

Oak City Items

J. C. Ross returned from a trip to Norfolk Thursday.

Mrs. Ben Beverly, of the Library, is spending sometime with her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Hurst.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hines returned from Norfolk Friday night.

Rev. A. S. Parker, of Raleigh, was the guest of his sister, Miss Anna Parker a few days last week.

Rev. Robert Edwards, of Yanceyville, spent the week end, the guest of Miss Anna Parker, teacher of music here.

Mrs. Celia Casper, Mrs. Geo. Daniels, Mrs. Ed. Johnson and Messrs. Whalen Casper, Mackey Savage, went to Wilson Saturday to see Jerry Casper, who is very ill.

Mrs. and Mrs. Lewis Johnson spent Sunday out of town.

Roy House made his usual trip to Hassell Sunday.

Mr. H. K. Harrell spent Thursday and Friday in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ainsley left for their home in Roper after spending a few days with relatives here.

Jesse Crisp and wife were in Tarboro Wednesday.

Messrs. Whalen and Will Casper, S. E. Hines motored to Hassell Friday night.

Messrs. James Rawls and Wilmer Worsley, of Hamilton, were in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Allbrook spent the week end in Scotland Neck.

Little Grace Starling spent the week end in Hassell with her mother.

Mrs. Vickey Bunting and daughter Blanch went to Spring Hill Friday.

Mr. John Daniels went to Williamston Friday.

Miss Alma House left for her home in Stokes Thursday.

Miss Beatrice Goodrich spent the week end in Greenville.

Miss Mattie and Gladys Johnson were here Monday.

Miss Blount Johnson is spending a few days in Gold Point.

Mr. Jim Daniels, of Robersonville, was the guest of H. S. Everett and John Daniels Sunday.

E. L. Burnette, of Palmyra, was in town Sunday.

Mr. Wilmer and Miss Pearl House went to Hassell Sunday.

Messrs. J. C. Ross, H. K. Harrell, H. S. Everett and R. F. House went to Williamston Monday.

S. G. House went to Robersonville Saturday.

Mrs. Fannie Mizelle and daughter, of Palmyra, spent the week end in town the guest of Miss Lou Council.

Mrs. Lucy Sherrod spent the week end with Mrs. N. M. Worsley.

Miss Mollie Long and Mrs. Lucy Sherrod left for Tarboro and Rocky Mount Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Worsley spent Sunday in Scotland Neck.

Johnnie Eubank, of Hassell, was in town Sunday night.

Willie and Hannah Haislip

LOCAL

Spring begins Sunday.

Services at the Methodist and Baptist Churches on Sunday.

Sunday was the Ides of March which Caesar was killed.

The contract for lighting the new depot was given to a firm in Rocky Mount.

The County Commencement is here today, and the program is interesting.

Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Rhodes with Mrs. S. R. Biggs and J. W. Biggs motored to Washington Sunday.

Miss Mary Smallwood is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. L. Whitely, who is very ill at her home near town.

Fish are so scarce that five little herrings are sold on the streets for 25 cents. Even hickories are off at other watering places, it seems.

The revenue inspector sent out to watch the law against the wholesale use of morphine and kindred drugs, has been in town this week.

John W. Green, agent for Ford Cars, sold five last week. He has a very attractive car which is on exhibition, it is somewhat like the famous taxi used in large cities and towns.

Boys who commit acts of vandalism however small, should be made to feel ashamed of the deed, and receive punishment for the same. It may seem "smart" to them, but it lowers them in the estimation of those who stand for the best in life. There are plenty ways of having fun that are innocent.

Monday, when in the act of closing her door to go to the home of a friend, Mrs. John D. Biggs heard the ring of her telephone and going back discovered that smoke was issuing from one of the rooms, and upon investigation found that the floor was on fire. The rugs were ruined and other damage done. The fire originated from a piece of wood which had fallen out of the fireplace.

Those towns which are making for the "town beautiful" do not allow billboards on prominent streets. Yet one has just been erected on the vacant lot between the Atlantic Hotel and F. & M. Bank, thus destroying the beauty of the spot. The town authorities should not have allowed it, and the owners of the lot should have preserved the beauty of the spot as far as possible. A Civic League is one of the great needs.

The Kind He Used.

Mrs. Simple Newlywed—"I want you to send around a gallon of mild night oil." Grocer—"Midnight oil? I never heard of it." Mrs. Simple Newlywed—"Why, I'm sure that's the kind my husband's mother said he always used."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Vividly Imaginary.

Some men imagine that they are the powerhouse of the universe, and that the whole town would be dark if they'd quit.

Failures.

The only failure a man ought to fear is failure in cleaving to the purpose he sets to be lost.—George Eliot.

Achieving Importance.

"Some men," said Uncle Eben, "gets to be looked on as important because day has to be hollered at all do time for gittin' in de way."

were here Friday.

J. W. Hines and Mackey Savage motored to Hobgood Friday night.

Coming to Jamesville

Saturday, March 20th, the Atlantic Coast Realty Company, of Greenville, N. C., will be in Jamesville tomorrow Saturday, March 20th., to sell at Auction that beautiful subdivision known as the Brown place, just off St. Andrews St., commencing right at the station, and containing about 50 lots. Mr. James A. Clark, one of the Co's expert engineers is now busy subdividing and plotting this property and will have it in good shape by sale day.

The Company's "All Star Band" will make music, and the Burton Brothers will be the Auctioneers, it's a treat to hear the Burtons, they speak the same word at the same time and in the same tone of voice.

Found Oil in Texas

Friends here have received copies of the Rockdale (Texas) Reporter containing the news that a syndicate has struck oil about 20 miles from the town of Rockdale. A member of this syndicate is Hubert Coffield, son of the late B. A. Coffield and nephew of Hon. J. B. Coffield, of this county. Mr. Coffield was born in Texas about 20 years ago, and is the youngest son of the family. The syndicate of which he is a member bought a parcel of land and in prospecting for oil, found a stream which, though spasmodic, was to be packed so that the output would be regular. The location of the well is at Thrall, and there is much excitement in that vicinity over the discovery.

An Interesting Event

The breaking of the ground for the erection of the \$15,000 Baptist edifice, the gift of Mrs. Fannie Biggs, was a most interesting event in the life of Williamston. Promptly at noon Monday, a number of people many of whom were pupils of the Graded Schools, assembled to witness the simple but impressive ceremony conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Burrell.

At the North corner of the lot, which fronts Smithwick Street, stood the pastor and Mrs. Biggs with the interested crowd about the two. There was a Scriptural reading, then Mrs. Biggs with a specially prepared shovel, which will be kept as a souvenir of the occasion, threw out the first soil where the excavations were to be, this after a few words, affirming her desire to erect the house to the glory of God and to the memory of husband and friends, who have gone into the Great Beyond. With the pastor leading, these present joined in singing the Doxology. Prayer was offered, and the services closed with "How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord."

This new building will be on a lot joining the present Church lot, and will contain Sunday School rooms, baptistry, etc. Tapestry brick will be used in its construction, and when completed it will be one of the handsomest Churches in this section. Architect McMichael, of Charlotte, was here last week to instruct in the erection of the building after his design.

The present Church building will be made into a bungalow to be used as a parsonage, and that owned by the congregation now, will be sold.

Just Like March

Tuesday marked the disappearance of the perfect sunshiny days which brought so much happiness to the hearts of the people. About one o'clock on that day, clouds gathered together and heralded their approach by thunder and lightning. A good rain fell but later in the afternoon, the darkness covered the face of the earth as well as the waters, and it rained, hailed, thundered and the lightning played hide and seek across the sky. During the night, it rained much, but when those who arose early on Wednesday morning, another sight greeted them. Despite the wetness, snow had fallen and some had remained. Before seven o'clock and for two hours thereafter, the beautiful snow fell rapidly. It was a sight to charm lovers of nature, and soon every bush and tree were clothed in sparkling white. With the exception of a few flakes, this was the only real snow of the season, and it took windy March to bring it.

Large Meteor

Sunday night a few minutes past nine o'clock, many people in this part of the State saw a large meteor rapidly traveling Eastward. Soon after passing over Williamston, a loud report was heard and windows in the residences of the town shook and a rumbling noise was heard some seconds after the report. People in the houses rushed to the doors to ascertain what the trouble was, but could see no indications of the meteor, which is said to have burst on its course toward the East. It was seen by people in Hamilton and in other parts of the county. Some negroes reported that it was an aeroplane which bursted, for they felt drops from it. Mr. David Brown, of Williamston, said that he saw the heavenly visitor burst like a sky rocket, and this probably produced the noise.

PERSONAL

A. B. Windham, representing the Atlantic Coast Realty Co., has been in town this week.

Hon. R. H. Salsbury was here on business Tuesday.

Mrs. W. H. Adkins, of Robersonville, has been the guest of Mrs. Thomas Patrick this week.

Hon. Harry Stubbs returned from Raleigh Thursday of last week.

Miss Irene Smith is at home after spending two months in Raleigh.

Miss Todd, of Fremont, spent the week-end with Mrs. A. D. Mizell.

F. U. Barnes has been in Norfolk this week.

Judge F. D. Winston attended Court Monday and Tuesday.

Sheriff Crawford returned from Nevada on Monday, making the trip in two weeks.

H. M. Burras, who was calendar clerk in the Senate, is at home from Raleigh.

Harvey Roberson and H. H. Pope were here from Robersonville to attend court.

J. A. Getsinger spent Monday and Tuesday in town.

S. L. Wallace was here from Jamesville Monday.

Miss Fannie Slade spent Monday here with Mrs. J. S. Rhodes.

C. D. Carstarphen and Mrs. J. L. Thrower spent Sunday in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Bell and Miss Fannie Lamb Houghton and Mr. Worthy were here Sunday from Washington.

Mrs. Warren and sister, Miss Debbie Fleming, are spending this week in Washington.

Suffered A Slight Stroke

Sunday, J. Buck Speller, a highly respected colored merchant of the town, was stricken with paralysis. But Wednesday he was able to go into his store, and hopes are entertained that he will not have a return of his trouble.

"Buck" Speller's store is one of the stable concerns of the town, and his business dealings are on the square. He is a native of Bertie but adopted Martin many years ago.

Money To Loan

Applications received for loans from \$100.00 to \$10,000.00, on improved and unimproved town property and farm lands. 8 per cent straight. Interest payable annually or semi-annually. Time: one to ten years. Applicants for loans will please give description, location, and valuation of property offered as security for loan. State improvements and valuation of same.

We want County representatives to receive applications for loans, appraise property, and serve as our exclusive representative. Attorney or real-estate man preferred. Applicants for loans, and applicants for Agencies positively required to furnish at least two character reference and forward postage, five 2c stamps, for application blanks, full particulars, and prompt reply. Write Southern Office, Southeastern Mortgage Loan Association, Fourth National Bank Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

Medical Society Meets

The Martin County Medical Society held its regular Annual Meeting in the rooms of the Lotus Club on Monday. Drs. B. L. and E. M. Long, J. H. B. Knight, M. I. Fleming, J. W. Williams, J. H. Saunders, H. B. York, W. E. Warren and James S. Rhodes were present and held a most interesting and instructive meeting. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President, Dr. B. L. Long, Vice-President, Dr. H. B. York, Sec-Treas., W. E. Warren. The next meeting will be held with Dr. Smithwick at Jamesville.

Hon. John H. Small

Today, Hon. John H. Small is in our midst to address those who have come to attend the County Commencement—the first which has ever been held in Martin County. Supt. A. J. Manning has endeavored to make the occasion one long to be remembered, and one, too, that will help build for greater things in the school life of the county. With this in mind he asked Mr. Small to come and be with the teachers and pupils of the various schools. The Congressman from the First District needs no introduction to the people of the county. He has served long and well, and has never failed to help when asked unless hindered by public duties.

Every man, woman and child should make an effort to hear Mr. Small here today.

Short Term

Owing to the pending Abernethy Carter case, the March Term of Martin County Court, which should have held two weeks, ended Tuesday afternoon, Judge Frank Carter, presiding, being obliged to be in readiness to meet the Legislative Committee that is to determine the contention in the contempt case. There was a large crowd in town on Monday at the opening of court, as several important criminal cases were on the docket for trial. These were continued until the June Term at which Judge Carter will preside.

The following Grand Jury was drawn:

H. M. Burras, Foreman; J. C. Ross, F. M. Hyman, Henry Roberson, S. C. Ray, J. W. Green, Walter White, A. L. Ruebuck, B. F. Peel, J. M. Edmondson, J. R. Rawls, J. K. Gurganus, P. J. House, J. E. Pope, J. D. Mizell, J. H. D. Peel, Alonzo Cowing, J. D. Roberson.

A summary of the cases disposed of during the two days will be given next week, it being impossible to secure them for publication in this issue.

School Closing

Litley school No. 4 closed Wednesday. The event showed the splendid interest of the neighborhood in the education of its children, everybody throwing their influence in the work of the school. They had dinner spread on the ground. The entertainment consisted of recitations, dialogues and songs, all of which were much enjoyed and showed the careful work of their teacher, Mr Gilbert Peel.

Piscatorial Note.

The tale is usually the biggest part of the fish—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Welcome
To
The
County
Commencement