

SOCIETY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Meyers and children of Hampton, Va., spent the week-end visiting Mrs. Meyers' mother, Mrs. Charles F. Russell.

Miss Madelyn Russell is visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Meyers, in Hampton, Va. Miss Faye Haste is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Haste, in Hampton, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. David Jones and two daughters of Portsmouth, Va., spent the week-end visiting Mr. Jones' mother, Mrs. Herman Edwards.

Misses Dorothy Bufflap, Diana Bufflap and Nancy Bufflap spent a few days at Virginia Beach the first part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Carr and Miss Clara Wheeler have returned from Nags Head, where they have been vacationing with a party of friends at the Parkerson Hotel.

Col. and Mrs. David C. Burke of San Antonio, Texas, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Letcher. Mrs. Burke is Mr. Letcher's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Allen and daughter, Mrs. Murray P. Whichard, Jr., and son Murray III and Ann Gra-

ham and Allen were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Byrum and other relatives over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Garrett and daughter, Patsy, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hughes and daughter, Gladys, returned to their home in Pottsville Friday after spending a week with Mr. Garrett's mother, Mrs. John Garrett.

Mrs. James Dail of Norfolk, Va., arrived Thursday to spend a vacation with her mother, Mrs. John Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bufflap and two daughters, Nancy and Dianne, of York, Pa., arrived Friday to spend a vacation with Mr. Bufflap's brother, J. Edwin Bufflap and Mrs. Bufflap.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED
Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Crenshaw announce the engagement of their daughter, Hilda Lee of Saint Paul's, N. C., to Millard Norfleet Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Ward.

The wedding will take place in August in the St. Paul's Methodist Church. Well arranged time is the surest mark of a well arranged mind.
—Sir Isaac Pitman.

6.5 More Miles New Paving Completed

101.3 Miles Road Work Done In First Division In June

The State Highway Commission completed 6.5 miles of paving in Chowan County during the month of June, Commissioner H. G. Shelton reports. The newly graded and paved roads are:

(From Cannan Ferry south to N. C. 32 for 4.3 miles; from Byrum's Cross Roads west to N. C. 32 for 2.2 miles.

Both road projects were financed by the secondary road bond program. The First Highway Division brought a total of 101.3 miles of road work to completion during June, Chairman Jordan revealed.

Evangelistic Meetings Held In North Edenton

Evangelistic services are now being held at 1025 North Broad Street with Evangelist C. S. Parker of Norfolk doing the preaching. He is being assisted by Prof. E. V. Sanders and his wife.

Services are held nightly except Monday at 8 o'clock and Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Featuring the services are musicians and singers from Pawnee, Illinois, with Mrs. Evelyn White at the Hammond organ. James Edward Taylor is manager of the meeting.

Public Schools Make Tremendous Progress

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answer. A tax on the gross earnings of railroad was one answer; and here, too, he cited practices in other states in order to show how \$700,000 could be raised in this State from this source.

Another source was through local taxation. This method of raising funds was cited by Mebane as one way by which the brotherhood of man is forcibly brought before the public. "Look at the cities and towns," he said, "where local tax has been the means of opening the schools alike to the poor and those of means." Mebane saw that here was the means of making the public schools truly democratic. Then, too, an interest in the schools on the part of parents would be created by a special tax.

The first \$100,000 appropriated to the public schools by the Legislature Mebane as an act that "gives hope and encouragement to the friends of public education." "I recommend," he said, "that the Legislature of 1901 add another Hundred Thousand Dollars, thus making an annual appropriation of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars direct to public schools."

Compulsory Education
Mebane minced no words in his remarks on compulsory attendance. We quote:

"I am slow to advise a compulsory attendance of our public schools under our present condition, and especially when I remember the character of work done in some of our public schools, but when I call to mind that in many cases the children are kept from schools by careless, indifferent parents, and sometimes by lazy parents, who compel them to work in cotton mills, while their fathers sit around the stores, talk politics, and discuss ways and means of preserving the government; when I think of these cases, I am compelled to conclude that the State ought to come to the rescue of these helpless children."

Mebane gave three reasons for the poor school attendance. "First, and that which is most alarming, is careless, indifferent parents.

"Second, poor teachers in the public schools.

"Third, bad management on the part of school officials. Merit has had very little encouragement in so many instances. The powers that have been more concerned for the continuance of said powers, than they have been for the progress and ad-

vancement of the schools." Tables showing illiterates in various states for the year 1890 gives a percentage of 36 for North Carolina, 23 per cent for the white population alone, which was next to New Mexico with 43 per cent. Mebane points out that states having compulsory attendance laws have less illiteracy. Not a single Southern State is to be found among the list. "I believe," he said, "that it is right to force the people to pay taxes for schools, and that it is also right to force the children to receive the benefit of these taxes."

Mebane called attention to the growth in the establishment of graded schools, mentioning High Point, Washington, Kingston, New Bern, Albemarle, Waynesville, Mount Airy, and Monroe as having been established during this period.

And finally, Mebane advocated a minimum age of at least eighteen years before a person could become a public school teacher. He didn't like for children to be employed as teachers.



Mother's Doll
While a young mother was bathing her baby, a neighbor's little girl came in and watched the process. The child was holding a doll minus an arm and a leg.
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