

ELEVATION ITEMS

BENSON, Route 1, Feb. 26.—Mr. Milton Byrd, of Angier, was a guest at the home of Mr. J. R. Capps Sunday. Mr. R. U. Barbour was in an automobile wreck last week while returning from Columbia, S. C. The wreck happened below Fayetteville and Mr. Barbour had the muscle in his arm torn loose. Mr. Wilbur Barbour, of Newark, N. J., is spending this week with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. R. U. Barbour. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Stevens and Mrs. J. R. Capps visited at the home of Mr. Aaron Capps in Clinton last Sunday. Mr. Thaddeus Barbour made a business trip to Raleigh Thursday. Mr. Carroll Morgan, of Benson, and Misses Susie and Pernell Roberts went to Raleigh on Wednesday night to see the Misses Roberts' niece, Margie Lassiter who is in Rex Hospital. Messrs. Wilbur and Shelton Barbour and mother, Mrs. R. U. Barbour spent Monday in Raleigh and Durham on business. Mr. Carson Creech took Misses Eva and Esther Stevens to Raleigh last Tuesday night. Misses Mavis Stevens and Wilhelmina Barbour went to Durham Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Ennis, of near Dunn, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Barbour. Mr. Buster Lucas, of New York City, was in our section on Saturday night. Misses Mae and Alta Johnson spent Sunday with Miss Lena Creech. Miss Lucile Johnson visited friends and relatives near Goldsboro last week end. Mr. L. C. Johnson made a business trip to Clayton Saturday morning.

BENTONVILLE

BENTONVILLE, Feb. 27.—Rev. W. O. Henderson preached at Mill Creek Sunday morning and night. Mrs. Mary Stevens and Miss Violet Long spent the week end in Goldsboro with Dr. and Mrs. Archie Monk. We are glad that Mrs. E. T. Westbrook is able to be out again after being sick for some time. Mr. Clifton Langston, at home again after being away about five years. He spent about three years on the Hawaiian Islands. His friends are glad to see him back. Miss Helen Flowers, of Meadow, visited Miss Marceline Langston last week. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hudson last week, a son. Misses Inez and Laverna Langston entertained a number of their friends last Saturday night in honor of their cousin, Miss Margaret Weaver of Wilmington. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Beasley and Mrs. J. B. Smith of Smithfield attended services at Mill Creek last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Casey and children visited Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Beasley last Sunday. Misses Kathleen and Pauline Beasley entertained a number of their friends at a party Saturday night in honor of their cousin, Miss Mildred Stephenson of the Meadow school faculty. The Bentonville Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. Clyda Britt on February 18. After the business session Miss Garrison gave some helpful suggestions on the present styles, and food and nutrition. At the close of the meeting Mrs. Britt assisted by Mrs. Pearl Lee and Miss Loma Britt served delicious cakes, chocolate fudge and roasted peanuts.

JOHNSTON TOWN

JOHNSTON TOWN FOUR OAKS, Route 1, March 1.—Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Penny, of near Benson, visited relatives here Sunday. Mrs. Thad Whittington and little daughter, Annie Laurio, of near Benson, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Johnson. Misses Wilhelmina Johnson and Elva Hardee, students at E. O. T. C., Greenville, spent the week end with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Beaman, of Faulston, spent Wednesday night and Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Calbert Johnson. Mr. Victor Lee, of Coats, was here driving the week end. Mr. Fought Johnson, who holds a position in Baltimore, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Junius Hobbs, of near Smithfield, spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Leon Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson and children spent Sunday in Sampson County with Mr. Isham Godwin. Mr. and Mrs. David Olive, of Benson, spent Sunday at Mr. P. P. Allen's home. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Beaman, of Faulston, are visiting relatives here and near Four Oaks. W. L. Massengill's. Mistress: "So your matrimonial life was very unhappy. What was the trouble? December wedded to May?" Chloe Johnson: "Lan' sakes no, mam! It was Labor Day wedded to de Day of Rest."

PRINCETON SCHOOL

The Juniors and Seniors held a business meeting Tuesday morning in the library for the purpose of making out a calendar of events for the remaining part of the school year. A committee was appointed by Harvey Oliver, president of the junior class, for the seniors and by Walter Royall, president of the Junior class, for the juniors, with Miss Ina Walker and Mr. M. P. Young as faculty advisors. The school is glad to welcome Mr. Young back after several days' absence on account of sickness. Miss Ruth Cotton who was operated on last week for appendicitis in the Sanford hospital is getting along nicely. Miss Mary Louise McCormack, of Grifton, spent the week end in the teacherage with Miss Ora McCormack. Miss Amanda Leary spent the week end in Raleigh. Miss Elizabeth Young spent the week end with relatives in Burlington. Those attending the show, "No, No, Nanette," in Raleigh last week were Misses Ora and Mary Louise McCormack, Elizabeth Miley and Ina Walker. Mr. Raymond Snipes, teacher of English in the Apex high school, spent the week end in Princeton. Mr. Carlyle Woodard, senior at Carolina, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Woodard. Mrs. Sue Kendrick and Miss Mary Wilkerson spent Sunday in Sanford. Miss Inez Pittman spent the week end at her home in Micro. Miss Lucy Sawyer, of Dover, has come to take Miss Ruth Cotton's place as teacher of Latin and English. Several of the teachers attended the "pounding" last Friday night given by the Methodist church for Rev. J. D. Stott and his bride. Miss Mattie Whitley spent the week end at her home in Smithfield.

WILLOW SPRINGS

By CLAUDE STEPHENSON

WILLOW SPRINGS, Feb. 25.—Miss Birdie Stone, the principal of Pleasant Grove school, took her seventh grade class to Raleigh last Saturday on a sight-seeing expedition. Mr. Wash Partin, of Angier, accompanied by Mrs. Malissie King of Willow Springs, attended church services in Wake county last Sunday. Mr. E. H. Honeycutt and Miss Matilda Smith were in Raleigh last Friday on business. Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Woodall took a load of country produce to the Raleigh market last Saturday. Messrs. E. V. Clifton and J. C. Coats were in Smithfield last week serving on the jury in Superior court. Mr. L. B. King, of Angier, was here last week on business. Miss Mary Adams of Campbell College, spent the last week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Adams. Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. Martha Stephenson who has been seriously ill with pneumonia is able at this time to sit up a short while in the bed. Mr. R. N. Stephenson took a business trip to Angier last Friday. Mr. L. O. Ogburn and family, of Durham, were here at the home of Mr. R. C. Ogburn last week end. Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Lassiter and daughter, Miss Ruth, and Mr. Eustace Yelvington, of Clayton, were here last Sunday. Elder Westbrook of Dunn was here Wednesday night at the home of Mr. J. Claude Coats. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bialock, of Raleigh, spent last Friday night here at the home of Mr. Ross Osburn. Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. David Wood who has been in the Johnston County Hospital for two weeks has returned home. She is able to be up now. We are very sorry to learn of the illness of Mr. W. R. Pope and hope for a speedy recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hicks of McCullers, were here last Sunday at the home of Mr. Hallie Hicks. Mrs. Ella Black, of Bunn's Level, after spending several days here with her sister, Mrs. Martha Stephenson, returned to her home last week. Mr. Hubert Barbour of Four Oaks was in our midst one day recently. Mrs. D. I. Penny, of Smithfield, route 1, passed through our community recently. Mrs. Penny is a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds on the Democratic ticket. Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Hawks went over in Wake county last Sunday to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bridgers. Last Friday afternoon Mrs. Young and Mrs. Boney, teachers at Piney Forest, came over to Pleasant Grove school, bringing with them their baseball team to play a match game with the latter school. At the close of the game the score was 4 to 9 in favor of Pleasant Grove. It was an interesting game.

CORINTH HOLDERS

ZEBULON, Route 2, Feb. 27.—We are very glad to know that our boys' and girls' basketball team played and won over Wendell last Saturday night on the Wendell court. Miss Annie Nowell, of near Wendell, spent last Tuesday night with Miss Pearle Rains. Again both basketball teams of this school played and won over Micro last Tuesday night on the Smithfield court. A large crowd attended the surprise party at Miss Baise Davis' last Friday night. The seventh grade rendered a very interesting program in Chapel last Wednesday morning. Miss Brown is their teacher. A number of the faculty took supper with Miss Annie Nitta Nowell Wednesday evening. Miss Muriel Bailey, Mrs. C. E. Parrish, Mr. Herman Creech, Messrs. Gattis Bailey and Worth Creech visited Mrs. Herman Creech in Rex Hospital in Raleigh Saturday and Sunday. A few of the members of Poe's Literary Society rendered a very interesting program last Saturday afternoon. A surprise party was given at Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hinton's near Antioch church last Tuesday night. We are very sorry that Mrs. Joe Tippett of near Zebulon was taken to Rex Hospital last Sunday. We hope for her a speedy recovery. Both the basketball teams will play during this week and put forth all effort to win the championship. All the pupils of this school appreciate the pretty weather this week. They have already their spring athletics. The high school pupils are doing a great deal of concentration this week preparing for the fifth month test. The people of this district sympathize with Mr. Bernice Whitley in the death of his wife. She died Friday and was buried Sunday in the Lee chapel cemetery. She was formerly Miss Gyra Temples. Mrs. Whitley leaves to mourn their loss many relatives and friends.

GOOD SENSE AT OPPORTUNE TIME

Captain O'erry, state treasurer, versatile in his knowledge of taxation and financial problems of a large landowner in Wayne county and, therefore, a citizen who knows the present problems of the state both from the theoretical and practical vantage grounds, dismisses the matter of "a session of the Legislature to study tax matters with a very simple but profound remark that this would be a feasible suggestion if any wise and practical plan could be worked out, but in the absence of any possible shifting of taxes by which general advantage would accrue, he sees no wisdom in messing with the matter. "The cause of all the present talk about high taxes is that the counties, cities and towns have been on a spending spree and joy ride for the past eight years and that the time to pay for the spree and the ride has come," says the state treasurer. "But pay day has come, and of course it hurts to have to pay for all that has been spent. But the only thing I see to do now is to practice the strictest economy everywhere now, both as individuals and counties, until some of the bills rolled up on this joy ride are paid. Strict economy and frugality are the only measures that I see that are going to help the situation right now," he adds. And that's just about hitting the nail where it ought to be hit. The venerable State Treasurer is old-fashioned, but modern enough in his knowledge to point unerringly to the cause of the present commonwealth affliction. He has given an accurate analysis of the situation that so generally exists and if a prophet with sounder views as to the course to be followed in order for the people to extricate themselves can be produced, we await his coming to judgment.—Charlotte News.

CHRISTMAS EVE.

The poem reprinted below was penned December 24, 1887 by Ida C. H. Horne of Clayton. The authoress has lived nearly all of her life at Clayton and many of her compositions appeared in the Clayton newspaper and other North Carolina publications. In 1916 her son, Dr. Herman Harrell Horne, of New York University, edited a collection of her poems under the title of "Simple Southern Songs." The following poem, "Christmas Eve," appears in this collection: The merry, merry days are come, The gayest, brightest of the year; And every heart thrills with a chord Responsive to the season's tone. Above the winter wind I hear The voice of mirth and merriment; And 'e'en the wind seems kinder now To touch the bare and barren tree. The sky, which might at other times, Seem dreary with its leaden hue And falling rain—is still the sky Of Christmas Eve, though gray or blue. And every heart must own the spell Of "Peace on earth, and sweet good will;" The evening shadows softer creep Upon the field and distant hill. Ah, happy, happy Christmas Eve! And while my heart is full and glad, I would that none today might be For 'e'en one moment, lone or sad. May friends long parted meet again, And hearts estranged be reconciled; Love's fervor warm the chill of gloom, Of eyes that once in kindness smiled.

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er capita income of only \$197. But here is the significant feature. Just as Nevada leads the country in average per capita farm income, it also leads in the percentage of cash farm income derived from livestock products while South Carolina stands at the bottom, the percentages assigned by the Department being 85.1 and 7.9 respectively. The figures lend substantial weight to the oft-repeated assertions that the greatest need of Southern agriculture is more livestock because South Carolina is little worse off than other states of the south. North Carolina, for example, has an average per capita farm income of \$257, and the percentage derived from livestock is 10.5; Virginia an income of \$222, Georgia one of \$217; Alabama, \$210; Mississippi, \$238; Arkansas, \$253 and Louisiana, \$242. In the states of the south named above, the average percentage of cash income derived from livestock is 15.4 as contrasted with an average for the whole country of 47. The average per capita farm income for the country is \$404 or almost twice as great as that in the south. Such data should not discourage Southern well wishers, but on the contrary, should make them increase their efforts to bring a change in farming conditions by paving the way for profitable livestock husbandry. It is probable that figures for several Southern States would show up better now than for the five year period covered by the analysis because substantial strides have been made in dairying, particularly in Mississippi and Alabama, but there is need for far greater changes than have been brought so far. It has been demonstrated beyond doubt that livestock can be made to pay handsomely in practically all parts of the South provided farmers start on the right basis. Experiences gained during the last ten years have shown how the major problems may be successfully overcome and there is good reason to believe that the coming decade will see southern agriculture made more profitable through the introduction and proper handling of many times the amount of livestock that has been kept heretofore.—Southern Farmer.

A Terrific Toll. An average of one out of every 90 cars registered in North Carolina was in a traffic accident last year and one car in each 634 killed someone. The human toll of carelessness, recklessness and disregard of rights of others was 675 lives. Is this tragedy written in human blood to go unheeded, unchecked? A score of states have experienced an average reduction of 20 per cent per year in traffic accident fatalities following enactment of driver's license laws. Assuming that this percentage would hold true in North Carolina—and there is no reason why it should not—a driver's license law, adequately enforced, would have meant a saving of 135 lives in this state last year and this year the figure would probably be 150. Every citizen should be vitally interested in making our highways safer. A state-wide driver's license will be a tremendous step forward and every member of the legislature should be impressed with the necessity for such a law. Under no circumstances should the license be a purely revenue measure—the fee should be nominal. North Carolina automobile

taxes last year approximated \$26,000,000—plus 675 human lives. This year the toll will be greater. A state-wide driver's license will do more than any other agency to develop a sense of individual responsibility on the part of every driver and this will be the only certain means of reducing automobile accidents.—Carolina Motorists. Two hundred and forty farmers of Union county report 1,000 cows available to supply milk to a station which County Agent Tom Broom plans to establish at Mon-

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