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News From Within and Without the County.

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What Our Neighbors Are Saying and Some Items of Fact, Some of Comment and All Helping to Give an Idea of Doing.

Chester Reporter, Sept. 11: Marriage licenses as follows were issued during the past week from the office of Judge of Probate A. W. Wise: Mr. W. O. McKellar and Miss Leona Stewart, both of Chester; Mr. John H. Richard, of Charlotte, N. C., and Miss Girlie Cobb of Gastonia, N. C.; Mr. Oree Millwood and Miss Ruth Giles, both of Whitmore; Mr. Wilbur C. Hardin and Miss Eugenia Wade, both of Chester; and Mr. Ernest B. Wagoner and Miss Lola V. Temple, both of Chester.

Rev. A. W. Massabau is critically ill at his home at Johnsonville, and very little hope is held out for his recovery. Mr. B. Clyde Carter and Dr. W. B. Cox, who left for Johnsonville Friday, returned Saturday evening. Mrs. Carter has been at the bedside of her father for several weeks. Rev. F. Ray Riddle left this morning for Columbia, after conducting a splendid meeting at Richburg Presbyterian church, which closed last night with a large attendance. There were five additions to the church. The city schools opened this morning with a large attendance. Conditions will be very much crowded, it appears. Miss Mary Jo Drakeford, of York, who was elected recently to teach the fourth grade at the Foote Street School, was forced to decline on account of her health, and her place has been filled by the election of Miss Margaret Coleman, of Blair's. The annual meeting of the W. M. U., auxiliary to Chester Baptist Association, was held at Lowryville Baptist church last Thursday, and proved to be one of the most interesting meetings in the history of the organization. Appropriate talks were made by Mrs. Geo. E. Davis, Mrs. Maude R. McClure, and Miss Azle Wofford, in addition to talks by the officers and others. Next fall's meeting will be held with the First Baptist church of Chester. The election of officers resulted as follows: Superintendent, Mrs. F. L. Whitlock; Associate Superintendent of Y. W. A., Mrs. S. H. Hardin, Jr.; Associate Superintendent of R. A., Mrs. C. C. Cornwell; Associate Superintendent of Bands, Mrs. D. P. Crosby; President 1st Division, Mrs. C. J. Grant; President 2nd Division, Mrs. G. M. Rogers; President 3rd Division, Mrs. C. M. Adams; President 4th Division, Mrs. W. C. McKeown; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Annie Corkill; Mission Study Chairman, Mrs. J. K. Hair; Personal Service Chairman, Miss Floride Durham.

Warren Howze, colored, died at the Chester Sanatorium this morning from the effects of a wound in the stomach received from a shotgun in the hands of Mary Boyd, the fatal difficulty having occurred yesterday afternoon on the plantation of Mr. L. M. Wooten in the Lewis T. O. neighborhood. Howze is said to have slapped his wife, when Mary Boyd, who is a relative of the woman, took a hand. She says Howze picked up a rock, and she shot. The woman was arrested yesterday afternoon and put in jail. Tom Brown and Harvey McCullough, colored, who live on the Rossville road about thirteen miles from Chester, were arrested Saturday afternoon by Sheriff Anderson and Deputy Howze, and their still, a five gallon oil can affair, seized. A small quantity of whisky and a barrel of mash were found.

Lancaster News, Sept. 12: Reuben Beckham, the accommodating ferryman at Catawba river on the Calhoun highway, made the catch of the season about two weeks ago when he landed a carp weighing 24 3-4 pounds. In circumference the big fish measured 24 inches and was 33 1-2 inches long. The catch was made with an old time split basket of large size. Mr. Beckham has since caught several nice carp, but said they were not to be compared in size to the 24-pounder. Sheriff Hunter sustained a severe kick on the right hip by a mule at the colored camp ground Saturday night while hunting for liquor. The sheriff said he did not get the full force of the kick which was deflected by the animal's foot striking a wagon wheel, otherwise he would have been at home instead of up and about in the discharge of his duties. The print of a part of the mule's foot is to be seen on the sheriff's body. In the search one quart of liquor and three pistols were taken by the officers. H. B. Perry, who was severely kicked by one of his mules sometime ago, is able to be out, but says he is yet a little sore from the lick. When asked if he and the mule had become friends again, Mr. Perry said that he was giving the animal something to do by pulling a road scrape and that it was not as frisky as it was when he was kicked. Saturday night about 11 o'clock Mrs. R. A. Long, of Chesterfield avenue, this city, heard an unusual noise among her fowls and securing a light made a hurried trip to one of the pens containing a Barred Rock hen and 11 biddies just a few days old. To her surprise, in the coop was a large king snake busily engaged in devouring biddies right and left. Mrs. Long returned to the house and awoke Mr. Long who with her went out to kill the snake. On their arrival at the coop the reptile had disappeared. A search about the premises was made but with no results. They returned to the house to await developments. In two or three minutes the hen and biddies set up another racket.

Returning they found the snake back on the job with the mother hen bravely pecking him with all her strength. The snake was routed from the coop and with a well directed blow from a garden rake in the hands of Mr. Long "his honor" was sent "west." After the intruder had been killed "two of the biddies were forced out at the mouth. A third one had been killed but not eaten, thus leaving eight out of the flock of 11. The snake measured 42 inches in length and was of a black and white-spotted color. If the depredations of the snake are to continue in this section, we would suggest that Mr. W. Frank Nesbit, of Jacksonville, make application for a patent on his new model snake trap recently devised and arrange for its manufacture so that the poultry fanciers may have its advantages before it is too late. "I'm not afraid of snakes," said Mr. Long, in telling of his Saturday night experience, "but I just wouldn't walk up to one and pat him on the head."

Cleveland Star (Shelby), September 12: The Shelby high school football squad has been working out for several days. For the past three or four days the squad has been put through some lively scrimmages. Coach Gurley is confident that he will place an excellent team in the field this year. A large number of officers and teachers of the Methodist Sunday schools in the Shelby district attended the Sunday school institute held yesterday at Central Methodist church. An interesting program, containing much valuable information to Sunday school workers, has been arranged. Lunch was served at the church by the women of the congregation. Reed Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Young, suffered a broken leg yesterday morning as the result of a fall. He was playing ball and while running for the ball stepped into a hole, twisting his leg. He was resting very well yesterday afternoon. Miss Mary Covington of Washington, arrived last night to visit her aunt, Mrs. E. Y. Webb. Miss Covington has just been licensed to practice law before all courts in the District of Columbia. She was recently awarded the \$100 prize offered to the most proficient law student at George Washington university. A marriage of state-wide interest, owing to the popularity and prominence of the bride and groom is that of Mr. Durham Moore, one of Shelby's most popular young men and Miss Glenn Hamrick of Henrietta, which happy event took place in that city Saturday evening at 7 o'clock at the First Baptist church.

Gastonia Gazette, Sept. 12: Friends of Capt. T. H. Tyson, of the P. & N. force, will learn with regret of the death of his father which occurred Monday afternoon at his home in Mt. Gilead. The elder Mr. Tyson had been critically ill for some time and his death was not unexpected. Mr. Tyson left yesterday afternoon for Mt. Gilead and Mrs. Tyson and children went this morning. The funeral will take place at Mt. Gilead this afternoon. At a very lovely party given Monday afternoon Mrs. Brian Smith announced the engagement of Miss Lucy Wilson and Mr. William H. Patrick, and Miss Lake Simpson and Mr. R. S. Dickson, the double wedding to take place in the First Presbyterian church the 25th of October. The latest information from the bedside of Mr. R. W. Edwards who has been critically ill in a Charlotte hospital for some days, is to the effect that he stood his operation yesterday as well as could have been expected and that he is resting fairly well.

Mr. Edley Martin, a well-known citizen of Cowpens, will have to serve two years in the penitentiary or on the chain-gang for involuntary manslaughter. In June, 1920, he ran over and killed a little girl named Hazel Seruggs. He admitted that he knew his brakes were out of order, and the jury returned a verdict of guilty. There was an appeal from the two-year sentence that was imposed and the supreme court has just handed down a decision in which it sustains the court below.

HONOR FOR HEROES

Visitors From all Parts of World Pay Homage to U. S. Great.

Honor to Washington and Lincoln is being shown by more than 1,000,000 people a year. Washington's home, Mount Vernon, the mecca of virtually all Americans and foreigners who come to Washington, is being rivaled as a shrine by the beautiful Lincoln memorial, while the Washington monument is the most popular of the three shrines.

Visitors numbering 34,112 went during July to the top of the Washington monument, conveniently located a few hundred yards south of the White House. More than one-fifth of them clambered up the 895 steps in order to see the memorial tablets on the various landings inside the shaft. The remainder rode to the top in the electric elevator which has a capacity of 35 persons. More than 5,250,000 people have visited the top of the monument since it was opened for observation purposes October 9, 1888. No entrance fee is charged.

The Lincoln memorial, recently completed and opened to the public was visited by 31,383 persons during July. Located in Potomac park directly west of the Washington monument it is rather inaccessible for pedestrians; visitors usually go there by automobile. On a recent Sunday 2,000 persons were recorded as entering the great building. It is rapidly becoming a shrine for tourists. No entrance fee is charged.

General George Washington's old home at Mount Vernon on the Potomac river in Virginia, 16 miles from Washington, long has been the mecca of pilgrims from every part of the world, who go by steamboat, electric train and automobiles. Kept as nearly in its original state as possible by the Ladies' Mount Vernon association it is a delight to all Americans. During July approximately 29,000 persons visited Mount Vernon and during the fiscal year admissions numbered 235,000. A 25-cent entrance fee helps to keep the estate in first-class condition.

The house where Abraham Lincoln died, located opposite Ford's theatre at 516 Tenth street, Northwest, this city, is another shrine visited by many tourists. It was bought by the United States in 1896 for \$30,000.

REFORM IS COMING

Dizzy Dances Are Rapidly Going Out of Fashion. Dancing is on probation in the United States.

Either those who love the art will reform it from the inside, or it will be prohibited by law in every state exactly as the use of liquor has been prohibited.

That is the opinion of Mrs. F. F. Warrington, of Wabash, Ind., a member of the National Dancing Masters association, who was commissioned by the recent convention held in New York to investigate the methods by which the reforms decided on at the recent convention could be made most effective. She has returned from a trip which took in most of the larger cities of the country. Reform in dancing already has been initiated she said. As an instance she recited the fact that in San Francisco where most of the dances which have caused public protest originated, there no longer is in evidence any of the steps which can be criticized. But, wonder of wonders, she also insisted that in New York every third dance in the public halls is the "old fashioned" waltz.

In certain places—she says that they are mostly the smaller cities—the tendency to "jiggle and jerk" the body remains. But that is more or less incidental, in her opinion, and will be wiped out when it no longer is fashionable. The various dancing masters have decided that if the tango of this character continues, public opinion will be so great as to injure dancing. So there will be no more such dancing on public dancing floors of participants

swaying their bodies while their feet seemingly are glued to the floor.

For the first time in the history there will be a complete understanding among the dance teachers so that "naughty" dances will be cut from the programs.

In Mrs. Warrington's opinion the teachers themselves have been to blame, but she believes that hereafter they will be able to control the situation and see that their pupils understand that unless the dancing is reformed by those who love it, the blue

law advocates will step in and end public dancing everywhere.

China plans to adopt a constitution similar to that of the United States. Each province is to maintain its own assembly which will comply with the demands of the southern provinces for provincial autonomy.

The largest turtle ever imported to London from India was killed recently for soup. Its weight was 450 pounds.

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