

**ELKS SERVICE**

Annual Memorial service of the BPO Elks will be held at the Elks lodge at 3 p. m. Sunday, presenting the solemn ceremonial of all Elks lodges held the first Sunday in December, honoring their departed brothers.

John E. Cline, past district deputy, will give the eulogy to the dead. Exalted Ruler D. L. Madigan will preside. All interested persons are invited to attend. Tea will be served afterward by members of the Does.

**Banquet**

(Continued from Page 1) sity (scrimmage team), managers and others. A speaker is to be secured, probably Coach Walker of Wake Forest, or some other outstanding figure in the college sports world.

Joe Garzik is Elks club chairman of the event. Tickets may be secured from him, at the Sandhill Sport shop or by calling 8911 or 7983.

**IN BRIEF**

Mrs. Polly Adams visited Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Fitzgerald in Chapel Hill during the weekend and attended the Carolina-Virginia game Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Keith of Sanford were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. McRae Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Parker returned Saturday from a trip to

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Virginia. They went to Chester Wednesday, where they spent the night with the Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Melton, and on Thanksgiving Day went to Richmond, where they spent the remainder of the time with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cline.

Mrs. W. D. Matthews and Preston Matthews visited Mr. and Mrs. Warren Matthews and family at Fayetteville Sunday afternoon, going especially to see the new baby, Roger Michael Matthews, who was born November 9.

Misses Kate and Eva Graham have returned from Charlotte and Ruffin, S. C., after an absence of more than a week. With their sister, brother-in-law and Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Futrell of Norfolk, Va., they first visited Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Graham of Charlotte, then went to Ruffin to spend some time with their brothers, Ralph and Dan Graham, and their families.

Col. Lowery Moore, of Washington, D. C., assistant chief of the U. S. Signal Corps, will spend Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Younts. Colonel Moore is head of the Organized Reserve of the Signal Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Paul of Washington, D. C., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. David McCallum over the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. David McCallum and son David were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Medlin of Pinehurst Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Walter and children, Larry and Jean, arrived from their home in Slatersville, R. I., on Thanksgiving Day to visit Mrs. Walter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blue. Mr. Walter went home Saturday, but Mrs. Walter and the children are remaining until Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Maples and their two children of Raleigh spent Thanksgiving Day with his mother, Mrs. Frank Maples, in Knollwood.

Pfc. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Foster of California moved into an apartment in the home of Mrs. Bruce H. Lewis on Tuesday of this week. He is stationed at Fort Bragg.

The Rev. C. K. Taffe left last Friday morning for Richmond, Va., where he was joined by Dr. J. A. McLean on a trip to New York to attend a meeting of directors of the American Bible Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoke Pollock spent last week in New York City, on a trip which combined business and pleasure. They saw five plays while there and had a delightful but busy time.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Howard had as their guests from Wednesday until Friday of last week Mrs. Howard's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Long, their daughter, Miss Anita Long, and a friend, Mrs. E. C. LaSalle, of Rochester, N. Y. They stopped over on the way home from Miami, Fla., where they had been vacationing for two weeks. Mr. Long is connected with the Eastman Kodak company.

Programs to find the estimated 250,000 unknown cases of tuberculosis in this country are being conducted by health departments and tuberculosis associations.

**Negro Slave Failed To Stay Awake—  
Result, New Mode Of Curing Tobacco**

By Robert Barholmow

The present method of curing tobacco to a bright yellow color was accidentally discovered by a Negro slave on the farm of Abisha Slade in Caswell county in the year of 1839.

The slave was Stephen Slade and he largely ran the farm of Abisha Slade's and also worked as a blacksmith for his owner and neighborhood farmers. His shop was located near the tobacco barns and Stephen had constructed a pit for making charcoal for his forge.

One night it fell Stephen's turn to stay awake and look after the fires in the tobacco barns. It was a rainy night and the hours were long. Soon Stephen fell asleep and allowed the fires in the barns to go out.

When Stephen awoke, rather than use the wet wood that was on hand for curing the tobacco, he ran to his blacksmith shop and secured a quantity of charcoal. He quickly placed the charcoal on the dying embers of the barn's curing fire.

**Startling Effect**  
The application of the sudden drying heat, which came from the charcoal, produced startling effects on the barn of tobacco. The results of Stephen's drowsiness was 600 pounds of the brightest yellow tobacco anyone had ever seen.

In later years Stephen describ-

ed his discovery in these words: "To tell the truth about it, 'twas an accident. I commenced to cure and it commenced to get yellow. It kep' on yellowing and kep' on yellowing and kep' on yellowing twel it got clar up. . . it looked so purty. I kep' making it yellow and when it was cured, it was 'musement for folks to come and see it."

When Stephen told the story of his discovery years later, he said that the yellow tobacco that he first cured accidentally was sold to a Danville manufacturer for \$40 per hundredweight. At this time the average price of tobacco was \$10 per hundredweight.

**Works Out System**  
Abisha Slade was a man who took advantage of any situation. For many years following the discovery of the method of curing yellow tobacco, Slade experimented with curing until he had the method worked out to a system. By 1856 Slade was the model for tobacco growers in the Carolinas and Virginia. His advice was constantly sought for by farmers who wanted to achieve his success in curing yellow tobacco.

Soon Slade became the main attraction at county fairs where he lectured farmers, "in the new process of curing yellow tobacco." Slade was held in high esteem brother planter in the new mode and to perfect and to commend it than this worthy son of Caswell."

**What They're  
Saying**

**A TRAGIC WASTE**

Out in the State of Washington a daring young man of 19 put a single shell in the chamber of a revolver, spun the chamber, put the pistol to his forehead and pulled the trigger. Nothing happened because the compartment which contained the shell had failed to stop beneath the trigger.

He tried it again. Still nothing happened. He tried it a third time. There was an explosion and he died in a hospital.

He wasn't trying to kill himself, he was just trying to show how brave he was.

We are willing to admit he was brave. He proved it, but he will never prove anything else.

What we are appalled at is the tragic waste of bravery.

Surely there are greater problems in this world to challenge the courage of youth than Russian Roulette.

—Fayetteville Observer

**WHY THEY MOVED**

The National Planning association's Committee of the South has reported the South's ready markets and nearby markets have been more important factors than the South's allegedly cheap labor in attracting new industries since World War II.

The committee ascertained the reasons which prompted 88 companies to locate plants in 13 Southern States and found that markets were the primary factor in 45 per cent of the cases, raw materials in 30 per cent and labor in 25 per cent.

"Cheap labor," so far as it exists, is a liability rather than an asset to the South. Those who attempt to exploit "cheap labor," either directly or by bringing outsiders to do it, are performing a disservice to the South.

—Raleigh News and Observer

**ROAD PROBLEMS**

Highway Commission Chairman Henry Jordan made an intelligent request when he asked the county commissioners at their recent convention to use some selection in recommending that the roads of their counties be improved. Commissioners, he pointed out, often make the Highway Commission's task more difficult by giving their blanket endorsement to all road requests in the separate counties.

Certainly, the commissioners are in a position to examine actual road needs in their county. They could add weight to their recommendations to the Commission by weeding out what they consider unworthy applications for road work.

Any steps that will lead to a critical analysis of our road needs should be taken so that areas which need to be serviced can be serviced. Perhaps a highway commissioner, tired after an extended road hearing, summed up an all too prevalent attitude most succinctly when he said: "Folks say, 'I don't care where you put the road so long as it goes by my house and isn't built on my land.'"

—Raleigh News and Observer

**PICK A NAME**

Siam, according to press reports from Bangkok, has changed its name again. Known for centuries to the outer world as Siam and to its own inhabitants as

Muang Thai or Land of the Free, the country decided just before the last war to be itself, so to speak. Thailand became the official name and it remained so until, after the war, it was changed back again to Siam. Now comes the third change—back to Thailand. Ah, for the good old days when, as Gertrude Stein might have said, "Siam is Siam is Siam." —Washington Post

**THE HARD WAY**

Maybe it is inescapable but an ordinary layman wonders why, when school people come late to the use of the movie and the phonograph in instruction, they have to call them "audio-visual" aids. Apparently the business follows the basic ground rule of the pedagogues that nothing which can be described complexly should ever be described simply.

The time may come when teachers and particularly the teachers of teachers don't feel a necessity to use the biggest and most complex words they can find in a steady effort to prove that they are wonderfully and complexly educated. But not even the most elaborate "audio-visual aids" will do as much good in education as would an effort to teach in a language which children and ordinary adults can understand.

—Raleigh News and Observer

**SOMETHING LACKING**

Mass education has about abolished illiteracy but something is lacking in the accomplished results. The mass education movement has developed a 40 million comic magazine monthly output. Surely, much good has been accomplished by the movement, but it is like training a young man in one of the high professions who, upon graduation, takes a job as bartender in a tavern.

Somewhere along the way we missed the boat. While a market has been created for the drawings of those with fantastic imaginations, little has been accomplished in instilling into the minds of people the art of living together in peace and without selfishness and greed.

—Williamston Enterprise

**SUNBURN AND PROGRESS**

Every once in a while we like to report on Progress.

Our award for achievement this week goes to Hoyt Scott of the General Electric company who has just introduced at the annual meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers an X-ray burn meter which will tell basking bathers when to get into the shade.

He explained that the meter consisted of filters and light sensitive cells that record on a dial the number of minutes of sunlight necessary to produce a pink glow or a bad burn.

But the thing that bothers us is trying to decide whether a person who ought to know when he has had enough sunlight will obey a contraption of this sort when he doesn't have judgment enough to follow his own intelligence. We expect that we will still have sunburn.

—Shelby Daily Star

**BLOWING OFF**

A Hollywood couple commenting on their separation after three months of marriage said: "We both have tempers."

Now maybe this explanation will satisfy the judge who will be asked to grant an annulment or a divorce, but it certainly won't satisfy anybody who has been

married any length of time. "The idea that some people have 'tempers' and others do not is nonsense. Everybody has a temper. And everybody 'loses' it from time to time, even the most calm and self-composed. It's even

good, psychologists say, to "blow off a bit of steam" from time to time. One of the secrets of an enduring marriage is the proper timing of shows of temper. The occasion when both mates lose their tem-

pers at the same time should be kept to a minimum. Temper in a marriage should be like ignition in a reciprocating engine. While one cylinder is being ignited, the other should be cooling off.—St. Louis Star Times

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