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I have taken up the following stray hogs: One white and black spotted pig about 2 years old; two white and black spotted sows and one black sow, about 8 or 10 months old. Owner will call for them and pay for this notice.

G. K. MOORR, Spring Hill, N. C.

DEATH OF AN INFANT.—The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Woodard died Sunday night, March 13, and was buried in the Baptist cemetery Monday afternoon.

COMMISSIONERS TO MEET NEXT MONDAY.—Owing to sickness of some of the members of the board, the county commissioners failed to hold session the first Monday. They will meet next Monday, March 21st.

COMPLAINT ABOUT ROADS.—The complaint is general throughout the county that the country roads are in a very bad condition. Of course, the many snows and frequent rains make the roads bad, but there seems much irregularity about the road interests in the county anyway.

LITTLE FARM WORK.—It is a general observation that there has been little farm work done this year. Very little land has been plowed, very little manure composted. This gives the farmer a chance to sell large quantities of fertilizers, and all indications point to large sales.

Letter to W. F. Butterworth.

Dear Sir: It took 10 gallons to paint your house last time with somebody else's paint, and takes 8 with Devco, we save you \$8 or \$10; for painting costs two or three times as much as paint.

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Homicide at Tillery.

On Saturday afternoon two colored men named Cary Crowell and Jim Johnson became engaged in what some thought a friendly and frolicsome tussle in the store of Mr. P. C. Gregory. To the surprise of onlookers Crowell struck Johnson on the head with an iron pipe, crushing the skull. Johnson died from the effects of the blow in about forty minutes.

There being no qualified county coroner, Clerk of the Court S. M. Gary appointed Dr. F. M. Register special coroner for the case, who reported that Johnson came to his death by reason of a blow by Crowell.

Crowell escaped. Both men had families.

Sheiton-Allsbrook.

Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Medford Mrs. Martha Shelton was married to Mr. E. A. Allsbrook, Justice B. F. Gray performing the ceremony. Quite a large number of friends gathered to witness the marriage and offer congratulations. The bride was formerly of Edgecombe, but has been living in Scotland Neck some time, and has made many friends here. Mr. Allsbrook is well known here, having lived in this community all his life. Their friends here and elsewhere wish for them a happy and prosperous journey through life.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

The Coming, Going and Whereabouts of Our People and Other Folks.

Hon. Claude Kitchin returned to Washington a few days ago.

Capt. G. S. White went to Baltimore Monday to purchase goods.

Mrs. Whit Hill who had been here some time on a visit, went away Monday.

Miss Georgie Rethman, of Baltimore, is milliner for Mrs. A. M. Riddick this season.

Miss Lena Smith returned Monday from a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. H. Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Fenner came down from Halifax to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hall.

Mr. Lucas, of Dunn, N. C., has taken office of the central telephone office in Scotland Neck.

Mr. G. W. Llyermon, of Norfolk, spent Sunday here with his brother, Dr. A. C. Llyermon.

Mess. A. McDowell, T. H. Pritchard and Dr. R. M. Johnson went to Tarboro Monday on business.

Mr. W. L. L. Hall came up from Greenville Monday, called here by the death of his grandmother.

Mr. R. S. Hall came down from the extreme illness of his mother.

Mr. George Gilliam, of Halifax, has been here some days by reason of the illness and death of Mrs. Hall.

Judge W. B. Council, who is holding court at Halifax, spent Sunday in Scotland Neck the guest of Mr. W. A. Dunn.

Miss Katie Weeks went to Roanoke Rapids Monday where she will live for some time to do millinery work with her aunt.

Criminal Court Docket.

Two days were consumed in closing the criminal docket in Halifax Superior court last week. There were very few cases of importance. Following is the record on the docket: One sent to State prison for 9 months; four sentenced to county jail for 60 days each; one sent to county jail for 6 months, one for 4 months and one for 1 month. Other cases were disposed of paying costs, which amounted to about \$110.

Fire at Crowells.

On Wednesday night, March 9th, Mr. R. H. Pittman, of Crowells, lost by fire a barn containing 6,000 pounds of hay, 70 bushels of corn, 40 bushels of seed peanuts, and 200 bushels of cotton seed.

The fire occurred about ten o'clock and it was thought to be the work of an incendiary.

Death of Mrs. Hall.

Monday, March 14, 1904, at about half past ten o'clock, Mrs. Emily Turner Hall entered into rest. Her death was not a surprise to her friends. She had been a sufferer for many years with some sort of heart trouble, and was fully prepared for the end.

Mrs. Hall's parents were Mr. J. L. G. Baker and Sarah Baker. She was born February 12, 1823, and had just completed the eighty-first year of her age.

In some respects the life of Mrs. Hall has been rather remarkable. In 1841, when she was in her 19th year, two things occurred in close succession of the greatest interest and importance to her whole life. These were first, her union with the Church of God by baptism May 23rd, and by confirmation June 20th, and by reception of the holy communion on July 4th, all in the same year. The second matter of great importance was her marriage to Dr. Archibald Stuart Hall June 15, 1841. So that year was to Mrs. Hall a year of momentous events. That indicates her character for firmness and decision. She took her religion with her into her domestic relations. And surely was she to need the comfort, encouragement and strength that nothing but the promises of God made to man in his holy word could bring in trouble and affliction.

Mrs. Hall has suffered many and great afflictions—in the death of her husband in 1876, and in the loss of five sons, all grown or nearly so.

She leaves two sons, Dr. James B. Hall and Mr. Richard S. Hall and one daughter, the wife of Mr. William R. Bond.

From that day, May 23, 1841, when Mrs. Hall consecrated herself to the Lord in baptism and afterwards partook of the emblems of the body and blood of her Lord, she has continued steadfast in the faith. There has been no wavering. Her religion through life has been of a strong, vigorous character. There was no subject on which she dwelt with more pleasure than the thought of God's infinite love to man. She often spoke of the Lord's mercies to her in her afflictions. While in her afflictions, she was the broadest and the most gracious charity towards every one. She never spoke unkindly of others. But she had that charity that "rejecteth not in iniquity, but rejecteth in the truth," and "bearth all things, believeth all things," and hopeth all things may work together for the ultimate peace and good of all. It was that sort of charity that "suffereth long and is kind" and "envieth not."

Of the Lord's goodness she had unbounded confidence. Like the great apostle in whatever state she might be, "there-will be content." She knew how to apply Scripture truth to human needs and to feel its saving grace and power. It was a pleasure to hear her speak of God's mercies to her; and this she always did with that humble spirit that trembles at the word of God.

A few days before the end came the holy communion was administered to her, and it was good to see the gratitude and thanksgiving she manifested in the reception of this sacred rite of our blessed religion.

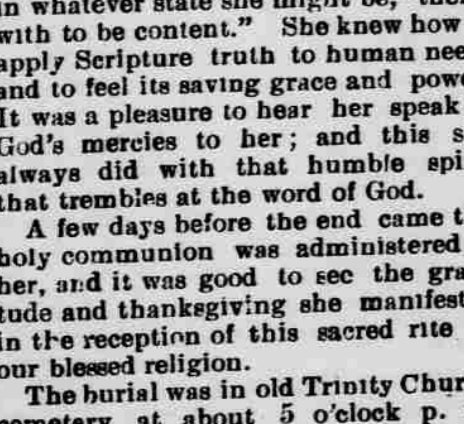
The burial was in old Trinity Church cemetery at about 5 o'clock p. m. March 15, 1904. There was a large attendance of friends and relatives. While to the hymn, "O, Paradise, O, Paradise," was being sung the grave was filled; the beautiful and sweet spring flowers that had been fashioned together with kind hearts and loving hands were spread on the grave, and the blessing was spoken. A solemn hush fell over the place where the remains of our dear sister in the Lord rest from all the labors and toils of time.

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DAWSON VIOLETS.

Correspondence to The Commonwealth. DAWSON, N. C., March 14, 1904.

Mr. Charles Parks, of Crowells, was in our vicinity Thursday.

Messrs. C. H. Dickens and Frank Moore, of Halifax, passed through Thursday en route to Scotland Neck. They bore the tidings of the marriage of Mr. Whit Stephenson and Miss Fannie Gold. We extend our best wishes.

Messrs. W. J. and J. B. Partine went to Scotland Neck Saturday on business.

M. John Willy, Jr., of Weldon, came Sunday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Willy. It was his first visit here and he terms it a "fine country," in which we heartily agree with him.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Barnes and little sons, Jimmie and Earle, went to Halifax Saturday to visit Mrs. Barnes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Stephenson.

Miss Ella Stallings spent Sunday with her friends in Whitaker town.

Miss Iver Weeks is on the sick list this week.

Miss Katie Weeks, of Scotland Neck, was among our many visitors Sunday.

Mrs. J. J. Barnes has been somewhat indisposed for several days.

Mr. Joe Willy went to Enfield Sunday.

Mrs. J. D. Lawrence attended services at Whitaker's Chapel Sunday.

Elder J. K. Henderson filled his regular appointment at Gethsemane Sunday.

Mr. J. W. Barnhill returned to his home near Neils Wednesday, after being here several days on the sick list. We are glad to note his improvement in health while here.

Fire in Littleton.

On Sunday morning about 1 o'clock the furniture store of H. E. Walker & Co., in Littleton, was discovered to be on fire. It was totally lost with no insurance except \$400 on the building. The stock of goods lost was worth about \$1,000.

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