

GOSSIP AT HORTON'S STORE.

It rained one day last week and I walked up to Horton's store at the cross roads to get some tobacco, there was a bunch of the boys there talking politics and things when somebody said something about the revaluation act which started an argument with old Deacon Griffin especially hot against it as he has a lot of land, about thirteen hundred acres I think, scattered about the county.

They discussed the act pretty freely for awhile with some for it and some against it and finally they got to talking about the men who are running for the legislature and Bob Loyd said that he was going to vote for Wiley Person because he was going to bust up the re-valuation act and keep taxes lower.

Pat Moran a red-headed and hot tempered Irishman who has been living near the cross roads for about five years, had been sitting there saying nothing but he was twisting around and I knew something was coming soon for Pat will talk and he is about the brainiest man in the whole Cross roads section too.

Jim Cyrus had just said that his taxes were \$12.39 last year but he expected they would be about \$50.00 under the re-valuation act when Pat started.

"And phwwat makesyer think yer taxes will bay so much higher," said Pat.

"Because," said Jim, "my land has been valued at \$10.00 an acre but that fool Watson valued it at \$75.00 an acre."

"Ain't it wurruth seventy-foive?" said Pat.

"Yes it is worth a hundred" said Jim "but it would ruin me to pay taxes on it at that value."

"And ye think Wiley Person will bay yer from paying anymore tax co've?" said Pat.

"Sure" said Jim, "he said if we sent him to the senate that he is going to bust the revaluation act all up."

"Ye-er-phool an it is exactly phwhat he wad do if he cud," said Pat hotly, "an it is sich ignoranuses as yer self as wad help him donit, and make ther lettle farmers loike meself pay ther taxes as we been er doin' fur ther laast loife toime an' phwhat we ain't payed ther payle in ther towns have."

"Take Daycon Griffin he has been er paying erbout half ther rayte on his thotteen hundred ac's er been er paying on my hundred ac's fifty an' this er er about ther toist time ther Daycon has ever had ter pay on ivery acre of land he's got an it hoits ther poor feller, bless his soul, wiose ther it did when his wioife divorcayed him fer non-shuppert."

"Shure O'im aspaicting me own taxes er bay lower than they've ever bayed for ivery acre of land in ther country will bay lishted this toime an' er bay ther big landowners will have to pay as much on ivery acre of ther land as O've been er paying on me own an' there many er peles ther that has never been listed fur taxes before at all ther are on ther books now, why Misher Watson was a sayin' that he found sixty thousand dollars of property in one township before at all an' its a divil of a lot more thas been found too Nisther Cyrus thas er goin' ter bay taxed this toime that niver has been before."

"An all ther fellows that been er livin' in town er makin' money an er buyin' land in ther country becase they cud thent it to us poor divils in ther country who didn't know nuthin' an cud maybe fertit to lisht ther land at ther next lishtin' toime an wud kape ther price ux land so high none us cud buyit will have ter pay ther same taxes O'ive had to pay on ivery acre ux land they have."

"Shure ther taxes will bay lower fer there is goin' ter bay more property lishted this toime than iver before an ther tax rate is goin' ter bay lower than any other shtate in the country and millyuns ux dollars will bay invested in this shtate bakase ux ther low tax rate an that will make taxes shtill lower for ther will bay more property ter bay which will make more revenoo fer ther shtate increases ther revenoo will increase until they will have ter kape cuttin' ther tax rates kape from bustin' ther avults in ther shtate."

"It will git so that the first thing ivery mornin' whin ther Guv'nor gets to his office he will call up ther Shtate Treasurer an say: 'Hillo Mister Treasurer is thaf yerself talkin'?"

"Well ther tip to ther mornin' to yer an how much will we be cuttin' ther tax rates this mornin'?"

An ther Treasurer will say "Lemme see, how much did we cut yas'diddy?"

"An ther Guv'nor will say "Erbout tin per cent I think it was."

"An ther Treasurer will hillo bak "Cut'er erbout tin per cent more fur O'ive got twinty thousand this mornin' I aint got no place fer an say Guv'nor I wonder if we cudn't put it in yer cello by ther ash barrel fer I don't think we put any ther yis'diddy."

"Yis sor ther taxes will bay lower than they have iver before an ve poor divils won't have ter pay no more than our share bakase ther big land owner is er goin' ter kape ter pay his part fer ther toist toime, an there is goin' ter bay more revenoo than iver before an ther taxes won't have ter bay increased ivery few years for ivery body will have ter pay taxes alike, a hundred dollars will bay a hundred dollars, an ther shtate will have more

BETTER BISCUIT CONTEST.

What will prove to be one of the most interesting campaigns in Franklin this year will be the better biscuit contest to be put on by the Home Demonstration Department. The following letter from Miss Smith, will give full explanation:

Louisburg, N. C., Mar. 13, 1920. Dear Teacher:

I have several sacks of flour, buckets of lard and cans of baking powder to give as premiums in a "Better Biscuit" contest which I hope to have in this County. Any girl may compete provided she has made biscuit as many as five times or will make five times before making them for exhibit. Any woman may enter.

Where there are as many as twelve girls exhibiting and six or more women, two prizes will be given. In this way girls will not have to compete against women.

There will be no trouble for teachers. Each competitor will carry 12 cut biscuit to the school house on the day set for the judging. These will be arranged on plates or paper napkins with girls name on paper slip by her plate. The women's exhibit will be arranged apart from the girls' on separate desk or table. A competent judge will go down, judge the exhibits and make a talk on biscuit making. I would like for each exhibitor to be present and as many of the other neighborhood women as you can get out.

One school is going to have a dramatized story, another two minute exercises by each grade (selections which they have learned in regular school work); another, a spelling match, etc. at this hour. It would be a good idea to have children sing some familiar songs. Of course if you do not care to have anything but the judging, we will finish that in half hour.

Please let me know by return mail if your school and community will enter and about how many girls and women will exhibit. I feel sure that the majority of school girls will enter if the teachers are interested themselves. In some cases the Woman's club as a whole will enter.

When I learn approximate number of competitors, I will send you sufficient copies of "Hints on Biscuit Making" to supply them. The date for each contest will be sent also, when I know just which schools enter.

May I count on each teacher's cooperation in this campaign for better bread?

Sincerely yours,
PAULINE SMITH,
Home Dem. Agent, Franklin County.

MISS TUCKER ENTERTAINS.

On Monday afternoon, March 15, the hospitable home of Miss Onnie Tucker was the scene of a unique entertainment in honor of the bride-to-be Miss Una-May Hayes.

The guests were met at the door by Mrs. Simon Williams, of Franklinton, and Miss Dorsett, by whom they were ushered into the parlor and introduced to the receiving line. First in the receiving line was the hostess, Miss Onnie Tucker; next, the guest of honor, Miss Una-May Hayes; Miss Kilpatrick, of Brevard; Mrs. Baylus Cade, grandmother of the prospective bride; and Miss Mamie Hayes.

When all the guests had arrived Miss Tucker took a seat at the piano and began playing "Here Comes the Bride," and the folding doors between parlor and dining room slowly parted disclosing to view a large doll standing on the dining table and dressed in complete bride's costume, white silk with train, veil and orange blossoms.

In her hand the doll held the end of a streamer of white ribbon. As a suggestion that the guest of honor pull the ribbon and see what would happen she pulled out a large bag which at first was empty, but as soon as she opened the bag "The Honey Moon Shower" began as the guests merrily tossed into it tiny bags decorated with moons in various phases each containing two quarters.

Mrs. W. P. Neal made a charming toast mistress. Miss Honrabe gave a toast to the Bride and the guests all drank to her health and happiness. Miss Hayes responded to this toast in most becoming manner. The other toasts Miss Sallie Taylor, to the Groom; Miss Beatrice Turner to the Married Ladies; Miss Dorsett to the Old Maids; and Miss Onnie Tucker to the Ladies, were all the occasion of much laughter and fun.

Between the toasts delicious refreshments were served. Miss Ruth Hall favored the gathering with a beautiful rendering of the song, "At Dawning."

Guests present, besides those already mentioned by name were Misses Sallie Williams, Lonie and Susie Meadows, Stuart, Smaw, Spiers, Kathleen Egerton, Jessie T. Harris, Jarman, Felton, Sue and Hodgie Alston, Meade, Ruth Allen, Mesdames B. Williamson, E. Perry, E. Furgurson, E. C. Allen, T. W. Collins, J. M. Allen, E. L. Best, T. W. Ruffin, Claude Tucker, Eaton Winston, Ina Rouse.

METHODIST CHURCH.

We are requested to state that there will be special services at the Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock for young people. Sunday School will be held at the usual hour. The public is invited.

MISS HARRIS GIVES SHOWER.

Tuesday afternoon Miss Jessie Taylor Harris gave a Bed Room Shower in honor of Miss Una May Hayes. The guests were welcomed by the hostess and her sister, Miss Alice Harris. The color scheme was blue and white.

Much amusement was afforded by a guessing contest in which blanks were filled by supplying the name of guests present.

Marine the Bride-To-Be. A few years before the expedition of Cook and Peary and sometime after the battle of Guilford Courthouse, a young man named Henry Ranson went awolung. He was as sturdy a youth as Jess Willard as he had spent most of his life pushing a wheel Barrow thru the Meadows near the Egerton.

One day he said, "Yow! I'm going to Rouse myself. I'da sight rather dig roads that were Alston than this." So he set out for the town of Louisburg.

As he was walking down the street with a friend one day a beautiful girl passed. He turned to his friend and asked, "Who is she?" The friend replied, "That is Una May Hayes but you need not set your cap for her for she has a very ardent Irish suitor."

Henry replied, "I'll Kilpatrick, I'm not afraid of him." Then Ruth lessly he wiped out all opposition. And as is the way with a man and a maid the plans were made and the day set. One evening in spacious front Hall Bishop Candler performed the ceremony that made them one. The bride was radiant in her Lucille gown made slightly Fuller to conform to the present day styles and carrying her Rose bouquet, while the bridesmaids made a veritable picture in their Alice blue gowns. The groom was very handsome in his Taylor made suit. Immediately after the ceremony he Tucker to his tin Lizzie and they started out for Maxton, N. C. and Macon, Ga. She started off at a lively rate, but alas and alack, not long for in the excitement of the hour with his head in the clouds and mind in a Hayes he had neglected to fill the gas tank.

She stopped; she refused to move. He got out to crank it; he could Turner but she wouldn't start. Fortunately the Standard Oil Co.'s wagon passed and relief seemed near at hand. He had the tank filled but when he reached for his money he found nothing but a check and no one to en Dorsette so he was forced to turn to his wife and extract a wee little loan. However, this little incident did dampen their spirits and they happily rattled along on Life's Journey.

Miss Katherine Dorsett and Miss Kathleen Egerton tied for the prize, which was a perfectly beautiful "Bride's Book." Miss Egerton getting the lucky straw Miss Dorsett presented the book to her with a few bright and appropriate remarks, and Miss Egerton presented it to Miss Hayes.

Misses Louise Reavis and Temple Williams then brought in a long clothes line on which were hung many dainty articles suitable for a bed room. Then they gave Miss Hayes a clothes basket with the advice that as a shower was coming she ought to take in the wash.

Cream and cake were served. Much merriment was created by the favors and fortunes concealed in them.

EDWIN FULLER CLUB.

The Edwin Fuller Club met with Mrs. B. T. Holden Thursday, March 11. Besides club members there were present as guests, Miss Gladys Vike, Mesdames A. W. Person, W. E. White, Eaton Winston, and J. O. Newell.

Miss Kate Furman sent her resignation, which was accepted by the club with regret. It was voted to send the sixty dollars pledged by the club for the support of an Armenian orphan through the Near East Relief Commission which is appealing through the pages of women's magazines to all women's clubs to support one or more orphans.

The club members present also voted to send in the application of the club for membership in the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

After the completion of business the program for the afternoon was rendered as follows: Subject, The Philippines. "What Uncle Sam has done for the Filipino," read by Mrs. Mann for Mrs. E. L. Best. "Bringing Chaos out of Order," Mrs. S. A. Nowell. Current Topic, "How Armenia Held the Line," Mrs. G. A. Ricks.

At the close of the program Little Miss Patricia Holden passed around the napkins and Misses Lucile and Bette Holden and Francis Barrow served the delicious refreshments which consisted of four courses: first course, grape fruit and Marischino cherries, second, chicken salad with mayonaisse on lettuce, celery, pickle, and saltines, third, hot rolls and fried oysters, fourth, coffee and mints.

The Club then adjourned to meet next time with Mrs. J. A. Hodges.

BISHOP CHESHIRE WILL VISIT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH SUNDAY.

On Sunday, March 21, 1920, at 11 A. M., the Bishop of the Diocese, Right Rev. Jos. Blount Cheshire, D. D., will visit the parish and administer the right of confirmation to a class of several. The services will be Morning Prayer and sermon by the Bishop at 11 A. M., and the rector, Rev. N. Collin Hughes will assist in the services.

A cordial invitation is extended to all.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Young Woman's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. E. L. Best, March 16, 1920, 8 o'clock in a business meeting. The scripture lesson was read by Mrs. J. M. Allen, followed by a prayer by Mrs. M. C. Pleasants. After which Mrs. Best and Mrs. Ernest Thomas read very interesting papers. Mrs. Thomas was elected delegate for conference which will convene in Oxford soon.

The orphan's box was then attended too. There being no further business the society adjourned to meet with Mrs. J. M. Allen, Tuesday evening, March 23, 1920, 8 o'clock in a study circle meeting.

Those present were Mesdames O. Y. Yarboro, F. M. Fuller, J. M. Allen, Ernest Thomas, M. C. Pleasants, E. L. Best, Misses Sue Alston and Lonie Meadows.

MISSES MEADOWS ENTERTAIN.

On St. Patrick's Day the home of Mr. S. S. Meadows was thrown open to a merry crowd of girls gathered to add one more to the list of entertainments given this week in honor of the popular bride elect, Miss Una May Hayes.

The guests were received by the hostesses, Misses Lonie and Susie Meadows and ushered into the parlor which was decorated in St. Patrick's colors, green and white.

When all had arrived progressive rook was played. In the midst of the games a knock was heard at the door and little Miss Martha Tilgaman Smith entered bearing a huge St. Patrick hat which she presented to the guest of honor with these words:

"You never have had a hat like this one I bring, I'm sure of that."

The others were empty to put on your head. But this one is full of love gifts instead."

In the hat were miscellaneous gifts for the bride-to-be from the other guests. Every one enjoyed the solo which Miss Dodson sang. A salad course followed by a sweet course was then served. Each guest was presented with a St. Patrick favor.

Those present were Misses Una May Hayes, Frank Kilpatrick, Sallie Taylor, Jessie T. Harris, Alice Harris, Onnie Tucker, Sallie Williams, Katherine Dorsett, Lizzie Stuart, Ruth Hall, Beatrice Turner, Francis Barrow, Annie Laurie Macon, Dodson, Jennings, Geradine Smith, Kathleen Egerton, Mesdames Ina Rouse, H. L. Candler, Burwood Dickie, J. W. Mann, G. A. Ricks, and T. D. Collins.

SERVICES AT PINEY GROVE.

Rev. G. F. Smith requests us to state that he will conduct services there on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

MATTHEWS-STEPHENSON.

At the beautiful country home of Mr. B. B. Tomlinson near Franklinton on Wednesday afternoon of last week, Miss Helen Stephenson became the bride of Mr. Gordon B. Matthews. Rev. J. F. Mitchiner performing the ceremony in the presence of a large number of friends.

The bride is one of Franklin's most charming and accomplished young women and is deservedly popular among a host of friends.

The groom is a prosperous young man of Wake County.

The young couple has many friends in both Franklin and Wake who extend the heartiest congratulations.

VISITS LOUISBURG.

Col. John S. Cunningham, Federal Prohibition Inspector, made a visit to Louisburg in the interest of the Department.

He called on the Sheriff and other officials, in regard to the enforcement of the Prohibition Law. The manufacture and sale of illicit spirits is on the decline in Franklin County. The 18th amendment to the U. S. Constitution went into effect the 15th January last, and the people realize that the law must be obeyed. Col. T. H. Vanderford, Federal Prohibition Director for North Carolina is one of the most capable and efficient officers in the South.

S. Judge will see that the law is enforced. The people are urged to aid the State and Federal officers in enforcing the law.

RURAL CARRIER EXAMINATION.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the County of Franklin, N. C., to be held at Louisburg, N. C., on April 16, 1920, to fill the position of rural carrier at Alert, Louisburg, N. C., and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other post offices in the above-mentioned county.

The examination will be open only to citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a post office in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form No. 1977. This form and application blanks may be obtained from the offices mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications should be forwarded to the Commission at Washington at the earliest practicable date.

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MOVING PEOPLE.

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW. Personal Items About Folks And Their Friends Who Travel Here And There.

Mrs. C. W. Edwards is visiting relatives in Tarboro.

Constable J. E. Thomas went to Oxford Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Whitaker went to Henderson Thursday.

Miss Kilpatrick, of Brevard, is visiting Miss Una May Hayes.

Dr. H. G. Perry, of Adrian, W. Va., was a visitor to Louisburg yesterday.

Mr. B. G. Cooper, of Raleigh, visited his people in Louisburg Tuesday.

Mr. W. M. Person went over to Raleigh Monday night to see the show.

Mrs. J. T. Fleming, of Middleburg, is visiting her daughters, Mrs. S. T. Wilder and Mrs. Clyde Harris.

Mr. W. B. Harris returned home the past week from Blairs Town, N. J., where he has been attending school.

Messrs. R. G. Person, C. A. Ragland, C. C. Collins, J. E. Thomas, Dr. A. H. Fleming and Dr. H. H. Johnson went to Raleigh Monday.

Among those who went to Raleigh Monday night to see "Oh Lady, Lady" were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Riddle, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Winstead and Misses Tom Ogburn and Middle Young.

Mrs. W. H. Leonard, who has been on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Fred A. Riff, left Tuesday for her home in Salisbury. She was accompanied on her return as far as Raleigh by Mrs. Riff.

NEW HOPE ITEMS.

Sad is the fate of the girls around Clifton's Mill for the bridge is most completed and the boys will leave in a few days.

Misses Goldie Hagwood and Kate Clifton spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Violet Pearce.

Mr. Ray, who has taken the job to build the dam at Clifton's Mill, spent the week end at his home in Wake Forest.

Quite a bunch of our young folks went over and made pictures at the new bridge at Clifton's Mill Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Bob Frazier was a pleasant caller at Mr. Sid Pearce's Sunday afternoon.

We understand that Mr. Oscar Hagwood is putting up a new dwelling near the old "home place."

Misses Frances Chamblee and Beatrice Rodgers spent the week end at home from Dunn School.

Misses Isolla, Mary and Goff Richards visited Miss Goldie Hagwood Sunday afternoon.

We fear Mr. Joe Williams is seriously ill as we didn't see him around New Hope Sunday afternoon.

Will some one kindly explain to some of our young people which is the most convenient in a home, a "dish cloth" or "broom."

With best wishes to the TIMES and its readers.
BLUE EYES.

TAKES POSITION WITH FARMERS AND MERCHANTS BANK.

Mr. W. D. Jackson who served the First National Bank for several years and afterwards engaged in the insurance business, has taken a position with the Farmers & Merchants Bank. He has many friends in Franklin County, who will be glad to know he has again become identified with one of the local banks.

STUDENTS' RECITAL.

Students in the schools of music and expression will give a recital in the College Chapel on Saturday evening, March 20th.

Public cordially invited.

LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH.

There will be regular services at the Baptist Church Sunday morning, Pastor Collins preaching at 11 o'clock. Sunday School at 9:45 o'clock. The public is invited.

FACULTY RECITAL.

The teachers of piano, voice, and expression of Louisburg College will give a recital in the College Chapel on Friday, March 26th at 8:30 P. M.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Information Concerning The Health of the People of Franklin County, Worth Your Attention.

Dr. J. E. Malone, Health Officer.

Smallpox has been brought to Franklin County and there are several cases in and near Louisburg. This disease is not quarantinable but vaccination will prevent it. We have a supply of vaccine on hand and those who want to can be vaccinated.