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ODD DEATH OF UNKNOWN MAN

Body Found By Railroad Track Near Four Oaks Causes Suspicion of Foul Play.

JURY TO SIT AGAIN

Efforts to identify a white man whose body was found along side the Atlantic Coast Line track near Four Oaks last Tuesday have not been successful...

Information as to the broken window and drunkenness on the train was furnished by the superintendent of the first division of the Coast Line in the form of a telegram to Agent Jordan of Four Oaks.

The body was picked up by the crew of an extra freight going North a short while after No. 83 went South, and on Solicitor Parker's suggestion...

There were no letters or papers to indicate the name of the man. In one of the pockets was \$56.20 in money and a ticket to Miami, Fla., purchased in Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 21.

Mrs. Elsie Snipes Over Radio Friends of Mrs. Elsie Snipes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Holt, of Princeton, will be interested to know that she has been broadcasting in several piano solos over the radio from WRVA, Richmond, Mrs. Snipes is a student in the advanced piano department of the Richmond Conservatory of Music and a pupil of the director, Francis Eugene Cosby.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS



People gittin' so mean dese days till dey sets steal traps in 'tatah hills.

DR. WELLONS WILL PREACH HIS 100TH ANNIVERSARY SERMON AT SCHOOL HE HELPED CREATE



By JOHN G. DICKSON In Charlotte Observer

Greensboro, Nov. 28.—Rev. J. W. Wellons, D. D., oldest Mason in North Carolina and chaplain of the Masonic and Eastern Star home at Greensboro, will be 100 years of age on January 1, 1926. It is his intention to preach his anniversary sermon on that day at Elon college, the Christian institution which he helped to found.

Doctor Wellons is still active in spite of his great age. He continues to look after the spiritual welfare of the inmates of the home, and to preach occasionally. His voice is still strong and his pronunciation is good.

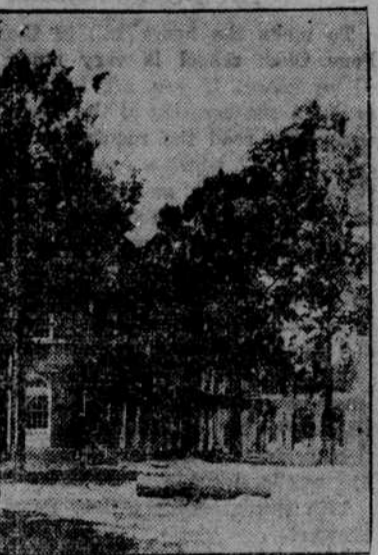
It is Doctor Wellons' ambition to preach this last sermon at Elon, for which institution he is animated by a strong and everlasting love. He strove mightily for Elon when the Christian church was establishing it.

When the college lost some buildings by fire several years ago he was a strong supporter of the movement to supplant the demolished structures with great modern buildings—not only to replace them, but to provide for the expansion of this educational institution.

Christian education has ever been a cardinal principle with Doctor Wellons. There must be education, he holds, that religious training should go with it. Education, he says, must have the force of Christianity behind it, in order that trained men and women may work for the betterment of the world.

He was still ill when the civil war came on and nearly all of the preachers left Suffolk. One day General Mansfield sent for him and suggested that he move his brother's family and himself to other quarters. But the minister refused to go.

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Rev. J. W. Wellons, who will be one hundred years old on January 1, and Whitley Memorial Hall, in which he will preach his anniversary sermon on that date. Dr. Wellons was one of the founders of Elon college.

Local Auctioneer Gets 'Written Up'

Samuel T. Honeycutt Knocked From Wagon When Mule Takes Flight At Sale.

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—"Eighty-two and a half, make it 83?" Samuel Taylor Honeycutt, star first baseman and catcher on the university baseball team 30 years ago, caught himself saying yesterday as he woke from a deep sleep interrupted by a runaway mule.

Mr. Honeycutt bought the mules from a bank which had taken them from a farmer who failed on his note. The Johnston county statesman is a great auctioneer, a traveling salesman who went very fast yesterday.

"Men, are you going to let it go at \$82.50?" Mr. Honeycutt asked, and he chewed contentedly while the trombonist yanked tunes from the depths of his horn.

"Eighty-two and a half, once, 82 1/2 twice—" Mr. Honeycutt shouted, but that was the last of it. His pet mule tore down the street, standing the auctioneer on his head on the real estate which he was selling.

"Eighty-two and a half, make it 83?" Mr. Samuel Honeycutt said. The mules were stopped half a mile away. Mr. Honeycutt does not now know what caused them to break and run.

Mrs. Joe Davis has been spending some time with relatives in Norfolk and Baltimore.

Youthful Romance Winds Up In Jail

Thirteen Year Old Would-Be-Bride Taken Home By Father.

The Recorder's Court went in session here on Tuesday long enough to dispose of one case only, namely, that of state vs. Luby Cade, Gertrude Cade, Cary Harrison and Mildred Braxton. The defendants in this action were charged with obtaining marriage license under false pretense.

This entire romance offers something altogether new to the people of Smithfield in marriages. The wedding party came to Smithfield from La Grange in Lenoir county on the 16th of December. The parties desiring to be united in marriage were Cary Harrison, aged 17, and Mildred Braxton, aged 13.

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Unusual U. N. C. Alumni Banquet

Spirit of University Stated Anew in Light of Recent Criticism.

The Alumni of the University of North Carolina will have a banquet in Selma on Friday, January 1, at 7 o'clock which from information that has come to hand bids well to be most interesting.

I am helping the committee to make arrangements for the alumni banquet which we are going to have in the Kiwanis hall in Selma Friday evening, January 1, 1926, at 7 p. m. A number of the alumni, myself included, wish to get at this time a new interpretation of University Spirit.

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OAKLEY-PEEDIN NUPITALS HERE

Lovely Marriage of Popular Couple at Methodist Church Tuesday Morning.

LEAVE FOR A TRIP

The Methodist church in this city was the scene of a lovely marriage Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock when Miss Thelma Peedin, the attractive daughter of Mr. A. A. Peedin of this city, became the bride of Mr. Cledith Emory Oakley, of Durham.

Under the skillful direction of Mrs. A. K. Wilson the church had been converted into a bower of loveliness with long leaf pine, ferns and mistletoe. A white and green effect was produced by the use of white baskets filled with mistletoe, and lattice work of white around the chancel and the arch before which the ceremony was performed.

At the appointed hour a musical program began with a violin solo, Andante, played by Mr. J. A. Campbell. Mr. Theron Johnson then sang "At Dawning" and "Because." Miss Mary Barbour, of Enfield, sang "O Promise Me" and "I Love You Truly." Mrs. C. V. Johnson played the accompaniments.

Elizabeth church, about five miles from this city, was the scene of a pretty marriage Saturday afternoon at four o'clock when Miss Gladys Kyle Sanders, the daughter of Mr. R. A. Sanders, became the bride of Mr. John Harris Tomlinson Roberson. Long leaf pine, ferns, smilax and candelabra combined to make a beautiful setting for the interesting event.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sanders where a five course luncheon was served. Plates were laid for twenty. Christmas decorations prevailed throughout the rooms, a color scheme of red being emphasized by the use of candles and shaded lights.

On Monday evening an informal reception was given at the home of the bride to members of the bridal party immediately after the rehearsal. A feature of the evening was the cutting of the bride's cake, Mr. John Grimes cutting the button; Mr. J. A. Campbell, the ring; T. C. Lee the dime; Mrs. A. R. Wilson the thimble. Miss Mary Barbour delighted those present with several vocal selections and Mrs. A. R. Wilson gave a number of delightful readings. Hot coffee and cake were served.

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Prison Sentence Causes Dock Hill To Take Appeal

A Hard Worker



OPAL CODE, from Fort Worth, Texas, has plowed her Bell County farm for four years, making a living for six members of her family. Now that her young brothers and sisters are provided for she is working her way through Baylor College, serving as waitress.

Elizabeth Church Scene of Wedding

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Jury Renders Verdict About One A. M. Wednesday; Court Imposes Sentence of From Three To Five Years in State Prison.

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HARNETT MILL TOWN TO BE CALLED ERWIN

Duke, Dec. 23.—Effective January 1, the town now known as Duke will be known as Erwin, according to advice received from the Postoffice Department in Washington.

Duke an industrial town having two cotton mills, is about 25 years old. It was named in honor of the late Washington Duke, founder of the American Tobacco Company and who was a big stockholder in the Erwin Cotton Mills Co.

The change in the name was made because of the conflict the town has had with Duke University, in Durham. Mail and telephone calls intended for Duke University have come to Duke, it is said, and the similarity of the names has caused a deal of confusion. Petitions were circulated some time ago to have the name changed.

Chickens vs. Turkeys Mr. John H. Parker, of Selma, Route 1, was in the city Christmas eve with about twenty-five chickens for sale. He had been to Selma before coming here but had been able to dispose of only one old hen. In Smithfield he had even worse luck, not selling a one. Mr. Parker only asked 20 cents a pound for his hens. M. Parker hardly knows whether to think that Smithfield and Selma citizens were all supplied with turkeys for Christmas or whether they did not have the price of the chickens. At any rate Mr. Parker was not willing to take less than twenty cents, so he carried his load of chickens back home to go with his 1600 pounds of pork which he had just killed. Mr. Parker killed five Poland China hogs, fifteen-months-old with the following weights, 364, 343, 304, 335, and 353.

Mr. L. C. Powell and sister, Miss Estelle, left yesterday for Florida after spending the holidays here with relatives.