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MR. BILL FRANK LEE KILLED.

His Body Was Caught Between Wheel of Buggy and Shaft and Dragged a Distance of 100 Yards—Was Prominent Farmer of Johnston County.

Benson, Feb. 16.—Mr. Bill Frank Lee, a wealthy and prominent farmer, of Oak Forest community, eight miles east of here, was killed in a most horrible manner at the town gate, just east of Benson, at 12 o'clock to-day. Mr. Lee left home early this morning for Benson, and had reached the city limits, when his mule, becoming frightened, ran away, throwing him out, between the wheel and the shaft, breaking his neck and crushing his skull, from which death resulted almost instantly. For a distance of one hundred yards he was dragged between the wheel and shaft, strewn with blood and hair along the road. One ear was torn off and was found about seventy-five feet from the body.

Although several people live near, and were on the highway when the terrible affair occurred, strange to say, no one witnessed it or knew it had taken place until Mr. Lee was dead and the running mule, with parts of the vehicle, attracted attention.

The body was taken to the city hall this afternoon and prepared for burial, pending the arrival of the family of the deceased.

Mr. Lee, who was well known in Johnston county, was 65 years old; was a Mason and one of the most prominent farmers of the county, being worth about \$20,000. He married Miss Anna Barefoot, daughter of Mr. N. G. Barefoot, of this county, and is survived by his wife and nine children, to whom news of the terrible accident was immediately sent.

The remains will be taken to Oak Forest for interment tomorrow.

The shocking accident has cast a gloom over the town, as Mr. Lee was well known and had many friends here.—News and Observer.

A Successful Box Party.

The box party at the Sand Hill school house last Friday night proved a great success.

There was a large crowd present and they seemed to carry very full pocket-books.

Before the sale we all gathered on the school ground and played "Drop the Handkerchief." At eight-thirty o'clock the crowd was assembled in the house by the auctioneer Mr. London Creech, and then the sale began.

The sale of the boxes consumed about an hour and a half. The highest box sold, brought three dollars, being bought by Mr. B. E. Gardner.

After the auction there was proposed a voting contest on the prettiest girl, and the handsomest boy. This feature of the party consumed about thirty minutes, and Miss Mary Gardner proved to be the prettiest girl, and Mr. Robert Oliver the handsomest boy. The two "handsome ones" were put up and sold to the highest bidder, Miss Mary Gardner bringing thirty cents, and Mr. Robert Oliver twenty-five cents. The total amount received amounted to \$32.45, which will be used for the betterment of the school.

We feel that we owe much to the able auctioneer, Mr. London Creech, who contributed largely to the success and pleasure of the evening.

All present seemed to enjoy the party very much. Thanking all for their presence and encouragement.

JOHN E. CREECH.

Honor Roll of Sandy Spring School.

The following have been present at each roll call, and have made an average of 90 per cent. on their studies for the past month:

First Grade—Jesse Hocutt, Bonnie Narron and Gallus Narron.

Second Grade—Elbert Creech, Joseph Talton and Clifford Creech.

Third Grade—Joseph R. Hocutt.

Fourth Grade—Battle Creech.

Fifth Grade—Percy Narron.

Sixth Grade—Lillie Narron and John H. Hocutt.

Seventh Grade—Mamie Hocutt and Ransom Talton.

JAMES P. ELDRIDGE, Principal.

MAMIE HOCUTT, Assistant.

Mr. L. O. B. Alford, of Kenly, was here Wednesday.

The County Is Taking on New Life.

Not long since a few of the school men of the county decided that the educational side of its life should be spurred up in order that it might keep pace with its industrial life. As a result representatives from Clayton, Wilson's Mills, Four Oaks, Smithfield, Kenly and Benson met in Smithfield on last Saturday morning to make something definite. A plan for an Inter-High School contest was decided upon. Should the program be executed as the promoters of the contest hope it may be, the occasion will undoubtedly prove the most interesting and beneficial ever held in the county.

The following plan was adopted:

First. The contest shall be both literary and athletic.

Second. The contest shall be held in Smithfield, on April 17th. The program shall consist of exercises for morning, afternoon and evening.

Third. That only bona fide pupils of grades seven to eleven shall enter the various contests.

Fourth. That literary contests shall consist of debating, declamations, voice, and instrumental music.

Fifth. The literary contests shall be governed by the following regulations:

(a.) The debate shall be held at 8:00 o'clock P. M., between Benson and Kenly. Each school shall furnish two debaters. The speech of each must be the boy's own production. He shall receive no help save that of correcting grammatical and rhetorical errors by the principal. The time of each representative shall not exceed twenty minutes.

(b.) In declamations there may be two contestants—one boy and one girl. Each school is entitled to one representative in each contest.

(c.) All subjects for declamation must be submitted to the committee on program by March 4. No declamation shall exceed more than eight minutes in length.

(d.) Poets or girls may contest in music, which must be rendered from memory. In voice each school may be represented by solo or quartette.

(e.) No pupil shall be allowed to enter any two of the above contests, except he may enter the musical contests and either one of the other contests.

Sixth. The athletic contests shall consist of base ball, basket ball, tennis, the 100, 220, and 440 yard dash, hurdle race, three legged race, standing broad jump, standing high jump, high jump, and running broad jump.

(a.) In either contest the player or participant must be a bona fide pupil from the seventh to the eleventh grade of the school he represents.

(b.) Tennis shall consist of singles and doubles. Each school may be represented in both.

(c.) It is recommended that basket ball be given over to the girls.

(d.) Any pupil may enter as many of the athletic contests as he desires and may be allowed to participate in the literary contests as well.

Those who formulated the above plans sincerely hope that all the schools of the county will unite their efforts to make the program a success. Each school having more than seven grades is entitled to representation.

Wade-Jernigan.

At the home of the bride's father, Mr. H. N. Jernigan, of Meadow township, on Sunday, February 12, 1911, at 1 o'clock, p. m., a beautiful wedding was solemnized. The contracting parties were Mr. Jasper Wade, of Dunn, and Miss Effie Jernigan. Those in attendance were, Mr. E. A. Altman with Miss Donnie Hood, Mr. Ira Blackman with Miss Jessie Jernigan, Mr. J. W. Barfield with Miss Christa Rose, and Mr. H. V. Rose with Miss Cora Barfield. Rev. Robert Strickland, of Bentonsville township, pronounced the ceremony, immediately after which the dining room was repaired to where a sumptuous dinner was much enjoyed. There were many relatives and friends of the couple present who enjoyed the occasion immensely, and late in the evening, when they returned to their respective homes, all felt a wish that the lives of the happy couple may be always as bright as the sunset hour of their nuptial day.

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WILSON MURDERER CAUGHT.

Had Nine Loaded Revolvers on Person When Taken—Has Been Positively Identified and Confessed Crime.

Lewis West, whose bloody trail has been followed with alacrity by every police officer in North Carolina since his heinous murder of Deputy Sheriff Mumford and the dangerous wounding of the chief of police of Wilson, N. C., about ten days ago, was arrested here last night by Chief of Police Dunlap, and is to-day safely incarcerated behind the bars in Raleigh.

With nine loaded revolvers upon his person, the black, whose savagery was evidenced when he continued to fire into the prostrate form of his victim at Wilson, calmly sat in a negro restaurant here and ordered supper. Secure in the belief that his personal arsenal was sufficient to resist arrest, he reckoned not with the power of the law and failed to realize the hatred all men bore him.

Without giving the murderer a chance to escape or to use a weapon, Chief Dunlap covered him with a revolver and demanded surrender. With the negro it was a quiet surrender into the hands of the officer or a quick entrance into the great beyond, for Chief Dunlap's finger quivered just a trifle as it pressed the trigger of his trusty revolver. His hand was steady, however, and his voice was that of a master speaking to a canine.

Cowed into submission the negro was handcuffed and searched. Weapon after weapon was taken from his person. In every pocket he carried a pistol. In the bosom of his shirt he had two death-dealing guns concealed. First denying his identity, West made a pretense of braggadocio, but when stripped of his weapons and surrounded by men who were positive in their identification, the negro admitted he is Lewis West and made a full confession of the horrible crime, a crime for which the punishment will be death.

THE NEWS IN FOUR OAKS.

Four Oaks, Feb. 16.—Mr. I. M. Massengill returned Tuesday night from a business trip to Norfolk.

Mrs. L. A. Barnes, of Wilson, spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. O. A. Privett.

Miss Fessie Johnson, of Benson, is spending a few days with her cousin, Miss Pearl Baker.

Mr. Albert Keen, of Harstville, S. C., is here to see his mother, Mrs. J. C. Keen, who is sick with typhoid fever.

Mr. I. W. Keen has returned from McColl, S. C., where he has been engaged in the mercantile business.

Mr. David Wellons and sister, Miss Alice, of the Corinth section, attended the Valentine party here Tuesday evening.

We are very glad to see Dr. J. D. T. Wellons out again after an illness of quite a while caused by a fall during the holidays.

Miss Mary Barbour spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Alice Lassiter in the Spilona section.

We were glad to have with us at the Methodist church Sunday morning and evening Rev. L. S. Massey, editor of The Raleigh Christian Advocate, who delivered very able and instructive sermons to the large congregations present.

The students and faculty of Four Oaks Graded School will, on Friday evening, give an entertainment consisting of college songs, recitations, pantomimes, plays, etc. Admission ten cents. Come out and help the school.

Mr. J. E. Parker and Miss Stella Cole were happily united in the holy bonds of matrimony Friday evening, February 10, by Rev. N. H. Gibbs, after which they departed on the Shoofly at Benson for points South, returning Tuesday. Mr. Parker is R. F. D. mail carrier from this point and his bride is the charming and accomplished daughter of Mrs. N. T. Cole, of this place. The writer wishes them a long and happy life.

The Horne-Boyd Public Building Bill was again postponed by the Senate yesterday. It now looks like that a bill for a million dollars for a state building is not likely to pass this session.

FORMER JOHNSTONITE DEAD.

Mr. J. E. Royal, A Prominent Citizen of Clinton, Died Tuesday.—Mr. Sampson Warren, of Newton Grove Section, Also Dead.

Clinton, N. C., Feb. 14.—J. E. Royal, a prominent merchant and leading citizen of this place, died today at noon at the age of 60 years. He had been in poor health for more than a year. He leaves a widow and two sons, and two daughters. The funeral will be held tomorrow from the Baptist church of which the deceased was a member. Mr. Royal has been prominent in the business life of Clinton for the past 30 years, and leaves a considerable estate. He was a native of Johnston county.

Sampson Warren, a leading citizen of the Newton Grove section, of Sampson county, died yesterday. He was about 65 years of age and had been in declining health for some years past. He leaves a large family.

NEWS AROUND CORINTH.

Mrs. C. W. Hocutt spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Narron, in the Antioch section.

Mr. Jimmie Williamson, of Clayton, visited in our section Sunday.

Mr. McCoy Hocutt and sister, Miss Blanche, spent Sunday in the Antioch section.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Bissett attended church at Antioch Sunday.

Rev. Worley Creech filled his regular appointment at Antioch Sunday.

Messrs. W. H. and Ralph Oneal spent Sunday with Mr. R. L. Oneal, in Selma.

Mr. Edgar Temple spent Saturday night with Mr. D. M. Hinnant, in the Archer section.

We are sorry to note the illness of Master Vernon Hocutt. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Many of the farmers of this section have put up a nice lot of pork. Rev. R. L. Hocutt killed 10 that weighed 1,976 pounds.

They are preparing to build a new church at Antioch. They have the timber sawed and a part of the money raised.

The Masons of Archer Lodge have a Grand Lecturer with them this week—two lectures each day and one at night.

Mr. R. R. Creech and daughters, Misses Iscar Daphne, of Zebulon, attended church at Antioch Sunday.

Rev. A. A. Pippin failed to fill his regular appointment at Corinth Saturday and Sunday.

We are sorry to note the death of Mr. M. R. Hocutt, who died of pneumonia, on February 8th. All that kind physicians, friends, loving wife and children, father, mother, brothers and sisters could do, could not stay the icy hand of death. He leaves a wife and several children, a father and mother, three sisters and four brothers, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord. He was laid to rest in the family burying ground to await the Resurrection Morn.

"From earthly sorrows, pain and care,
To yonder home of peace and love;
The Lord has called our loved one there,
To reign with him in realms above."

His loving voice we'll no more hear,
So soft, so calm and sweet,
Like echoes from the angels' choir,
That sings at Jesus' feet.

We know that thou art from us gone,
And sad we here shall be;
Thy presence here we'll only know,
In fondest memory.

V. H.

February 13, 1911.

The General Assembly has passed the bill establishing Hoke county out of parts of Cumberland and Robeson. Raeford is to be the County Seat.

Col. Neill Arch McLean, of Robeson County, one of the best known men of the State, died suddenly at the Yarrowbrough House in Raleigh Wednesday night. He had represented his county in the legislature and was a leader in his section. He was in his 56th year.

Death in Bentonsville.

It is with regret we chronicle the death of Mr. Thomas D. Snead, of Bentonsville township, which occurred at his home Wednesday night. He had been unwell and it was known that he could not live long, but his death was somewhat of a surprise at the time it occurred. He could not rest very well in bed, and was sitting in a rocking chair when death came. He will be buried to-day at Antioch Methodist church where he held his membership. He was about eighty-three years old. He was one of Johnston county's best citizens and a leader in his neighborhood even up to the time of his death. Long ago he was clerk of the Superior Court and lived in Smithfield. He was also a Representative from this county in the Legislature at one time. He was a good farmer and a man of high character and took an active interest in everything to uplift humanity. His mind retained its strength and it was a treat to talk with him of men and events of years long past.

LOWER BOON HILL INCIDENTS.

After being absent for a long time, we have decided to put 'em in again.

Mr. Geo. Radford returned from Rocky Mount last week, after spending several days with his sister, Mrs. P. H. Pate.

Miss Kizzie Lee spent Friday night with her brother, near Brown's school house.

Messrs. Henry Radford and Atlas Rhodes spent Sunday in Selma, the guests of Mr. F. Silas.

Mr. Wiley Williamson, of Wilson, was on a visit to his sister, Mrs. W. T. Hinton, last week.

Mrs. A. F. Holt and sons, Nerus and Adlie, Jr., spent Sunday in Princeton.

Quite a number of our people attended the services at the M. E. church in Princeton Sunday and Sunday night.

Messrs. Geo. Holloway, of Oakland, and Luby Hines, of Rosewood, were visitors at Mr. A. B. Lee's Sunday.

Messrs. Willie Pearce and Willie Langley, of Wayne County; and Misses Mary Holt and Dora Crocker spent Sunday with the Misses Toler.

Mr. Charlie Braswell, from near Princeton, spent Sunday in our midst.

While out driving Sunday evening, Mr. Wiley Williamson and Miss Sallie Grantham were unlucky enough to be backed off in a deep ditch, resulting in a terrible scare for both; but they found to their delight that they were unhurt when they emerged from the mud in the ditch.

We note with sadness the almost sudden death of Miss Sarah Bridgers, which occurred Monday evening. She was about forty-five years old, and was a good and noble woman. We extend our heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved family.

We are for good roads at any cost—only wish they were good now, so that we wouldn't be compelled to take a vibrated treatment every time we want to drive out for our health, business, or pleasure. May the good roads movement go forward until some benefit is realized by us, who are waiting in earnest.

If you want these items continued, let it be known by sending news to Box 54, Route 1, Princeton, N. C.

The Herald is our most welcome visitor each week. May it march onward; march into a new helpfulness, a larger size, and a broader field of importance.

ADVENA.

Princeton, Feb. 15.

The Bill creating National forest reserves in the White Mountains and in the Appalachians passed the United States Senate Wednesday and now only lacks the President's signature to become a law. Senator Simmons and Overman have been working for this bill for several years. The bill carries an appropriation of two million dollars for the preservation of the forests of these sections.

"What do you think of the new problem play?" "Nothing," replied Miss Cayenne. "It was bad enough to see it, without thinking about it."

—Washington Star.

ABOUT UNCLE SAM'S BIG DITCH.

Panama Canal Ready September 1, 1913, At Saving of \$50,000,000, Says Goethals.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Col. Geo. W. Goethals, chief engineer of the Panama canal, said today the canal would be completed by September 1, 1913, at a cost of \$360,000,000.

This is two years ahead of all earlier estimates for completion of the canal, and fully \$50,000,000 less than many engineers have figured as the total cost.

Because of the early completion of the canal, Col. Goethals urged the house committee on commerce to prepare legislation under which can be fixed shipping tolls for passage of vessels through the waterway.

Col. Goethals could not say what would be a fair charge but thought \$1 per net ton of a vessel would be a heavy tax on vessels using the canal, but would give the transcontinental railroads competition on freight from New York to San Francisco.

The cost of the canal, the machine shops at Balboa, the Pacific terminal, the coaling stations at Colon, the Atlantic and Pacific terminals and other supply stations are all included in Col. Goethals' estimate of \$360,000,000 as the entire cost of the great canal. He also believes it will be impossible to build a dry dock within the estimated limit of cost of the canal.

KENLY HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Kenly, Feb. 15.—A new life characterizes the school at present. The several departments are better organized. The department of music and elocution is unusually strong. Five entertainments have been planned to be given before the middle of April. It seems at the present time that the last half of the session will mean more for the pupils and the community than the half just passed.

On last Friday evening from 7:30 to 11:00 o'clock the class of 1911 gave a valentine party. The guests were met at the door by a committee who measured the feet of both ladies and gentlemen and charged two cents per inch or fraction thereof for admission. Valentines and refreshments were sold. A handsome sum was realized.

Ten representatives of the Philological Literary Society will give a declamatory contest on next Friday evening. Each declaimer is doing his best to win. A medal will be given to that one who, in the opinion of the committee, is the best declaimer.

The department of elocution and music will give a public entertainment on Friday evening, February 24th. A rare treat is in store for the audience. It is hoped that all friends and patrons will be present. An admission of fifteen and twenty-five cents will be charged. The money will be used for the general improvement of school.

A Woman's Betterment Association has been organized recently. The organization is few in number, yet it is evident that the members are determined. When a few devout ladies, loyal to what they consider their duty toward the intellectual advancement of the child and the general uplift of the community in which they live come together, salutary results may be expected.

The idea of having a "High School Meet" in Smithfield on Easter Monday was met with the approbation of both teachers and pupils of this place. Already the girls are organizing a basket ball team. The boys are playing base ball and planning for field exercises. Should the occasion prove a success as its promoters hope, April 17 will be the greatest day Johnston County ever had.

The recitation room occupied by the ninth and tenth grades has recently been neatly equipped. Eight pictures 22 x 28 inches, mottoes framed, shades and curtains, have been added. The room is the pride of each of its occupants.

Music-Elocution Honor Roll. Instrumental music—Pearl Harris, Gladys Kirby, Mildred Godwin, Ethel Morris and Faye Barnes.

Voice—Fannie Boyette, Rosa Edgerton and Bettie Harris. Elocution—Mildred Godwin, Hal Glibreath, Agnes Watson and Louise Alford.