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County News.

POLENTA NEWS.

The protracted meeting at Shiloh will begin Monday night next and not the following Monday night as was printed in our last issue.

Polenta 35; Clayton 6; that's the score between our boys and the Clayton team in the game of ball played on the latter's ground Friday of last week. That was a pretty bad drubbing for the Clayton boys, but likely they will make a better showing next time.

Mr. E. B. Howle, one of Wake's clever young gentlemen, spent part of last week visiting Mr. William Tomlinson, of the Preston section.

Miss Minnie Cox, one of South Carolina's most accomplished and beautiful young ladies, is on a visit to the family of Capt. J. J. Young, who are relatives of hers.

Rev. Mr. Hines preached another sermon of great power to a large congregation last Sunday morning at Oakland.

A large number of our young people attended the picnic at Avera's Mill last Saturday, and all report that it was a day pleasantly spent. The managers of the picnic deserve much credit for the manner in which it was conducted.

Mr. Robert Byrd, of this section, who has been sick for several weeks with a complication of diseases, died Monday, and on Tuesday his remains were taken to his old home in Banner township, and buried.

Mrs. Jno. O. Ellington, of Smithfield, was out at her old home Sunday. She returned home Monday.

All of the candidates are putting in good work now. They have learned how to shake the hand of the "dear people." This will continue until the convention, after which some of them will lose the art entirely.

Mr. Moore, who lives over in Clayton township, lost one of his small children one day this week. The child was in the habit of running away to different places. It was missed and a search was instituted. When found it was a corpse. The little one had taken refuge under a pile of lumber. Whilst under it the lumber collapsed, falling on the child, mutilating the child terribly, which ended its life. We sympathize with the parents.

Mr. Pope, Smithfield's photographer, was out at Oakland Sunday and treated the congregation to some delightful music with his trombone, this of course in conjunction with the organ, Miss Sue Edmundson officiating at the organ.

Miss Alma Barber, of Wilson's Mills, is visiting relatives in this section.

Miss Alice Bailey, of Harnett, is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Jennie Barber.

Mr. William Coats, of Elevation township, lost a barn of tobacco by fire last week.

We learn that the crop of cotton of Mr. Zeb Stephenson, over in Elevation township, is exceedingly fine; it is expected to yield a bale and a half per acre.

Miss Addie Barber is spending this week at Fuqua Springs.

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CLAYTON NOTES.

Mr. Roscoe Dodd, of Wake Forest, spent last Sunday and Monday visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. McCullers are visiting Mrs. McCullers' relatives in Virginia.

Misses Norma and Margaret Priddy are visiting their sister, Mrs. C. W. Carter.

The directors of the Clayton School Company met Monday night.

Prof. Williams and family, of Tennessee, are here. Prof. Williams will take charge of the Clayton school.

Misses Donia and Pauline Hood, who have been visiting Mrs. D. T. Honeycutt, returned to their home in Selma Tuesday.

Dr. J. A. Griffin will soon move

his stock of drugs to his new store on Main street.

Rev. G. W. Fisher preached two able sermons in the Methodist church Sunday. The solo of Mr. J. F. Morris added much to the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Whitley spent Monday in the country.

Mrs. W. D. Lindsay and little Exum, have returned after a visit of several weeks.

Mr. Coy Jordan, of New Bern, spent part of last week visiting here. He gave the hunters a cordial invitation to come down and go hunting and fishing. The Clayton folks long for them to go and send back plenteous game.

Messrs. Jno. S. Barnes & Co. are having a store erected on Main street.

Misses Parrish and Shields are visiting Mrs. D. H. Yelvington.

Mr. J. C. Ellington, of Raleigh, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. E. L. Hinton.

Mr. E. L. Hinton returned from Greensboro where he has been to sell watermelons.

Mr. C. T. Young went to Raleigh Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Norma Griswold is spending this week with her brother, Mr. Will Griswold, who is very sick with fever.

The Clayton Manufacturing Company have about completed the improvements on their plant and are now running "full tilt." "YELLR."

ATFA NOTES.

Mr. Allie Austin has the finest tobacco in this section and is expecting to get a good price for it.

We learn that Miss Sadie and Mr. Hubert Jones passed through our section on Friday last.

We should remember the 28th of August and attend the County Convention, and also remember Mr. T. J. Lassiter for Register of Deeds. He has been true to his party and we should all go with full force for him and nominate him on the first ballot.

Mr. Jef Stephenson, of the Leachburg section, visited relatives and friends in this community last Sunday.

Mr. Tommie Coats and sister, of the Pou section, also visited friends in our midst last Sunday.

Mr. Willie H. Stephenson of King's Business College, Raleigh, made a visit to his father's, Mr. John Stephenson, last Friday, returning Monday.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Billie Coats happened to the misfortune to get one of his tobacco barns burned last week.

Mr. Dock Stephenson, one of the candidates from Smithfield township, was in our midst last Sunday.

We are sorry to know that Mrs. Nimrod Stephenson, who has been confined to her room for the past two months with white swelling, will soon have the bone which is giving the trouble removed. We sympathize with her and wish her a speedy recovery.

Miss Telitha Stephenson, who has been quite ill for some time, is rapidly improving. K. B. C.

BLACK CREEK NEWS.

Several people from Four Oaks attended church at Rehoboth last Sunday.

Miss Vivian Johnson is attending the Institute this week.

Mr. G. W. Keen, of Four Oaks, was in this community last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hobbs visited relatives in our midst last week.

Elder James Johnson preached at Mr. John Hobbs' Saturday evening.

Quite a number of our young people attended the picnic at Avera's Mill Saturday. They report a pleasant time.

Miss Nellie Barbour, of Smithfield, spent a few days with friends in this section last week.

Mrs. J. T. Cole and children, of Four Oaks, visited relatives last week, returning Sunday accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Lassiter.

Rev. Mr. Pope, of Dunn, is conducting a series of meetings at Johnson's chapel this week. Z.

AROUND SANDERS CHAPEL.

We are in the free stock range and mighty near a Sunday School, but when you see a descendant of Jacob's ring-streaked and speckled, frizzly faced kind of blue milk and pint record, or a white eyed, long snouted, razor hammed, bushy tailed rattle-boxed "Granda Porka," denizen of the cane brakes of a thousand years ago, a crop of "Alligator and Rhinoceros," or the bearded, long horned, trumpet footed, limber jointed, barrel-stomached, sweet scented rocky-mountain capricornus, the town boy's idol, a stump jumper, log walker and fence climber, walking in your "brag patch" early in the morning, then we exclaim free range, free grass, free foraging, free country. Chaw your own tobacco and spit on a chinch's back if you want to, Sunday Schools and false syntax nevertheless.

Some interloping specimens of the Caucasian Genus Homo, undertook to work the Sir Isaac Newton racket in a peach orchard, and pulled, plugged, and lugged some choice melons. One of these, while roosting high on a log cart, was taken by the left hand of fellowship, led to birch bursp alternative, and a small syphon struck him about the equator, leaving lines of latitude and longitude on his parchment both spherical and Mercator's projection. This is a mighty good neighborhood, but sometimes one "draps" right into the torrid zone.

Crops are still flourishing, tobacco curing rushing, melons below par, fruit in abundance, peaches and milk, politics and cider just sloshing around. We see nothing wrong with Clerk Stevens, Sheriff Ellington and Treasurer Futrell. The business and public cash is right there. We have known it differently. Tom Lassiter and Walter Edgerton seem to be having a Punch and Judy show. "Now you see me and now you don't see me." The boys are bearing on the bit.

Preaching at Sanders Chapel last Sabbath by Rev. Mr. Holmes from 4th chapter, 26th verse of Proverbs was charged up to King David to his son Solomon, as to his general demeanor and upright walk in life. Some of the audience went farther back than there—reaching the land of Nod.

Mr. John Jones and sister, Miss Althea, anchored in this harbor Wednesday evening. John is three months back from the Philippine Islands where he helped tote Old Glory around for Uncle Sam. He says the Filipinos are very treacherous and that he has not quit watching the bushes yet, expecting to have his rear cut off with a bolo. He wants things before him right open. They weighed anchor and set sail for Turlington Institute Thursday morning.

Last Wednesday evening Miss Maude Powell gave a birthday party to her neighbor friends, along with Misses Althea Jones, Pearl Whitley and Lillie Sanders. They had a fire-place full of ferns and wild blossoms and bowls and pitchers and things full of roses and other flowers galore. They had ice cream and cake and moonshine on a trio of tables set in a triangle under the trees. A vase of flowers to decorate, ice cream to resuscitate, and the moon by which to preambulate, and some music to animate and parlor games to foohcate till one past meridian, and that is all I know about the fight as "cousin Sallie Dillard" would say. 12 couples with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Whitley as chaperones took the cake.

Mr. Charlie Sanders and Ruffin Cameron, of Calypso, lit among us last week. Charlie's business is his own and Ruffin is a comet with a long tail. They are truckers from the Mount Olive region, and their phiz indicates a satisfactory harvest. They said they were frequently mistook for tobacco drummers, and came near buying all the weed in sight. Selma and Smithfield will handle stacks of it this year and the region through which they passed has been well canvassed by both markets.

A pic-nic at Avera's Mill was attended by several from this ranch, closing with a party at the hospitable home of Col. A. J. Whitley's at night. All report a gay time on both rounds, table delicacies, fruit, melons, sweet-end wind from Professors Turlington and Canaday, string band music and courting by retail, were some of the offerings of the yeomanwomany of Swift and Middle creeks. If you want to have a good time "jine" the picknickers.

Misses Bessie and Lola Sanders, of Glenmore, Bettie Lee Sanders, of Preston, Dr. Thel Hooks, of Smithfield and Master Carl and sister Carlotta Muggie, of Wilmington, are all under our vine and fig tree. We have room, rations and racket for them all. Little Carl and Carlotta's mother, Mrs. Hannah Muggie, sister of Mr. Agin Powell's wife, died in Wilmington recently. Our sympathies are with the little children and our condolence is tendered their bereaved father and family connection.

If General M. W. Ransom had remained in the U. S. Senate, that 1,200 pound shark would surely have followed the "Julia Fuller" up the Neuse, and instead of fooling with a rod and reel at Morehead, would have been sporting a wire trap on his head or been splashing water around a cat hook. He might do the 32 1-5 act of the Goldsboro black horse or Jeffries punching, but that meat would have landed "around Sanders Chapel." Golly, won't that a fish? 100 lbs. to the foot.

Mrs. Sallie Sanders and children, of Smithfield, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Powell. The children are flustering, rusticated and bustling, on, in and among the watermelons, fruit, green peas and inguns. That "break loose in Georgia" won't nothing.

Messrs. Charlie Stevens and Thomas Toler, of Wayne, are angling in these waters. Like Brer. "Rabbit, they ain't saying much, just laying low watching their corks." X.

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SELMA NEWS.

Mrs. L. D. Debnam went to Clayton Thursday.

Mrs. C. W. Richardson and the little ones are visiting relatives near their old home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Richardson have returned from a visit to Wendell.

Miss Julia P. Winston who has been visiting Miss Annie S. Noble left Tuesday for Raleigh to visit friends.

Mrs. N. E. Edgerton entertained her young friends Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Troxler and Miss Fannie Carr Williams, of Greensboro, N. C., are visiting Mrs. D. P. Williams. SENEK.

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LATER NEWS.

Miss Marietta Stancill, who has been spending some time at Fuqua Springs, has returned home.

Mr. Alphonso Jones, of Clayton, has moved here. He has accepted a position with M. C. Winston & Co.

Gilbert Vinson, of Wilson's Mills, is now with J. M. Vinson & Co.

Chas. Talton, our enterprising and energetic jeweler, has moved into his new store on Raiford St.

Mr. M. L. Davis has moved into R. B. Whitley's store, on the corner of Raiford and Railroad streets.

The ladies of the Baptist church served dinner for the benefit of the church Wednesday and cleared quite a nice sum.

M. C. Winston & Co., our hustling merchants, have moved into their new store. It gives them more room and is quite a handsome building and store.

Mr. Hardie Horne, of Clayton, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. Josh E. Creech has opened a restaurant in his house and will be pleased to serve all who want a good meal. He served dinners to nearly one hundred on Wednesday.

Miss Kate Edmundson, of Polenta, Misses Ethel and Estelle Edgerton, of Greensboro, and John Edgerton, of Lebanon, Tenn., are visiting Mrs. N. E. Edgerton.

Miss Mamie Tuck entertained her friends Tuesday evening.

Mrs. M. C. Winston gave a Kimona Party last Friday evening. The gentlemen wore shirt waists and the ladies kimonas. It was much enjoyed by all.

Prof. R. R. Eason, of Texas, and Prof. Wingate Underhill, of Castalia, are visiting relatives.

Mrs. Sarah Pate, of Goldsboro, is visiting her father, John H. Parker.

Some Suggestions.

To the Editor:—On account of more important matters to me, I cannot be here at the Convention. Will you, therefore, allow me to make some suggestions as to whom I would like to have nominated for some of our next county officers.

Give us Mr. C. M. Wilson for Sheriff. He needs no recommendation. I feel sure he would make us as good a Sheriff as Ellington has done and no one could justly ask for a better.

Well, of course, we expect Tom Lassiter for Register of Deeds. We all know he is fully competent, and a more deserving young man never lived in the county. I suppose it is generally understood and agreed upon throughout the county that he is to be our next Register.

Well, I suppose everybody's eye is on Tom Fulghum for Surveyor. This office does not pay much. We just want a man suited to the place and he is the man.

Just let Stevens stay where he is, for the Devil could not get him out anyway, with nearly everybody in the county on his side. And nobody blames anybody else about it.

W. J. STEPHENSON.
Smithfield, July 30.

Edgerton for Register.

To the Editor:—As the time for our County Democratic Convention is fast approaching and the friends of the several candidates are presenting their claims, will you please allow me a short space in your valuable paper to present to the Democratic voters of the county the claims of Beulah and Beulah's candidate?

In presenting the name and claims of our candidate we do not do it to the disparagement of the claims of other candidates, for we recognize some of the qualifications and merits in others that we admire and honor in our own, but we desire to state briefly a few of the reasons why Beulah thinks that the whole county should come to our aid and help us nominate W. A. Edgerton for Register of Deeds.

Because we have never had a representative in any office in the county except for two terms as County Commissioner.

Because we have not had two or three candidates before every convention asking for some office. (Although we believe we could fill every office in the county with credit to the county and ourselves.)

Because we are in the extreme eastern portion of the county and believe it to be right to give the various sections of the county representation on the ticket.

Because this has been considered the stronghold of Republicanism in the county, but our own efforts, loyalty to Democratic principles and hard work we have risen to the enviable distinction of being the banner township in the banner county of the grand old State of North Carolina.

Because we supported every candidate put out by the convention and have always made every effort to elect the ticket.

Because we need good speakers this year and Mr. Edgerton is a fluent speaker and will make a good canvas doing credit to himself and party, we think. And again we think it would only be proper recognition of the vote we gave Ayeock and the amendment.

So much for the claims of our township.

Now as to our candidate, Mr. Edgerton's practical and thorough business qualifications make him eminently fitted to fill the office of Register of Deeds. Morally, he is a man who is in touch and sympathy with everything in the community that tends to elevate and uplift it educationally, physically, morally and spiritually. He is ever willing and ready to offer a helping hand to those in need and always sympathizes with those who need sympathy. These are some of the characteristics (as we see it) that should be coupled with ability in those who come before the public for their support, therefore we submit them.

Now Mr. Editor, these are some of the reasons, we wish to bring before the people, why we are asking for the nomination of our candidate, Mr. W. A. Edgerton, and by these we are willing to stand or fall.

You may expect us to present a solid front next fall but we would be glad to have our friends from other sections remember us while they are asking and expecting our support.

Yours truly,
J. H. KIRBY.
Kenly, N. C., July 28th, 1902.

Two Candidates Recommended.

Mr. Editor:—The best interests of the people of Johnston county is above the claim or demand of any individual or set of individuals whether an "in" or an "out" and the most important thing to consider is who can and will serve the people best.

Individuals sometimes get to be intolerable in their demands to dismiss from service some faithful officer simply because he has served a given time, and want to try some favorite of theirs whom they "believe" will make as good an officer as the other. This shows a disregard for the public welfare. No man should want to experiment at the expense of the people who have so many varied interests at stake. And when any man urges the claim of his friend upon that ground it is an open acknowledgement of his inferiority and unfitness for the place. You have never known a "just as good as" to be equal to the "original," and you never will. Stand by the true and tried is the safest rule a man can follow, and by that means he is never troubled with a counterfeiter.

A patriot always acts for the good of the people and not for a class, and Democracy has always said give us the men that will do the greatest good to the greatest number, and planting my feet upon that fundamental plank I say give us Stevens and Ellington for Clerk and Sheriff, whom I will pit against the world.

Respectfully,
G. W. CAVENAUGH,
Benson, N. C., July 30, 1902.

W. S. Stevens for Clerk.

Mr. Stevens needs no introduction to the people of Johnston county. It is not customary in any other business to discharge a tried and trusted servant to make room for some one else who wants the job, and I fail to see any reason why the people should adopt a different rule in the case of the county offices. It is plain that a man who has filled an office until he has become familiar with all its details makes a better officer than a new man, other things being equal. Respectfully,

D. F. MCKINNE,
Princeton, July 29, 1902.

For County Surveyor.

Mr. Editor:—Please give space in THE HERALD to suggest the name of Thos. R. Fulghum for County Surveyor. He is well experienced; is a good Democrat; has always given the people of Johnston satisfaction, and we can do no better than to keep him in that office. In this we need no rotation.

S. H. BRADY,
Princeton, N. C., July 24, 1902.