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JACKSON SPRINGS

Mrs. S. C. Johnson is improving after being very sick.

Eugene McAskill and C. R. Poole came up from Hamlet to spend Sunday with home folk.

H. S. Jones, of Fayetteville, and Miss Dorothy Jones, of Durham, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Jones.

A large crowd was here for the dances on Tuesday and Saturday nights. Saturday dancing was in the hotel dining hall on account of the bad weather.

Candidates for the town election, to be held here on July 6th, are: J. T. Ellis, Mayor; J. P. Richardson, Chief of Police, J. E. Currie, J. E. Jordan and M. A. Clark, Aldermen.

Miss Helen Martin, who was our efficient Home Economics teacher last year, spent the week end here. She is teaching Domestic Science at the Samarcan Manor School during the summer.

Guy Thomas, who was operated on at the Hamlet Hospital several days ago is improving. Mrs. F. P. and Miss Birdie who went to see him Sunday say he will be at home in a few days.

Miss Margaret McAskill has returned to Hamlet after a visit to relatives and friends. She was accompanied home by Miss Elizabeth Markham who will visit her and her sister, Miss Ruth Markham, at Laurel Hill.

Colon Smith is improving after a serious illness. The storm blew one chimney and some shingles off of his house, and caused the rain to wet Mr. Smith on the bed before he could be moved. It was thought at first the lightning had struck the house as it was striking near it.

A severe hail, wind, rain and electrical storm visited this section Saturday afternoon. The biggest damage was by hail. Some farmers report no damage, while others only slight damage. On some spots on some of the farms corn was shredded, cotton broken off, tobacco filled full of holes and gardens damaged badly.

The West End boys continue to win ball games. By defeating Biscoe Wednesday, by the score of 9 to 0, they took the top place. Moss pitched air-tight baseball and was supported by his team mates with errorless playing. There was some sensational fielding, fielders racing back and robbing opposing players of long hits, and cutting three four-base hits down to two-base hits. Russell, for Biscoe, pitched good baseball for three innings, but lost control and had to retire in favor of Utley, who was also wild and was hit hard when hits meant runs.

The grandmother who had pillow shams and throws in the house now has a granddaughter who has a lamp shade in the parlor as big as a wagon umbrella.

School Building To Be Enlarged

A movment is on foot to enlarge the school house. It has been so crowded so much that the entire building has been given up to class rooms, encroaching on the auditorium, and even at that not providing enough space for the increasing attendance. So it has been decided to add four rooms if the money can be secured. The ultimate aim is to build a new brick school house, but the condition of the school treasury will not allow at the present, and a temporary provision is the most available.

An addition that will give four rooms will cost about \$3,000, and as the school funds will not supply the money it will have to come from private subscription. A subscription paper has been prepared and some names are already attached to it to the amount of nearly a third of the sum needed, and the school authorities expect little trouble in raising the full amount. When the facts are known it is thought the subscriptions will come in freely. The school attendance is growing rapidly, and it is imperative that increased room be provided, and it is up to the people to provide the money.

Much misunderstanding of the school situation exists among many of the people. Some complain that they pay so much in taxes that they should not be asked for private contribution or that they should not have any further call for taxes. If the people could see that easy way they get off in the matter of taxation those who have children in school would be more willing to lend a hand in maintaining the schools. Superintendent W. D. Matthews has been making some figures on the cost of the schools

and the amount the parents pay for the upkeep of them, and he finds that the amount it costs the Vass district to keep one child in school one year is \$40. Of all the taxpayers who have children in school just to pay in school taxes as much as it costs to keep those children in school. These two are J. A. Keith, who pays \$135.46 in school taxes and has two children in school, and T. J. Smith, who pays \$86.27 and has two children in school. In each case the children cost the district \$80, but the parents pay more than the cost. As an offset against this one man who pays \$1.02 in school taxes has six children in school, at a cost to the district of \$240 for the year. One man who pays 46 cents in school tax has two children in school, costing the district \$80 for the year. Another who pays 31 cents in taxes has three children in school at a cost of \$120 a year.

The burden of schools rests on the tax payers who have no children in school. The cotton mill pays about as much in school tax as all the parents who have children in school pay. Other big interests pay proportionately. The big interests will be contributors to the fund for the new addition to the school house. The school board wants to put this thing over as quickly as possible that work may be started at once and the building be ready for the fall session. Therefore it asks everybody to be as liberal as possible, for it is seen by the figures that the children are getting far more than is represented by the amount of taxes that any one school patron is paying, even in the case of those two who go above the \$40 for each child.

CAMERON

Mr. E. M. Borst, of Wilmington, is home for a two weeks vacation.

Mary Elizabeth Kenster, of Garner, is the guest of her little cousin, Helen Parker.

Miss Carrie Norman leaves this week for the summer school at Eureka.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McNeill and Miss Ada McNeill visited relatives at Goldston Sunday.

Allie, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Al. Blue, is spending the week with Mrs. M. D. McNeill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Olive spent Monday with Mrs. Olive's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lentz, of Ellerbe.

Miss Wretha Patterson and Mr. Ed. Adkins were married Thursday night at Vass, Prof. Duncan Matthews officiating.

Mrs. Julia McDugald and little granddaughter, Margaret, will arrive from Florida this week for a visit to relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Mitchell and daughters went to Durham last week to be present at a family reunion of Mr. Mitchell's parents.

Mesdames Emma Kimbrey, Melissa McIntosh and Bessie Stuart of Sanford, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Phillips.

Misses Mammie Neal, Minnie, Jacksie and Bonnie Muse, Mrs. Jewell Hemphill, and W. A. Muse attended the funeral of Miss Katherine Person at Carthage last week.

Mrs. Julia Oates passed away Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Anne Wicker on Rt. 2. She was in her seventy-seventh year and leaves one daughter and a number of grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. M. D. McNeill; interment at White Hill cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whitman, touring on a bridal tour from Russellville, Ala., to Boston, stopped over Saturday with Miss Burdette Joyner. Mrs. Whitman, before her marriage was Miss Mattie Key, of Alabama, and was teacher at Louisburg, where Miss Joyner is teacher of art. Mr. Whitman is professor at Boston University.

The 4th of July night entertainment that was scheduled to come off at the Cameron Graded School building, has been postponed on account of the numerous ball games and the big celebration at Carthage. However, the Community Club will meet at the school building on the evening of July 8th, at eight o'clock. We hope to have a large attendance.

Dr. Archie McKeithan is expected home this week from Baltimore where he practiced as interne at the Mercy Hospital after graduating from Johns Hopkins. After a visit to his home folks he will go to Louisville, Ky., where he will be resident physician in the City Hospital.

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JULY FOURTH AT LAKEVIEW

W. J. Harrington announces the big event of the county at Lakeview on July 4. Plans have been arranged to care for big numbers of visitors from all directions, and all of the various amusement schemes will be in operation and with every facility for caring for all who are there. Conditions at Lakeview this summer are excellent. The water is fine now, the beach is in perfect shape, the dancing hall is beyond question, and everything to make the outing attractive will be provided. Arrange for the Fourth at Lakeview. It is the best place in a hundred miles for a summer day vacation.

BUILDING AND LOAN COMING

The building and loan organization is coming fine. Over three hundred shares have been issued already, and inquiries for money are coming in. The members of the association say the prospects are good for a strong society with good results from its organization.

INQUIRIES FOR LAND

Those that are next to what is going on say the inquiries for land in this section are becoming frequent. The prospects are that more dewberries will be planted this year, and probably considerable peach development will be commenced. Complaint is heard of making prices to prospective buyers and then raising the price when the buyer is interested. This practice does not meet approval. A traveling man from the eastern part of the state remarked last week that "this is a fine country up here, well kept and prosperous, and the people seem to believe in it." Rev. Kirkpatrick, of Harnett, who has been carrying on meetings in Vass says, "The people don't talk hard times like they are doing down in Harnett." eastern part of the state," another "They don't have the blues like in the man said. Vass is catching the public eye all right.

The average man's idea of the end of a perfect day is a cool night.