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IN "BY-GONE" DAYS.

Things That Happened 33 Years Ago in Town and Vicinity.

October 8, 1891.—Miss Lillie Price, of Wilson, is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. C. Spiers.

Mrs. J. T. Gooch has returned home from a visit to Blowing Rock, Raleigh and Henderson.

Mr. T. N. Hill, of Halifax, is attending the Supreme Court this week.

Miss Laura Brown, daughter of our esteemed countryman, R. W. Brown, left Tuesday to attend school at West Point, Va.

Miss Kate Prescott returned home Monday from an extended trip to Lynchburg, Charlottesville, Washington, Petersburg and other places.

Capt. Harry Chavasse fell from a freight car a few days ago and sustained injuries to his arm which kept him at home several days.

Mrs. W. E. Daniel has returned home from a visit to her parents at Fork Union, Va., bringing with her her sister, Miss Kate Snead, who has entered school here.

The town of Tillery has, we learn, been sold to the Carolina Lumber Company for \$40,000 by Mr. J. R. Tillery.

We are reliably informed that Mr. Paul Garrett, of Littleton, will on the first day of January remove his residence to this place and his wine making plant.

We regret to announce the death of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Phillips, of this place, which occurred Tuesday last, at the age of three months. It was buried at Portsmouth, Va.

Mr. Grant Johnson, son of Mr. James G. Johnson, died in this place Thursday night of last week. He had been suffering from Bright disease for some time, and while on his way here drank ice water which very hot which gave him a chill. His father, who is a native of this county, lived in Marshalltown, Iowa, until about a year ago when he removed to Denver, Colorado, but was advised by physicians to remove South. While on his way to Florida he lost his wife and one child of diphtheria and came here to bring his other children to his mother, Mrs. A. F. Shearin, near Brinkleyville. Grant was too ill when he reached here to go further. He was buried in the cemetery Friday, Rev. W. B. Morion, conducting the service.

BEAUTIFUL SHOWER.

One of the prettiest recent social events was the miscellaneous shower given at the home of Mrs. N. Macon Shearin on Thursday afternoon, October 9th, from four to six o'clock, complimentary to Mrs. John O'Brien Carter, with Mrs. Shearin and Mrs. C. E. Carter as hostesses.

The home was attractively decorated with ferns, running cedar, quantities of bright red dahlias and soft shaded lights. The guests were welcomed at the door by Mrs. G. C. Sanders and conducted by Mrs. Helen Pope Harrington into the parlor, where they were introduced to the receiving line, composed of Mesdames N. M. Shearin, John O. Carter, C. E. Carter, R. W. Carter, Sr., J. D. Shearin, Annie Haincock, S. E. Shearin and W. A. Carter.

In the reception hall punch was served by Mesdames Julian B. Coppedge and Lynwood E. Brown, assisted by Mrs. S. J. Dixon. Mrs. J. I. Wyche invited the guests into the rear hall where cream moulded as hearts and cake were served. Favors were a miniature bride and groom. A large basket containing the many pretty and useful gifts was presented to the bride by little Misses Lillie May and Louise Carter, dressed as maids. In the register kept by Mrs. R. W. Carter, Jr., the names of sixty guests were written during the afternoon.

THANKS.

We return thanks to our friend Mr. C. N. Hamill for some delicious scuppernon grapes, the sweetest and best we have tasted this season.

DISLOCATED HIS ANKLE.

Mr. Selden Pierce while playing foot ball at the Graded school, one day last week, had the misfortune to dislocate his ankle. Medical aid was at once summoned and he is now doing as well as could be expected.

THE BOOK CLUB.

First Meeting of the Season Held October 7.

The first meeting of the Book Club for the season was held on October 7th with Mrs. W. G. Suiter as hostess. The beautiful sunshine of the day after so much rain, the lovely roses and other fall flowers gave pleasure and added to the enjoyment of the meeting. Mrs. E. D. Poe resumed her duties as president and in the absence of Mrs. George C. Green Mrs. O. W. Pierce acted as secretary. The treasurer read her final report for the year which included the purchase of books for the library amounting to more than \$200. A report on the progress of the library was given which was considered encouraging and was as follows:

Number of Volumes.....446
Number of borrowers.....221
Number of books loaned in the two months since opening.....10040

After the business session a very interesting program was given relating to the life and works of Kate Douglass Wiggin. Mrs. T. C. Harrison and Mrs. O. W. Pierce each gave very interesting papers and at roll call each member responded with quotations from the loved author of Rebecca and the renowned Ruggles family. Mrs. Woodall gave a reading which was highly enjoyed.

The hostess assisted by Miss Elizabeth Allen and Miss Virginia Green served a delicious course of creamed chicken in patties stuffed celery and dates with lettuce and mayonnaise. Mrs. T. C. Harrison poured coffee in the dining room where also cheese straws and mints were served.

Mrs. Suiter's guests besides the ladies of the club were Mrs. Trentham and Mrs. E. B. Emory, of New York, and Mesdames Barnes, Wall, Pierce Johnson, Woodall, Barnhart and Coppedge, A. S. Allen.

After a delightful meeting the club adjourned to meet October 21 with Mrs. W. J. Ward.

MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

The 5th meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, District of Edgecombe, held in Grace Church, Weldon, on Thursday, October 9th, was an unqualified success from beginning to end. The entire program was interesting, instructive and inspiring, attesting thoroughly to the time and prayerful thought spent in its arrangement, and the cheerful and intelligent response to duty by those called upon. The unavoidable absence of the Bishop, Arch Deacon and several of the District ministers was much regretted, however, Rev. L. N. Taylor, who officiated for the Arch Deacon, Rev. Reuben Meredith and our esteemed layman, Mr. Nash, of Tarboro, were hosts within themselves, making up for all deficiencies; and in their splendid short "talks" added much to the pleasure of the occasion, and gave much food for reflection and prayer.

Due to the kindness of our Methodist friends (who have never failed in their "brotherliness") to us in time of need) luncheon was served in their wonderful basement banquet room—made more beautiful by a lavish display of beautiful flowers, most artistically arranged. And their heart-warming welcome was the crowning glory of the day, bringing a glow to all hearts, which will be gratefully cherished in our memories, as one of the worth-while things of life.

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WOMAN'S CLUB.

The Woman's Club of Weldon will hold its regular quarterly meeting in the Baraca room at the M. E. Church next week, Wednesday Oct. 22, at 3:30 p. m. It is earnestly hoped that every member who is interested in the work, will be present.

The chairman of each department will give her report and the flower show discussed and the most important feature will be the election of a president. Every one regrets that Mrs. R. S. Travis who was unanimously elected in the summer has resigned.

Let us rally to the club and do our best to make it a success. Mrs. J. P. HOLOMAN, First Vice President

ROANOKE RAPIDS-ROSEMARY.

Personals and Items of Interest from the Twin City.

[By Our Special Correspondent]
Mr. W. C. Williams has returned from a visit to Salisbury.

Miss Luella Koonz spent the week-end with friends in Seaboard.

Hon. W. L. Long made the address at an unveiling ceremony held by the W. O. W. Lodge at Seaboard Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mattie Garrett is visiting relatives in Taylorsville.

Mrs. D. W. Allen and children, of Monticello, Tenn., are the guests of Mrs. Mary Sadler.

Dr. J. W. Mann has returned from Washington, D. C.

Mrs. C. E. Kendrick's was called to Concord on Saturday by the serious illness of her father.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Harris, of Minneapolis, Minn., will spend the winter here with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gaddy.

Mr. G. E. Squires, of Massachussetts, was the week-end guest of Mr. J. T. Chase.

Mrs. Kathryn Webster has returned from a visit to Richmond.

Mr. S. J. Bounds attended the World's series games in Washington.

Messrs. T. M. Jenkins, J. L. Cobb, F. C. Hege and Herbert Bell motored to Raleigh Thursday.

Mr. Sidney Matthews was badly injured Tuesday by an accident to the machinery of his silo.

Rev. L. N. Taylor delivered an address in Weldon Thursday before the Woman's Auxiliary to National Council of Edgecombe.

Mrs. MacPherson and Mrs. Womble motored to Aurelian Springs Thursday.

The Woman's Club held an interesting meeting in the High School building on Monday afternoon. Mrs. J. F. Chase was elected general chairman of the Civic and Garden and Forestry Departments.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pyle spent the week-end with relatives in Rocky Mount.

Mrs. Gray, of Bo'kins, Va., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Stafford.

Miss Kathryn Millette is visiting her parents in Sumter, S. C.

Rev. and Mrs. Julian Midgett, of Halifax, visited friends in Rosemary Saturday.

The funeral services of William Gentry, who was killed last week in an automobile accident in Washington, D. C., were held from the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gentry, on Friday afternoon by Rev. R. H. Broom.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Wilson spent the week-end in Virginia with relatives.

On Thursday afternoon the Advanced Home Economics Class under Miss Jeter entertained the high school faculty at tea. The color scheme was yellow and white. The dining room was beautifully decorated with marigolds and dahlias and dainty refreshments in yellow and white were served.

Misses Anne and Gertrude McDowell, who have been visiting Mrs. Job Taylor have returned to their home in Scotland Neck.

Mr. M. R. Stephenson, of Raleigh, has accepted a position with the National Loan and Insurance Company.

Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Dickens have moved to Yonkers, N. Y.

Mrs. Craddock, of Christianburg, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. D. L. Traynham.

Mr. William Mounford is visiting his daughter in Mount Vernon, N. Y.

Mrs. Pearl Throckmorton and family have moved to Richmond, Va. Oct. 13, 1924.

A BOLD THIEF.

WAR-TIME BRIDE.

Had Two Dresses--She Was Lucky at That Says Weldon Woman in Reminiscent Vein.

TALKS OF WALNUT DYE AND RED OAK BARK.

Dashing Bells From Petersburg Refugees In 1863 Set Pace for Gourd Buttons Covered With Scraps of Silk or Bits of Wool; Dividends In Cotton Cloth.

A wedding in high life in which the bride's trousseau consisted of two dresses, and in which the guests were clothed in garments made of cloth of their own weaving was recalled by Mrs. Ida Wilkins, of Weldon when she read in last Sunday's News and Observer, the story of the unique history of the Rocky Mount Mills.

"Of course cards and looms became very popular," said Mrs. Wilkins. "We soon became expert in spinning the fine thread necessary for the 'filling' and improvised many kinds of dyes, Walnut hulls, Red Oak bark, home grown indigo and so forth. But a perplexing question was the 'warp' sufficiently strong to make this cloth. At this time the Rocky Mount mills came to our rescue, and it became known all through this section that they would sell a five pound 'block' of this strong, fine, cotton, warp for \$4 in Confederate money.

"I remember one dress for which I spun the wool, dyed it black with Walnut hulls, wove the cloth and wore the dress to a wedding in real high life in December, 1863. The bride's trousseau consisted of two dresses. A grey poplin (she was a young widow), and a small checked brown and white silk 'second-day.' The material ran the blockade at Wilmington. The bride owned stock in a large cotton mill in Rome, Ga., which gave her dividends in cotton cloth.

"I was surprised that no reference was made to either Alamance or Haw river mills owned and operated by the Holts of that day. In the summer of 1861 about the time the Rocky Mount mills were burned there came to our town as refugees two dashing young belles from Petersburg, Va., and their chief attraction to our eyes was that each wore for their very best dress a costume made of Alamance plaids elaborately trimmed with buttons covered with scraps of silk or woolen material. This new style was rapidly appropriated. Our button moulds were cut from dried gourds and manufactured ad infinitum."—Sunday's News and Observer.

OCTOBER NOTES.

They are all here.

It looks like old fair times.

Cotton has commenced to roll in.

The leaves have commenced to fall.

The Fair is a grand success in every way.

There are over fifty horses entered at the fair.

About 2,000 people visited the fair grounds Sunday.

The race track is in fine condition at the new fair grounds.

Don't you feel so awful jolly when the band begins to play.

The seating capacity of the grand stand at the fair grounds is over 2,000.

The hot dog stands are doing a thriving business at the fair grounds.

The Halifax County Chowan Club met with Mrs. W. E. Daniel Monday afternoon.

THE RECEPTION.

The church of the town gave a reception to the faculty of the Graded school on the ground floor assembly room of the Methodist church on Thursday evening last. The room was beautifully decorated. Speeches of welcome were given by Rev. G. W. Perry, Rev. Dr. Poy, Mr. Geo. C. Green and Mr. W. L. Knight, all of which were responded to in a most happy manner by Mr. Walter W. Barnhart. Many of our citizens were present to meet and greet the teachers. Ice cream and cake was served to all and a very pleasant hour soon passed.

SPRIGHTLY SPARKS.

Gathered Here and There and Everywhere.

About the only man who is qualified to judge a woman's smile by her teeth is a dentist.

We're bound to make mistakes. But the big thing is to see that we don't make the old one twice.

The main trouble with most of our legislators is that they first pass a law and then pass the buck.

About the only way to cure some speeders will be to impose a fine on them and imprison their cars.

A Missouri congressman wants a law to stop the transportation of pistols by mail. How about females?

Economy is a good thing, but it doesn't mean that a man ought to wear the same pair of socks a month.

It's easy to put up a bluff in a big city, but in the small town everybody knows the size of your bank roll.

When you hear a Weldon man say: "Go ahead and bob it" you don't have to guess who is boss at his house.

Most Weldon girls are pretty independent. But none of them have forgotten how to say: "Charge it to Dad."

Our advice to all young men of Weldon is: When in business, put it in writing; when in love, never write it.

Somebody has estimated that the handshaking from one election would milk every cow in the United States.

A good many times the Weldon man with one foot on the gas has the other foot in the grave and doesn't know it.

That back-to-Africa movement won't get very far as long as this country is willing to pay colored jazz bands big wages.

Every woman would take a vacation if it wasn't for the fact that she fears everything around the house would go to smash.

The farmer would feel lots better about improving his condition if everybody else wasn't in such a hurry to take credit for it.

Still another thing we have to be thankful for is we didn't lose our head a few years ago and buy up a lot of those German marks.

We still believe the average Weldon wife would be as satisfying as a sweetheart if her husband would only treat her that way.

We're not wasting any sympathy on the hairpin makers. We worried about the cork manufacturers—and they're still in business.

Since the trial of those two Chicago boys we have come to the conclusion that the difference between manslaughter and murder is about \$150,000.

You seldom hear a man brag that he can get 50,000 miles out of one pair of shoes, but he'll spend an hour telling you how far he can go on one set of tires.

The greatest riddle in this country is the woman who has her husband arrested for beating her and then sobbs and cries for fear the judge won't let him go scot free.

MRS. DAWSON ENTERTAINS THE TEACHERS.

On last Friday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock, the teachers were delightfully entertained in the home of Mrs. S. E. Dawson.

The hostess, thinking this, perhaps a good time to test the faculty's ability, to recall some important facts, gave a very interesting historical contest embracing the Revolution and Civil War periods. When the counts were made it was found that Miss Dickens and Miss Bounds answered the same number of questions, making it necessary to draw for the prize. Miss Bounds having the most magical fingers drew the long straw thus winning the prize, a box of stationery.

A delicious salad course was served by Misses Charlotte Dawson, Ola Belle Whitehead and Eleanor Chittenden, after which the guests departed thanking Mrs. Dawson for such a pleasant social hour.

ADJOURNED.

The Superior court which has been in session for nearly two weeks, adjourned on last Thursday. A number of important cases were disposed of.

DOTS AND DASHES.

About Folks You Know, Will Know, or Ought To Know.

Mr. C. R. Daniel spent the week end at Reidsville.

Mr. W. B. Josephson visited Richmond last week.

Mr. W. W. Sledge, of Durham, spent the week end in town.

Miss Elizabeth Vaughan attended the Woodland fair, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Anderson spent the week end in Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Carter have returned from their wedding tour.

Prof. and Mrs. W. B. Edwards, of Murfreesboro, were in town Tuesday.

Mrs. W. B. Josephson has returned from a visit to relatives in Richmond.

Miss Mary Wesson, of Powhatan county, Va., is visiting Mrs. R. B. Brickell.

Mrs. John Clark, of Franklinville, visited her sister, Mrs. S. B. Pierce, last week.

Messrs. J. B. Sledge and Pierce Johnson took in the foot ball game at Chapel Hill Saturday.

Misses Dertieux and Chandler, of the school faculty, spent the week end at Warrenton.

Miss Erma Claude, of Rocky Mount, spent the week end in town, the guest of Mrs. Lee Johnson.

Miss Brownie Campbell who has been visiting friends here, left Tuesday for her home in Murfreesboro.

Capt. Philip Moore who has been Commander of the steamship, "Halo," which has been running between Boston and California, is in the city.

Miss Daisy Bowers, of Littleton, attended the meeting of the Halifax County Chowan Club Monday afternoon. While here she is the guest of Mrs. J. P. Holoman.

Mr. M. Josephson who has been spending the past several weeks with his wife, who has been in a hospital at Newport News, has returned home. He reports Mrs. Josephson's condition as very much improved.

Dr. C. P. Weaver, president of Chowan College, Murfreesboro, and Mr. McGilgoth, also of Murfreesboro, spoke to the members of the Chowan Club here Monday afternoon and reported that the college which is now an A-1 college and on a boom.

THE APPROACHING MEETING.

The prayer services at the M. E. Church each afternoon this week have been well attended in spite of outside attractions and the pastor is encouraged in the hope of a successful series of services which will begin on Monday next. Dr. J. Vincent Knight, of Edenton, will do the preaching and the public is cordially invited.

HANDSOME BUILDING.

Workmen are engaged remodeling the building formerly occupied by the Bounds Motor Co., on Washington avenue, which, when completed, will be the home of the Bank of Weldon. It will not look like the same building when the work is completed. New front, new and up-to-date fixtures, vault, etc. In fact, it will be one of the handsomest bank buildings in the State.

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J. A. HARVELL.

WANTED—Position at once by experienced stenographer, now employed in one of largest business concerns in State. A-1 references. Address 309 N. Graham street, Charlotte, N. C.

FOR SALE—Residence, corner Washington Avenue and 6th street. For information apply to Mrs. J. U. PARSONS or GEO. C. GREEN.

FURNITURE FOR SALE.—One tapestry living room suit; two mahogany bed room suits; oak dining room suit. Apply to Mrs. J. U. PARSONS, on Saturday, Oct. 11th, between 10 A. M. and 3 P. M.

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