

# WOOD DEPARTMENT

## WOOD

News of Wood and surrounding community.

Edited by Wood Citizens

### SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC AND MANLESS WEDDING GLORIOUS SUCCESS

The Picnic Supper and Manless Wedding Proved a Glorious Success. Everybody Says So.

At 5 o'clock the Sunday school and all visitors assembled in the church. Then by classes, all the children and class teachers passed out and around to the north side of the church where the supper was spread on a long table. Each individual was served a tray of barbecue as he passed the table, and they all were seated on the grass in class groups. Following the children were the visitors, served and seated in like manner, and the four senior classes last.

When all were served, every head bowed and bowed, Supt. E. L. Best returned thanks for an abundant harvest and invoked God's blessings on the congregation. Then, that barbecue! It was fine to say the least of it. It can't be beat. Bread, biscuits, that delicious stew, and water were served us where we sat. It was a treat we shall not forget for months to come.

Immediately following the feast, while the little boys were gathering and stacking the trays, the crowd was attracted to another section of the ground by singing and yells. When it was quiet again, Prof. Crawford gave a fifteen minute address which was both interesting and beneficial. We are proud of our high school principal. Professor Crawford spoke along the following lines:

My friends, I am glad to be here because it gives me an opportunity to look you in the face, yet I hope to be seeing you occasionally for quite a while. I am now dwelling at a place near your new school which is named Gold-Sand High School. Probably some of you do not know where the school is located, then I will tell you. It is very near the little village of Gupton. The building is on a hill; this hill having a broad area which is almost level. With this favorable site we have good opportunity for athletics of many kinds.

Our work has begun very nicely. Of course we have had some little delay in getting books, but we are all the same going forward with our studies. There are 49 enrolled in the high school for the first week, such a beginning is hard to be surpassed by any other new school.

This school is yours, and offers to the children an opportunity which heretofore they have not had, in preparing themselves for a useful and happy life of service. To have a school at home is by far cheaper, than for the child to pay board away from home. The time has come, that the person who has not a reasonable high school training, (whether it be due because of the lack of opportunity or because of failure to make use of the advantages) is handicapped. Those who have obtained the more knowledge are those who are to reap the greater harvest. We teachers and students who are already at work, invite all other children who ought to be in high school, to come and join us, and work with us, all striving toward the one goal, namely, the preparation of life, to obtain the true happiness. He or she who lives only for self, lives alone. But he or she who works for the joy of others, bring joy to self. We who are in charge of the school are doing and will continue to do our best for the work, and we ask your support.

During the twenty minutes of hand shaking, getting choice seats in the building and such like, those who helped the bridal party had their biggest fun. After Mrs. Nancy Gupton was rouged, puffed, and frilled in her pink evening dress, she was asked to look at a mirror. There were several girls and she didn't know which was herself at first. One of the older ladies said her hair was curled and tangled for the last time unless after she is dead.

It was an excited and expectant audience that first saw Mesdames W. D. Fuller and Alex. Wester enter dressed in pink and white. They rendered I Love You Truly, the former at the piano. Then to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March Mrs. L. A. Wester entered on the arm of Mrs. M. F. Parker—the father and mother of the bride. Following in slow procession, were the preachers, Miss Fogleman and Mrs. M. Griffin. Maids of honor and groomsmen, Mrs. Waters, Viola Thompson, Penola Burnett and Mrs. Arch Gupton. Mrs. Major Gupton, Ruth Parker; Ring bearers, Bertha Burnett and Miss Frye; Flower girls, Mrs. Billie Burnett and Mrs. Martin Gupton; at last maid of honor, Mrs. Nancy Gupton, brings in bride, Miss Woodburn; and the best man, Mrs. Sid Hamlett, the groom, Mrs. Ed Fuller.

It was a pretty sight to see this number of ladies in varied colored costumes under bewitching lights amid a beautiful decoration of pine and potted plants. But the fun came in the ceremony. The preacher had to wait for the laughter to subside in order to go on with it.

On rushing out of the building the writer heard three different persons

say it was well worth a dollar. The bridal party went directly from the church to see a sick member of the society, Mrs. Stephen Gupton. The bride gave her roses and the ring bearers their lilies. Mrs. Parker (to play the man to the finish) cut the "pigeon wing" and caused Mrs. Gupton to laugh to the point of danger.

In the meantime, a great quantity of cream was sold at the church. The demand far exceeded the supply.

We hope the Sunday school enjoyed it, and that everyone who contributed money, ingredients for stew, personal labor, or anything were amply repaid. We, the W. M. S. wish to thank you heartily again and again for your ready responses. It is such a pleasure to work in a cooperative way!

The report of the finances collected follows. And this sum was turned over to the Sunday school to help in buying curtains.

Amount collected to cover cost of barbecue \$37.55; cost of pigs \$21.24; trays \$1.30; beef for Brunswick stew \$1.20; salt and onions 20c; salt meat 39c; total expense for stew and barbecue \$24.33; amount cleared \$13.22.

Vell 45c; cones \$1.60; salt and flavoring 40c; junkets 15c; tee cream \$5.30; total expense for cream and wedding \$9.15; amount received for cake and cream \$20.70; amount cleared from cake and cream \$11.55; door receipts \$34.70; total amount cleared \$59.47. Private donations by Messrs. Waters and Madison enough to make \$62.00.

### MR. WILEY GUPTON SUFFERS PARALYTIC STROKE SATURDAY MORNING

Paralysis of Right Side and Loss of Speech—Is 82 Years Old.

Last Saturday morning Mr. Wiley Gupton of near here while visiting his daughter and relatives near Gupton was stricken with paralysis of right side loss of consciousness and speech. At the time he was stricken he was at work and stooped down as some of those standing by thought, possibly taken with cramp in a lower extremity, but as he did not arise they carried him to the house where it was found he was unconscious and unable to speak or use the right side. The loss of consciousness continued about two days and at the present writing he is conscious and the use of the lower extremity is returning but the loss of speech continues.

Mr. Gupton is 82 years old and has a large number of relatives and a host of friends who hope for him a speedy recovery.

There was a meeting of both the Junior and Senior bands of Sunbeams at the church on Sunday at 2 p. m.

There were thirty-eight present. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mabel Gupton, the president of the Senior Band.

This meeting was devoted to business more than other features. Some of those who made pledges failed to meet them but we are hoping that every one will remember your pledges next meeting and there will be a good attendance.

A nice trip is promised to the Sunbeams if they come up to promises next month.

### NEVA CIRCLE W. M. S. HAD GOOD MEETING LAST WEEK

11 Out of 14 Members Present—Contribution 80 Cents. Neva Circle met in Mrs. S. T. Gupton's home Thursday p. m. Oct. 11th, 1923. First, we named our Circle Neva, for Miss Neva Harper, because she was the first one to come in our midst to organize a W. M. S. Circle.

Second the question was asked what can be done to make our Circle better than it is now? And it was suggested for us to say a verse in the Bible when the roll was called instead of answering present to our names. And it was readily agreed upon.

Third, we rendered the following program: Subject—Healing of the sick. Song—Rock of Ages. Prayer—Bertha Burnette. Bible Study, Mark 1:29-31—Bertha Burnette.

Blessed are the Merciful—Ida Coley. Gateways in North Carolina—Penola Burnette.

The fruits of compassion in Laichow—Mrs. B. M. Gupton. Medical Missions in Brazil—Mrs. J. M. Griffin.

Come ye after me—Mrs. R. P. Jones. 14 on roll, 11 present, 3 absent, 13 visits to the sick since our last meeting, collection 80 cents.

Song—There shall be showers of blessings. Prayer—Ida Coley.

Neva Circle will meet next in the home of Mrs. B. M. Gupton, Thursday, p. m. Nov. 8th, 1923, at 2 o'clock. Every come.

Mrs. Charlie E. Denton, Chairman.

### Honor Roll—Wood Elementary School

1st Grade—Pauline Lewis, Evelyn Sturges, Russell Raynor, Lorine Gupton, Russell Leonard, Rhudolph Denton, L. N. Benton.

2nd Grade—Linwood Gupton, Paul Griffin, Robert Griffin, Bettie R. Leonard, Ruby Leonard, Anna Mae Sturges, Evelyn Johnson, Mildred Johnson, Roland Gray Gupton, Rufus Denton, Sidney P. Hamlet, Sue Denton, Bertha Burnette, Ronald Burnette.

3rd Grade—Clarence Burnette, Ned Gupton, Marshall Gupton, Preston King, Cooper Leonard, Horace Lewis, Alma Pearce.

4th Grade—Eura Denton, Edgar Fuller, Cleo Griffin, Wilmer Gupton, Ollie Gupton, Iris Gupton, Dell Gupton, Henry Alex Gupton, Hubert Hamlett, Morice Wester, Doris Wester, Edna Wicker.

5th Grade—Geneva Benton, Vonnie Benton, Clinton Gupton, Mabel Gupton, Wilbur Raynor, Leona Raynor, Mary Sturges, Freddie Thompson, Gar-

nold Leonard, Eula Griffin. 8th Grade—Norman Gupton, Clyde Griffin, Jettie Gupton, Reed Johnson, Freedom Green.

7th Grade—Kenneth Ayacue, Thurman Gupton, Hattie Belle Gupton, Elizabeth Fuller, Torbert Sturges.

Honor Roll—Gold-Sand High School 8th Grade—Neil Joyner, Reuben Gupton, Clarence Gupton, Annie Murphy, Maurice Bledsoe, Harold Garbes, Etta Harris, Clement Harper, Mabel Foster, Eulis Andrews, David Fuller, Raymond Sturges, Annie Gupton, Odell Thompson, Floyd Griffin, Geo. Fuller, Oza Faulkner.

9th Grade—Louise Parrish, Austin Fuller, Mattie Dement, Marie Joyner, Fannie Gupton, Ludie Bailey.

10th Grade—Maurice Nelms, Lola Leonard, Bonnie Griffin.

Sunday School Notice the report for last Sunday and see if you don't think it fine. One hundred and seventy-six. We were glad to see every one of you. Come again next Sunday and if you know of any who were not there last Sunday bring them with you next Sunday.

We were especially glad to have with us the visitors from Warrenton and Mr. Gilead. We hope they liked us so well that they will come again.

The Calvin class is a great one. Just see the amount given by them! That bunch of men don't believe in staying in debt. The collection Sunday and the amount made by the W. M. S. was enough to pay for the curtains. Now we are not seeing much trouble about paying for the rods, rings, etc. for it seems easy to do things when led by such a loyal band of men.

Report for Sunday, Oct. 14, 1923. Class No. 1—Miss Pearl Gupton, teacher, absent. No. scholars present 35. No. visitors 2, collection \$17.30, Bibles 3.

Class No. 2—Mrs. Alex Wester, teacher, present. No. scholars present 20, collection \$1.52, Bibles 11.

Class No. 3—Miss Daisy Ball, teacher, present. No. scholars present 16, absent 10, collection 95c, Bibles 6.

Class No. 4—Dr. Beam, teacher, present. No. scholars present 13, collection \$2.02, Bibles 3.

Class No. 5—Mrs. W. D. Fuller, teacher, present. No. scholars present 30, absent 2, collection 61c, Bibles 8.

Class No. 6—Mrs. Morris Griffin, teacher, present. No. scholars present 23, collection 48c, Bibles 3.

Class No. 7—Miss Annie Gupton, teacher, present. No. scholars present 7, collection 10c, Bibles 1.

Class No. 8—Miss Frye, teacher, present. No. scholars present 14, collection 36c, Bibles 3.

Class No. 9—taught by Miss Woodburn, No. scholars present 4, absent 4, collection 40c.

No. teachers and officers present 12. No. scholars present 158, No. visitors 6, total No. present 176, collection \$23.64, Bibles 48.

Condensed Report 1 year ago: No. teachers and officers present 3, No. scholars present 29, collection 63c.

### NEW OFFICERS ELECTED B. Y. P. U.

Miss Pearl Gupton Chosen Sunday Night to Lead Organization The New Quarter—Standard No. 1.

On Sunday night Miss Pearl Gupton was chosen leader of the B. Y. P. U. for the new quarter. Misses Flora Frye and Jodie Gupton were chosen as associates. The organization is fortunate in the selection of the above officers, since Miss Gupton has had much experience in this department of church activities and is a capable leader in any undertaking. With this selection the success of the B. Y. P. U. is assured. Nothing less than a perfect program each meeting will be expected.

### MRS. A. M. DAVIS GIVEN SURPRISE BIRTHDAY DINNER

Celebrates 71st Birthday Last Friday—All Children and Grandchildren And Few Friends Gather to Make An Enjoyable Day.

On last Friday Mrs. A. M. Davis of Red Bud, was pleasantly surprised on reaching the grand old age of seventy-one by her children and grandchildren and few friends with a most sumptuous repast. Tho, not in a position to partake of the dinner in every way, her heart was made glad and lighter by having her children and friends think of her in such a manner.

Mrs. Davis has maintained thruout her illness since Dec. 31, 1920, her same lovable disposition—the bed ridden—and such a treat was becoming and fitting for such a person.

As she was unable to enjoy the pleasure of getting at the dinner with the family the table was set in her room where she could see and enjoy seeing the guests partake of the nice things to eat.

Some of the menu was ham, sweet potatoes, fried chicken, broiled and roast beef, cheese sandwiches, corn bread, biscuit, peaches and several different kinds of cakes, with a cake at each end with the age of the honored one marked with red candy balls on each end of the table. The menu speaks for itself, but to be one of the participants would convey to each reader a more satisfactory idea just how much real enjoyment was those who had gathered to honor their mother, sister and friend.

Those who were present were her children, Mr. T. Davis, Nashville; J. Pete Davis, Zeb Davis, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Upchurch, Red Bud. Grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Davis, Nashville; B. G. Irene, John C. Elizabeth and Ruth Davis, Linwood Upchurch, Margaret and Z. B. Davis, Jr. Brother, Mr. J. K. Collins, Red Bud, and Mr. W. T. Davis, Sr., Louisburg, each of these have passed the three score mark. And Mrs. Bettie Gupton and Dr. H. M. Beam.

Before the party dispersed a few

group pictures were taken. Every one who was present report an excellent time and wish for Mrs. Davis many more years of life and that her health will improve.

Mrs. Davis resides now with her daughter, Mrs. O. B. Upchurch with-in 250 yards of her birthplace—the J. T. Collins place.

Basket Ball We are glad to announce that the basket ball court is nearing completion. The boys will soon be enjoying the fun of the game, and receiving training to make them strong sturdy men, both mentally and physically.

We wish to thank Mr. Taylor for his work on the goals. We thank also Mr. Fuller and Mr. Raynor and Dr. Beam for their donations toward buying necessary articles for the building of this court. We know that the boys who play will enjoy it.

Sweetest and Most Endearing Words Live and Wide-awake Sunday School By several of our citizens the sweetest, dearest and most inspiring words uttered "Come and See Day" were those of commendation from the lips of Brother C. L. Dowell, speaking of our enthusiastic Sunday school. They report that their hearts overflowed with joy from these words of praise.

Doesn't this go to prove that our people are interested and wrapped up in the upbuilding of our Sunday school, school and community? It certainly does! We are delighted that our community spirit grows.

### LOCAL NEWS

We regret to learn that Mrs. Battle Wester is confined to her home on account of illness but trust we will be in a position to report her on the well list next issue.

The school was delighted Tuesday to have Mr. Best visit them.

We are very sorry to know that Miss Nannie Denton is confined to her home on account of sickness.

Mr. Eugene Eaton, of Warrenton, and the Misses Hight, of Mt. Gilead, were visitors in our Sunday school last Sunday.

Mrs. M. F. Parker and daughter, Miss Ruth Parker returned Tuesday from a visit to their daughter, Mrs. J. E. Lovegrove, Gilmerton, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Major Gupton and son, Laverne, visited Louisburg last Tuesday.

Mr. E. J. Fuller was a Louisburg visitor Tuesday.

Messrs. Corbett Cash and Currin, of Louisburg, were visitors here Tuesday.

Messdames M. T. Griffin and W. D. Fuller visited Rocky Mount Wednesday.

Messrs. Arthur Gupton and Allen Gupton were visitors of Rocky Mount Wednesday.

Messrs. Alex Wester, Billie Tucker, J. M. Wilder, Bennie Griffin and Dr. Beam attended the Tar River Association at Pearce's church Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. R. D. Griffin, and daughter, Hilda, of Centerville, spent Wednesday night with Mrs. H. R. Waters.

Mr. Morris Person passed thru

Wood Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Knox, of Durham, were business callers here Friday.

The many friends of Mrs. Bryant King will be glad to learn that she is able to be out again after several days of illness.

Mrs. Claud Bryan and family, of Rocky Mount, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lanier.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hudson, of Louisburg, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Sturges Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Pegram and children, and Mr. Lambert Brown, of Vaughan, were in town Sunday.

Misses Dollie Gupton, Lucy Belle Denton, Messrs. Ditcher Edwards and Charles Burnette visited Rocky Mount Saturday night.

Messrs. Kelly Qualls and Robert Braswell, of Castalia, were at B. Y. P. U. Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Griffin and family, of Nashville, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Shearin Sunday.

Messrs. Johnnie Griffin and Lonnie Murphy, of Red Bud, were in Wood Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. McKinnon, of Louisburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Fuller Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. S. Shearin and Floyd Griffin visited their father and grandfather, Mr. Drake at Castalia Sunday.

Misses Pearl and Ruth Gupton spent the week-end with relatives and friends at Royal and Pearce's.

Messrs. W. S. Montgomery and Green, of Spring Hope, were among the visitors here Sunday.

We are glad to learn that the condition of Mrs. Irving is steadily improving and trust she will soon be bestowed to her normal health.

### Centerville News

The Centerville B. Y. P. U. gave its regular quarterly social at the school building on last Saturday evening from 6 until 2 p. m. The occasion was one of greatest merriment. A beautiful supper consisting of various kinds of sandwiches, delicious cakes, pickles and salads were served.

After all partook of the supper several interesting games were played and several new B. Y. P. U. songs by the members and guests as well. There were about fifty people present including visitors from Warrenton, White Level and Sandy Creek. We hope to attend many more such enjoyable occasions.

Misses Clayton Burnette, Irene Gupton, Ruth Parrish, Mr. Richard Edgerton, of Warrenton, and Mrs. J. W. Neal attended the B. Y. P. U. convention held at the Arlington Street Baptist church, Rocky Mount, and report a very interesting program.

Mr. Joe Eure and Miss Myrtle Dement were married Saturday evening at the home of Mr. Percy Gupton. Only a few friends witnessed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Parrish, Miss Ruth Parrish and Mr. Thurman Griffin motored to Franklinton Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd W. Parrish.

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