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## SKIPPED THEIR BOARD BILL

### Life in the County Boarding House too Monotonous for Three Men--Jail Cells Easy for Prisoners --One was Kind Enough to Inform Officers

Wednesday night about 9 o'clock cries of "Prisoners have escaped from the jail" were heard on the streets. Soon the police and Sheriff Crawford were notified and an investigation was made. It was found that three prisoners had escaped, these being Setler Bazemore, Don Purvis and Philip Walker all colored.

The prisoners had broken through the cell walls by a disarrangement of the water pipes and fixtures, and getting in the corridor, the rest of the way was easy to manage. Purvis, who was in for the stealing of pants, came up town and told that he with others had affected an escape. The others hid themselves to parts unknown. The offences of the two others were stealing peanuts and using a gun too carelessly in front of another man.

A vigorous search was made by the officers but the men could not be located. No doubt that they will be picked up later somewhere. Sheriff Crawford will use every effort to apprehend the escaped offenders.

## Insurance Men in Richmond

Mr. B. T. Cowper, representative of the Southern Life and Trust Company, of Greensboro, attended a banquet given in honor of Mr. Thad C. Bell, Inspector of Agencies of the Southern Department at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond, on January 30th. Mr. Bell has just been installed as Manager of the Southern States and many of the insurance men were present to do him honor.

Mr. Cowper, who has achieved much distinction as a writer of catchy articles for insurance journals, was fortunate in expressing himself in the following doggeral:

"We like you well,  
Our Mister Bell,  
The reason why is easy to tell:  
When in the woods  
You deliver the goods  
And on that depends our livelihoods.  
"We hate the loss of Charlie Henb lein;  
But thinking of what you've been,  
We have no fear but that we'll win  
Your record to date  
Is something great  
And that itself helps to mould our fate.  
'And so we know  
It's an easy go.  
I'd be willing to wager a twenty or so,  
That Southern Department  
Will reach its allotment  
Of Nyllic protection for the widow's woe."

## Insurance Men to Meet

The annual meeting of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company will be held February 11th, 1911, in the Court House in Williamston. This meeting was called in January but the weather prevented the people from getting here. The meeting is an important one and every policy holder is earnestly requested to be present.

How to cure a cold is a question in which many are interested just now. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has won its great reputation and immense sale by its remarkable cure of colds. It can always be depended upon. For sale by all dealers.

## Mrs. Tabitha Critcher Dead

Death with impartial tread has come into our midst and taken to himself the beloved friend and sister, Tabitha Critcher, who owing to the severe shock caused by a fall after a few hours of suffering passed gently and quietly on Tuesday morning about four o'clock to the spirit land. She was the relict of Mr. Anson Critcher, who years ago preceded her to that bourne from whence no traveler ever returns, to wait and watch for her coming. Sister Critcher was born June 29th, 1821, in the county of Granville. If she could have lived until the 29th of next June, she would have rounded out her ninety years. As it is, she has lived almost twenty years on borrowed time, and but for the accident might possibly have remained a short time longer. Her life was not one of years simply, for she was like Dorcas, a woman of good works, full of faith and consecration to the blessed Saviour.

At the age of about twelve or fourteen she gave her heart to God, and connected herself with the Corinth Baptist church. She adorned her profession in Christ by a godly walk and conversation. She loved to talk of her hope for hereafter, and frequently said during conversations with her pastor: "I wish to ask you some questions, for I want to be ready, I know I can not stay here very long." She longed and prayed for a gracious revival to come to Williamston, and frequently spoke of her desire. "Strength and honor were her clothing and shall rejoice in time to come. She opened her mouth with wisdom and in her tongue was the law of kindness. She looked well to the ways of her household, and did not eat the bread of idleness."

Sister Critcher leaves four living children: Mrs. Burroughs Allen, of Louisburg; D. W. Critcher, of Dallas, Texas; M. M. Critcher, of Cartersville, S. C., and R. S. Critcher, of this place, with whom she made her home. She leaves a name fragrant with pleasant memories and her children rise up and call her blessed. After a long and eventful life, during which time she saw most of her children and grandchildren connected with some church, she closed her weary eyes in refreshing sleep to awake on the morning of the Resurrection.

"Spirit, thy labor is o'er,  
Thy race of probation is run;  
Thy steps are now bound for the untrodden shore,  
And the race of immortals begun.

"Spirit, look not on the strife,  
Nor pleasures of earth with regret;  
Pause not on the threshold of limitless life,  
To mourn for the sun that has set.

"Spirit, no fetters can bind  
Nor wicked have power to molest.  
There the weary like thee, the wretched shall find,  
A haven, a mansion of rest.

"Spirit, how bright is the road,  
For which thou art now on the wing;  
Thy home, it shall be with thy Saviour and God,  
Their loud hallelujahs to sing."

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## Sunday Services

Rev. Rufus Bradley, pastor of the Methodist church here, announces his subjects for Sunday, February 5th, as follows:  
11 a. m. "The duty of the Christian Church"  
7:30 p. m. "Carry Your Cross."  
The public is cordially invited.

## University Notes

Chapel Hill, N. C., Jan. 30, 1911.—The University was victorious in her first game of basketball played in the Bynum Gymnasium Friday night with Virginia Christian College. The score was 42 to 21. The local quintet showed unexpected team work in the second half and proceeded to pile up the score.

Everybody interested in the success of Carolina athletic teams is delighted at the announcement that Mr. Brach Bocoek has signed up to coach the Varsity football team next year. Mr. Bocoek has coached the V. P. I. team for the last two years and has turned out some great teams up there. He is well acquainted with climatic conditions in the South and is better fitted to handle a team of Southern boys than a Northern coach. He graduated from Georgetown University where he also studied law until he received his license.

Rev. B. W. Spilman, Baptist Sunday school evangelist, delivered addresses at the Baptist church last Sunday. He made a strong plea for Sunday school workers to redouble their efforts to keep the Big Boy interested in Sunday school. Mr. Spilman devotes his entire time to Sunday school work among the colleges of the South and East.

The Chapel Hill Y. M. C. A. sent a delegation of ten men including Mr. E. P. Hall, general secretary, to the Inter-state Convention of Young Men's Christian Associations which met in Raleigh the last three days of the week just closed. This was as large a delegation as was sent by any college in North Carolina and South Carolina. The Chapel Hill Association is in a flourishing condition now. There are 325 men in the Bible study groups and the Mission study groups which were organized last Spring included 315 and did fair to reach a still larger figure this year.

Manager E. F. McCulloch has announced the schedule for the basketball team. There are 23 games, 11 of which are to be played in Chapel Hill. Oak Ridge, Wake Forest, Davidson, Guilford, South Carolina, V. P. I. and the University of Virginia, all have arranged games. The 2 Va. games will be played in Greensboro and Charlotte, April 8 and 10, and the third game in Charlottesville, April 21.

The outlook for material for the team to play this schedule with is very poor. Only one member of last year's varsity is back sure that he will play his position. This is Captain Hackney of Wilson.

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## Peanuts Without Fertilizer

So many people have asked me what kind of fertilizer I used under my peanuts, that I have decided to take this method of informing the public that I did not use any kind. I raised on one acre following cotton, 75 bushels; on five acres following corn and cow peas, about 88 bushels per acre, and on three acres following corn and cow peas, 118 bushels per acre. I sold same at 78 cents per busel.

S. E. HARDISON.

(This was a splendid yield for last year.—Ed.)

## To Lecture on Tobacco

During the session of the Farmers' Institute on February 7th, J. O. W. Graveley, Grand Lecturer of the Farmers Tobacco Association, will speak on Tobacco Culture. This lecture will be an interesting feature of the day and all those intending to cultivate the weed should hear it. Don't forget the date and come.

## Mustered Out

One by one have the old Confederate heroes been mustered out until today the gray line is almost extinct.

On Sunday afternoon, as the hand of time pointed to the hour of 2:50, the messenger of Death entered the quiet home of Joseph Smith, of Dardens, in Martin county, and claimed the soul of the father and husband. In this sad hour, kind friends and neighbors, who loved him for his worth, sat watching the tide of life fast flow. One or two old comrades who had suffered with him upon the battle field, took a last fond look. At this final moment, the heavens seemed to weep and the gaint oaks about the home bowed their heads in the sighing breeze as if to mingle their grief with that of the heart-broken family, as the spirit of Joseph Smith was wafted back to the God from whence it came, and all that was mortal of this brave Confederate hero answered the last toll call on earth and was mustered out to join the host of the redeemed. If I could have caught the sound of His voice, methinks I could have heard the command of the Great Chief: "Fall in! Onward Christian Soldiers!"

Joseph Smith was a young man, a most excellent character. When the Civil War was declared, he went to the front, laid his life on the altar of his country as a sacrifice for what he believed to be right. He joined Company G 17th North Carolina Volunteers, was elected Sergeant and was later promoted to Third Lieutenant. He made a brave soldier and was loved by his comrades, not alone for his bravery, but for his gentle, sympathetic nature. After the surrender, he returned home and like many others started life all over again. There he lived the quiet life on his farm where he made a good living—where the stranger always found a cordial welcome. He was married twice, first to Miss Susan Clemons and later to Miss Susan Chapman. Of the first union he reared six children, Mrs. Louis Harrison, of Williamston, Mrs. Inez Egan, of Dardens, Miss Maudie Smith, George Smith, Fred Smith, of Plymouth, and Joe Smith, of Norfolk. Only one child, Miss Mary, of the last union—Roy Smith, all these were at his bedside with his loving wife and devoted sister, Mrs. James Waters of Williamston when the end came.

Mr. Smith had not been very well, but was out looking after his farm work on Wednesday the 25th of January, when he was stricken with paralysis, and though conscious at times, he never rallied and so without a struggle he died at 2:50 p. m. on January 29th. He was sixty nine years old and the greater part of these years he had lived a consistent Christian life.

The remains were laid to rest in family burial ground on his farm the on Tuesday at 11 o'clock, and the large concourse of people, who gathered to pay the last tribute of respect to this good man, fully attest the love and esteem in which he was held.

A Friend.

## Barnes-Bailey

G. W. Barnes, of Jamesville, and Miss Mary Bailey, of Wilson county, were married in the grocery store of J. D. Gurganus here on the afternoon of Wednesday by Rev. Rufus Bradley, of the Methodist Church. The groom accompanied by the bride-elect came down from Rocky Mount on the 1:10 train, preferring to marry in Martin County owing to the distance from the bride's home to the county seat of Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes left on the evening train for their future home near Jamesville.

## Book Club Entertained

(Reported)

Miss Annie Mizell was hostess to the Afternoon Book Club on January 24th, at the residence of Mrs. W. T. Ward on Main street. The time being so near the birthdays of Lee and Jackson, the hostess, who loves the South and its glorious history, had arranged to test the memory of the guests on the Confederate victories achieved during dark days of '61 '65. This was a very pleasing innovation and brought to mind the splendid valor of the Southern soldiers.

Another feature was the sketching (on a blackboard) of pictures illustrating the titles of many books read by the club members. Some of these showed that a stumbling genius dwelt in the soul of a few and that others were yet kids busy with chalk, which to the mind of the young, is enchanting. Confederate battle flags were given to the members for "keeps."

The afternoon had a pleasant ending in the enjoyment of black ice cream from Fessell, together with delicious cake. These refreshments were served the young ladies of the house, Misses Hattie Lee and Della Kate Ward. This meeting closed a very delightful series for the first month in the year.

## The Tobacco Situation

Mr. Editor—

If I should write you a lengthy article on Tobacco, some fellow would say that I had a personal axe to grind; therefore I shall only pay Tobacco a few passing remarks.

Statistics are that we will have a shortage of between 25 and 30 million pounds of Tobacco in North Carolina. Comparing the crop in pounds that has just been marketed with the crop sold in 1909, it is generally believed that Eastern North Carolina and South Carolina will cut the average this year 33% per cent from last year. That will give us another shortage, and the newspapers all say that Kentucky, Bailey Society will not plant any more Tobacco this year. They cut out the 1909 crop and did not raise a pound, and it's their intention to cut out the 1911 crop.

With these facts before you, what is the price of tobacco at a low price? The average on the Wilson market last month was 13.05, Durham market 12.45. That looking out, and as advice to Martin County farmers to get their buck on something else. Hit for good money and they can do it again.

Yours truly,  
W. T. MEADOWS.

## Stockholders Meeting

The annual meeting of the stock holders of the Bank of Martin County will be held at their banking rooms on Tuesday, February 7th, at 3:30 o'clock. A directors' meeting will be held immediately after this meeting.

J. G. GODARD, Cashier.

## Mr. Stubbs' Bill Failed

Wednesday night, after strong speeches for and against the Constitutional Convention Bill introduced by Mr. Stubbs, of Martin county, a vote was taken in the House and resulted in defeat for the passage of the bill by 22 to 69. Many representatives favor amendments to the Constitution but prefer that the Legislature pass them for ratification by the people. Mr. Stubbs championed his bill eloquently and honestly, but it has not been popular from the beginning. The necessity for a Convention had not arrived and the people did not want one.

## ROBERSONVILLE NEWS ITEMS

### Local Happenings and People who are Coming and Going, Here, There and Yonder as Gathered by our Regular Correspondent.

Miss Blanche Daniel was in town Sunday.

W. Z. Morton went to Washington Tuesday.

W. T. Britton went to Williams- ton Tuesday.

J. C. Robertson went to Hamilton Tuesday.

A. R. Danning and wife were in town Tuesday.

Willie and Jack Taylor left Monday for Tarboro.

Miss Daisy Wynn, of Williams- ton, was here Sunday.

Elder G. D. Roberson returned from Norfolk Tuesday.

Miss Ruth Carson, of Bethel, visited—Miss Myrna Hight last week.

Miss Bonnie Dunn, of Pnetops, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. James.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Robertson attended the Jenkins Manning marriage Tuesday.

Revs. Dennis Davis and H. C. Bowen held services at the Christian Church Sunday.

Mrs. Spear Cochran and Mrs. W. H. Atkins attended the Union at Plymouth Sunday.

J. C. Robertson and Elder Smith attended the Union at Skewarkey Saturday and Sunday.

A very pretty marriage took place at the home of Mrs. Maniza Manning near Parmele on Tuesday afternoon January 31st, 1911, at 4:30 o'clock, when her daughter, Lucy Elizabeth, became the bride of Mr. John Robert Jenkins, of O. K. N. C.

The home was tastefully decorated in evergreens and ivy, and was filled with friends of the contracting party long before the hour arrived for the nuptials. Just before the bridal party entered the parlor, Miss Maniza Whitehurst, of Bethel, very charmingly sang "O Promise Me." Then promptly as L. Leighton's wedding march played forth under the soft touch of Mrs. H. V. Sutton, of Bethel, the bridal party entered in the following order: Mrs. M. C. Hopson, of Williamston, with T. R. Andrews, of Bethel; Mrs. Pearl Jenkins, sister of the groom, with Dr. M. P. Manning, brother of the bride. Then came the groom with his brother, Mr. Ben Jenkins, as best man, and the bride with her sister, Miss Carrie Manning as maid of honor, who met in front of a lovely arch of evergreens and ivy by the Rev. J. N. Autrey, and in a very eloquent and impressive language united them in the holy bonds of matrimony. The bride was handsomely attired in a green traveling suit with hat and gloves to match and carried white carnations and lilies of valley. The maid of honor wore light blue messaline and carried pink and white carnations. The other bridesmaids wore cream serge and carried pink carnations. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mrs. Maniza Manning and an unusually charming young lady and counts her friends by the score. The groom is from one of the best families of Martin and Pitt counties and a successful merchant at Oak- ley.

The presents received were many and handsome, testing the esteem in which the young couple were held. Immediately after the ceremony the couple drove to Parmele and took the train for the nation's capital and other places of interest.