

# ROCKY MOUNT

## News and Views

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### AN EASTERNER LOOKS AT THE MOUNTAINS

Wm. T. Grimes popular choir director of the St. James Baptist Church and progressive young business man of the city has just returned with his family from a brief vacation trip to the home of Mrs. Grimes' mother, Mrs. Julia Gahoway of Mt. Airy. The mountain air and grandmother's care plus the goodies from her table proved the undoing of little William Grimes, Jr., for he had to see a doctor. His little sister, Janice Elizabeth, stood the trip well. Mrs. Mary H. Walker also made the trip with the Grimes' to visit relatives and friends.

Mr. Grimes who operates City Barber Shop and is distributor and correspondent for THE CAROLINIAN, states that he was very much impressed with the splendid economic showing of the comparatively small group of Negro citizens in Mt. Airy. Being a native easterner himself from Martin County, he agrees with what the writer (from Bedford County) has continually told easterners, namely, the farther west one goes in our state the smaller the Negro population but the greater the number of HOME OWNERS per capita of population. It was driven home to the official of the Atlantic Credit Union here that in spite of the very few avenues of employment open to Negroes in the mountain city, they have wrought well and put their meager earnings to exceptionally good use in securing homes and educating their children.

### OPPORTUNITIES

Mr. Grimes said: "There are friend opportunities for members of our group to go to Mt. Airy and pioneer in business." He further stated, "I wish the Negroes in the east where they earn much more money from many different lines of livelihood would be as thrifty as those mountain people and SAVE THEIR MONEY and BUY MORE HOMES and FARMS."

While we are on the subject, we wonder why — with all the money our well-to-do Negroes have in Rocky Mount — we can not at least

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have a medical clinic; a first-class garage or a hospital or YMCA. Why not a political organization to elect a Negro alderman next year? A

dentist in Charlotte has built a fine building. Two attorneys have done likewise. Powell brothers of Enfield and Whitakers have their own garage buildings and business. Dr. Quigless built and maintains a two story clinic that is serving Tarboro and several counties in the coastal plains excellently.

**WHAT IS WRONG WITH US IN ROCKY MOUNT?** Every town in the state our size has Negro policemen. Even little Ahoskie to the east has had a Negro policeman for years. In Asheville, 28 clubs COMBINED to get what they wanted. LET'S DO IT HERE IT CAN BE DONE. Everything may come to those who wait, but he who goes after it gets it QUICKER!

The Rev. J. N. Miller spoke from Matt, 13:33 — "What I say unto you, I say unto all; watch." Sunday at Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Dr. Miller discoursed on the five letters of "watch." He urged all to watch our words; watch our actions; watch our tongue; watch our character, reminding his hearers that "character outlives or outranks any other test of life." And last to watch our habits. Rev. Miller declared that "WATCH" was used in some form by all types of human and animal life as a safeguard against danger.

Miss M. R. Lawrence State Supervisor of Elementary Education was home for the week end.

### NEWLY WEDS RETURN

The Reverend and Mrs. Andrew Spaulding have returned to the city after an extended honeymoon trip which carried them to St. Louis and into Louisiana to visit relatives of the bride.

Mrs. Spaulding was the former Miss Olivia Turrentine of Athens, Ga. She will serve as dean of women at Fayetteville Teachers College this fall. Rev. Spaulding is at present pastor of an AME Zion Church in Providence, R. I., but expects to be located in the Carolinas in the not too distant future.

The J. B. Harrens quietly celebrated their twenty-first wedding anniversary August 6th with a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wimberly of Wilson.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Black are vacationing in northern points.

**FALKLAND**

BY MISS MAMIE R. DRAKE

Mr. and Mrs. James Pitt of Decatur are visiting Mr. Pitt's mother, Mrs. Mary Pitt. Willie (Buster) Williams has recovered from a brief illness. Mrs. Chattie Gorham is ill at her home. Mrs. Charlie Wooten's daughter is ill at her home. Miss Mary Joyner is a patient at Mercy Hospital in Wilson. Mesdames Rubelle Williams,

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Miss Carrie E. Barrett spent two weeks with her grandmother in Fountain.

Mrs. Dora Johnson was guest of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Faison in Rocky Mount, July 31st.

Misses Ruby Williams and Daisy Johnson visited in Fountain August 7th.

Mesdames Evelyn Moore and Cherry Brinkley of Greenville visited Mrs. Bemby and Mrs. Raymond Dickens.

Mesdames Rosa Carney and Mary Joyner are recovering from recent illnesses.

Mrs. Jim Cummings of Sparta is visiting Mrs. John Green here.

Mrs. Mamie German has returned to Greenville after a vacation with her family here.

Elder S. E. Hembry and Mrs. Lucy Daniels announced the quarterly meeting services at Tyson Chapel Baptist Church August 27th and 28th.

Pete Gorham is visiting his sons in Reidsville.

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## TARBORO

Miss Helen Walston has returned from Shaw University summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Brown and Mrs. S. M. Thomas attended summer sessions at N. C. College, Durham.

Mrs. Mattie G. Mattocks is vacationing with her sister, Mrs. H. G. Price in Se. Ozone Park, N. Y.

Mrs. Beatrice G. Burnette and Miss Susie Hammonds have returned from Hampton Institute summer school.

Miss Gladys E. Hammonds is visiting her sister, Mrs. Mattie Blackmond in N. Y.

Miss Laura Hammonds is enjoying the coolness of Niagara Falls, N. Y., while on a northern tour.

Miss Dorothy Draghn also attended Hampton summer school.

Miss Elinor Matthews of Norfolk spent several days visiting her aunt, Miss Mamie Hammonds and family.

J. I. Harrison, one of Edgecombe County's leading farmers celebrated the completion of the tobacco curing season with a home-cooked

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barbecue dinner, as is the custom with many eastern Carolina planters. Among his guests were Miss Addie Lawrence, Mrs. Sadie Bryant and Mrs. Bert Pippin. Also present were the following children: Chas and Jack Harrison and their wives, Mrs. Frank Snell and Mrs. J. B. Harren and their respective husbands. Fred Sessions was also present.

### SCHOOL OPENING

Edgecombe County schools are set to open September 5th with several new faces present. It is rumored there are to be both city and county supervisors on a two year experiment, with some counties having three or more, we are informed, thru-out the state.

All Tarboro news may be given to Miss Susie Hammonds or Mrs. Beatrice Garrett Burnette or forwarded to the above address for publication. Kingsboro news should be given to Mrs. Hart or Frank and Cleveland Hart, carriers.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Dixon of Enfield were dinner guests of the Eddie Williams family in Macclesfield Sunday. Rev. Dixon is pastor of the Washington Branch Baptist Church there. A choir festival was held at the church Sunday night.

"The Young the Old, the Mature" is the title of a new bulletin published recently by the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station. It deals with problems of population in terms of age, race, sex, and other factors.

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