

THE DUNN DISPATCH

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NO. 15

YOUNG GIRL JUMPS INTO OPEN WELL.

While Dreaming Takes an Early Morning Plunge and Has Awful Experience.

Clinton, Aug. 28.—Clinton was stirred this morning when it heard of one of the strangest happenings that have been recorded in years. Little Dell Lewis, 17-year-old daughter of very respectable parents in Clinton, jumped into an open well about half past three o'clock this morning while walking in a dream, and was rescued only after she had stayed in the water for an hour or so.

Mr. Matthew Watson, a neighbor of the Lewis family, heard cries for help in the early morning hours. The cries were so distressing and so insistent that he arose armed himself, and went to the rescue of one whom he knew must be in distress. For some time he could not locate the direction of the cries, but finally decided that they must come from the backyard of a neighbor, Mr. E. C. Taylor. Upon reaching this backyard he called out and a very faint female voice from the bottom of Mr. Taylor's open well answered him. Mr. Watson asked what was the matter and he was told by Miss Lewis that she was dreaming about this well, that she arose from her bed and was drawn irresistibly to it. She then jumped in, a distance of 24 feet, and was plunged into seven feet of cold water.

As soon as Mr. Watson learned this, he lowered a bucket and chain into the well, directed the Lewis girl to hold to that, while he went for help. He secured the help of several neighbors, lowered a ladder in the well, and the young girl was brought to the surface, half frozen and scared almost out of her wits. A local physician, Dr. Paul Crumpler was called to the scene. Upon examination he could not discover any bruises, or any bad effects other than the shock to the nervous system of the young girl.

Miss Lewis lives with her aged parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis. She was asleep in the bed with her mother's dream. She was awakened out of the room, and had been rescued from the well before her mother even knew she was gone. Her father heard the cries of someone in the night, but not having missed his daughter from the house, did not go out to make any investigations.

The physicians and every one else who has seen the well into which the girl plunged, think that it is nothing short of marvelous that she is still alive. The well curb is seven feet from the ground and the water in the well is twenty-four feet from the surface of the ground. How she managed to get over the curb, jump that twenty-four feet into seven feet of water and then managed to keep her head above the water for half an hour is remarkable.

The story of the girl, to the effect that she committed the act while dreaming is believed here. There is no evidence of there being any suicidal intent. The girl gets along well with her parents and apparently has a cheerful disposition.

R. Y. P. U. PROGRAM FOR MONDAY NIGHT SEPT. 4, 1916.

- Group No. 2 lead by Miss Lula West.
- Subject: Helping new Converts.
1. Song—Help somebody today.
 2. Introduction by leader.
 3. Scripture readings John 21: 15-18 verses—Miss Ethel Bailey.
 4. The new Convert needs fellowship.—Miss Minnie Gay.
 5. The new convert needs watch care.—Dr. James R. Butler.
 6. The new convert needs encouragement.—Mr. G. V. Beard.
 7. Solo Miss Iva Pearson.
 8. The new convert needs instruction.—Miss Ethel Bailey.
 9. The new convert needs work.—Mr. H. O. Poole.
 10. The new convert needs training.—Miss Iva Pearson.
 11. Prayer. Mr. G. V. Beard.
 12. Tell me the old story.
- It is sincerely hoped that every member of the union will make special effort to be present.

FUNDS FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS.

The Woman's Club begs to acknowledge the following amounts received by the Bank of Cape Fear for the flood sufferers in the Western part of the State.

From members of Club.....	\$5.00
Cash.....	\$5.00
	\$10.00

Any amount will be gladly received at the Bank of Cape Fear. The Woman's Club is doing a noble work and it is hoped all who can will respond.

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ATTEMPT TO MURDER HIS WIFE.

Story of How a Faithless Husband Made an Effort to Kill the One He Had Promised to Love and Protect, and Left Her Thinking Her Dead.

Smithfield Herald.

There comes to us this week a very sad story. It is the story of a faithless husband's attempt to murder his wife. Here is the story as it was given to us. It is the story substantially as was given by the maltreated wife:

"Last Saturday night, between 9 and ten o'clock, Sir William Lassiter attempted to murder his wife at their home in Harnett county, two miles west of Benson. About two months ago he returned from Chicago after being gone 5 years. Mrs. Lassiter was recovering from a serious illness of typhoid fever, and during her sickness he had been a frequent visitor there. He had her pistol in his possession. She asked him to take the cartridges out, and give her the pistol, so she could go to bed. Upon his refusal she mistook what he was up to, and immediately started to a neighbor's house; but was so weak from the fever she got only about sixty yards from the house to a buggy shelter, where he overtook her. Putting his hand to her head he told her that she was feverish and better return to the house. But as soon as he held her safely he placed the pistol against her temple, and snapped three times. Mrs. Lassiter knew just before she left the house it had a full round of cartridges in it, and had never known it to fall to fire before. When it failed to fire he cut her throat with a safety razor blade, from his pocket. However, she managed to get one blade from his hand, receiving several slight cuts on her fingers. Taking another from his pocket he continued to cut until she said you have killed me." Three wounds were made, the longest being some four inches long. He was smothering her while doing this.

"Being satisfied that the wounds made were sufficient to kill he felt that he was done. He then wiped his hands in her clothing, placed as dead, listened to ascertain whether she was breathing, and left returning a few minutes later the second time. She appeared to be dead, by holding her breath when he listened.

"Their fourteen-year-old son became alarmed at the house, called his father, saying something was after him. His father replied, 'Don't come here.'

"He then went to the house, ransacked trunks, bureau drawers, and other things, leaving them open. After staying at the house some time he went back, pulled the buggy out over her, hitched the horse, and drove to the house. There he took the two boys that were at home, and drove away.

"Mrs. Lassiter lay there until after eight o'clock Sunday morning, when some small boys found her, and gave the alarm. A speedy summons to Dr. Martin of Benson brought him to her. It took twenty or more stitches to sew up the wounds. Mrs. Lassiter is improving and it is expected that she will recover."

HAN GOOD OPENING.

Bules Creek Academy Makes Excellent Beginning.

Bules Creek, Aug. 28.—Bules Creek Academy has had the best opening in its history. The enrollment now is 35 over last year's fine opening and represents more than fifty counties from Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, with one from China and five from Cuba. The girl's dormitory is nearly full for the first time and the prospects for a great year's work were never so fine.

Among the new teachers are Miss Mary H. Mason, of Virginia, expression; Miss Bessie Campbell in charge of piano and Prof. Geo. W. Lassiter in charge of band and vocal music. Rev. J. W. Hickerson and wife, of Kentucky, have just closed a meeting at the Baptist church here with thirtyone additions to the church. Mr. Hickerson is one of the evangelists of the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

CARD OF THANKS.

I take this method of thanking the subscribers of the Dunn telephone exchange, and the people of the town generally, whom I have had the pleasure to serve in the capacity of operator for the past several years, for the handsome silver service which they presented to me on the occasion of my wedding. I assure every one who contributed that the interest manifested is deeply appreciated and will not be forgotten.

MRS. RUTH JOHNSON SELF

A SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

Collision of Automobile and Bicycle. Young Bicyclist Thrown Through Wind Shield and Badly Cut.

Fayetteville Observer 28th.

A very serious accident occurred on Old street about four o'clock yesterday afternoon when an automobile driven by Mr. D. J. Bruce and a bicycle ridden by John Cowell, aged about 14 years, son of Mr. J. C. Cowell, collided. John was going east and Mr. Bruce going west when they came together a short distance east of Cumberland General Hospital. The bicycle struck the windshield of the auto and the impact hurled young Cowell through the thick glass of the windshield. Before Mr. Bruce could stop up, the bicycle, which became caught in the auto, was dragged several feet.

The lad was taken into Cumberland General Hospital and examination by Dr. West showed that he was very severely cut, but no internal or dangerous injuries were sustained. A long gash along the side of the head required sewing, while stitches were taken here and there elsewhere, but the plucky young rider was soon himself again and was able to go to his home on Gillespie street, in good shape, thanks to the skill of the physician and his own good nerve. It is feared, however, that he will be badly scarred.

It was indeed a narrow escape, and John has cause to be thankful that he was not more badly hurt or killed.

Master John Cowell is well known in Dunn, having lived here for several years, and his friends will regret to learn of his accident.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following deeds have been filed for registration in the office of Register of Deeds since our last issue:

J. A. Darroch, et al., to Nellie McRae, quitclaim, all their interest in the estate of John McRae, deceased. Consideration, \$27.50. Deed dated May 31, 1916.

D. P. Ray and wife to Nell McRae, a 1-30 interest in the estate of John McRae, deceased, in Apperson's tract. Consideration, \$100. Deed dated August 14, 1916.

L. W. Avery and wife to J. P. Cooke 12 1-4 acres in Grove township. Consideration, \$425. Deed dated August 14, 1916.

M. G. Lee and wife to Merritt Whittenton, 57 1-2 acres in Averahoro township. Consideration, \$7,200. Deed dated August 16 1916. The Post.

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DUNN CHURCH.

Duke, Aug. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Jones have returned from a two weeks' vacation which was spent in Durham, Greensboro, and Greensboro.

They are now having a house party to some of their young friends. Those present are: Label Stephenson of Durham, O. L. Collier, Bunnlevel, Nellie Ranglo and Clara Jones, of Greensboro.

The Methodist Church of the Fayetteville District will hold their second annual Sunday School Conference at Sanford, N. C., on 5th and 6th. The following program has been arranged:

YAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE, September 3, 4, 5, 1916. Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Fayetteville, N. C.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 3 o'clock, Devotional. Address by the President, Mr. J. D. Atwater.

Address Rev. W. C. Owen: The country Sunday School. Open Conference on same subject led by Mr. Owen.

The Standard of Efficiency, by Mr. E. S. Yarborough.

The Worker's Council, by Mr. M. W. Brabham.

Appointment of Committees 8 P. M. Devotional.

Address: The Wesley Bible Class Work in the District, by Prof. F. M. Williamson.

Address: The Wesley Bible Class Movement, Mr. Owen.

WEDNESDAY MORNING 9 o'clock Devotional.

Mr. Owen: Organized Bible Class Work.

Mr. Way: Teacher's Training. Past and Present.

Round Table Discussion, led by Mr. Way.

Miss Kennedy: The Elementary Division.

Miss Kennedy: Open Conference on same.

Election of Officers 1 O'CLOCK P. M.

One minute reports from classes and schools.

Elementary Work by Miss Kennedy. Open Conference and Miss Kennedy.

Preachers, superintendents, teachers and organized Bible Class Workers are invited and expected to attend. All who expect to go to Sanford, should notify Rev. M. E. Spence, Sanford, N. C., so that provision may be made for entertainment.

J. T. Gibbs, D. D. P. R. J. B. Atwater, President. R. E. S. Yarborough, Sec. N. W. Brabham, Field Sec'y.

HOW THE COUNTRY HAS IMPROVED UNDER PRESIDENT WILSON.

The "Prosperity" chapter from the Democratic Text Book declares that "the world's records have been broken under Democratic laws and administration and under the 'New Freedom' of industry and finance, created and administered by President Wilson." It sets forth that:

"The wealth of the United States today is \$41,000,000,000 more than under Taft in 1912—a gain of 21.8 per cent.

Commerce exceeds leading foreign competitors by about \$2,000,000,000—passing the Republican record \$2,500,000,000, or about 68.5 per cent.

Exports for 1916 exceeded \$4,300,000,000, the Republican record for 1912 being \$2,200,000,000. The former figure beats the British total by 68 per cent and the German by 100 per cent.

Trade balance under Democratic rule for 1916 is \$50,000,000 more than under Republican rule from 1910 to 1912. If the four years total under Roosevelt were added to the figures for the Taft administration the Wilson record for 1916 would exceed both.

Exports of foodstuffs (largely farm products) under Wilson in 1912.

Postoffice receipts under the Wilson administration exceed those under Taft by about \$235,000,000 or about 25 per cent, notwithstanding the falling off due to the war, between August, 1914 and June 1915.

These percentages of increases in bank deposits for 1916 over 1912 are shown: New England States, 20; Eastern States, 52; Southern States 24.7; Middle States, 29.3; Western States, 418; Pacific States, 21.3. Hawaii's increase was \$991,000.

Mr. L. A. Baggett, a contractor who has made Dunn his home for the past several years, died at the Hospital in Fayetteville Wednesday night and his body was brought to Dunn early yesterday morning and was buried yesterday afternoon at two o'clock in Greenwood cemetery. He leaves a widow and several small children.

A fuller sketch will appear in our next issue.

For the next two weeks the Dispatch will be issued each time a little later. On account of making a change in some of the machinery the type is being set at the Guide office, which necessitates a slight delay, that paper being issued on Wednesdays.

THE STATE FAIR.

Mr. Leonard Tufts, President, to Give the old North State Fair Publicity.

The editor has received the following personal letter from B. V. Kilgore, Chairman of the State Fair Committee, and we publish it for the benefit of those interested in our county. We hope Harnett will make a good showing at the State Fair this year, and if our citizens will get behind it there is no reason why we shall not. The letter says:

"The election of Leonard Tufts as president of the State Fair brings to the head of this institution one of the foremost practical publicity men of the United States. Mr. Tufts wants to make North Carolina and its resources as well known to the world as he has made Pinchurst and he believes the State Fair is one of the means to this end. We therefore ask that the people of North Carolina make an effort to show at the State Fair as wide a range of their resources as possible for he is satisfied that the State has the goods."

The only way the people can be wakened up to this effort is by the help of the newspapers. If the newspaper men will back the work of Mr. Tufts in gathering the exhibit that will tell what the State has to offer the world North Carolina will be better and more favorably known at the end of this year than ever before.

The State Fair is purely the people's institution. The money it earns is put into the enlargement and improvement of the equipment. Its object is solely the advancement of the State. Mr. Tufts gets nothing from his work for the Fair. He is where a man is giving his time, his money and his ability the newspapers can back him for the common good. Let us join this movement for the welfare of the State. See that your community has an exhibit at the Fair this fall even if it is small. Read the premium list and tell your folks what they can exhibit. You can afford to help develop your county. Look what the bankers are doing. If you have a good exhibit, it will show back to you in a very real way.

Your county gets its share of the publicity Mr. Tufts is trying to give the whole State this fall. It is with out cost. Space is free in the buildings. Start in this week and help put North Carolina in the center of the stage. Don't let some other county get ahead of yours. Show that your county is on the map.

LINDEN LETTER.

Linden, Aug. 28.—Cupid is still on the wing. Mr. Malcolm R. Ray was happily married to Miss Nora Lucas of Dunn, at Falcon camp meeting last Sunday, the 26th. We wish for them a long, happy and prosperous life.

Miss Anna Belle Smith, of South Carolina, is the guest of the Misses Sarah, Maggie and Bonnie McDonald. Mr. D. F. McDonald is home after spending a while at Jacksonville, Fla. and other points South.

Among those who went to Falcon camp meeting from this section Sunday were Messrs. L. R. Jackson, Lester Collier, G. R. Lee, Claud Godwin, Purdie Godwin and Herbert Godwin. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ray made a business trip to Fayetteville today.

The protracted meeting at Mt. Taber, conducted by Rev. Mr. Hooper, is a great success. It's worth going miles to attend. Mr. Hester is an able speaker. May the Master spirit abide with him that he may continue in the great work he is now doing.

Miss Ida Bruce is visiting Miss Beulah Ray.

Miss Mary Glover, of Sampson county is the guest of Misses Mary and Lotha Groom.

Mr. Odum McArthur, of Fayetteville, was a visitor at the home of Mr. D. F. McDonald yesterday.

THE NEWSPAPER CAME UNDER FIRE IN MERRIMAN.

Goldboro, August 28.—The jury in the trial here of Hyman Epstein, charged with murder several months ago of Leonard Edwards, reported today that it was unable to agree on a verdict. Judge Stacy ordered a mistrial. The jury, which had been out since Saturday evening, stood 11 for conviction and one for acquittal, it was said. It is believed that Epstein will be held that Epstein will be held without bail, and that the case will come to trial at next session of Wayne County Superior Court, held for the trial of criminal cases.

Mr. Tyrus Thornton, who has been seriously ill at his home just west of Dunn for several months, has suffered a stroke of paralysis and is in a critical condition. Little hope is held out for his recovery.

LILLINGTON PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND FARM-LIFE SCHOOL OPENING.

The Lillington Public High School will be open Sept. 5th at 8:00 A. M. All parents are urged to send their children on the first day and keep them in school till the last day of the term. The child that starts late is seriously handicapped during the rest of the term and the child that "drops out" before the end of the term is handicapped for the future. If you love your children and want them to succeed, place them in school and keep them there at any cost. Parents are requested to come to the school with their children for the opening exercises on the first day.

The elementary school is intended to serve the local school district; but children from other school districts may attend by paying tuition as follows:

In grades one, two and three \$1.00 per month.

In grades four and five \$1.50 per month.

In grades six and seven \$2.00 per month.

The High School and Farm Life School two schools merged into one has been established to serve the whole county and is open with out tuition to all students of the county. Graduates of this school are admitted to colleges and universities of the state without examination. The parents of the county should understand that they have at their door one of the best equipped schools in the State and that they can send their children here at a cost smaller than that involved in sending to any other institution of like character.

Three courses are offered in this school, the Latin Scientific course for both boys and girls requiring only omitting work in Latin and substituting therefor work in Home Economics; the agricultural course omitting work in Latin and French and substituting therefor work in Agricultural science. The work in the Domestic Science and Agricultural courses is very popular. Miss

will have charge of the Domestic Science work, and Mr. Rayne, well known to all, will direct the work in Agriculture. The rest of the work in the Secondary School will be done by Miss Janie Stacy, Miss Lucile Spence, and the Superintendent.

The work in music will be under the direction of Miss Cordelia Taylor. Miss Taylor is excellently prepared for her work by training and experience, being a graduate of Hollins College and having taught in the same institution. The usual fee will be charged and collected by the school for instruction in this department.

Board and Lodging in the dormitory may be had on the cooperative plan at about \$10.00 per month.

We have planned for a most efficient management of the dormitory for the coming term. Those who contemplated sending children to the dormitory should have rooms reserved at once, as the dormitory is likely to be crowded, especially on the girl's side. A card to the superintendent will suffice.

FRANK HARE, Supt. Lillington, N. C.

ON TO SANFORD.

Duke, N. C. August 28th.—The people at Sanford are in readiness for the Methodist Sunday School Conference of the Fayetteville District which meets there next Tuesday September 5th at 3 o'clock P. M. A very interesting program has been arranged for service, a reception committee has been appointed with Rev. H. E. Spence, pastor of the Methodist church, as chairman. The people have opened their homes to the delegates and a delightful time is promised to all who attend. The Sunday schools all over the Fayetteville District have named their representatives and are now sending the names to Rev. W. E. Spence. The Methodist in the community covered by this paper are especially anxious to be well represented at Sanford, as the majority of the Sunday Schools named delegates Sunday, others will be named the coming Sunday. It is very likely that the pastor and Superintendents of the Sunday schools and many other representatives will attend.

Mr. John Robert Godwin died at his home here early yesterday morning of acute indigestion. He was one of the town's oldest citizens and his sudden death came as a shock to the entire community. He was on the streets the day before he died and apparently in his usual good health. He was buried this morning at Greenwood cemetery where hundreds of people were present. A check of his life will appear in our next issue.

The First National Bank, of Dunn, N. C.

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This Bank being a member of The Federal Reserve System its policy is to enable Thrifty Farmers to obtain loans at low rates of interest.

We pay 4 per cent Interest in our Savings Department, interest compounded quarterly.

The First National Bank of Dunn, ; ; ; Dunn, N. C.

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