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MASSEY-BARBER WEDDING PRETTY

Nuptials Solemnized at Home of the Bride's Parents Not Far from Smithfield

The home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. Horace M. Barber, who live near Clayton, was the scene of a lovely wedding Saturday afternoon when their daughter, Miss Christine, became the bride of Mr. Clyde A. Massey of Weldon. Only relatives and a few friends were present.

Decorations of autumn leaves and golden rod made a lovely setting for the interesting event, an improvised altar of autumn flowers and foliage being a part of the arrangement. Lighted candles were used effectively.

Preceding the marriage, a short musical program was rendered by Miss Birdie Parkham of Goldsboro, at the piano, and Mr. Graham Prince, of Raleigh, violinist. The strains of the wedding march announced the arrival of the wedding party, Miss Ethel Barbour of this city entering the room first. Miss Barber was becomingly attired in brown georgette crepe and carried an arm bouquet of American Beauty roses. Following her came the ring bearer, daintily dressed in pink organdie and carrying the ring in the heart of a white rose. The bride wearing a handsome going away gown of dark blue pique with gay accessories, and carrying a shower bouquet of valley lillies and roses, then entered on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage. She was met at the altar by the bridegroom, who was attended by Mr. Roy Poole of Raleigh. Rev. D. H. Tuttle, pastor of the Methodist church of this city, performed the impressive ring ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Massey left immediately for a motor trip to northern points after which they will be at home in Weldon.

The bride, who is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Barber, is a popular young woman with many friends who wish her much happiness. She graduated at the graded school in this city after which she attended Peace Institute.

Mr. Massey, formerly of Raleigh, is assistant district manager of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company at Weldon. He possesses business ability and sterling traits of character which win for him friends wherever he goes.

Among the guests from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. McGruder, Mr. and Mrs. Harriss, Mr. Tew and Miss Sallie Massey of Raleigh.

HERTFORD COUNTY AGENTS TO BE RETAINED

The following clipping from the Greensboro Daily Record reminds us very much of what happened several months ago in Johnston County when the discontinuance of the Home Demonstration work was threatened. It proved that folks all over the state are realizing the value of the Home and Farm agents.

Ahoskie, Oct. 3.—Hertford county farmers will take no chances with the boll weevil next year, if it is possible to secure a county demonstration agent who knows how to fight the ravager of cotton fields.

That much was definitely decided at Winton, when the county commissioners held their regular session. A delegation, some 25 strong, representing the best "dirt" farmers from all sections of the county, appeared before the board to ask for a continuance of demonstration work, and said they wanted an agent at whatever cost necessary to secure the best in the business.

The commissioners, among whom were two or three who had previously voiced opposition to the work, voted unanimously to continue the appropriation in the county, increasing the monthly stipend for his services from \$600 to \$1000 per year on a three-way proposition with state and federal departments of agriculture.

The word had gone out that the commissioners were going to discontinue the appropriation for the work, and, in fact, at the September meeting, when resignation of H. L.

DURHAM LEADS IN MONEY SPENT ON SCHOOLS

The current educational expenses per pupil, varied widely in North Carolina public schools in 1921-22, the expenses in some counties being nearly three times those of other counties, according to a table of financial statistics relative to public education in this State compiled by George Howard, Jr., of the State Department of Education. The statistics compiled in pamphlets which will be mailed tomorrow to county school superintendents and other educational officials throughout the State, according to an official announcement.

With \$51.58, Durham county had the highest per pupil, current expense for the year 1921-22 of all the 100 counties in North Carolina, according to Mr. Howard's figures, while Brunswick had the lowest with a per current expense of \$15.65.

Included in "current expenses" are costs of administration, operation, maintenance, teaching and supervision. Costs of new equipment and permanent improvements are not included.—News and Observer.

The amount spent by Johnston County for current expenses for each pupil in averaged daily attendance 1921-22 as announced by Mr. Howard was \$25.53.

Don't Compromise Your Automobile

The Greensboro Daily News in an editorial the other day referred to the fact that on a night recently a group of girls on their way back to college from attending services down town were insulted several times—17 if we remember correctly—in walking only a few blocks by young puppies who drew up to the sidewalk in autos and invited the girls to go to ride. The News rightly considers that a disgrace to the town. If every head of a family who owns an automobile would take the attitude of at least one Lumberton man about whom we happen to have heard there would be less of that sort of thing. This particular man will not allow his auto to be used at night by young members of his family unless he or their mother is with them. He says he is not going to allow his automobile to be compromised by being used for night riding when he does not know where it is or who may be riding in it. Stories of disgraceful practices about every town would not be so common if every automobile-owning head of a family would take that attitude.—The Lumberton Robsonian.

Miller, present demonstrator was in for consideration, the commissioners made no provision to secure a successor, telling the district agent that there was not a chance. Since that time the demand has grown strong for the continuance of the work and it came to a head with the delegation filing into the commission room immediately after the board had convened.

While the delegation was inside, another small army composed of the club women and girls of the county were waiting on the outside, and sent word by the sheriff asking a hearing from the commissioners. The work of the home agent had also been threatened. In all, it took only about 15 minutes for both delegations to convince the commissioners that Hertford county folks wanted demonstration work to continue. Appropriations were quickly made for both agents for another year. Miss Myrtle Swindell, the popular and efficient home agent, was receiving congratulations after the successful consummation of the work of the delegation asking for her return.

Death Of J. B. Batten

Last Saturday night just after the sun had gone down God sent his Angel to take my father home. He had been sick for a year or more but only confined to his bed seven weeks. His suffering was great but he bore it with patience to the end.

All was done for him that a good wife, kind friends, and good physicians could do but none could stay the icy hand of death. He was taken to the hospital at Wilson the third of September and stayed five days, but did not get any better. He grew

RECENT NEWS OF STATE AND NATION

Items of Interest Told in Condensed Paragraphs For Our Readers

High Point suffered a \$75,000 fire Thursday night when the factory of the Ideal Table Company was burned. The loss was partly covered by insurance.

Fire swept the business section of Blowing Rock Wednesday night. An entire block of business houses was destroyed. The fire which started about eleven o'clock was thought to have been started by rats gnawing matches. The postoffice was among the buildings burned.

An Asheville man, John H. Pleasants, walked into an undertaking establishment in Los Angeles, Cal., Wednesday, while a funeral was in progress, and shot himself in the head. He died an hour later.

Work at North Carolina College For Women was halted Friday to do honor to the memory of Charles Duncan McIver, and the faithful few who founded the college. More than 1,400 college girls took part in the ceremonies. Josephus Daniels was the principal speaker of the occasion.

According to figures of the Interstate Commerce Commission, railroads were employing during July, 1,954,687 workers, almost 500,000 more than they employed during the same month a year ago. A slight increase in earning rates was also reported.

The North Carolina Daughters of the Confederacy held their annual convention in Greensboro last week. Mrs. R. Philip Holt of Rocky Mount, was re-elected president of the organization.

Mrs. J. J. Farriss is to edit and manage the High Point News, a weekly publication, owned by her husband, who died suddenly in High Point a few days ago. Mr. Farriss was a well known newspaper man and will be missed at the semi-annual meetings of the N. C. Press Association. Mr. Farriss was president of the Association in 1911-12.

Kings Mountain celebrated last Saturday the anniversary of the battle for American independence fought there 143 years ago. Senator Royal S. Copeland of New York was the principal speaker, though there was a notable array of men and women on the program. It was estimated that 10,000 persons heard the speaking, while that many more thronged the town.

Governor Morrison has ordered all troops at Spruce Spine, to be withdrawn, the race trouble which has existed there for the past ten days to be sufficiently subsided. The troops had been on duty for eight days.

Sharp advances in the stock market were the subject of favorable comment last week and particularly the advances in grain prices. Cash corn in Chicago sold at the highest price in three years. December wheat set a new high for that crop and commanded at least ten cents more than the price of two months ago.

The deceased was a son of Robert Batten. He was born April 11, 1859 and died September 22, 1923, making his stay on earth 54 years, 5 months and eleven days. He joined the Primitive Baptist church at Creech's when he was twenty-seven years old and remained a faithful member until he died.

He was married to Lou Sinda Creech October 1, 1890. To this union were born fifteen children. He leaves to mourn his loss a broken hearted wife, fourteen children, two sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

He was laid to rest in the family burying ground near his home Sunday afternoon. Beautiful flowers covered the grave.

Written by a daughter.
ELGIA BATTEN.

COUNTY MEETING HELD AT BENSON

Splendid Program But Few of the Churches Represented District Sec. Present

Friday morning at ten o'clock in the Methodist church in Benson a group of missionary workers met in the interest of county-wide missions. Quite a number of pastors were in evidence, setting forth the goal which they are striving "A Missionary Society in Every Church" was the outstanding goal. Mrs. E. I. Poole, the chairman of the county work, opened the meeting with the song, "Publish Unto Tidings." Miss Wilhelmina Utley presided at the piano. Rev. E. M. Hall, the pastor, read the Scripture lesson and offered prayer.

Mrs. Poole then announced the object of the meeting, stating that she wanted every one to feel free and make it an informal meeting. A permanent secretary was elected, Mrs. C. V. Johnson. Mrs. W. T. Martin gave a warm welcome to all to which Mrs. Poole responded in place of Miss Margaret Etheridge, of Selma, who could not be there. Miss Vara Herring, of Raleigh, the district secretary, made a few remarks, stressing the wonderful opportunities of extending mission work, that each well-organized Auxiliary should have a definite work and should come together at these meetings to tell of the problems and exchange ideas and plans with the great aim of the salvation of souls.

Mrs. Poole's plan to elect a chairman from each circuit that she might organize that circuit was approved, but could not be carried out on account of the failure to have representatives from the circuits at this meeting. These facts were brought out by Mrs. Poole: That the North Carolina Conference is a mission field. There are 763 church buildings, only 240 adult Auxiliaries. There are twenty Methodist churches in our county, only six organized societies. Every church needs a live society. The home base needs strengthening and enlargement. This challenge is to us. There are 64 counties, all have similar conditions. "The harvest is ripe" where are the laborers?

Mrs. J. D. Spiers gave a splendid story of how hindrances may be overcome. It was the experience of one whose heart longed for the things worth while. She informed herself and then by tact and determination she brought about the desire of her heart and a great change took place in the lives of her friends and the community.

Mrs. J. J. Broadhurst explained what is meant by Social Service work bringing out the different phases of operations to carry on this work.

The Bennett Memorial Fund was commented on by Miss Herring, stating that our district would bring up its quota. The location has been decided on. It will be at Nashville, Tenn.

Special music which was greatly enjoyed was rendered at intervals in the meeting by Miss Mildred Parrish, a solo, "Jesus, Lover of my Soul"; Mrs. E. M. Hall, a solo, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"; and Mrs. Hall and Miss Boone a duet, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory."

A delicious dinner was served by the ladies at the church after which Rev. D. H. Tuttle gave a talk on "What a Missionary Society Means to a Church." He told of many benefits. Through missions and Bible study voice and Advocate information is spread. A good live Auxiliary is "a bureau of missionary information." Prayer was the keynote to his talk, the God-appointed means of accomplishing great things.

A round table discussion followed Miss Herring, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Boone, Mrs. Wilson and others taking part. Subject: How to Interest the Uninterested.

The time for the next meeting will be the third week in January. The place has not yet been selected. A rising vote of thanks was given for the cordiality and kind hospitality of the Benson ladies.

After singing "One More Day's Work for Jesus," and prayer by Rev. D. H. Tuttle, the meeting adjourned.

KENLY FAIR PASSES OFF WELL

Thursday, Oct. 4, the first of the Community Fairs in the County was held at Kenly. Owing to a misunderstanding as to where the fair would be held, the crowd was perhaps not so large as usual but the exhibits were good and every thing passed off well. The basement of the school building has formerly been used for the fair, but school rooms are now being fitted up there, and this work now in progress made it necessary to have the fair elsewhere. It was finally decided to hold it on the school grounds and evidently the weatherman approved, for the day was perfect.

A splendid display of all kinds of products was shown, the cutflowers, garden produce, and canned goods being especially noticeable. About \$70 was given away as prizes. Mr. N. B. Stevens, county farm agent, who is working on a county exhibit for the State Fair, was present and lined some produce to carry to Raleigh. The County Home Agent, Miss Garrison and Dr. R. J. Noble, president of the Johnston County Agricultural Society were also among those in attendance.

Death Of Mr. S. A. Hartley

It is with a sad heart that I attempt to write of the death of my dear father, Mr. Sam Allen Hartley.

On Wednesday night about midnight, September 19th, mama was awakened by papa making a strange noise and she arose to see what was the matter with him, but it was not long before she knew that he was not well, and before medical aid could reach him he was gone.

Oh, how hard it is to part from those we love, but the Lord knows best, and we have to bow to His will. Papa was a man who wore his heart on his sleeve, and to know him was to love him. He was liked for his jovial and generous way. He seldom passed anyone without some jolly remark. When I would go home on a visit, papa always met me with a smile and kiss. Although he will not meet me on this earth any more, I know that some day he will meet me above with the same smile and kiss.

He was laid to rest in the Baptist Center cemetery near his home in Clayton township on Friday afternoon, September 21st, amid a large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends. He is survived by a wife and several children. As we left his grave we felt that his going would lead us to live better lives, for we know not when our call shall come. A dear one from us has gone, A voice we loved is still; A place is vacant in our home That never can be filled.

Written by a loving daughter,
MRS. R. A. JOYNER.
Four Oaks, October 8th.

THE PRESIDENTS WHEAT PLAN

Sends Meyer and Mondell Into Northwest To Form Market Association

Washington, Oct. 3.—President Coolidge today set in motion a plan designed to ameliorate agricultural depression. He designated Managing Director Meyer and Director Mondell of the War Finance Corporation, to proceed into the North west immediately to assist in the formation of cooperative marketing associations, promotion of which the President believes will result in direct benefit.

Meanwhile Mr. Coolidge and his Cabinet are seeking to devise additional remedies.

Directors of the Finance Corporation began at once the formulation of a program and itinerary for their tour. It was stated that Mr. Meyer and Mr. Mondell, together with a representative of the Department of Agriculture experienced in cooperative association work, would visit the Dakotas, Minnesota, Montana and probably Nebraska and other wheat-growing districts.

The directors, familiar with the cooperative methods in use among tobacco, rice and cotton growers of the South and fruit growers of California, will carry detailed plans for organization into every section visited. They also will give assurance to the (Continued on page 6)

FOUR OAKS M. E. CHURCH DEDICATE

Bishop Denny Delivers Masterful Sermon; Hold Afternoon Service

Four Oaks M E Church—b
Sunday was a memorable day with the Four Oaks Methodist church, this being the occasion of the dedication of the handsome new building just erected. By eleven o'clock the main part of the auditorium was filled and a number in the balcony to hear Bishop Collins Denny of Richmond, Va., who preached the dedicatory sermon. Good music characterized the opening worship period, Mrs. E. M. Hall of Benson, singing an appropriate solo.

Bishop Denny recited a portion of scripture concerning Paul, as a basis for his discourse, the life of Paul being the theme for the occasion. An adequate review of his sermon would be well nigh impossible for such a masterpiece would inevitably lose in being retold. He portrayed Paul as a debator and showed how he endeavored to pay the debt which he owed.

At the close of the morning service, a sumptuous dinner was served in the church basement.

At three o'clock, Rev. A. W. Plyler, Editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate of Greensboro preached, and at the evening hour, the sermon was delivered by Rev. J. C. Wooten, presiding Elder of the Raleigh District. Quite a number of visitors from nearby towns were present Sunday to enjoy these services.

Rev. J. A. Russell, has been pastor of the Four Oaks church for two years and the work there has had a splendid growth. Perhaps the building of this \$30,000 house has been the least of his achievements, for numbers have been added to the church and the spiritual life of his congregation has been deepened.

PLOWING UP COTTON STALKS DEPRIVES WEEVIL FALL FOOD

Raleigh, Oct. 1.—The reward for ripping up or plowing under the green cotton stalks immediately after picking cotton and before the plants are killed by frost is an increased cotton crop next year, believes W. Bruce Mabee who does extension work in boll weevil control for the State College and Department of Agriculture. Mr. Mabee has just returned to Raleigh from his field headquarters at Dunn, where he worked with the planters in that section this year. His observations, therefore, are based on considerable experience with the weevils out in the fields.

"There are two reasons for plowing under the cotton stalks," says Mr. Mabee. "The first of these is that the practice destroys a large number of young and immature weevils to be found now in the young bolls and squares still remaining on the stalks. Were these weevils permitted to mature and feed they would better withstand the winter than the older generation.

"The second reason is that plowing under the stalks removes the weevils' food thus making a longer period from the time of their last square meal in the fall until their first meal in the spring. Many of the insects therefore die during the winter."

Mr. Mabee stresses the point that this protective measure is only effective when the stalks are plowed under before they die naturally and that its effectiveness is in proportion to the length of time the stalks are plowed under before frost. In a recent letter addressed to the cotton growers of eastern Carolina, Mr. Mabee urges the growers to pick out their cotton and turn under the stalks.

College workers point out that this practice also offers an opportunity to sow some fall crops for improving the soil and for small grain.

Farmers of eastern Carolina have seeded 7,550 acres of permanent pastures during the last two years as a direct result of the campaigns put on in this section during that time.