

SQUIRE MILLER, 86 REVIEWS THE PAST

Says World is Better Than Olden Days; Student of Bible

CITES OLDEN CRIMES

The life of Squire J. C. Miller has been one rich in history and now as he enters the 86th mile post of life he likes to reflect back to the old days and view the progress that has come, not to this section alone but to the world at large and the venerable squire has his ideas about the condition and causes of the present age.

Born in Yadkin county in the edge of what is known as the "Little Nation" section, in 1852, he has spent his life in and around that part of the county, near Courtney. Brought up by the hard, knocks route he is a sturdy citizen and his advancing years tell on him slowly. He does not think much of his 85 years because his grandfather lived to be 107, his grandmother 92 and his own parents in the 90's.

Squire Miller is proud of many achievements, among them he has been a member of the Masonic order 40 years; has been a magistrate 40 years continuously, being elected 20 times straight; he joined the Baptist church at Huntsville 53 years ago, but is

now a member of Turners Creek, nearer home. He was baptized by that beloved Baptist minister Rev. Sid Conrad. Mr. Miller has four children, 38 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Thinks People Better
Mr. Miller does not know how many times he has read through the old Bible but he has read the New Testament 25 times, and can quote many whole chapters from memory.

He firmly believes the world and its people are much better than in the old days, deriving this belief from observation and from pages of old biblical books and histories he possesses. To back this belief he cites the old days when the Christians were cruelly punished for their church affiliations, by cutting off their hands, feet, heads and tied to wild fiores and carts to be dragged and torn to pieces. They were also starved to death, burned at the stake and their horrible persecutions made a holiday. No such would be allowed today, he says.

Mr. Miller is confident the Devil is now chained and will remain so for 1000 years and says he was chained at the time of putting down of the Roman Catholics of old.

Old Books
Squire Miller, who likes to read books of old and has a number of them, exhibited to the writer some of them. One, a history of the Egyptians, Carthaginians, Babylonians, etc., written by C. Rollins in two volumes in 1825. Another is the history of the Persians

from the reign of Artaxerxes to the 16 years war, which has hundreds of pages without a single picture and in six point type. Another interesting book shown was the Book of Curiosities, containing ten thousand wonders and curiosities of nature and art, astonishing places, beings, animals customs, experiments and phenomena, both ancient and modern, published by Leary & Gety in 1857. Mr. Miller can quote from memory the history of the 12 apostles, their trades and occupations.

Mr. Miller has seen this country emerge from reconstruction days to a modern world but he cannot see how so much progress can be made in the next 50 years as has come in the past 50. Mr. Miller lives the simple life of the farmer, tending his crops and going about his daily duties, duly thankful for the good health he enjoys.

Peoples' Column

The Tribune does not necessarily endorse any article under this heading but welcomes at all times communications of interest to its readers and the general public.

MR. ROYAL WRITES ON PRIMITIVE BAPTIST MEETING

Editor Tribune:
I have just returned from the 69th annual session of the Union or Primitive Baptist Association, which convened with Roaring River church, 1-2 miles west of Traphill, Wilkes county. I have been attending this association since a child and I have never attended a session and seen all working together for unity and friendship more than at this session.

It was a love feast from start to finish and the spirit of God was manifest at each service, in fact it seemed almost like attending a revival at times during each service. The Little River Association in Alleghany county, was well represented by a large attendance of its members, and had it not been for the highway being overhauled and part of it being closed to traffic, there would probably have been close to 100 percent attendance.

The house at Roaring River is a good sized building, and was full both Friday and Saturday. Sunday was somewhat disagreeable for outdoor service and it was first arranged to hold services in the building, as some of those assigned to preach on that day were old and feeble. However, before services began, it was seen that nothing like all the people could get in the house, and Revs. Guy Cox and A. C. Sidden from the Primitive and Rev. Johnny Toliver from Little River Association, were assigned to preach in the grove, while the older preachers spoke in the house.

All services closed at 3 P. M., and all started for home feeling good on account of having had the opportunity of attending such a wonderful session.

Rev. Geo. W. Miles of Miles, N. C., and C. C. Sidden of Joynes, N. C., were re-elected moderator and clerk, respectively. The next session will be held with Bethany church in Wilkes county beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1938.

J. A. J. ROYAL,
Thurmond, N. C., October 25, 1937.

A Phase Of The Work Of Woman's Auxiliary To The American Optometric Association

In recent issues of the "Readers Digest" articles have appeared entitled "Optometry on Trial," and as President of the Woman's Auxiliary of North Carolina which is affiliated with the American Optometry Association, I would like to voice the opinion of the Auxiliary that we are heartily in favor of these articles. It is part of our educational program to acquaint the public with professional optometry, and these articles that have appeared are doing just this: trying as the professional optometrist are doing to stamp out commercialism in their field.

Professional optometrists do not stand alone in combating problems of this nature. Take the dentist, who years ago were faced with a parallel case. And today soundly established dental profession and medical men work in harmony.

Quotations from October issue of Readers Digest: "Professional optometry has now demonstrated that it can perform certain necessary services neglected by the doctors. Why can not the solution of optometry be similarly solved with the medical men as the dentists have been?"—Mrs. P. W. Green, President of Woman's Auxiliary of N. C. to American Optometric Association.

Imitation
Blowfoot (after midnight) — Did you know that I can imitate any bird that you can name? Miss Zimpir—Indeed! Suppose you start with the homing pigeon.

FORMER ROCKFORD AGENT TO RETIRE

Capt. H. D. Lindsay Giving Up Favorite Job After 46 Years

ENDS AT TAYLORSVILLE

Capt. H. D. Lindsay, jovial, good natured man and well remembered by many Surry people when he served as station agent at Rockford 30 years ago, is retiring from the railroad job he loved so well after 46 years of service. The following dispatch comes to our desk from Taylorsville:

At 5 o'clock on the afternoon of October 30, H. D. Lindsay, Southern Railway station agent at Taylorsville, will "OS" his last train and get "Good Night" from the dispatcher for the last time.

Mr. Lindsay has been associated as telegrapher and agent with the Southern Railway, and its predecessor, the old R. and D. for 46 years, 29 of which have been spent as agent at Taylorsville.

His railroad career began as messenger boy at the age of 15 at Kernersville, for which he was paid the munificent sum of \$10 per month.

He soon picked up telegraphy, and still as a mere boy, went out on the road as relief operator. His first regular job was night operator at Raleigh, where he worked seven nights per week, 12 hours to the night, for \$40 per month. Men on similar jobs today are on duty but eight hours, as the work is split up into three "tricks," and they get \$150 per month.

From Raleigh he was transferred to Burlington, and eventually becoming tired of night duty, was made agent at Gold Hill. From there he was promoted to other places, finally landing in Taylorsville, October 30, 1908.

When asked what he proposed to do, when relieved of the cares of the depot, he replied:

"Not much of anything, I used to grow a lot of pretty flowers. If I get able, I may do that again. I also love to fish. I will still be allowed to keep my annual pass, good all over the entire Southern Railway system, so I shall probably put that pass to pretty good use."

Mr. Lindsay was married in 1896 to Miss Sally Dobson, of Winston-Salem, who died in 1932. He has four children.

YADKIN MAN BIBLE READING CHAMPION

"Uncle Dock" Matthews, Makes Pastime of Reading Great Book

IS YOUNG AT 78 YEARS

By LULA M. WEIR
In Winston-Salem Journal
D. E. Matthews, of near East Bend, more intimately known as "Uncle Dock" is the world's champion Bible reader, without a doubt. "Uncle Dock," now 78 years young, has read the New Testament through 38 times.

"Uncle Dock" is a farmer and continues to cultivate tobacco on his 10-acre farm near East Bend, having no help now, he cultivates two acres annually, unaided.

In his leisure hours, he pursues his favorite occupation of reading the Bible obeying the divine injunction, "Study the Scriptures."

Drop into his country home at almost any time, when farm work is not urgent and "Uncle Dock" will be found reading the "Book of Books."

The little old-fashioned parlor at one end of the cottage, with its portraits in heavy frame and the family album on the centre table, is opened only occasionally, but visitors to the home for the first time are sure to be given a glimpse of the large portrait on the wall of her, who before her passing eight years ago, was queen of the Matthews home.

Matthews is a former public school teacher of Yadkin county, his teaching experience years ago having covered a period of twelve years. He served as magistrate for more than a score years.

Never having been blessed with any children of their very own, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews adopted and reared five children. Since these deserted the home nest, "Uncle Dock" adopted a blue-eyed girl, now four years old and the pride and joy of his heart.

Pa Finished It
"There is too much system in this school business!" growled Tommy. "Just because I snickered a little, the monitor turned me over to the teacher; the teacher turned me over to the principal; the principal turned me over to Pa."
"Was that all?"
"No; Pa turned me over his knee."

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D. C. MARTIN, Realtor

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SHADY GROVE

Misses Josephine Simmons, Ruby and Maude Brown spent Sunday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Darnell, at Pleasant Hill. Miss Ila Mae Patton, Warren Hudson, Miss Ruth Ingram and Fred Evans spent Sunday visiting friends across the Blue Ridge mountain.

A number of people from this community attended the Boonville Fair Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nance and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Nance, near Swan Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Winters and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Evans spent Sunday in Winston-Salem, visiting Mrs. Winters' sister, Mrs. Robert Harp.

HOPE TO STANDARIZE NORTH ELKIN SCHOOL

Efforts are being made by the North Elkin school to standardize the school for the state accredited list. A total of 1,000 books for the library is one of the requirements. A total of 652 towards this goal was raised in a three-day drive, Fred Collins leading the students, with a collection of 36 books. Members of the seventh grade lead other grades in the drive.

An honor roll system is being started in the school. Requirements are that the student be neither absent nor tardy and that he make an average of 90 on his work. The list of honor students will be ready for publication in two weeks.



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