

LOCALS

Solicitor Carlyle Higgins, of Sparta, spent a few hours in the Wilkesboro Monday on business.

Dr. W. F. Jones and Mr. R. H. Reavis, of this city, spent Tuesday at Lake James at Bridge-water.

Mrs. R. M. Yale, of this city, who has been ill for some time, is much improved and is able to be up.

Mr. and Mrs. Green Earp spent the week-end as the guests of Rev. and Mrs. S. I. Watts, of Boomer.

Mr. Will McNeill, of Purlair, who was right ill for several days, is much improved, friends are pleased to learn.

Mr. Elbert Whittington, of Washington, D. C., is here on a visit with Mr. Quincy Adams and other relatives in the county.

Misses Bly Church and Faye Church, of Oval, are visiting relatives in the Wilkesboro this week.

Mrs. Nina Vinson, Mrs. J. D. Moore, Mrs. Lou Laxton and Miss Virginia Mills spent yesterday in Winston-Salem.

Miss Ruth Henry, who is a patient at a Statesville hospital, is slowly improving and is expected to be able to return home in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Bula Pruitt, of Salisbury, Md., are visiting Mrs. Pruitt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rance Luffman, of near Roaring River, this week.

Miss Anna Belle Church and Mr. George Swain, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday here as the guests of Mr. R. L. Church and Miss Lola Church.

Mrs. S. B. Farmer and children, Genio and Judith, of Richmond, Va., arrived Sunday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Genio Cardwell.

Mrs. Ethel James left Saturday for her home at Atlanta, Ga., after spending several weeks here with her daughter, Mrs. F. P. Eller.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Armbrust and little son, Joe, Jr., were guests of Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Davis in Greensboro Sunday night and Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Eller and son, F. P. Jr., of this city, visited Mr. Eller's sister, Mrs. W. M. McCulley, of Salisbury, during the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McMillan and Mr. W. E. Colvard, of this city, were visitors to West Jefferson and Nathans Creek, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Jennings and son, Alan, of Statesville, visited Mrs. Jennings' parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Bumgarner, of Wilkesboro, Sunday.

Mrs. T. R. Colvard, Mrs. Walter Colvard, Mr. Willie Colvard and Miss Ruth Colvard were visitors in Winston-Salem Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. P. A. Lomax has been confined to her home on E street for the past two weeks on account of illness. Some improvement is noted in her condition.

Mrs. J. C. Henry, Mrs. J. B. Williams and Miss Sam Johnson, of this city, visited Mrs. Henry's daughter, Miss Ruth Henry, who is a patient at Davis Hospital, Statesville, yesterday.

Mr. Numa Absher, who holds a position with the Turner Funeral Home, has been suffering with a severe cold this week. He is much improved, however, and is now able to be on the job.

Mr. S. M. Turner, who is spending some time here, returned Monday from Sparta and Independence, Va., where he visited friends and relatives for a few days.

Miss Hester Settle, daughter of Register and Mrs. T. H. Settle, of Wilkesboro, left Tuesday to enter Watts Hospital, Durham, where she will take a course in trained nursing. She was accompanied there by her father.

Miss Carrie Brookshire and Miss Ruby Myers, of Long Island, New York, spent last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Brookshire and Mrs. Myers, of Laurel Springs. They were accompanied home by Mr. Frankie Catapano and Mr. Carlie Kennedy, of Huntington New York.

Mrs. Pearl Boyd, who underwent an operation at a High Point Hospital several days ago, returned to her home at Ronda Tuesday. Her condition is very satisfactory. Mrs. Boyd is a sister of Miss Sue Lyon who holds a position in the office of Clerk of Court Wm. A. Stroud.

A special purchase this week enables us to offer thousands of yards of goods at only 5c yard. Lots of other goods at about half the usual price. If you are looking for real bargains see us now.—The Goodwill Dept. Stores.

Y. W. A. Members Are Entertained

Miss Mable Hendren and Miss Emma Choate combined their hospitality to the members of the Y. W. A. of the Wilkesboro Baptist church at the home of Miss Hendren on Monday evening. A Missionary program on World Peace was in charge of Miss Lola Church, those taking part were Misses Grace Blevins, Emma Choate and Helen Linney. An impressive devotional was led by Mrs. G. T. Mitchell. A St. Patrick contest was enjoyed during the social hour followed by delicious refreshments. Around twelve members attended the meeting.

Moles Eat Insects Rather Than Grain

While it may appear that moles cause tremendous damage to field crops, flower beds and vegetable gardens, the little animals are more interested in the insects and worms which they capture than in the seeds which may come their way.

"We are all familiar with the winding ridges of dirt raised by the mole in making his runways. These are feeding tunnels made as the little animal searches for worms and bugs which are his standard diet," says A. E. Oman, rodent control leader for the United States biological survey at State College. "The home dens are larger cavities and ordinarily are located under stumps, rocks, stone walls or other surface objects. Sometimes field mice invade these runways and complete the destruction of planted corn or garden seeds pushed aside by the mole and thus cause the blame to fall on him."

Moles are not entirely innocent of eating seed and grain. Oman says. Often they will do much damage to bulb flowers. In eating corn, for instance, the animal hurls the germ end and eats the germ. It does not eat the starchy portion. A mole may burrow down a corn row for 100 yards and eat only the germs of five or six kernels. After that, it pushes them aside as so much clay and seeks to satisfy its avid appetite for worms and insects.

Field mice on the other hand may do considerable damage to grain crops especially where they drain a straw field or brush land.

Moles may be controlled by trapping and field mice are readily poisoned with strychnine-treated wheat or crushed oats, the biologist says.

Neat Farm Homestead Builds Better Citizens

Though present conditions do not permit the spending of money to repair and improve the farm homestead, there are many things which may be done at practically no expense to have neat, orderly and attractive surroundings.

"We know that children are especially influenced by their home surroundings and that a well-kept and attractive home tends to improve citizenship," says Miss Pauline Smith, district home agent at State College.

"Improving the homestead is a co-operative project in which each child as well as the father and mother should take part. Each may make some personal contribution if nothing more than clearing away rubbish or planting a dogwood. The influence of the home is the strongest force in the life of an individual and the habits and ideals developed in childhood largely determine the interests of adult life."

Miss Smith believes that much of the bad effects of the present depression would be subordinated if individuals and communities would unite in improving, repairing and beautifying without much cash outlay.

Around the home, she says, there are porches to mend, windows to get a pane of glass, roofs to repair, fences to fix, gates to rehang and rubbish to clear away. New lawns need to be made, shrubs could be planted and flower beds removed from the front lawn.

"The home and its surroundings tell an eloquent story to the passer-by," Miss Smith says. "We make the picture by which we are judged."

Those who cannot afford to paint may make a white-wash mixture at low cost and when properly applied some of the mixtures give the same effect as paint. Interior repairs and improvements may be made which add to the comfort and convenience of the family.

By thinning the hardwoods on the Caswell county home farm, county authorities have effected a substantial saving in the fuel bill of the county. More than 200 cords of wood were culled from the farm woodlands.

Governor Demands Balanced Budget

Raleigh, March 13.—Governor Ehringhaus called upon the General Assembly tonight to balance the budget at all costs—even to the enactment of a sales tax—but implored the North Carolina solons not to wreck the government by further slashes in appropriations.

Schools in particular, which the administration is pledged to support, must be maintained, he said. Millions of dollars in highway investments would be lost should appropriations be inadequate to maintain roads, declared the governor, and other functions of government would be crippled seriously by reductions heavy enough to balance the budget on the expense side alone, he added.

Appearing before a joint meeting of the House and Senate, Governor Ehringhaus delivered his address to the Assembly—a speech which filled twenty typewritten pages. He stressed the point that he is not telling the legislature what it must do, but is trying to point the best way out of the present dilemma.

The enactment of a sales tax, he pointed out, should enable the state to maintain schools eight months and at the same time remove the fifteen-cent ad valorem tax, and an average of twenty cents on local property taxes, levied for school purposes.

"In the long run," he said, "even merchants will be better off under a sales tax than under an ad valorem tax which now excises on all property, including their stock of goods."

The governor, at heart, still opposes the sales tax, however, and he told the solons tonight if they could raise the adequate revenue in any other way, "to go to it."

A six-month school term last year cost the state \$16,500,000, plus nearly a million dollars more in extended term aid, he pointed out, which is more than the present revenue bills would yield should the sales tax not be enacted and the ad valorem tax be discontinued.

Pleds for Highways
Money raised through highway channels will be needed for the maintenance of highways, declared Governor Ehringhaus, and need not be counted upon to supplement the approximately \$16,000,000 expected from a revenue bill without sales and ad valorem taxes.

"My friends, we are facing a collapse of our highway, educational, institutional and governmental activities," declared the Chief Executive. "We cannot ignore the challenge to preserve them, we cannot forget the constitutional obligation that rests with us to carry on," he said, in asking that the solons not push economy measures too far.

The governor expressed his belief that with careful administration, the eight-month school term could be maintained for slightly more than \$15,000,000 a year, which is less than was actually spent to maintain a six-month term last year.

Enactment of a sales tax would provide for the schools of the state for eight months, would enable the solons to remove the ad valorem tax and would balance the budget, the governor said, and would be the most far-reaching step in behalf of the people and for the relief of homes and farms, ever made for any people in modern times.

The House chamber was crowded by the senators who moved over to participate in a joint session for hearing the Governor's address, and by throngs which filled every available space.

The chamber was silent except for the Governor's voice during the address and all present hung upon every word of the speech except for occasional outbursts of applause.

To Give Play At Little Mountain School Soon

"Wild Ginger," a three-act play, will be given by the young people at Little Mountain schoolhouse Saturday evening, March 18, at 8 o'clock. The admission fee will be 5 cents for children and 10 cents for adults. The public is cordially invited.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Q.—How soon can I turn my cows on new pasture?

A.—This depends upon the growth of the grasses and the condition of the soil but animals should never be allowed to graze a pasture until the grass blades are fully developed. Too-early grazing will injure any pasture by preventing further growth of the grasses and then, too, the hooves will cut the soil and permanently injure the root system. As a general rule animals should not be turned on pasture before the first of April and in many cases it would be better to wait until the middle of the month.

The Lutheran Mission

G. A. Wagner, supply minister, Services every Sunday evening at 7:30 on B street. We are now holding Lenten services. The subject of the sermon for Sunday is, "Verily I Say Unto Thee, Today Shall Thou be With Me in Paradise." Christ's second word from the cross.

Marriage License

Register of Deeds T. H. Settle issued marriage license to the following couples since Friday: Theodore Wilson Blackburn and Eva S. Wood, both of North Wilkesboro, Route 2; John Harry Stone, of Jackson, Miss., and Pansy Hayes, of Gilreath.

Jig Saw Puzzles

Jig saw puzzles are being sold in New York for as high as \$30. Puzzles at that price have 2,000 pieces.

BY THE WAYSIDE

By S. R. F.

The Forsythia and the "Breath of Spring" on the north side of St. Paul's Episcopal church in our town are in full bloom, and the Spirea Thunbergi on the south side is gorgeous. It is well worth climbing the long hill to this historic old church to see this bit of loveliness, and to breathe the fragrance in the air from the "Breath of Spring." That is not the botanical name for that plant; but it suits it better than anything that I know of.

At the Methodist church, Sunday morning, Rev. Mr. Taylor delivered an able sermon in his usual forceful manner, choosing for his text the twentieth verse of the fifth chapter of second Kings.

An outstanding feature of the service was the music, under Mrs. Royal Prevette's direction. A vocal solo, "Peace, Be Still!" was impressively given by Miss Eleanor Smoak.

Lovely spring flowers were placed in the church by Mrs. Norman Smoak.

Rev. Avery Church filled his appointments in the Baptist church both morning and evening. The subject for his morning sermon was "Jesus Our Savior." The evening services subject was "Bread." Both of these subjects were handled in Mr. Church's characteristically able manner.

There were four additions by letter to the church at the morning service. Dr. G. T. and Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Avery Minton. We are glad to welcome these members to our church.

With Mr. W. A. Stroud as leader, and Miss Anna Blevins pianist, the music was unusually good. A special feature of the evening service was the vocal solo by Walter Presley Johnson, "Count Your Blessings."

Beautiful ferns were placed in the church by Mrs. T. J. Ferguson, and Mrs. McCarter.

The Woman's Missionary Union with Mrs. F. G. Holman, Pres., had charge of the mid-week prayer service, and gave a splendid program.

Visitors are always welcome at our church.

Methodist Church Notes

New members received Sunday: Mrs. George Fountain, H. E. LeFever, Mrs. H. E. LeFever, James LeFever and Robert LeFever. We welcome you all into our communion!

Miss Ellen Robinson was the offertory soloist Sunday morning. She sang, "Fear Not Ye, O Israel." Her rendition was gratefully received by the people. The pastor's sermon theme was, "A Calling World and Our Answer."

Rev. W. A. Kale preached Sunday night. The pastor was in Greensboro teaching in the training school there.

Our Sunday school exceeded previous records for a number of years Sunday morning. A great gathering of people were present. Supt. Hix was gratified—and he should be after many years of service as Supt. to find his work going so nicely.

J. D. Moore and S. V. Tomlinson were the attendance men for the Wednesday service this week. The young people under the leadership of Miss Betrice Pearson were responsible for the program.

The Boy Scout Hut roof has been covered with aluminum paint. Thank you, Bro. Hoyle Hutchens, for the paint! We need the outside of the hut painted. Where can we get the paint? It will take about six gallons.

Announcement will be made Sunday relative to the pre-Easter meetings which we are planning. Services each night the week approaching easter. The sermons will be on: "The Seven Words From the Cross."

Next Sunday the pastor will preach at the morning hour. We will join the other churches in an anniversary service for Girl Scouting. This new organization has grown rapidly in effectiveness, numbers and equipment.

My phone number is 80. Always ready to respond to any call.

Sometimes, in winter afternoon, when I set back at ease, My feet against the kitchen stove, The kitten on my knees, The kettle's steam a-driftin' through the smoke wreaths from my pipe, My mem'ry sort of mellers up like apples gittin' ripe; I git aboard the dream express an travel backwards slow To places that I used to love and folks I used to know, And when I'm called at supper time and that dream bubble busts, I generally find my thoughts a-hangin' round "Fusts."

It may be you don't catch my drift—I mean them times, you know, That mark, like milestones on a road, the days of long ago. The times we fust did this or that—big times we thought 'em then Because, you see, we kind of thought they made us more like men.

For instance, do you member how the whole creation shone with pride and glory when you put your fust long trousers on? Home-made they was, cut down from dad's, the pattern kind of loud,

But say, I bet you've never felt more dressed-up like and proud.

And when you smoked your fust cigar—'twas out behind the store, Or in the "Injun tent" you built down yonder by the store, Or in the robber's cave you dug—that was a ha'nt of sin;

You knocked three times and whispered "Blood!" and then they let you in. Oh, that cigar! You'd smoked sweet-fern and lily stems and stuff.

But what was all their smudge beside that fust real grown-up puff? It wa'n't so pleasant later on; but, boys, in all your lives You've never felt more grand than when you lit those "three for fives."

The time you fust learned how to swim, two strokes or, maybe three. The fust real watch you had, the fust real show you went to see, Your fust real party—my, oh, my! what games the old games were!

And later on—Ah humaday!—that first walk home with Her. And then those other "Fusts," the kind that hurt instead of bless, They're all way-stations on the road—jest take the dream express.

Go back and be a barefoot by a-suffin' through the dust, And see how quick your mem'ry stops to loaf around a "Fust."

By Joseph C. Lincoln.

Sheets News

SHEETS, March 14.—Mrs. Phoebe Handy, who has been seriously ill for several days, is not improving any.

Misses Bessie and Edell Absher, of Winston-Salem, spent Saturday and Sunday with their father, Mr. J. T. Absher, of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Higgins, of Hays, visited W. C. Higgins, Sunday.

Mr. Rudolph Handy spent Saturday night with Mr. J. T. Absher and family.

Messrs. Claude Higgins and Earl Lowe visited Mr. Blake Chappell, Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Hays visited Mr. M. R. Billings, Saturday evening.

Mr. W. E. Billings made a business trip to North Wilkesboro this week.

Messrs. Red Myers and Don Wiles, of Hays, spent Sunday with Mr. Bueford Higgins.

Mr. Mack Shumate and Vance Handy made some good string music at Cane Creek school last Friday.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Q.—When and how should soils be prepared for flower gardens?

A.—Begin preparing the soil as early as possible after the last frost. Cover the plot or bed with three or four inches of stable manure containing very little litter. Mix the manure into the soil and apply acid phosphate at the rate of one-quarter pound to the square yard of bed. This treatment with one or two side dressings of some readily available form of nitrogen such as nitrate of soda applied at the rate of one-quarter ounce to the square yard will provide the necessary plant food.

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Q.—How can I protect my baby chicks from worms?

A.—If the chicks are being raised in a brooder, the area under the canopy should be thoroughly cleaned every day and the litter replaced with clean material. Beginning the first of the second week, the entire house should be cleaned and this operation repeated every five days. If the ground has been used within the past two years as a poultry run the brooder house should be moved to clean soil.

7-Year-Old Pine

Niagara Falls, March 14.—White newspaper paper made from Georgia pine trees only seven years old, a revolutionary discovery in paper-making, was announced here tonight.

Newsprint is now made from 50-year-old trees, and tonight's announcement involves a possibility of farming "paper" trees on a par with orchards.

It also affords prospective cost reductions to newspapers, and opens a new avenue of approach to the economic reforestation projects sponsored by President Roosevelt. Millions of acres of these paper making pines fill southern forests.

The "young" paper was made last Saturday at the Savannah plant of the division of pulp and paper research of the Georgia department of forestry and geological development. The news was announced here tonight at a meeting of the western New York section of the American Chemical society by Dr. Charles H. Herty, former president American Chemical society, and head of the Georgia research.

Has Great Strength
"Perhaps the most sensational fact about this new product," said Dr. Herty, "is its strength and light weight. It has a burst strength of 10 to 12 pounds a square inch, compared with only 6 to 10 pounds for the standard newsprint. It is a 30 pound paper, while the standard is 32."

"This means that newspapers if able to buy it would receive a 2-3 per cent more sheets per ton and their mailing costs by weight would be 6-2-3 per cent less."

"The strength and weight tests were made by W. G. McNaughton, one of the best known experts in the American paper trade. He is now assistant research chemist at the Savannah plant."

The paper was made from slash pine trees planted in 1926 from year old seedlings by James Fowler on his farm at Saperton, southeast Georgia. There was enough for an issue of a county weekly paper.

The trees all were "winnowings," cut to thin excessive growth. Fowler plans in three more years to tap the trees for turpentine and later to produce lumber. They were remarkable also, Dr. Herty said, because they grew on sandy hills where experts doubted good slash pine growth.

Significant to South
The seven-year period discovery follows by eight months evidence from this same Georgia plant that 90 per cent of all the south's pine varieties will make good newsprint. Until now forecasts of future developments have been on an expectation. Dr. Herty said, of 15 to 20 years delay from planting to mill. Now comes the orchard era prospect, for apple and pear trees start to bear in five to seven years and come into commercial production in 10 to 13.

Probably equal in speedy growth to the slash pine, said Dr. Herty, is the south's loblolly. The other southern pines grow more slowly. Spruce, the big source of paper now, matures in 50 to 60 years.

"A world of reforestation and economic possibilities are suggested by this new paper," Dr. Herty said. "In the economic background is the fact that two-thirds of American newsprint now is imported."

"Spruce pulpwood costs \$9 to \$10 a ton, pine in the south sells for \$3.50. The spruce is stored often for a year in advance, tying up capital and adding interest costs. The pine is available without more than two or three weeks storage."

"Most of the sulphur used in paper-making is hauled from Louisiana to Canada, right through the south. Much of the clay for filler for book paper in America is produced by the three Georgia counties, Washington, Bibb and Wilkinson. It is now shipped long distances. In Georgia it almost literally clings to the roots of pine that can be made into good, white sulphite paper."

"The literature states that it is more expensive to grind pine than spruce. We tested this at the Savannah plant and found it not so. In one test the pine grinding used less power."

SECTIONAL SERVICE
State Lecturer in charge. Will be held in connection with the Farmers Convention at Raleigh. Best Affirmative and Negative team to be selected.

State: H. B. Caldwell, State Lecturer in charge. To be held at State Grange Convention. Deciding State Championship.

HOUSE BEING MOVED

CORNER F AND 6TH
The house on the corner of F and Sixth streets is being moved to the adjoining lot on F street. The house and lots are the property of Mrs. J. F. Johnson, who, it is understood, will erect a brick bungalow on the lot on the corner.

EPISCOPAL SERVICE TO BE HELD SUNDAY

A service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal church in Wilkesboro Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. B. M. Lackey, of Lenoir, rector, will be in charge.

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