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SEVERN NEWS

Preparing for Next Meeting Kirby Township Club—Death of Infant—General News

Miss Claire Howell spent Friday in Suffolk having dental work done.

Messrs G. R. Stephenson and C. H. Britt were in Whaleyville, Va., on business last Wednesday. They also attended a Peanut Meeting in Suffolk on same day.

Mrs. J. L. Collier left Thursday for a hospital in Norfolk for treatment.

The Music Club was delightfully entertained in the home of Mrs. Lula White Friday evening.

Messrs W. F. Spencer, J. W. Fleetwood and Rev. A. W. H. Jones attended a banquet given by the Masonic Lodge of Boykins, Va., last Thursday evening. They reported a most enjoyable occasion, having heard some of the best speeches of their lives.

Mr. T. B. Zeaman, Keyesville, Va., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. W. H. Jones.

Miss Sabrina Holder, Boykins, Va., is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. D. S. O'Neal.

The Chowan Club will meet with Mrs. G. D. Barnes next Saturday afternoon. All members as well as those who are interested in Chowan College are requested to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Joyner were guests of relatives in Woodland Sunday afternoon.

Miss Florence Barkley, Chowan College, had as her week end guests, Misses Mary Brumsey and Maude Buchanan, also of the college.

On last Friday afternoon the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Barnes and claimed their infant daughter, Willie Mae, twelve months old. Everything that possibly could be done by relatives, friends and Dr. A. R. Hodge to save little Willie Mae, yet the hand of death could not be stayed. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

Messrs Royal Watson and Clements Stephenson, students of Elon College, spent the week-end with their home people. Royal was called home on account of the serious illness of his father, Mr. J. S. Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Fleetwood with their daughter and son, Francis and Barham, also Mr. J. W. Fleetwood, visited Mr. P. M. Fleetwood and family, Jackson, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. J. S. Watson, accompanied by Mrs. Watson and his physician, Dr. A. R. Hodge, went to Lakeview Hospital, Suffolk, last Thursday. Mr. Watson had an attack of chronic appendicitis and it is feared by Dr. Hodge that an operation will be necessary.

Mr. E. P. Gullidge, County Agent, called on a good many of our progressive farmers the past week in the interest of the Kirby Township Farmers Club. The next meeting of the club will meet here in March and the principal speaker will be Mr. Frank Page, head of our great highway system. Be on the lookout for the announcement of the exact date. Invite your friends and relatives and let us give the club a large attendance. In the meantime we can tell Mr. Page how we are isolated from the great highway system of our great state. Implore him to have something done to relieve the situation that we are now existing under. If our state has spent all the money appropriated for roads,

COUNTY SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

To Be Held at Jackson and Woodland April 23rd and 24th—To Stage Pageant at Fair Grounds

As a departure from our previous commencements some of the final contests will be held at Jackson Friday night, April 23; others at Woodland, April 24th. We wish every one to see the Pageant and consequently will present it at the Roanoke-Chowan Fair grounds where those wishing may secure grand stand seats at a small charge. No admission will be charged to enter the grounds.

Every contest and exhibit feature has been selected to represent the everyday work of the schools. They will be the tying up forces of our year's work. Consequently we cannot urge too strongly that every school in the county enter every contest. We are not striving for winners, but for 100 per cent representation of the schools in every feature.

No prizes are offered this year. As heretofore best exhibits, whether local or at Group Commencement will be marked by ribbons. Local schools are expected to have at least six contestants for each exhibit number. The names of the winners in the contests and the schools they represent will be published. The points won by each school in final contests will be added and published. Points won in exhibits will also be published if practicable.

The program is as follows:

10:00 Pageant—Children of old Carolina, staged by Miss Ethel Rockwell, University of North Carolina.

1:15 P. M. Pleasure Reading Contest—Winners at Group Commencements will compete against Woodland, Rich Square and Seaboard. Story Telling Contest (private.)

2:00 Delivery of Seventh Grade Certificate.

2:30 Athletic Events

County Commencement will be preceded by a series of three Group Commencements held at Conway on Friday, April 16th, at Garysburg, Wednesday, April 21st, and Jackson, Friday, April 23rd. The program of each of these will consist of choruses, and elimination contests in Reading, Story Telling, Spelling and Athletics for boys and girls. There will be no public address at either Group or County Commencement this year.

P. J. LONG, Superintendent,
BLANCHE PENNY, Supervisor.

on the bridges of the East and on the hard surfaced roads of the West, then let us ask Mr. Page to explain to us how we can get a good road. A Virginia highway is on the North of us, just a few miles this side of Courtland and when we reach it we are accessible to Emporia, Petersburg, Richmond, Suffolk and Norfolk. Then on the South six miles we have the N. C. No. 48 and the highways which pass through Rich Square. The writer does not know of any highway which the state needs worse than one from Rich Square to the Virginia line, through Woodland, Potocasi, Milwaukee, Conway, Pender and Severn. Let us act

The Parent Teachers Association met Tuesday P. M. at school building. Some very important business was attended to.

The Fidelis Class of the Baptist church met with Miss Claire Howell Monday evening.

SEABOARD NEWS

Seaboard Dramatic Club Wins—Many Cases of "Flu"—Steady Promotion of Northampton Man

In a preliminary one act play contest between Murfreesboro, Conway, Seaboard and Ahsokie, held at Chowan College Friday night, Seaboard High School won the first place with "The Will o' the Wisp." Another preliminary will be arranged by the Carolina Dramatic Association in which Seaboard will again compete.

Mr. J. T. Maddrey, Weldon, was a business visitor here Monday and spent a short while with his mother, Mrs. R. M. Maddrey. Mr. and Mrs. Matt K. Stephenson spent Sunday at Roanoke Rapids with friends.

Mrs. Ella Edwards left Tuesday morning for Norfolk to consult a specialist. She was accompanied by her son, Mr. W. Paul Edwards.

Mr. Willie Britton, Conway, was a caller Sunday in the home of Mr. H. H. Duke.

Rev. Frank Culbreth filled his regular appointment with Seaboard M. E. church Sunday evening. He announced the second quarterly conference would be held at Pleasant Grove Saturday. Presiding Elder Cotten will preach at eleven o'clock. Dinner will be served on the grounds and the business session held in the afternoon.

Prof. and Mrs. H. M. Lynch attended a Masonic banquet at Boykins Thursday afternoon.

Miss Virginia Drake Maddrey spent the week-end at Garysburg a birthday guest of her friend, Miss Mary Craig Suiter.

Miss Irene Sykes, Garysburg, was a guest Monday of her friend, Miss Ida Sue Long.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Maddrey and children were Sunday afternoon guests of Mrs. Maddrey's mother, Mrs. Martha Buffalee, Jackson.

Mr. G. Fenton Crocker, Wilmington, was a business visitor here the past Thursday.

Mr. R. W. Edwards, who was taken suddenly ill the past Thursday, is much improved and recuperating rapidly.

Misses Bettie and Mary Spencer, Mary Stephenson and Ida Matthews, students of Chowan College, Murfreesboro, spent the week end here with their respective parents.

Mr. Lloyd Crocker, Wilmington, a much beloved Seaboard man, has been signally honored within the past few months. He has been in the employment of the A. C. L. Railroad, Wilmington district, for a number of years. By faithful service and close application to his duties he has received what he deserved—merited promotions. Lloyd was acting trainmaster from April 24, 1925, until Nov. 1st, 1925 when he was promoted to trainmaster. He served in that capacity only one month when he was promoted to Superintendent. The many friends of this worthy young Northamptonian will be glad to hear of his success and none, perhaps, will express surprise when they recall that no finer character ever left his native county to seek his fortune elsewhere.

On last Thursday afternoon Mrs. W. D. Barbee's Sunday School class gave Mrs. Mollie Bradley a severe pounding, consisting of everything in the eating line. They sang songs, recited and also read several Bible selections.

Quite a number of our citizens

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THE EDWARDS FERRY BRIDGE

Will Probably Be Opened to the Public This Week—Cannot Be Completed Before Warm Weather

The Edwards Ferry Bridge, which has been under construction for three years, having been commenced February 28, 1923, will probably be opened to the public the latter part of this week. It lacks only about two inches of asphalt on the floor to be completed. This cannot be applied until warm weather. The temperature has to be not less than 55 for three days before it is applied, and must be used in good weather. But the floor of the bridge has been laid for some time and a considerable quantity of gravel has been hauled from the Halifax side to put on the road between the bridges. If the weather is good this can be completed in three or four days.

If the bridge is opened to the public now it will probably be closed again for short time in the spring when the asphalt is applied to the floor.

This is the second largest bridge project yet undertaken by the State, was the largest until the Chowan bridge between Edeh House and Edenton was begun. The span over the river is only 352 feet, but on the Northampton side there is a succession of bridges with fills in between to allow the free flow of the freshets that occur in the Roanoke occasionally. There are six of the bridges in all, numbered from one (the span over the channel of the river) to six inclusive, number one being the one nearest Scotland Neck, and number six, on the Hodge farm which is owned by John Hughes of Jackson, being 4½ miles from number one. Two of them are on curves, so placed, perhaps, to show the skill of the engineers and bridge builders. Anyway, the whole is a marvel of engineering skill in bridge building. The alignment seems to be perfect everywhere. The whole of the bridge except the abutment on the Halifax side is in Northampton, the West bank of the river being the dividing line between the two counties.

As our Halifax friends will be coming over on the Northampton side to see what manner of people possess the land of Canaan a few points are given.

Between the Roanoke and Rich Square only four white families live, the farms being cultivated almost exclusively by colored people, and they own much of the land. At the time of his death, in the early eighties all the land from the Roanoke out to old River road between Roxobel and Jackson, as we come from Scotland Neck, was owned by Edmund Jacobs who was the wealthiest man then living in Northampton. He owned thousands of acres of land. Soon after passing bridge No. 6 in the grove on the left was the home of Dr. John C. Jacobs, a son of Edmund Jacobs, but who moved to Henderson where he died several years ago. A little further on at a curve to the left is the Vann place, the ancestral home of the late Albert Vann, now owned and occupied by W. A. Bracy. Half a mile farther is what is now known as the Lassiter fork where the road branches off to Roxobel and points in Bertie. This was known years ago as the Dr. Williams place. It is only five miles from this point to Roxobel. As we reach the suburbs of Rich Square on the left is the old Corinth Baptist church

Potocasi And Vicinity

Mr. E. B. Lassiter and sisters, Mrs. Doffermyre and Miss Gladys, motored to Norfolk last week.

The play given by the High School Thursday night was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The pupils showed they had had excellent training.

The W. M. U. held their regular monthly meeting Saturday afternoon with Mrs. L. R. Joyner with a large crowd in attendance.

The Parent-Teachers Association will meet at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, Feb. 26th. All the members are requested to be present and bring some one with you as we have important business to come before us.

Mrs. Euzelia Doffermyre and Miss Gladys Lassiter were in Murfreesboro shopping Monday morning.

Miss Jessie Marie Parker and Mrs. W. K. McLean of Chowan College spent the week end at home here.

Mr. A. J. Harrell spent Thursday in Suffolk.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lassiter and little daughter spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grant, of Ridge way. On Monday they motored to Henderson to do some shopping.

Miss Margaret Overton spent the week-end with her home folks in Coleraine. She had as her guest Miss Clara Hayes.

Miss Jeannette Parker spent the week end in Conway and Jackson.

Miss Mary Sue Wigley, Home Demonstration Agent, met her class Monday afternoon, with Mrs. Euzelia Doffermyre. After a very interesting meeting on values of food, Mrs. Doffermyre served delicious candies. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. A. J. Harrell on March 15.

Messrs W. C. and A. L. Lassiter made a trip to Windsor Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Blow and Mr. N. W. Blanchard went to Winton Sunday afternoon.

now owned and used by the colored Methodist congregation. They also own a home nearby for their pastor. The next cluster of buildings, on the right is Rich Square Institute, a school for the colored, employing ten teachers. The buildings on the left opposite the school are owned by white people as are all the others on both sides as we pass through town.

As we approach the business section, on the left, is the Rich Square public school property, comprising eleven acres. In the center is the \$125,000.00 High School building, containing 20 class rooms, library, office, teachers rest rooms, first aid or hospital room, and an auditorium with a seating capacity of 800. The other brick building nearby is the home for the teachers, costing \$25,000. The large wooden building is known as the Community building. The second floor is the school gymnasium and the first floor is used for community meetings of various kinds. The church nearby is the Methodist Church. At the corner at the bank building State Highway No. 305 is reached. Visitors should not fail to make the round trip over this and No. 48 going to the right by way of Aulander, Ahsokie, Winton, Murfreesboro, Conway and Jackson, returning to Rich Square from Roxobel. You come out into No. 305 half a mile East of Jackson, in sight of the town.

GEORGE-WOODLAND NEWS

Loses To Weldon in State Series--Defeats Chowan College and Hertford--General News

Mr. Alton Batts, Tampa, Fla., who has been visiting his little daughter in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Outland, Jr., the past week, left for his home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Vaughan left Sunday for Baltimore where they went to purchase spring millinery.

Mrs. Dan Holloman and little son are visiting friends in Suffolk, Va.

Mr. J. E. Baugham and daughter, Miss Ruth, Portsmouth, are spending a few days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boyce.

Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Griffin of Edenton, spent Saturday and Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Griffin.

Mrs. W. S. Bell and Miss Mabel Parker visited friends in Roxobel Monday afternoon.

Senator W. H. S. Burgwyn was in New York last week on business.

Raymond Benthall and Powell Joyner, students at Wake Forest, spent the week end here with their parents.

Mrs. W. H. S. Burgwyn left for Roanoke Rapids Monday, where she is receiving treatment in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

In the second game of the championship series, Weldon eliminated Woodland from the race by the score of 17 to 15 in one of the most exciting games ever witnessed in this part of the State. At the end of the 1st half the score was 11 6 in favor of Weldon. Our boys staged a come-back and ran the score up to 15 11 in our favor where the score stood until near the end of the game when Weldon caged two field goals tying the score. At the end of the last period the score still stood 15 15. They played two extra 3 minute periods and it was not until they were in the last minute of the last period that our opponents dropped in a field goal which decided the contest in favor of Weldon. Manning, of Roanoke Rapids, was referee.

The girls basket ball team defeated the fast Chowan College team Saturday night by score 28-22. At the end of first half the visitors had about a six point lead, but in the second half the home team got together and staged a great come back which resulted in the defeat of the visitors.

The boys team defeated Hertford High School team Thursday night of last week in a rather slow game. The score was 33-12.

Mr. W. J. Brown and Mr. J. G. Parker were in Murfreesboro Monday of this week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Windle and little daughter visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Spivey Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. A. J. Outland and grand daughter, little Etholene Batts, in company with Mr. Alton Batts visited friends in Burgaw and Wilmington over the week-end.

Mrs. J. E. Revelle, and son James, and Mrs. C. R. Revelle, Holly Grove, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Parker Monday afternoon.

Endorses Dr. Parker

Jackson, N. C. Feb. 22.—To the voters of Northampton County: I heartily recommend and endorse Dr. Carl P. Parker for State Legislature. He is a cooperative citizen and a professional gentleman.

Sincerely yours,
L. E. MCDANIEL,