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County News.

POLENTA NEWS.

The revival services at the Baptist church closed Sunday night. A number of professions is reported. Eight connected themselves with the church; they will be baptized at the bridge, near the Barber Mill, on the second Sunday evening in August. The services were largely attended and the meeting was one of the most successful ever attended at that church.

Misses Alma Parrish and Annie Shields, of Jonesboro, are on a visit this week to friends in this section.

Miss Nellie Johnson is attending the County Institute this week.

Misses Addie Barber and Ella Booker spent Sunday night in Smithfield.

Protracted meeting at Shiloh commences Monday night after the second Sunday. Rev. Mr. Hall will have help in the person of Rev. Mr. Townsend, of Robeson county, who is a revivalist of great power and ability.

Dr. E. N. Booker has a five acre field of corn which cannot be beaten. It is just simply beautiful to look at. It was planted May 28th. It is now six feet high, stalk large; the rows are five feet apart and twelve inches in the row, and is in green, healthy growing condition. With fair season from now out, it is bound to make a tremendous crop.

Mr. W. B. Hardee, one of our oldest inhabitants, died last Saturday night, and was buried at Oakland cemetery Sunday evening. He leaves eight sons and many friends to moan his demise. He was a good citizen, and was thought well of by all that knew him.

Polenta baseball team went down to Benson Friday and played against Benson and Dunn, the score standing: Benson-Dunn combination 20; Polenta 15. Four of Polenta's best players could not go, which is doubtless the cause of the loss of the game to them. Our boys expected, in fact was given to understand they would have to play only the Benson club, but when they arrived on the ground, they were confronted with four of Dunn's best players, and a noisy set of young boys, which placed them at a great disadvantage, and under the circumstances they did excellent. The captain of Polenta club request the writer to challenge the Benson club for a game on the Clayton grounds Thursday evening of next week. They ask an early acceptance.

Misses Kate Edmundson and Lou Young, both of Leachburg, are attending the Teachers' Institute, now in session at Smithfield.

What's the matter with Charlie Powell for the House of Representatives? He is a splendid farmer, popular, full of commonsense, a true-blue Democrat, a man whom the toiling masses can implicitly trust, in every way fitted for the work of a representative, and would undoubtedly make a rattling campaign. By all means, let us send him to the Legislature.

Mr. Gaston Jones, of lower Wake, is in the neighborhood visiting.

The ticket as nominated at Greensboro, gives entire satisfaction.

Preaching at Oakland next Sunday morning and night by the pastor.

The curing of tobacco is now in progress. The crop, as heretofore stated, is fine. **TYPO.**

AROUND SANDERS CHAPEL.

The rural delivery messenger came down the road in a most attractive style yesterday, on a red buggy, and holding a Japanese morning glory "umbrella" over him and heavily laden with mail and female, approximating 300 pounds net.

A snake pecked master Robert Smith on the foot one night last week. He performed some jimberlack capers and made a rush

for his mammy. Goo goo eyes were in evidence and now he stands a la goose. A crooked stick or mark on the ground is viewed with a critic's eye. Good rains on the 15th and 20th virtually ensures splendid crops, so far as moisture goes. Every one in a good humor and if the prospective good prices are realized our joys will know no bounds.

Turnip, onion and second crop Irish potato patches are being prepared. The ladies are canning fruit, making pickles and pepper sauce for home consumption and preachers.

Mr. C. S. Powell attended the Congressional and State Conventions last week. He reports a rousing time. Mr. E. W. Pou was nominated and elected to Congress by acclamation. He has a chip on his shoulder and if Atwater wants to see whether it will fly, float or lie still, let him monkey with it.

Mrs. Obedience Smith, so long an invalid, was well enough to take a ride last Sunday, spending part of the Sabbath in Smithfield. May her recovery be swift.

Miss Pearl Whitley is visiting relatives and friends in this community. Pearls are of great value and are much sought after.

Miss Leona Whitley, who was so long confined with typhoid fever, is out now. She has been to Sunday School studying and being studied.

Political camp fires are being kindled; mellow apples, soft peaches, watermelons and cider are all on tap now. **X.**

EZRA NOTES.

Crops are looking fairly well, notwithstanding the dry weather.

Among the teachers of this section who attended the Institute last week were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Johnson, Messrs. Alonzo, J. R. and O. A. Barbour.

Mr. John Hobbs and daughter, Miss Louie, who have been very sick for several weeks, we are sorry to note are not any better.

Messrs. Watson and Weathers, of Wake, visited in this section last week.

Mr. Will Long, of Smithfield, passed through this community last Saturday in interest of the Banner Warehouse.

Mr. William Johnson, who has been quite sick for several days, left Saturday for Seven Springs, where he will remain for some time.

All Democrats, with whom it has been the writers pleasure to talk, are in favor of Mr. T. J. Lassiter for Register of Deeds, and when he is nominated (as he will be) the voters of Johnston county will rally around him and in November elect him by the largest majority ever given in this good old county.

R. E. BARBOUR,
Ezra, N. C. July 22, 1902.

PLEASANT GROVE CHIPS.

We learn that the kidnapped baba will soon be called "Monk," lest they should be caught in their tricks.

The many friends of Messrs. Lassiter and Edgerton are busy at work, each for his friend. Whoop! boys and give them a good time the 28th of August.

Mr. L. G. Stephenson, of Weldon, Mrs. J. J. Stowers, of Raleigh, and Mrs. W. P. Creech and children, of near Benson, are the guest of Mrs. John Stephenson this week.

The refreshing showers add very much to our crops, which are very fine. **ANON.**

WILSON'S MILLS NOTES.

We have had several visitors this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Massey have been visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Orrell and daughter, of Kinston, left for Asheville Tuesday, after spending several days with relatives here.

Miss Perry, of Louisburg, is visiting here this week.

Crops are needing rain badly. There will be preaching at the Baptist church Sunday.

The mining force are still at work, preparing to put in machinery for mining. **G.**

CLAYTON NOTES.

Messrs. C. L. Barnes and Jno. C. Barber have opened a meat market in upper Clayton.

Mr. Hardy Horne, one of our most enterprising farmers who has been sick all summer, is now able to go over his farm.

Mr. H. W. Mitchell has recently put in a stock of goods in his store in upper Clayton.

Messrs. John L. and Gus Parrish are erecting a new store house on their lot in lower Clayton.

Mr. C. R. Cordell is having a cottage built on Convict street.

Mr. J. S. Adams is having a store house built on Main street which, we hear, will be occupied by Messrs. Walter Gower and Hal O. Ellis.

Mr. J. E. Page's residence is nearly finished. When completed it will be one of the nicest residences in our town.

Mr. Ashley Horne is having his water works remodelled.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Gulley left Wednesday morning for Cary where they will spend a few days with Mrs. Gulley's parents.

Tom Williams, a morphine-eating negro of Wake county, came to Dr. Young's office Friday and engaged Dr. Young to perform an operation on his neck.

After the Dr. secured the services of another physician, the negro skipped. He is now on the road.

Rev. James W. Smith preached an excellent sermon at the Baptist church Sunday morning.

Miss Lona Williams is spending a while with her parents near Wakefield.

Mr. J. L. Ellis and family have moved back to town.

Mr. Will Griswold is sick with bilious fever. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. S. Griswold is spending this week at Mrs. John Robertson's on account of Mr. Will Griswold's sickness.

Messrs. John S. Barnes and Riley R. Gulley are walking about looking like lost but are not lost for long. You will find them about September 1st opposite Dodd's stables.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Jones, who has suffered so long with meningitis, is able to walk about the house. The doctors think he will soon be well and have no bad effect of the disease.

Mr. McLamb, the house mover of Benson, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. Morris has a new horse.

The watermelon party given by Buck Gulley on Monday night, July 21st, celebrating the Twenty-first Anniversary of his birth, was a decided success.

Misses Daisy Ellis and Mattie Gulley are visiting in town.

Mr. Zeb Austin sold 25 of the finest melons we have seen. He sold them at 25c. each f. o. b. Clayton.

Mrs. J. B. Stallings died at her home near Clayton Monday, July 21st, in her 79th year. She was a member of the Baptist church. "YELIR."

BENSON BUDGET.

Miss Mattie Hood is visiting Mrs. W. F. Grimes.

Mrs. E. J. Barnes, of Lucama, and Mrs. Seth Woodall, of Smithfield, are visiting Mrs. J. M. Morgan.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Britt, died last Saturday night after several days illness.

John B. Johnson, a promising young man, manager for Benson Drug Co., died Friday. He had been sick three or four weeks.

A hail storm that played havoc with crops passed through a small section a few miles east of here Sunday.

A fine rain Monday night has greatly revived the crops in this section. It was much needed.

C. T. Johnson returned from Richmond Friday.

Robt. Pool, of Maxton, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Meta Harper, of Dunn, is among the visitors here.

Elder J. E. Marshall, of Virginia, preached Wednesday evening of last week to an interested congregation at the Baptist church.

The revival at the Holiness Tabernacle has closed.

The Polenta boys came down Friday and took their walloping like men; they play good ball for amateurs, but can't stand Benson team.

A prize house, 40x150, three stories high, and Benson goes steadily on.

Next Wednesday the tobacco market opens here, and unless all signs fail, it will be a record breaker. There will be buyers here from Durham and Raleigh and possibly from other markets.

We don't want to be understood as kicking at anything, any time nor anywhere, but we will positively refuse to electioneer for more than two men for the same office without pay, and if the third man does not send a check with his bowl of taffy we will decline the honor. This is business and we hope all candidates will act accordingly.

ARJUND GLENMORE.

Mrs. J. C. Jernigan, of Four oaks section, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Robt. Strickland.

Mr. and Mrs. William Eldridge of Rome visited here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lee, of Gift, spent Wednesday at Mr. J. T. Allen's.

Misses Lola, and Manly Casey of Goldsboro, are the guests of Miss Emma Strickland.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jernigan of Giles Mills, visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Upchurch Sunday.

Mr. N. B. Strickland is attending the Teachers' Institute at Smithfield, this week.

Mr. N. G. Rand, and sister Phebe, of the Four Oaks section, attended service at Antioch Sunday.

Mr. Preston Mahler, left Saturday for Sampson county. He will be gone some time.

Miss Lula Johnson, of Buie's Creek, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Callie Massengill visited relatives near Gift Sunday.

Miss Emma Strickland returned home last week, after a visit near Four Oaks. She reports a delightful time.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Lee of Youth spent Sunday here.

Mrs. C. B. Strickland and children of Fayetteville, is visiting relatives here.

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MICRO NOTES.

Our section was blessed with a good rain Monday night.

Mr. C. W. Edgerton of Kenly, was in town Monday.

Mr. J. F. Winborne and Miss Florence Fitzgerald attended the picnic at Hatcher's Lodge Nash county last Friday. They report a most pleasant trip.

Mr. J. B. Meacom has returned home from a visit among relatives and friends in Nash county.

Miss Laura Lee, of Smithfield, accompanied by her sister, Miss Jessie, arrived Friday to take charge of the summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Pope, of our town went out to try their luck among the finny tribe, last Tuesday. They report a delightful fish fry.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith went to Kenly today, (Wednesday.)

REX.

ELM SPRING NOTES.

Miss Ruth Jones and Mr. W. H. Pittman spent last week at Smithfield attending the Teachers' Institute.

Mr. J. N. Wiggins spent one night with us while attending the Institute.

We are quite sure the people around here are going solid for Mr. Wilson for Sheriff.

Miss Bessie Lewellyn, of Raleigh, is spending this week with Miss Ida Stephenson.

Mr. W. H. Pittman went off Monday morning to take charge of a summer school at Lassiter's Grove.

Crops are generally looking well with us and the farmers are meeting with success curing tobacco. **ROB.**

For Treasurer.

Mr. Editor:—Allow me space in your paper to recall to the Democratic voters of Johnston county the name of John Stephenson for Treasurer.

Mr. Stephenson is an upright gentleman in every sense of the word. His name has been before the convention before, but he withdrew it. His devotion to office as one of our present Board of Education, and his generosity as a private citizen is unsurpassed, and it speaks loud for him.

I hope the people will come to the convention on the 28th of August and make a change in general in the county officers and nominate Mr. Stephenson for Treasurer.

W. H. PITTMAN,
Wilson's Mills, July 21.

For Treasurer.

Mr. Editor:—Please allow me space in your esteemed paper to second the nomination of Mr. Alex. Wiggs for the office of Treasurer of Johnston county. Mr. Wiggs is a man in every way fitted for the office and will, if elected, fill the office with credit to himself and the county. He is strictly honest and has been faithful to every trust; has been a cripple from birth and not able to do manual labor to work out a living; has always stood by the Democratic party, never voting any other ticket. His name was spoken of through THE HERALD four years ago for the nomination for the same office but after having an understanding with Mr. Futrell, was withdrawn by Mr. Wiggs through THE HERALD in favor of Mr. Futrell, so I feel like Mr. Wiggs should have the support of the people of the county. So let us nominate him and as I have known him from birth, I feel safe to say we will have another Treasurer we will be proud of. Let us nominate him.

S. C. PEEDIN,
Pine Level, July 23, 1902.

Mr. Sasser For Treasurer.

While everybody seems to be aspiring for a pull at the public crib, we suggest that Mr. Alf B. Sasser should not be forgotten. He is a candidate for the nomination of County Treasurer, and there is not a more deserving man no where than Mr. Sasser. He is a sterling Democrat, and is 58 years of age, and this is the first office he has ever asked for in the gift of the party he has so loyally supported ever since the Civil War.

He will, we believe, make an honest and faithful officer outside of devoting his whole life and time to his party. He is a poor man; his wife being a helpless invalid for several years. We enter the coming convention not to be so blind as to leave Mr. Sasser "out in the cold." He not only needs it, but deserves it at the hands of his party, and I for one will be glad to see him Treasurer of Johnston county.

I am not a politician, but I believe in rotation. The present incumbent has made an excellent officer, but the office can be filled just as good by one that needs it more and one that deserves it equally as well, and that man is Mr. Alf B. Sasser.

J. W. ALLEN.

LeMAY SPECIALS.

Crops have improved a great deal since the rain. Curing tobacco seems to be the only subject now.

Sorry to report Mrs. Mary Lee is very sick with bilious fever, hope she will soon recover.

Miss Lessie Barnes and brother, Mr. Victor Barnes, spent last Friday, Saturday and Sunday in and around Benson visiting Misses Lillie Creech, Mary Woodall and Lillie Turlington. They report a very nice time.

Miss Bessie Holland is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. D. Johnson, near Smithfield.

"CAESAR AND CLEOPATRA."

The Powell dwelling and the Woodward store for rent.

Apply to J. M. BEATY.

John Stephenson For Treasurer.

TO THE SMITHFIELD HERALD:

Mr. Editor:—The time is fast approaching when the "grand old Democracy of our county will be called upon to name her standard bearers" for the next two years, and I believe it is generally conceded that we have as good a set of county officers as any in the State, and I, for one, am willing to say that I would be willing to nominate the whole set as they now stand to succeed themselves. However other good Democrats of the county may differ with me along this line, and should a majority be thus inclined I hope they will allow me to present the name of Mr. John Stephenson, of Pleasant Grove Township, for Treasurer.

Mr. Stephenson is too well known to need any recommendation at my hands. He is a Democrat of the truest type. Sixty-five years of age; an old Confederate soldier and at present a member of the Board of Education of Johnston county; a man whose life's service has been spent in the cause of Democracy. His name is by this communication presented to the Democratic Convention of Johnston county for their approval for the position of Treasurer.

J. A. T. JONES,
Cleveland Township, N. C.,
July 15th, 1902.

For County Treasurer.

To the voters of Johnston county:—The citizens of Pleasant Grove Township urges her claims for the office of County Treasurer of Johnston County and among the many worthy candidates for the office no better man can be selected for that office than John Stephenson, of this township. He is a man that has stood to his party through thick and thin and if elected, will fill the office, I think, to the satisfaction of the people of the county.

J. B. HARDEE,
Honeycutt, N. C., July 18, 1902.

Mr. Edgar Northam Dead.

Mr. E. R. Northam died in Graham last night at the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. E. S. Parker. The body was carried through Raleigh to Smithfield this afternoon, where the interment will be held. For 25 years Mr. Northam was a resident of of Raleigh. He came here a young man and entered the dry goods store of W. H. and R. S. Tucker. Afterwards he was with W. H. and R. S. Tucker and Company. Later he was with Mr. A. B. Stronach, but became a member of the firm of Boylan, Pearce and Company, when that company was organized. He remained in this firm until his health gave way two years ago and he was forced to retire from business. For nearly a year he has been with his sister, Mrs. Parker in Graham. He was 51 years old. Few men had more friends here than Mr. Northam and his death is greatly deplored. Mr. Burwell Pearce went to Smithfield this afternoon to attend the funeral.

—The Raleigh Times, July 18

Mr. Northam was born and reared in Smithfield and had relatives and friends here.

Aged Couple Gone.

Mr. J. B. Stallings, an aged and prominent farmer of Johnston county, living about five miles from Clayton, died suddenly yesterday (Wednesday) evening about 6 o'clock. It is quite evident that excessive grief had something to do with Mr. Stallings' death, for his wife died last Monday morning, and he evidenced the utmost grief. His physician, however, says that he was apparently as well as usual. Yesterday evening he drove up his cattle himself. He then went into the house, took a seat and died in about half an hour. He was 83 years old, and Mrs. Stallings was 79. They had been married a little over 60 years.—News and Observer.