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OLD BEULAH HAS A FINE PICNIC

INTEREST IN GOOD ROADS MARCHING ON.

Addresses by W. M. Sanders, Jas. A. Wellons, A. Vermont, and others. Fine Dinner Thoroughly Enjoyed by More Than a Thousand People.

The picnic at Beulah, last Friday, was a decided success. More than a thousand people gathered under the old oaks to discuss the matter of better roads. From our town went Mr. W. M. Sanders, President of Johnston County's Good Roads Association, his son, Ransom, Mr. J. A. Wellons, the well-known Smithfieldian, who has taken such a prominent part in the development of the good roads, and Prof. Vermont, Superintendent of our Graded Schools.

Mr. Sanders, as President, took charge of the proceedings, after Mr. Wellons, in a most unique and telling way had called up the vast multitude. Pres. Sanders explained the object of the meeting, and in a strong, logical speech urged the forward movement for better roads.

He was followed by Prof. Vermont, who spoke of the highways and by-ways of Europe, and of the importance of the good road in the development of the higher life, of the people. It costs money to educate our children, he said, it costs more to leave them in ignorance. Churches, schools, homes and roads are all potent factors in the more intelligent life of the people. Good roads mean easier communications, happier neighborly relations, harmony and progress. Bad roads mean isolation, stagnation. He, too, urged better roads from the view point of higher culture and better citizenship.

Mr. J. G. Woodard supplemented the speech of Prof. Vermont, by a very practical discussion of the plans, wherever the good roads might be realized. His remarks were extremely practical and helpful. His speech was replete with good, hard, common sense and contributed not a little to the success of the day.

Mr. Wellons spoke after him. In his striking way, he delivered some hammerblows for the good work. Evidently his soul is in the progress of the people, and from the abundance of his heart his lips spoke.

Prof. S. G. Rollings, in a few well chosen words, expressed his hearty sympathy with the movement. Then the speaking was concluded and dinner served under the oaks of historic Beulah.

The extremely orderly crowd partook with evident delight from the good things, prepared by the ladies. There was an abundance of barbecued meats, cakes, etc. Everybody had his share of the bounty.

Not a little of the success of this splendid day was due to the citizens of Kenly, a set of hustling, fine business men and genial people. The committee, consisting of A. B. Atkinson, Irwin Talton, E. G. Holland, L. B. Boyett, W. G. Pittman, W. T. Bailey, H. F. Edgerton, D. B. Sasser, J. W. Darden, and J. W. Woodard, should be exceedingly proud of the fine day.

Twinkle, twinkle, little fly,
'Tis no wonder that you die,
In the pie and in the soup
So many millions of you troup.
—Baltimore Sun.

Negro Drops Dead At Funeral.

Durham, Aug. 2.—While attending the funeral of James Cameron, the eleventh of the Durham victims in the Sealcard wreck last week, Deborah Jurell dropped dead this afternoon as the minister ended a prayer. Jurell drove the pallbearers' wagon and was sitting upright while the ceremony proceeded. Suddenly he fell from the wagon and died without a struggle. Paralysis of the heart was the cause.

He was picked up and brought back to the city in the same wagon which he drove. He was a man of 63 years and was a splendid colored man until recently, having partly lost his mind. He was well liked in the city.

CONCEDE IT TO VARDAMAN.

Opponents of Former Mississippi Governor for United States Senator Submit to Inevitable.

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 2.—That Former Gov. James K. Vardaman has been made the Democratic nominee for United States senator—equivalent to election—is conceded by United States Senator Leroy Percy and C. P. Alexander, his opponent in yesterday's primary.

In a statement tonight Gov. Vardaman said:

"It is the uprising of the people. It is the affirmation of the plain people in their right to rule and not the selfimposed right of a lot of self-elevated and self-assumed leaders and prophets."

PELLAGRA IN ASYLUM.

Seven Cases Disclosed in Kentucky Institution.

Lexington, Ky., Aug. 22.—Superintendent R. L. Willis of the Eastern Kentucky Asylum for the Insane today ordered use of all corn products food discontinued pending investigation of seven cases of Pellagra disclosed last night. Superintendent Willis says that several other patients show symptoms of the disease.

Lawn Fete At Clayton.

Clayton, July 31.—One of the most charming functions of an unusually gala season in our little town was the delightful lawn fete of Tuesday evening, when Mr. Warren McCullers was the gracious host at "The Orchard," the beautiful and hospitable home of his popular parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar B. McCullers, the honorees of the occasion being their guests, Mr. William Mordecia, of Durham, and Mr. George Pao, of Smithfield, and the members of Mr. Horace Robinson's house party at the Methodist parsonage, who have been so royally entertained during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. McCullers welcomed their guests at the main entrance on the veranda, which was beautifully lighted and decorated. From there the guests were conducted by Mrs. Herbert McCullers to a corner on the east veranda suggestive of fairyland, where Miss Mamie Moore in rare and radiant manner served sparkling and piquant punch. From there the guests easily wended their way through the beautiful grounds to the unique vine-clad summer house, where Miss Laura Miss, in costume befitting a gypsy princess, regaled gallant youth and fair maid with wondrous predictions on future happiness and prosperity. From this vantage point the guests paused to enjoy the beauty and fragrance of this enchanting fairylike scene. The spacious park-like grounds, picturesque in their natural beauty, were made a hundred fold more alluring by myriad Japanese lanterns.

Into this merry maze of cozy corners and romantic nooks came the host's assistants, bearing trays of delicious refreshments, which were enjoyed by a hundred young people.

Ten years ago a common laborer earned about 25 cents a day in gold. To-day the quotation for common labor is 60 cents per diem.

Delightful Entertainment.

Pine Level, August 2.—On the evening of July 31st, Mr. and Mrs. Dan U. Oliver entertained a large number of friends and relatives at their spacious home in honor of the fourteenth birthday of their daughter, Miss Ida Esther Oliver.

There were invited guests from far and near, so many, in fact, that the parlors and porches were filled to overflowing. Music and games were indulged in, after which delicious refreshments were served in the dining room which had been beautifully decorated with cut flowers.

The guests went home at a late hour, saying that it was the richest party they had ever been to, and wishing Miss Ida many happy returns of the day.

Red ants do not like parsley, it seems. It is said they will disappear like magic if bits of the herb are scattered in their favorite haunts.

EUGENE T. LEE SHOT IN MEXICO

HE IS SON OF MR. ELDRIDGE LEE OF DUNN.

Dangerously Wounded Through Accidental Shot by Assistant. He Is a Civil Engineer in Employ of Mexican Government.

Dunn, N. C., July 29.—Mr. E. Lee received a telegram yesterday stating that his son, Mr. Eugene T. Lee, who is a civil engineer in the employ of the Mexican Government at Estacion de Panjamo, Gto. Mexico, had been accidentally shot, but was resting very comfortably, and that the authorities would keep the parents notified each day of his condition.

Mr. Eugene Lee is a graduate of the A. and M. College at Raleigh, receiving his degree last year. He is a young man of ability and promise, having graduated at the head of his class, and was one of the few who were recommended by the college authorities for positions.

Congressman Godwin Notified.

Washington, D. C., July 29.—Congressman Godwin received a telegram today from Mr. E. Lee, a prominent merchant of Dunn, N. C., stating that his son, Mr. Eugene Lee, had been shot in Mexico, that he thought it was foul play, and asking Mr. Godwin to demand an investigation. Mr. Godwin at once requested the Secretary of State to have the Mexican Ambassador here to make a thorough investigation. This will be done.

The only particulars Mr. Lee has of the affair are the following telegrams, which he transmitted with his telegram to Mr. Godwin:

E. Lee, Dunn, N. C.
Your son accidentally shot. Condition delicate; is in hospital at Movelia.

LOUIS E. MENDEZ.

Movelia, July 28th—

E. Lee, Dunn, N. C.,
Your son dangerously wounded. Now in hospital here. Come at once.

E. HARDY.

Young Lee is a civil engineer in the employ of the Mexican government. He has a brother at West Point, Cadet Robert E. Lee, an appointee of Congressman Godwin, and who received his first instructions from Mr. Godwin when the latter was teaching school.

Dunn, Aug. 2.—In The News and Observer of today the following appears from the Associated Press report from the City of Mexico: "Eugene Lee accidentally shot himself last week handling an automatic pistol." The above is incorrect, as the following telegram from Mr. L. F. Whitbeck, chief engineer, shows:

Morelia, Mexico, July 31.
"Via Galveston, Tex.
"To E. Lee, Dunn, N. C.
"Son doing nicely; shot in loin accidentally by assistant. Have written particulars."
(Signed) "L. F. WHITBECK."

KILLED WHILE TALKING OVER 'PHONE TO HUSBAND.

Terre Haute, Ind., July 31.—Mrs. J. R. Conrad was killed by lightning while talking over a telephone with her husband last week. He had called from the city for his home, south of the city. He heard a sharp report and hung up the receiver, not thinking of a possibility of an accident at home.

A nephew of the woman extinguished the fire in her clothing. The insulation was stripped from the wire, and wires in the neighborhood were put out of service.

Awakes After 105 Days.

Vandalia, Ill., July 30.—After sleeping almost continuously for 105 days, Miss Hazel Schmidt, the 18-year-old girl whose strange case has puzzled physicians for weeks, was awakened for five hours today and ate three meals. She said she felt no ill effects from her slumber. Attending physicians say the girl's trance is broken and that she soon will be herself again.

SUFFERING IN SOUTH FROM THE DROUTH

DRY WEATHER CAUSING MUCH DAMAGE.

In Virginia and North Carolina Dry Weather Causing Water Supply to Run Short. In Cotton States West of Mississippi Weather More Favorable.

Washington, Aug. 1.—Much needed sunshine and dry weather prevailed in the central states of the cotton belt during the past week, according to the national weekly bulletin of the weather bureau, issued today, and the entire section east of the Mississippi was without any large amount of rainfall. It was practically rainless in portions of Georgia and Alabama, and there was little or none over the greater part of the Carolinas, where a large deficiency in the seasonal precipitation continues, especially in North Carolina, where in portions of the state the drouth is one of the most severe on record.

In the cotton growing states west of the Mississippi the weather generally was favorable. Conditions are generally improved in Oklahoma and good showers occurred in many portions of Texas, although portions of the state are still suffering for rain.

Conditions by states follow:

Virginia—Vegetables suffering severely, water supply becoming low in many localities.

North Carolina—Rainfall very light. Streams unusually low and rain much needed.

South Carolina—Fair and cool. Precipitation very light.

Georgia—Temperature below normal. Light showers were general on the 25th, but the rest of the week was dry with abundant sunshine.

Florida—Generally local but beneficial showers. Considerable areas, however, received no rain. Temperatures moderate, sunshine ample.

Alabama—Precipitation much below normal, but rain not needed.

Mississippi—Sufficient sunshine and less than normal precipitation were favorable features; greatly improving conditions.

Louisiana—Temperatures below normal. Precipitation generally deficient. Sunshine above normal and week favorable.

Texas—Showers were extremely local. Heavy rains occurred in many north central and northeastern and some southern counties. Little or no precipitation occurred in south central portion. Sunshine about normal.

Arkansas—Generally fair earlier in the week, but showery in latter part and unseasonably cool.

Tennessee—Temperatures decided below normal. Sunshine above normal. Rainfall light, rain needed in some sections.

Missouri—Moderate temperatures with beneficial rains in central and eastern portions where the drouth was only partially relieved. Conditions generally improved.

Oklahoma—Weather favorable and conditions improving.

LITTLE GIRL DEAD FROM DRINKING CARBOLIC ACID.

Durham, July 29.—The four-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Wright, of West Durham, died this morning as a result of drinking carbolic acid last night. The child called for castoria and the mother directed her to the mantle, where the mistake was made, the child getting a bottle of the deadly acid instead. Physicians were called, but the young life was snuffed out in spite of their efforts. The parents of the bright little girl are prostrated with grief over the fatal mistake.

Louisiana's First Bale.

New Orleans, La., July 31.—The first bale of Louisiana's new crop of cotton was sold here to-day for 17 cents a pound. The bale weighed 570 pounds and was produced at Rayne, La. The cotton arrived nine days earlier in the season than the first bale of last year's crop.

MUST PAY FOR PAPER.

Court Holds That When a Subscriber Takes a Paper From the Office He Must Pay.

Taking a paper out of the post office makes the recipient liable for the bill. Dr. Austin, a Butler (Mo) publisher, sent his paper to Charles Burge. The latter paid for it twice and then refused to pay for it again. He said he ordered it stopped. But the court of appeals holds that mere acceptance of the paper created a liability. It added:

"The preparation and publication of a newspaper involves much mental and physical labor as well as an outlay of money. One who accepts the paper by continuously taking it from the post office receives a benefit and pleasure arising from labor and expenditure as fully as if he had appropriated any other product of another's labor, and by such act he must be held liable for the subscription price."

LEAVES MONEY TO CHURCHES.

Bulk of the Estate of D. P. Foust Willed to Orange Presbytery.

Greensboro, July 29.—The will of the late D. P. Foust, of this county, was filed for probate in the office of the clerk of the court here Thursday. The estate is valued at about \$125,000. The will is in the handwriting of the testator. The bulk of the property is left to the churches of Orange Presbytery. The income of property in Greensboro is left to Springwood Presbyterian church and \$3,000 in money is left for purposes of improvement. The income left to the church will be about \$300 annually. All of his bonds, railroad stock, bank stock goes to Orange presbytery, as does also his home place after the death of his wife and a ward.

MILL CREEK ITEMS.

Messrs. Cicero and Perry Barfield attended the union meeting of the Christian church at Dunn on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. W. W. Cole, of Smithfield, spent Sunday in this section with relatives.

Capt. W. N. Rose started enroute for the old Vet's reunion at Wilmington to-day, via Smithfield.

We regret to note the illness of Mr. Leon Westbrook.

This section was visited by a very timely rain July 31, as crops, especially corn, were greatly in need of it.

The young people of this and the adjoining communities were the recipients of a most delightful lawn party given by Miss India George, Saturday night July 29, in honor of Miss Florence Jernigan, of Benson. The principal feature of the occasion was a mental test, it being a three-minute view of forty articles and then a reproduction of the same from memory. The first prize offered was a dainty box of chocolates, which was awarded Mr. W. R. Strickland and Miss Florence Jernigan. The second prize was a baby doll and was awarded to Mr. J. T. Rose and Miss Bessie Warren. Cream, cake and watermelon were served. To sum up in round numbers, we can say it was the rarest thing of the whole season.

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Sanders' Chapel Meeting.

Rev. J. M. Daniel, pastor of Selma charge writes: "We closed a most excellent meeting at Sanders' Chapel, near Selma, N. C., Friday night. We had a large number of conversions and thirteen were added to the church. Brother Barnes, of Smithfield, assisted me, and his preaching was strong and effective. Bro. John H. Hall, Presiding Elder of the District, preached for us Monday and as usual fixed himself in the hearts of his hearers as a strong and deeply consecrated preacher. The charge is moving along well."—Raleigh Christian Advocate, August 3rd.

The earliest patent for any kind of a sewing contrivance was granted in England, June 24, 1755. The first complete sewing machine designed for general purposes was patented in the United States in September 10, 1846.

DROUGHT CLOSES OVER 150 MILLS

SOUTHERN POWER COMPANY SHUTS DOWN PLANT.

70,000 People In Idleness—It Is Thought That Mills Will Resume Operation in Two Days—Condition Serious.

Charlotte N. C., July 31.—As a climax to the unprecedented drought this section is experiencing 152 cotton mills in North and South Carolina shut down today because the water in Catawba river is so low that the Southern Power company cannot supply the plants with power.

It is estimated that 70,000 operatives are thrown out of employment. It is expected that work will be resumed in two days. It has been many weeks since rain of any consequence has fallen, and local weather bureau records show now a deficiency of 50 per cent. in precipitation for this section. Creeks which have not gone dry in 45 years are mud holes, and distress among the rural population dependent for water on wells is great. Mountain streams to the west, upon which many flouring mills, tanneries and cotton mills are dependent for power, have dwindled to mere brooks in some instances, and many enterprises have been forced to shut down. Crops in this immediate section are burning up in the fields. Many farmers in this and adjoining counties, despairing of a corn crop, have chopped down the young corn and are using it for feed; while the hot winds are playing havoc with cotton.

BENSON NEWS.

Benson, Aug. 3.—Mr. J. W. Whittenton left Wednesday morning for Richmond, Va., to attend the National Retail Jewelers' Association.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boon, little Miss Evelyn and Master Jos. Boon and Miss Meta Holder went to Raleigh Tuesday on Mr. Boon's touring car.

Rev. E. J. Rodgers left Saturday morning for Mt. Moriah, to attend the Union Meeting. From there he went to Parrish Memorial church, to conduct a series of meetings.

Several people from this section are taking advantage of the low rates to the meeting of Confederate Veterans at Wilmington this week.

A large number from in, and around, Benson are expecting to take in the excursion to Norfolk on the 9th.

Those who have been sick with fever, we are very glad to state, all are improving and we hope on the high road to recovery. No new cases have been reported within the last several days, and no more anticipated.

This is cleaning up week, and everybody is expected to thoroughly remove all germ-breeding causes from their premises.

Of those visiting in town recently, we note: Miss Pansy Fetter, of Hamlet; Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Hood, of Kenly; Mr. Bert Barefoot and Paul Johnson, of Four Oaks; Mr. Ed Gilliard and Misses Gertrude Jackson and Mary Bell, of Dunn; Mr. Harper Wilson, of Newton Grove; Messrs. E. L. and J. L. Hall and U. F. Wallace, of Fayetteville; Miss Madie Bell, of Morganton; and J. H. Massengill, of lower Johnston.

Of those away from town recently, we note: Miss Emily Canaday, at Four Oaks; Prof. Z. H. Rose, at Hamlet and Goldsboro; Mr. A. Parrish at Fayetteville; Misses Magie and Inez Jacobs at Selma; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Stewart in Eastern North Carolina; and Messrs. Rufus Smith and L. H. Johnson and Misses Mayme Howell and Lillian Edgerton at Dunn.

POLICE JUSTICE BADGER OF RALEIGH DIED SATURDAY.

Raleigh, July 29.—Police Justice Thomas Badger died this morning, aged 68 years. Mr. Badger had been ill for three months and had spent some time at Seven Springs in an effort to regain his health. He was a son of the Hon. George Badger, United States senator from North Carolina from 1846 to 1855 and secretary of the navy.