

News of the State

Davidsonians note with interest that C. C. Shaw, class of 1897 and now one of the principals of the Grove Academy at Kenansville, has also become editor of The Duplin Journal.

The law firm of Poole & Reynolds, of Troy, composed of E. T. Poole and G. D. Reynolds, has been dissolved by mutual consent. Each member of the old firm will continue to practice in Troy.

Mr. Norwood Simmons, a prominent young attorney of Washington, N. C., had the misfortune to fall from his horse while out riding a few days ago and was seriously but not seriously injured. It seems that the animal shied at some object and fell, throwing Mr. Simmons under him.

Mr. Bert Malvine, a well-known writer and journalist of Terra Haute, Ind., is spending a few days in Washington, N. C., getting up data and other material for a new novel, Washington is rich in colonial history and for a revolutionary story Mr. Malvine says he can find no better field.

Lieut. R. E. Cowell, commanding Company G, Second North Carolina Infantry, of Washington, has made requisition for a target practice outfit to be installed in the army in that city. This outfit will consist of a range and two regulation rifles of only 22 calibre and 10,000 rounds of ammunition. Target practice will be a regular feature of the weekly drills when the outfit is installed.

R. W. Bishop, patent attorney, Washington, D. C., reports the issue of the following patents on the 15th instant to residents of North Carolina: Filing mechanical mechanism for looms, J. W. Rounds and J. R. Burton, Charlotte, assignors to Draper Company, Hopedale, Mass.; washing machine, W. E. Nicholson, Salisbury; canning apparatus, W. C. Thompson, Elkin; clothes hanger, W. J. Thompson, Burlington.

Mr. H. W. Whyte, who has been freight agent for the Seaboard Air Line Railway at Monroe for the last two years, has been promoted to the agency at Athens, Ga., for which place he left Monroe Wednesday. Mr. Whyte is one of the most capable men in the Seaboard's employ, and was highly regarded at Monroe as a citizen and man. Mr. J. A. Douglass, formerly of Superintendent Gore's office force, succeeds to the office of freight agent.

WHEELLESS WINS HAMMERLESS. The Town of Spring Hope Gets Wrought Up Over a Hamming Contest.—Sunday School Superintendents Among Those Most Interested in This "Leading Event."

Spring Hope, Dec. 16.—In the olden time it was customary in some country communities to put up turkeys, and marksmen in the neighborhood would shoot for them. There would also be gander pullings, an old gander being hung up by the feet, his neck greased and the young fellows would pay a fee for the privilege of pulling his head off. Turkeys and ganders, in these recent years, have been advanced so in price that one rarely hears of these old-fashioned shootings and pullings; but the new generation has sprung other things as interesting and possessing the same old elements of chance, without the necessary display of skill to be winners. Spring Hope has grown to be somewhat of a city in its short life of a score of years, yet hamming contests in the tract interest, especially when prominent citizens are interested. This was the case yesterday afternoon, when Captain Hill, who is the popular conductor on this branch of the Atlantic Coast Line, and a number of Spring Hope citizens, pulled off a raffle for an up-to-date hammerless shotgun. The plan was the same as is practiced at other places, but the prominence of the contestants made the affair one of the leading events of the week. Those especially interested were: Supt. T. H. Hester, of the Baptist Sunday school; Supt. John C. Matthews, of the Methodist Sunday school, and other equally prominent citizens in Church and State. The gun was won by Mr. James Wheelless, of the Southside pharmacy.

Mooreville Graded School Has Arbor Special to The Observer. Mooreville, Dec. 17.—To-day was arbor day at the Mooreville graded schools and a large number of trees were planted by the different grades on the grounds about the handsomely graded school building. There was a good deal of ceremony connected with the exercises, which were admirably carried out under the supervision of Professor Kerley, who has established a discipline that is unsurpassed by any school of the State. A tree was planted by each grade, dedicated to some noted statesman or poet; and to each grade to the teacher of the grade. The school as a whole then planted five trees for the five trustees, one for Professor Kerley, one in honor of the late A. Leazar, one in honor of the late Stephen Frontis and one for "Uncle Jonas," the janitor.

Mooreville Physician Desperately Ill. Special to The Observer. Mooreville, Dec. 17.—Dr. J. D. Heathman, a prominent and successful practitioner of this place, is very ill at Dr. Long's Sanatorium at Statesville and he is not expected to live through the night. He has been a sufferer for some time with a complication of liver and stomach trouble and Tuesday suffered a collapse and was taken to Statesville for treatment. Dr. Heathman came here about eighteen months ago from Woodleaf and has established a good practice and is well liked and his expected demise will be a shock to his many friends and acquaintances in the State.

Deal Returns Without Requisition Papers. Special to The Observer. Fayetteville, Dec. 17.—Alex Deal, the white livery stable man, one of the 15 alleged blind tigers arrested here recently through the efforts of an anti-saloon league, who fled, forfeiting his bond, was later apprehended at Dillon, S. C., and refused to return without requisition papers, was brought here today by Deputy Sheriff Webster, of Marion county, S. C., he having agreed to return without requisition papers.

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THE WEATHER.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Forecast: Virginia, partly cloudy Friday with rain in north portion; Saturday generally fair and colder; fresh south winds. North Carolina, generally fair Friday and Saturday, colder Saturday and in west portion Friday; fresh south winds. South Carolina, generally fair Friday and Saturday, cooler Saturday; moderate south winds. Georgia, partly cloudy Friday and Saturday; moderate south winds. West Texas, partly cloudy and much colder Friday; Saturday fair. East Florida, generally fair Friday and Saturday, colder in north portion Saturday; moderate south winds. West Florida, partly cloudy Friday and Saturday; moderate south winds. Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, partly cloudy and colder Friday and Saturday; moderate south winds becoming variable. East Texas, partly cloudy and colder Friday and Saturday; winds shifting to fresh north. Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky, partly cloudy and much colder Friday; Saturday fair and colder. West Virginia, partly cloudy and much colder Friday with rain or snow in north portion; Saturday colder and fair except snow in the mountain districts.

LOCAL OFFICE U. S. WEATHER BUREAU. Charlotte, Dec. 17.—Sunrise 7:25 a. m.; sunset 5:34 p. m. TEMPERATURE (in degrees). Highest temperature 60. Lowest temperature 45. Mean temperature 55. Excess for the day 15. Accumulated excess for month 12. Accumulated excess for year 112. PRECIPITATION (in inches). Total for 24 hours ending 3 p. m. 0. Total for the month 1.03. Accumulated deficiency for month 1.93. Total for the year 31.7. Accumulated excess for year 3.82. Prevailing wind direction S. W. W. J. BENNETT, Observer.

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