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IN MEMORIAM

"They never quite leave us—the friends who have passed Through the shadows of death to the sunlight above—

A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast, To the places they blessed with their presence and love."

After a noble and well spent life, with joy and pleasure in living for others, Mrs. Harriett Ann Smith, widow of the late Alexander Smith, passed away at her home near Lobelia on Monday, February 19, 1923, in her seventy-fifth year, her burial taking place on the fifty-fifth anniversary of her marriage. Truly a mother in Israel has passed to her reward. A ministering angel will be missed in the community in which she lived; her beautiful character stood forth in all its loveliness in her conduct as a neighbor, and her kind help and charitableness wherever there was sickness, sorrow, or suffering of any kind; she was kind and helpful to the humblest, and the poor found in her a friend at all times. A devoted mother, a faithful and loving wife, she gave the best of her life, always with untiring devotion to the rearing of her children for the noblest things in life, with a love and sympathy that could not be surpassed. She was the angel-spirit of her home, and her children arise up and call her blessed.

The funeral services were conducted from Cypress Presbyterian church by her pastor, Rev. M. D. McNeill, interment in the church cemetery beside her husband who, fifty-five years ago, had brought her a lovely bride to his home. A large concourse of friends and relatives came to pay their last respects to one whose life had been of unselfishness and sweet christian charity. Quite a number of colored people attended the funeral, who made the request that they might once more look upon the face of their kind friend and benefactress, a woman remarking that "She always came to see us when we were sick or in trouble—and she never came empty handed."

There were many floral offerings of beautiful designs, among them a magnificent cross of white lillies. A good woman, a lovely character, of whom "None knew her but to love her, None named her but to praise." A FRIEND.

VASS HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTEST

To make Vass a more beautiful and more sanitary place, in which to live and rear the boys and girls for men and women of tomorrow, is the duty of every citizen. This need not be work, but pleasure, for who does not like to plant, cultivate, pluck and enjoy flowers, see flowers where once lay tin cans, dead limbs or a briar patch?

To encourage and promote the beautifying of the home ground the merchants of Vass have given a number of prizes, which will be displayed in the show windows of one of the stores later. Here is a list of them; aren't they worth working for? An oak porch swin a, gallon of porch furniture paint, pruning shears, water sprinkler, porch chair or swing pillow, and others will be added to this list.

What do you have to do to enter this contest? Just sign your name to the letter received last week, and mail it to Miss Nora Bradford, Home Demonstration agent, Carthage. If you did not receive one of these blanks, send your name and address to Miss Bradford; pictures will be made of your home now, and the judges will use these in deciding whose yard

TOBACCO CO-OPS SOON PAID AGAIN

Over 360 Business Men of Eastern Carolina Endorse Co-ops

Further payments to members of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association will be made in the near future in Eastern North Carolina and in the Dark Belt of Virginia, according to announcement by the Directors of the tobacco co-operatives at their last meeting in Raleigh.

In addition to more than \$21,000,000 which the organized growers have received to date from their association, the co-operative planters of Eastern Carolina will soon receive another payment on all tobacco delivered to their association since December 1st. The Dark tobacco farmers of Virginia will receive their second cash disbursement on all tobacco delivered up to February 18th, in the near future.

Treasurer Jas. H. Craig of the association announced that both these payments would be made as soon as the checks for the members could be calculated, filled out and mailed out to the thousands of growers affected.

More than 360 merchants, bankers and professional men representing all the tobacco and cotton growing counties of Eastern Carolina have recently pledged their aid to the marketing associations during the coming year. "Our dealings with these associations were entirely satisfactory for 1922," say the dozens of paid advertisements inserted by the friends of the marketing associations in most of the papers of the Eastern Belt. "We are taking this position now in order that the members may work with the assurance that they can do business with us and still deliver their tobacco and cotton to their respective associations," say those who have recently added their names to the business men and bankers who are supporting co-operative marketing from

Northern Virginia to the Georgia line.

The satisfaction of grower members in the continued payments of the tobacco association is evidenced by letters like the following received by J. P. Meadows, manager of the association warehouse at Durham, from R. P. Kerly, a member: Mr. J. P. Meadows, Durham, N. C.

Dear Sir:—On the 20th day of September, 1922, my tenant, Mr. J. N. Cates, delivered in Durham 556 lbs. of tobacco for sale. He, as well as myself, are members of the "Co-ops."

Mr. Cates, thinking the Planters Warehouse was the Banner, placed this tobacco on the floors of that warehouse (an independent house) for sale. The tobacco was sold and Mr. Cates never realized his mistake until his check was handed him. Seeing Planters Warehouse written on the check, he began to get busy to correct his mistake. This tobacco was sold at auction for \$95.63.

He then got his tobacco together and carried it to the Co-ops, where it should have been sold.

Our first advance on that date was \$58.22. On the 22nd day of January of this year we recieved \$58.22 as second advance. So you may readily see that should we never get a third payment, Mr. Cates and myself are already \$20.81 better than we would have been should this tobacco have gone on the independent floor.

Should the third payment equal the former ones, we would stand then nearly double that of the auction floors, to-wit: counting the third payment at same as first and second, and surely it will be no less, this would sum up independent house \$95.63, a difference of \$79.03 on one load of tobacco. Very respectfully, (Signed) R. P. Kerly, Durham, N. C.

Public Invitation to "COMMUNITY SMILE SOCIAL"

Smile awhile, and after awhile—of course you know the rest. So bring a stick of chewing gum, and smile your level best. No other admission fee is needed but these two; so come along and smile awhile, we'll do the same for you, Friday evening, March 9th, at 7:30 o'clock, School Auditorium. Come smiling. COMMUNITY CLUB.

COMMUNITY CLUB TO MEET

There will be a Vass Community Club meeting in the school auditorium Friday, March 9th, at 7:30 p. m. Many community problems will be discussed. Let's have a good meeting.

has had most attention during the contest, which closes July 30th. Planting shade trees, shrubs, bulbs, blooming flowers, porch box and pot flowers. Porch vines and making walks and drives add much to improvement. March is a good month for planting lawn with Bermuda, Italian rye, English lawn grass and white clover, to prune roses and fertilize; also to plant sweet peas, poppies, petunias, snapdragon, scarlet sage, zinneas, nasturtiums, etc. These seed cost little money and the flowers gives much joy to you and the passers by.

You can have as pretty yard as your neighbor; why not try?

MESSAGE TO PEACH GROWERS

Ralph Page is sending the following letter to the members of the peach association, and will be of interest to those who intend to enter the peach growing business:—

I am writing you this personal letter because, after the most careful and painstaking study of the problem of how to market the ever increasing crop of peaches in this section that the industry be maintained at its present profitable level, I have concluded that the whole business depends upon a determined, and, if possible, united effort to accomplish two things.

Absolute Standard of Grade

The first is the establishment of a Sandhill Brand under three grades maintained by a strict, rigid, almost military Government inspection. We have arranged for the joint Federal and State inspection.

But it cannot be too often or too emphatically stated that a really efficient inspection—one that absolutely holds every single package up to a mathematical standard, cannot be imposed from without upon unwilling or indifferent growers by any agency—Association, State or Government. I will do all that is humanly possible. But we will absolutely fail, unless we have the personal support and active work and interest of every grower. It's up to you personally. I'll take care of the rest of the packhouses if you will guarantee me that you will (Continued on page 2)

JACKSON SPRINGS NEWS

Prof. W. C. McColl, Rev. R. G. Matheson were in Greensboro, Saturday for the meeting of the high school representatives who entered girls basket ball teams in the championship of the central district of the state. Our girls play Hamlet here Saturday afternoon, and the winner of this contest will play the winner of the Sanford-Rockingham contest the following week. All dope leads us to think that Hamlet and the locals are evenly matched. The latter has been unable to get many games scheduled and has a string of eight victories with none lost. Hamlet lost to the Farm Life girls at the Sandhill Fair last fall when our girls won the championship of the Sandhills. But have been having better luck in the race for the Richmond county championship.

Our fighting five will go through a gruelling practice this week with the second team and when the final whistle blows the big end of a score looks favorable to us, if all are in condition.

"Lone Star" is a play of five acts and with thirteen characters will be presented by the faculty at the high school auditorium on Friday evening, at eight o'clock. The play is good and all the characters play their part well. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the high school.

Miss Uysta Woodley lead the Christian Endeavor Society, Sunday evening at the Presbyterian church with the subject, "Temptations to Lie." Miss Woodley made a splendid talk and received excellent co-operation by those taking active part, making the meeting one of the best ever carried out.

Prof. and Mrs. W. C. McColl were at home to the Senior Class of the high school Thursday evening.

All the young people were dressed in colonial style. Numerous games and contests were indulged in, after which a delicious salad course was served.

The ladies missionary society met with Mrs. Matheson at the manse on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Jno. Sullivan was the leader introducing and discussing the book "Sunrise in Actez land," in her interesting style. The self-denial offering amounted to \$18. The March meeting will be held at the manse, and the annual election of officers will take place.

The McLeod and Athenian Literary societies held a joint meeting in the high school auditorium on Friday evening. Roy Swink presided over the meeting and the roll was called by Miss Thelma Clark, with the students answering with Bible verses. Paul Long was monitor and made a good report. Misses Vysta Woodley and Mary Bruton recited. Donald Matheson and Miss Annie Thomas told some jokes on teachers and students.

Two marriages of interest took place at the manse the last few days. On Thursday evening at 8 o'clock Curtis McKenzie of Carthage, route 1 and Miss Nannie Kennedy of Hemp were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. R. G. Matheson. Mr. McKenzie is very popular here where he attended high school.

Jas. Harris and Miss Grace McKenzie of Carthage route 1 came over Sunday afternoon and at 1 o'clock were united in marriage by Rev. R. G. Matheson. Mr. Harris is well and favorably known here. Two of his sisters graduated from high school here.

Several forest fires were raging in this section of the Sandhills last week. Fortunately there were no high winds and the fires never covered large territories, being prevented by farms (Continued on page 2)

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