

will be before the legislature for discussion. —The News-Leader.

"GREENVILLE" DESTROYED

Old Meredith Homestead Near Nokesville Burned Down Sunday About Noon.

The dwelling house at "Greenville," the old Meredith homestead, about two miles from Nokesville, was totally destroyed by fire on Sunday about 12 o'clock noon. The origin of the fire is unknown since Mr. Ewing McMichael and his family, who lived there, were away from home at the time. It is said that the fire originated in the garret and it is supposed it was caused by a defective flue. When discovered, the roof was ready to fall in and nothing to save the dwelling or its contents could be done. The dwelling was insured for \$750 and the contents for \$250.

The history of this old dwelling is an interesting one. Dr. J. C. Meredith's grandfather, Capt. "Billy" Payne of the Revolution, bought "Greenville" from the Ewell family who owned it at that time. The dwelling which burned on Sunday was the one on the place at the time of its purchase by Captain Payne. The records show that the house was built in 1762. In searching amid the ruins the first of the week a brick in one of the old chimneys, which was built a little later, bore the date 1769. It is claimed that the bricks used in this dwelling were brought here from England.

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The game, which was scheduled for 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, did not get under way until after 4 o'clock, because of the lateness of arrival of some of the players. Once the "scrimmage" was started it proved lively, however. At the beginning the contest gave the appearance of being a very evenly-matched one, the odds slightly in favor of the "quituaters." At the close of the first half the score stood 7 to 6 against the alumni.

With the opening of the second half the alumni seemed to get second breath and at the same time the playing of the "quituaters," while strong and vigorous, did not have the snap and coherence necessary to compete with the playing of the graduates. The consequence was a piling up of 20 points by the alumni and just half that many by the other team. Both halves were characterized by much rough playing.

For the alumni Round did the best playing, when everything is taken into consideration. While he had to his credit only two field goals still he was a big factor in making possible many of the field goals of his comrades. He seemed to be everywhere and with telling force. His quickness and the accuracy with which he handled difficult situations marked him out as a fine player. Other good players for the alumni were Harrell and W. Johnson. Harrell's ability at throwing field goals is borne out by the five he made in the second half and W. Johnson gathered new laurels by caging three field goals and four fouls.

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This dwelling, in which Dr. J. C. Meredith was born and reared, was built of bricks, mortared together with clay, and was a story and a half high. The walls were of great thickness and the labor expended upon building this house must have been very great. The exterior of the brick walls was covered with weather boarding which was worked out by hand. The nails used in fastening together the heavy sills and the wood work were of wrought iron. A shingle roof covered the house until a few years ago when it was replaced by a slate one. The shingles in this old roof, it is said, were fastened to the framing with wooden pegs. One of the huge chimneys in this old house had a window clear through it.

The old Meredith home, because of its quaintness and reminder of olden times, was viewed with interest by all in the neighborhood of Nokesville and its burning is greatly regretted.

—Shortly after 2 o'clock Monday afternoon the cry of "Fire!

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W. Meetze and E. Roads stood out as the best players for the other team. Meetze displayed his old form in getting four baskets from the field. Roads placed to his credit one field goal and seven foul goals. These two players were the only point winners on the team of the "quitwaters." C. Williams played well during both halves. Very amusing, however, were the bucking "stunts," done in all earnestness, by Leith. Towards the last a great deal of fun was gotten out of the antics of this "spectacular" basketball player.

The line-up and score follow:

"QUITWATERS"	POSITION	ALUMNI
Leith,	Right Forward	W. Johnson
W. Meetze,	Left Forward	Harrell
E. Roads,	Center	B. Johnson
C. Williams,	Right Guard	Round
W. Athey,	Left Guard	H. Johnson

Substitutions — P. Haydon for H. Johnson. Goals—Meetze (4), Roads, W. Johnson (3), Harrell (5), B. Johnson, Round (2). Fouls—Roads (7), W. Johnson (4). Officials—Referee—Mr. Green. Timekeeper — P. Williams. Scorers — Ollie Lynch and Watson. Time of halves—20 minutes. Score—26 to 17.