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FOUR OAKS NEWS NOTES.

City Fathers Order Election to Vote on Electric Light Proposition. Much Building Going on and Signs of Progress on Every Hand. Auto Party Has Narrow Escape at Black Creek Bridge. Oxford Orphanage Singing Class Coming. Members of E. Y. P. U. Entertaining. Other News.

Four Oaks, March 7.—D. H. Sanders Drug Company had the misfortune to lose a bottle of morphine Friday, estimated to be worth \$10.00. It was supposed to have been taken by a stranger (who had the appearance of a fiend) and who had been behind the prescription case a short while before the druggist discovered the loss. The suspect has not been located.

Mrs. O. E. Matthews and little son have returned to their home in Dillon, S. C., after spending some time with Mr. K. L. Barbour.

Mrs. B. B. Adams will leave Tuesday for a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Clem Boren in Greensboro.

Prof. Lapham, of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, filled the pulpit in the Methodist church here Sunday night. His discourse was both interesting and instructive. He is a forceful speaker and his always welcome in Four Oaks.

Miss Mabel Koffenderger, of Baltimore, who has accepted a position as milliner for J. W. Sanders & Company, arrived Wednesday. Miss Koffenderger is a charming young lady and comes highly recommended as a milliner.

Messrs. Dalton Lee and W. E. Barbour were in Raleigh on a business trip Wednesday.

At the regular monthly meeting of our City Fathers Monday evening, an election was ordered for the purpose of securing electric lights—one thing badly needed in Four Oaks.

Messrs. J. B. Creech and W. J. Lewis have returned from a buying trip to Baltimore. They also stopped over in Washington for the inauguration.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tucker, accompanied by Miss Onie Lewis, went to Wilson Sunday.

Attorney C. C. Lee, J. B. Adams and Nathan Cole attended Court in Smithfield last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Moore, of Benson, were visiting here Tuesday.

Chief Henry, Paul Lee, Willie Moore and Sheriff Ivey, of Benson, were here Thursday.

Mr. Ira W. Keen, of Austin-Stephenson Company, spent Sunday here with relatives.

Judge F. H. Brooks and Mr. E. P. Lore, County Surveyor, were in town a few days ago.

Miss Lauraine Joyner spent Sunday in Louisburg.

Attorney J. B. Adams has returned from Washington, where he witnessed the inauguration of our greatest President Woodrow Wilson, who, we trust, will guide the Nation's destiny as safely in the next four years as he has in the past four. Mr. Adams was the guest of Hon. E. W. Pough in the City.

Messrs. J. T. Cole, G. K. and Lester Massengill, Howard Canaday and Attorney C. C. Lee had a narrow escape from death Monday when the auto in which they were riding became stuck in that awful hole in the National Highway at the east end of Black Creek bridge, then coming out striking the end of the bridge, tearing off part of a section of railing and post and stopped—suspended—almost perfectly balanced. If Ingrams township had such a hill as Black Creek is at the place mentioned, we believe they would find some way to permanently fix it.

The Oxford Orphanage singing class will appear here Tuesday, March 13th, at School Auditorium. Let every one who enjoys good music come out.

Mr. W. S. Wilson, of Apex, is here in the interest of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, of Greensboro.

The members of the E. Y. P. U. of the Baptist church, entertained a number of their friends Friday evening from 8 to 11 o'clock, at the home of Mr. J. W. Sanders. Rev. R. M. Von Miller and daughter, Miss Adelaide, furnished music that was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. A very interesting contest was held in which Miss Katherine Hinton was declared winner, Mr. E. Gattis winning the Booby prize.

Among the building activities of the past month we note the following: Mr. Rhodes—a cottage; Mr. Ernest John-

son—a cottage, and Mr. A. H. Phelps, a residence on National Highway in South Four Oaks; Mr. Shade Lassiter is erecting a handsome residence on Baker Street; Mr. W. H. Tucker has completed a cottage in North Four Oaks that adds greatly to that part of town, who has as architect Mr. Kennedy, of Raleigh; Messrs. L. C. Barbour and W. H. Lee are erecting a Barber Shop and office next door to the Bank; Mr. G. K. Massengill has sold his old residence to Mr. Bert Barefoot and will erect several brick stores on the site in the near future; Mr. Barefoot will move the residence and rebuild; Mr. J. E. Parker is tearing down the Baker Hotel and will build a nice home there; Dr. J. H. Stanley has completed a cottage on Barbour Street; Mr. J. S. Stroup has laid the foundation for a nice residence on Baker Street. Business is increasing in proportion here daily, despite the high prices, and the town is building faster than at any time in its history.

THE NEWS IN SELMA.

Selma, March 8.—Mrs. P. A. Holland, of the Sanders Chapel section, is visiting friends and relatives in town.

Mr. W. P. Woodard has returned from a business trip to Lynchburg, Va.

Mrs. T. C. Jordan, of Smithfield, spent Wednesday with Mrs. W. T. Woodard.

And now it is W. W. Hare, Esq., who is all smiles; and just because it is a girl.

Wednesday night about 11 o'clock a negro, calling himself John Williams, broke in the door of Mr. H. P. Bailey's store, but seeing a man coming across the railroad ran around the store. The man happened to be our Chief of Police, Mr. Weeks, who hid behind a box car and awaited his return. The negro just went around the house and when Chief Weeks saw him coming called to him to halt. He started to run, but when Chief Weeks told him to stop or he would shoot, the negro thought it best to stop.

Wednesday a white man, Clem Brown, who lives about 5 miles north of Selma, went virtually insane. He was arrested and put in the lockup, after kicking two men, right seriously, who were assisting Chief Weeks.

Last Friday, March 2nd, in the Mayor's office, an examination of witnesses in the case of State against Everett Eason for shooting Harry Cook was had before R. E. Richardson, Mayor, sitting as a magistrate and C. A. Corbett, Esq. The evidence showed that Eason had been drinking during the afternoon, that he had bought a new gun and was quarrelsome. After the shot was fired he ran off in the direction of the Selma Cotton Mill.

The evidence of Mr. Price was that "I saw Eason Saturday night at L. George's store. He was drinking some. He was talking to one of the Syrians and said, 'I would like to get hold of you, I would break a rib out of you.' He had a gun. He had the gun behind him. Don't know where he went to at that time. Next saw him on the corner. Do not know who he was talking to then. Two other people were there besides the defendant. He then had his gun in his hands. He was not pointing the gun at any one. Next saw him talking to Goodrich. Saw Eason jump back and then heard the gun fire. No one near him except Cook. They were about 4 feet of each other. As Eason jumped back he had the gun in his hand."

Dr. Vick's evidence was that "I did not see defendant after the shooting. Saw the deceased about two minutes after he was shot—wound was calculated to produce death."

Dr. Noble's evidence was that "saw three men at the corner just as the gun shot. I went back to Cook as quick as I could—asked Cook who shot him. He said 'Everett Eason.' I did not hear defendant say anything. Cook told me about the shooting. Said that Eason said 'I am going to shoot you, you (using very vile language). I (Cook) pushed the gun around when he (Eason) jerked it back and shot me.'"

The evidence did not disclose any malice or reason for the shooting. Too much old booze seems to have been the cause of it all.

The other evidence was only corroborative of the above and its repetition is unnecessary.

Maxton has organized a Chamber of Commerce.

WANT A ROAD BOND ELECTION.

County Commissioners to Meet Tomorrow to consider the Petitions Asking for An Early Vote on the Question of a \$500,000 Bond Issue for Johnston County Roads.

The good roads advocates have been busy for the past two or three days circulating petitions asking the County Commissioners to call an election to be held in Johnston County in April, on the question of a six-hundred thousand dollar bond issue to build roads. The Commissioners are to meet tomorrow to consider the petitions.

The election is asked to be held under the new law for State Aid to road building and should the election be called and carried the county can borrow money from the State at the rate of 5 per cent interest and this rate of interest will liquidate the debt in forty-one years, without having to provide a sinking fund to care for the bonds.

Reading as Medicine.

Here is a suggestion for the victim of nervous insomnia—indeed, for the victim of any form of functional trouble:

If you are not now a lover of reading, try to develop a reading habit. In particular, make it a point to read a good book for a short time every evening, or have some one read to you.

You will find the effect of this both restful and strengthening. It will help insure to you a good night's sleep, will help you externalize your thoughts, and thus will be of positive value in promoting your return to nervous balance.

I say this in the light of actual results. The helpfulness of reading as medicine for tired nerves has been repeatedly demonstrated.

Particularly noteworthy is the experience of a friend of mine, the director of a sanatorium for the nervous. He is a man famed on two continents for his special knowledge of nervous disorders! For years it has been a rule with him to try to get his patients interested in reading.

Almost every evening he reads aloud to them himself. In the sanatorium's comfortable living room the patients gather round him, while, for perhaps three-quarters of an hour, he reads some book and comments on it.

One evening it will be a volume of essays, another evening poetry, another a book of humorous sketches, another a chapter from some classic in fiction. In all that he says about the books he reads, his great aim is to keep interest alive and stimulate his readers to think for themselves concerning what he is reading.

A few minutes are allowed for questions when the reading comes to an end. Then the patients go to bed, with their thoughts fixed pleasantly on something other than themselves.

Many of the patients who come to this sanatorium have never before thought much about anything except themselves. Not a few come with scarcely any knowledge of books beyond those read at school.

All this their doctor changes. He teaches them to love books. He opens their minds to the tranquilizing as well as invigorating power that is in reading wisely done.

Any nervous person, in his own home, can similarly make use of reading to help himself. He must, however, observe certain precautions.

He must not read too long at a single sitting. An hour, at most, is long enough for him. After that he should ponder quietly what he has just read.

Books of too exciting a character must be avoided. On the other hand, books treating of something in which the reader is quite uninterested must equally be avoided.

The one kind of book sets the mind working too fast. The other, by reason of its tediousness, has no influence to turn the patient's thoughts from his own nervous fears and worries.

Consequently, books of either kind are without medicinal value. Always this must be remembered by the nervous man or woman who would read as an aid in getting well.—H. Addington Bruce.

Statesville is planning to build a new flour mill, the fourth for that city. It will have a capacity of 500 barrels a day.

THE NEWS UP CLAYTON WAY.

Death of Mr. D. W. Barbour Brings Sadness to Entire Town. Revival to Begin at Methodist Church. Other Items of Local and Personal Interest to Our People.

Clayton, March 7.—Mr. Allen S. Smith, of Smithfield, was in town Tuesday afternoon on business.

Mr. Carl Parrish, of Wilson's Mills, was in town Sunday afternoon.

Miss Faye Barnes, of Kenly, spent the past week-end here the guest of Miss Duba Ellis.

Misses Thelma Barbour and Cleo Ellis, of Meredith, spent last Sunday here with their parents.

The many friends of Miss Mabel Gower regret very much to hear that on Tuesday of this week she was carried to the hospital at Richmond. Miss Gower has been in bad health for many years, but of late grew so much worse that they found it necessary to take her to the hospital. Dr. B. A. Hocutt, her physician, accompanied her. We hope that she will soon be able to return home very much improved.

Among those of our town who attended the inauguration at Washington Monday we note Messrs. P. C. Duncan, Hugh Ferrell and Raymond Poole; Misses Rosalie Pope and Lynette Porter.

Mr. Chas. Lindsay, who at this time is making his home in Lillington, is spending this week here with relatives.

A series of meetings will begin at the Methodist church the third Sunday in March and continue for ten days or two weeks. Rev. A. S. Stanford, of Hickory, will assist in these meetings. He comes to the people here highly recommended and it is hoped that great good may be done.

Miss Alma Hall is spending this week with friends in Raleigh.

Mrs. J. S. Buffaloe and daughter, of Garner; also Miss Rachel Penny, spent a few days last week here with relatives.

On Wednesday afternoon of this week, Mr. D. W. Barbour breathed his last. Mr. Barbour has been very ill for several months and gradually grew worse until the end. He was a member of the firm of J. G. Barbour & Sons. He leaves a wife and two daughters—Mrs. H. G. Pope and Mrs. Sam Fort—and three grandchildren to mourn their loss. Mr. Barbour will be greatly missed in this town, but his many friends join the family in their bereavement.

Mr. Clifford Gulley, of Raleigh, was in town Wednesday afternoon.

On Thursday of this week, Mr. Ransom Averitt goes to Wake Forest, representing the Mu Sigma Phi Literary Society of Clayton Graded School as declaimer. We hope Ransom abundant success and hope he will come back the winner.

Mr. J. W. Barnes returned Tuesday from Raleigh where he has been attending the Legislature.

Child Dies In Kenly.

Kenly, March 7.—The sympathy of the entire community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Hooks, who, Tuesday afternoon about three o'clock, suffered the loss of their beautiful little four-year-old daughter—Allie Inez. The funeral services were held in the Methodist church, of which Mr. and Mrs. Hooks are active members, Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock in the presence of a large circle of kindly disposed and sympathetic friends. The exercises were simple, beautiful, and impressive; the Reverend C. P. Jerome, pastor of the church, made a very impressive talk. The school children in the first, second and third grades, who were friends to the little girl, directed by Miss Rena Edgerton, and Mrs. E. L. Brickhouse, marched in a body to the church. Immediately after the services the corpse, accompanied by the family and many friends, was taken to Fremont and buried in the cemetery there. Mr. Hooks formerly lived in Fremont.

Kenly Girls Play First Game.

Kenly, March 7.—The first basket ball game that the girls of the Kenly school have played this season was played at Smithfield Wednesday afternoon. The game was spirited and interesting, and it was largely attended. The score was 19 to 7 in favor of Kenly. Miss Glayds Barnes Wallace, who teaches the fourth and fifth grades, is coach for the girls.

FEDERAL GRAND JURY'S WORK.

Many Indicted for Alleged Coal Trust. 118 Corporations and 71 Individuals Named Defendants.

One hundred and eighteen corporations and 71 individuals in the business of producing and selling coal were indicted in Washington Tuesday under the Sherman anti-trust law, two true bills being found by the Federal grand jury investigating the high cost of food and fuel, says a Press dispatch from the National Capital.

One hundred and eight corporations and 55 individuals are named in the first indictment and ten corporations and 16 individuals in the second.

Defendants in the first indictment are charged with participating in a combination among selling agents and producers of 22,000,000 out of 35,000,000 tons of coal produced annually, in certain districts of West Virginia and in western Virginia, arbitrarily to fix prices at which this coal is marked.

Defendants in the second indictment are charged with combining through nine mining companies producing 3,000,000 tons of coal in West Virginia and Virginia, and with a selling agent, arbitrarily to fix prices and to pool the proceeds of the sale.

HOPE FOR THE OFFICE BOY.

Theodore N. Vail Discusses the Rapid Rise of Ambitious Lads.

"If the things that go to make up success could be put before the American public in a plain, interesting way and it could be shown how it is in the power of every man to prepare for success just as other successful men prepared, the people would have a new and valuable idea," said Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. "It would disabuse many minds of the impression that the young man has no chance, no opportunity, that other people are pulling him down all the time."

"That is crass nonsense. At no time in history, no place in the world, have young men come to the front as in America today."

"In our own company nearly all the important officers are fellows who have come up from the ranks. Let me give you some idea of how they do it."

"When I returned to the telephone company in 1907 (after being away 20 years) I sent for one of the principals of the legal department. When he entered my office he said: 'I haven't seen you for a good while, Mr. Vail. You don't remember me. I was the office boy in your office. I studied stenography and law; then I got into the legal department, and now I am counsel of the company. That is one example.'

"Since I came back we have always had two or three office boys around. I would notice the particularly bright ones. Then I would miss one of them, and on asking where he had gone I would be told, 'He took up stenography and is now in the clerks' office.' Pretty soon I will send to the head of some department to get certain information. He will bring in a youth with the remark, 'This is the man who knows more about it than anyone else.' And I will recognize in the expert my old friend the ex-office boy. That is happening every week."

"These young men are not pushed forward. They get there themselves. They win their own way."

"We seldom appoint a man from the outside to a big position—only when we want a specialist. It is a rule of our organization to have an understudy ready for every position in the entire business; hence, nothing can happen to any individual that would hurt the company."—B. C. Forbes, in The American Magazine.

The Legislature appointed C. R. Brady a member of the Board of Education for Catawba County. He is the first Republican to serve on the Board in the county in a long time. His appointment was urged by many Democrats who believed that men of both parties should be on the Board. Mr. Brady is a leader in the educational progress of his section.

The grand jury has found a true bill against W. C. Nelson, the man who slew the two policemen at Tarboro Saturday. He will be put on trial in April.

AT THE CAPITAL OF BANNER.

Wesley Class of M. E. Church Holds Meeting. The Aid Society Plans for "White Sale." New Baptist Minister and Family Arrive in City. Dr. Manning Sent to Smithfield Jail. Other Items of Interest.

Benson, March 8.—A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hill last Friday morning.

Mrs. J. A. McLeod, of Lillington, left for her home last Sunday, after spending several days near here with relatives.

Mr. Jas. D. Lassiter, of Wilson's Mills, was a visitor to our city Monday. He came to bring his son who is in school here.

Mr. Bradley Johnson left yesterday for his home in Emporia, Va., after spending several days here with relatives.

Mr. Edgar Johnson, of Oxford, N. C., spent the day Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson.

Mr. Lynn Ryals, of Durham, and Mr. Joe Ryals, of Emporia, were here Sunday and Monday with their father, Mr. John Ryals, who is in feeble health.

Mr. Willie Woodall, of the firm of Rose & Company, spent a few days in Richmond recently on business for his firm.

Mr. James Raynor went up to Durham yesterday on business. He will return today.

Mr. W. W. Cole, of Smithfield, was a visitor to Benson Monday afternoon on business.

Miss Eva Smith, of Coats, arrived Tuesday and will spend a few days here with relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. W. Holmes and children, of Farmville, left Wednesday, after spending a few days here at the home of Mayor Britt.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Collins returned yesterday from Atlanta, where they went on their honeymoon.

Mr. L. H. Champion, of Clayton, was a visitor to our city for a few hours yesterday.

Mr. Robert C. Barbour, of Elevation township, spent the day here yesterday at the home of his son, Mr. O. A. Barbour, who has been sick for the past ten days.

Mr. N. T. Ryals and Mr. Claud Canaday went up to Smithfield yesterday to attend the Recorder's Court.

Deputy Collector Stell, of Raleigh, is here today in the interest of the Revenue Department.

Mr. Jake Wheeler has moved in the store recently vacated by the surles Mercantile Company on Main Street.

Dr. Manning was arrested here Monday night for carrying a concealed weapon and he is now in Smithfield jail awaiting trial next week.

Mr. Willie Ryals, of Princeton, was a visitor to our city the first of the week.

Deputy Sheriff Ogburn, of Smithfield, was in the city on business matters yesterday.

Messrs. Dalton Lee and Tom Canaday, of Four Oaks, are in the city today on business.

Miss Maude Edmonds, of Baltimore, has arrived and will be with the C. T. Johnson Millinery Company this season.

Rev. G. W. Rollins and family arrived the first of the week and will make their home here for some time. Mr. Rollins is pastor of the Baptist church here and we gladly welcome them to our city.

The Aid Society of the Methodist church met Wednesday afternoon at the home of its President, Mrs. Chas. Johnson. At the meeting plans for the "White Sale", which is to be held next week, were about completed.

The Ladies Wesley Class of the M. E. Church held a social and business meeting with its President, Miss Vallie Hill, Tuesday evening of this week. The subject for the devotional part of the meeting was "Prayer." Roll call was responded to with Scripture verses on prayer and Miss Reece read the 16th Chapter of Matthew, which was followed by prayer. The reports from standing committees were then read and other business disposed of, after which the social part of the meeting took place. Tosti's "Goodbye" was sung by Mrs. J. R. Barbour, and Miss Bertha Johnson rendered a piano selection. The hostess then conducted an interesting Bible contest in which Miss Bertha Johnson won the prize. After being served with delightful refreshments the class departed hoping to be with Miss Hill again soon.