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REMINISCENCES OF BETHESDA CHURCH IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS OF LONG AGO

Days When The Young People Knew
How To and Did Obey Their Parents

(Mrs. J. McK. Harrington)

Bethesda Church Festival is the first Sunday in July. What hallowed memories cling around that old church! Faces we never forget, faded long ago under the coffin lid, rise before us. Songs we remember. Voices now silent. We hope there will be some few remaining who will sing "The Sweet Bye and Bye," "Hail Mysterious Glorious Science," "The Bright Forever," "Be Thankful and Go On," "Beyond the Sunset's Radiant Glow." We shall miss the sweet voice of Mrs. Jackson Bethune, of Flora Graham, of Sara Jane Ray; the wonderful soprano of Mary Shaw. We will miss the splendid tenor of Daniel McNeill, the deep rolling bass of Neill Blue and John McNeill. Fifty years ago!

That was a prosperous community in those days, and hospitable families kept open house. There was the family of Malcom Blue, who lived within a stone's throw of the church. There were the families of John B. Graham, Neill Graham, Archie Campbell, Capt. Archie Ray, Malcom McNeill, Duncan Shaw, Wash Shaw, Peter Shaw, Archie Blue, Archie Buchan, J. M. Johnson and others whom I cannot now remember. Communion services that were held twice a year were great occasions. In some respects not unlike Burn's "Holy Fair," they began on Saturdays. If the meeting was to be protracted it began on Friday. Friends and relatives came from quite a distance, and from adjoining counties in response to cordial invitations to attend the meeting and spend the night of Saturday, and over Sunday.

It reminds me of a time when cousin Mattie Blue (afterwards Mrs. Neill McKay, and now a saint in heaven) and myself spent a Saturday night of a "meeting" at the home of Mr. Duncan Shaw's. At that time

we were just giggling girls. We were all kin folks. In Mr. Shaw's family were a number of fine looking boys. That night the young people were assembled in the parlor. Charlie could play the fiddle, and he had a younger brother named Sam whom he liked to tease. He was playing the fiddle and singing "Oh la Mammy, look at Sam! He's eat all the meat and sopping out the pan." We were all laughing rather uproariously at Sam's expense when Mrs. Shaw (aunt Jane) came to the door and said: "Father says you are making too much noise, and there is too much foolishness going on for Saturday evening before the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and for you all to come around to my room with the old folks and sing some hymns. Charlie! Put up that fiddle."

Young people obeyed in those days. We went. Mr. Shaw handed around a hymn book or two, then he "raised the tune." We sang "Jerusalem, My Happy Home," "High in Yonder Realm of light," "Tis a Point I Long to Know," "I Would Not Live Away." After the singing the conversation turned on shouting; old folks talking, young folks listening. Mr. Shaw told of an old lady who used to shout herself to heaven and back at the "big meetings," and on one occasion was reproved by the preacher. She jumped up and sang "Oh, Hinder Me Not, for I Will Serve the Lord and Praise Him till I Die."

In my next letter perhaps I'll tell of the time cousin Mattie and I went to a meeting at Bethesda, driving the old "yaller" horse and spent the night at that dear old home of true southern hospitality, the home of Miss Belle Blue, now Mrs. Charles Pleasants, of Aberdeen.

tising with the Pilot, but results have made him a staunch believer in advertising, and a booster for The Pilot.

Miss Katharine Goodman, of Raleigh, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. H. A. Keith, returned home Saturday.

The colored teacherage being built by the consolidated district on the Berkley school grounds is nearing completion.

Rev. Jesse Blalock of Rich Square, N. C., who recently accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church of this city and who was expected to assume his duties with last Sunday, was prevented from coming here by the death of his eighteen months old child. It seems that the child was in good health up to and just after the household furniture had been packed and put into transit. It very soon, though, thereafter became seriously ill and after a few days died. The new pastor will arrive here the latter part of this week after having taken his wife home to her parents in the mountains, and it will be several weeks before she will follow him to Aberdeen.

The Baptist church congregation has expended \$500.00 in repairing and remodeling its parsonage.

The new cafe and restaurant now being installed by R. C. Farrell, grocer, in his store room adjoining his grocery, is expected to be completed and ready to open for business in about ten days. Mr. Farrell has secured the services of R. K. Corbett, an expert restaurant man from Wilmington to manage the same. From the appearances of the improvements and the furniture and fixtures going in, it is safe to predict that Aberdeen may well expect to be proud of its cafe.

L. L. Johnson and Hugh A. Page left Tuesday morning for Morganton, N. C. to attend the State Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Johnson goes as delegate from the Aberdeen Lodge, and Mr. Page attends as Grand Lodge member, being Grand Master-at-Arms. Mr. Johnson took Mrs. Johnson and the boys, Leroy and Richard with him to enjoy the mountain breezes with him up there.

Jim Low, a well known and respected negro of the Addor section, died there last Thursday.

Mrs. A. F. Yates is back home from her recent operation at a Fayetteville hospital. She will stay two weeks and will go back again for a short time before being fully discharged.

Mrs. A. W. Cain, of Durham, is visiting her brother, Capt. A. F. Yates.

Mrs. J. R. Allen, of Albemarle, and Miss Laura A. Saunders, of Lilesville, spent the week-end with Mrs. C. J. Johnson.

Mrs. Fred Weaver and two children who have been away on a four week's visit with her parents in Johnson City, Tenn., are expected to return here next Saturday. Mr. Weaver will meet them at Charlotte and bring them safely home.

Mrs. B. J. Moss and children, of Raleigh, are visiting Mrs. Jess Carter, Sr.

Dr. H. E. Bowman who met with a rather painful accident fishing last week is out on the streets again and attending to his professional duties. The Doctor in some way fell out of the boat and ran a contraption of a dozen or more fish hooks in his leg.

The Ona Williams Comedy Company, a tent show, which pays us a visit annually, is showing here this week.

Mrs. Alma Louise Dumeer, and Mrs. Vivian Freeman, both of Hamlet, are visiting with Mrs. J. H. King.

Dr. F. O. Bell and Henry Addor left Monday noon for Charlotte, and will bring back to this town at least two brand new Hupmobiles. Dr. Bell will pick out one for his own use and purposes, and Henry will put one in stock for Addor and McLeod, Moore county dealers.

Bridges-Boone & Company are advertising one of their periodical sales to start Saturday of this week. Turn to their ad in this issue.

A. C. McDonald is moving his filling station across the highway piece-meal to the lots he recently bought

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COMMUNITY SPIRIT OF PAST YEARS SHOWN AT PINEHURST IN SCHOOL HOUSE WORK DAY

The Good Women Furnish Dinner and Men and Boys Do a Good Day's Work

On Tuesday of this week, the people of Pinehurst turned out en masse to evidence their interest in the new school property by putting in a real honest-to-goodness day's work on the grounds. The entire plot was cleared and put in proper shape for practically all branches of athletics in which the boys and girls of the school will engage.

Promptly at seven o'clock, men and teams appeared upon the scene and sailed into the task at hand. In planning for the day, several foreman were appointed and crews were assigned to each. The work was robbed of its irksomeness by an exchange of tasks between crews every two and one-half hours.

A bounteous repast was prepared and served by the women's committee of the Pinehurst Community Club, and the interest displayed during the hour from twelve to one did not suffer greatly by comparison with any of the others!

All in all, the result of the day's work exceeded the fondest hopes and expectations of the school committee, who fostered the movement, and gave a striking example of just what genuine co-operation can accomplish in a short time. Time was, (and not so very many years ago) when it was the custom to do things of this kind in this way. Most of us can remember "log rollings," "rail splittings," "corn huskings," "quilting bees," and a number of other customs, the announcement of which was the signal for everyone in the countryside to plan to attend and put the best foot forward in whatever there was to do. These institutions have very largely been thrown into the discard, and with the change we have encountered labor troubles and similar ills which were unknown in the former days.

Perhaps the new way we have adopted spells progress. We hope so. But the patrons of the Pinehurst school are experiencing a peculiar sense of ownership in their new school property which could not come thru having the work done in the modern way.

The committee is to be congratulated upon the businesslike manner in which the entire project was handled. The ladies excelled themselves in preparing and serving the picnic dinner, and can be assured of a liberal patronage around any banquet board entrusted to their care. The boys and girls of the school should also come in for a large share of appreciation for the part they played in the program.

Construction of the new high school building is progressing rapidly and contractor Sally tells us that, barring something unforeseen, it will be ready for occupancy by the time the next term begins.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The PILOT wishes to announce that Mrs. J. McK. Harrington has consented to write exclusively for the PILOT. Mrs. Harrington will cover the Cameron territory locally and from time to time will contribute other interesting articles.

LOCAL INCORPORATIONS

Maness Hotel Company, of Sanford, with \$150,000 authorized capital and \$40,000 subscribed by W. A. Maness, of Sanford, and W. E. Porter and B. C. Wallace, of Carthage.

Amendment was filed to the charter of the Pinehurst Plateau Company, of Pinehurst, increasing the capital stock from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

YOUNG PEOPLE OF JACKSON SPRINGS AT DAVIDSON ATTENDING RELIGIOUS MEETING

Senior Christian Endeavor Society
Hold Field Day Exercises---Items

Miss Irene Woodley with Herbert Carter, Douglas Matheson and Edgar Graham left Tuesday for Davidson College to attend the young peoples' convention of the Presbyterian church. These young people represent the local Presbyterian church, Sunday school and Christian Endeavor Society, and will be joined by Holt and Miss Myrtie McKenzie of the Culdee church, and Misses Margaret Thompson and Treva Auman, and William Jackson and Dwight Richardson of the West End church. All the churches are located in Mineral Springs township and means much better church work in the future by sending delegates to this conference.

John McCrimmon is at his home near West End from Davidson College where he graduated this year. Mr. McCrimmon is a former high school student here, going to Davidson college from the Tenth grade.

R. G. Matheson, Jr., is at home from Columbia, S. C., where he has taught English in the city high school and coached all athletics of freshmen for the past two years. He will be assistant coach for the high school foot ball and base ball teams next year. In addition he has been taking work at the University of South Carolina that will lead to another college degree. After a two weeks vacation he will leave for Camp Transylvania at Brevard where he will be athletic director this summer.

Miss Dorothy Jones who holds an important position in Durham is at home for a few days vacation.

Miss Robena McCracken was carried to the Charlotte Sanatorium early Sunday morning where she was operated on for appendicitis. Late reports are that she is getting along nicely.

We have epidemics of measles, etc., and for the past several days it looks as if we were going to have an epidemic of appendicitis. Miss McCracken is the second one to go to the hospital from the Manice orchards in the past few days. All cases are getting along well.

The Junior Christian Endeavor Society held a picnic on the Manse ground Saturday afternoon. Many games were played, after which the children enjoyed their supper and returned to their homes. All had a good time.

Shelton Poole left Monday for Blacksburg, Va., in response to a telegram offering him a place in Dairy Extension work in Virginia. Ne was not sure he would stay in Virginia as he had other propositions before him. Graduates of technical colleges are offered good positions at good salaries.

A large crowd was here for the hotel opening and dance on Saturday evening.

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society held their field day exercises on

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ABERDEEN VISITED BY RAILROAD AND AMERICAN EXPRESS REPRESENTATIVES

Much Interest Being Taken in Music---
Live Local News and Personals

A delegation of six officials of the Seaboard and American Railroad Express companies were in Aberdeen Monday. They spent the whole day walking over the railroad's property trying to find the best location for a proposed peach loading platform and an express siding. They finally settled on a location just west of the express office. Officials from both these carriers have come to Aberdeen each year in the past. They went through the same maneuvers, but nothing resulted. As far as loading conditions are concerned, they are the same when peach shipments first started. Last year the congestion interfered with the loading, and caused much confusion. Crates had to be handled two and three times with injury to the fruit. Perhaps the claims resulting will speed up the transportation companies to provide a means to prevent all this. This visit may bring the platform.

Of late there has been a great number of musical instruments of every description coming into Aberdeen—the greater part being band instruments. Several factors contributed toward arousing this interest in music, the biggest perhaps being the course in music included in the curriculum of the consolidated schools. From the youngsters the interest spread to the older ones, and we will not be surprised to hear band music on the Aberdeen streets by an Aber-

deen Band sometime. There is plenty of good musical talent in the town to make up a brass band organization, as well as an orchestra unit. The Sandhills need to form at least a brass band organization in order to have music at is public celebrations. We cite only the last celebration of Memorial Day when the Legion endeavored to get a band here for their ceremonies, but were unable to do so because of the prohibitive price and expense involved.

Speaking of music and musical instruments we don't want to overlook mentioning that our Sycamore Street grocer, Marcus Wimberly, has just received another shipment of Jews Harps. This gives everybody an opportunity to try out his musical talents. If you can't own a piano, saxophone or cornet, get a Jews Harp.

Does advertising in The Pilot pay? Ask C. L. Johnson, proprietor of the Aberdeen Electric Shoe Shop. Mr. Johnson states that immediately after advertising his electric shoe repairing establishment in The Pilot his shoe repairing business almost immediately doubled. Then he concluded to add other departments—vulcanizing, upholstery and harness repairing. He advertised that fact in The Pilot and right from the start he has been kept busy with work coming to him out of the territory in which The Pilot circulates. Mr. Johnson at first hesitated in placing his adver-