

Cowpen Neck News.

Messrs. James Briggs, Willie Smith and Wood Morgan were the guests of Miss Minnie Jackson Saturday night.

Miss Ruby Waff entertained a number of friends Saturday night. Those present were Messrs. Jno. Miller, Ernest Smith, Tom Hassell, Sam Small J. H. Morgan and Miss Gladys Hardison.

Mr. Cecil Lupton and Miss Ruby Waff enjoyed a delightful drive Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Nathan Copeland was the guest of Miss Minnie Jackson Sunday evening.

Mr. Willie Smith accompanied Miss Lillian Wilder to Sunday School Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Ernest Waff accompanied Miss Gladys Hardison to Sunday School Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Willie Smith and Miss Lillian Wilder, Miss Mary Smith and Mr. George Hassell were out driving Sunday night.

Mr. Nathan Copeland called to see Miss Minnie Jackson Sunday night.

The wedding bells will soon be ringing.

Mr. Johnnie Copeland was the guest of Miss Lillian Wilder Thursday night.

Mr. B. A. Swanner was disappointed Sunday evening.

Belvidere Items.

Belvidere School District To Observe School Improvement Day

In accordance with the proclamation issued by Governor Craig there was a call meeting of the citizens of the school district at Belvidere Academy Oct. 26th, the object of which was to formulate plans for the observation of School Improvement Day on December 4th. Thos. B. Ward was appointed Chairman and Emma L. White, secretary for the evening. After an interesting discussion of the various needs and improvements that should be made at the grounds and building of Belvidere School, the several committees were appointed to execute such improvements on the day above named. All men, women and children in the school district should be interested in the welfare of this community and respond to the call of our beloved Governor. It is hoped that each will come out prepared to help in the school's improvement on Dec. 4th. Let us meet at 9 a. m. and each bring his own lunch.

ELIHU COPELAND

Elihu Copeland died at his home near Belvidere, N. C., at age of 79 years, 2 months and 5 days. He is survived by a widow and ten children, L. J. Copeland of Hertford, N. C.; O. C. Copeland of Norfolk, Va.; C. F. Copeland of Sunbury, N. C.; X. E. Copeland of Edenton, N. C.; Mrs. E. C. Privott and Mrs. Will Jakenman of Suffolk, Va.; Dours Copeland of South Carolina, Mrs. J. H. Ward, H. S. and H. E. Copeland of Belvidere, N. C.; two brothers and three sisters. The funeral was conducted by Thomas Chappel of Belvidere but formerly of Indians. He was a member of the Quaker church since boyhood. There was a large display of flowers from Suffolk, Va., Elizabeth City, Hertford and Edenton, N. C. Interment was in the family burying ground.

Yeopim News.

Mr. Phonso Thach, wife and mother visited his aunt Mrs. Biddy Smith below Bethel, Sunday morning.

Little Mary Long visited her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Alex Dail of Bear Swamp Sunday

afternoon.

Misses Mary and Nappie Moore were the guests of Mrs. A. D. Thach Saturday evening.

Mr. Clyde Elliott of Poplar Neck attended Sunday school at Oak Grove Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Sidney Lane of Ballahaok called to see Miss Mary Moore Sunday afternoon.

Mr. W. N. Long of this place and Miss Lizzie Dail of Bear Swamp were out driving Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mariha Thach is visiting her daughter Mrs. J. T. White near Hertford.

Mrs. B. J. Thach of this place Mrs. R. K. Lane of Bear Swamp, Mr. T. J. Long and daughter Mary of Bethel visited Mrs. M. L. Dail Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Josephus Haskett of Hertford was the guest of Mrs. Peanie Thach Sunday.

Mrs. Mary L. Dail who fell and broke a limb some time ago is still confined to her bed.

Information About North Carolina Farms

(From last Federal Census Reports)

North Carolina has 253,725 farms; of this number 146,438 are operated by owners and managers and 107,287 by tenants.

Fifty-eight per cent of the farms of this State are operated by owners and managers and 42 per cent by tenants.

The farm home owners and managers of North Carolina cultivate 5,670,000 acres of land and the tenants till 3,113,000 acres in this State.

The value of the land and buildings of the tenant farms of this State is \$137,081,000; that of the home owners and managers is \$319,543,000.

Drum Hill News

Rev. T. M. Grant filled his regular appointment at Savages church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Otis Jackson of the U. S. A. and one of his friends is visiting the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Jackson.

Mr. Ralph Matthews of Norfolk visited his parental home Sunday.

Miss Ernestine Matthews spent Sunday with her grandmother near here.

Miss Hattie Dean and Allie Vann entertained a crowd of young folks Sunday afternoon.

Alvin Hines had the misfortune to get his arm broken Monday while playing at school.

There will be a box supper at the Drum Hill school house Saturday afternoon at 7:30 o'clock refreshments will also be sold proceeds to go to Savages church.

Mrs. Mildred Parker died at her home last Friday morning interment took place in the family burying ground Sunday.

Trotville News.

Mrs. Bettie Sutton of Muddy Cross is visiting her father, Mr. Joseph Riddick.

Mr. Lonnie Spivey spent the week-end with relatives near Middle Swamp.

Mrs. Elbert Riddick and Miss Lillie Baines of Muddy Cross visited at Mrs. Joseph Riddick's Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Stallings of Sandy Cross visited at Mr. J. C. Overman's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Paul Trotman went to Norfolk Sunday.

Messrs. J. S. Wiggins and George Eason, and Masters Alvah Wiggins and Kenneth Eason went to Suffolk one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Briggs of Acorn visited their daughter, Mrs.

C. A. Mitchell Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. L. O. Stallings and little daughter, Daisy Lee spent Sunday with her mother.

Miss Ollie Riddick is suffering from the effects of a bone felon.

Messrs. J. A. Riddick, W. P. Mitchell, Lee Riddick and Lonnie Spivey were visitors at Mr. R. W. Simpson's Sunday evening.

Several from here went to Hobbsville Friday evening to here Dr. Reed of E. City lecture.

Messrs. B. A. Benton and Cecil Perry visited out of town friends Sunday.

Misses Harrell and Savage opened school on the 26th with sixteen pupils in attendance.

We were glad to have a better attendance at Sunday school Sunday. Mr. J. H. Sheely of Sandy Cross was with us and gave a very helpful talk on the Sunday school lesson.

Tyner News.

Mrs. J. A. Boyce and daughter Miss Mary Davis spent Thursday in Hertford with relatives.

Mr. O. E. Ward spent Thursday in Norfolk.

Mr. Harris of Creswell has opened up a store in the store formerly run by G. W. Riddick.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Perry spent Sunday in Rocky Hook with relatives.

Miss Ellen Bryant was the appreciated guest of Miss Lillie Belle Bunch Saturday night.

Mrs. E. B. White and Miss Ellen Bryant attended services at Evans Sunday afternoon.

Mr. H. E. Lane made a business trip to Norfolk Monday.

Miss Mary Davis is spending this week with relatives in Hertford.

Messrs. C. W. Perry and O. E. Ward spent Monday afternoon in Edenton.

Rev. B. T. Hurley filled his appointment here and at Evans Sunday.

After making his home in E. City for the last four months, Mr. O. E. Lane and family are moving back here today to make their future home.

TOPSY NEWS

Miss Lydia Story opened her school here last Monday.

Mr. Asa Harrell spent Saturday afternoon in Eure.

Misses Pattie and Etta Eure and Mr. Dave Umphlett spent Saturday with Mrs. Lucy Harrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Harrell called on Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Harrell Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hayes and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Butler.

L. S. Carter of Roduco spent Sunday morning with D. S. Harrell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hayes of near Eure spent Sunday with Mrs. Henry Harrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Harrell, Mr. A. L. Parker, Jr., and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Parker, Sr., Mrs. D. S. Harrell and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. W. M. Harrell.

E. B. Butler and sons Harry and Willie called at the home of D. S. Harrell Sunday night.

Misses Selma and Della Harrell were guests of the Roduco Sunday School Sunday afternoon.

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Public Defender Needed In Every Community.

Editor Albemarle Observer:

Will you kindly allow me space in your paper to say a few words in regard to the Public Defender movement? The purpose of this movement is for the establishment of an office of Defender in all our courts, whose duties shall consist of defending and looking after the interests of all defendants in said courts, in all cases viewing or taking the opposite side from the Prosecuting or District Attorney, as he is more commonly called.

Now to the average citizen who does not stop to think, this will at first seem an unnecessary office, but after due consideration is given the question and it is looked into from all angles it will not only seem necessary, but said citizen will wonder why the office of Defender was not established years ago.

To the poor, ignorant and down trodden class, this movement will prove a Godsend, as it is a well known fact that a man who is in court charged with an offence, not financially able to secure legal representation, is in a hard row of stumps to clear himself, even though the circumstances against him be merely circumstantial. It has gotten so that justice is now so expensive that it is entirely beyond the reach of the poor man. In order to obtain it he must have a lawyer to defend him who is at least as good as the Prosecuting Attorney, and as that worthy individual is generally one of the best in the community, it is a matter of impossibility for the defendant to pay the price.

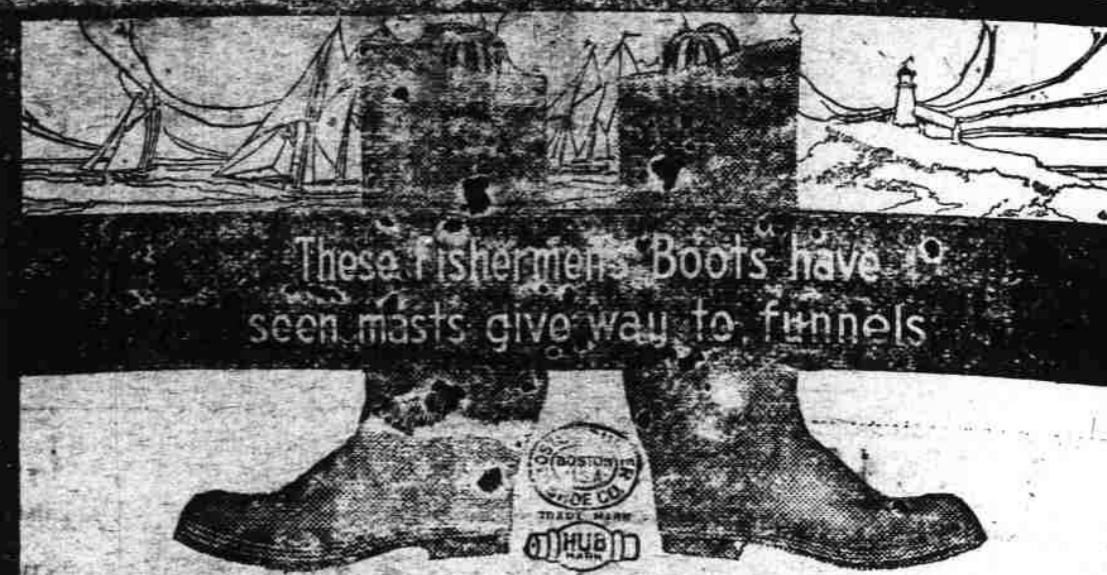
"Ignorance of the law is no excuse" is all right for the man who has time to keep up with the thousand and one laws, local and otherwise, but to the man who earns his bread by the sweat of his brow, and really don't have time to read up on these laws, there should be some way provided whereby he would not have to suffer the same punishment as the really criminal and vicious of our community. A Public Defender then, is the logical step in the right direction. Think this matter over seriously, and then write your representatives to see to it that you are provided with such an official.

CHAS. W. WEST.
Wilmington, N. C.

European War A Big Boon To Postal Savings.

The war in Europe is proving a big boon to postal savings in this country. From the very day hostilities opened across the seas the postal-savings receipts began to increase by leaps and bounds and withdrawals fell off, a result quite contrary to the predictions of many well-informed persons who, in their imagination, saw lines of feverish depositors at post office pay windows anxious to again return their savings to the boot-leg and body-belt depositories whence they came before intrusted to Uncle Sam. But the forecasters failed to reckon on the absolute confidence of the American citizen, regardless of the flag that first met his eyes, in the ability and purpose of the Government to carry out its obligations, not only among the nations of the earth, but with the humblest citizen of our land.

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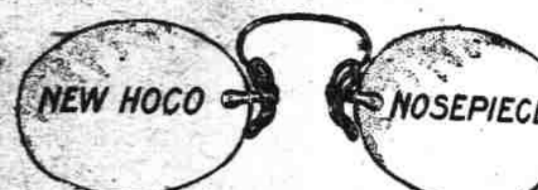
largely of foreign birth, accustomed to sending their savings abroad, are now patrons of our postal savings system; and enormous sums of actual cash have been released for commercial uses among our own people at a time when the need for every available dollar is pressing.

The growth of the postal-savings in the United States has been steady and healthy and the system has filled an important gap between the tin-can depository and the factory paymaster. On July 1, when affairs were running smoothly here and abroad and the transmission of money across the Atlantic was safe and expeditious, there was approximately \$43,000,000 of postal-savings standing to the credit of 388,000 depositors. Since then over \$10,000,000 of deposits have been added and the number of depositors has increased enormously. This unprecedented gain is the more striking when it is considered that the net gain in the last three months is larger than the gain for the entire fiscal year 1914. Scores of offices have done more postal savings business since the war has been going on than was done by them during the previous existence of the service. The increases are confined to no special localities, but have been felt in every nook and corner of the country. New York City alone made a gain in September of more than a million, while Brooklyn showed a relatively big increase. Chicago reported a larger gain in the past three months than for the previous twelve months. More than 7,000 new accounts were opened during the period, bringing the number of depositors in that city up to over 21,000.

The unexpected increase in postal-savings business has not only added greatly to the general administrative duties of the system, but has brought up many new and interesting problems which have called for the careful personal consideration of Postmaster General Burleson and Governor Dockery, Third Assistant Postmaster General. But their task has been lightened somewhat by the promptness of depository banks in furnishing additional security to meet the abnormal deposits. A number of the very largest banks in the country, which have heretofore declined to qualify as depositories for postal-savings funds, are now among the eager applicants for them.

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