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A MARTIN COUNTY MAN IN JERSEY

Writes Why He Subscribes for The Enterprise -- Still a "Down Homer" Though Years Have Been Lived up North--True to Friends and Home.

Why should a man living within the circles served by papers hourly, hot from the presses of New York City care to peruse a paper printed so far away that its news is all ancient history before it can reach him? If the news of the world was the only consideration, there could be no plausible answer to this question. But what is commonly considered news is not all that makes a paper valued. In THE ENTERPRISE I look not for world news, which I find in New York papers, but for paragraphs relative to people and events in and about my old home town. The city papers seldom mention a familiar name. THE ENTERPRISE is filled with names of and incidents concerning people whose names have been familiar to me from my earliest recollection, and in reading them my youth seems to be renewed and I am among old friends again. The names of those I read about are not the ones I knew but descendants, yet they are full of interest to me.

The old town and the county round about are the same that I once knew. The names and occupations of the people are all there, with several additions which set me guesing as to the way they live from town. Tobacco and peanuts are now grown where once only cotton and corn thrived. The town seems to have started to grow too, and I read of serious discussions as to improvements. To light or not to light the streets; sewers; water supply, etc., some favoring and some opposing. Without taking sides on this question, though I do not feel neutral, let me tell what happened here where I live. The town is Rutherford, in the States of New Jersey, ten miles from New York City. The Erie Railroad runs through the center of the town. Some enterprising man of modern ideas went in for improvements—paved streets, sewers, electric lights, water etc. It chanced that these progressive people lived on the West side of the railroad; and as people owning property on a street decide whether that street shall be graded, curbed, guttered and sewered at the expense of said property owners, the people on the West side voted to put in the improvements, and those on the East voted to deter them. As work progressed, taxes increased, and the people on the East declared that they would not pay for the improvement of property on the West. So they seceded, and took charter as a separate municipality. In a few years property values on the West had trebled and were still ascending while those on the East remained stationary. The progressives had also increased in population. Thus matters stood for two years, and Rutherford assumed a city like appearance, except the East which was dark, hilly and neglected. But the sleepers awoke after a time, and now they are as well provided for as the other side. In these days no town can grow beyond the village stage without these modern improvements. Yesterday they were luxuries, to-day they are necessities.

There is another reason why I take my home paper, and I shall call it sentiment. I am a citizen of the United State, and though I resided for twenty years in Brooklyn and made many friends, yet I never felt interested in the city or its af-

fairs. I was merely a sojourner there. For more than twenty years, I have lived in New Jersey, and yet I know nothing of its government, executive or legislative and am ignorant of its geography. For more than forty years I have spent most of every day and night in New York, the only place I have found where I could get steady employment at fair wages. But I know little of state or city. I am in it but not of it, and could leave it without the least regret. But North Carolina I know from the mountains to the sea and feel a personal and immediate interest in all that relates thereto, and to the residents thereof. I watch every move made by her people in their progress toward modern civilization and material development.

W. H. Wyatt.

Ganderbone's Forecast

For

DECEMBER

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The shades of night were falling fast

As Paul Revere went dashing past. "T. Roosevelt is dead!" he vowed, But everybody laughed aloud, And as he pushed upon the reins, They cried, "Go tell it to the Danes!"

Whereat the herald winked his eye And said, "I'll have to change the cry, Prosperity's returned!" he bawled, The next town site he overhauled; But this town, too, for all his pains, Just smiled and said, "Go tell the Danes!"

Wherefore Revere, still raising welts Upon his mount, planned something else. "Cook has confessed!" was his halloo The next township he galloped through;

But these were also knowing swains, And yelled, "Go tell it to the Danes!"

At which rebuff he frowned a frown And said: "I'll try just one more town"

And, on the solemn truth resolved, Cried, "Standard Oil has been dissolved!"

But this town said, and shook it noggin, "Keep right on, Paul, to Copenhagen!"

December was anciently the tenth month, and its name is from the Latin decem (ten). It has always been the last month in every calendar. Like ourselves, the ancients were not quite sure whether they could afford it or not, and it was therefore always placed where it could be dropped with the least disturbance of the calendar year. Alexander the Great always attacked his enemies immediately after Christmas, when they didn't have a cent, and Julius Caesar, who could see farther than Jim Hill, repeatedly warned Rome against the Goths and Vandals, who, like the trusts, gave each other no Christmas presents.

The cast for the annual Christmas cantata will be as follows: Santa Claus, Mr. Taft. Sled, Mr. Carnegie Reindeers, Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Loeb, Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Payne. Bells, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Sage. Whip, Mr. Lawson. Snow, Chancellor Day. Moon, Mr. Archbold. Roof, Mr. Ryan. Chimney, Mr. Hill. Pack, Mr. Sherman. Tree, Mr. Rockefeller. Sleeping child, Mr. Morgan. The performance will be given on the night of the 24th. Mr. Morgan is said to be in the awakening scene the most delightful child in the history of the play.

The natural phenomena of the month will be encouraging. On the 21st the Coal Trust will kick the sun across the Tropic of Capricorn for a field goal, and the winter

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ROBERSONVILLE NEWS ITEMS

Local Happenings and People who are Coming and Going Here, There and Yonder, as Gathered by Our Regular Correspondent

MISS NINA ROBERSON

W. T. Britton is on the sick list this week.

W. A. Ross went to Williamston Thursday.

Dr. Ward returned from Baltimore Friday.

Mr. Parriot of Parmele, was in town Sunday.

V. B. Gray, of Hassell, was in town Sunday.

Best Fleming, of Hassell, was in town Monday.

Olha Rowling of Greenville, was in town Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Perkins spent Sunday here.

Johnie Wainright, of Parmele, was in town Sunday.

Mrs. Kate Tripp, of Williamston was in town Monday.

J. T. Edmondson and son went to Rocky Mount Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Grimes spent Sunday in Bethel.

Robert Cochran and little sister spent Sunday in Bethel.

Mr. and Mr. A. S. Roberson spent Sunday in Hassells.

Misses Blanche and Nina Roberson spent Sunday in Bethel.

Mrs. W. H. Atkins made a flying trip to Williamston Tuesday.

Mrs. G. D. Roberson is suffering from the effects of a nervous chill.

Messrs. Jack Taylor and Jim Daniel spent Sunday in Rocky Mount.

Mrs. R. A. Knigit, of Durham, spent Thursday with Mrs. W. H. Adkins.

Misses Maree and Emma Roberson came home from Greenville Saturday.

"Mrs. Wiggs"

The ladies of the Betterment Association will give an entertainment Friday evening, December 10th, in the Masonic Hall, for the purpose of raising funds for the Graded School.

"Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" will be presented in a number of illustrated readings and the program will be varied by recitations, choruses and musical selections. Some of the best talent of the town has been enlisted, and the program promises to be an attractive one. Refreshments will be sold at the close. Admission 10 cents.

HASSELL ITEMS

Peyton Anthony, of Greenville, was here Monday.

Ed Howard, of Sanford, spent Tuesday night here.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Salsbury spent Sunday here.

Miss Margie Stancill, of Washington, is visiting Mrs. W. D. Jordan.

Mrs. W. Z. Morton spent a few days here last week with her parents.

Mrs. R. H. Salsbury spent Tuesday at the home of John Cherry near Tarboro.

W. A. Fleming, who has been away for several weeks, returned home Monday.

Miss Julia Salsbury, who has been attending school at Greenville is at home again.

Frank Fleming and sister, Dora, spent a few days at the home of J. D. Rawls last week.

Messrs. W. L. James and J. D. Smith attended services at Oak Grove Sunday.

Mesdames G. P. McNaughton and John Fraley of Everett, were here Tuesday.

Elder G. D. Roberson filled his regular appointment at Spring Green Sunday.

Mrs. J. E. Ward was the guest of Mrs. A. R. Dunning in Williamston last week.

Elder T. L. Lawrence held services at the home of S. W. Outterbridge Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Little and Miss Allie G. Little spent Sunday with Mrs. J. H. Roberson.

The farmers near here have almost harvested their crops and the high prices are bringing them to market.

Miss Lena Parker with L. Harvey Roberson, and Miss Annie Mooring with Hugh L. Ross dined at the Hotel Beulah Sunday.

Eclipse Lodge was well represented at the District convention held in Washington, Thanksgiving Day, and all reported a grand time.

Misses Peel, Chandler, McNab, Mrs. J. E. Ward and Messrs. J. C. Smith and J. A. Mizell attended the bazaar at Williamston Friday night.

The dance given Thursday night for the benefit of the home society was very pleasant. Dancing began at 9 o'clock and closed at 11 o'clock then refreshments were served.

Mrs. W. H. Everett accompanied by Dr. Ward left Thursday for Baltimore, where she will enter the hospital for treatment. Friends and relatives hope she will soon be well again.

Unusual Services

Sunday was an unusual day in religious circles here from the fact that three visiting ministers were in town. Rev. Mr. Eller, a divinity student at Wake Forest College, supplied the place of Rev. J. E. Hoyle, who had promised to fill the appointment of Rev. G. J. Dowell, who was in Pinetown; Rev. Cecil Outlaw preached at the Disciple Church and Rev. G. W. Belk held services at the Masonic Hall. The circumstances have not happened before unless some meeting was being held. The people appreciated the sermons delivered by these visiting clergymen. Rev. Mr. Outlaw has been called to fill the pastorate of the Disciple Church and will preach each fourth Sunday in the month. Rev. Mr. Belk expects to hold regular services here also.

GOLD POINT ITEMS

R. H. Weaver was here Saturday.

A. C. Smith went to Norfolk last week.

Julius Whitfield went to Aurora last week.

G. A. Crofton is out again after several days illness.

We hear that there will be two merchants here another year.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Whitfield spent Sunday in the country.

Messrs. B. H. Roberson & Sons are selling out their stock at cost.

The farmers here have finished harvesting their crops and have sold also. Very few are holding for higher prices.

In Honor of Miss Woodard

Miss Mary Lee Woodard, of Williamston, the guest of Mrs. Frederick W. Hoyt during last week was the guest of honor in several homes in the town during her visit. Mr. and Mrs. James G. Staton led in the entertaining at their home on Main Street, Thanksgiving Day. The guests arrived at 4 o'clock, and those who desired played whist and bridge, making an interesting score. The hostess following her custom, gave no prizes but the games were just as enjoyable. The delightful hospitality of the host and hostess was never so marked, as with charming freedom they gave of themselves for the pleasure of each guest.

At 7 o'clock, the dining room was opened and the guests sat down to a six course dinner, served from silver cut glass and china. The center piece on the festive board was unique in conception, being a canoe, or Roanoke "dugout," designed by the host from an immense pumpkin, and laden with luscious tropical fruits, betokening the plentifulness of the harvest year. The hour of ten found the feast over, and another happy evening spent delightfully. The guest were: Miss Mary Lee Woodard, Miss Nannie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. F. U. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Crawford, Mrs. F. W. Hoyt, Mr. C. B. Hassell, Dr. J. H. Saunders and Dr. J. S. Rhodes.

On Friday from ten o'clock to one, Mrs. F. U. Barnes and Mrs. K. B. Crawford entertained in honor of Miss Woodard at the home of Mrs. Barnes on Smithwick Street. The hostesses were happy in their arrangement of tables and score cards for bridge and whist, and the players found the hours passing all too soon.

As the noon hour arrived, the guests were ushered into the dining room, which was bright and beautiful, where an elegant luncheon was served with charming taste by the hostesses. Those present were: Miss Mary Lee Woodard, Miss Elisabeth Gordon, Miss Louise Fowden, Mrs. F. W. Hoyt, Mrs. B. C. Crawford and Mrs. J. G. Staton.

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BEAR GRASS ITEMS

Dock Ayers was in town Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Bowen is improving.

J. M. Legget was in town Thursday.

Sheriff Crawford was here Tuesday.

Wheeler Rogerson was in town Thursday.

Mrs. Jane Mobley spent Thursday in town.

Alonzo Cowing went to Williamston Sunday.

Mrs. Tinie Cowing has returned from a visit to Williamston.

Miss Annie Rogerson from Vaughn, was here Thursday.

Messrs. Oliver Coltraip and Henry Peel were in town Thursday.

Misses Dora Corey and Lavinia Harris went to Williamston Monday.

Miss Sarah Green spent Saturday in town with Mrs. Javan Rogerson.

H. D. Harrison and Miss Dora Corey went to Smithwick Creek Sunday.

Miss Mamie Taylor, of Everetts, is spending some time with Mrs. Nathan Rogerson.

Mrs. Lavenia Harris and children spent Sunday in the country with her sister, Mrs. Mc G. Taylor.

"THE COUNTRY SCHOOL" OPENED

Friday Night at the Masonic Opera House --- Grown-up Folks Children Once More--Other Attractive Features--- Large and Appreciative Crowd.

The Masonic Opera House presented a lively scene on Friday evening last when arranged with tables, and booths where delicious candies and lovely fancy articles were offered for sale, it was opened to the public by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist Church. An excellent menu card was presented from which to select, and as always here, the refreshments were appreciated to the fullest.

At eight o'clock, Prof. Snodgrass opened "The Country School" with grown-up folks representing the old time boys and girls who played pranks on the teacher and had a jolly good time every minute. The audience, which occupied every available inch of space in the building, roared with laughter at the "Infant Class" and the acts of mischief done by each pupil. The impersonations were perfect, and the visiting committeeman was the "greenest of the green." It was one of the most mirth-provoking plays ever seen here.

The pupils enrolled were: Lucy Biggs, Mildred Critcher, Ruth Coffield, Lina Martin, Glen Ellington, Laura Crawford, Pattie Crawford, Alice Dunning, Lulu Anderson, Christian Manning, Archie Dunning, Burras Critcher, Frank Barnes, John Biggs, Roger Critcher, Albert Coffield, John Pope, Joe Sitterson, and Lon Mizell. Mrs. Chloe Lanier with her fat boy, who played "hooky," furnished much amusement, and S. J. Everett and John L. Hassell as committeeman and teacher were typical in their respective parts.

The managers of the entertainment have been warmly congratulated, and the receipts were satisfactory, being one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Many persons find themselves affected with a persistent cough after an attack of influenza. As this cough can be promptly cured by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, it should not be allowed to run on until it becomes troublesome. Sold by Saunders & Fowden and all dealers.

EVERETTS ITEMS

W. A. James visited relatives in town last week.

Bert Bailey, of Greensboro, is in town this week.

Miss Lilla Whitley went to Williamston Monday.

Clayton Keel, of Robersonville, spent Thursday in town.

Rev. D. W. Arnold, of Greenville, was in town Monday.

Dr. J. W. Williams spent Thanksgiving in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rogerson went to Williamston-Wednesday.

Messrs. Barnhill, Stroud and Stalls went to Norfolk Thursday.

Lewis Bailey, of Robersonville, spent Sunday with his parents here.

Mesdames McNaughton, Fraley and Taylor spent Friday in Robersonville.

Mesdames L. B. Wynn and P. H. Brown were here from Williamston Tuesday.

Mesdames Moore and Everett, of Williamston, have been in town this week.