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MYSTERY STILL SHROUDS GAINNEY CASE.

It is reliably reported here that the citizens of both Johnston and Sampson counties living near the place of the burning of young Hubert Gainney during the latter part of March are deeply interested in the young man's cause and are determined that the ones guilty of this cruel outrage shall be prosecuted.

This crime judged from such reports as we have been able to gather has far less mitigating circumstances about it than the Needleman case in Martin county which created such state-wide interest from the day of its consummation to the day its perpetrators were safely lodged behind the gate of the state prison. Although exonerated at trial, Needleman was indiscreet in that he talked too much about a woman who was apparently engaged to another man.

But here we have the story of a young man who has committed no offense at all but who, despite this fact, was assaulted in a most shameful manner, stripped of all his clothing, thrust and held into a burning stump-hole until he lost consciousness, and then deserted by his assailants and left in the dark in the woods to his fate. By sheer force of his youthful strength he made his escape alone from the burning stump and rambled the burnt woods in a nude condition until the coming of dawn enabled him to find his way to the home of a negro woman where first aid could be administered.

This is not the end of the story. Ever since his terrible mutilation he has been confined to his bed. He is now in a hospital in Dunn slowly recovering. The entire left half of his chest extending as far as the waist line is entirely void of skin and the muscles of the right arm are so badly burned that he is unable to move the left arm without the aid of the right.

The interest that the people in the community where this crime was committed in trying to ferret out the facts in this case in order that the guilty ones may be tried and punished according to law, is most commendable. The crime is serious enough to justify the state in joining hands with the local citizens in their baffling attempt to find convicting evidence against the mutilators of this young man.

FACTS AND COMMENTS

Roger W. Babson, widely known expert on business conditions, says that business is at present time normal. A year ago it was seven per cent below normal. The first of this year it was one per cent above normal. To the people in this section all this sounds too optimistic, but Babson is in the habit of getting straight before he talks. In fact, getting facts together is his regular line of business and that is what he makes his money from. What he says is entitled to respect.

In Asheville 700 carpenters have gone on strike for an increase in wages from 87 1/2 cents an hour to \$1.00 an hour. This indicates that Asheville has a building boom. Carpenters would have no chance of winning in a strike for higher wages unless there was a great deal of work for them there. And by the way, the number of the carpenters in the union there is surprisingly large. Seven hundred carpenters kept busy can do a great deal of building in a year. As a matter of fact, that whole section of North Carolina is developing very rapidly. Some of the people up there think that the western part of the state is in for the same sort of phenomenal development that has

been going on in southern California and in Florida.

State Senator Foil of Cabarrus gives notice of his intention to push a movement to have the next Legislature of North Carolina to pass a law making the teaching of the Bible in the public schools compulsory. His idea seems to be that the Bible should be a part of the daily work of the student just as arithmetic or reading.

The idea is absolutely impractical. It is possible that some method may be found whereby the Bible can be taught on a voluntary basis to the pupils who want it. A few high schools in the country are now experimenting with various methods. So far no plan seems to have shown up very satisfactorily. However, the movement is new and some feasible plan may be worked out yet.

But to compel all students to take Bible as a part of the regular daily school work is on the face of it absolutely unworkable. Imagine a Methodist teacher instructing a class in which are Baptists, Primitive Baptists, Episcopalians, etc. Maybe it will be suggested that Baptist children should be grouped together so that they could be taught the Bible according to the proper Baptist doctrine, the Methodists in another group, and so on. This would soon be nothing but a big joke. It would also be mixing church and state, a violation of a fundamental American principle of government.

T. H. F.



WANTS MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ROAD MATTER

Editor The Herald:

Please allow me the privilege to ask you to give us a further account of the action of our Board of County Commissioners in regard to the Rim Road election. The people in general do not like to be ignored entirely and ruled by a few, and it seems that something is not entirely satisfactory about this matter.

According to your account of the matter last week a majority of 34 or 39 voted right in the presence of the board itself, favoring calling the election, and a very few words have been said about the numbers of signers on petitions before them. In fact it looks like the board has hid the petitions or has not come out in the open with a statement as to the majority on them. We want to know the majority on the petitions, and then if the majority shall rule we want to know why they refuse to call an election for a county-wide road system.

You may publish this article if you desire, and under it give a plain statement of the number on those petitions.

L. H. STEPHENSON,
Willow Springs, N. C., Route 1.
May 11th.
Note—The clerk to the Board of

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County Commissioners informs us that final action in this road matter has not been taken. We shall endeavor to give the public all the information we can get on the subject when the board shall meet again.—Editor.

ABOUT ROADS AND SCHOOLS

To the Editor of The Herald:

Please allow me space in your paper to write on a few topics concerning the welfare of Johnston county as I see it. This is the first series on general topics as I spoke of in my local letter.

I am going to take up two important subjects as to Johnston county needs help by the citizens as a whole—not a local unit but a county unit.

Chapter 1. My subjects are better roads and better schools. Now, my idea may not meet with everybody as a whole but we understand there are two sides to everything and sometimes seven sides. Now, I think it's better for us to differ on many subjects for this reason. If we agreed on everything why we would not even get good results out of anything at all.

Now haven't we got to have good roads before we can ever expect to have good schools? Now please bear with me for just a moment. Doesn't the county people bear all the expense of running our government? That being the case, why could we not get on some basis to better the conditions of both county and town? I consider what is good for the county is good for the town as a whole. Now suppose there were a good road leading out of every town for about four different ways that would come in touch with about every backwood section in the whole county.

Chapter 2. Now I will give my views as to the county unit as to the Rim Road. Why would it not benefit the whole county, and why should not the people of the whole county come in and help bear the expense of building such a road? Have you ever given one thought as to the people way back in the back county were helping pay all the town taxes as well as we fellows right around town, and it takes them all day to haul one load where we can haul as many as five or six a day, and why can't you see the good in a circuit road leading all around the county connecting up with the main highways?

Now, we'll take up Pleasant Grove township first. Now suppose we lived eight or ten miles northwest of Benson, and wanted to go to Smithfield which was 18 miles direct route, but was 24 or 26 miles by the route of Benson. Now, wouldn't it be much cheaper and better to come 8 or 10 miles to Benson and strike a hard surface road than to travel on the

eighteen miles common road leading direct to Smithfield, and wouldn't Smithfield be benefitted as well as Benson or any other section in the county, which would be in the same position?

Now we are aware that there are not many miles of good roads in Johnston county, and they just around a few towns, and we will have to raise the tax rate and the county townships will have to do likewise and then we can't have very good roads without some help from the townships that have towns and railroads to get taxes from, and those townships helping keep up the towns and railroads and not getting any benefit from either. Now I think the county commissioners should let the people thoroughly understand this road question and then grant an elector to hold an election and the people not understand the matter would be putting the county to great expense for nothing. But there can be an election held without very much expense and don't think there would be any kick. That would be to hold an election on the same old register. It would not cost over \$300.00 to hold an election and use the register, cost of printing too.

Chapter 3. Now, I will take up the question, someone has muddied the water and we can't see how deep the mud hole is. It's bad to tell which is the worst condition the road or school problems. Here we are divided very badly and see-sawing every way and getting nowhere. Now we all should know that we can't all go to the town school, and we need some high schools in the larger sections of the country. But how can they build high schools in the country let alone maintain them without some outside help. They have no town or railroad to derive any revenue from.

Now, unless the public gets near together in trying to solve our school problem, why will we never get anywhere. Now, how are some of the country people going to send their children to the town schools from the first grade on up? Now, can the country people attend eight or nine months school and make and house a crop, and furthermore can a child take an education faster than it grows up? Don't you consider there is something besides book knowledge to education? Now, you can be taught anything in the world as to books and not be worth very much to yourself or anybody else either. My theory is that a person has forty years to become old enough to have good sense. Therefore I say a person should not take a thoroughly graduate course before he reaches the age of forty.

Now, what is the use to destroy the child's mental powers to educate

it so much faster than it develops itself. Please bear with me for just a little. Have you ever seen anything that there was much interest taken in that wasn't run to the extreme, let it be what it may.

Now, here is one item that I am not going to say very much about at the present, and that is the school trucks. If the patrons of the school trucks want to send to school their children on the truck, why let them furnish them and pay the expense of operating them also. I say there are enough Fords in any community for everybody who wants to go to the big school and save thousands of dollars of our public school funds.

Chapter 4. Now, as to our school situation as a whole. There will have to be some means as to taking care of our small country districts and the large ones as well as small ones. Now have you ever given it a thought that way back in the back country that those people back there are helping to keep up the railroads and towns and not getting one cent taxes back to help build roads and maintain schools, or do they get anything out of auto-truck license taxes either.

The whole county should pay a special tax for schools and roads, and let it be spent where needed worse.

I will continue this article later.
R. L. FLOWERS

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY AT METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday the Methodist church observed Sunday School Day by giving an appropriate program at the eleven o'clock hour. The program was participated in by every department of the Sunday school. An offering was made for needy Sunday schools. At the evening hour, Rev. Mr. Kale, of Duke University, preached in the absence of the pastor, Rev. A. J. Parker, who has been confined to his bed the past week. Mr. Parker is improving and expects to be able to hold regular services next Sunday.

REV. M. F. HAM TO ADDRESS BARACA-PHILATHEAS

Raleigh, May 18.—John D. Berry, general chairman of the local convention committee, announces that Rev. M. F. Ham, noted evangelist, has consented to preach to the Baraca-

Philathea convention in session here Friday afternoon, June 12th, at the City Auditorium. This will be the Silver Jubilee of the Baraca movement in North Carolina and extensive preparations for the entertainment of the delegates are being made. The Tabernacle Baptist church will be host to convention of the Baracas and their sisters, the Philatheas, who are working hand in hand with them in promoting one of the greatest religious movements of modern times. The meeting will be in session from June 11th to 14th.

ARCHER LODGE SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

May 22-26, 1925

Primary Night Friday 8 P. M.
Song of Welcome—Sweet Springtime—Third grade.
Tom Thumb Wedding—Second grade.

Japanese Drill—Third grade.
Operetta—Mother Goose Island—First grade.

Sunday 11 a. m.
Sermon—Dr. J. T. Gibbs, Warren-ton.

Grammar School Monday 8 p. m.
Quartette—Shadows of Evening—Ruby Moore, Aldie Barnes, Bessie Murphery and Vena Phillips.
Merry Gipsy Band song and drill—Flag Drill.

Play—Not a Man in the House.
A Song of Home.

Tuesday, 11 o'clock
Address—Dr. Hubert Poteat, Wake Forest.

Song—Call of Summer—7th grade.
Presentation of Certificates and Prizes—Miss Mary E. Wells, Smithfield.

Tuesday 1 p. m.
Picnic Dinner.

Tuesday, 8 p. m.
3 one-act plays by Junior high school grades: 1. The Black Rooster; 2. Gainus and Gainus, Jr.; The Revolt.

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