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Benson Notes.

Mr. Jamie Lee of Buie's Creek, was in town Saturday.

Dr. Albert Anderson, of Raleigh spent Monday here.

Preston Woodall left Tuesday for Baltimore to purchase his summer stock of goods.

Mr. J. F. Moss, fertilizer inspector of Waco, N. C., spent several days in town this week.

Mr. Rodney Bruce, of Buie's Creek, spent several days here recently with Prof. L. T. Royal.

Mr. Merriman Thomas, who has been teaching school near Kenly, has returned to his home here.

Let everybody remember the debate which takes place at the Graded School next Friday night, April 3.

New students continue to come almost every day to take advantage of the opportunity offered by the Benson High School.

While unloading a car of hay one day this week, Mr. James P. Lee fell from the top of the hay striking a truck and was badly hurt.

Pastor D. F. Putnam filled the appointment of Rev. Mr. Bridges at the Baptist Church here Sunday morning. Rev. Mr. Nobles of Kenly, preached Sunday night.

The "Deestrick Skule" was presented to a well filled house here Friday night. All present enjoyed the play thoroughly. The proceeds will be used to buy seats for the hall in the school building. A neat sum was realized.

Charlie Langdon, son of Rev. J. M. Langdon of this place, was badly hurt Saturday afternoon in a game of ball here by being struck on the head with the ball. His skull was crushed in and half the ball buried in his forehead. He was taken to the Highsmith Hospital at Fayetteville Saturday night and an operation performed. We are glad to note that he is improving nicely.

Benson came near having another serious fire Sunday night. About 10 o'clock some sneaking, cowardly cur entered the Mayor's office, on the second floor of Holmes and Stevens' store, saturated the floor and wall with kerosene oil and set fire to the partition wall at the entrance to the law offices of Barbour and Royal. The fire had burned through the door and light was shining outside when discovered by some boys. The fire department was soon on the scene and the flames subdued. The door and front wall of Royal's office was torn down and the door to Barbour's office burned through, both offices and the store below were flooded with water. The stock of dry goods of Holmes and Stevens was damaged about \$150.00. A thorough investigation will be made and every effort put forth to ascertain the guilty party.

REPORTER.

April 1, 1908.

Mr. George W. Thornton Dead.

Mr. George W. Thornton died at his home in Wayne County, March 19th, 1908, with la grippe and bronchial troubles, leaving a widow and eight small children. He was the youngest son of the late N. K. Thornton and Elizabeth Thornton, of Bentonsville Township, this county, and a brother of Isaac L. S. D. and Ellen Thornton, of Wayne County. He was in his 49th year and was married several years ago to Miss Minnie Cox of Wayne, and became a resident and citizen of that County.

In early life Mr. Thornton became a member of the Christian Church at Mill Creek and was a deacon at the time of his death. He was for six years County Surveyor of Wayne, and was in many respects a useful man in his community.

A good man has gone his reward.

Peace to his ashes.

W. N. R.

Beasley, N. C., March, 1908

Kenly Notes.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Q. Lewis, of Moore's School House Section, visited their sister, Mrs. John G. High Sunday.

The Jr. O. U. A. M. are laying new carpet and beautifying their hall preparatory to an elocution entertainment on the 18th. Notice the items for further particulars.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hamilton returned to their home in Goldsboro Tuesday after spending a few days with Mrs. Hamilton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Darden.

Messrs J. T. Edgerton and Bro. have secured the service of Miss Ida Bushong of Baltimore as milliner for this season and Miss Rosa Bush of Baltimore is with Bailey and Kirby.

Miss Myrtle Harper, of Atlantic Christian College of Wilson, is visiting Mrs. W. T. Bailey. Miss Myrtle is a former teacher of Kenly Academy and we are always glad to see her in our midst.

Our people proved Sunday that they believed in going to hear a good Temperance address as the following went to Sanders Chapel to hear Gov. Glenn H. F. Edgerton and family, Z. V. Snipes and wife, J. H. Kirby and daughter Marie, J. W. Darden and wife. They report a most excellent and unanswerable address.

We are glad to announce that Ex-Gov. Charles B. Aycock and Ex-Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson speak in our town on next Saturday afternoon, Apr. 4, at 3 o'clock on the great subject of Temperance. Let everybody come and hear these, among the most noted speakers in the State. If you have decided to vote against prohibition come just the same and you will be benefited.

We are very sorry to note the accident that happened to Mr. D. B. Sasser last Friday evening while he and his wife were on their way to his wife's father's in Nash County. While riding along the road his horse for some unknown cause stopped and kicked hitting him on his upper lip crushing it open and hitting him on his left arm rendering him unconscious for nearly a day and night. While an ugly wound was made we are glad it is no more serious than it is. He is much improved and able to be out again.

REPORTER.

Kenly, April 1,

Two Suicides Near Smithfield.

Monday of this week Charley Pilkinton, an eighteen year old son of Mr. Dick Pilkinton, committed suicide by shooting himself with a shot gun between the eyes. The load blew out his brains and took off the front part of his head. Being discarded by a girl he had expected to marry caused the rash act. He told one of the smaller children of the family that he had decided to kill himself.

The same day Mr. Charley J. Beasley took his life by shooting himself in the top of his head with a pistol. He had been in bad health for two years. He was old and had become almost a skeleton. For some time he had been living with his sister Mrs. M. F. Caudill two miles north of here. He had threatened suicide before but the matter was not taken seriously by the family as they did not think he would do it. When he got ready he went into the yard and stooped over as if getting down to pray and shot himself while in that posture. He was reared in Smithfield but had not lived here until recently since he was a young man.

Plenty of Trouble

is caused by stagnation of the liver and bowels. To get rid of it and headache and biliousness and the poison that brings jaundice, take Dr King's New Life Pills, the reliable purifiers that do the work without grinding or griping. 25c at Hood Bros. drug store.

Archer Items.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Barnes went to Smithfield Monday.

Miss Ione Wall, of near Raleigh, spent last week with the family of Mr. J. S. Wall, Jr.

Miss Iantha Barnes is spending this week with her aunt, Mrs. Julia Hicks at Garner.

Miss Maud Robertson, of Wendell, arrived Sunday to visit relatives and friends here.

Messrs. W. H. Austin and E. R. Hinton made a business trip to Smithfield last Saturday.

The continued bad weather is putting the farming interests of our community badly behind.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Browning, of Earpsboro, spent part of last week with their daughter, Mrs. G. R. Stancil.

Several of our people attended the closing exercises of the Bunn School at Corinth church last Friday night and report a very pleasant trip.

Quite a number of our people have been confined to their rooms with the grippe. Some of them have recovered while others are still coughing.

Mr. George Hinton, keeper of the County Home, is having a handsome residence built on his place near here. We are informed he anticipates moving back here in the near future.

Miss Emma Eldridge, who has been teaching here during the winter, returned to her home in Southern Johnston last Saturday. Miss Eldridge won many friends here during her stay.

The Archer boys crossed bats with the Clayton boys on Archer's grounds last Wednesday afternoon. The game progressed smoothly until the fifth inning when Archer's catcher, Barnes, was hurt by a foul ball which delayed the game for some time. The game was resumed however and resulted in a score of 7 to 11 in favor of Archer.

Mr. J. H. Price, R. F. D. Carrier No. 2, from Wilson's Mills, reports a ditch bridge near the Wilson's Mills river bridge in bad condition. The water was out over it last week and the carrier could not cross because of the planks out of the bridge. His horse fell in it last Saturday and came very near drowning. When he fails to make his trip it also deprives Archer of any mail as he brings the Archer mail. The County Commissioners should attend to this matter at once.

The school at Archer Academy held its closing exercises in White Oak church last Wednesday night beginning at 7:30. The exercises all through showed the superior training and care of the teacher. We beg space to mention just a few pieces: A Pan drill by 12 girls was as nearly perfect as possible. A Hoop Drill by several girls. The Rehearsal, by several characters. Mr. W. H. Austin, the teacher, is a teacher of 16 years experience and has proven his superiority.

S. L. W.

Archer, March 31.

Guill-Dickens.

A quiet home wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dickens Sunday evening at seven o'clock, when their daughter, Miss Avis, was united in marriage to Mr. W. M. Guill. The ceremony which bound together these two young lives was performed by Rev. J. H. Shore, pastor of the Methodist church. Only a few friends and relatives were present to witness the beautiful ceremony and bid them God-speed on their journey through life. They are two of our popular young people and have many friends who wish for them the greatest measure of happiness.

Temperance Speaking.

Rev. G. F. Cuthrell, pastor of Wilson's Mills Christian church, will speak at Johnson Union Freewill Baptist church the first Sunday evening in April at 3:30. Come and hear him.

W. R. Parrish for the church.

Clayton News.

Pastor Starling, of the Methodist church, preached two very excellent sermons Sunday.

Rev. T. H. Thornton has returned from Battleboro, where he has been assisting in a meeting.

Mr. Thurman Smith has the measles but is getting on fine. Without complications, he will soon be out again.

A troupe of Smithfield people presented "Uncle Josh" to a very appreciative audience at the academy on Monday evening.

Mr. J. R. Hinnant will continue in business at the same stand as was occupied by R. B. Whitley & Co. His ad. is in this paper.

We regret to have to note the illness of little Willifred Whitley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Whitley. Hope he may soon be entirely well.

Mr. Henry Austin is at home for awhile until he thoroughly recovers from his recent sickness. His many friends are glad to see him looking so well.

"The Silent Detective" will be presented here by home talent, on or about Easter Monday. The exact date will be announced in our next communication.

We continue to hear favorable reports from the campaign of Hon. Ashley Horne. From various parts of the State, travelling men say his chances are fine.

The Building and Loan Association will begin operations on Saturday April fourth. On this date, the entrance fee of 25 cents per share will be collected. The secretary's office will be located in the same building with Lawyer Gulley.

Our people feel justly proud of safe cruise of the "panic." Although we, like other folks, have been sorely tried, fortunately only one of our merchants has failed to meet his payments and this one will be able to pay nearly everything he owes. We are not bragging—only thankful.

A good many of our merchants carry regular advertisements in the SMITHFIELD HERALD and once in a while we are told that this is the reason for a call. In case you come to any of the Clayton stores on account of an advertisement in THE HERALD, you will confer a favor on the Clayton merchants and THE HERALD by telling us about it. Don't forget this now, and the next time you come to Clayton, if you have seen our advertisement tell us about it.

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Clayton, April 1.

Birthday Party at Benton.

Benson, N. C., April 2.—On yesterday afternoon little "Miss Mary Lee" was hostess to quite a number of her little friends in celebration of the eighth anniversary of her birth. The beautiful little bright eyed girls becomingly dressed in dainty white dresses spent a happy hour in merry games after which they were ushered by "Miss Laurie Hawley" into the dining-room which was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the color scheme being carried throughout in pink and white; dainty refreshments were served after which the little guests went on a fishing frolic and each succeeded in catching on the hook a souvenir of the happy occasion.

Prof. Cullom's Appointments.

Prof. A. N. Cullom and daughters, of Raleigh, will give a literary entertainment, under the auspices of the State Anti-Saloon League, at Princeton Sunday, April 5th, at 2 o'clock, Pine Level Wednesday night, April 8th, at 7:30, Bethany Baptist church, Friday night, April 10th, Antioch church, Sunday, April 12th, at 10 o'clock, White Oak church Wednesday night, the 15th, Cade's Chapel Sunday, 19th, at 10 o'clock.

Selma News.

Work has been resumed on the Baptist church and will be pushed to completion.

Mr. R. L. Ray came home from Chapel Hill Saturday and returned Tuesday. His sister from Burlington is on a visit to Mrs. Ray.

A negro convict, from Craven County, escaped from the convict camp here last Sunday night. A reward of \$25.00 is offered for his arrest.

Our young men are organizing a base ball team. It looks like it will be a good team. They are having the grounds put in good repair.

A series of meetings will be begun at the Methodist church here next Sunday morning. All are invited to attend. There will be services morning and night.

There will be services at the Baptist church here, by the Pastor, next Sunday morning and night, and after the night service the ordinance of Baptism will be administered to those joining the church.

There is a good deal of work going on here now. Mr. Hicks has nearly completed a nice cottage and R. W. Horrell has begun work on his house. Mr. Hardie Hatcher is having two cottages built and Mr. Henry E. Earp is at work on his new house.

A very successful meeting at the Baptist church here was closed Tuesday night. There were a good many added to the membership of the church. The meetings were conducted by the Pastor, Rev. O. R. Mangum, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Morgan, of Red Springs, N. C.

Gov. R. B. Glenn spoke here last Sunday night to the largest crowd ever seen here in a house. His subject was prohibition. The audience gave him the best attention and he was at his best. He had the crowd with him—as he always does. A great many from Clayton, Wilson's Mills and Pine Level came to hear him.

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Selma, April 2.

Mr. Thomas A. Bingham Dead.

Mr. Thomas A. Bingham died in Rex Hospital in Raleigh early Tuesday morning, March 31st, from the effects of a carbuncle which started on him about four weeks ago. He had been selling sewing machines in this county with his headquarters here until three weeks ago he gave up that work and moved to Middlesex, a new town between Wilson and Raleigh, and started a small mercantile business. He left here unwell and gradually grew worse until a week ago he was carried to Raleigh for treatment. Nothing could be done to save his life. The body was buried in Smithfield cemetery Wednesday at 4 o'clock the funeral being preached by Rev. J. H. Shore at Smithfield Methodist church. He was above sixty years of age and well known in this county.

Second Sunday Speakings.

Arrangements have been made for temperance speaking at Oliver's Grove church near Four Oaks at 3:30 by Rev. J. H. Shore. At Hickory Cross school house Baulah township at 3:30 by Rev. J. W. Nobles. At Micro Freewill Baptist church at 3 o'clock by Rev. O. R. Mangum. At Hales school house, Oneals township, at 11 o'clock and at Friendship Freewill Baptist church at 3:30 by Prof. Turlington and Mr. J. M. Beaty.

A Twenty Year Sentence.

"I have just completed a twenty year health sentence, imposed by Bucklen's Arnica Salve, which cured me of bleeding piles just twenty years ago," writes O. S. Woollever, of Le Raysville, N. Y. Bucklen's Arnica Salve heals the worst sores, boils, burns, wounds and cuts in the shortest time. 25c. a. Hood Bros. drug store.

Polenta News.

Master Johnnie Price is quite sick with what is thought to be cancer of the liver, and is a great sufferer. We hope his trouble is not as serious as it is thought to be.

The Farming and Mercantile Company, of which Messrs. G. B. & D. T. Smith are Managers, has bought a planing machine and will run it in connection with their saw mill plant. This enterprising firm is always making improvements.

The building of the Township Shelter has been let to Mr. John Wrenn. It is to be completed in time to hold the Prohibition election in on the 26th of May. It will be located east of Mr. J. W. Green's residence on the Raleigh and Wilmington road.

Mr. W. D. Tomlinson is quite sick with muscular rheumatism, from which disease he has suffered intense agony for the past two weeks, but at this writing his condition has somewhat improved though he is still a great sufferer. His many friends sincerely wish for him a speedy recovery.

The Sunday School Convention at Oakland last Sunday was a success, notwithstanding the attendance was not as large as it should have been. It being a temperance lesson the day was taken up principally in the discussion of the prohibition question now before the people, which was participated in by Messrs. A. D. Taylor, J. M. Turner, Dr. E. N. Booker and others. All made excellent speeches, using arguments uncontrovertible in favor of State prohibition.

Meeting at Methodist Church.

Rev. J. H. Shore, the pastor, began a series of meetings at the Methodist church here Sunday morning. He has been preaching twice daily to large congregations. Much interest has been manifested and some have already made professions of faith in Christ. Rev. J. D. Bundy, of Kinston, arrived yesterday to assist Mr. Shore in the meeting. He preached a strong sermon last night. Services are held each day at 3:30 and 7:45 p. m.

Probably Burned To Death.

Alfred Gulley, an old colored man of Clayton township, was found dead last week. He was eighty-six years old and being unable to work regularly had secured an old kitchen from Mr. Henry Sanders at the Ruffin Branham place where he lived alone and did a little work occasionally when he was able. On Wednesday, March 25th, Mrs. Sanders carried some food to him. Next day about nine o'clock Mr. Sanders who had been off for a load of wood saw as he was returning smoke coming from the door and windows of the kitchen. On reaching the place he found the door fastened but entered the house through a window. The colored man was dead with his clothes burned from his body from his waist to his head. A hole was burned through the floor near him and the fire was increasing. Just how the fire started and whether it started before or after his death nobody seems to know. It is not thought any person had anything to do with starting the fire unless he did it accidentally.

Now Supports 14 Families.

Mr. M. D. Smith was in the News office the other day and in speaking of old times said the land that his father owned and that he paid about \$5 tax on, was now divided into 14 parts and supported 14 families, and that each of the 14 families made just about as much on their parts as his father made on the whole of it and that the tax on the land was something near \$300.—Lenoir News.

List of Registrars and Pollholders for the May election will be published next week.