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SEABOARD LOCALS.

**Commencement Announcements--
Marriage at Gumberry--Farm
Work--General News.**

Mrs. James R. Bradley returned last Thursday from a few days' visit to her sisters, Mesdames James Taylor and Johnnie Johnson, Gumberry.

A great many of our farmers have finished planting corn and not a few have much of their cotton crop planted. Lack of rain has rendered the ground so hard that plowing is hard on both man and beast.

Rev. Lloyd Parker, who was prevented from filling his March appointment at the Baptist church here, by the critical illness of his father, met with his flock the past Saturday and Sunday and delivered a sermon of great power on "Forgiveness" Sunday morning. Bro. Parker's three years' pastorate here bespeaks for him a career of great usefulness in the Master's work. He preaches the Gospel in a simple manner and the people flock to hear him.

Mr. John R. Stephenson, Wilmington, and his brother, Grover, Franklin, Va., were welcome guests of their sister, Mrs. R. M. Maddrey, the past Saturday night. They left on No. 41 Sunday morning for a visit to another sister, Mrs. R. F. Barnes, Gumberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Green F. Gay were summoned, very suddenly, Saturday to the bedside of her brother, Rev. Paul Bowers. We have since learned that B. O. Bowers is suffering with appendicitis and will be taken to a hospital for an operation at an early date. His friends here will follow him with their prayers.

We hear of many chills in the country and not a few here in town. The latest victims here are Mesars. Bailey Maddrey, Elliott Harris and little sister, Alice Harris. The former has been too sick to attend school this week.

Severn commencement was well attended by Seaboardians last week. The program was well arranged and highly enjoyed. Praises are on the lips of all who were fortunate enough to be in attendance. Our Severn folks never do anything by halves.

A marriage of more than usual interest to our people will be solemnized at Gumberry on Wednesday A. M., the 23rd., when Eva, the popular and accomplished daughter of Mrs. Johnnie Johnson, will wed Mr. Herbert Browne of Henderson. The happy young couple will leave on No. 41 for an extended bridal tour, including Niagara Falls, New York. On their return they will make their home in Henderson, where the fortunate groom holds a position with the S. A. L. railroad. Mr. Brown is to be congratulated on winning the affections of this splendid young woman. May good luck and happiness follow them all through life.

Rev. Lloyd Parker conducted chapel services in the High School auditorium Monday morning. His timely advice and words of encouragement sweetened the day's work for both faculty and students.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Huggins, Mrs. J. F. Shoulars and Mrs. H. T. Wade of Rich Square spent a while in our town Friday, esteemed guests of Prof. and Mrs. Ware. These good people still appreciate the character of the work done by these tireless teachers while Prof. Ware was principal of Rich Square High School. The entire faculty of Seaboard

State High School have been entertained recently in the following homes: Messrs. J. G. L. Crocker's and M. F. Long's. The evenings were mutually enjoyed and bed time came much too soon.

As an evidence of the esteem in which Seaboard State High School faculty are held by their numerous patrons here, the school board has tendered each their same position at an increased salary for next session. Three of the five have decided to return while the remaining two are as yet undecided. No High School in the county has had a stronger working team. Our people appreciate the good work accomplished and have no desire to let one of them leave. We hope to be able to report at commencement that the entire faculty will return and be ready for the best session ever next September. Perhaps it will not be premature to add that our school has grown so in the past few months that the need of the sixth teacher is imperative and will be added next session.

The closing exercises of Seaboard State High School will begin on May 8th., at 11 o'clock A. M. The first thing on the program will be a chorus by the school. Then the graduating exercises will follow. The class consists of three bright young men, Messrs. Dean Crocker, Kindred and Robert Long and one studious young woman, Miss Edna Long. The essays of these graduates will be worth going a long way to hear. The address of Mr. N. W. Walker, State Inspector of High Schools, will be the next number on the program. Mr. Walker is a very pleasing as well as instructive speaker and all who come may expect a rare treat. The morning exercises being over, everybody will be cordially invited to partake of a bounteous public dinner which will be provided by all friends and patrons who are here reminded to bring a well filled basket. A game of ball will be the feature of the afternoon. The Intermediate and Primary grades will entertain Thursday evening, exercises to begin promptly at 8 o'clock. On Friday evening the High School pupils will be at their best. Surely you can not afford to miss the good things that are being daily rehearsed for your enjoyment as well as your edification. We expect the largest crowd ever in the history of the school. A hearty welcome to our school and homes will be accorded everybody.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Worrell of the Pruden Spring vicinity were called upon to mourn the death of their young son, Ryland, the past Thursday. He was twelve years old. Ryland had been sick since last Thanksgiving, but did not give up entirely until five weeks ago. He suffered greatly but was patient and good, believing it a sin to complain at God's will. He was a fine boy, filled his mission quickly and passed to his reward. He was baptized into the fellowship of Mt. Carmel Baptist church last year, but attended Sunday School at Pruden Springs. His teacher offered a prize to the scholar that should memorize most Scripture during the year, this bright lad won the prize. He never missed Sunday School when able to attend. All remedies failed and his parents are left to weep over the separation. The burial service was read by Mr. J. T. Long, after which his body was laid to rest in the burying ground at the home of Mr. Peter Spencer. May the Lord bind up the broken hearts and comfort the bereaved as He only can.

KELFORD NEWS.

**The Railroads Considerate of The
Town--Every Child of School
Age in School.**

From the amount of building activities going on at Kelford it would seem that the town is making pretty substantial progress.

The town convention was held on Tuesday evening April 15th, and the nominations were C. L. L. Cobb, for Mayor; W. P. Harrell, K. O. Hall, and Paul Leicester for Commissioners, and H. C. Stephenson for Constable.

We learn with much pleasure that the Atlantic Coast Line will in the near future make such improvements along its tracks as to give the town sufficient and proper drainage. The Coast Line has been particularly nice to Kelford and has done much for the benefit and convenience of the place, also the Seaboard Air Line has been very considerate of the welfare of Kelford and has provided suitable depot facilities and we understand that its business has greatly increased. We have heard that the business of the Seaboard Air Line is more per month than both roads did twenty years ago, and that the business of the Coast Line has increased nearly ten-fold. This speaks well for the advantages of Kelford and we believe that the next ten years will show equal if not better results.

Prof. R. J. Lough, Principal of Kelford's Graded School, has tendered his resignation to the School Board and will go to Hickory, Va. Prof. Lough has done a great and lasting work here during the past three years and the community is very loath to give him up. Kelford school is considered one of the best and most progressive schools in the County. From a small one room school building with one teacher and about twenty five per cent of the children of the district in school it has grown to a school with four departments and every child in the district in school. The honor for this great work rests first upon the shoulders of the school board in their untiring efforts in providing a suitable building with modern conveniences. Then comes the teachers in the following order, namely: Mrs. J. H. Wilkins, Roxobel, N. C., Miss Virgie White, Colerain, N. C., Miss Lillian Pope, Woodland, N. C., Mrs. Manly Mann, Wilmington, N. C., Miss Cora Eagles of Tarboro, Miss Villa Montague, Coleraine, N. C., Miss Mary Burrus, Wanchese, N. C., Miss Margie Spivey, Lewiston, N. C., with Prof. R. J. Lough heading the column. The work done by this band of efficient teachers guided by the wise counsel of Prof. Lough, proves very conclusively that a compulsory school law is not needed in Kelford school district, at least for the present.

Rev. John F. Cale filled his appointments here at the Baptist church Saturday and Sunday, and preached a most powerful sermon on Sunday.

The Baraca Bible Class gave notice to its members that a business meeting would be held Sunday next. This was very gratifying news to the Philatheas Class as a business meeting of the Baracas means something doing for the Philatheas.

Kelford's marriage bells have been idle for nearly three months. However, before another month shall have passed the glad peal-dulum will swing to and fro and

the old bell will peal out the glad tidings of another victory for King Cupid, and two hearts that beat in lonely solitude a few years ago will then beat as one in happy union along the river of time. May their joys be many and their sorrows few.

Woodland News.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Vaughan of Murfreesboro were in town Sunday.

A nurse from the Sarah Leigh Hospital arrived Monday to attend Mr. C. W. Parker whose condition seems no better.

Dr. J. M. Jacobs and family of Roxobel were in town Sunday afternoon shaking hands with their old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Joyner of Severn spent Sunday and Monday with relatives here.

Miss Lillian Pope attended the commencement at Severn last week.

Mr. Ralph Benthall and little Worth Dunning have been sick for the past few days.

Miss Ruth P. Waff spent Saturday and Sunday in Conway.

The children from the Masonic Orphanage of Oxford gave a concert here last Thursday night which was much enjoyed by a large audience. As a result they realized about sixty-five dollars.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Holoman of Rich Square were glad to see them in town Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jenkins, Mrs. D. E. Henderson, Mrs. W. G. Burden and Master Wayland Jenkins of Aulander called on friends in town Sunday.

Mrs. A. P. Griffin and Miss Helen Futrell visited Rich Square last Thursday.

Miss Lillie Cook, our former telephone central, resigned her position last week and was succeeded by Miss Fannie Daughtry of Menola.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. James Brown were in Roxobel Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hedgepeth of Roxobel were here a short while Sunday.

Mrs. Milton Hedgepeth and children of Conway, spent several days of last week with relatives here.

There was quite a large crowd in town last Saturday to witness the land-sale.

Dr. Horton was a visitor here last Sunday afternoon.

Murfreesboro Locals.

Mrs. H. N. Deanes is quite sick.

Miss Lizzie Mitchell had to suspend school work and return home on account of sickness.

The Singing Class from the Oxford Orphan Asylum gave a concert in Stanley Hall here on Monday evening which was enjoyed by all who attended. The receipts were \$75.00 which go to help support the orphanage.

Our resident lawyers are in Winton this week attending court.

Mr. Uriah Vaughan was a juror in court at Winton this week.

Master James Trader was very ill Monday afternoon but is better.

The revival services at the Baptist church have been closed and as a partial result quite a number have joined the church.

The recital, Hiawatha, was given on the Chowan College campus by the Senior Class and was enjoyed very much.

Wynn Bros. have laid the foundation for an addition to their already large store building.

Quite a number of automobiles pass through town on their way to the fisheries on the Chowan.

PROTECTION OF BIRDS.

**Women Would Stop Wearing Feathers
Torn From Birds If They Knew
the Suffering It Caused.**

The agitation for a law to prohibit the importation into the United States of egrets or feathers obtained from birds by methods of cruelty has its origin in the same humanitarian sentiment that brought about the establishment of the societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals. It is not such a long time since the people of the world gave little consideration to the needless suffering of animals. Enlightenment has brought about a different attitude.

Lord Curzon, "whose worst enemies would not accuse him of sentimentality," is urging a law to prohibit the importation into England of humming birds, birds of paradise, and egrets. Last year the sales were 41,000 humming birds, 20,700 birds of paradise, and 129,000 egrets, described by Lord Curzon as "the most beautiful and innocent things in the world, all slaughtered in an abominable traffic."

President Wilson has recently issued an executive order imposing heavy penalties for the destruction of birds of plumage in the Canal Zone, and Congress should follow his lead and provide in the new tariff bill against the egret traffic, which is based upon brutality of a hideous character.

It has been charged that fashionable women do not care what cruelty is practiced so long as they may gratify their vanity, but it is more consoling as well as more logical to believe, with Mrs. Fiske, who recently expressed her views on this subject, that—

Women wear egrets and birds of paradise and other unnecessary hat ornaments simply because they do not know the horrors that attend the procurement of such decorations. Women do not know that the egret is torn from the living mother bird; they do not know that frequently this living mutilated creature is tied to a shrub and propped up as a decoy for other egrets, and that frequently for days at a time in this helpless condition, within sound of the call of their starving young, these birds are gradually eaten to death by the red ants of the southern countries.

The sympathy of a woman's heart is traditional. It is absurd to say that women do not care what cruelty is practiced in order to bedeck them. The truth of the matter is that all women, or nearly all, would stop wearing feathers torn from birds if they knew what suffering was caused to the helpless creatures. Women persist in the barbaric custom of wearing plumage dyed in blood simply because they have not given any real thought to the matter. —Washington Post.

An Appreciation.

We are pleased to express our grateful appreciation to all friends and neighbors who assisted and sympathized with us in the recent illness and death of our very friend, wife and mother, Dr. G. T. Whims, her physician, spared himself neither day nor night in faithful attention; we commend him for his pains.

We are also grateful for the expressions of kindly condolence meant to hearten us who are now crushed by the weight of a great sorrow.

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