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## SURVEY COMMENCED

### Preliminary Work on Big Ditch in Progress

The contract for making the survey of the big drainage ditch has been let. The preliminary work was commenced Tuesday at the head of Crooked creek. Some sixteen or more men are engaged in the work under the management of A. A. Oldfield, district engineer.

The ditch is to include Beaver creek, Crooked creek, Clear creek and Obion river to the L. & N. railroad. At the railroad a ditch will begin and extend through Gibson county under the management of Gibson county citizens.

Commencing at head of Beaver Creek the survey will come down to junction and then up Beaver creek as far as is practicable. The present surveys are no indication of the ditch location or boundaries of the district, but are used only for the purpose of developing the project. The location of the ditch will be made after the preliminary work is completed. With favorable weather the district engineer will file his report early in September.

Mr. Oldfield has established offices on the second floor of the McCall building, and interested parties are invited to call upon him for any information they may wish.

With Mr. Oldfield, the district engineer, is E. J. Burke, chief assistant engineer; F. R. Moomaw, county surveyor; and Clint McAdoo who are in charge of separate parties. Another field and also office engineer will be placed on the work in about a week's time.

## Young Man Dead

Elmer Haywood, sixteen year old son of M. A. Haywood of the Thirteenth district, died Saturday evening of typhoid fever. Young Haywood had been sick about ten days. He was a member of the Baptist church and a boy held in high esteem by those who knew him. Funeral services were held at New Hope church by Elder Joe N. Joyner, after which the burial occurred in the cemetery at that place. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the community. Two other members of the family are sick with fever, but thought to be out of danger.

## S. S. Picnic

The Sunday school at Pilgrim's Rest near Christiansville gave a very successful picnic last Saturday. Children's day was observed in the morning, dinner was served on the grounds at noon, and public speaking was had in the afternoon. The speakers were D. A. Burkhalter, J. A. Robins and J. R. Garrett, of McKenzie, and Dave Patterson, of Bradford. The affair was very much enjoyed by the large crowd present. It is claimed that the Pilgrim's Rest Sunday school has been an ever-green Sunday school for forty years. In fact, we are told that it has not failed to have Sunday school on a single Sunday in that time. The people of the community believe in schools, Sunday schools and churches and this fact it is not necessary to say is one of the best commodities in the county.

Miss Georgia Anderson, of Hugo, Okla., and Miss Mary Henry Broderick, of Cooper, Texas, who have been visiting relatives in this county, were in Huntingdon a couple of days this week the guests of Roscoe Montgomery and Dr. S. B. Anderson. Their parents formerly lived in this county and the young ladies have many relatives here.

## NEGRO KILLED

### Jewell Bell Was Killed Saturday at McLemoresville

Tee Foster shot and killed Jewell Bell, both colored, at a negro picnic in McLemoresville last Saturday afternoon. From the information we have it seems that Bunk Foster, father of the man who did the shooting, and the Bell negro were fussing about some trivial matter when the son came upon the scene and took the matter up by shooting Bell in the back, inflicting a wound from which he died in a little while.

The Fosters, as soon as the killing was committed, left the picnic and went in hiding. Sheriff Kirk was notified and accompanied by his son, Arvil Kirk, and Constable Rust, left in an automobile for the scene of the trouble. An active search was made for the participants of the crime but they were hard to locate.

The sheriff spent until Tuesday night in an effort to locate the Fosters but failed to do so. The citizens of McLemoresville are very anxious to bring about their arrest, and readily assisted the officers in making the search. It is believed that the parties are in hiding in the county and it is hoped they will yet be apprehended.

Grover McCollum and wife, Jessie McCollum, were placed under arrest on a warrant charging them with being accomplices to the killing. McCollum's wife is a daughter of Bunk Foster and, it is claimed, furnished the gun with which Bell was shot.

## Aged Woman Dead

Mrs. Melton, widow of the late Bev Melton of the Eighteenth district, died last Monday morning. She was living with her son Ike Melton and had been in feeble health for some time. She was very old and death was caused by illness incident to old age. She was member of the Baptist church and had many friends. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday by Rev. T. M. Boyd, after which the burial occurred at the cemetery near Pleasant Hill church.

## Complimentary Reception

Miss Essie Hilliard was hostess of an enjoyable reception Wednesday morning from nine until eleven o'clock, complimentary to her sister, Mrs. S. E. Murray, of Memphis. In the receiving line with the hostess, honoree and her mother, were Mrs. M. H. Nussbaum, of Bainbridge, Ga.; Mrs. E. B. Elder, of Fulton, Ky.; Miss Verda Parker, of Martin; Mrs. Neill Wright, Mrs. W. N. Estes, of Martin; Mrs. Geo. T. McCall, Mrs. J. T. Peeler, and Mrs. Benjamin Funk, of Memphis.

The Hilliard home was bright with summer flowers, the luncheon table being prettily appointed with pink and white color note. The refreshments emphasized the color scheme, as did also the dresses of the honoree's daughters, who rendered a number of vocal selections and, assisted by Virginia Watson, presided at the fruit bowl. Misses Charlie Carnes Hilliard and Ernestine Norman presided in the dining room and Misses Elah Sanders and Christine Priest at the piano. Other assistants were Mrs. C. M. Townes and Mrs. O. C. Tidwell.

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## FLORIERAL CONVENTION

### A Representative to be Nominated at McKenzie

The florieral convention for the district composed of the counties of Carroll, Henry and Weakley, will be held at McKenzie today. There are two candidates, Hon. T. K. Reynolds of Weakley county and Hon. T. H. Whitlock of Henry county. The delegates from Carroll county are instructed to vote for Mr. Reynolds, and we understand he has instruction from his home county which will mean his nomination. The vote of each county is as follows: Carroll 17; Weakley 27, and Henry 25.

Under the rotation plan heretofore in force this is really Henry county's time, but Carroll feeling that Henry had not treated her right in the past decided to go to Weakley.

## William Crues Dead

William Crues, a leading farmer and splendid citizen of the Tenth district, dropped dead last Monday from heart failure. Mr. Crues was about 45 years old, a member of the Baptist church and a clever, upright man. He is survived by his wife and several children. Being such a useful citizen his death was a great shock to the community and is very much deplored. Mr. Crues' father died the same way while at church several years ago. The burial occurred Tuesday at Ephesus Church burying ground. The family has the sympathy of many friends.

## Entertainment

Mrs. George T. McCall was hostess of an enjoyable entertainment Wednesday afternoon of last week to compliment Mrs. A. G. Hawkins, of Cincinnati. The assistants of the hostess were Misses Mary and Lenora Hawkins, Addie and Louise McCall, Frances Cox and Mildred Teachout.

The suite of rooms used in entertaining was decorated with the flowers of the season, the luncheon table being particularly pretty. A delicious two course menu was served.

A feature of the afternoon was a contest concerning important events of a miscellaneous nature. The prize, a cut glass comport, was won by Mrs. C. M. Watson. The honoree's prize was a guest towel.

## W. C. T. U.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union at its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon of last week observed the state red letter day of Mrs. Holman's birthday instead of July 9th. Mrs. W. L. Noell was hostess and served fruit to the guests upon their arrival. A program of tribute to Mrs. Holman was carried out. A campaign for new members had been made and two secured, Mrs. T. M. Harwell and Mrs. R. H. Darling.

The Tom Thumb wedding given by the Sunbeam Band of the Baptist church was a very successful and enjoyable affair. The bride, Elizabeth Dodd, was beautiful in her costume of white with veil and flowers, while the groom, William Enochs, was handsome in his conventional suit. In fact, the entire bridal party with the assembled guests presented a pretty scene. The children between fifty and seventy-five in number, looked quite comical in their grown-up attire. Considerable fun was interwoven in the entertainment, and everybody seemed to enjoy the affair very much.

## DAY AT JACKSON

### Many Farmers and Others Will Leave This Morning

This is Carroll county day at the agricultural experiment station at Jackson. A large number of Carroll countians will leave on an early train today for Jackson to spend the day on the experiment farm. Farmers will attend from various portions of the county adjacent to the N. C. & St. Louis railroad, as special rates have been given on that road.

The work of the experimental farm in raising 60 bushels of wheat to the acre, five or six tons of alfalfa to the acre, and pasturing 20 cows on nine acres of land during the summer, all on soil so poor that it could not be rented before Prof. Roberts took hold, will be shown.

Several addresses will be made and dinner will be served on the grounds.

## Woes of a "Knocker"

A Mississippi exchange enumerates the woes of a "knocker" in the words that causes us to wonder why he lives in Mississippi. Here is his tale of woe:

"The Mississippian gets up at the alarm of a Connecticut clock, takes a dram of Jack Daniel's Old No 7 distilled in Tennessee, but tons his Chicago suspenders to Detroit overalls, washes his face with Cincinnati soap in a Pennsylvania basin, wipes his hands and face on a Rhode Island towel, sits up to a Grand Rapids table and eats Kansas City meat and Minneapolis flour with Idaho potatoes, cooked with Indiana lard on a St. Louis stove, burning Pennsylvania coal; puts a New York bridle on a Missouri mule, fed with Iowa corn; plows a five-acre farm covered with an Ohio mortgage with a Chattanooga plow. When bedtime comes he reads a chapter from a Bible printed in Boston, says a prayer written in Jerusalem, crawls under a blanket made in New Jersey, only to be kept awake by Mississippi fleas."—Lynchburg Banner.

## Delta Theta Epsilon

The Delta Theta Epsilon club was given a complimentary entertainment Wednesday night of last week by Misses Mary and Ida Leach. The flowers of the season and flags were used in the decorations carrying out a red, white and blue color scheme suggestive of the patriotic national day.

Misses Robbie Bayer and Thelma Joyner presided in the dining room serving a tempting menu from a prettily appointed table. Miss Marie Parish presided at the fruit bowl and other assistants of hostesses were Mrs. T. M. Harwell and Frances Enochs.

An interesting and instructive contest concerning Tennessee was held, the prizes, gold pins, going to Miss Olive Wright and Mrs. A. E. Hall.

## Woman's Club

The Woman's Club met last Saturday afternoon in the home of the president, Mrs. W. E. Townes. An interesting study of James R. Lowell was presented with Mrs. A. E. Hall as leader. Mrs. O. C. Tidwell gave a biographical sketch; Mrs. J. B. Sanders, his Philosophy of Life and Conception of God; Miss E. Love Hawkins, The Vision of Sir Launfal; Mrs. J. T. Peeler; Lowell as a student of nature; and the leader closed the program with remarks on the life of Lowell as a Prose writer and a Critic. Our friends will be with us later than the topic O. converts."

## STOCKHOLDERS MEET

### Farmers Store Pays Dividends and Rebates

The Farmers' Cooperative Association of Carroll County held a meeting of the stockholders last Tuesday. Quite a large crowd of the stockholders and patrons were present and quite an interesting meeting was held. Mr. E. H. Dowdy, general manager of the association, made a report of the business of the concern which was very gratifying to the stockholders.

The total sales for the ten months the business has been running is \$98,720.76, the undivided profits being \$2,085.14. Dividends were declared as follows: 8 per cent on capital stock, \$171.71; 10 per cent sinking fund, \$191.34; rebate on trade, \$172.14. Stockholders received on purchases 16 per cent, members not stockholders, 8 per cent. These profits occurred after meeting all expenses of the business.

The stockholders were well pleased with the report. They presented Mr. Dowdy with a watch chain and charm which he prizes very highly. D. T. Barnhill was elected a member of the board of directors to take the place of R. L. Hill who has moved out of the county.

## Miss Penick to Entertain

Miss Josephine Penick of Martin, Tenn., daughter of Rev. and Mrs. I. N. Penick, will give a play at the I. T. S. Auditorium July 21, 1916, under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society, M. E. Church, South.

Miss Penick is a graduate of Emerson College of Oratory in Boston. She is a reader of great taste and keen intellectual discrimination. She is a just expositor of the best in literature, an interpreter of real distinction.

Miss Penick will spend her vacation in Martin and has given several plays in that town. Her play at this place will be either "Peg O' My Heart" or "Experience".

## Old Time Service

There will be an "Old Time" service at the Baptist church next Sunday, July 16, at 11 o'clock. Dr. Edgar E. Folk, editor of the Baptist and Reflector, Nashville, Tenn., is to be with us, and have charge of this service. We want the service conducted as nearly as it is possible for it to be conducted just as the services were conducted 35 or 40 years ago, and since Dr. Folk has been in the ministry more than 35 years, we feel sure that our desires will be gratified. Dr. Folk's subject will be "Old Time Religion," and we hope that as many as possibly can do so will hear him. We also have his promise to remain over and preach for us at night on some vital subject of his own selection—Geo. S. Price, pastor.

J. W. Tuberville, of Memphis, district manager of the Union Seed & Fertilizer Company, and A. J. Porter, the Nashville manager of the same company, spent Thursday of last week with C. M. Townes in Huntingdon. Mr. Townes is the company's representative in this section of the state, and is one of their most valuable employees. He has been in their service for some time and a new contract, at an increased salary, was entered into while the managers were here. Mr. Townes' success in the trade has made the company very popular in this section of the

## GOOD PROGRESS MADE

### Cotton Plant Generally Healthy But Somewhat Late

The cotton crop has made good progress during the last fortnight, according to reports from correspondents of The Commercial Appeal. The plant, as a rule, is strong and healthy, and although averaging somewhat late, is growing rapidly, and in most cases is beginning to fruit satisfactorily.

There are several complaints of too much rain in the eastern states, but these are in the minority, and even in these states good progress was made. These reports, however, in the main were mailed before the rains from the gulf storm visited the country. There are also some complaints of grassy fields and snappy plants from practically all states, but these are few in number and are the result of too much rainfall in widely scattered sections.

Boll weevils are reported from practically all previously infested areas, and in most sections they are increasing rapidly. To date, however, damage from this source has been slight.

In Tennessee the crop has made excellent progress during the last fortnight. Clear, warm weather has permitted needed cultivation and fields, generally speaking, are clean and in good state of cultivation, although a few correspondents report some abandoned acreage owing to heavy June rains. Plant healthy and growing well, although still some 10 days late.

## John Merritt Dead

John Wesley Merritt, a prominent citizen of the Nineteenth district, died last Saturday at the age of 65 years. He had an attack of paralysis about two years ago and had been afflicted ever since and for several weeks had been seriously ill. He was a member of the Methodist church at Liberty All and had been since 1882. He was an exemplary citizen, being a man of good habits, a devoted father, and a kind neighbor. He was held in high esteem in his community.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Robert Sampson and Mrs. Judson Scates, his father, Riley Merritt, two brothers, J. G. and M. M. Merritt, and two sisters, Mrs. Mat Davis and Mrs. Boyd F. Wilson, all of this county. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at Union Academy church by Rev. Holland, a large crowd being present to pay a tribute of respect to the deceased. The burial occurred in the cemetery near by.

## Conference at Selmer

The annual conference of the Lexington district, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be held in the Selmer church Thursday and Friday, July 13 and 14. Rev. W. D. Pickens of Huntingdon will preach the opening sermon. The sermon will be followed by the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Bishop W. B. Murrah of Memphis will attend one day and preach at 11 o'clock. Nineteen ministers in the regular work, 33 local preachers and 75 lay delegates, together with many prominent women throughout the district, will attend.

J. W. Carnell, pastor of the Selmer church, and James V. Freeman, presiding elder, will be hosts to the conference. The people of Selmer have generously responded and the entertainment committee announces ample accommodations for all visitors. Special musical programmes will be rendered at every session of the con-