

### The Ark

Southern Pines, N. C.

A Country Day-School for Boys and Girls with Kindergarten. Limited Boarders Received. Organized games twice weekly including basket ball, volley ball, and tennis. Dancing Classes Wednesdays

## Old Bethesda Church Mourns Loss of James McNeill Johnson

Session Adopts Resolutions on Death of Devoted Elder and Leading Citizen

The following resolutions on the death of the late James McNeill Johnson have been passed by the session of Bethesda Church, Aberdeen.

In the passing of James McNeill Johnson at Aberdeen, N. C., Old Bethesda Church lost a devoted Elder, Aberdeen lost a valuable citizen, Moore County lost its dean of lawyers, and its Poet Laureate, and a multitude of people lost a warm friend.

Mr. Johnson was born in Moore County, the son of Scotch parents. His early life was spent at Keyser, N. C., now Adair, where he was ordained an Elder. Later he came to Aberdeen and in 1898 was ordained a Deacon in the Bethesda Church, in which capacity he served faithfully until 1930, and on June 15th, just a few months before his death, he was elected and installed an Elder here. For 32 years he was a model Deacon, giving himself untiringly to the work of the Deacons, and once refused the office of an Elder because he felt the church needed him more as a Deacon.

He was admitted to the Bar in 1898 and lived to lead one of the leading law firms of this part of the state, and died the dean of his profession in this county. He was a public-spirited man, ever thoughtful for the less fortunate members of his community, giving much of his time and worldly possessions to charity. Some years ago he established a foundation for the County Home under the terms of which the inmates were served bountiful Christmas dinners each year. His other charitable enterprises are too numerous to record here, but this was typical of the man that he could leave no one in want if there was anything that could be done about it.

He was a writer of note. His book, "A Thousand Years with Royalty," has been termed one of the best histories of English Kings. He was the author of "Free Verse and Paraphrase," a book of beautiful poems, and his latest work, entitled: "Tallyrand and Firefly," is still in the hands of the publishers, to be released soon. Sometime ago he was honored with the title of "Poet Laureate of Moore County" by the County Board of Commissioners.

Quoting from the beautiful account of this passing in The Pilot: "At 3 o'clock on Christmas morning came the end of a life of nearly 71 years of love and devotion to his family, his church, his county, state and nation. His was a life of service, unstinted, self-sacrificing, fulsome. He was laid to rest in the cemetery of his beloved Bethesda.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Session of Bethesda Church:

WHEREAS, God in his Providence has removed from our midst a beloved elder, James McNeill Johnson, therefore be it resolved:

1. That we place on record the deep sense of our loss, and bear witness to his faithfulness and devotion to the church;
2. That we shall try to emulate in our lives, and commend to others, the virtues that his life, his faith, and his activities have taught us;
3. That we extend our deep sympathy to the family of our friend and elder in their great sorrow, and
4. That we send copies of these resolutions to his family, to the Christian Observer, to the Presbyterian Standard, The Pilot, and also spread them upon the pages of our sessional records as a witness to the services of one who "wrought righteousness . . . and obtained the promises."

E. L. BARBER, Pastor,  
J. W. GRAHAM, Clerk,  
S. E. SLOAN, Elder.  
Committee of the Session, Bethesda Church, Aberdeen, N. C.

### LAKEVIEW

Mrs. Georgie Rice of Elmira, N. Y., left for her home Saturday after a two weeks' visit with Mrs. Ethel Howe and family.

Miss Helene Dougherty of Sanford was the dinner guest of Misses Alice Littlefield and Rebecca Bacon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. Pough of Jersey City are expected in Lakeview for a two weeks' stay this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan S. Ray, with their house guests, Mrs. D. S. Ray and Miss Elizabeth Ray of Cameron, spent Sunday in Niagara with Mr. and Mrs. Norfleet P. Ray.

Miss Pearl McNeill came home from Charlotte for the week-end.

Dunc McCrimmon has left for Charlotte where he will take treatment in a hospital for a few days.

Mrs. Worth Miller returned Monday from New Bern, where she spent the week-end with Mr. Miller.

Mrs. M. B. Withers and small daughter of Detroit, Mich., were week-

On Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the Woman's Club room at Carthage, the music pupils of Mrs. Herbert Poole gave a recital which reflected much credit on both Mrs.

Poole and her pupils. The event was of much interest to people of Lakeview, as the class includes several children from this community, among whom are Charles How, Katharine Louise Howe, Edna Earle Richardson and Rebecca Gardner of Lakeview, Elizabeth McCraney and Robert and John Rosser of Vass. Those attending the recital from Lakeview were Mrs. A. H. Williams, Mrs. Ethel Howe, Miss Alice Littlefield, Mrs. W. H. McNeill, Mrs. P. L. Gardner, Jesse Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Richardson and Mrs. Dan S. Ray. A very enjoyable part of the program was the

aesthetic dance, beautifully rendered by Mrs. Ethel Howe. At the conclusion of the program Mrs. Poole and her pupils several refreshments. end guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Gardner.

Mrs. A. H. Williams has returned from a two weeks' stay in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mrs. Daniel McNeill and Mrs. J. R. McQueen were luncheon guests of Mr. Dan Ray on Monday.

Mrs. J. G. Woods of Lamar, S. C., has returned to her home, after visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Warner.

### Southern Pines Library Trustees Hold Monthly Meet

The trustees of the Southern Pines Library held their monthly meeting in the library Tuesday at 5 p. m. with the president, Struthers Burt, presiding.

The librarian reported an attendance of 822 and a circulation of 1,164 books for February.

All renewals of membership were due January 1, 1931. All patrons of the library are urged to renew their membership so that they may receive books.

## WEYMOUTH HEIGHTS

SOUTHERN PINES

Everything full up on Weymouth as usual, and the new houses were needed as quickly as they were built.

The interest in hunting this season has attracted folks from new sections.

Coaching is to be added to the hunt as a feature of Weymouth sports.

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