

### LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Miss Aline Geddie, of Rose Hill, is visiting her sister Mrs. A. W. Bolton.

Mr. H. J. Oswald of the News Reporter force was a Sunday visitor to Burgaw.

Mrs. Ike Davis and children of Southport, are visiting Mr. S. E. Memory, father of Mrs. Davis.

Mr. Henry Johnson of Burgaw spent the week-end here with relatives.

Miss Kate McNeill, of Laurinburg, is visiting her kinswoman, Mrs. J. L. Memory this week.

Born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Moore, a daughter, Mary Mayne Moore.

Squire A. T. Clark, of Bolton, candidate for the county court, was a caller at this office Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Toon, of Baltimore, are spending a few days here with Mr. Toon's mother, Mrs. A. F. Toon.

Fishing is getting at its best this week and the boys who are devotees of the sport are bringing in some pretty catches.

Mr. L. V. Grady, state traveling auditor with headquarters in Raleigh, spent the week-end with his people here.

Mrs. S. C. Porter, nee Miss Alma Basing, of Texas, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rushing.

Mr. Robert Schulken, one of the youngest members of the Whiteville bar is spending several weeks in Raleigh looking into land titles for the government.

Rev. A. J. Howell is in Baltimore, visiting his son, Dr. Clewell Howell Young. Mr. Howell graduates from the school of medicine there in June.

Memorial Day will be observed by the Jefferson Davis Chapter of U. D. C. Saturday, May tenth, at 5 p. m., at which time they will decorate the graves of the Confederate Veterans and Daughters. The public is cordially invited to cooperate.

Apparently there is very little fall sown oats being grown this year. The cold waves got practically all-fields. However a big acreage was sown in spring oats and they are looking splendid.

Wallie Lockler, an Indian, was up in Judge Maultsby's court to answer to two charges Tuesday. He was fined fifty dollars and cost for carrying concealed weapons and in another charge of having wine he was taxed with ten dollars and the costs.

Miss Annie Mae White, who has been visiting her sister in Florida for the past three months, has returned to Whiteville and has a position in the law office of Attorney Donald McRackan. Miss White was employed by the board of education previous to going to Florida.

Miss Altie Stone who has been teaching at Mount Gillead the past winter is spending a few days here with friends. Miss Stone is very pleasantly remembered as a teacher in the Whiteville school for the two sessions previous to this one.

A Pender county farmer, several of them, have been scouring this county this week in search of tobacco plants. They report that Pender is very short on plants and that a few farmers will have to reduce their acreage to a considerable extent on account of inability to get plants.

Miss Hilda Grey Tarkington has been spending several days here with Mr. R. R. Powell's. Miss Tarkington has been teaching in the Clarkton high school for the past two sessions. Previous to that she taught in the Whiteville school one term and is pleasantly remembered here.

The Rev. David J. Clark, of Elizabethtown, a widely known Missionary Baptist minister, will fill the pulpit in a special sermon in the Cherry Grove Baptist church on next

Sunday. Mr. Clark is spending this week in various sections of Columbus county.

Most of the farmers who planted cotton secured splendid stands and the plants are thriving under the influence of the warm and dry weather that has been prevailing. Corn is also doing splendidly. Tobacco and strawberries have both been in need of rain.

Plasters are at work on the two story office building for Powell & Lewis and Lyon & Burns and it is expected that the structure will be ready for occupancy within another week or ten days. Powell & Lewis will have their offices on the ground floor and Messrs. Homer Lyon & R. H. Burns will be up-stairs.

Last year the peach crop was a failure in almost every section of this county. Growers here and there

made a very good crop but this was the exception rather than the rule. This year the prospects are for a general good crop. Apples will also be plentiful, according to the reports of those having trees. The same can be said of pears and the black-berry crop will just naturally be good.

Mr. A. J. Branch of Boardman, was a visitor in town Monday and called at this office. Mr. Branch has been strongly mentioned and endorsed as a good man for county commissioner during the past several weeks, however, on account of the fact that Mr. R. J. Edwards of Boardman is a candidate it is not thought that Mr. Branch will run.

On Friday evening the Home Economic Classes of the Whiteville High school will have a display of some of the work done during the year in the sewing room at the school building.

Every one is cordially invited to visit the department at this time. It will be open to visitors immediately after the music recital.

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## Grand Theatre

**PROGRAMME**

**MONDAY, MAY 12**  
THE PRIDE OF PALOMAR  
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Two Reel Comedy  
(Miss Helen Krienbaum)

**TUESDAY, MAY 13**  
FIOLA DANA  
—in—  
HER FATAL MILLIONS  
Two Reel Comedy  
(Miss Lillie Singletary)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 14**  
WILLIAM S. HART  
—in—  
SILENT MEN  
One Reel Comedy  
(Miss Freddie Murray)

**THURSDAY, MAY 15**  
THOMAS MEIGHAN  
—in—  
THE MAN WHO SAW TOMORROW  
One Reel Comedy  
(Miss Irene Powell)

**FRIDAY, MAY 16**  
THOMAS MEIGHAN  
—in—  
THE MAN WHO SAW TOMORROW  
One Reel Comedy  
(Miss Fay Memory)

**SATURDAY, MAY 17**  
WILLIAM FARNUM  
—in—  
THE GUN FIGHTER  
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(Miss Annie Maxwell)

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**Saturday, May 10th, 2:00 P. M.**

For the purpose of nominating Candidates for all County Offices. All Republicans, men and women, are invited and urged to be present and to take part in the meeting.

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