

## County Correspondence

### SMYRNA

The Baptist Aid Society met at Miss Dollie Davis home last week.

Mrs. C. G. Wade was at Beaufort a few hours last week.

The Moore filling station is completed and now open for business.

Mr. Guion Simpson returned to his work at New Bern last Monday.

Mr. Clarence Whitehurst of Beaufort was in our community one day last week.

The Methodist Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. A. J. Willis last week.

Mr. W. L. Smith is making ready to have the Delco system installed in his residence and store.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Willis of Morehead City were here for a few hours last Sunday.

Mrs. Sophrona Jones of Gloucester was in our community last Thursday afternoon for a few hours.

We had some real spring days last week though we are afraid to say too much for fear the ground hog may have seen his shadow.

Miss Gertrude Smith left last week for New Bern where she will spend a few days visiting her uncle Mr. W. L. Lewis.

Mrs. Monroe Gillikin and little daughter Hilda spent a few hours here last week with Mrs. Gillikin's father Mr. Daniel Willis.

Reverend Glover Willis who has been attending the Seminary at Texas, preached at the Baptist church here last Sunday night.

Dr. Charles E. Maddy, corresponding Secretary of the State Baptist Mission Board passed through this community one day last week on his way to Atlantic.

Dr. E. B. Whitehurst and Mrs. Whitehurst of Beaufort were here last Monday evening. We are all so glad to know that Dr. Whitehurst is well enough to be out again.

The play from Beaufort, Anne What's Her Name was given at the High School auditorium here last Friday night, and was immensely enjoyed by the vast crowd present. The returns of the play being one hundred and fifteen dollars.

### WIRE GRASS

Mr. A. N. Fodrie went to Newport Saturday on business.

Mr. Leaton Dudley of New Bern was home a few hours Sunday.

Mr. Dave Nelson of Wilmington spent the week end with his family.

We are having beautiful weather at this writing, and the farmers are making use of it.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dudley spent the week end at Otway with Mrs. Dudley's mother.

Mr. William Willis of Beaufort spent some time in this neighborhood.

Mrs. Earl Campen and little son

Neal spent Sunday with her mother Mrs. Bob Dudley.

Rev. Mr. Davis filled his appointment at Tuttle's Grove Sunday. All enjoyed a good sermon.

Mr. Roy Dickinson spent the week end at home with his parents returning to school at Beaufort Monday.

### NEWPORT

(By Miss Agnes Hill)

Mr. Robbie Weeks and family have moved in their new home on Orange street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilton are having a new home built on Wake street.

Reverend Benjamin Martin will hold services in the Primitive Baptist church on January 12.

From the number of bird dogs on the streets, bird hunting must be a very popular sport around here.

There has been a big improvement made at the Strand theatre of Newport. A new ceiling has been put up.

We are very much pleased to have the Salvation Army hold services at Newport every Friday night.

Messrs. L. C. Carrol and C. C. Hill paid a business visit to Onslow county Sunday.

Among other things that this good weather is doing it is improving the whooping cough.

Mr. Leon Carraway, who has been spending awhile in Florida is now at home.

Mr. L. C. Carroll of Newport and lawyer Morris of Morehead City made a business trip to New Bern Saturday.

The citizens of Newport have learned that their present system of light is much cheaper than the private plants.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Prescott of Newport were in Wilmington last week to visit their small daughter who is in the Sanatorium.

Iris Prescott, who is very ill with the gland fever, has been taken to the Sanatorium at Wilmington to be treated by a very skilled child doctor.

Mr. Claude Henderson, who is employed by the Newport telephone company, fell from a pole dropping about 12 feet. Mr. Henderson was bruised some but not seriously.

Mr. C. C. Hill paid a business visit to Merrimon township Thursday. He says that the people of that community are very much pleased with Reverend H. L. Davis as their pastor.

Mr. Harry Williams of the United States army is at home visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams

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He says that he likes the army very well but that he is going to try civilian life for a while.

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Total production of soap in the United States in 1925 exceeded 4,678 million pounds, an average of more than 40 pounds per person. Its value was 230 million dollars, an increase of 5 million dollars over 1923.

Aesop's Fables were written and compiled by a Graeco-Italian named Barriam several centuries after Aesop's reputed death in 564 B. C. Socrates and later writers, revising the Babrian fables, gave them Aesop's name.

### Legislative Committees Prepare For Action on Important Bills

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expected to show definite results.

Old man "defer" and his twin brother "refer" were much in evidence during the week and half a dozen public bills were made special orders for this week, while twice that number went back to committees for re-adjustment and to iron out differences. The Hines bill, providing for refunding \$12,000 to former State Treasurer Worth, is to be passed upon by the Senate tomorrow; Senator Royall's bill changing the license year for automobiles, and providing a front rear plate is also made a special order for Tuesday; the judges salary proposal will be debated on Wednesday. The exodus of members from the House for the Week-end moved that body to defer action on all public bills until the absentees are back in their seats Tuesday morning. The joint committee on game of the two branches of the Assembly are scheduled to meet in the hall of the House at 3 P. M. on Wednesday, Feb. 9th for a public hearing on the Sutton State wide game bill and a flow of oratory may reasonably be expected. Delegations from a number of counties are planning to be on hand to let the representatives of the "dear people" know what the folks back home want done about it.

The sub-joint committee on roads has approved a substitute for the Smith Hargett bill making the State Highway Commission the supreme authority in locating roads becoming a part of the highway system which, it is said, will prevent court interference as in the now famous Newton case. The compromise measure will give the Highway Commission final authority in abandoning old roads and locating new ones, thereby giving the Commission the authority asked for, but not exactly the language employed in the draft of the original bills. However, local road authorities are to be consulted and may appeal to the full commission in the event of disagreement with representatives of the State body selected to designate the route the new link of a highway should take. All parties to the controversy appear to have buried their differences and the substitute bill is to have easy sailing unless present indications undergo a change. While court action may be brought under the provisions of the substitute measure it must be done by properly constituted authorities of a city or county. Another bill to which the State Highway Commission may object is that proposed by Senator Hancock to place that body under the provisions of the executive budget act on the same basis as other State departments and institutions. Hitherto, it has been "a court unto itself."

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visions of the executive budget act on the same basis as other State departments and institutions. Hitherto, it has been "a court unto itself."

Unless present plans mis-carry the Fisheries Commission Board is to "capitulate" to the Department of Conservation and Development, a bill providing for the consolidation having been offered in the House by Representatives Whitaker, of Jones, and Younce, of Guilford, in harmony with an agreement reached in a conference of both agencies. Other measures of like character may "bobup" without a moments notice most any time. Consolidation" is the slogan which may gather force as the session "wags along," although the idea of economy would receive a considerable part in the event of the passage of the bill calling for the re-districting of the State and the establishment of seven additional judicial districts recently reported out of the joint committee on judicial districts by a decisive majority. A number of "judicial reform" bills are to come up during the week as the result of the work of the Judicial Conference created by the General Assembly of 1925.

With the view to "equalization of taxes for schools and equal opportunities for children" Representative Folger, of Surry, has presented a bill which provides for the levy of a property tax of forty-seven cents and a poll tax of \$1.40 in each county for the purpose of maintaining the legal six months term, the assessment to be made by a State commission composed of seven citizens appointed by the Governor with the Commissioner of Revenue as ex-officio member and the county boards of education acting as agents of the State department in gathering funds to be disbursed through State channels.

Bills proposing reforms in county government are to be presented within the next few days. The measure intended to relieve World War Veterans from the payment of poll tax went to the unfavorable calendar in the House. The "bad check" proposal is "still on the way," along with the bill to repeal or amend the absentee voters act. Mark Squires wants his county exempted from the provisions of the primary law and the House generally lets a representative have his way in matters of local significance.

State tax collections for general fund purposes last month amounted to \$219,481. North Carolina ranks as the fifteenth populous state in the Union, the estimated population being 2,897,000 on the first of next July. Florida and Texas in the South show a greater increase.

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