead, C. C. Cunningham, C. W. Long, J. B. Alderman, A. G. Powell, and J. A. Noell, Jr. Dr. and Mrs. B. R. Long, chaperones.

Pay Your Merchant

Those who owe us will confer a great favor by paying their accounts just now. If you can't pay all, pay all that you can. We have thousands of dollars charged to our friends and we need it badly to meet our bills. We are aware that it is not a good year but almost every one can make some arrangement to pay their store accounts and if it is not done many a merchant is going to suffer more than any other class. Don't think that a poor crop excuses you from meeting your obligations. We have to meet ours or go out of business.—Harris & Burns.

Weather Favorable for Sales.

During the past week sales have been very good, and the offering of a much better quality. It is to be hoped the common grades have been largely marketed and that the sales from now on will contain more of the better grades. Where tobacco has color and body the prices are very satisfactory.

The weather Monday and Tuesday will bring in much tobacco this week and the warehouses will see that all who sell with them are well cared for.

Automobile Wrecked.

On Monday as Mr. Joe H. Carver was returning from Oxford in his machine the steering rod came loose and he lost control. The machine ran into an embankment, putting it out of business. In the machine with Mr. Carver, were Mr. E. R. Moore and three convicts which he was bringing from Oxford to his camp near Moriah.

From Allensville.

Nov. 26th was a Thanksgiving day long to be remembered by the people of Allensville. About 10 o'clock the people began to arrive, but there seemed to be some doubt among the brethren as to whether our pastor, Rev. J. J. Boone, could be with us, but about 32 minutes past ten, he arrived. All members seemed delighted at his arrival and were overjoyed to find that he had been returned to us for another year. The day was ideal, the crowd large and very attentive. The service was opened by singing, after which Brother Boone read some scripture, followed by prayer by William Davis, followed by an address of welcome by J. Q. Yarbrough. In this address he tried to make all present enjoy themselves and while this was a very feeble attempt the whole crowd, both saints and sinners, seemed to understand what he meant for I have never seen a meeting that all parties, whether of our belief or not, seemed to be more enjoyed.

After the address of welcome Bro. Boone preached a most excellent sermon, which was well received. After which we had dinner, and I just wish you could have seen that dinner. The table was about thirty feet long and just loaded from end to end, and then did not hold all of the rations. Just so sure as there is a heaven I believe those good will go there. Bro. Boone blessed this table, and like the feasts during Christ's time on earth, there were many baskets of fragments left.

After dinner the service again commenced by singing by Trinity, and while our class did, their best

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