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## GEORGE-WOODLAND NEWS

### Death of Two Good Citizens--Wins in State Contest--Fine Sermon--General News

Mr. W. F. Outland and Mr. A. J. Brown were in Greensboro last Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Martin, Suffolk, spent Saturday and Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Parker.

Mrs. Betty Blanchard spent a few days the past week with relatives at Norfolk.

Mr. Paul Sykes, Tabor High School, is spending a few days with his mother here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Pond and children, Suffolk, visited over the week-end in the home of Mr. J. L. Outland.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Griffin and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brown were in Norfolk a few days last week.

Mr. A. E. Copeland, Mr. Walter Brown Jr., Misses Anna Rebecca Purvis, Mabel Parker and Dora Boyce attended Friends Quarterly Meeting in Chatham County over Saturday and Sunday.

The foundation is being laid for a modern brick Methodist church building here which, when completed, should add considerably to the looks of the East end of town.

Mr. Phillip Miles, who has been confined to his room for a number of months, quietly passed away Wednesday night of last week. Mr. Miles had been a hard working man, having been able until a few months ago, to look after his farming operations. A little more than a year ago he, with his wife and son, moved into the George community, where he bought a lot and had planned to build, but his sickness which soon came upon him prevented him from building. During his illness everything that an attentive companion and loving friends and neighbors could do for him, was done for his comfort. The funeral was held in the Baptist church in Woodland and he was laid to rest in the burying ground at Potecasi. We greatly sympathize with the bereaved members of the family.

Miss Gertrude Blow, a senior in the High School here, has just been announced the winner of \$200 in gold and first prize certificate in State wide contest put on by the American Chemical Society, on "The Relation of Chemistry to the Home." Reynolds High School, Winston Salem, was winner of second prize in this contest. Gertrude's paper has been sent to New York by the State committee to compete in the national contest. Six four year University scholarships are the prizes in the national contest. Gertrude is a very deserving girl and her many friends are hoping she will win one of the scholarships.

A gloom was cast over our whole community last Thursday when the sad news was flashed around that Mr. C. H. Griffin had passed away. Mr. Griffin suffered a stroke several years ago, from which he never entirely recovered. Until that time, though, he was a very active man, both in church work and business activities. He was for a great many years cashier of The Farmers Bank here. His going takes away one of our best citizens, a loving and affectionate father and husband and a faithful worker in the Baptist church. The funeral was held in the Baptist church here where he had long been a member, he being the

first superintendent of the Sunday school after the church was built and remained in that position for a number of years. Rev. D. P. Harris of Seaboard assisted Mr. Billings, local pastor, with the services. Mr. Harris had known him a great many years and considered him among his warmest and truest friends. He paid him a most beautiful tribute. Besides his widow, he leaves four sons and one daughter and the whole community sympathizes with them in their affliction and bereavement. He was gently laid away in the old Hebron burying ground beside his first wife.

The commencement sermon preached at the school here last Sunday morning was the outstanding event of the whole school year. It was delivered by H. Frederick Jones, pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church, Greenville. He was heard by 500 people and every one we have heard refer to it, has pronounced it the best sermon ever heard at this place. His subject was, "Building Against the Storms of Life," a subject and the lessons therefrom were most appropriate for the occasion and was received with approval from the large audience made up of members of five religious denominations.

Other commencement exercises will be as follows: May 14th, an Operetta by Primary and Intermediate Grades. May 18th, Class Day exercises. May 19th, Graduating exercises, High School play and literary address. Announcement will be made later more in detail.

The school here is turning out one of the best Seventh Grade classes this year in the history of the school. There are 32 in the class, that number took the county examination and passed it 100 per cent strong.

The Home Economics Department gave a tea to patrons and friends Tuesday afternoon of this week and exhibited work done by classes during the year, consisting of interior decoration, embroidery, dress making, millinery, hand tie and dye work, sewing and canning.

## FARM DEMONSTRATION WORK

Do not forget the poultry sales this week. Wednesday at Conway and Friday at Seaboard. The people near these two points should take advantage of this car as the next car will probably make other stops in the county. We will run this car once a month as long as there is sufficient interest.

## SWEET POTATO PLANTS

Because of the late spring I understand that it will be around the middle of May before the plants south of us begin to move. Because of a short crop and unusual demand the prices are very high. The lowest price I have had from a reliable firm was \$1.65 a thousand while most of them ask from \$2 to \$4. Last year we could buy in large quantities at a dollar or less while this year large orders do not seem to interest them.

## COTTON

Cotton planting has started. If we are to get a stand we must use plenty of seed and the seed must not come in contact with the fertilizer. It is cheaper to use two bushel or more of seed per acre than to plant over or leave only a half stand.

Where cover crops were planted last fall is a good place to plant late corn or soy beans. The growth of the cover crop to date in most instances is very little. If allowed a little more time to

## GROUP COMMENCEMENTS

### Held at Garysburg and Jackson Last Week--First and Second Winners

The second Group Commencement was held at Garysburg, Wednesday April 21. Although this was a group of two and one four teacher schools the number of contestants was large. The small schools vied with each other in doing their best.

The contests were the same as were held at Conway. In public contests places were won as follows:

Grammar Grade Chorus--1st place, Garysburg; 2nd place, MeLver.

Story Telling--1st place, Garysburg; 2nd place, Pleasant Hill.

Primary Singing--1st place, Squire; 2nd place, Garysburg.

Health Stunt--1st place, Garysburg; 2nd place, Gumberry.

Oral Composition, Fourth and Fifth Grades--1st place, Garysburg; 2nd place, Gumberry.

Oral Composition, Sixth and Seventh Grades--1st place, Pleasant Hill; 2nd place, Garysburg.

Total number of points won in public literary and musical contests were McIver 10, Squire 15, Gumberry 20, Pleasant Hill 30, Garysburg 95.

In private literary contests Vulture won 5 points, McIver 10, Gumberry 10, Pleasant Hill 50, Garysburg 145.

The exhibits from Garysburg school were of an unusually high order and covered every phase of school room work. Notebooks were not spontaneous productions but were made up of leaves of work done thruout the year. 595 points were won by this school as a product of their everyday work. 10 points were won by Gumberry and 20 by Squire.

At the close of all contests Garysburg served a free public dinner and barbecue to all visitors and home folks.

In the afternoon points in athletics were won as follows: Gumberry 10, Vulture 10, McIver 75, Pleasant Hill 55, and Garysburg 170.

The last series of Group Commencements was held at Jackson April 23.

The public literary and musical contests were as follows:

Grammar Grade Chorus--1st place, Jackson,

Story Telling--1st place, Jackson; 2nd place, Margarettsville.

Primary Singing--1st place, Jackson; 2nd place, Rehoboth.

Health Stunt--1st place, Jackson; 2nd place, Rehoboth.

Oral Composition, 4th and 5th grades--1st place, Margarettsville; 2nd place, Lasker.

Oral Composition, 6th and 7th grades--1st place, Lasker; 2nd place, Margarettsville.

Pleasure Reading--1st place, Jackson.

Total points in these were: Rehoboth 20, Lasker 30, Margarettsville 40, Jackson 85.

In private literary contests points were: Lasker 10, Dusty Hill 15, Margarettsville 30, Jackson 85.

In exhibits points were Lasker 5, Union 15, Mt. Carmel 30, Margarettsville 15, Jackson 105.

In athletics points were as follows: Mt. Carmel 50 and Jackson 140.

County Commencement will be reported next week.

grow your land will be improved. If a disc is available, cover crops should be disced and then plowed. The small growth which cover crops have made is due to the late spring. I think they were at least twice as high this time last year.

E. P. GULLEGE,  
County Agent.

## SEABOARD NEWS

### Tenant House Burned, Colored Youth Cremated--Paving Contractor Begins Operations

Mrs. W. Parham Edwards delightfully entertained the Embroidery Club at her home last Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 7 o'clock. A color scheme of white and pink was carried out both in decorations and refreshments. The home was tastefully decorated with spring flowers.

Miss Bettie Long of Severn High School faculty spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Long.

Mrs. Jennie Worrell of Portsmouth is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. W. T. Norvell, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Maddrey spent Monday in Norfolk.

Miss Kate Saunders, a student of Chowan College, Murfreesboro, was the week-end guest of her sister, Miss Trixie Saunders, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stephenson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Maddrey of Garysburg were Sunday guests of Mr. Maddrey's mother, Mrs. R. M. Maddrey.

Mr. Ernest Stephenson, Suffolk, was the week-end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stephenson.

Mr. Randolph Pruden, student of King's Business College, Raleigh, spent the week-end here the guest of his mother, Mrs. Bettie I. Pruden.

Mr. G. Fenton Crocker, Wilmington, was a week end visitor here.

Prof. R. E. Vick of Margarettsville high school arrived Sunday and will spend the summer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Vick, his school having closed the past week.

Mr. Crocker Maddrey, a sophomore of Wake Forest College, spent the week-end here the guest of his mother, Mrs. R. M. Maddrey.

Miss Edith Bradley of Louisburg high school faculty spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bradley.

Misses Mary and Bettie Spencer, Ida Matthews, Flora Butler and Mary Stephenson, students of Chowan College, were week end guests of their respective parents.

Mrs. Jno. T. Ramsay, Richmond, Va., arrived Friday to be at the bedside of her mother in law, Mrs. Bettie Phillips Ramsay, who has been alarmingly ill the past week. It is with pleasure that we can report her condition slightly improved.

The Northampton schools are all having their closing exercises this week. Seaboardians anticipated a smaller crowd here than formerly, but its the consensus of opinion that Seaboard High School closing exercises have attracted, this year, the largest crowds in its history. The spacious auditorium was well filled Sunday when the sermon to the graduating class of 14 girls and 6 boys was preached by Rev. H. S. Hardcastle, pastor of Suffolk Christian church, but the climax for attendance was reached Monday night when the graduating exercises were held. Every seat was taken, vestibule full and many stood around the windows throughout the entire program. Perfect order reigned and never in the history of our school has any class carried off as many honors. Supt. Lynch and his efficient helpers have put their best in the session just closing and the results of their training was evidenced on every hand in the creditable manner each ren-

dered his and her part. This is written previous to the rendition of the senior play, "Turning to the Right," on Tuesday night.

Mr. Grover Stephenson, Franklin, Va., spent a short while in town Sunday afternoon with his sister, Mrs. R. M. Maddrey.

The contract for our street improvements has been given to contractor Collins, Raleigh, N.C., and he has notified the town commissioners that he will begin work Monday, May 3.

A farm house on the premises of Mr. J. H. Ramsay was destroyed by fire last week. The negro occupants lost all of their worldly possessions, except one trunk, but sympathetic friends living as far away as Conway and Severn have responded nobly to the needs of this stricken household. A community spirit has been displayed that is indeed commendable. A negro youth, 15 years old, could not be awakened in time to escape, so was cremated in the doomed building.

Rev. H. S. Hardcastle, Suffolk, delivered the past Sunday one of the finest baccalaureate sermons ever heard here. He made a fine impression upon our citizenry all of whom will be glad to have him come our way again. While here, Rev. Hardcastle was entertained in the hospitable home of Mr. C. R. Kee.

Mrs. D. P. Harris left Tuesday morning for a brief visit to Portsmouth friends.

Mr. Jno. Long and wife of Petersburg, Va., were guests Friday of his cousin, Mrs. H. R. Harris. Mrs. Mattie Gay, who spent some days with them last week, made the trip, across country, with them.

Rev. D. P. Harris preached for our colored friends at the First Baptist church here the past Sunday evening. They welcomed him gladly and enjoyed his sermon immensely.

Our farmers are up and doing this week. Everybody planting cotton and corn. Very few loafers can be seen around town this lovely spring weather.

Mrs. R. M. Maddrey left Wednesday for a visit to her brother, Mr. Grover T. Stephenson, Franklin, Va.

Miss Essie Baggett, a former teacher of S. H. school, but this year a member of Whiteville high school faculty, arrived Monday night and is the guest of her friend, Miss Vera Bozeman, at the dormitory.

Messrs T. J. Stephenson and Leon Spencer, students of Wake Forest College, arrived Monday to attend the commencement exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt R. Stephenson spent the week-end in Raleigh, guests of Mrs. Stephenson's mother, Mrs. Marshall.

Mrs. Elmo Crocker, of Portsmouth, is the guest of Mrs. Nettie D. Crocker.

Mrs. Wm. A. Vincent and daughter Barbara, Vulture, are the guests of Mrs. Bettie I. Pruden.

## Farm Work

Farmers are very busy planting cotton and corn, which has been delayed on account of the cool, wet spring. All farm work is behind.

Fall sown oats are very fine.

The almost general use of tractors enables farmers to put their land in better condition for planting, and also enables them to do the work quicker, once the land is in order.

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## POTECASI LOCALS

### Oxford Singing Class Coming--Commencement Exercises--Teachers Leaving For Homes

Everybody remember this and come. The Singing Class of the Masonic Orphanage of Oxford will be here on the evening of May 22nd. You, perhaps have heard them, but it will do both you and them good to hear them again.

Our school closed Thursday evening. The operetta on Wednesday evening was especially good and showed wonderful work on the part of both pupils and teachers.

We were looking forward with much pleasure to having Judge Winston with us Thursday morning but for some reason he failed to come. The play on Thursday evening was very much enjoyed by all. The school has passed through a most successful year and the teachers are to be highly complimented on the excellent work they have done. We hope to have them with us next year.

The teachers left for their respective homes Sunday and Monday. Mr. W. K. McLean to Burnsville, N. C.; Miss Covington to Renert; Miss Parker to Franklin; Miss Hayes to Louisburg, and Miss Overton to Cole- rain.

Quite a number of our people attended the County Commencement held in Woodland Saturday, and Jackson Friday evening.

Dr. Harrell of Murfreesboro and Mr. John Vick of Conway were callers in town Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Britt of Severn were the guest of their sister, Mrs. A. J. Harrell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lassiter and Miss Overton visited in Severn Sunday afternoon.

Miss Imo Vinson, who has been visiting Miss Gladys Lassiter returned to her home Tuesday.

Mrs. Laura Parker of Menola was the guest of her son, Mr. E. C. Parker several days last week.

## Federation of Missionary Societies To Meet at Pleasant Grove

Northampton County Federation of Missionary Societies will meet in Pleasant Grove M. E. Church Thursday, May 6, 1926. Very important business is to be attended to at this time and we hope the meeting will be otherwise interesting. Will not each member make an effort to be present?

Program: Morning 10:30

Hymn.

Worship--Pleasant Grove Aux.

Greetings.

Report of Annual Conf.--Mrs. J. E. Underwood.

Report of Belle H. Bennett Memorial--Mrs. Luther Johnson.

Special Music--P. Grove Aux. Business.

Vocal Duet--Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Barbee.

Address--Mrs. Harvey Boney, Conf. Cor. Sec., Rose Hill.

Hymn.

Afternoon. 2:00 o'clock.

Hymn.

Worship--Woodland Aux.

Half Hour with Pleasant Grove Young People and Bright Jewels.

Special Music--New Hope Ax.

Reading--Miss Flora Butler.

Report of Scholarship Fund.

Talk--Mrs. E. J. Gay.

Reports of Committees.

Unfinished Business.

Hymn.

Benediction.