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JACKSON SPRINGS NEWS

The local high school baseball team have new uniforms. They started out on the war path last week by defeating the Eagle Springs town team on the latters diamond on Thursday afternoon. The final score was 13 to 2. The feature of the game was the pitching of Lefty Stuart for the locals. He was relieved in the seventh inning by Woodley to give this husky youngster practice.

On Friday afternoon they defeated the Pinehurst highs on the local diamond by a score of 11 to 4. Woodley for the locals and McAskill for the visitors pitched good baseball, but the fielding was slow but without many errors. Diling caught a good game and has developed a wonderful peg to the bases.

Every man has his place cinched now with the exception of one of the outfield positions, Matheson, McDuffie, Markham and Neal playing the infield like veterans, and are hitting heavy. McLeod and Styers are fast outfielders but have not had many chances in the two games played.

Dr. A. C. Bethune has returned from Highsmith's hospital at Fayetteville, where he has been for several weeks. He has not regained the use of his right hand that was caused by his arm being cut severely with broken glass in an automobile wreck some time ago. We are glad his injuries are no worse, so that he can resume practice.

The Athenian Literary Society were at home to the McLeod Society in the high school auditorium on Saturday evening. Numerous games were enjoyed after which refreshments were served.

Carpenters, painters and laborers continue busy renovating the Jackson Springs hotel, cottages and grounds here.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church held an impromptu meeting on Sunday evening.

The contract has been let for the construction of the new highway between Aberdeen and the Montgomery county line near Samarcand. There is a large amount of traffic on this road and when completed will be one of the best in the Sandhills. If it takes as long as it is taking on the fill on Drowning creek it will be a long time before it is completed. When the above mentioned fill was built a few feet high, a few years ago, only a short time was used. To build it two feet higher it will take several months with the force that has been at work.

Among the children receiving testaments for reciting the catechism were Misses Evelyn Clark Holliday, Mary Black Buie, and Mary Leone Currie.

Quarterly Conference of the group of M. E. Churches in this section was held at Hoffman, Saturday.

Ex-Sheriff and Mrs. D. Al Blue, of Carthage, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Markham and attended Sunday school at the Presbyterian church shaking hands with old friends.

Mrs. R. B. Norris, Jr., of Charlotte, is the guests of her parents out on the Rockingham road.

Miss Viola Stepenon who has a class in piano in the high school here, will give a recital Friday night at the auditorium.

The peach crop will be very small in this section. Unless some of these frosts we are having kills the apples, cherries and berries, we will have something to can.

Hint to Vass girls: Always feel his pulse while he is proposing. If it isn't beating wildly he's a liar.



RALPH L. CHANDLER
Who was appointed County Auditor and Tax Appraiser last Monday by County Commissioners of Moore County.

FARMERS HOLD MEETING

On Saturday the tobacco growers of the county held a meeting at Vass to attend a barbecue and reunion, at which by the way W. D. Smith distinguished himself as an artist in all that pertains to barbecues and reunions, and also to hear the statement of the situation of the co-operative association throughout the country. A crowd of probably 500 persons was present, and after attending to various matters, for the dinner was not the only thing, a report was read from Southgate Jones, of Durham, Director of the 10th district, which includes Moore county.

Mr. Jones gave a highly satisfactory statement of the condition of the association, showing that while it had started new on a new calling, and along an untried road, it had succeeded in handling the big crop of tobacco consigned to its warehouses, and with better results than had been anticipated. One thing developed is the fact that manufacturers have taken kindly to the new method of marketing, which gives to the market a stability and system that in the old custom of selling was lacking. One of the pronounced gains is in the far better grading that results from the association way, and that brings better prices to the growers, for graded tobacco is always a better type of goods for the market.

Mr. Jones explains the method of paying for the crop. The first money paid the farmers was money borrowed

from the banks before any sales could be made. The tobacco received was valued and banks advanced 50 per cent of the valuation put on the leaf. Forty dollars of the fifty so secured was paid the farmers and the other ten held to provide for expenses. But it was found that the tobacco was moving to the hands of the manufacturers faster than was expected so in due time a second payment was permitted, and a third is apparently not far off. Banks and the War Finance Corporation stood ready to finance the movement, but the sales of the crop progressed so well that this was not required to much further extent than a start. It was also found that re-drying and storage was not necessary to any great extent, so the money began to come in faster than was expected. It is now believed that the third payment will soon be made and that the fourth and final one will follow at not a very distant date.

While some opposition has been encountered, and some members have failed to keep their agreement the most of the members have been loyal and stood by to the limit. The result has been a much greater confidence in the association, and the prospects are that next season it will have a still greater membership, and plain sailing all the way. Mr. Jones says that the prices have been satisfactory, and better than if the old custom of auction sales had been depended on to take the big crop. He also says that

CAMERON NEWS

Mrs. J. D. McLean and little niece, Margaret, spent the week-end at Louisburg, the guest of Miss Burdette Joyner and Mrs. Robert Smithwick. Mrs. Smithwick will be pleasantly remembered by her friends in town and vicinity as Miss Dorothy Johnson, who was frequently a guest of Mrs. J. D. McLean.

Mr. A. Cameron, of Vass, was in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Buchanan and daughter, Miss Sarah, of Laurinburg, were visitors last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McNeill.

Mrs. Loula Muse and Miss Margaret Gilchrist attended the Presbyterial at Sanford this week.

Mr. Reginald Allred, of Cedar Falls, was the guest, Sunday, of Miss Frankie Teague.

Mrs. A. W. Burt and son, Mr. Wellons, of Biscoe, were callers, Monday, at the home of the correspondent.

Miss Vera McLean spent the week-end in Columbia, S. C., the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Mack McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Parker went to Garner last week to be present at the funeral of Mr. Parker's sister, Mrs. Charles Kenster.

Mr. Johnson, of Chapel Hill, was a week-end guest of Miss Parrish, who teaches in the Cameron high school.

"If winter comes, can spring be far behind?" Present indications are that spring is very far behind.

Mr. Roy Parham, of Tampa, came up last week for a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Parham, of White Hill community.

Miss Cleta Jackson, of White Hill, spent Saturday night with her aunt Miss Bettie Riddell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harrington have moved to their former home on Jonesboro route.

Mr. Hubert Phillips and Miss Althea Moore were married Saturday afternoon at the home of the bride in Cameron. Rev. M. D. McNeill officiating. The bride and groom left immediately for a visit to relatives at Fayetteville and Norfolk.

Miss Sallie Lee Collins of the Cameron high school faculty, who has been quite ill for several weeks, is on the road to recovery, and left Monday with her mother, Mrs. Cox, for their home at Catharine Lake. They were accompanied by little Miss June McIver Hemphill who goes for a visit to the home of Miss Collins.

Mr. C. P. Rogers and family, of Sanford, were visitors, Sunday, at the home of Mrs. Laura Rogers.

Ruby, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Doss has been quite ill for the past week. Pleased to report her improving.

Mrs. J. R. Loving left Sunday night for Virginia in response to a telegram saying that her brother, Mr. (Continued on page 7)

the expenses this year have been bigger than will be the case another year owing to the expense of the organization of the machinery to carry on the business. He says now the association is established as a going and successful concern, that financial credit is plentiful, and that the district is in better financial condition than it has been in many years, with farmers in better buying shape, and with old debts being paid off and the prospect for the future good.

Owing to his increasing business affairs at Durham Mr. Jones said he was compelled to decline another year as director, which leaves a vacancy in this office. The report was received with much enthusiasm, although Mr. Jones' retirement from office was regretted, as he has had a strong following in Moore county.

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