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## Buy at Home

A physician of Harrisonburg, Va., is credited with a reply to a large Chicago mail-order house ought to be read by all of those who are at any time inclined to do their shopping away from. The News-Record says:

"A Harrisonburg physician received a letter from Sears, Roebuck & Co., the large Chicago mail-order house. It was a well written appeal and closed saying, 'If there is any reason why you do not buy of us, please give us your reasons in the enclosed stamped envelope, and we will strive to remove the cause.' The physician answered as follows:— 'Your letter of recent date asking why I had not traded with you for a long time, received, and as you ask me to tell you frankly why, I will give you a few reasons.

"First—I am in business in this community and am looking to this community with its varied industries for my support. I cannot ask the merchants of this town for their support if I do not give them mine.

"Second—In looking over my books I fail to find either Mr. Sears, Mr. Roebuck or any of the other company's names, which reminds me that none of these gentlemen have given me a penny's patronage. Why is this? Am I too far away, or have neither of them needed a physician, or are they afraid of the mail order plan when it comes to the practice of medicine? I can certainly give as good satisfaction by mail as your house can, and I will appreciate a call from any of your firm when in need of medical service.

"Third—In looking over the subscription lists for improving our streets and public highways, I have failed to find the name of either member of your firm down for one penny to assist in the work. Also I have failed to find your name on any of the charity lists where help has been rendered to our poor; in other words, you are not down as contributors to our Helping Hand Society. In fact in all movements for the betterment of our condition, where our community has need of the united efforts of her public spirited citizens, I have failed to find your name among the list of our contributors. Your name is not in our city tax books, nor do I find where you have paid city license to do a mercantile business in competition with our home merchants.

"These are a few answers to your questions, and I trust that you will see the justice of them."

That is a new and interesting view of the situation, and is well worth remembering. The people who "buy at home" are the people who help their communities.

## Automobile Accident

Saturday afternoon, John Henry Rogers was driving an auto up Main Street and started to enter Haughton, when the machine struck Joe Biggs, who was riding a bicycle. It is said by those who were looking at the scene that the bicycle ran into the machine and the chauffeur was not to blame. The boy on the wheel was thrown into the air and came down on the wind shield cutting his head severely. Soon a crowd collected, and the boy was taken to the drug store where his wounds were dressed. He was able to walk home though badly shaken up.

Bruce Whitley went to Washington Wednesday.

## LOCAL

The Farmers Warehouse is now open for business bring us your tobacco, James & Gurganus Prop.

The Yearly Meeting at Skewarkey was well attended on Saturday and Sunday. Elders A. J. Moore and Sylvester Hassell preached interesting sermons. There were some visitors who spent the time with friends in town.

Try James & Gurganus at the Farmers Warehouse with your tobacco. They are the farmer's friends.

Fred Dunston and others of Windsor, passed through here Tuesday en route to Tarboro. They had with them several race horses which they will put on the track there. The animals were of splendid stock and gave promise of speed.

FOR SALE—Lilliston Peanut Picker and 6 H. P. International Engine. Good as new, has only picked about 1000 bags. Reason for selling no time to operate it. Mrs. G. R. L. Roebuck, Williamston, No. 3.

Mr. Liverman and family, who have been living here for the past two years, left Sunday for Vaughan, where Mr. Liverman will have charge of the commissary of the Greenleaf Johnson Lumber Company. He has been with Carstarphen & Co., for the past year. Friends here regret the removal of the family, but wish for them health and prosperity in their new home.

The Baraca Class of the Baptist Church meets every Sunday morning at 9:45. Men from 16 to 35 are especially invited.

Thomas Lilley, who is with the Biggs Drug Co., was called home Monday on account of the illness of his mother at her home in Griffins Township. She went out to where tobacco was being tied to put into the barns, and fainted. Her condition was considered serious at first, but later she rallied.

Rumor has it that a factory will be started here to can the yells of the young ice cream vendors on the streets on Saturday. It is such a pity and a waste also to lose the slightest note. However it is determined to label each package "Nuisance" and the directions will be "to open and destroy immediately." In this way it is hoped that the town will resume its normal state on Saturdays.

## Mrs. Stallings Hostess

Thursday afternoon of last week, Mrs. W. Herbert Stallings entertained a party of friends at her residence on Main Street. Rook was enjoyed and the hostess was happy in her selection of refreshments, which were served at the close of the games. Mrs. Stallings is one of the most popular young matrons of the town and an afternoon as her guest is sure to be filled with pleasure.

## Hot Game

Robersonville defeated Hamilton in a hotly contested game on the former's diamond on Thursday. The feature of the game was the fielding of T. Grimes. Hamilton tied the score in the ninth and it stood 2 to 1 in favor of Robersonville at the close. Batteries, Bass and Sherrod, Ross and Gray.

Miss Lila Philpot and a friend from Oak City are visiting Mrs. J. L. Philpot.

## To Wed In October

The country home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius H. Purvis had an added attraction on Wednesday night, when they were at home to a number of guests from 9 to 11 o'clock. The guests began to arrive in autos early in the evening, and the lawn as they drove up, was beautiful with Japanese lanterns suspended from the magnificent oaks. Tables for Rook were arranged on the broad verandahs and many of the guests enjoyed the game. Later they were invited out on the lawn to where an old well was, and there were found pink roses and asters attached to cords. Each guest selected a flower and followed the intricate windings of the cord attached thereto until the end was reached. And then were found cards bearing: "S. P. and L. F. October 7th 1914," which was the announcement of the marriage of Miss Susie Purvis and Mr. Leslie Fowden. There was much merriment in following the cords arranged as a cobweb, and amid this, congratulations were showered upon the bride-elect. At a late hour block cream with cakes with the date of the marriage on them, were served the guests and found delicious.

The announcement heralds the happiness of two of the most popular young people of this section. Miss Purvis is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Purvis and has spent much of her life here where she attended school, and has many friends who will welcome her heartily. She possesses a charming personality and will grace the home to which she is to come.

Mr. Fowden is one of the most prominent business men in Martin County, a member of the drug firm of Saunders & Fowden and enjoys a popularity possessed by few men twice his senior. He is being congratulated upon his future which must be happy with the woman he has won.

## Oak City Items

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Chesson left Monday for Baltimore to purchase fall goods.

Willie Johnson and Robert Everett will spend some time in Norfolk and Panacea Spring.

Miss Malissa Worseley spent the week-end at Stokes.

Miss Lizzie Harper, of Tarboro is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Long.

I. S. Bowen was in town Sunday.

Miss Mary and Alta Hines and Clarice Cartwright have returned from Virginia.

Miss Adaline Tew, of Port Norfolk, is the guest of friends here.

Mrs. B. T. Tew is here for a few days.

Mrs. J. W. Hines and children have returned from Whitakers.

Mrs. L. N. Harper, of Whitakers, is visiting Mrs. J. W. Hines.

Miss Catherine Jordan, of Lewiston, is visiting Mrs. Casper.

Jerry Casper and wife spent Sunday in town.

Wilson Chesson, of Belhaven, is here on business.

Little Miss Rawls, of Robersonville, is the guest of Cladys Everett.

Dr. Long and wife spent Monday in Scotland Neck.

Misses Bessie Harrell and sister, of Tarboro, and Jennie Rawlings, of Bethel, are the guests of Miss Annie Bryan.

## Robbed a Woman

Tuesday night just after 9 o'clock, a woman's screams were heard in the lane running past the lot of J. H. Page. Soon a crowd gathered and it was learned that a man had entered the room occupied by Julia Camp, a highly respected and industrious colored woman, and catching her, held one hand over her eyes and pushed her into such a position that she could not see him as he ran out the back door. When he entered she was in that part of the room in which was the sleeping apartment, and which was partitioned from the other part of the room. The man had blown out the light when he entered, and when he ran out, snatched her skirt which she had just pulled off, and which contained a pocket with \$4.75 in it. The only thing the woman could tell about the robber was that he wore on one wrist a leather band.

Chief Sawyer was soon on the scene and the man's tracks were traced across the cotton field to the street in front of J. W. Watts' home. It is thought that the robber will be apprehended.

## Birthday Party

On Friday night, Miss Mary King Ellison entertained in honor of her twelfth birthday. There were present about sixty of her young friends, who spent the hours from 8:30 to 11:00 o'clock in games, music and laughter. Tables were placed in the hall and verandahs, and many of the guests enjoyed Rook. At 10:30 ice cream and cake were served at the tables.

The hostess received many useful and pretty presents from her young friends. Among the out-of-town guests were Misses Mildred and Vella Andrews and Elizabeth Pope of Robersonville; Gladys and Lula Keel, of Rocky Mount.

## The County Convention

The Democratic Convention of Martin County met at the Court House at noon, Thursday, Aug. 13th, and organized by electing B. F. Godwin, Chairman, and P. H. Davenport, Secretary.

The vote as cast at the Township Primaries was canvassed and resulted in the following nominations:

For Representative, A. R. Dunning, 380; Clerk of the Superior Court, R. J. Peel, 387; Sheriff, J. C. Crawford, 423; Treasurer, C. D. Carstarphen, 421; Register of Deeds, S. S. Brown, 417; Coroner, H. B. York, 399; Board of County Commissioners, Luther Hardison, Benj. McManning, V. R. Taylor, J. L. Croom, B. L. Long.

A resolution was passed asking that a suitable box be provided at each voting place in the county, and tickets prepared whereby each voter at the coming election may express his wishes as to whether or not the county officers shall be placed on a salary or continue the old fee system. Many counties have already adopted the salary system, and wherever tried it has given satisfaction. A large number of the people in Martin County are anxious to give the system a trial.

## The Difference

When a woman winds a towel around her head and calls for a bucket of water it means the beginning of a big day, but when a man winds a towel around his head and calls for water it means the end of a big night.—Atlanta Constitution.

## PERSONAL

Glenn Pope, of Dunn, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Herbert Stallings, this week.

Julian B. Jackson, of the Tarboro Standard, visited his brother W. H. Jackson, on Sunday.

Mrs. J. G. Godard and little son returned from Greenville Sunday accompanied by Mrs. Hunter, Miss Lizzie Wadsworth, Delphi Peebles and Jack Hunter.

Miss Harriet Davis left for her home in Norfolk Tuesday after a visit to relatives here.

Mrs. H. C. Green and little daughter left Tuesday for a visit to Mississippi and Texas.

H. C. Green went to Rocky Mount Tuesday.

Dr. J. A. White was in town Sunday.

Miss Della Topping, of Jamesville, has visited here this week.

Mrs. Watters, of Jamesville, was the guest of Mrs. J. H. Page on Monday.

David Roberson, of Robersonville, spent Sunday in town.

Elder A. J. Moore was the guest of Mr. Wm. Slade while in town.

W. H. Holliday, of Robersonville, was in town Monday on business.

S. R. Biggs with a party of friends went to Plymouth on a gas boat Sunday and returned next morning via the A. C. L.

Dr. John D. Biggs is at home from Hot Springs, Ark., where he went for his health.

Mrs. Burke Haywood Knight who for the past week, has been visiting her son, Haywood Knight at Orange, N. J., will leave for New York to join her sister, Mrs. T. P. Pierce, and tour to Boston and the Maine Coast.

Miss Frances E. Knight and B. Haywood Knight left Orange, N. J., for Pittsfield, Mass., last Saturday to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Perry left for Littleton Saturday to visit friends.

Pearlie Perry was here from Washington Sunday.

Miss Edwards, of Raleigh, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Hight, for the past week.

Benjamin Aiken, of Oklahoma, spent last week with his sister, Mrs. W. T. Meadows.

Baxter Carson and sister, of Bethel, with a party of friends were here Sunday visiting Maurice Watts.

Mrs. K. B. Crawford and Mrs. J. S. Rhodes returned from Arden on Friday.

Miss Louise Upton is visiting friends in Windsor.

Miss Ora Garner left for Oriental Saturday.

W. H. Somers has returned from Florida and will leave soon with his family to reside at Panama City, where he has been for some months.

Mrs. James Andrews and children of Robersonville, spent Sunday here with relatives.

H. H. Pope and family were here from Robersonville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gardner, of Robersonville, have been visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gardner and Mrs. John W. Williams and son are the guests of Mrs. Fred Gardner.

Mr. Herbert Peele, of Charles-ton, S. C. is visiting his mother here this week.

## Miss Ruth Carson Entertains at Bethel

Bethel, Aug. 5—The greatest social event in the history of Bethel was perpetrated at the home of Mr. S. T. Carson, a peer of Pitt County, on Tuesday night August 4th.

As one of the many attractions given by Miss Ruth Carson at a house-party in progress at her home now, she issued invitations broadcast to friends of her family to come meet the guests of her house party, and otherwise enjoy themselves in a manner in which Miss Carson only knows how to prepare.

The invited guests began to arrive at about nine o'clock and were received by Miss Lottie Cherry of Asheville and Miss Isabelle Morton, of Robersonville who tendered them to Miss Selma Carson, the charming sister of the hostess, who conducted them to the spacious and elegantly decorated dining-room, where punch was served in a most charming manner. After partaking of the initial course of refreshments the guests were ushered into the parlor, where they had the extreme pleasure of giving audience to a beautiful rendition on the piano by Miss Evelyn West, of Wilmington, Del., who after finishing her first selection received such an ovation that she was compelled to appease her audience by giving a varied collection of most popular and up-to-date music.

At 11:30 the guests were again invited into the diningroom where cake and ice cream in all the nuances of the rain-bow was served by Misses Effie Carson and Olive Jones in a most effective manner.

Immediately following the final course of refreshments a joy ride in automobiles was proposed which was heartily approved of and the ladies made haste to attire themselves in befitting garments, while the gentlemen obtained the means of locomotion.

After profuse thanks to the charming and accomplished hostess, those that were fortunate enough to share her hospitality reluctantly left for their homes.

Those attending the house party are: Misses Pauline Royster of Suffolk, Va., Lucille Cuthrell of Rocky Mount, Lottie Cherry of Asheville, Gertrude Critcher of Greenville, Isabelle Morton of Robersonville, Fannie Biggs Martin of Williamston and Messrs. Norman Hart of Rocky Mount, Maurice Watts of Williamston, Wilmer Blount of Rocky Mount, and Victor Everett of Plymouth.

## Opens September Second

Owing to conditions brought about by the war in Europe, the tobacco markets of East Carolina will not open until September the second. This will give people more time to grade and prepare the weed, and a few weeks longer will, no doubt, establish confidence in the financial world. It would have been best under calmer circumstances to have made the opening in September, as the crop is later than usual this season. When the crop is rushed to the markets, it is often in a state which is not conducive to the best prices.

The market men think that a wait of a few weeks will bring about a reaction which will save the farmers from sacrificing their crops, and all avenues of trade will be helped greatly.

Misses Magnolia and Josephine Roberson, of Robersonville, are the guests of the Misses Page.