

County Correspondence

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HARKER'S ISLAND

(By JIMMIE GUTHRIE)

Harkers Gaming Ground
Mr. and Mrs. B. C. VanWye of Cincinnati, O., are here at their summer cottage for at least a while. They enjoy the cool and refreshing sea breeze so much that business of a very important nature only takes them away.

It is very pleasant indeed to have them among us, it's pleasant too, for themselves to be at their cottage, for if it be true that flies, dirt and sickness are real companions, then that cottage by the sea will ever be clear of any ills.

I wish to tell the public that on my visit there I noticed the caretaker E. T. Russell walking around the entire enclosure and picking up every match and cigarette stub that happens to be thrown down by those visitors who motor there to see the place. Nothing unclean stops there more than ten minutes; near this wide awake cottage can be seen corn three feet tall and shrubbery such as will induce the president and his old lady of the U. S. A.

Yes this is a grand old island. To the end of the dock protruding out from the Southwest knuckle of this point known as Harkers' is can be seen the boat leisurely moving here and there waiting for the arrival of the Van Wye's to take them and their party over the water and down the bay to the fishing ground where they can also take a bath in God's water.

Business is dull but it is picking up some they say, (it's going to leave I reckon.) Mr. J. W. Hancock is building for himself a store 40 feet long and so wide, I forgot, but it'll be wide enough. So I guess it must be so, we must look for better times. We have better times here than we do at others, but there's never no real hard times here, cause we always have some cash so we're all right.

Who said hard times, there's nothing to it. 25 years ago the little red school house that stood near the beautiful shore surrounded by a dense mat of sweet scented honey suckle and near the spot where the big store is that Mr. C. S. Davis now occupies was visited every morning at school hours by only 39 small children whose parents clothed and fed them with hard time money. And today, 25 years later, surrounded by many more conveniences by which a livelihood can be had, and still bringing hard times.

We have now boats of all varieties and engines of every conceivable make. We have the best skilled carpenters, the best watermen, the best navigators that can be obtained anywhere; we have the best arranged school house and the most beautiful grounds covering a cost of \$15,000, including the teachers. We all except myself have better houses, which helps greatly in making better homes. We've sent to school at Washington, N. C., ten girls and boys and some of these will go to college next season. They have to, they learn faster than that crowd there at Washington can tell it to 'em.

And we've got a good (not the best) road clear thru the island built by the Democratic party. (that will not be touched till after another election). Still they say hard times, we have farming land (that is if Mr. Will Mace keeps tools sharp enough to penetrate this black rock) and everything.

Now this approaching season more than two hundred children will be enrolled on that book in the school house, together with a movie show for the school, two shows outside with three churches in which our people worship, and a dozen or more different faiths or denominations. They say hard times.

We now show more than 200 per cent increase of everything pertaining to the welfare of humanity, especially education.

If there is any one who does not read this paper you ought to read it, subscribe for it. Just see our motto, it reads like this: The Lord has promised Good to me. It kinder seems to me that everything is alright and we are just climbing.

Cause I've worked all summer
Till winter is nigh,
Cause I've figured up the books
And I'll have a big sigh;
I've worked all the year, haven't
made a thing;
Got less cash now than I had last
spring.

Now, I have heard said there was no
Hell,
But they never fished, so they can't
tell
So when the fall rolls 'round I'll take
another chance,
While the rip grows longer in my
old blue pants.

Pull my trousers up,
Give my belt another jerk,
So's I'll be ready for another year's
work.

GLOUCESTER.

Rev. H. M. Jackson of Garner, N. C., filled the pulpit for Rev. E. W. Downum Sunday evening last, to a congregation that filled Tabernacle church to its entire seating capacity, neatly. Rev. H. M. Jackson was our beloved pastor in 1924-25.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Nisbet of Atlanta, Ga., motored here and are the guests of Mrs. Lizzie Davis.

Rev. H. M. Jackson left Monday morning for his home in Garner after having spent some time visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Whitehurst where he boarded when pastor of Straits circuit.

Misses Aleeze Lefferts, Lillian and Jessie Pigott and Inez Chadwick after an extended trip to Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, Pa., and Virginia, arrived home Friday.

Misses Ann Upchurch and Pauline Williams of New Bern are visiting uncle "Dick" (Saltair).

Misses Florence Pigott and Zuleika Nelson arrived Sunday night after a weeks trip to Elizabeth City and Manteo on the Capt. J. A. Nelson Governor and Mrs. O. Max Gardner and their son were with the party.

Misses Lillian and Jessie Pigott and Inez Chadwick left Monday morning for Neuse Forest Summer school first term.

Straits base ball team played Marshallberg Saturday on the diamond in the presence of a large crowd of enthusiastic spectators. How ever the game was indeed a tight one, Straits coming out victorious, Scoring 5 to 6 in favor of Straits.

The Gloucester-Straits Ladies Aid gave a lawn party Friday on the church grounds. Everything went on nicely and quite a neat sum of money was realized for the benefit of the parsonage.

Our aiders are a body of whole soul workers, that press forward, to every good cause, enthusiastic workers.

LOLA.

We are having plenty of rain of late.

Mr. E. C. Day of New Jersey is here visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Day. Mr. Day is in the Coast Guard service at Sea Bright.

Miss Julia Hill of Sea Level is in our community visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. Connie Daniels of Virginia Beach Coast Guard station is here visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Daniels.

Mr. Earl Day spent Sunday evening at Roe with friends.

Mr. Simon S. is on the sick list. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Miss Hazel Daniels at Sea Level visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Day and children Vigil and Alvin spent Sunday night at Roe.

Mr. R. L. Daniels has bought a New Ford.

Mr. Harvey Daniels of Lenoxville is here to spend the Summer with his father Mr. R. L. Daniels.

STRAITS

Miss Ella Whitehurst left Tuesday afternoon to attend Asheville Normal summer school.

Miss Leona Jarvis returned home Saturday after spending a few days at Washington, D. C.

All the sewing clubs of Carteret county met at Beaufort May 31, for the purpose of selecting fifteen of the best dresses. Out of the fifteen, three were selected from Straits. They were Mrs. E. W. Downum, Misses Ethel Whitehurst, and Nellie Chadwick. We are all hoping they will win a prize.

Misses Elva and Thelma Whitehurst were visitors in Beaufort Tuesday.

Miss Nellie Chadwick returned home Sunday after spending the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gibbs at Beaufort.

Mr. Donald Chadwick left Wednesday morning to attend summer school at Chapel Hill.

Mr. James Stewart of Washington, D. C., motored through our community Wednesday.

Mr. Clinton Willis of Morehead City was the guest of Miss Josie Willis Friday night.

Mr. Jacob Chadwick of New Bern passed through our community Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Loftin, Mrs. W. B. Longest and Jack Longest of Beaufort were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Whitehurst Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Murphy and daughter Catherine spent the week end at Davis with Mr. Murphy's sister Miss Mattie Murphy.

The Straits-Glooucester base ball team played Marshallberg on Marshallberg's diamond Saturday afternoon. The score was five to six in favor of Straits and Gloucester.

RUSSELL'S CREEK

Rev. George Moore will fill his regular appointment here June 23, Sunday morning at 11:30 and night every one is invited to come.

Services were held at the Free Will Baptist church Sunday by Rev. John Sewell, quite a large crowd attended.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Olen Skinner Saturday night. Mother and baby are getting along as well as could be expected.

Miss Helen Russell spent the past week in Morehead City visiting her sister and friends.

Miss Helen Russell and Tina Mae Dowdy were the guests of Miss Nellie Skinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Fodrie were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Whitley at West Beaufort Sunday evening. Mrs. Violet Whitley is very sick; she is now getting ready for an operation. We all hope she will soon be better.

Mrs. J. A. Lupton went to West Beaufort Saturday morning to visit Mrs. Violet Whitley.

Mrs. W. R. Powell is on the sick list this week, we'll hope she will soon be well.

A few of the people were disappointed Saturday on account of its raining. They were planning to go to a picnic at Mill Creek.

CORE CREEK.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Harris and son of Hobucken spent the week and with her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Whitley.

Mrs. Eula Dickinson of Florida is spending a few days with Mrs. Ray Dickinson.

Mrs. Ralph Hauser and son Ralph of Florida spent a few days last week with her aunt Mrs. D. W. Sabiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lewis of Beaufort spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Whitley.

Mr. Douglas Sabiston who is employed on the dredge Currituck spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Sabiston and daughter Miss Mildred spent a while Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Sabiston.

Quite a number from our neighborhood attended "Sonny Boy" at Morehead City last week.

Mr. Will Murden spent the week end at home returning to his work Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Murden and son and Miss Marie Dickinson and Mr. Douglas Sabiston spent a while at Atlantic Beach Sunday afternoon.

NORTH RIVER

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Davis and children and Mrs. Charlie Springle of Norfolk, Va., visited here Sunday at the home of Mrs. Crissie Evans.

Mr. Dan Hill and family went to New Bern Saturday to see their uncle who is in the hospital there.

Mrs. Mary Merrill who has been visiting in Florence, S. C., for a few months has returned home here with her daughter Mrs. W. D. Arthur.

Mrs. L. H. Dudley returned home Sunday from Smyrna after spending a few days with her brother Mr. John Willis.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Longest spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. Longest's sister Mrs. Tom Piver.

Miss Myrtle Piver left Wednesday for Durham where she will attend summer school at Duke University.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Beachem and children and Mrs. Grady Smith of upper North River spent a few hours Sunday at the home of his brother P. B. Beachem.

Mrs. O. D. Warren spent a while in New Bern Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Birch of Wire Grass spent Sunday here at the home of J. T. Hunning.

Misses Alice and Golda Carrawan of Vandemere returned to their homes Friday after spending two weeks here with relatives. They were accompanied home by their cousins Misses Lillie Bell and Irene Beachem.

Miss Louraine Arthur who had his tonsils removed last week is getting along nicely.

Miss Viola Gillikin who has a position in New Bern spent Sunday here with her mother.

Mr. John Wiley left Wednesday for Camp Bragg where he will enter military training.

Miss Mattie Simpson of New Bern road is here visiting her aunt Mrs. T. L. Willis.

MERRIMON

Mr. Bascen Knight who has work in Morehead City spent the week end with his wife who is a granddaughter of E. F. Carraway.

Miss Mildred Salter is spending some time at Beaufort with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Salter went to Beaufort Sunday afternoon.

Quite a number of our people went to Beaufort Monday Night to a meeting called to consider the taking of the roads over by the State Highway Commission and I am told not a commissioner showed up.

Rev. Mr. Downum and Rev. Sam

Lefferts of Straits was with us Sunday and Mr. Lefferts preached us a fine sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Carraway returned to their home in Norfolk Friday.

Mr. R. C. Carraway was home Sunday and was accompanied by Miss Lucy Dail.

Capt Salter made his regular run to New Bern Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Parker of Beeton were over Sunday and spent some time with Mrs. Parkers parents.

OTWAY

Mr. Lindsay Lawrence who is employed at Norfolk spent the week end with his mother Mrs. Lucretia Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Dowty of Marshallberg passed through here Saturday on their way to Washington to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. Joel Dowty.

Mr. Robert Lawrence while in Beaufort Tuesday was taken with a stroke of paralysis and is very ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dudley of Wire Grass spent the week end with her mother Mrs. Lucretia Lawrence.

Mr. Hugh H. Lawrence of Hebecken spent the week end with his wife and little son Hugh Jr.

Mr. Butler Lawrence of Norfolk, was called home to the bedside of his father who is sick at present.

There was a party given at the school house Friday night for the benefit of the Disciples church.

Most all the farmers are busy now setting out their potato plants.

We are sorry of the misfortune of Mr. Geo. W. Piner in getting his house burned down Friday, though they saved part of their furniture and clothes.

Mr. Gusman Lawrence of Kinston was called to the bed-side of his father who is very ill.

Elder W. W. Styron of Roe filled his regular appointment at the P. B. church.

A number of people went to Atlantic Beach Monday night. They report a fine time.

GOLDEN—LEWIS

A wedding of much interest to the people of Marshallberg was that of Vera Lewis of Marshallberg and Leslie Golden of Bettie. The wedding took place at Morehead City Baptist parsonage with Rev. Stevens officiating.

The bride was beautifully attired in a white flat crepe dress with accessories to match carrying a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley gracefully arranged with satin ends.

The bride groom wore a dark navy blue suit.

The couple left immediately after the ceremony by motor on a trip through the western part of this State.

The grower of flue-cured tobacco may prepare for low prices this fall, says Dr. G. W. Forster. The price of hogs, beef cattle, and eggs will be good; and cotton about 20 cents a pound.

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