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FROM JACKSON.

**Badly Burned--Play Friday Night--
Marriage of Popular Couple--
General News.**

When the Betterment Association was reorganized in December, the 2nd Friday afternoon in each month was the time selected for the meetings. Accordingly, the association will meet on Feb. 14, at 8 P. M., in the Auditorium. As the following meeting in March will be late in the school year to make plans to be of immediate benefit to the school, all who are interested are urgently requested to attend this meeting.

The County and Road Commissioners were in session here Monday. The Road Board is in a waiting attitude, not knowing what changes the Legislature will make in the road law.

The crowd here Monday was not as large as usual, owing to the rain and disagreeable weather.

A committee of the County Farmers Union was in session here Monday considering the fertilizer question. Several representatives from factories were here to make bids.

It was remarked here Monday that Hon. Thomas W. Mason appears to grow younger as the years pass by. He is now our most distinguished countyman, and everybody is his friend.

A marriage of much interest was solemnized here last week, that of Mr. B. S. Gay Jr. and Miss Margaret Barrow which took place at the home of the bride, Rev. W. B. North, pastor of both, officiating. Miss Barrow is the daughter of Mrs. Virginia C. and the late William Barrow, and a woman of fine accomplishments. Mr. Gay is the oldest son of our distinguished countyman, Hon. B. S. Gay.

The Bank of Northampton is now one of the best equipped banks in the country. It has burglar proof safe with time locks and safety deposit boxes and its building was erected specially for banking purposes.

The lot known as the public square back of the court house which has long been an eyesore and known as the "Dead Line" on account of its being the trading place for plug horses, is to be enclosed and beautified and possibly a monument erected on it to commemorate the valor of Southern soldiers.

Mr. Walter Boone of Norfolk, who is a native of Northampton, was here Monday shaking hands with his numerous friends. He was the guest Sunday in the home of Mr. J. G. Stancell, at Margarettsville, who married his niece.

Sheriff Joyner is now making his last round to collect the special school taxes and the one dollar road tax which is paid in lieu of working three days on the public roads.

Miss Nancy Joyner, oldest daughter of Ex. Sheriff W. H. Joyner of Garysburg, had her hands badly burned last week, and for few days it was feared her hands would have to be amputated. Her father was here Monday and says she is improving and it is hoped she will not lose the use of either hand. She was cleaning her gloves with benzine and held her hands to the stove to dry the gloves and they took fire with distressing results. Strange to say the gloves were not injured.

"Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" will be presented in the

Auditorium of the Jackson Graded School on Friday evening, Feb. 7, at 8 o'clock. Admission 25 and 15 cents. No reserved seats. The proceeds will go to the work of the Betterment Association and to the Library work, in which Mrs. Wiggs and the children of the "Cabbage Patch" are greatly interested.

Report of State Tax Commission For 1912.

The Report of the State Tax Commission for the year 1912 has been received. A copy of the Report will be mailed free to any one interested in tax matters on request to the State Tax Commission, Raleigh, N. C.

The Report gives a complete statistical analysis of the working of our tax system. Some features covered by the report are valuation of different classes of property by town, township and county divisions; assessment of public-service and other corporations; tax rate and bonded indebtedness of counties, cities and towns; tax receipts from all sources other than general property tax, given by counties, etc.

For the year 1911 there was increase in assessed valuation of all property in State of 19.91 per cent as compared with 1910, and of 29 per cent as compared with the former quadrennial assessment period of 1907. Total tax valuations in the State more than doubled from 1901 to 1911, the figures being three hundred and forty-one million for 1901 and seven hundred and forty million for 1911.

The Commission recommends that the Legislature find some other means than an increase in the rate of the general property tax, if it should be found necessary to have more revenue than is provided by the increase of property valuations.

Don't be an Easy Mark.

Why do you have a spleen? No one knows. The best learned scientists of the world have come and gone, and still the riddle of the spleen remains unsolved. Some have thought that its function was this, and others that it was something else, and so on. In a few cases of surgical operations it has been necessary to remove a part or all of the spleen and the patient lived and nothing happened. Hence why is a spleen?

Whether or not we find a use for the spleen this point should be remembered. If the world's greatest scientists can't tell the use of the spleen, and if we get along about as well without it as with it, why do some people break their necks buying "electric belts" or "magnetic pads," plasters, insoles, etc., for what the street fakirs and medical fakirs call "enlarged spleen," "torpid liver," "kidney disease" and a dozen and one other things that no one ever knew he had before? Such swindles belong to the "gold brick" class. When such ads of fakirs appear it is a good time to keep your money in your pocket and "save your face." Take it from me, if you bite you lose, and other fellow will set you down as one of the original easy marks.—State Board of Health.

Fire at Menola.

Early Tuesday morning the dwelling house and smokehouse of Mr. Henry Brown of Menola were destroyed by fire. The loss was considerable, with only \$1000 insurance.

SEABOARD LOCALS.

Will Return South--Potatoes Up and Growing--General News of Town and Vicinity.

Mr. Burt Schlichter, Vaughan, N. C., was a welcome guest in the home of Mrs. Bettie I. Pruden the latter part of last week. Miss Nellie Long, Elizabeth City, is spending this week in the home of her aunt, Mrs. R. D. H. Maddrey.

Miss Lucy Buffaloe, Jackson, who attended the play here Friday night, remained in town the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. Carlton Maddrey, until Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Julia Harris, Gumberry, and daughter, Miss Emma, and Miss Eva Foster spent the week end in the home of Mrs. R. M. Maddrey. Miss Emma left Monday on noon train for her adopted home, Richmond, Va.

The ground-hog must have seen his shadow on the 2nd, as bad weather has already begun. If today (Monday) is to be a sample of what we are to receive for the next six weeks, we are very sorry the day of his appearance chanced to be a fair day.

Mesdames Annie Boone, Alice Darden and Mr. A. J. Jordan spent a portion of last week visiting relatives in Boykins. Many years have elapsed since our venerable friend, Mr. Jordan, spent a night from his home here.

Mr. Z. V. Maddrey, a former Seaboardian, but for fifteen years an employee of the Big Four Railroad, in the capacity of fireman and engineer, with headquarters at Indianapolis, Ind., can no longer resist the call to return to the Sunny South and is at present engaged in learning the S. A. L. road with a view of accepting a position as engineer. Zeb spent the past Sunday here in the home of his birth.

Miss Lillie Stephenson left last Saturday for Littleton where she will spend some time with her relatives, Mr. Jno. W. Gav and wife.

Miss Mary Tilgham, Weldon, spent a couple of days last week in the home of Mr. W. T. Jones. She left Sunday for her home, accompanied by her friend, Miss Julia Jones.

Our farmers made considerable progress during the beautiful weather presented by January, but February bids fair to deal less kindly with us, so after all, we may be as much behind as in former years.

Mrs. T. T. Joyner and children, Severn, are in town visiting in the hospitable home of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Joyner.

Messrs. Carlton Maddrey and James Sweedan spent Monday in Norfolk on business.

Some of our newspaper correspondents have been remarking about the springing up of grasses, budding of trees, shrubs etc., and the blooming of roses, but none of them, so far, have reported Irish potatoes growing, the tops more than ten inches high. Well, if you disbelieve it, you can come to this hustling town and be convinced of the truthfulness of the above statement.

The Misses Allen of the High School faculty are enjoying this week a visit from their mother and sister of Amelia, Va.

The play, "Because I Love You," was presented last Friday evening in the High School auditorium by home talent. It is the opinion of all who attended that it was the best amateur play

presented yet, each of the participants performed his or her part faultlessly. The spacious auditorium was well filled, despite the rain storm that came upon after night-fall. A neat sum was realized which will be used towards lighting our beautiful school building.

Lewiston News.

Miss Gertha Cowan of Burdens is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. C. Cherry.

Misses Pearl Lynch and Edna Costley, after a delightful visit with their friends, Miss Rosa Casper, left for their home in Petersburg last Wednesday.

Mr. Bob Bazemore, one of our home boys, now of St. Louis, Mo., is out here visiting relatives and friends. He will be here for three months.

Mr. and Mrs. James Monroe have moved to Bethel, N. C. During their stay here they made many friends who wish them well.

Mr. Julian Parker of Union, has accepted a position as salesman with Mr. John M. Edwards.

Mr. R. L. Casper, one of our county's best young men, left Wednesday for Norfolk to make his home.

Miss Pearl Early, after a pleasant visit with relatives and friends in town, left for her home at Hexelena last Wednesday.

Mr. B. C. Vick has returned to his home at Conway, after a pleasant visit over here.

Lawyer Fanning Craig and Eddie Casper spent Monday in Windsor on business.

The play from Avlander proved to be quite a success. Had a good crowd. Each reported a pleasant time. We hope they will come and present us with another as good in the near future.

Owing to the weather Monday the play from Windsor had to be postponed until the last of the week.

Mr. E. Rawls was taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, last week for treatment.

Mr. D. M. Casper, who was seriously hurt some time ago, was able to be out in town last Saturday.

Rev. John F. Cale filled his regular appointments here Saturday and Sunday. A large congregation greeted him at each service.

George News.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Brown of Rich Square spent last Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Outland.

Miss Estelle Beale of Potecasi spent last Saturday night here with her sister, Mrs. Draper.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Futrell returned last Saturday from an extended trip to New York and other places of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Futrell of Rich Square spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Futrell.

Mrs. W. E. Parker spent last Friday with her sister, Mrs. E. L. Brown, of Rich Square.

Messrs. Alfred and Howard Outland returned Sunday from Columbia, S. C., where they had been to attend a corn show.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Outland spent Friday in the home of Mr. J. T. Futrell of Rich Square.

Mrs. E. L. Brown of Rich Square spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Parker.

Mr. Jonas Futrell of Ashley's Grove was a caller in the home of Mr. C. T. Outland Sunday afternoon.

WOODLAND ITEMS.

Medal Contest Friday Night--General News of Town and Vicinity in Brief.

Miss Lillian Tayloe of Gumberry visited Miss Helen Futrell last week.

Mr. C. J. Vaughan was in Lewiston last week on business.

Miss Martha Eley of Ahsokie and Mrs. Eunice Powell of Menola spent Saturday and Sunday in the home of Mr. W. T. Benthall.

Mrs. Ida Browne of Mt. Tabor is visiting at the Harrell House this week.

The W. C. T. U. will give a Medal Contest at the academy Friday night, this being the sixth and last contest of the kind. A large attendance is desired as it will be the most interesting that has been had. The Woman's Betterment Society will serve refreshments after the program.

Mr. R. C. Benthall left Monday for Knoxville and Memphis, Tenn., to purchase mules and horses. He will return next week with a car load.

Mr. R. B. Benthall went to Richmond Monday to purchase mules.

Mrs. L. J. Carter of Norfolk, Va., is visiting in the home of Mr. Isaac Carter this week.

Mrs. W. N. Griffith is spending this week with her sister at George.

Mr. C. R. Benthall went to Norfolk Monday.

Mrs. Willis Griffin of Norfolk visited relatives and friends here last week.

Mr. Henry E. Peele of Greensboro has been visiting among his many friends here for the last two weeks.

Prof. N. W. Britton of Winton was here Saturday on business.

Mrs. Sallie Byrd of Kelford visited in the homes of Messrs. P. M. Joyner and Neil Futrell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Dunning visited relatives in Jackson last week.

Mrs. Ola Story and son are visiting in Norfolk this week. From there they will go to Florida to spend sometime with relatives.

Messrs. Joshua and E. Copeland of Rich Square visited in the home of Mr. A. P. Griffin last Saturday.

Misses Lillie Gilliam and Annie Hart of Potecasi came last week to visit Mrs. W. H. S. Burgwyn. Miss Hart returned Friday and Miss Gilliam will remain sometime.

Misses Frances and Myra Benthall of Rich Square visited in the home of Dr. Cooke Saturday.

Mr. Irvin Blanchard of Avlander, accompanied by Miss Venie Sumner spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. R. W. Blanchard and family.

Miss Pearl Daughtry spent from Friday until Sunday with her people in Lasker.

Miss Beulah McNemar, a reader from Keyser, W. Va., will give "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" here Friday night, Feb. 14. Miss McNemar's work all over the United States has won for her a great name as an entertainer. This play is full of wit, pathos, humor and philosophy, which claims the attention of all lovers of good literature.

The New York World, three times a week, and this paper for only \$1.65 a year, old or new subscriptions.