

County News

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BAY VIEW

Rev. Hubert A. Morris of Vanceboro, filled his regular appointment at Graham's Chapel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Fodrie and children of Harlowe, attended service here Sunday morning.

Rev. George Kennedy of Beaulabville, conducted service at the Free Will Baptists church here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Cuthrell of Russell Creek visited their daughter Mrs. Preston Graham Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Freeman and daughter Jean of Russell Creek, attended service here Sunday morning.

Miss Mary Elna Garner of Newport spent the week-end with Miss Florence Winberry.

Mr. W. G. Winberry visited his daughter Mrs. George Pittman who is a patient in New Bern hospital, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Haskett, Mrs. Polly Haskett, Mrs. C. D. Mason and children spent awhile Sunday afternoon with Charlie Freeman and family.

Miss Rowena Winberry returned home Sunday morning after spending some time in Beaufort with her aunt.

NEWPORT

Mrs. C. S. Boggs and Jimmy are spending the week with Mrs. Boggs' mother at Farmer, N. C.

Mr. Leroy Hill arrived from Norfolk during the week-end to spend a short time here with relatives.

Mrs. L. W. Gillikin and little son are here on a visit with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Herrington are spending a few days in New

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Central North River

Miss Mayola Fulcher spent the week-end in Virginia visiting Mrs. Vincent Broder.

Mrs. E. B. Willis of Morehead City spent Sunday afternoon with her sister Mrs. Dan Hill.

Mrs. Piner and Miss Anna Willis stopped awhile here Sunday on their way to Marshallberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Arthur and Mrs. Laura Hill went to Venceboro Thursday to attend the funeral of Mr. Claud Hill who died at his home in New Bern Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lewis and daughter Mrs. Harold Lewis, and son spent Wednesday here at the home of Mrs. E. L. Hill and G. D. Hill.

Mrs. Dolly Lupton and family of Charleston, S. C., was here a few days last week with her brother, P. M. Mason having come here to attend the funeral of her mother-in-law Mrs. Lizzie Lupton.

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Willis visited Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Pate in Goldsboro Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Arthur and daughters were visitors Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Pake of Bettie.

Mr. Stephen Beachem who works at Davis spent the week-end here with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Gillikin who have spent the Summer in New Jersey are here to spend the winter months with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gillikin.

WIRE GRASS

Miss Lucille Merrill who has been a patient at Morehead City hospital for three weeks, returned home Friday much improved.

Mrs. G. L. Dudley is in Grifton this week visiting her mother Mrs. Florence Worthington.

Mrs. Lula Taylor and sons Allen and James and Ralph Anderson of New Bern spent Sunday afternoon here with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Springle of Russells Creek spent Sunday here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Springle.

Mrs. Fred Smith and children of Bachelor spent Sunday here with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Eubanks.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Whitley of Core Creek attended services here at Tuttle's Grove church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Merrill and baby of Bettie spent the week-end here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Merrill.

Mrs. M. M. Eubanks spent the week-end at Bachelor with her sister Mrs. Elmo Taylor.

NORTH RIVER

Mr. and Mrs. Parker Guthrie of Newport spent awhile Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fulcher.

Mr. Tom Bechem of Arapahoe spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beachem.

Mrs. G. D. Merrill returned from Ocean City, Md., after spending two weeks with her husband, who is employed there.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Willis spent Sunday in Goldsboro with their daughter, Mrs. Archie Pake.

Mrs. Emma Oglesby of Harlowe spent Wednesday night with her daughter Mrs. R. P. Gooding.

Misses Daisy Wade, Esther Gooding and Iris Simpson spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phillips in Greensboro.

Mr. Paul Beachem, Jr., left Sunday A. M. for Norfolk to enter the U. S. Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Taylor spent the week-end in Harlowe with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Luther Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ratcliff spent awhile with Mrs. Sudie Wade Sunday.

Mrs. E. Z. Wooten spent the week-end with her daughter Mrs. Benny Willis of Lennoxville.

Mrs. Traden Barker and Miss Nina Gilgo spent awhile Monday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beachem.

MERRIMON

Mr. and Mrs. Grey Willis of Plymouth are visiting Mrs. Willis' parents Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Salter.

Mr. E. S. Martin, Artist Carraway and Luther Carraway of Portsmouth, Va., spent the week-end here.

Mr. J. A. Wallace, Miss Georgia Wallace and Miss Hilda Carraway spent Saturday in Morehead City.

Miss Lena Ball of Harlowe is visiting Rev. J. M. Carraway and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert McNeil of Beaufort, spent Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Carraway.

Miss Maud Carraway who has been spending her vacation with her parents left for Newport News, Va., Friday to visit her sister Mrs. Louis Taylor.

Rev. M. O. Stephenson, of Morehead City, filled his regular appointment here Sunday. This is his last appointment before Conference. We are hoping that he

SMYRNA SCHOOL NEWS

Grades 1-5.—In connection with our Unit of Work on Home and Ways to Improve Ourselves at Home and at School, the first five grades have organized a "Good Manners Club".

Their first regular meeting was held Friday afternoon, October 18th. The meeting was called to order by our president, Malcom Pigott.

After reading of the minutes by our secretary, Mildred Wallace Simpson, reports were called for from the Reporting committee. They gave a list of things noticed on the campus, and a record was made of them.

Our first topic for discussion was "What Home Means to Us." Every child was given a chance to talk and we had a good time together. This was excellent training in Oral English.

Our next topic for discussion is "Ways we can show Mother how we appreciate her love and care." We are looking forward to our next meeting, Friday afternoon, October 25th.

Following is a list of other clubs organized in our school:

Clubs	Sponsors
Dramatics	Miss Coward
Science	Mr. Moore
Home Economics	Mrs. Simmons
Citizenship	Ma. Hamilton
Good English	Mrs. Daniels
Beta	Miss Smith

Junior Class
The Junior Class had charge of the Chapel Program Friday afternoon, October 18th. They presented "Plain Jane Steps Out", a one act play on men, manners, and make up. The setting was in a college girls room with Audrey Stewart as plain Jane, Virginia Davis as Anne and Bettie Davis as Kate, her two friends.

The Juniors chose this play because the classes in Smyrna High School are studying self improvement this year. This play gave a lesson in personality.

Prior to the plays Iris Jarvis and Manly Murphy led the orations. Eloise Nelson, Reporter.

Honor Roll
Honor Roll students for first month:

Grades 1-5.—Glenda Miles Wilks, Jackie Townsend, Sylvia Gray Lewis, Mildred Wallace Simpson, Malcom Pigott.

Grade 6.—Harry Roberts Chadwick.

Grade 8.—Joyce Wade, Janice Pake.

Grade 9.—Roy Allen Gillikin, Sammy Daniels.

Grade 10.—Eloise Chadwick, Virginia Davis, Anna Gwynne, Irma Lawrence, Thelma Pake.

Grade 11.—Ellis Bodsworth, Allen Guy Davis, Douglas Guthrie, Elvin Hancock, Pelham Jones, Edward Moore, Manly Murphy, Hilton Styron, Lucy Lewis, Lucy Williams.

Don't fail to join us in an evening of real fun Thursday evening, October 31st. See a typical Halloween program. Enter the contests to be given, and by all means be sure to learn your "future". You will be given a chance to do so. It will be an evening long to be remembered and why not be one of those able to date it in your memory book? Don't forget; Thursday evening, October 31, at 7:30 o'clock.

M. S. L.

NEWPORT SCHOOL NEWS

Bernard Quinn, president of the Senior Class who has just returned after spending several days in Washington City, related his experiences before his English class on Monday morning.

The trip to Washington included the route over the Skyline Drive, through Luray, Virginia, and on into the city. Bernard described the many sights he saw while in the Capital City, among which were Washington's Monument, Arlington Cemetery, Congressional Library and Mt. Vernon. His trip home was over the Eastern route which included Petersburg, and Richmond, Virginia.

Artis Garner, Reporter.

First Grade.—The first grade is making a Halloween sand table. Miss Salter asked us to bring some corn shucks. We made hay stacks and put witches on them. We have black cats and pumpkins on our table, too.

Second Grade.—Miss Daniels gave us some samples of Ipana

Things You Did Not Know About PEANUTS

Joe Hines, manager of the local Rose Store has just received a complete history of the peanut. It came from one of the officials of the fast growing chain store organization. The Rose Stores have aided peanut growers of East Carolina and Virginia by an annual Peanut Week. During this period you can get more peanuts for a nickel than at any other time of the year. This history of the peanut industry as compiled by the Rose Stores, follows:

"Peanuts are known in various sections by different names; such as, ground peas, goobers, pinders and earth nuts, but the technical name is "Archie Hypogea." Half of the population of the United States believe that the peanut grows above the ground, but as a matter of fact, the peanut is not a nut at all. It is a pea that grows under the ground.

The origin of peanuts is shrouded in mystery. It is supposed to have originated in Brazil or Peru, and to have been carried to Africa by early explorers and missionaries, but peanuts were known as early as 950 B. C. They were brought to this country by the slave traders in the early Colonial days, and used as a food for the slaves while on shipboard, as they were cheap and of high food value.

Peanuts were not extensively used until after the Civil War. It is said that the Union Army carried peanuts with them from the South when they went back home. For many years the crop was confined to the States of North Carolina and Virginia. About twenty years ago the farmers in Georgia, Alabama, and Florida, due to the ravages of the boll weevil, were forced to find a substitute for cotton, and turned to peanuts. They were later very glad they made the change.

The peanut began its career as anational food when P. T. Barnum introduced it as a part of the circus. For years the only place in which peanuts were found was the circus, ball games, and the like. No one ate peanuts for their food value, but it was considered the sporty thing to do, and the tasty flavor of peanuts soon won popularity. Later when their nutritive value became known, they came into use as a household food.

There are nine distinct varieties of peanuts grown in the United States, the principal being the Jumbo, Bunch, and Runner, the large peanut grown mostly in Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee; the Spanish, the small round nut grown mostly in the Southern States of Georgia, Alabama, Oklahoma and Texas.

Virginia—"The Old Dominion"—is famous for its Jumbo peanuts which are sold everywhere. The principal peanut producing counties in Virginia are: Prince George, Surrey, Sussex, Southampton, Isle of Wight and Nansemond.

The peanuts are assembled for cleaning and grading at Suffolk, Zuni, Wakefield, Wave Ivy, Petersburg, Franklin and Courtland. There is also a large Jumbo producing belt in North Carolina, with the principal milling point at Edenton, N. C., where there are large milling plants.

Peanuts are planted during the months of April and May, and under favorable weather conditions are harvested in October, and in the farther Southern States, where Spanish variety, is planted, are harvested in September.

At harvesting time the peanuts are plowed up, put into stacks around poles to permit the sun and wind to dry the peanuts sufficient toothpaste. We are all interested in seeing how clean we can keep our teeth.

Each child in our room is working on a rug. We hope to have some pretty rugs when we finish. Fourth Grade.—We have been very busy this week finishing our unit on the Land of the Tigris and Euphrates. We have built a Tigris village on our sandtable. Some of the pupils made camels out of clay, while others built koofahs and keleks. One pupil brought a doll to school and we dressed it in the costume of the people of this region. This work has been very interesting and we have enjoyed our study very much.

Miss Pake brought us two goldfish last Monday. We have them in a glass aquarium. We feed them once every day. We like to see them eat their food. They are very pretty.

Peggy Mann, Murray Lewis, Reporters.

Fifth Grade.—The fifth grade decided to make booklets about different kinds of trees. We are going to take each leaf that we have and write a paragraph about it. We want our books to be neat as possible. We hope to learn a lot about trees.

Thelma Mann, Reporter.

ly to enable the picking machines to separate the nuts from the vines. The peanuts are discharged from the pickers into burlap bags, and then brought to the mills for cleaning, grading, and shelling.

Without a visit to the mills it is a bit difficult to understand just why and how the peanut has to be prepared for the market. Large mills, generally five stories in height, are equipped with various types of machinery to separate the dirt, sticks and small vines attached as they come from the farms, and to clean and polish and grade the peanuts. The final picking of the peanuts is done over endless moving belts before delivery to chutes to convey the peanuts into bags ready for shipment. The common labor employed in mills is largely male and female Negroes. The first salted peanuts appear-

ed in 1887, the first peanut vending machines and the first peanut candy just after the turn of the century.

Farm income in North Carolina for the first six months of 1940 is 20 per cent greater than for the same period last year, reports Russell P. Handy, junior statistician of the State Department of Agriculture.

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