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LASKER NEWS.

Baraca Class Organized—Residence Lost by Fire—General and Personal News.

Dr. R. P. Morehead of Weldon was here last week on business.

Miss Clara Vaughan spent from Thursday till Sunday in Jackson.

A great number of our farmers attended the County Union Meeting at Jackson Tuesday.

Mr. C. C. Parker, who has been seriously ill lately, is somewhat better.

A good program was rendered by the Devotional Department of the Epworth League at the M. E. church Sunday night. The subject was "Jesus and Temptation."

Rev. W. B. North, D. D. filled his regular appointment at New Hope M. E. church last Sunday afternoon. He delivered an excellent sermon to a goodly sized congregation.

Mr. A. J. Draper of Boykins and Mr. S. C. Draper of Rich Square were here Sunday and Monday at the bedside of their aged mother, Mrs. Nancy Draper, who is quite ill.

A large attendance is desired at the meeting of Jr. O. U. A. M. in the hall of Lasker Realty Co. Saturday evening at 7:30.

See the advertisement of J. J. Parker's great sale.

The musicale rendered by the Rich Square High School at Rich Square last Friday evening was attended by a large number of our young people. It was an entertainment of a very high order and was bound to appeal to true lovers of music. Miss Skinner, who has charge of the music department of the school, certainly proved her skill and efficiency as a teacher, thru her pupils, who performed each selection in a graceful and delightful manner. Rich Square was fortunate in securing Miss Skinner to direct the music in their school. She is doing a great work there. Our neighboring town may justly feel proud of the unusual musical talent of their young people.

The first property destroyed by fire in Lasker in 28 years was the pretty residence of Mr. J. J. Parker which was consumed by the flames on last Wednesday night at 10 o'clock. The fire originated from a defective stove in the kitchen. Within a brief time after the fire started about four hundred men had gathered on the scene, but the efforts made to extinguish the flames seemed not to hinder the progress of the fire. The residence was situated near several others of the best buildings in the town, and had it not been for the earnest efforts and good management of the fighters the fire would have consumed many of the surrounding buildings. Mr. Parker was fortunate in saving most of his furniture, but he had no insurance on his place. He will occupy the residence belonging to Mr. S. C. Draper till he rebuilds.

A Baraca class was organized in the Methodist Sunday School last Sunday morning. The class starts in an enthusiastic and promising manner. There are sixteen charter members. Following are the officers of the class: President, Stanley C. Draper; Vice President, Ralph E. Parker; Secretary, Ralph E. Parker; Asst. Secretary, Paul Parker; Treasurer, W. W. Draper; Press Reporter, Stanley C. Draper; Teacher, J. J. Parker; Asst. Teacher, W. S. Deloatch; committee to prepare a room for the class, C. E. Brewer. The class

will meet with the Sunday School each Sunday.

Mr. P. S. Anderson of New York City arrived Monday to prepare for a record breaking sale for the Parker mercantile store. Mr. Anderson is the foremost salesman of the Mutual Sales and Advertising Co. of Washington, D. C. He has just closed a big sale in Kinston. The sale will begin Wednesday of next week and will last ten days. Mr. Parker is preparing to enter his big handsome brick store which is nearing completion and he says the big stock of goods he now has on hand must go by some means. The market will be smashed to ridiculously low prices. Mr. Parker invites everybody to visit his store. He is employing a large force of salesmen to accommodate the public. Mr. Anderson is accompanied by Mrs. Anderson, who is here on account of ill health.

North Carolina Wants Schools.

North Carolina is leading all Southern States in prompt and vigorous measures to improve her educational facilities as a result of finding the State in forty-seventh place in the nation. The Legislature has just passed a law providing for a public school term of not less than six months in every school district in the State. Hitherto the average session has been only four months. This measure was admitted to be the most urgent and necessary legislation before the present General Assembly, and, despite protracted debate, was finally enacted by a large majority.

So convinced were the Carolina lawmakers that something had to be done that there was practically no opposition to the provision itself. The only argument against the increase was the question of money. The State treasury faced a deficit of \$700,000, and no possible means of raising the money necessary for the schools was presented.

Did this pocket-book argument defeat the bill? Not in North Carolina. The Legislature finally concluded that financial arrangement could be made, and had to be made. The people want the schools. The people will find a way of paying for the schools.

No more encouraging sign of Southern progress has been given in recent years than this firm determination to provide education at any cost. It attacks the problem in the right way: by deciding what must be done for the honor and growth of the State, and then going on to finding the funds. Of course, the increase of two months' schooling per year will be worth a thousand times what it costs. Every educated child will eventually increase the wealth of the State manifold times what it costs to give him this essential training. If a deficit has to be faced for ten years, North Carolina will in the end get rich dividends on her investment. The wealth-producing efforts of an enlightened citizenship are cumulative in effect. Money spent on schools increases in geometrical ratio.

We trust that Virginia, herself only forty-first in school rank, will imitate this noble example of her neighbor. We face an equally stern problem. We must meet it with equally strong and uncompromising action. We congratulate North Carolina on setting an example for the entire South. She has given us the motto: "Better Schools at Any Price."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

FROM JACKSON.

Social Event of the Season—General News of Town and Vicinity in Brief.

Mrs. Elizabeth Buxton has returned to her home after an extended visit to her daughters in Elizabeth City.

Mrs. H. Carlton Maddrey of Seaboard is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Buffalo.

Mr. Paul Bowers of Littleton preached at both morning and evening services for the Baptists—he is supplying in the absence of a pastor.

Mr. Luther T. Cowan left Sunday to purchase his spring stock and incidentally take in the inauguration.

Mr. J. W. Calvert of Norfolk spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Calvert.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Gay, Jr., who have been spending some time with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Gay, will return to their country home this week.

Miss Harriet Bowen, accompanied by Miss Loretta Joyner, spent from Friday until Sunday with Miss Mary E. Spivey of Rich Square.

Superior Court convenes the last of this month.

Dr. H. W. Lewis, County Superintendent of Health will begin the inspection of the schools in a few days.

The tax collectors will finish collecting the taxes for 1912 during this month.

Ex Senator B. S. Gay spent a few days in Raleigh the past week.

Miss H. E. Bowen, music teacher in the Jackson school, attended the recital at Rich Square last Friday evening and speaks in high terms of the music department of the school at that place.

Mr. Paul Ransom drove a pair of very fine horses to town Monday. They attracted much attention, being in such contrast to the numerous plugs seen on the deadline.

Ex Sheriff W. H. Joyner is an applicant for the position as Superintendent of the Penitentiary, and his friends say he has a good showing. He has strong endorsements, and if appointed will make good.

The young people of Seaboard presented the play, "Because I Love You," in the Auditorium Friday night. It is in itself a compliment to them to note that the people from here, who went to Seaboard to see it, were ready to attend again over here.

Mr. George Augustus Moore, Jeweler, Assistant Superior Court Clerk, Picture Framer, and Insurance Agent, has recently taken a new vocation, that of horsetrading. He began by purchasing on first Monday, a yellow, blind, broken-down mule at the cost of one dollar. He has been heard to remark that his intentions are, to combine pleasure with business and will tender each young lady in town an invitation to drive with him.

We might say the social event of the season occurred last Monday night when Misses Bowers and Jerome so beautifully entertained at Progressive Rook. It was in every feature a typical colonial party and the decorations which consisted of cherries and flags carried out this idea as well as that of patriotism, and some young ladies went as far as to further the idea by costume. Miss May Calvert received the prize for having won the greatest number of games, and Misses

Perry and Grant the booby. The first prize, a box of candy and the booby a lemon were presented by Mr. W. D. Barbee in his delightful way. Last but not least came the refreshments in three courses, salad, coffee, fruit-salad, cake and mints. Each guest had a lovely souvenir of the occasion to take home with him.

The Epworth League program for Tuesday evening, March 11, 1913, is as follows:

Leader—Miss Annie Jerome.
Subject—The Labors of Jesus.
Song by League.
Prayer.

Duet—Misses Mary Barrow and Ethel Futrell.

Recitation—Mrs. J. A. Worrell Solo—Prof. Barbee.

Paper, "The Needs of Brevard Institute"—Miss Ethel Futrell.

Quartet—Mrs. L. C. Grant, Miss Ethel Futrell, Mr. H. B. Edwards, Dr. J. L. Lister.
League Benediction.

Fertilizer From Fish.

An industry, centered at present largely around the Chesapeake Bay where there are 15 factories, and Beaufort, N. C., where there are 8 or 10 factories, is the manufacture from menhaden of fish oil and scrap used in the manufacture of fertilizer. The fish which swarm in uncounted millions in the waters of the Atlantic were used for fertilizer in colonial days, being applied either directly to the land or in a compost with barnyard manure or woods litter. In the past 25 or 30 years, however, during which the annual catch has ranged from 250,000,000 in 1892 to more than 1,000,000,000 in 1903, and averaging about 600,000,000, the industry of extracting fish oil from menhaden has grown until about 35,000 barrels of oil are produced a year, with between 60,000 and 70,000 tons of dried scrap as a by-product. A report of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, from which these facts are derived, states that in the dried fish scrap there is between 7 per cent and 9 per cent of nitrogen and between 6 per cent and 8 per cent of phosphoric acid, two of the essentials in plant food, and a trace of potash, the third ingredient. It is pointed out that heretofore cotton seed meal and slaughter house by-products have been the sources in this country of nitrogen derived from organic matter, which has been combined with phosphoric acid derived from southern phosphate rock and potash obtained largely from the Stassfurt field in Germany in the manufacture of fertilizers.

There are, however, on the Pacific coast, vast fields of kelp or seaweed containing potash, and it may be that the opening of the Panama canal may make possible the shipment of such potash to the Atlantic coast at rates low enough to compete with the foreign potash. If this should happen, together with the expansion of the industry of electrical fixation of nitrogen from the atmosphere in the manufacture of nitrates, the south will be given greater importance than ever as the center of the fertilizer industry of the United States.—Manufacturers Record.

A Box Supper.

There will be a Box Supper at Rehoboth School house Friday night the seventh, beginning at half past seven o'clock, and also a contest cake. The proceeds will go for the benefit of school. The public is cordially invited to come and enjoy a good supper.

THE BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION.

SEABOARD LOCALS.

Farm Work Well Advanced—On Farm Washington—Baseball—Peach-trees in Bloom.

Mr. Burton Rodwell, Macon, was a visitor in town the past Sunday.

Mr. Jno. W. Leake and daughter, Miss Florence, left Sunday for a visit to relatives in Rich Square.

Master Elliott Harris returned Sunday from a few days' visit to relatives of Branchville, Va.

Mrs. J. G. L. Crocker, who was summoned last week to the bedside of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Hugh Crocker, Weldon, returned last Friday, reporting her condition somewhat improved.

A juvenile baseball team was organized among the school boys Monday afternoon. Prof. Ware rendered invaluable service in the organization, besides further encouraging them by a cash contribution towards securing the necessary paraphernalia. Your readers will hear more later from this youthful beginning.

Miss Mary Harris left Sunday for an indefinite stay among relatives in Branchville.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Charter Barnes on the sick list this week.

Mr. Joe Long and son Kindred are guests of his son, Ernest, this week, while attending the Inauguration and also seeing Baltimore. Ernest has for many years held a lucrative position with the Regall Shoe Co., Norfolk, Va. Last year this company promoted him by assigning him to a similar position with their Baltimore branch. It gives us pleasure to state he has been making good ever since leaving here.

Among those who left here Sunday afternoon to attend the Inauguration of President Wilson we obtained the names of the following: Messrs. R. W. Edwards, Joe Long, Andrew Crocker, Carlton Maddrey and Kindred Long. Our merchants in the party will linger a few days in Baltimore and purchase their spring and summer stock of goods.

Mr. Millard Carver returned last Friday from a business trip to Richmond, Va.

Mrs. H. Carlton Maddrey is spending this week in Jackson with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Buffalo.

Mrs. Mattie M. Gay left Sunday afternoon for Baltimore to purchase her spring stock of millinery. Her ad will appear in this paper soon.

We notice that peach trees are in bloom here. Should freezes soon follow it would mean a blighted fruit crop in that particular kind.

Miss Willie Stephenson, after a two months' visit to her cousin, Mr. Jno. T. Maddrey, Norfolk, Va., returned to her home here last Saturday.

If favorable weather conditions prevail much plowing will be done in this vicinity this week. Some of our farmers have all their farm land already broken.

The play, "Because I Love You," will be presented by the Seaboard talent at Branchville, Va., March 14, 1913. This splendid drama has been presented twice and is highly endorsed by those who saw it. The proceeds of this play are to help put lights in the beautiful auditorium of the Seaboard High School. Doors will be open promptly at 7:30 o'clock. Admission for adults will be thirty-five and fifty cents, children twenty-five cents.