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JACKSON SPRINGS

Our first town election that was to be held some time ago was postponed until July 5th. W. L. Holliday is registrar and the books are open.

Officers were too fast last week when they made a raid and captured two young white men with meal and everything but the still on G. P. Markham's farm, several miles from here in an undeveloped section on Drowning Creek. The young men had been preparing for their work for some time, and lacking experience, suspicion was aroused, as Mr. Markham's farm is on the public road and his family and some negroes live here. This first experience of the young men, who are prominent socially in their community, will probably be enough to break them of a bad habit that so many are allowed to go on with unchecked. Both boys are out under a bond.

The West End boys are continuing to win ball games. The boys were highly elated over their defeat of High Falls at the latter place. It took ten innings to win the game by a score of 10 to 9, best that was done in the last three innings. Herndon, pitching for West End, collided with the umpire during the early part of the game and soon had to give up the mound duty in favor of Moss when the game looked doubtful; with a one-sided score he held the High Falls team down and soon started the rally that won the game by hitting for four bases. Young also got one of his four ply swats and Eifort was caught at the plate trying to stretch a three base hit into a home run. If Moss and Young continue playing an important part in winning ball games, they will soon be playing on a bigger league than the Moore County League.

Since a few weeks ago when more than 135 girls from the Samarcand Manor school with their instructors hiked to the lake here for a picnic, we have not seen very much of the girls wearing bloomers until the past week. On Tuesday of last week 24 of the girls with two of their teachers were here early on their way to the lake from Popular Springs where they spent the night. They returned to the school in the afternoon, stopping at the pavillion here. Miss Scribner, the Physical Director played the piano and the girls performed many stunts and sang several songs. Since then classes have spent two nights camping at the lake, where they enjoy the bathing. A swimming instructor has her hands full giving the girls lessons in swimming and diving.

A large crowd was here for the dance Saturday night. It is beginning to look like old times to see more coming here to enjoy the excellent music.

Colon Smith is very ill at his home on the Hoffman road. Guy Thomas who was operated on at the Hamlet Hospital for appendi-

## AMBITIOUS PLANS FOR VASS

At a recent meeting of the town commissioners it was proposed to make some investigations as to the cost and the possibility of having some competent town planner make a survey and plan for Vass to be guided by in future community construction. Francis Deaton, the well-known engineer, and A. B. Yeomans, the landscape architect who planned the Weymouth Heights development at Southern Pines, were considered as men who could handle the work if they could give the time, and the matter was laid before them, and they are giving it consideration.

Mr. Yeomans was in Vass Saturday afternoon in conference with the commissioners and the Mayor, and went out over the territory included within the town boundary and looked over the situation. He expressed the opinion that Vass has a fine chance here to plan its future growth before any more streets are laid off, and that by keeping in mind the natural character of the hills and valleys and the streams and the railroad, and sug-

gesting suitable sites for public buildings, for parks, schools, factories, etc., the town could be made one of the most attractive in the state.

Mr. Yeomans will make an estimate of the cost of his part of the work, and the mayor was instructed to carry the matter farther with Mr. Deaton and see what arrangements can be made. After the information is secured the commissioners will have a further meeting to see how the proposition can be worked out. They imagine that the subject will be one of such interest that the people will stand by it, and that with the town helping some on the cost property owners will help to have the work carried out, as it is felt that before any more building is done the streets and various features should be so defined that all future construction may be in accordance with the improved scheme. Much sentiment favors this course, and if it is brought to a climax it will give Vass considerable prestige among the smaller new towns of the state.

MR. McNEILL RESIGNS

The following article, taken from the Sanford Express, will be of much interest to the people of this community as Mr. McNeill is also pastor of the Vass Presbyterian Church and has many friends in Vass and the surrounding neighborhood:

Rev. M. D. McNeill, of Cameron, has resigned as pastor of White Hill Presbyterian church. Mr. McNeill has been pastor of this church twenty-seven years—almost a generation. This is a long time for a preacher to serve as pastor of a church. There are grown men and women in the White Hill congregation that have known no other pastor. Mr. McNeill baptized them in their infancy, saw them grow to manhood and womanhood, married them, and as pastor of the church baptized their children. This is something unusual in the history of a church and deserves more than a brief notice especially at a time in the history of the country when the cycle of time brings constant changes. Many churches have had a dozen or more pastors during that time.

There was a beautiful mutual devotion of pastor and flock through the years, and the fact that Mr. McNeill was able to serve the White Hill congregation twenty-seven long years, is an eloquent tribute to him as a preacher and pastor. As pastor he served the church faithfully both in and out of season, and there is deep regret on the part of the congregation at his resignation. Mr. McNeill has four other churches which will occupy his full time.

We understand that White Hill church will hardly call a pastor before the meeting of Fayetteville Presbytery in the fall. Rev. W. S. Golden and other preachers will from time to time preach at White Hill.

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Mrs. Martin Monroe of Sanford spent Sunday with home folks on this route.

Mr. Francis Deaton, of Sanford, was in this section Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Blue and granddaughter, little Margaret Kelly, spent the week end with relatives near West End.

Misses Margaret McLeod and Rozella McCollum left Wednesday night for Washington, D. C. where they will join a touring party, visiting several of the most interesting places in the United States and Canada.

A committee composed of Messrs. Z. V. Blue and F. M. Dwight and Miss Ethel Blue, representing the Eureka Produce and Marketing Association, were in Pinehurst and Southern Pines Saturday to investigate the possibilities of a local market for the products grown by this association.

Prof. J. D. McLeod left Tuesday for Duke, where on the following day he was married to Miss Sadie McKay of that place. After the ceremony they left for Washington and other points north.

FROM A FORMER VASSITE

Sanford, N. C.

Dear Friends:

I wish to thank the good people of Vass for the good they seem to be doing for their town and community and hope they may "keep it up," as I was a relative of just about 3 miles of Vass. Now I am over here in Lee, another "Garden Spot of the World." We people in Lee are doing some great things as well as you good people of Vass and community, and when you have enough spare time all we ask is just come over and see for your selves.

I wish to thank my father-in-law for his kindness and the present I received last week from him, the blessed little paper, "The Pilot."

If the editor sees fit to publish this I thank him very much.

A READER.

ENTERTAINS

Miss Agnes Cameron delightfully entertained, at her home Saturday evening, in honor of her cousin, Miss Lena Cameron, of Fayetteville.

Many interesting games were played and every one spent an enjoyable evening.

Those present were: Misses Jewell Edwards, Lena Cameron, Agnes Smith, Freda Gschwind, Glennie Keith, Annie McGill, Myrtle Cameron, Lula Evans, Helen Parker, Ila Evans, Maggie Cameron, Delia Jessup, Ennis Byrd, Louise Monroe, Bertha Cameron, Mabel Cameron and Agnes Cameron. Messrs. Floyd Keith, John Baker, Claud Matthews, Aubry Keith, Richard Griffin, Raymond Evans, William Evans, Royce Byrd and Rastus Jessup.

citis Wednesday is getting on very well.

Mrs. S. C. Johnson is very sick at her home here.

Misses Eva Jones, Lola Thomas and Mary Patterson were among those leaving Monday for the State College Summer School at Raleigh.

The Community Club meeting was postponed until Tuesday, June 21st.

The Fruit Growers' Association has its telephone lines up and 'phones installed in the pack houses and residence. In this way they can get direct news.

Prof. and Mrs. W. C. McCall and children of Hemp were here Saturday.

MCLEOD-McKAY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McDonald, at Duke, was the scene of a pretty marriage last Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, when their sister, Miss Sara Cranor McKay, became the bride of Mr. John D. McLeod. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. A. McLeod, brother of the groom.

Mrs. McLeod is the daughter of Mr. Neill McKay, formerly of Carthage, but now residing at Duke. Mr. McLeod is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John McLeod of Vass, Route one. He is a graduate of Davidson College and during the late war won the rank of lieutenant.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. McLeod motored to Raleigh to take the train for Washington. They will be at home to their friends after June 20th at Hemp. Mr. McLeod will have charge of Elise high school at that place.

You don't have to go to war to find something rough. Try cranking a fivver when the batteries are down.