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CLARKE FAMILY HISTORY.

Like Many Others Have Been Instrumental in Caldwell's Progress.

(By Rev. I. W. Thomas.)

Alexander Clarke, the grandfather of General Cornelius W. Clarke, came to Burke County from Alamance County just after the war with the Regulators. He left that section, it is thought because of the unpleasantness of that war. A man by name of Husband came with him, and there is a creek a few miles west of Lenoir called Husband's Creek. Jeremiah Clarke was born in Burke County. He married Eleanor Boone, daughter of Jonathan Boone. He was a Baptist religiously and a Democrat politically. He was a farmer and lived near where Julius A. Dula lives, two miles northeast of Lenoir. Mrs. Clarke, and probably Mr. Clarke too, used to ride horse-back monthly from their home to North Catawba Baptist church, a distance of thirteen miles. They had seven children. John, Cornelius W., Nathan, Jehu, Thomas, Moning and Susan. Jehu married Mary Allen, daughter of Ananias Allen. They went to Mississippi and Mrs. Clarke died there, and he came back to North Carolina, and married Mrs. Myra Maltby who was a Ferguson. The family is all dead. Nathan married Eveline Powell, daughter of George Powell. He was a Baptist minister, and, it is said, he preached his first sermon in the house where Abram Sudderth lived, a mile north of Lenoir now Valmead. He moved to Mississippi in eighteen hundred and forty, and located at Decatur, and took charge of the Decatur Baptist Church, which he served continuously about sixty years. He became a member of Mount Pisgah Association in eighteen hundred and forty-one, and attended every session for sixty-three years. Five years he was clerk and fifty-eight years he was moderator. Some three thousand people were converted under his ministry and he baptized two thousand. His first wife died September the eighth, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, and he married Mrs. Emily Puckett, September the twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty. He was editor of the Mississippi Baptist fourteen years. He died at the age of ninety-four.

John went to Mississippi when a young man and lived and died there.

Thomas went to Alabama, married lived and died there. He was a lawyer, and was Attorney-General for the state at the time of his death. Moning married Levi Hartley, and settled two miles north of Lenoir, where Wat. Austin now lives.

Susan married first David Crawford of Alexander County, and lived three miles south of Taylorsville on road leading from Taylorsville to Statesville. Her second husband was a Mr. McIntosh and her third was a Dr. Wilson. She died near Charlotte. She had one son by her first marriage, David Crawford.

Cornelius W. Clarke was born in eighteen hundred and eight in Caldwell County, then Burke, near Little Johns church. He married Susan Bogle in eighteen hundred and thirty-three. She

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COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Items From Our Regular Correspondents and Neighboring County Papers.

DRACO NEWS.

The school at Bluedoor is still progressing with a very good attendance.

Rev. Isaac Swanson preached an interesting sermon at Draco Sunday.

Mr. F. W. White of Downsville spent Saturday night and Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Roberts.

Mrs. J. F. Livingston returned home Sunday from a short visit to friends and relatives on Kings Creek.

Mr. Elijah Reid returned home Sunday night from a short visit to friends and relatives on Buffalo.

Mr. Toy Hass of Oak Hill was a visitor around Draco Sunday.

Mr. T. H. Lackey has returned home to Lenoir after visiting his brother Mr. G. L. Lackey a few days.

Mr. Elijah Reid expects to move into his new dwelling house this week. Mr. James Walker of Wilkes County will occupy the Reid house and expects to move in right away. We are glad to welcome the good family in our community.

Miss Gussie Brown has returned home after spending a week with her sisters near Alexander.

Mrs. J. S. Miller who has been visiting friends and relatives around Draco for two weeks expects to return home to Ashe county this week.

Rev. Dr. Burgess of Lenoir will preach at Draco the fourth Sunday in this month at eleven o'clock. Every body invited to attend. Mr. Burgess is a fine preacher and we hope every body that can will come out and hear him.

Our school at Draco commenced last Monday with flattering prospects for a good school this winter. The attendance is over forty and is the largest we have known in the history of Draco. The new school law says when their are over forty the teacher must hire an assistant. We need one very badly at Draco.

Success to The News.

WESLEY.

YADKIN VALLEY.

Messrs. Calvin Melton, Jeff Price and others are logging timber to be sawed soon. We have very little first class timber left.

The Misses Billings of Patterson, have been visiting their relatives and friends near their former home here.

The following were elected officers of the Piney Grove Sunday School: Superintendent; Ira M. Hawkins, Ast. Supt., Wm. D. Goble; Secy. Miss Florence Winkler. This rural school is well attended.

Volunteer workmen are finishing the new bridge at Beech Ford. The County has built its portion.

Mr. Jasper White of Shulls Mills is visiting relatives and friends here

During the last session of our general assembly a bill passed allowing fifteen counties to abolish the office of County Treasurer and allowing a local bank

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

Charlotte has forty three mail trains in and out of the city daily.

Thirteen deaths are reported from cold in New York during the blizzard that raged there this week.

Congress met in regular session last Monday and on the first days many bills and resolutions were introduced.

A proposition to vote \$50,000 bonds for new school buildings was defeated in Raleigh, at an election held there last Wednesday.

W. R. Outen a citizen of Monroe, was shot and beaten into insensibility by unknown parties one night this week and is in a hospital in Charlotte unable to tell who his assailants were.

The Masons of North Carolina have had unusually interesting gatherings during the present week. They formally opened the Masonic home at Greensboro a few days ago and later assembled in annual meeting at Raleigh, where the attendance was larger than usual.

George T. Lane a deputy sheriff of Guilford county was held up and robbed of ten dollars last Monday night on the road as he was returning to his home from Greensboro. He was unarmed and the negro stepped from the side of the road and presenting a pistol ordered him to give up his valuables which he did.

A blizzard accompanied by high winds has prevailed over a large part of the country in the region of the great lakes and along the northeast Atlantic coast during the present week, entailing much damage to shipping and suffering from the cold. A mail steamer was grounded off the coast of Nova Scotia, but all the passengers were rescued.

The Special commission appointed by Governor Craig, consisting of Judge Justice, Dr. Potat and Mr. Thompson, to hear and report on exceptions to the Justice Intrastate freight bill, is in session in Raleigh hearing arguments of the railroads against putting the law into effect. They all claim that the reduction ordered by the bill, in freight rates will badly cripple and impede railroad progress in the state, and in some cases amount to almost confiscation.

The Boston Record says that "Mrs. Pankhurst seems abundantly able to paddle her own canoe." To which The Manchester Union replies: "Strikes us she'd better go home and paddle her daughter."

to disburse the funds under bond without salary. A strong sentiment is brewing looking towards the end of this sinecure and we hope our citizens will keep this theme in their minds as any reduction in taxes will be a consumation devoutly to be desired.

Our farmers are busy preparing for spring cutting corn storks, plowing and shucking corn. Some are ditching and removing stumps. It is wise to do all possible work now.

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AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Synopsis of The Sermons Delivered at The Various Places of Worship Sunday.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

At the Presbyterian church the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper was celebrated. The discourse, appropriate to the occasion, was from Matt. 16:24, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." Mr. Squires sermon was an exposition of the passage of scripture of which this verse forms the centre.

I. That Calvary's cross was the centre and culmination of Jesus' mission to earth. He was introduced by John the Baptist as the sacrificial Lamb, He asserted Himself that He came "not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many," and in the great struggle recorded in John 12:27; "Father save me from this hour, but for this cause came I unto this hour."

II Simon Peter's protest: "This shall never be unto Thee," but expresses the natural human revulsion against the idea of death. Peter's notion of a King was one who wore a crown of gold bestudded with jewels, not a crown of thorns baptized with blood; one elevated upon a regal throne, not raised upon a felon's cross; one surrounded by an army of victorious legions who rend the air with shouts of triumph, not one, God-forsaken, whose groans of anguish are accompanied by imprecations and derisive jeers of a howling mob. But Jesus solemnly declares that not only He but every true follower of His must "Deny himself and take up his cross."

III. "For whosoever would save his life shall lose it, and whosoever shall lose his life shall find it." Christianity is not conformity to ordinance or ritual, it is a Christ-like denial of self and a willingness to lay ourselves living and, if need be, dying sacrifices upon the altar of God's service.

THE REFORMED CHURCH

Text at the Reformed in the evening was Psalms 25:14: "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him and He will shew them His covenant."

All religions have their secrets known only to the worshipers themselves. The Bible is a sealed book to the irreverent and curious. The Christian religion has secrets which the world cannot understand. The word "secret" is traced back to a word meaning couch; thus the figure is that of two friends holding familiar intercourse which is really the meaning of secret here. God is thus represented as bringing to a loving heart his own peculiar message and communications which are not for the world. Different parts of the Universe talk to and teach each other as the sun, the flowers, the winds and the seas. These are "open secrets" which man may discover for himself. But beyond this is a secret covenant. God calls his own into inner places and in holy silence makes known his covenant, reads his will, makes the heart feel and understand what the hand cannot explain. The fullest revelation can be made only to the saints on the earth. Human society is much mixed. Wheat and tares are growing together

LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

Items of Interest to The People of Lenoir and Caldwell County.

Mr. Rufus L. Gwyn went to Charlotte Tuesday on business.

Messrs. M. N. Harshaw, Mark Squires and W. C. Newland went to Shelby Tuesday on business.

Mr. R. L. Bush, the popular rural carrier on Route 4 went to Charlotte last Saturday on business.

The cold weather of this week has kept the roads frozen in many places and made traveling a little difficult.

This fine winter weather is great for out door work such as grubbing cleaning up branch banks and fence rows.

The daughters of the Confederacy will celebrate Lee and Jackson Day next Monday 19th. They will meet with Mrs. H. C. Martin.

The number of traveling men visiting Lenoir daily indicates that our town is one of the best places to do business in the state. They nearly all get business or they would not come here.

Rev. A. S. Peeler is attending a special meeting of the North Carolina Classis at Rockwell, in Rowan county this week but expects to return to Lenoir in time for the usual services in the Reformed church next Sunday.

We are requested to announce that Rev. W. R. Bradshaw will conduct an Institute at Lower Creek church on next Tuesday 20th beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. Dinner will be served on the grounds and every body is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. G. H. Aubrey of Atlanta, who represents the company negotiating for the Lenoir Electric Light plant, was here Tuesday on business. He seems favorably impressed with our town and while he did not say so we think it very likely his company will buy the plant here.

The Ministers Union will meet Monday with Rev. A. S. Peeler and the meeting will be held in the afternoon instead of forenoon as heretofore. The officers for the current year are Rev. C. T. Squires, Prest. Rev. Z. E. Bernhardt, Vice Prest., Rev. A. S. Peeler, Secy. and Treasurer.

We have a communication signed "unkel jo" handed into the office, which seems to be an article making fun of some other parties. We do not publish such articles, except at advertising rates and over the signatures of the writers. We do not know the writer of the article referred to and it is not of any value as news matter so if the writer sees this and desires it published, he can come in sign his correct name to it and pay for its insertion and we will give it attention.

everywhere.

By saints we do not understand perfection is meant—but people who aim to know God and obey Him. The saints are the salt of the earth, the light of the world, the security of the earth. For ten saints, or righteous persons, who knows how many cities are being spared? Who can tell how much every community owes to the people of prayer and faith? So long as there are god people in the world the earth will be precious in His sight.

ITEMS OF ALL KINDS.

Called From Our Neighboring County Papers for The Busy Readers.

Money for the construction of a \$15,000 Baptist Church has been raised, work will start at an early date and Forest City will soon have the largest and best equipped house of worship in Rutherford County. Rev. J. Q. Adams, pastor of the church, has had much experience in church building, having built one recently in Greenwood, S. C.—Cleveland Star.

Local authorities of the Southern Express Company Company struck consternation to many of their patrons today by notifying them by postcard that there was whiskey at the office for them. Heretofore this notice by card business has not applied to whiskey shipments here, but orders have been received to make no exceptions in the matter of whiskey in the future.—Salisbury Correspondent to Greensboro News.

Senator Overman is preparing a bill to provide that sixty million dollars cotton tax which was levied on the Southern States immediately after the war and which is still in the Federal Treasury, be given back to the eleven Southern States for distribution among the remaining Confederate veterans. His idea is that the money should be apportioned according to the number of veterans on each State's pension rolls, the veterans to receive it in addition to the pensions granted them by the States.

On last Monday while the nine year-old son of Mrs. L. I. Neisler was on his way to school the boy was attacked by three big hound dogs that were lying beside the highway off from any dwelling and unknown. Mr. William Cook heard the boy's cries and ran to his relief. The boy's rain-coat and umbrella were torn and the child was badly frightened. Mr. Cook believes that had no one appeared that the enraged dogs would have killed the boy. Mr. Neisler, father of the boy, soon got the word and soon two dogs fell at one shot and the third dog carried a part of the second load off to the bushes.—Concord Chronicle.

A young man, giving his name as D. W. Cobb, and claiming to represent the Prison Reform Movement, arrived in town last Wednesday on foot from Advance. He made a short talk at the Methodist church Wednesday night and delivered a lecture at the old court house Thursday night. Some time Friday morning he slipped his baggage out of the Commercial Hotel, and left for parts unknown, leaving several citizens sadder but wiser. A collection was taken at the court house which was turned over to him. He claimed at some points that he was a Salvation Army man, and was to have spoken in Statesville Friday night. His object seems to have been to take in the preachers. He will be remembered here by an unpaid printing bill, a hotel bill and a janitor's bill.—Davie Record.

Many a man who thinks he bears a great enterprise on his shoulders is simply round-shouldered from carrying a large load of self-conceit.