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COUNTY NEWS.

Condensed From Letters From Our Correspondents.

KENLY NOTES.

Mr. R. T. Renfrow made a short business trip to Wilson Thursday.

Mr. C. C. Creech, of Elm City, spent Wednesday night with friends here.

Mr. W. J. Hooks, of Wilson, spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives here.

Miss Mayrie Hollowell, who had been visiting relatives in Smithfield, returned Friday.

Miss Leora Bagley, of Bagley, spent several days here this week visiting school mates and friends.

Miss Ida Woodard spent several days here last week and this week visiting her sister, Mrs. Ransom Holland.

Miss Bertha Riley, of Wilson, who was visiting Misses Maud and Leone Edgerton returned home Thursday.

Mrs. J. G. High and her daughter, Miss Eva, who have been visiting relatives in Raleigh for several days, returned home Monday.

Miss Sallie McMurray, of Mecklenburg county, spent a few days here last week and first of this week visiting friends. She left Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Edgerton, who have been spending some time visiting relatives in Tennessee and attending the World's Fair, returned Saturday.

A number of the citizens of Kenly and vicinity met Tuesday evening at the depot to discuss building a Cotton Oil Mill here. Most of the capital stock was promised and Messrs. J. H. Kirby, J. G. Raper and J. R. Sauls appointed as a committee to solicit the balance of the stock necessary.

The Board of Trustees of Kenly Academy will meet Monday, July 18th, for the purpose of electing teachers for this year. All who have not sent in their application that intend doing so, will send them in at once to J. H. Kirby, Secretary of the Board. The patrons of the school are invited to attend.

The tent meeting conducted by Revs. R. B. Jackson and M. J. Sellers is still running, and considering the unfavorable weather most of the evening, there has been a goodly number in attendance and much interest is being manifested. Rev. Mr. Page and Rev. Mr. Cary, of South Carolina, assisted them Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The post master here has received notice that July 1st R. F. D. Carriers will receive an increase in salary, but with some new regulations. They will not now be allowed to act as agents for any company or person; solicit subscriptions for news papers or magazines; to carry any packages for hire except by request of patrons of route, and not then if available matter; to carry intoxicating liquors for self, or any one else; to carry passengers, except route agents or other postal officials, while on duty.

Mr. Jno. E. Bridgers, of Raleigh, the state organizer of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, was here Tuesday working up a Council, and Tuesday night he organized a Council of 28 Charter members; on Tuesday night July 26th the Kenly Council will be installed and the following officers installed: Jr. Past Councillor, C. W. Edgerton; Councillor, Gaston Watson; Vice-Councillor, R. H. Alford; Recording Secretary, R. T. Fulghum; Assistant Recording Secretary, C. B. Bailey; Financial Secretary, J. W. Darden; Treasurer, D. T. Perkins; Conductor, J. C. Grady; Warden, Henry Watson; Inside Sentinel, Jas. H. Alford; Outside Sentinel, R. T. Renfrow. Directors, W. L. Hooks, Joe Hinnant and L. Z. Woodard.

Every body here is looking forward to next Tuesday, July 19th, and anticipating a profitable and pleasant time at the S. S. Convention to be held at Zion Church on the above date. Almost every preparation possible has been made for a pleasant day. One feature of the convention will be the music, a special choir has been selected who have been practising for some time. Some of the best Sunday School speakers in the state have been secured. Prof. S. M. Smith, of Raleigh, will address the convention on the subjects, "Best Things in the S. S. and How to use Them," and "The Teachers Preparation and Work." Mr. N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh, will speak on the subject, "How to Fill the S. S. and Keep it Full." He is one of the best experienced Sunday School workers in North Carolina. Another prominent feature is the "Round Table" Discussion, in which all Sunday School workers are at liberty to take part. These discussions are very interesting and profitable. Plenty of ice water will be furnished on the grounds free to all. Let every body attend and enjoy the day.

SELMA NEWS.

Mrs. L. D. Debnam has returned from a visit to Fuquay Springs.

Miss Annie Fitzgerald is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Blackman.

Mrs. Fab. H. Brown and Mrs. W. W. Wynne, of Raleigh, are visiting Mrs. N. E. Edgerton.

Mr. Ira D. Wood, of Enfield, was in town last Sunday visiting his brothers, I. T. and Sam F. Wood.

Miss Allen, of Franklin County, and Miss Lula Tisdale, of Burlington, have returned to their homes.

Misses Helen Pearce and Annie Aycock, of Kenly, who have been visiting Miss Pauline Hood left Thursday for the Summer School at Raleigh.

Mr. Chas. U. Harris, our lawyer, is attending Wake county court this week. His sister, Miss Margaret, who has been visiting him, returned with him Sunday night.

Miss Mary Stallings, who has been spending some time in our town, the guest of Misses Ora M. Hamilton and Jessica Womack, returned to her home in Wilson Monday.

Moses C. Winston, Esq., returned from Morehead City last Friday—says he can't stand the sight of deep water, it makes him sea sick—did not even like to cross a branch on his way home.

Mrs. Julia Carter and Mrs. Emma Summerlin, of Goldsboro, were here Tuesday on their way to see their brother, James Roberts, Esq., who is quite sick. Mr. Roberts is in the nineties and these ladies are in their eighties—quite an old family.

Miss Emmie, the much loved daughter of our townsman, John H. Parker, Esq., died last Thursday and was buried in our cemetery. The funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. J. A. T. Jones in the Methodist church. The floral offering were numerous and beautiful. Miss Emmie was taken sick in February last with pneumonia which developed into consumption. She was much loved by all and the sincere sympathy of our town is with the stricken family.

Last Saturday about 9 o'clock, a. m., Pearl, the two-year-old daughter of Mrs. Annie Futrell who lives about 3 miles east of Selma fell into the well and would have been drowned but for the timely assistance of Mr. Levi Watson who happened to be passing. He heard the screams and calls for help of Mrs. Futrell and hastened to the home. He put the bucket down for the little girl who caught it when she arose to the top of the water. He pulled her up carefully till she was within four feet of his hand when her hold on the bucket gave way and she fell back into the water. The bucket was lowered again which the little girl caught as she came up, and

was being drawn up when the strength in her little hands gave out and she fell into the well again. Back went the bucket for her which she missed this time but caught the well pole and her foot was in the bucket; this time she held on and was caught by Mr. Watson and safely landed, none the worse for her experience.

CLAYTON CHIPS.

Mr. I. S. Bagwell went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lindsay are visiting here this week.

Mr. Burland Hall is with Mr. Patterson, the depot agent.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Horne left Friday for the World's Fair.

Mr. Mallie Gower left Sunday to accept a position in Winston, N. C.

There will be a basket picnic at Swinney the first Saturday in August.

Mrs. T. L. Ferrell is visiting Mrs. Jno. W. Massey at New Berne, N. C.

Miss Ava Yelvington, of Polenta, is visiting her aunt Mrs. M. E. Yelvington.

Mrs. G. W. Fisher has been very sick for several days but is much better now.

Mrs. H. C. Hufham and sister Miss Frances, of Raleigh, are visiting Miss Jannie Beddingfield.

The Clayton and Selma Baptist Sunday Schools will run their excursion to Morehead soon 'Wait for it.'

Miss Corrinna Jones left Wednesday for her home in Raleigh after spending several days with the Misses Blanchard.

Mrs. Wesley Sanders, of Spring Hope, and mother Mrs. Henry Ferrell, of Tarboro, have been visiting Mrs. A. T. Beddingfield.

Miss Lona Williams and Miss Lessie Ellis went to Wilmington on the Sunday School excursion run from Raleigh Tuesday, July 5th.

There will be a lawn party on the Baptist church lawn next Friday night given by the Baraca class to the Philathea class.

A delightful picnic was given at Liberty grove Tuesday by the Philathea class, in honor of the Baraca class. A good dinner and plenty refreshments.

Mr. Macon Harris returned Sunday from Fuquay Springs where he spent the last three weeks for his health. He says that he is not much improved.

Four Oaks Notes.

Mrs. Howie, of Darlington, S. C., with three little sons, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Creech.—Miss May Winters, of Darlington, S. C., is visiting Mrs. W. A. Creech and friends.—Miss Sophie Busbee, of Raleigh, is visiting at Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wellons'.—Mrs. W. E. Stanley and three children are visiting in Elm City this week.—Mr. John W. Hollowell went on a trip to Goldsboro last Wednesday and joined Hatch Brothers on their excursion to Wilmington Thursday, returning Friday.—Mr. D. McHolliday was in town Tuesday.—We are sorry to note that Mr. A. D. Ford is confined to his bed this week.—Miss Vessie Coats of Smithfield has returned to finish her school at Stanley school house. The school was discontinued last winter on account of small pox.—Mrs. C. R. Adams is at Raleigh attending the Summer school.—Rev. John J. Barker, of Goldsboro, was in our town last week and preached at Corinth Sunday.—Rev. Dr. Moore, of the North Carolina Conference, was with us Saturday and Sunday and held church conference here Saturday.—Messrs. C. R. Adams & Co. have commenced on a new brick store and will begin on a new cotton gin in a few days.—Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Johnson and family of Wilmington, came in last Saturday. Mr. Johnson returned home Sunday leaving his family to finish their visit.

July 12.

About the Proposed Archer R. F. D. Route.

There has been considerable discussion and some exaggerated statements made in regard to the new R. F. D. route that has been petitioned for from Archer and to make it clear and for the benefit of those concerned we will give a brief explanation. The route from here if we get it will give mail to 103 families. There is also a route petitioned for, we understand, from Wilson's Mills that runs in contact with the Archer route. It is impossible for both routes to be gotten as they must go the same road for some over 4 miles. Out of these 103 families the Wilson's Mills route will supply mail to only about 15 families and if that route is established, these other 88 families can not get a route from any direction at all. About half of these 88 families live from 4 to 7 miles from any office.

There isn't any one on the Wilson's Mills route but what is near enough to get mail from Archer R. F. D. No. 2 or Clayton No. 2. So I deem that this makes it clear for all to understand. The route from Archer not only gives mail to the Wilson's Mills route but also carries it to those other 88 families that can not get a route from any other place except Archer and if they miss getting it will have to go from 4 to 7 miles to get their mail. I leave it for the public to decide which route should be established, we would advise those concerned to use their efforts in behalf of the Archer route. W. L. STANCHIL.

July 11, 1904.

Sunday School Meeting.

There has been organized in Selma Township what is known as The International Sunday School Association and we will have a meeting in Selma at the Methodist church Sunday, July 31st, both morning and afternoon for the purpose of permanent organization. There will be an appropriate programme arranged for the occasion.

J. A. SPIERS.

Brutally Tortured.

A case came to light that for persistent and unmerciful torture has perhaps never been equaled. Joe Golobick of Colusa, Calif. writes: "For 15 years I endured insufferable pain from Rheumatism and nothing relieved me though I tried everything known. I came across Electric Bitters and it's the greatest medicine on earth for that trouble. A few bottles of it completely relieved and cured me." Just as good for Liver and Kidney troubles and general debility. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Hood Bros. Druggists.

Polenta.

The picnic at Shiloh last Saturday was a great success. The day ushered in beautifully, but in the evening it rained, which to some extent marred the pleasure of the large crowd present. In the morning Rev. Mr. Townsend, pastor of the church, made a short speech full of good points and advice. In the evening Rev. R. J. Bateman, of Raleigh, delivered a powerful speech which was listened to patiently by a packed church. He simply captivated the crowd. The large crowd was one of the best behaved we ever saw gathered together.—The game of baseball on the 4th of July between Polenta and Benson teams, played on Polenta grounds, resulted in another victory for Polenta by a score of 18 to 11. In the box Young for Polenta did fine work, but did not receive good support from a part of the team. Hall and Strickland in the box for Benson, did good work also, but failed to receive support from balance of team, except Smith, who did excellent work on first base. It may be said also that Barber on first base and Bryant on third base, for Polenta, did good work.—Miss Sallie McMurray,

the charming daughter of Rev. Mr. McMurray, of Mecklenburg, spent a few days with friends in this section last week. She is a great favorite with a large number of our people.—Miss Mildred Young, after spending some time with relatives in Smithfield, returned home last week.—There will be a Sunday School picnic at Baptist Centre Saturday.—Mr. J. Walter Myatt has one of the finest fields of corn we ever saw. It is simply beautiful to look at; it is not a small field either, containing about 30 or 40 acres; every stalk has from two to six ears on it, the stalks being about eighteen inches apart. It looks now as if it will pay out ten barrels to the acre.—Miss Zula Tomlinson has returned from a visit to friends in Granville and Franklin counties.—Rev. Mr. Townsend and wife are spending this week in this section, visiting amongst the members of Shiloh church, of which he is pastor.—Dr. Edmundson and wife, of Wilson, spent a part of last week visiting his parents in the Leachburg section.—The tobacco crop of Mr. C. A. Coats has been considerably damaged by recent hail stanes. His crop was, fortunately, insured. Mr. T. W. LeMay's cotton crop was also damaged to the extent of fifteen per cent. Just over in Wake county, in Panther Branch township, Mr. James Batt's cotton crop was damaged to the extent of fifty per cent. No insurance. We have had no less than four hail storms this summer, all doing damage to the crops.—The crops are all looking well, especially corn. Too much rain for cotton, not damaged much as yet, however; tobacco has improved some. TYPO.

No Pity Shown.

"For years fate was after me continuously" writes F. A. Gullledge, Verbena, Ala. "I had a terrible case of Piles causing 24 tumors. When all failed Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me. Equally good for Burns and all aches and pains. Only 25c at Hood Bros. Drug Store."

State Superintendent Joyner Approves of Plan of County Institutes.

The following letter shows that Superintendent Joyner approves our methods and that it is probable he will be with us in some of our meetings.

IRA T. TURLINGTON.

Raleigh, N. C., July 9, 1904, Supt. Ira T. Turlington, Smithfield, N. C.,

Dear Sir:

I gladly approve your selection of Miss Harper to aid you in your Institute work. I, also, approve most heartily of your plan of conducting Township Institutes. I have asked Mr. Brooks to correspond with you in regard to speakers. I think it will be well for you to have some local speakers also. I shall try to go to one or more of your meetings myself.

Very truly yours,

J. Y. JOYNER.

Supt. Public Instruction.

Teachers for Graded School.

The School Committee of Turlington Graded School have elected teachers for the next year as follows:

Superintendent—Prof. R. A. Merritt, of Chapel Hill.

Teachers—Misses Flossie Abell and Mamie Ellis, of Smithfield; Miss Katie Lee Banks, of Haw River, and Miss Lucy Webb, of Warrenton. Miss Passie Harris will have charge of the Music department.

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BRYAN TAKES STAND.

Enough Good in Men and Platform for Him to Support.

Lincoln, Nebr., July 12.—W. J. Bryan to-day gave out the following statement:

"I shall vote for Parker and Davis, the nominees of the Democratic National Convention, and shall do so for the following reasons:

"First—Because the Democratic ticket stands for opposition to imperialism, while the Republican ticket stands for an imperialistic policy. On this question, which was the paramount issue in 1900, and which must remain an important issue so long as an attempt is made to hold colonies under the American flag—on this issue the convention was unanimous, the platform emphatic, and I have no doubt that the candidate will carry out the platform.

"Second—Mr. Roosevelt is injecting the race issue into American politics, and this issue, if it becomes national, will make it impossible to consider economic questions that demand solution. The election of the Democratic ticket will put a quietus upon this attempt and permit the race question to work itself out without the bitterness which Mr. Roosevelt's conduct has engendered.

"Third—Mr. Roosevelt stands for the spirit of war. His friends represent him as a man of blood and iron. He believes in strenuousness and inculcates a love for warlike things. The Democratic ticket stands for peace, for reason, and for arbitration, rather than for force, conquest, and bluster.

"Fourth—The Democratic platform declares in favor of the reduction of the standing army, and as this plank was unanimously adopted, there is reason to believe that a Democratic success on this subject would bring some advantage to the people."

Struck by Lightning.

Last Saturday evening during a thunder storm Pat Evans, a white man, and Richard Williams, colored, were struck by lightning. It occurred at Mr. J. A. Underhill's farm near Smithfield where Mr. Evans lives. Just before the rain the two men took seats by an oak in the yard. Evans was in a chair leaning back against the tree. Williams was sitting on a wagon seat which had been placed against the tree and was leaning forward. Mrs. Evans suggested that they should come to the house but Mr. Evans said he had been hot so long he did not care if he got a little wetting. Before the heavy rain commenced the lightning struck the tree and ran down to the ground between where the two men were sitting tearing the tree and removing the bark in its path. The two men fell in opposite directions and for some time were supposed to be dead. They were unconscious for more than half an hour. The hat on Evans head was badly torn, his hair and neck and back and breast were burned. The lightning went down his body and tore the soles from a new brogan shoe on one of his feet. It is thought he will soon recover but it will be several days before he is able to work again. Williams had his shirt torn on his right shoulder. His shoulder shows signs of a severe burn. His pants were torn in several places over his right thigh. The lightning tore up the skin on his thigh about as it would the bark on a tree. He says he heard it thunder and the next he knew was that he felt like a house was burning down on him. A nail had been driven in the tree and a trace chain was hanging on it and it is thought this saved the lives of the two men.

Where Bachelors Pay Fines.

To combat depopulation in Madagascar, unmarried individuals are made to pay an annual fine.—Exchange.