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Four Oaks Scene Of Lovely Wedding

Miss Massengill Bride of Marshall Whittenton; Disastrous Fire Saturday Night; Smithfield Fire Company Saves Other Buildings

FOUR OAKS, an. 2.—On Tuesday, December 31 at two o'clock Miss Willie Massengill and Mr. Marshall Whittenton were quietly married at the home of the bride. Against a lovely background of ferns and potted plants, the impressive ring ceremony was performed by Rev. A. L. Brown of Benson, pastor of the Baptist church. Only the immediate families of the bride and groom were present.

The bride was lovely in blue chiffon, ultra-Princess model with uneven hemlines, and harmonizing accessories. She wore a corsage of sweetpeas and sweetheart roses.

The bride is the pretty and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Massengill. Mr. Whittenton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whittenton of Benson, and holds a responsible position as electrician with the Westinghouse company in Schenectady, N. Y., at which place they will make their home.

Friends of Miss Willie Massengill gave her a surprise linen shower on Monday evening before her marriage on Tuesday. The linen was presented to Miss Massengill in a laundry in a clothes bag, by Mrs. W. R. Keene, dressed as a black mammy who wanted to iron for the laundry before Miss Massengill went away. This created much fun as no one knew who the black mammy was until she had talked for a while, and asked each guest to write Miss Willie a wish.

The bride-elect received many lovely and useful gifts.

Disastrous Fire in Four Oaks. On Saturday night the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Allen on Railroad street was completely destroyed by fire. The good work done by the Smithfield fire department saved the burning home of Mrs. J. R. Williams and several brick stores. The fire was of unknown origin taking place while no one was at home.

This was one of the first houses built in Four Oaks. The loss is partly covered with insurance.

The young men's club of Four Oaks sponsored a Christmas dance on Thursday evening at Allen's Hall. The hall was beautifully decorated in Christmas colors of crepe paper. Music was furnished by Braxton's Sir Walter orchestra of Raleigh. This was the most largely attended dance of the season.

Among the college boys and girls at home for the holidays are: Lexie Barefoot, Eugene Parker and Wade Stanley, of the University of N. C.; Kenneth Brown and Joe Dunham of Norfolk College, Norfolk, Va.; Miss Bessie Massengill of Meredith; Misses Elizabeth Lewis and Meta Shaffer of N. C. C. W., Greensboro; Misses Annabelle Thornton, Clotilde Sanders, Lucile Stanley, Lucile Allen of E. C. T. C., Greenville.

THE WARDEN'S PRAYER.

O God of the Universe Supreme,
O God of the forest and stream,
Creator of the earth and skies,
Lover of all beneath that lies;
O God, the one and great Creator,
O God, the one great Conservator
Of all created lake and stream
Polluted, sweet and clean—
Guard within them for our taking
Our children of Thy making;
The forest, marsh and dell
Furred and feathered children
Dwell;
Hear us, we pray, thy warning
Heed
Take not one more than we
Need
Save lives of Thy creation;
Our health and recreation,
We ask, and ask again—
Make us to be men.—Amen.
Let us all help to conserve
These priceless gifts that God has
Given us.

—ROLAND JONES, Warden.

S. S. MEETING AT LOCAL BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Johnston Baptist Sunday School Association will meet next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 in the Smithfield Baptist church. The president, James G. Lane, of Auburn, will preside over the meeting, and the program will include reports from all the Sunday schools in the association, with recognition of the delegations present. There are 45 churches and all the Sunday schools are urged to send reports and as large delegations as possible. A number of addresses will be made, and a round-table discussion will be held, in which all will be asked to present their problems. The occasion will be enlivened by a musical program, it is understood. A cordial invitation is extended to all Sunday school workers.

Johnston Farmers To Go To School

Night Classes Have Been Arranged at Benson and Meadow Under The Direction of J. Paul Shaw

BENSON, Jan. 1.—A series of evening class meetings for adult farmers will begin January 1, 1930 and meet once each week on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. in the agricultural room in the Benson high school building. The subject to be discussed will be Cotton Improvement. These meetings will be under the direction of J. Paul Shaw, teacher of agriculture in the local high school.

At each meeting some phase of cotton growing will be discussed separately. Beginning with January first and continuing successively each week the subjects will be as follows:

1. Selecting variety and securing seed to plant.
2. Maintaining a supply of pure seed.
3. Selecting land for cotton and planning rotations.
4. Selecting, mixing and applying fertilizers.
5. Boll weevil control.
6. Ginning, storing and marketing the crop.
7. Keeping farm records.

On Friday evening at 7:30 each week Mr. Shaw will meet the farmers of Peacock Cross Roads community in the Meadow high school building to discuss "Hogs" and "Crop Improvement.

The agricultural department of Benson high school will clean and treat free, tobacco seed for farmers of this section of the county. Mail seed to J. Paul Shaw, Benson, N. C., right away.

Farmers of both sections are especially invited to attend one or both of the meetings mentioned above.

DAVEY TREE SURGEON GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Beginning next Sunday afternoon, a series of 26 programs sponsored by the Davey Tree Expert company, celebrating the Davey Tree Surgery Golden Anniversary, will be broadcast over network of 21 stations each Sunday afternoon from five to six o'clock Eastern Standard time. The pipe organ will be the dominant musical instrument in each program, and Chandler Goldthwaite, one of the really great artists on the pipe organ, will play the old fashioned melodies and other musical numbers.

The program in detail to be rendered next Sunday afternoon is as follows:

1. Sextette—Lucia (Ensemble) Donizetti.
2. Swance River (Organ) Stephen Foster.
3. Seeing Nellie Home (Male Quartette) Fletcher.
4. Anitra's Dance (Organ) Grieg.
5. Carry Me Back to Old Virginny (Soprano and Male Quartette) James Bland.
6. Jingle Bells (Vocal Ensemble) Anonymous.
7. Rosary (violin, Cello and Organ) Nevin.
8. Liebesfreud (Organ) Kreisler.
9. Annie Laurie (Male Quartette) Lady John Scott.
10. The Romance of Trees Martin L. Davey.
11. Soldiers' Chorus—Faust (Ensemble) Gounod.
12. Kathleen Mavourneen (Tenor Solo) Crouch.
13. When Johnny Comes Marching Home (Male Quartette) Lambert.
14. Auld Lang Syne (Ensemble) Old Scotch Air.

Union Services Selma Churches

Various Congregations Join in Worship at Edgerton Memorial Methodist Church —Marriage Announced

SELMA, Jan. 2.—The congregations of the Methodist, Baptist, and Freewill churches worshipped together at Edgerton Memorial Methodist church Sunday evening, Dec. 29. Rev. D. M. Sharpe welcomed the visitors, Rev. D. F. Waddell read the scripture lesson, and Rev. W. J. Crain preached an excellent sermon, his theme being "Unity." He used as his text Psalm 133:1. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," which was most fitting for the occasion. The local pastors have planned to hold union services on each fifth Sunday evening in the coming year at one of the churches.

Hosts at Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Woodard entertained at a six o'clock dinner at their attractive home on Pollock street last Friday evening, the occasion celebrating the birthday of Mr. Woodard. A color motif of red and green was used, the centerpiece being a pine bough with cluster of pine cones. Dinner was served in three courses. Plates were laid for eight. Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Woodard were: Supt. and Mrs. P. M. Waters, Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Woodard, of Goldsboro, Miss Bertha Woodard and Ralph H. Woodard.

Marriage Announced.

Friends in Selma and Johnston county will be interested in the following announcement:

"Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Lee announce the marriage of their daughter, Esta, to Mr. Dan Sheppard Piggott, on Wednesday, December twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred twenty-nine, Rocky Mount, North Carolina."

The Lee family moved from Selma to Greenville three years ago and have many warm friends here who will be interested in the marriage of Miss Esta, who taught in Johnston county and was a popular member of the high school faculty in Jackson during the fall term. She was the recipient of many social courtesies, the following from the "Virginian-Pilot," being one of them:

Miscellaneous Shower.

"A miscellaneous shower was given at the home of Mrs. Geo. Tyler Thursday night, Dec. 19 in honor of Miss Esta Lee, whose marriage to Dan Piggott of Greenville, will take place next week. A treasure hunt was enjoyed after which refreshments were served. Useful gifts were presented. Miss Lee is a member of the Jackson high school faculty and has many friends here."

Baptist Church.

Sunday school 9:45. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m., subject: "Taking Our Religious Inventory."

Johnston Sunday School Association meets in our church at 2:30 Sunday afternoon.

Seven p. m. a children's pageant, "The World's Christmas Tree." B. Y. P. U. Monday 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7 o'clock. A cordial invitation to all services.

Centenary Methodist Church.

Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Preaching services 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject: "The best investment." Services conclude with Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Evening subject: "Safe Standards."

Strangers and other visitors are all cordially invited to all these services.

DIVORCE ACTION BY MRS. MORAN.

According to Washington papers, Mrs. Margaret Pou Moran, daughter of Representative and Mrs. E. W. Pou of this city, is seeking a limited divorce from her husband whom she charges with habitual addiction to the use of intoxicants, and with cruelty. Mrs. Moran asks for custody of her two children and adequate alimony.

Johnston Co. Man Drowns In River

Allen Pope Jumps Into Neuse River When Deputies Raid Still; Dynamite Blasts Fail to Reveal Body

RALEIGH, Dec. 31.—One man jumped in the river and drowned and two others were captured about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when county officers raided a still about a mile and a half above Baucom's Bridge on the Neuse River.

Allan Pope, 22 year old man of near Clayton, fled from the officers along with his two companions, when Deputies Whitaker, Stell, Partin and Williams and two Johnston county officers found them just beginning a "run" of liquor with a 50-gallon outfit. Pope, who was said to have a club foot, jumped into a spot in the river which was from eight to ten feet deep, and the current very swift, according to the officers.

Deputy Sion Williams, who ran Pope and Williams Pannell to the river's bank, stated that he yelled to Pope not to jump in the water. Pope was said to have called for help after he was in the water, but officers were unable to aid him owing to the severe current. Both William Pannell and Deputy Sion Williams stated that they saw the man drown.

Pannell also jumped in, but turned immediately and came out of the cold muddy stream. Norman Pannell, the third member of the party, ran in a different direction and was caught by officers. Both of the Pannell brothers, young men in their early twenties, were placed in Wake county jail.

Sheriff Numa F. Turner and his deputies, together with Coroner L. M. Waring, worked for several hours yesterday afternoon and last night grappling about in the swift water for the body.

Coroner Waring stated last night that the place where Pope jumped in is extremely rugged, the bottom being ariot with roots.

The depth of the water there, too, he said was a severe handicap. The coroner indicated that Pope's drowning was likely due to the heavy clothes he wore, and the swiftness of the water. Pannell, clad in overalls, stated that he had a struggle in getting out of the stream.

All three men were from Johnston county. Officers stated last night, that the spot of the distillery was not a great distance from the Wake-Johnston line, and that 'shiners are beginning to case over into the edge of Wake county to dodge officers from the adjoining county.

Pope was said last night to have had trouble with officers on former occasions.

BLASTS FAIL TO REVEAL BODY OF ALLAN POPE

RALEIGH, Jan. 2.—Many blasts of dynamite, thrown into the water over an area a quarter of a mile long, failed yesterday to bring to the surface the body of Allen Pope, 24-year-old white man who jumped into Neuse River and drowned Monday afternoon.

Coroner L. M. Waring, who directed the dynamiting of the stream, stated last night that there will be no further blasting. He will await the rising of the body from natural means, which may require two weeks, he said.

It is thought that the body has been swept down the stream whose water is very deep and swift at that point. Coroner Waring is of the opinion that when the body comes to surface, it will do so a mile or more down the stream.

Regular Session Recorders Court

Quite a Number of Criminal Cases Tried on Tuesday of This Week

Recorder's court met in regular session here Tuesday and the following cases were tried:

Ben Outland entered a plea of guilty to giving worthless check. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the cost and check.

Jasper Hudson was given a 30 day road sentence upon pleading guilty of possession. The sentence is to be suspended upon the payment of a $15 fine and cost.

Richard Edwards was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly and of carrying concealed weapon. He was sentenced to the roads for 60 days, the sentence to be suspended upon the payment of a $50 fine and the cost.

Herbert Cuddington was given a 60 day road sentence for carrying concealed weapon. The sentence is to be suspended upon the payment of a $50 fine and the cost.

Sam Rogers was convicted of carrying concealed weapon and of being publicly drunk. He was sentenced to the roads for a period of 60 days. The sentence is to be suspended upon the payment of a $50 fine and the cost.

Paul Lee and Bradley Herring were in court on a charge of violation of the prohibition law. Herring was found guilty of manufacture and possession of whiskey, still, etc. He was sentenced to the county roads for 90 days and taxed with half the cost. He is to be discharged at the end of 30 days provided half the cost is paid. Lee was convicted and aiding an abetting in the manufacture of whiskey and was fined $10 and required to pay half the cost.

Alvis Coats was fined $50 and the cost for possession and transportation.

James Twitty, aged 32, a colored laborer, received a four months road sentence for assault with a deadly weapon. He is to be discharged at the end of 90 days provided the cost is paid.

Moses Narron, a white farmer, was sentenced to the roads for 18 months for assault with deadly weapon. The defendant is to be discharged at the end of 12 months provided the cost is paid. He took an appeal to Superior court and his bond was fixed at $500.

Roger Kelly was found guilty of throwing stones at a moving train. Prayer for judgment was continued upon condition that the defendant is of good behavior during the next two years.

Chas. S. Eldridge, H. C. King, G. King, J. Ken Eldridge and Mrs. J. K. Eldridge were in court charged with trespass and assault. Not guilty.

Willing Workers' Class Meets.

Selma, Jan. 1.—The Willing Workers class of the Freewill Baptist church held its monthly meeting on December 27 at the home of Mrs. W. C. Sasser. Thirteen members and four visitors were present.

The meeting was opened with the song—"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." Miss Nellie Wiggs read a passage from the Bible. This was followed by the Lord's Prayer. The most important business of the evening was the electing of officers for the new year. They were as follows: president, Miss Mabel Barnes; secretary, Miss Mildred Corbett; treasurer, Mr. Oscar Rose; reporter, Miss Margaret Cuthrell; teacher, Mrs. W. W. Cuthrell.

Miss Margaret Cuthrell then read a very interesting Christmas story and Mr. Oscar Rose read a poem. A very amusing contest was enjoyed in which Earl Easom was winner.

The meeting was closed with the song, "Silent Night," and a prayer.

After refreshments were served all departed declaring they had had a most enjoyable evening.

J. W. BAILEY TO OPPOSE SIMMONS

Josiah William Bailey, of Raleigh, yesterday announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination for United States Senator against F. M. Simmons in the primary to be held in North Carolina June 7. The Bailey opposition to Simmons comes as a result of the fight Senator Simmons made upon Alfred E. Smith, Democratic candidate for president, during the campaign of 1928. Although Senator Simmons has made no formal announcement of his candidacy to succeed himself, he stated in an anti-Smith speech which he delivered in Ralegih in Oct. 1928, that he would be a candidate in 1930. Senator Simmons has represented North Carolina in the United States Senate continuously since 1901.

Hunter Ellington Dies At Hospital

His Death Comes As a Shock To The Community; Funeral This Afternoon

Smithfield received a distinct shock yesterday morning when it became known that Hunter D. Ellington had died at the Johnston County Hospital after an illness of less than a week. He was taken to the hospital Friday night, and was thought to be doing very well until yesterday morning when he suffered a heart attack which took its toll in less than an hour after it was apparent that he was in dangerous condition. He was conscious to the end but never seemed to realize his condition.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at three o'clock at the home of his brother, John O. Ellington, after which interment will be made in the city cemetery. Rev. S. L. Morgan, of the Baptist church, pastor of the deceased will conduct the service.

Hunter Ellington was the son of the late Sheriff J. T. Ellington, and spent his entire life in Johnston county. He was 53 years of age. He married Miss Ethel Holt of this city, who preceded him to the grave nearly four years ago. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. B. A. Hocutt of Clayton; by a brother, John O. Ellington, of this city; and by two half-brothers, Kenneth and Douglas Ellington of Asheville.

The genial disposition and native friendliness of the deceased won for him a host of friends, who will learn with genuine regret of his passing.

REV. D. H. TUTTLE AN ACTIVE SUPERANNUATE

Rev. D. H. Tuttle, who was superannuated by the North Carolina Conference two years ago, has entered upon his third superannuate year in Smithfield, but during that time he has been far from idle. Mr. Tuttle is constantly in demand for sermons, for talks and as chairman of committees, and he goes the limit of his strength in answering these calls. He is the youngest old person in this community.

"Habit is a great thing," according to Mr. Tuttle. During all of his years as a Methodist pastor he kept a record of his work. As a superannuate, he keeps up this custom, and it is interesting to note how much religious work he is still doing. During the fourteen months from November 1, 1928 to December 31, 1929, this "worn out" preacher preached 66 sermons, conducted 16 funerals, performed 11 marriage ceremonies, baptized one person, made 1295 calls on families and individuals, and held prayer services in 238 homes. He has given away 2495 tracts, and 262 religious papers and magazines. He has sold without profit 22 Bibles, 31 Testaments and Psalms, 891 new Testaments and and two cent portions of the gospel, and 303 religious books and booklets. He has also put in some good work for the N. C. Christian Advocate, having sent in 47 renewals for subscriptions and 10 new subscribers.

Besides this purely religious work, he has headed the Red Cross Roll Call for two years and has enlisted more than a hundred each year in this worthy cause. He has headed the welfare committee of the Kiwanis club for the past two Christmases, helping to carry cheer to many an under-privileged person.

Mr. Tuttle preaches and practices Christian stewardship. During the fourteen month period covered in this report, he gave to missions and orphans $109.86.

Corinth-Holders Election Carries

Australian Ballot Used For First Time in Johnston County; New System Works Well

The first election to be held in Johnston county under the Australian ballot system was held in the Corinth-Holders school district Tuesday, when the district voted to increase the present local school tax of 25 cents on the $100 valuation of property to a school tax of not exceeding 50 cents. The registration totaled 597, with 322 voting for the school tax and 250 voting against.

The Australian ballot did not prove difficult at all, according to those who saw the voting going on, though it was something new to voters of Johnston county.

In the first place, the ballot itself was different from the usual slips of paper designated "for" and "against." The ballot was the size of a regular sheet of typewriter paper. On one side was the following inscription:

"Official ballot in Local School Tax Election, County of Johnston, Corinth-Holders Local School Tax District, December 31, 1929. John A. Narron, Chairman County Board of Elections."

On the other side were printed at the top of page instructions as to how to vote. Then followed a statement of the question submitted. And last came the ballot with proper indications for checking.

A registrar and two poll holders were on hand as usual, the registrar being J. Willard O'Neal, and the poll holders, J. T. Strickland and Roy Barnes. In addition to these regular election officials, there were four official markers who were used only when the voter requested. These were S. B. Strickland, C. H. Carpenter, Albert Davis and D. O. Wilder. Two clerks were present to render any other assistance needed, these being Walter K. Eason and A. D. Atkinson, and Norman Smith was the deputy.

Six booths, one for every 100 voters registered, had been provided, and each voter entered a booth alone and marked his own ticket, unless he asked for help to mark it. He could request anyone of the official markers, but if no preference was designated, the registrar called on any marker he wished. Each ballot was stubbed and before voting the stubs were cut off and placed in a different box from the ballot. If a ballot was spoiled, the voter called for a new one but the spoiled vote was placed in a separate box and when the vote was counted every ballot was accounted for.

On the whole, the Australian system proved satisfactory in the election held Tuesday.

Kiwanis Club Meets.

The Kiwanis club held its regular weekly luncheon Thursday at the Woman's club room. Norman Shepard, the new president of the club, presided and announced the committees for the new year. The program for the year will be under the direction of Glenn Grier, chairman of the program committee.

The club voted to draw up resolutions of appreciation for the services of Kiwanian George Ragsdale who has moved to Raleigh. Members of the club reported having taken Christmas presents to different destitute homes of the county. Rev. D. H. Tuttle was in charge of this benevolent work of the club.

Christmas Cheer At Pythian Home

Members of Fraternal Order Remembers Wards at Clayton Orphanage In Generous Manner

CLAYTON, Dec. 30.—Santa Claus held full sway at the Pythian Home in Clayton. The 52 children at the home assembled in the main auditorium at seven o'clock in the morning, and shortly afterward old Santa arrived amid the blowing of horns.

A large tree had been erected and the auditorium tastefully decorated with running cedar, and was ablaze with the colorful lights of the tree.

The friends of the children from all sections of the state had sent in their gifts and each child was fully equipped with clothes from head to toe.

In addition, dolls, games and other toys were found bearing the names of the younger children.

A full and complete dinner was served through the generosity of Salem Lodge No. 56, of Winston Salem, while gifts of money were presented to each child by Cumberland Lodge No. 5, of Fayetteville, and Rocky Mount Lodge No 84, of Rocky Mount.

In addition, also, were many boxes of apples, oranges and candles, received from various lodges in all sections of the state.

Honorable R. S. McCoin, of Henderson, chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Home, was present for the exercises of the tree and was delighted with the expression of thoughtfulness and love as manifested by the Pythians of the state, in their numerous gifts to the children.

C. Wesley Coghill, of Rocky Mount, who for the past few years has acted as general Santa Claus for the Home, visited the children on the day following, and in this way had ample opportunity of seeing the results of his labor of love.

Pageant at Baptist Church

A children's pageant will be given at the Baptist church next Sunday night entitled "The World's Christmas Tree." It is part of a series of young people's studies on World Peace which is being pursued by the local church. All departments of the Sunday school, B. Y. P. U., and W. M. U. of the church will take part in the program. The program will center in the idea that war will end and world peace come through a generation trained into Christ's ideal of universal love and brotherhood.

The program will consist of Christmas carols and the lighting of "The World's Christmas Tree" by children coming from various nations, attracted by the Star of Bethlehem, the children appearing in the costumes of the various nations. The program will begin at 7 p. m.

Presbyterian Services.

Smithfield Sunday 11 a. m. Sermon 3 p. m. Night service to be announced later. Sunday school and Bible classes at 10 a. m. Public cordially invited.

Aunt Roxie Says

Hi school iz whar hi suscitty rubs elbows wid common fracksshuns.

P. S. We thot we'd baig off wid a Parson dun gin us a Corner Drug Store will des have th Agents.