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SEABOARD NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Foster, of Portsmouth, were Sunday guests of Mr. Foster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Foster.

Mr. T. B. Vassor, of Pleasant Hill, was the week end guest of his daughter, Mrs. E. H. Stephenson.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Crocker and Master Reid Harris, Wilmington, spent the week end here visiting Mrs. Crocker's father, Mr. W. R. Vick, who has been very ill.

Mr. Ernest Long, New York, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Long.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Maddrey, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris and Mrs. Grady Edwards spent last Thursday in Norfolk.

Mrs. Johnnie Johnson left Sunday for Gumberry to visit her sister, Mrs. J. L. Taylor, after a visit to her sister here, Mrs. J. R. Bradley.

Messrs W. T. Norvell, Mitchell Maddrey, Herbert Harris and C. R. Kee spent Monday in Suffolk and Norfolk on business.

Circle No. 1 of Seaboard Baptist Missionary Society met Monday afternoon with Mrs. S. V. Edwards.

Mrs. H. P. Dunning and Mrs. W. H. S. Burgwyn and their children, Woodland, were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Edwards.

Mr. H. C. Maddrey and family, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. R. M. Maddrey, were callers in the home of Mr. J. T. Maddrey, Weldon, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. R. L. Moore and daughter, Mildred Lee, spent Saturday in Norfolk.

Messrs D. S. Crocker and Tucker Little spent Thursday in Norfolk. They took Mr. Little's son Lewis to a specialist.

Rev. D. P. Harris spent Tuesday in Murfreesboro in attendance upon the monthly pastor's conference.

Mr. Alex Davis, a student of U. N. C., Chapel Hill, arrived Saturday and will spend the spring and summer with his sister, Mrs. F. C. Weaver.

Court in Session

Superior Court convened in Jackson Monday morning for a two weeks term, Judge Clayton Moore of Williamston presiding. Not half the people who wanted to gain admission to the court house to hear the judge's charge to the grand jury could get inside the court room. This is the only opportunity for a large number of people to learn something about the criminal laws and it is a pity our court room is so small.

Boll Weevils Survive

Some thought boll weevils had been killed by the severe cold weather we had which killed oats and other fall planted crops, but many survived. The writer saw several live weevils the middle of March. They were in bolls of cotton that had been left in the fields unpicker. About one-third of the weevils thus found were very much alive, the others apparently dead.

New Director Cotton Association

R. L. Shuford, one of the State's Master Farmers and Jersey breeder of national fame, is now a full-fledged member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, according to information received from D. H. Brown, field representative of the Cotton Growers Association. In partnership with his family, Mr. Shuford operates a five hundred acre farm devoted to the growing of crops, raising of pure bred Jersey cattle and the production of dairy products.

WOODLAND NEWS

An Easter cantata will be rendered in the M. E. Church at the regular service next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

A large congregation attended both morning and evening services at the Baptist Church Sunday. The G. A.'s rendered special music at both services with song, stringed instruments and saxophone.

Mrs. G. M. Holloman and Miss Faye Holloman accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloman, of Murfreesboro, visited Mrs. H. P. M. Garriss, Margarettsville, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Whisenant and Miss Alice Elliott, members of the faculty of Parkton High School, spent the week end here. Mr. and Mrs. Whisenant spending the time with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Benthall, and Miss Elliott with her friend, Mrs. I. T. Blanchard.

Mr. R. C. Benthall, jr., Wake Forest, visited his parents Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. E. G. Griffin and Miss Ruth Brown attended Friends' Yearly Meeting in Philadelphia last week.

Miss Lucille Incoe visited in Middlesex Sunday.

Mrs. L. B. Gunter and little daughter, Jane Brown, of Fuquay Springs, spent several days last week with relatives here, returning home Sunday accompanied by her sister, Miss Louella Brown.

Our community was saddened last Wednesday morning by the death of Mrs. N. W. Griffith, who had been a sufferer with rheumatism nearly all her life. Notwithstanding her affliction she was very energetic going about her daily tasks with patience and cheerfulness. She was a true and devoted wife, a splendid neighbor and a friend to children. She took an unusual delight in her home which was truly a place of endearment to her, contented and happy there. It was her request that her funeral services be conducted in her home. This request was carried out and the services were conducted by the three ministers in town. She leaves to mourn their loss a devoted husband who was ever faithful to her, one sister and one brother, and several nieces and nephews. A large number of neighbors and relatives were present to pay their last respects. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. Among those from a distance who attended the funeral were: Messrs Merrel and Tillery of Rocky Mount; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Uley, of Winston Salem; Mr. Arthur Cowan, Berkley, Va.; Mr. Will Boone, Winton; Mr. W. S. Vaughan and W. S. Jr., Misses Lucille and Margaret Vaughan, Rocky Mount; and Mr. Harry Vaughan of Williamston.

Epworth League Entertained

The Jackson Senior Epworth League social was held in the home of Mrs. Randolph Holoman Friday evening, March 30. Several games were played after which a delicious salad course was served by Mrs. Randolph Holoman and Edythe Bradley. Those present were Misses Ruby and Kate Turner, Edythe Bradley, Mary Virginia Barrow, Grace Duke, Mary and Josephine Boone, Irene Davis, Emily Vaughan, Thompson; Mesdames Randolph Holoman, Henry Edmunds, and Messrs Ballard Gay, L. C. Barrow Jr., Albert Lassiter Jr., Charlie Erhart, Rev. and Mrs. B. C. Thompson, and Rev. R. M. Price of Ahoskie.

THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

BY FRED A. OLDS

At a General Assembly at Wilmington, December 8th, 1741, the upper part of Bertie County was erected into Northampton county and Northwest church Parish, of the Established Church and it left Bertie as Society Parish. Its county court was directed to erect a court house and jail. These were built in 1742, at what is now Jackson. The county was named in honor of George, Earl of Northampton, the father of Spencer Compton, Earl of Wilmington in the British peerage.

In 1741 his Majesty the King repealed the act, but upon appeal by the Assembly re-established the county, so there was no break in its government. In 1749 the Assembly enacted a law buying out a town in Northampton, on the plantation of Samuel Jordan, on the north side of Roanoke river, and also established two annual fairs in the county. In 1759, part of the county was taken, with parts of Chowan and Bertie, and formed into Hertford county and the Parish of St. Barnabas.

The General Assembly provided for public warehouses, for the inspection of tobacco, at the Pitch Landing, Robert Jones' and Thomas Pace's. The county was entitled to two burgesses (members of the lower house of the General Assembly. In 1756 John Jones was the sheriff. In 1758 a negro slave, owned by Lewis de Rosset of New Hanover, was outlawed in the latter county, and was "burned in Northampton jail," his master being paid 75 pounds in "Proclamation money" for him. A report on Indians in the Province of North Carolina in 1754 said there were "The Mecharens (Meherrens); about 7 or 8 fighting men.

Another report the same year said John Edwards was clerk of the court and that there were

902 white men in the county, 510 male negroes and 324 female; a total of 1,736 taxable persons. (The number of white women and children is not given.) The colonel of the county militia was John Dawson and there were seven companies, with a total of 739 officers and men. Rev. James Moir was the minister of the Church of England in the parish. There were a church and three chapels in the parish and two other preaching places. In six months Mr. Moir baptised 372 white and 50 negroes, "preached many funeral sermons, sometimes three in a week, due to the intermittent fevers." He hated Gov. Arthur Dobbs and wrote to London from Northampton April 10, 1765; "So far as I can learn the news of his death was received with the greatest joy throughout the Province."

Andrew Martin succeeded Moir and in 1766 wrote that "Bath, where the nearest Missionary (preacher of the established church) lives, is 70 miles from Northampton court house. Mr. Reid's parish, at New Bern, is 110 miles south of here and to the west there is not one clergyman." In 1767 part of the county was added to Bute county. Gov. Tryon in a report on the Province in 1767 said Northampton had 1,600 white taxables and was a "Good Parish." In 1769, during his visit to Northampton, Gov. Tryon "inducted" Rev. Mr. Barnett as minister.

The inhabitants of Northampton in December 1770, presented to the General Assembly a grave "complaint against the many exorbitant and oppressive measures pursued by public officers, and prayed relief." April 8rd, 1771, Gov. Tryon called for 50 men from the county to march against the "Regulators" in

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CONWAY JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

Conway, April 1.—On Friday evening the senior class was the recipient of a very delightful social courtesy given in their honor by the junior class. The guests assembled in the vocational building of the high school and then repaired to the banquet hall which was a scene of loveliness as a garden. Trees, shrubs, flowers and Japanese lanterns were used extensively. The entire hall was enclosed by walls over which ivy and roses grew in profusion. In one corner of the room there was a large summer house completely covered by wisteria and from which Mesdames G. M. and J. A. Fleetwood furnished music throughout the banquet. The tables were arranged in the shape of a large C. In the center of this letter a miniature lake was built.

The color scheme of the class, rose and silver, was used in decorations, menu and favors. Table decorations consisted of rose colored tapers in silver candlesticks and peach blooms in silver bowls. Favors consisting of program booklets of rose tinted board, embossed with silver and of dainty baskets made into the shape of pink rosebuds, the class flower, and containing mints were given each guest.

A very delicious four course dinner was served by members of the Home Economics. Miss Euzelia Burgess, president of the junior class, was toastmistress and presided in a very charming manner. All of the toasts were in rhyme and each one told something about a garden. The toast-

mistress welcomed her guests to the garden party and Mr. Jesse Burgess, president of the senior class, responded for the class. Between the first and second course Miss Nita Britton gave a toast to the seniors, the full blown flowers of the garden. Miss Brownie Askew responded in a charming manner. Mr. Broadus Livermon gave a toast to the opening buds, the juniors, while Miss Carrie Askew responded with the promise that the buds would open in all their glory next year.

After the second course Miss Edith Piland gave a very touching tribute to the keepers of the garden, expressing the devotion of the entire senior class. Mr. Robert M. Peele responded on behalf of the faculty, with the hope that the flowers would shed their fragrance throughout life. Miss Ethel Kirkland spoke of the garden's home, the ideal place where the flowers might develop. Mr. A. H. Martin, chairman of the Board of Trustees responded.

After the third course, Mr. Francis Wheeler of the junior class, gave a toast to those who share the fragrance of the flowers—the guests. Mrs. C. E. Morrison responded. At the conclusion of the banquet County Superintendent P. J. Long, and Messrs R. V. Nelson and D. C. Bridgers of the Board of Trustees spoke of the progress of the school. A total of seventy five guests were present. They were: County Superintendent and Mrs. P. J. Long, the Board of Trustees and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Bridgers, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Nelson, the faculty of the school, members of the junior and senior classes and the guests of each one.

JACKSON LOCALS

Mrs. M. A. Buffaloe, of Seaboard, is visiting her son, Mr. W. H. Buffaloe.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ball and son Beverly, of Hamlet, are the guests of Mrs. A. L. Burnette.

Rev. B. C. Thompson and Ballard Gay, of Jackson, and Rev. R. M. Price, of Ahoskie, attended the Sunday School Conference in Fayetteville the past week.

Miss Mildred Midyette, member of the Rich Square school faculty, is quite sick at her home on Main St.

Misses Elma Fleetwood and Margaret Earl, of Fayetteville, spent the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fleetwood.

Mr. and Mrs. George Tyler and little daughter, Mary Lee, and Miss Sarah Grant spent Sunday in Ridgeway, guests of relatives.

Mrs. M. C. Taylor has returned home from a visit to relatives in Rocky Mount.

Mrs. L. C. Grant entertained the Simon Flythe Bible Class Thursday evening from 8 to 10:30. Twenty members were present.

Mr. J. M. Grant, who has been spending the winter in Florida, is visiting his brother, Mr. J. S. Grant.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Boone of Scottsburg, Va., spent Sunday afternoon the guests of Mr. Lawrence Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beale had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Vinson and children of Menola, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Stephenson and daughter Ozella, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stephenson and daughters Ruth and Emma Gay of Pendleton.

Roanoke-Chowan Schools Entering Essay Contest

Woodland, April 2.—M. G. Mann, representative from the Raleigh office of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Association, was in Northampton, Hertford and Bertie Counties Friday visiting schools in the interest of the essay contest which is being sponsored by the American Cotton Growers Exchange of Memphis, Tenn., and the North Carolina Cotton Growers Association, Raleigh, N. C.

The subject of the essay is, "Co-operative Marketing as it Affects the Cotton Farmer," and they must be written by April 20th. The girl in this State, who is affiliated with 4-H Club, or home economics class, and the boy who is member of some club or vocational class, who writes the best essays will be given a free trip to Raleigh, where they will, sometime in June, be asked to recite their essays over radio, in the presence of some of the most prominent leaders in the State. The winner will receive a cash prize of \$50.00 and a free trip to Memphis, Tenn., where he or she will compete with winners from 13 other cotton growing States for Southwide honors and a cash prize of \$75.00 given by the American Cotton Growers Exchange.

While in the Roanoke-Chowan section, Mr. Mann visited the following schools, having vocational classes or 4 H Clubs: Rich Square, Conway, Woodland, Murfreesboro, Windsor and Aulander. While here he talked to more than 400 girls and boys, all of whom appeared very much interested in the essay project, and many signified their intention of trying to win one of the attractive cash prizes and free trips.

Woodland Women

Endorse Burgwyn

Woodland, March 27.—At a meeting of the Woodland Afternoon Club held on March 17th, 1928, the candidacy of the Honorable W. H. S. Burgwyn for nomination as the Democratic candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor in the approaching primary was strongly endorsed in the following resolution:

Resolved, That we cordially and earnestly endorse the candidacy of our townsman, Honorable W. H. S. Burgwyn, for nomination as the Democratic candidate for the very important office of Lieutenant Governor. We present him as an ideal candidate. He has had legislative experience and as president of the Senate he has acquired the knowledge of parliamentary law pertaining to that office. He is splendidly equipped in that particular. He has been a diligent student of our State and its needs in schools, taxation, law enforcement, good roads, County Government, and in fact every department of our government. He is an effective and fearless speaker and in that field would add great strength to our Democratic ticket. He is a man of sympathetic nature, yet firm for the right and ready at all times to defend principle. He is a Democrat of the strictest sort, but he wears no man's collar and has the courage to stand alone for a good cause, if his conscience approves. We know him as citizen, lawyer, friend, father and husband and based on that knowledge we say without question that the Democrats have in him an ideal candidate for the very important office and we urge his nomination at the hands of our fellow Democrats.

MRS. IRVIN T. BLANCHARD, President.
MRS. ROY GRIFFIN, Sec.

SEABOARD HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

On Thursday evening at eight o'clock, the affirmative side of our debating team will meet Rich Square's negative in our high school auditorium. Our negative will meet Rich Square's affirmative at Rich Square. The subject for debate is: Resolved, That Congress should enact the McNary-Haugen Farm Relief Bill. Seaboard's debaters are: Affirmative, Arline Daniel and Hazel Maddrey; negative, Elizabeth Harris and Marvin Coker.

On Wednesday evening, April 11, at eight o'clock, Bloom's Minaret from Margarettsville will give a performance in our auditorium. The program will consist of vocal and instrumental music, good jokes, magical stunts and a black face comedy play Admission, adults, 35c; children 25c. A percentage of the proceeds will go to the school.

The 4 H club held its regular meeting in the Home Economics department Tuesday afternoon. At this hour, the girls of the Home Economics department entertained their mothers at a tea.

The Daniel family of the Bethel community has contributed two very valuable boxwood bushes to the school. These bushes are about fifty years old and are very beautiful. This gift is greatly appreciated by the Seaboard community.

Seaboard school contributed five friendship bags for the Mexican children this year. This was a part of their Red Cross work. Much interest in Mexico and its people have developed as a result of these bags.