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Clayton News.

Mrs. D. W. Barbour, Misses Mildred and Carlotta went to Raleigh Wednesday.

The Clayton Millinery Company's milliner, Miss Tickle, has arrived and is opening up some of the fall styles in hats and ladies' furnishings.

Mr. Sam Fort, of Gaffney, S. C., was a visitor here for several days this week.

Mrs. Broadwell, of Eagle Rock, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. R. Duncan.

Mr. Duke Duncan, who for some time has been away playing ball, spent a few days here, leaving Tuesday for Chapel Hill where he begins a four years' course in the University. Mr. Duncan has won marked recognition in baseball and was presented with several nice presents.

Mr. E. R. Gulley, administrator on the estate of the late J. E. Page, is going to sell the entire stock and good-will of the undertaking and hardware business of this estate. This is the only undertaking business in town and offers unusually attractive possibilities for some live man.

Mrs. M. E. Gattis spent a few days this week visiting in Garner.

Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Mrs. C. M. Austin, Mrs. B. M. Robertson, Mrs. Sarena Robertson and Mrs. W. H. McCullers spent Monday in Raleigh.

Mrs. M. G. Gulley is visiting relatives in Cary this week.

Mr. M. G. Gulley went up to Durham Tuesday to enter Mr. Hugh Page at Trinity Park school. With them were Messrs. Paul Ashby and Warren McCullers. Mrs. E. B. McCullers accompanied Warren as this is his first year off.

We regret to have to note the death of Mr. Pressy E. Mathews which occurred at Rex Hospital, Raleigh, Tuesday night at about 10 o'clock. Mr. Mathews was taken to Raleigh to be operated upon for appendicitis but his condition looked rather discouraging to the doctors. On Sunday it was found that an operation would have to be had immediately, since then he has been very steadily growing worse until the end came. We sympathize with the bereaved relatives.

Mr. C. P. McNew of Honaker's Va., is a guest at the home of Rev. T. H. Thornton.

Mr. George Hardesty and Mrs. Charles Hardesty, of Raleigh, after spending some few days here, the guests of Mrs. R. H. Gower, returned to their home Tuesday.

A number of our young people were delightfully entertained at the very hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hilliard on Monday evening. The visitors in whose honor the reception was given, were Miss Mattie Patterson, of Greensboro, Miss Leonida Demark, of Raleigh and Miss Cora Hocutt, of Emit. One of the features of the evening was a guessing contest. There were so many correct answers that they had to cast lots as to the lucky one. Miss Genora Wall won the prize, a handsome letter opener and pen combined. After the contest closed, ices, cakes, scuppernongs, and pickles were served.

Mr. Oscar Eason left here Tuesday for Raleigh where he takes the last two years in medicine. We feel mighty proud of the boys who were started in Clayton high school and who are trying to do something in the world.

Prof. Bruce H. Carraway, the superintendent of Clayton high school, is here making arrangements to begin his school next Monday. A bigger attendance is expected this year than formerly to begin with. Tuition will be about the same as usual.

The colored people here are making arrangements to organize a building and loan association. We are glad to note this forward movement on the part of our colored folks and feel certain that such a move will make the element of our population,

a more desirable citizenship, although the greater part of our colored population is composed of those who believe in promoting the town's interests.

YELIR.
Clayton, Sept 9, 1908.

Negro Fight at a Picnic.

"And I'll work around your heart with a razor and cut you right half in two."

So sang the negro and the idea came very nearly being carried out last Saturday at a picnic in the grove of Gallilee colored Baptist church, three miles west of here. It seems that Ezekiel Thaggard and Hunter Sanders were trying to fight and two brothers, Garland Rodgers and Cicero Rodgers parted them, each man taking one of them away from the other. Very soon it was seen that Hunter Sanders was fighting Cicero Rodgers and cutting him badly.

As soon as that was over Garland Rodgers brought him to Smithfield in a buggy as fast as possible to Dr. Whorton's office. The wounded man presented a ghastly appearance as he was brought in town having bled all the way along. He was cut on the left shoulder and down his back and also under the left arm. Another gash was made across the top of his head. The most dangerous cut was across the left side of his neck and along the left side of the lower part of his face.

His wounds were looked after by Dr. Whorton and we hear that he is getting along well and will recover. An officer was sent to arrest Hunter Sanders but he could not be found.

Hunter Sanders is a son of Rufus Sanders and Cicero Rodgers is a son of Dock Rodgers who lives on the land of Mr. D. W. Adams in Ingrams township.

All of the negroes connected with the affair were drinking. It is said they were full of hard cider.

Fire in Smithfield.

Fire started Wednesday night in the home of Mrs. Z. R. Martin on Fourth street in an upstairs room. Her daughter Miss Eloise, occupies the room and was sleeping on a mattress which was placed on a spring bed with no bedstead under it. She set a large lamp close to her bed and with book in hand studied her lessons until about twelve o'clock when she went to sleep, leaving the lamp burning. About two o'clock in some way she turned the lamp over and broke it. When she awoke the oil was all around and the fire was under her bed. By the use of water and some woolen blankets brought from another room the fire was extinguished. The mattress was injured and two quilts were ruined by the fire. The family was badly scared; the fire bell was not rung but a few of the neighbors found out about the fire. Dr. Muns and Mr. J. W. Moore went to help subdue it but it was put out before they reached the place.

A Paying Investment.

Mr. John White, of 38 Highland Ave., Houlton, Maine, says: "Have been troubled with a cough every winter and spring. Last winter I tried many advertised remedies, but the cough continued until I bought a 50c. bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery; before that was half gone, the cough was all gone. This winter the same happy result has followed; a few doses once more banished the annual cough. I am now convinced that Dr. King's New Discovery is the best of all cough and lung remedies." Sold under guarantee at Hood Bros. drug store. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Last Tuesday, Mrs. Mary Ann Reish, of New York City, committed suicide by jumping from the third floor window of her home. Grief over her youngest son being drowned had driven her insane.

Gone To A Good Reward.

In the death of John Hardy Atkinson, colored, on September 1st, Smithfield lost a good citizen and his race a good leader and helper. He was reared near Selma and was about forty years old when he died. After leaving the farm he served as fireman on a locomotive on the Atlantic Coast Line railroad for several years. About fifteen years ago he married Lucy Thomas, a daughter of one of Smithfield's oldest merchants and property owners, "Uncle John Thomas," as he was familiarly known. For the past twelve years he has lived here, farming and doing the business of draying. Last March his wife died of consumption. This disease he has had for some time. About the middle of July he left here for Black Mountain expecting to get some help in that healthful section but he grew worse and had to return after staying there only three weeks. On his return it was generally known he had to die. He sank rapidly and passed away at 4 o'clock on Tuesday September 1. The funeral was preached next day by his pastor Rev. L. T. Bond at Smithfield Baptist church, colored, where he held his membership. A large crowd attended the funeral among whom were a number of white people. Some of them spoke calling attention to him as a good citizen and worthy man. The burial took place at the colored cemetery. He had been a church member sixteen years and was a deacon of his church and its treasurer. He took a foremost part in looking after the interests of his church and Sunday school. Among his people his place will be very hard to fill. He leaves two little girls, one seven years old and the other ten years old. His wife had some property to which he had added every year. At the time of his death he owned one brick store and eight dwellings which he rented. Seldom has a death occurred here which has caused so much grief among the colored people.

The Death of an Excellent Young Man.

Mr. Preston Matthews, of near Clayton, died at the Rex Hospital at Raleigh, September 8. He had been sick for some time with typhoid fever. It was thought that he also had appendicitis and was taken to the hospital. It was decided that it was not appendicitis but some other trouble. He was operated on but was found to be in such a condition that there was no hope for recovery. He was brought to Bethesda Baptist church Wednesday and the funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. D. P. Bridges. Then he was laid to rest in the church yard in the presence of a large crowd of relatives and friends. He was an excellent young man. He was loved and honored by all who knew him. He stood well in his community. He was a faithful Christian and member of Bethesda Baptist church. He rarely ever failed to be at his church when it was open.

He leaves an aged father and mother and one brother and a host of friends to mourn over his death. The relatives and friends have our sympathy in this hour of grief. May our Heavenly Father comfort them in this time of grief.

Death of a Little Child.

Little Harris Durham Woodall, the 12 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Woodall, died last Friday afternoon and was buried Saturday morning in the Smithfield cemetery. The child had been sick for several weeks.

The funeral was held from the residence, the simple, yet impressive service being conducted by Rev. J. H. Shore. This is the third child these parents have lost within the past few years.

Enjoyable Occasion in Smithfield Council, No. 102.

The Oriental Degree of the Jr. O. U. A. M. gave an ice cream and cake supper last Friday evening, September 4th, in the Hall of Smithfield Council No. 102. The wives of the members furnished the refreshments, some of the unmarried members even bringing their sweethearts to participate in the festivities. Heaven bless the good women, "first our sweethearts then our wives." No such occasion is complete without their presence to lend that indescribable grace and charm needed to enhance the pleasures.

Rev. J. H. Shore made the opening remarks with the statement that we could not live up to the principles of our noble Order without practicing the virtues of clean thinking, clean speaking, and clean living. He said the bloody channel between the North and South would never be fully bridged over except through universal brotherhood as embodied in our motto of "virtue, liberty and patriotism." His remarks were enjoyed by all and served to awaken new enthusiasm in our members, the only objection to them being their brevity.

He was followed by Professor J. P. Canaday who spoke upon the necessity of educating our children. Only through education could they realize and live up to the principles of our great order. Nothing would make better citizens of our boys than being zealous members and showing the love of Virtue, Liberty and Patriotism in their daily lives. "Knowledge is power" and therefore it was their duty to themselves as well as their neighbor to get all the education they possibly could.

Immediately following Bro. Canaday's remarks, supper was served by the grace and beauty of the order in the persons of the wives and sweethearts of its members. The cream was richer and the cake sweeter for having been passed by such delicate hands. The flashing eye, the rosy cheek and merry laugh attested that the goddess of pleasure held full sway and happiness reigned supreme in the hearts of all.

The closing remarks were made by Bro. A. M. Noble, a rising young lawyer of our town. He spoke upon the principles of our order, its firm stand for Virtue, its love of Liberty, its loyal Patriotism and the uplifting influence it exerted upon the lives of its members. There was nothing nobler in human speech and action than is embodied in its principles; and allegiance to them would make better men and nobler women of the present generation, as well as prove a lasting blessing to its posterity.

Our Council is in a flourishing condition and is growing rapidly. This is very gratifying to its members and friends and we hope to see a number of these friends become members in the near future.

W. C. HARPER, R. S.
Smithfield, N. C.

Jewish Marriage in Durham.

Mr. Ben Poland, who is well-known in Smithfield, and Miss Sadie Saks, of Harrisburg, Pa., were married in the Jewish Synagogue at Durham Tuesday. A reception was tendered them at Durham by relatives of the bride. They came to Smithfield and spent a day or two with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davis, after which they left for Lumberton, their future home.

In Denver, Colorado, on September 8, a fire broke out in the Hotel Belmont at about 4 o'clock in the morning which resulted in the death of five guests. Fifty men and women clung to the windows, all exits having been cut off by the flames, until rescued by the firemen. Several jumped from the windows. Two died from injuries caused by jumping and eight others were seriously hurt.

Polenta Items.

Rev. Mr. Flemming, a young Baptist minister from Chicago, visiting in this community, preached an excellent sermon at Elizabeth last Sunday to a good congregation.

Mrs. Loula McIver, of Sanford, is visiting friends in this section. Sorry to learn she is suffering with rheumatism.

Mr. Geo. Wright, who for the past several months has been confined to his bed with sickness, we are pleased to say, is able to be out again. He is still quite weak, and it will yet be some time before he will be fully well.

Mr. W. T. Wrenn, after two months suffering with rheumatism, we are glad to learn, is able to be out, but has to use crutches. He has suffered intensely, and his many friends are delighted at his improvement.

During the recent floods the bridges and growing crops were badly damaged. Four bridges in this township, viz. Muuns', Banks', Sanders' and Smith's, stood the devouring waters and will need no repairs on account of the floods. Moore's bridge was taken from its foundation, and before it is passable a good deal of work will have to be done on it. Edmundson's bridge was badly served and it will be several weeks before it will be passable. One end of Barber's bridge was moved down the creek several feet, but necessary repairs have been made on it, and people are passing over it. Our people are being somewhat inconvenienced on account of the freshets, but are making the best of the situation. The damage to crops cannot be estimated. Cotton suffered worst. Fodder that was pulled just before the rain set in was all ruined.

Misses Pearl and Maggie Myatt, two of Raleigh's most beautiful young ladies, after spending a week or more with Miss Annie Myatt, to the regret of the young people hereabouts, and especially the young men, returned to their home one day last week. Miss Mabel Smith, of Wake, also spent several days recently with Miss Annie Myatt.

The abutment of Barber's Mill dam was washed out by Saturday night's freshet. The Barber boys have gone to a good deal of expense in replacing the dam that was washed out six months ago, hence we hope their loss in this case will be light, and that they will soon be in running order again.

Miss Emma Tomlinson has been elected teacher of our public school, District No. 3. The school will begin the first Monday in November.

Mrs. W. T. Adams, who has been quite sick with throat trouble, is slowly improving.

Miss Rena Johnson leaves for the State Normal School Monday.

Miss Layburn, of Virginia, is in charge of a private school at Polenta Academy. She is an excellent teacher, being a graduate in music, etc. We welcome her to our section. The school is to last eight months.

Regular meeting of Polenta Lodge A. F. & A. M., Saturday at 10 a. m. Let every member be present.

Mr. W. T. Johnson has materially added to the looks of his residence by having it painted. Mr. Charly Johnson, of Smithfield, did the work. He is also to paint Oakland church soon.

Polenta, Sept. 9.

Cotton Ginned to Sept. 1.

Washington, Sept. 8.—The census bureau makes the quantity of cotton ginned to September 1st, 297,924 bales, counting as half bales, against 191,416 in 1907, and 407,551 in 1906, and 476,655 in 1905, and 374,321 in 1904, and 17,302 bales in 1903.

Condition Below Average.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 8.—The condition of corn on September 1st, was 79.4 per cent of a normal, against a ten year average of 81 per cent, says the crop report issued by the Department of Agriculture today.

Wendell Items.

Mr. Joe Hester leaves tonight for Raleigh to continue his course in medicine at the University of North Carolina Medical Department.

Mr. Ruffin Richardson and M. C. Todd went to Clayton yesterday to help Shotwell play the Clayton base ball team. Score 4 to 3 in favor of Shotwell.

Mr. R. B. Whitley and J. W. Hinnant returned from Baltimore Thursday night where they went to lay in a fall line of dry goods and notions.

Mrs. Anderson of Rocky Mount, is visiting her father, Mr. W. J. C. Richardson.

Prof. J. E. B. Davis is moving here from Selma to start a hardware business. Hope him much success and think he will get it.

Mrs. R. M. Nowell and Mrs. F. B. Whitley, of Selma, were here last week visiting relatives and friends.

Rev. Mr. Thornton began a series of meetings at Baptist church last night and will continue through the week.

Mr. W. A. Bingham is moving his furniture store into his new place on south side of railroad today. He will have plenty of room in his new quarters to display his goods to an advantage.

Sept. 8 Bob.
Little River Association to be Held.

The Little River Primitive Baptist Association is appointed to be held with the church at New Hope Meeting house, Harnett Co., N. C., to commence on Friday before the last Sunday in September, 1908 and continue three days. Visiting brethren and sisters from the South and East will be met at Dunn on the Wilson and Florence railroad on Thursday evening before. Those from the South will arrive at Dunn about 1 o'clock p. m., those from the east about 3 p. m. where they will be cared for on Thursday night and conveyed to association on Friday morning. Visiting brethren from the north will arrive at Coats on the Cape Fear and Northern railroad, on Thursday evening before about 6 o'clock p. m. The distance from Coats to New Hope, [the church with which the association is appointed to be held] is about one mile. A general invitation is extended, especially to ministering brethren.

J. A. T. JONES, Clerk.

M. E. Philatheas Met.

On last Tuesday evening the Philatheas class of the Smithfield Methodist church met at Miss Flossie Abell's and held quite an important business meeting. We had an unusually large attendance. The president, Miss Lucy Hood, being absent, Miss Ruth Jones, vice-president, was in the chair. Among the business attended to was the election of officers for the ensuing six months. They are; Miss Bettie Lee Sanders, President, Miss Ruth Jones, Vice-President, Miss Lucy Sanders, Secretary, Miss Annie Martin, Treasurer, Miss Mary Sanders, Chairman of the Missionary Committee, Miss Ruth Jones, Chairman of the Voluntary Committee, Miss Fidelia LeMay, Chairman of the social Committee, Miss Flossie Abell Teacher and Rev. J. H. Shore Assistant Teacher. There being no other business to come before the meeting, we adjourned with the class motto, "Young women working for the Bible and the Bible school."

CLASS REPORTER.

Shirt Caught at Gin.

Isaac Smith, colored, came near being badly hurt, if not killed, at the Sanders ginney in Smithfield last Friday. He was doing some work near the line shafting when the end of a bolt caught his shirt. He is a heavy man and fortunately squatted down as soon as caught and so was not pulled over the shafting. His shirt was torn off and he was hurt under his arms and about his neck as the shirt was being torn from his body.