

Scoutin' Around

By PETER CARLTON

The Good Book says to visit the sick. There are lots of our friends and neighbors who are home sick today. Some very much so. We don't know who they all are at this moment, but we have a few names. Mrs. A. G. Pinkham, mother-in-law of our Chief of Police, George I. Dail, has been ill for some time; Mrs. George Smith, mother of Mrs. Jesse Harrell, has been recently operated on for gall stones and we hear is doing nicely; Mrs. Henry Cuthrell is recovering nicely from her appendicitis operation; Mrs. C. C. Osborne was operated on Saturday at our newly opened Chowan County Hospital, and we understand this was the first operation case since it opened. She, too, had acute appendicitis. Louis E. Francis, we are happy to say, is back in circulation again. He came along with us to a Masonic district meeting in Lewiston on Wednesday night of February 19. He thought it was the barbecue he had eaten when he felt ill the next day. That night around midnight of February 20, the "doc" advised he'd better get to the hospital. Our new hospital wasn't opened

yet, so they rushed him to Elizabeth City. He was operated on at 1:30 P. M. We didn't know about it until we saw him on the street. Sickness strikes suddenly—it sure does. And those folks who are sick sure like the folks to remember them.

We have several of our little neighbors in "sick bay," all with the mumps. (Now for heaven's sake, don't go around feeling your jaws and thinking you've got them, too!) They include Chan Wilson, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wilson; Betsy Duncan, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Duncan; Billy Goodwin, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goodwin; little Ruth Jackson Stokely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Stokely. We had this one wrong in our "Let's Be Neighborly" program last Sunday. We understood it was "Little Firpo" who was ill—our apologies. Little Lyn Stillman, age four, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stillman, has been a very sick boy, his mama reports. But we are so happy to report he is a little better now. He, too, had the mumps. One of our young ladies, Miss Dorothy Bufflap, is back on the job again after a siege of the mumps. Looks like it doesn't spare anyone. We're all glad in more ways than one. "Buff" says she is one of his mainstays in the Chowan Herald office and a crackerjack linotypist (she can read his writing). He'd been running around like a chicken with its head cut off all the time she was out. He's back to normal again now.

Hundreds visited the Chowan Hospital at its formal opening this past Friday. And judging from the number of newspaper people present, it was an important event for the Albemarle. Edwin Bufflap, editor of the Chowan Herald, the most widely read newspaper in Chowan County, was much in evidence and being given special

consideration by Dr. Frank Wood and Miss Lucille Hall, hospital administrators. Herbert Peele, editor of the Daily Advance and president of the North Carolina Press Association, was there covering the beat, along with Ben Dixon McNeil, reported to be the ace reporter and photographer of the Albemarle. Essie Coffield, Suffolk News Herald ace reporter, was also giving the place a going over. This writer tagged along behind and enjoyed the explanations given by the staff members, especially from the pretty nurses. Many have breathed a sigh of relief now that this most modern and up-to-date hospital has opened its doors to the sick of the Albemarle.

Patrolman Tolley of the Edenton police force tells this one. Recently at the Joseph Hewes Hotel, a man came up to him and asked him his name. Upon finding out that it was Tolley, he said, "you don't remember me, do you?" When Officer Tolley replied in the negative, he went on, "You gave me a ticket last year." Tolley asked him if it was a good one. "Good enough for \$15.25" was the emphatic response. "However, you were so courteous that I'm presenting you with a ticket," Tolley discovered it was a ticket for a set of free photographs of himself or family. The man was a photographer covering this area. (Ernie Kehayes piped up and reminded Tolley about the murder that happened up North, almost like a detective story. The murderer had the gun concealed in a camera. Good gracious—what a prospect!)

Anne Jenkins of Anne's Beauty Salon, tells us she has a newcomer with her—Miss Aileen Moore from Goldsboro, who is an addition to the staff in the capacity of beautician. Welcome to Edenton, Aileen! Anne recently attended the North Carolina Convention for hairdressers and cosmetologists. While there she studied some new wrinkles in hair styles under some of the country's outstanding hair stylists. At the Goldsboro convention, Anne was appointed chairman pro tem for the purpose of setting up a unit of the North Carolina Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association, Inc. Mrs. Jenkins states that Eastern Carolina has never been recognized until now, due to the lack of an organization of a unit. She is confident that when the hairdressers and cosmetologists in this area learn more of the program of the organization, that there will be no difficulty in getting one started. (The old "saw" about in unity there is strength, is no exception here.)

We're most interested in the contests and projects being undertaken by the 4-H clubs under the guidance of Charlie Overman and Bob Marsh. Bob tells of a baby chick project to be sponsored by the Home Feed & Fertilizer Company of Edenton. Charlie Overman, our County Agent, tells us of corn and peanut projects which have gotten under way already, with applications being received by 4-H members. Charlie says the Dads must sign, too, or it's no go. Reason being that assurance must be had that Dad will back up the project. Signed up so far for the corn contest are: Roger Bunch, Aubrey Harrell, Herbert Ray Lane, Wesley Parrish, Larry Hollowell, Thomas Paul Griffin, Robert White, Leon Privott and James Monds. For the peanut contest: Jesse Byrum, Aubrey Harrell, Sherlon Layton, Malcolm E. Copeland, Melvin Howell, Maurice Nixon, Herbert Lane, Carroll Evans and Sammy Byrum. Others are expected. (I promised to take the pictures of the winners and have them published in the newspaper). Another important item for all us is the "rat control" campaign supervised by the County Agent's office. It was so much in demand last September that it will be repeated shortly. Right now, however, anyone can put in an order for the poison bait with either the County Agent or with the community representatives. Mr. Overman says they are not all appointed. The following is a list: Gliden community, Tommy A. Berryman; Ryland, Mrs. H. H. Lane; Yeopim, Joe Webb, Jr. (More to be appointed). Bait will be made only for those who order it—and it will be on a non-profit basis. (But, says Charlie, we don't expect to lose any money, either).

Is it true that we not only have the only "cow girl" in the State of North Carolina, but we also have the only cowboys of the air, since our scientists have taken to the air to trace down lost cattle at the Edenton Naval Air Station?

We, thy neighbors, salute thee, Ellen E. Byrum, on thy 96th birthday. God bless you and keep you!

FLUE JUST HOWLED

Memphis, Tenn.—Mrs. Alma Carson was puzzled when her stove flue, instead of drawing, just howled. So, she aired out the smoke, put out the fire and dragged out a cat.

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COLORED SCHOOL NEWS

The Dance Festival attracted an attendance comparable to commencement exercises. Both nights of the festival were very enjoyable, full of activity and information, and the Public Relations Committee expresses its appreciation for the splendid patronage.

At the PTA meeting a goodly number were present, when Prof. D. F. Walker explained the needs of the school, setting forth the sort of building necessary to properly carry on the work of the school. He also emphasized the importance of children attending school regularly. After checking attendance, the banner was awarded Emma Foreman's 7B grade.

The Booker T. Washington High School Chorus entertained a large audience in the school auditorium March 7. This was one of the best trained groups of young people ever to perform here. The program was sponsored by the Les Elites Club and was greatly enjoyed by both white and colored people.

The next program to be presented will be the seventh grade annual play, "The Traveling Cousin". The date will be announced later.

BIBLE CLASS MEETS

The Young Woman's Bible Class of the Baptist Church met March 4 with Mrs. W. C. Bunch, with 27 members and two visitors present. The president, Mrs. J. W. White, opened the meeting by reading a very timely article by Mrs. Clyde Hickerson, "What Is a Woman Worth," followed by prayer by Mrs. Skiles.

Various committees made interesting reports concerning enlistment, sick members and other class activities.

The devotional period was conducted by Mrs. Raleigh Hollowell, who gave a most interesting talk on "Stewardship," followed by thoughtful and helpful remarks by Mrs. E. J. Griffin.

The Social Committee entertained

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Mrs. Shelton Moore invited the class to meet with her in April.

COTTON PRICES FLUCTUATE

Cotton prices were about steady early last week, advanced sharply on Wednesday and Thursday, and declined Friday. Spot market activity decreased. The mid-February parity price for cotton advanced 74 points to a new high.

Prices for middling 15/16 inch averaged 34.41 cents per pound in the ten spot markets on Friday as compared with 33.98 a week earlier and 26.71 a year ago.

The parity price of cotton as of February 15 was 27.40 cents per pound. This was 74 points above the parity price of 26.66 in January.

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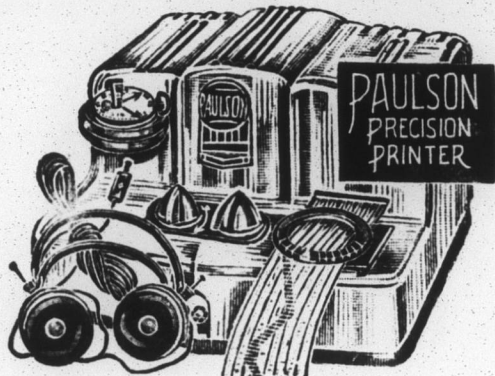
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