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GOOD ROADS ACTIVITIES.

The People Are Interested and Two Picnics and Barbecues Are to Be Held Next Week in This County—One Will Be in Boon Hill and the Other in Beulah—Work of Surveying the Central Highway is Going On—Petition for Election Being Circulated in Ingrams.

The laying out of the great Central Highway from Beaufort harbor to the Tennessee line by the Trustees has created quite an interest in good roads all over the State. But nowhere has it done more than here in Johnson County. Our people in every section are discussing ways and means of bettering the condition of their highways.

Ingrams township is circulating a petition for a call for an election upon the question of special tax to improve its roads.

Boon Hill and Beulah will soon follow. Both townships seem to be very much interested.

On Wednesday, July 26, at Holt's Mill on the line of the great Central Highway near Princeton, Boon Hill will give a barbecue and basket picnic in the interest of good roads, at which place Dr. A. Cheatham, of Durham, Mr. Edward E. Britton, of Raleigh, and Mr. James A. Wellons, of Smithfield, will make addresses on this live subject.

On Friday, July 28, at Old Beulah near Kenly, the people of Beulah township will give a basket picnic and barbecue. Mr. George C. Royall, of Goldsboro, and Prof. A. Vermont, of Smithfield, will deliver good roads speeches.

Mr. W. S. Morton, the Civil Engineer, is surveying the Central Highway across Cleveland township this week and the work of grading has already begun. Our people are in earnest about this matter and we predict that in the near future Johnson County will be a net work of good roads from one side to the other.

DECLINES PRESIDENCY OF UNION UNIVERSITY.

Raleigh, July 18.—Rev. A. J. Moncrief, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church here, and formerly president of Cox college, Atlanta, today declined the presidency of Union university, formerly the Southwestern university, at Jackson, Tenn. Rev. Moncrief came to Raleigh several years ago from Forsyth, Ga., where he was pastor of the local Baptist and chaplain at Bessie Tift college.

A Smithfield Citizen Dies.

Mr. Lewis H. Lee died at his home on Second street last Saturday morning after an illness of less than a week, having been taken on Sunday before. He was forty-three years old, lacking one week, having been born on July 22, 1868.

The deceased left a widow, one child, three brothers and four sisters to mourn his departure.

The funeral was held from the Baptist church Sunday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. T. H. Spence, assisted by Rev. T. H. King. A very large crowd was present to pay a last tribute of respect to the deceased. The funeral was conducted under the auspices of the Junior Order and the Woodmen of the World, Mr. Lee being a member of both organizations.

Mr. Lee was a quiet, unassuming man whose life was one of kindness and peace. He was everybody's friend and was generally liked. Though he was the village shoemaker, he had a strong place in the hearts of the people of the community, the great crowd that attended his funeral being sure evidence of this.

The Herald extends sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Is a College Student At 80.

Berkeley, Cal., July 18.—Mrs. America Woodward Truesdell, of San Francisco, is in college at the age of 80. She entered the summer school of the University of California here yesterday, registering for the course of English poetry. Mrs. Truesdell is an alumnae of Stanford University and has written several books.

HOME MADE WINE AND CIDER.

Law Governing Sale of These Not Generally Understood.

In response to a suggestion that this paper print information about the law governing the sale of home made wine and cider the following quotation from the "near-beer" amendment to State-wide prohibition law is given. It seems that there is a good deal of misunderstanding about the law.

"Provided further, that this act shall not apply to the sale of domestic wines when sold in quantity of not less than two and one-half gallons in sealed packages, or crated, on the premises where manufactured, or to the sale of cider in any quantity by the manufacturer from fruits grown on his land within the State of North Carolina, or to the sale of wine to any minister of religion or other officer of a church when said wine is bought for religious or sacramental purposes, or to the sale of flavoring extracts or essences when sold as such, or to the sale of medicinal preparations manufactured in accordance with formulas prescribed by the United States pharmacopeia and National Formulary. * * *"

The law goes on to define the legal use of alcohol in medicinal preparations and carbonated drinks. —News and Observer.

5,000 ARE DYING IN MEXICAN FAMINE.

Mexico City, July 18.—Relief trains are being made up here tonight to be rushed to the States of Jalisco and Guanajuato, where more than five thousand people are dying from famine. The alarming conditions in the two States are set forth in an appeal from the residents received by the government this afternoon. The famine was brought on by the revolution and the recent heavy floods.

Owen-Penny.

Mr. Edwin Bentley Owen, of West Raleigh, and Miss Maggie Jeter Penny, of Garner, will be married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Penny, at 6 o'clock this evening. The officiating minister will be the bride's pastor, Rev. R. W. Horrell, of Selma.

The wedding will be informal. The bride will be attended by her two sisters, Misses Annie and Ruby Penny. The four ushers will be Mr. M. R. Richardson, of Durham; Mr. R. H. Owen, of Lexington, brother of the bridegroom; Mr. Thomas Rand, of Raleigh; and Mr. Andrew Bryan, of Garner.

After the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Owen will spend a few days at Wrightsville Beach, and afterward they will be guests for a while—until their house in Cameron place is finished—at the home of Dr. J. S. Bufaloe at Garner.

Mr. Owen will return to his duties as registrar at the A. & M. College next week, coming in from Garner each morning.—News and Observer, 20th.

Pellagra Claims Another Victim.

Clayton, July 17.—Messrs. John I. Barnes & Brother, undertakers, sold a casket last Saturday for Mrs. Jim Crowder, of the Corinth section. Mrs. Crowder had been sick with pellagra and had been treated by several of the best physicians in the county for several months. This is the second casket these undertakers have sold for pellagra victims during the past year.

Those Impertinent Questions.

As Mr. Overman and the eight or nine congressmen who favored a duty on lumber knew nothing of the circular issued from Democratic headquarters the public would like to know their reasons for voting in opposition to an expressed declaration of the party platform.—Durham Herald.

Picnic at Oakland.

The annual Sunday School picnic will be held in the grove at Oakland Presbyterian Church on Saturday, July 22nd. All invited to attend and bring baskets. Let this be the best picnic ever held in the community.

DEATH OF ROY C. ROBERTSON.

Sad Event Took Place at Home of His Mother in Clayton Friday. Was a Young Man of Promise.

Clayton, July 17.—Last Friday, July 14th, as the shadows of twilight began to gather over our town, the sad intelligence of the death of Mr. Roy C. Robertson at the colonial home of his mother, Mrs. J. B. Robertson, cast gloom and sadness over the entire town. Mr. Robertson was a pharmacist by profession and for the past year had been with The Ashboro Drug Company, at Ashboro, N. C. He resigned this position some months ago to become manager of The Gastonia Drug Company, at New Bern, N. C., where he was taken ill. Immediately after his illness began he left New Bern for his home here and developed a very malignant case of typhoid fever which defied all the efforts of the most skilled physicians.

He was only 25 years of age with the promise of a successful career in the pharmaceutical world. He joined early in life the Clayton Baptist church, where he was still a member when he died. He leaves a mother, Mrs. J. B. Robertson, of Clayton; two sisters, Mrs. J. B. Blades, of New Bern, and Mrs. Dr. J. J. Young, of Clayton; two brothers, John A. Robertson, of Raleigh, and W. A. Robertson, of Goldsboro, besides a host of relatives in Clayton and Raleigh. The funeral services were conducted from the residence of his mother, by his pastor, Rev. A. C. Hamby, Saturday afternoon, amidst a great host of friends and relatives who had gathered to pay a last tribute of respect to their departed friend.

The floral offerings were many and attested the high esteem of Mr. Robertson among his home people. Among the out-of-town people here to attend the funeral we note, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Ellington, of Smithfield; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Blades, of New Bern; Mr. Kenneth Ellington, of Fayetteville; Miss Julia Ferrell, of Raleigh, and Mr. B. H. Ellington, of Richmond, Va.

The sympathy of our town is extended to the grief-stricken family in the loss of their loved one.

REA EXCEEDS MILE A MINUTE.

Pennsylvania's Vice-President Goes 83 Miles in 67 Minutes.

Calgary, Alberta, July 16.—Samuel Rea, vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, broke all trans-Rocky Mountain railroad records yesterday, when, in his private car, he was carried over the Canadian Pacific from Banff, a mountain resort, eighty-three miles to this city, in sixty-seven minutes, to make connection with a regular train at Edmonton.

PRAYERS FOR STATE COST WISCONSIN \$762.

Madison, Wis., July 18.—Prayers during the 1911 session of the legislature cost the State \$762, or about \$3 a prayer.

They were offered by the thirty resident clergy of Madison, and ten from the State at large, these latter about once each, while the Madison clergy took a week each, by arrangement, among themselves. On one occasion a newspaper man volunteered when no clergyman appeared.

The Calamity Howler.

A dog sat out in the midnight chill and howled at the beaming moon; his knowledge of music was strictly nil and his voice was out of tune. And he howled and howled as the hours went by, while dodging the bricks we threw, till the moon was low in the western sky and his voice was split in two. And there wasn't a thing to howl over about which a pup should weep, and the course of the dog was wrong and foul, for people were wild to sleep. There are plenty of men like that blamed fool hound, who yell when there's nothing wrong, disturbing the country with senseless sound—the pessimist's doleful song.—Fairplay Flume, taken from the Colorado Odd Fellow.

CROSS-COUNTRY HIGHWAYS.

Thousands of Miles of Transcontinental and Interstate and State Highways Have Been Constructed Or Are Being Planned.

Washington, July 18.—Illustrating the tremendous impetus that lately has been given to the nation-wide movement for improved public highways, the United States office of Public Roads has just prepared a chart which shows that nearly 15,000 miles of transcontinental, interstate and trunk-line roads are completed in various sections of the country.

The chart prepared by the Office of Public Roads shows the extent to which the good roads movement has taken hold of every part of the United States. North, South, East and West, the improved roads, some merely planned, others actually under construction, literally make a net work covering the whole country.

If all the plans contemplated are carried out by the men and communities back of them, it will be possible to drive wagons and automobiles from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast, and from Vancouver, British Columbia, to Tijuana, Mexico, and from Montreal, Canada, to Miami, Florida. The map prepared by the Office of Public Roads, merely for the purpose of gauging the extent of the good roads movement as fostered by individuals, associations and communities, shows the following great highways in contemplation or actually under construction:

From Yellowstone Park to Glacier National Park, through Fort Yellowstone, the Big Hole Battlefield and other interesting points in the Rocky Mountains—a total distance of 450 miles.

The Pacific Highway, from Vancouver, B. C., to Tijuana, Mexico, a distance of 2,000 miles.

The Memphis-to-Bristol Highway, connecting Knoxville, Nashville and Jackson, a distance of 540 miles.

The Lincoln Memorial Road, from Washington to Gettysburg, 40 miles. Sherman, Texas-to-Galveston Highway, 150 miles.

The Central Highway, from Morehead City, N. C., on the Atlantic, to Paint Rock, on the French Broad river, Tennessee, through Goldsboro, Raleigh, Greensboro, Salisbury, and Asheville, N. C., 460 miles.

The Dupont Highway, from the upper end to the lower end of Delaware, proposed by T. Coleman Dupont, who has offered to advance \$1,000,000 towards its construction; length of route, 103 miles.

Des Moines-Kansas City-St. Joseph Trail.

Ocean-to-Ocean Highway, extending from Cumberland, Maryland, to Tacoma, Washington, passing over the old Cumberland Road, through Columbus, Indianapolis, St. Louis, over Boone's Lick trail and St. Louis to Old Franklin, Mo., through Nebraska, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington; length of route 3,800 miles.

Montreal-to-Miami Highway, passing through Albany, New York, Trenton, Philadelphia, Raleigh, Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

The Lincoln Way, from Louisville to Nashville, 150 miles.

The Capital-to-Capital Highway, extending from Washington, D. C., to Jacksonville, through the capitals of the seaboard states; length of route, 1,500 miles.

Clay-Jefferson Memorial, Niagara Falls to New Orleans, via Zanesville, Ohio, Maysville, Ky., Nashville, Tenn., and Meridian, Miss., 1,200 miles.

"Red-to-Rio" Highway, from Denison, Texas, to Dallas, Waco, Austin and San Antonio, connecting Houston and Galveston, 600 miles.

Nearly every State in the Union is benefited to some extent by the proposed new highways, and the manner in which all sections are working to the same end simultaneously indicates that it will not be long before the United States is laced by a complete system of good roads.

Men appear to live much longer as a rule in the temperate than in the torrid zone.

Chicago's recent direct primaries are reported to have cost \$696,000, of which the city paid one-fourth.

OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW BETTER.

A Husband of 81 Seeks to Divorce Wife, Aged 70.

Columbus, Ind., July 18.—Arthur Monroe, aged 81 years, of this city, has filed suit for divorce against his wife, Hester C. Monroe, aged 70 years, in the Bartholomew Circuit Court, alleging in his complaint that his wife nagged him, called him vile names, tried to cut his throat with a butcher knife and wished that he would become paralyzed like her former husband, so that he could not talk. The couple were married May 7 and separated on June 11 of the present year.

DOOMED MAN COLLAPSED IN CELL.

Beaver, Pa., July 13.—Charles Hickman, who was to have been hanged here to-day for the murder of his wife Mollie Hickman, in February, 1910, collapsed in his cell in the county jail during the night and died this morning at 8 o'clock. Hickman escaped from jail twice after his conviction and Saturday night last attempted to take his life by inhaling gas. He repeatedly told the guards he would never live to be hanged.

BENSON NEWS.

Benson, July 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Wood were visitors to Dunn yesterday.

Miss Ellen Eldridge is spending several weeks here with friends.

Mr. Henry Lambert, of Pleasant Grove township, was in town yesterday.

Miss Mattie Draughan, of Rowland, is visiting Miss Mattie Harper.

Messrs. R. E. Barbour, of Elevation, and R. E. Smith, of Moyock, were here yesterday.

Miss Mildred Harrington, of Aberdeen, who has been visiting Miss Emily Canaday, left Monday for Goldsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hall are visiting Mrs. Hall's sister at Everetts, N. C.

Mr. W. J. Jacobs, contractor for the building of C. T. Johnson's residence, has moved his family here.

Messrs. L. B. Pope and Z. H. Rose and Miss Emily Canaday were visitors to Meadow township Monday.

Mr. P. B. Johnson went to Sampson county yesterday to attend the burial of Vernon Jackson, the sixteen year old son of Mrs. Charlie Jackson, who died from sticking a nail in his foot Tuesday morning. An operation was performed and it was thought the young man would get well but he died from the results a few hours later. Mrs. Jackson is sister to our townsman, Mr. P. B. Johnson.

It seems that Uncle Sam is getting on the watch for those who sell whiskey without a license. United States deputies served warrants on Lucian Norris and Jim Smith of this place Tuesday. They were taken to Dunn, but the testimony of the witnesses all showed that they had not been guilty of selling anything as strong as soda water, so the defendants were discharged.

The Fall Session of the Benson Graded School will open on August 31 with Prof. Z. H. Rose as principal and seven assistant teachers. This session promises to be the most prosperous in the history of the school, as the school now has eleven grades and is the only first class high school in the county. Last year the enrollment was three hundred and fifty-five, and it is expected that it will reach above four hundred this year, as many applications have already come from this and adjoining counties. The town and school should be congratulated on again securing the services of Prof. Rose as principal. He is of the highest type of Christian gentleman, and one of the foremost young educators of the State.

Will Aycock Stick?

We would not have believed that Mr. Aycock would have entered the race against Mr. Simmons, and yet it cannot be that he got in only to get out a little later on. We are expecting to get the straight of this by the time the campaign is on in earnest.—Durham Herald.

EPIDEMIC Baffles Doctors.

Peculiar Disease Claims Number of Victims in Mitchell County—Spread of Fatal Malady Causing Alarm.

Asheville, July 16.—A fatal epidemic prevails in Mitchell county, which has heretofore been unknown to medical science and is baffling skilled physicians, who have made every effort to check the malady, which manifests itself by small blood-shot stains on the tips of the fingers, passing through the arm into the body and resulting in death within a few days after the first sign appears. The plague has claimed a number of victims in Mitchell county, one of whom was Dr. F. P. Slagle.

Dr. Charles Buchanan, a prominent physician, became affected a few days ago and was sent to Johnson City, Tenn., hospital, where his condition is said to be critical.

There are no paroxysms accompanying the attack. The disease appears to move rapidly from the finger tips, along the arm into the body and reaches the heart within a day or two resulting invariably in immediate and apparently painless death.

No permanent relief has thus far been discovered and it is reported that the rapidity with which the malady is spreading has become alarming.—Charlotte Observer.

FELL 150 FEET AND WALKED AWAY SMILING.

New York, July 15.—Joseph Kinward, of Tarrytown, was in a swing painting the water tower there late to-day, when the rope broke. He dropped 150 feet, struck a guard wire, turned a complete somersault and landed on his feet. He smiled and said:

"I didn't expect to come down this way, but I'm all right." Although somewhat shaken up, he was able to walk home.

Automobile Turned Over.

Between one and two o'clock Monday, July 17th, a large touring car turned bottom upwards on the Raleigh road, two miles from Smithfield, just after starting down the hill at Mr. T. J. Talton's farm. There were seven persons on the car. Mr. J. E. Stagg, of Durham, who is vice president of the Durham and Southern railroad, which runs from Durham to Dunn, is owner of the car. There were with him his wife and children and a young lady, besides the driver of the car. There had been a shower of rain and the road was soft with clay-mud. The car turned entirely around and turned turtle, falling over a ditch by the side of the road. The ditch, no doubt, saved the lives of the passengers. It is said that all were under the car and Mrs. Stagg could not be taken out until the car was prized up. A collar bone of one of the little girls was fractured. This was the worst injury inflicted. A physician was summoned and in about two hours all were here to take a train. They were enroute from Morehead to Durham. The automobile was one of the finest we ever saw and will have to be repaired at the factory where it was made. The wreck was a great surprise. It was caused by a poor roadbed and a car running at a high rate of speed.

"Tied to 'The Interests.'"

It looks like Senator Simmons is tied to "the interests." His votes on several occasions have given his enemies a heavy cudgel. Mr. Simmons tried to saddle his mistake on the lumber schedule on Chairman Eller, but Mr. Eller refuses to be a scape goat. Of course Mr. Simmons will have friends who will stick to him whatever he does, but if he holds his place in the face of his votes in the Senate on the past year, there will be at least one surprised man in the State.—Thomasville Davidonian.

The ligature that binds the twin Senators Bailey and Simmons is supposed to be made of equal parts of Texas wool and North Carolina pine.—Philadelphia Record.