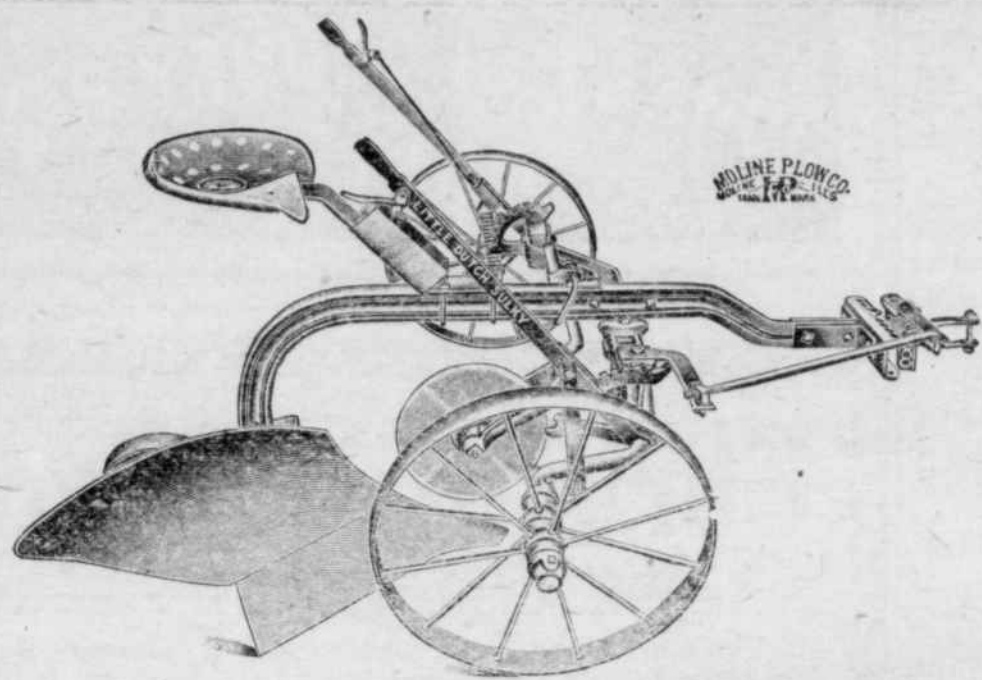


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SELMA SCHOOL NOTES.

The pupils of the eighth grade, under the direction of Miss Boseman, have dramatized the "Legend of Sleepy Hollow". They will present this, in two scenes, in the school auditorium, Thursday, December 20th. The first scene will be a school room scene and the second, a scene at the home of Baltus Van Tassel. Elmore Earp will take the part of Ichabod Crane, the rejected school-master; Claiborne Massey will be Brom Bones, and Julia Winston Ashworth, Katrina Van Tassel. At the same time, the students of the 10th grade will present a scene from George Elliot's Silas Marner, "The Party at the Red House on New Year's Eve." Elmore Earp will take the part of Godfrey Cass, Ruth Worley will be Miss Nancy Lammeter, Aurelius Moser, Dr. Kimble and Charlie Kirby, Squire Cass. The entire eighth and tenth grades will be presented in these plays.—J. W. A.

The little snow that came Tuesday night has kept many pupils and especially the small children out of school the remaining days of the week. There were several excuses for some of these absences, but in many cases there were no excuses. Mr. Moser has said a few things in chapel concerning this. He said that children were just as well off at school as they are at home if they are well, that the school building is just as comfortable as our homes, and that if our feet are kept dry we are not very liable to take colds. Some of us are afraid of cold weather and like to get plenty of excuses to stay at home, but our determination to learn should exceed our love of excuses. He said that getting cold is partly imagination and that exercise will overcome the cold. If we never had anything harder to face than a small snow we would get to heaven on flowery beds of ease.—R. K.

In studying the lives of our forefathers and seeing the great services they rendered to their country is sometimes enough to make us feel that we are living in the wrong age to do service for our country. The time has come when every man, woman and child can do his or her bit. We can see the sprigs of holly, as it is being placed in the windows, and can feel the spirit of Christmas approaching. This Christmas will only

be the 25th of December to thousands of American people. Those of yesterday that lived for Christmas today are living for something greater. As the holidays approach, and we think more of what we shall spend for Christmas, may we think of the small tents that thousands of boys will have to spend Christmas in. Is there anything I can send to one of them that will help him and make him feel that it is Christmas? Is there anything I could spare that he really needs? Is there anything I am going to waste that he would be glad to get? Am I due him anything? If we can send a small gift, or even a Christmas card to some soldier boy and make him glad, haven't we done a great work? The one that can spread sunshine and May we all wish our soldier boys a great service to his or her country. May we all wish our soldier boys a merry Christmas by a large or small gift.—R. E. E.

When the days begin to shorten, and the nights begin to lengthen, it's old Santy about whom we begin a-thinking. When we ask our ma's what he'll likely bring, She'll tell us that we can get most any old thing. So we get our ma's stockings and hang them very near, To get a peep of Santy and maybe his reindeer. We watch and wait, it seems all night; But we can not stay awake—try hard as we might.—R. W. Selma, N. C., December 14, 1917.

Loaded Coal Cars Stand for two Months.

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 13.—That loaded coal cars have been standing in the yards at Logan, W. Va., since the middle of October was the statement made by the Guyan Valley coal operators association in a telegram today to Governor Cox, of Ohio.

Potato Barons Revel in Wealth.

Boston, Dec. 14.—Indications of the prosperity which the big 1916 potato crop brought the farmers of Aroostook county, Maine, was brought out today in the testimony of Percy R. Todd, president of the Bangor and Aroostook railroad, at an interstate commerce commission hearing on the petition of New England railroads for increased passenger and freight rates. Because of this prosperity, Mr. Todd said the inward freight business of his road increased by leaps and bounds.

PLEASANT GROVE NEWS.

Mr. Tommie Stephenson returned this week from Camp Sevier, near Greenville, S. C., where he went to visit his brother, Mr. Johnnie Stephenson.

Dr. Young came down a few days ago and left a fine boy at the home of Mr. Ross Ogburn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ogburn, of Smithfield, spent several days at the homes of Messrs. Ross and R. I. Ogburn.

Mr. Jesse Smith, of oFur Oaks, passed through here this week on his Ford car. He was returning from a visit to his mother, Mrs. Blaylock.

Mr. N. V. Stephenson, one of our best young farmers, has sold his valuable farm here to The Tyson Realty Company, of Raleigh, and purchased another farm near Kennebec, to which he will move about January the first. We wish for him much success in his new home.

Mr. G. Willie Lee returned last Sunday from Atlanta, Ga., where he went to take his ten months old baby to a specialist for treatment. Mr. Lee was much pleased with the courtesies shown him and his baby while he was gone.

The public school in District No. 1, Pleasant Grove township, is being taught by Misses Zula Mae Austin and Maggie Crech. They are giving good service as teachers. Our patrons are pleased with the school work.

We are very sorry to learn of the feeble condition of Mr. Robert I. Ogburn, who has been confined to his room for some weeks. We hope for a speedy recovery. Mr. Ogburn is one of our very best farmers.

The following announcement has been received by friends here: Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hardee announce the marriage of their daughter, Lucile Elizabeth, to Mr. William Emory Harcum, on Saturday, November the twenty-fourth, Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Fentress, Virginia. Miss Hardee is well known here in Johnston County, having resided in the neighborhood of Shiloh church until a few years ago. We wish for Mr. and Mrs. Harcum a long, prosperous and happy life.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Johnson spent last week-end with their daughter, Mrs. Sylvester Parrish, near Benson.

Mr. R. H. Stephenson had the misfortune of getting his leg broken last Friday morning by a falling tree. Dr. Young called and dressed his leg. At last account he was resting badly.

Mr. Pope, of Goldsboro, has recently purchased the Vasper Stephenson

farm here and is moving to it. We welcome Mr. Pope and family to our community.

Everybody has suspended work this week on account of snow and extreme cold weather.

"Sol."

CLAYTON NEWS.

Clayton, Dec. 13.— Mr. A. B. Austin, of Cary, visited friends here a few days this week.

Mr. Warran Poole, who is training at Fort Caswell, spent a few days here last week with relatives.

Mrs. G. H. Johnson, of Enfield, visited relatives here this week.

Mr. A. Sam White and little daughter, Louise, returned Monday night from Concord where they visited relatives.

Mr. Letho Wrenn, who had enlisted in the U. S. Army, left today for Greensboro to be assigned to his post of duty.

Mrs. Jesmond Duncan returned Monday from Camp Jackson where she had been for the past two weeks visiting her husband who is in training there.

Mr. Edgar Lynch is visiting his sister, Mrs. A. A. Hamby.

Mr. Edgar Beddingfield, of Raleigh, spent Sunday here with his family.

Among the men of our town who went up to Raleigh Monday are: Messrs. Colonel Beddingfield, Otho Gulley, Brosia Adams, Edgar Lynch, E. B. McCullers and others.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Robinson, of Siler City, are here for a few days visiting friends.

Rev. T. A. Sikes returned Monday from the conference at Greenville. His friends here regret to see him leave us but wish him much success and happiness as he goes to Franklinton as pastor there. Mr. O. R. Hines will come to Clayton as pastor of Home Memorial church.

Mr. R. C. Weatherspoon, of near Cary visited relatives here this week.

Cars of Coal Held on Tracks.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 13.—Investigations by District Attorney Bell has disclosed that there is a considerable quantity of coal on railroad tracks, the ownership or destination of which has not been made public in the Birmingham district. As much as 80 cars are said to have been found at one place.

It was also ascertained that mines and mine operators are only working three or four days a week.

NOTICE Auction Sale

On Friday, December 28th, 1917, at 12 o'clock I will sell to the highest bidder for cash or good notes three good farm mules, one extra good driving and farm mare, one full Jersey cow with young calf. (This is extra fine cow. Will give six gallons milk and make two pounds butter per day.) Also two extra fine three-year-old Berkshire sows, a number of nice open gilts, same breed, and several shoats weighing from 60 to 100 pounds each. One lot of about 25 Bilkmore strain Barred Plymouth Rock chickens, two farm wagons and harness, two buggies and harness, one stalk chopper, one weeder and all plows and farming implements and household and kitchen furniture.

Sale on the premises, two miles west of Princeton, on Southern Railway.

Remember I shall sell Rain or Shine.

Big Barbecue Dinner Free to All.

C. N. PARKER

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Auction Sale

On Friday, Dec. 28, 1917
 At 10 o'clock sharp

At my residence near Four Oaks on D. W. Adams farm in Ingrams Township.

I will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash 1 one horse wagon, 1 buggy, about 35 barrels corn, 2000 pounds fodder, 4 tons hay, 1 cow and Calf and Farming implements.

W. P. Johnson

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