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MAN HERE WITH ARMY 64 YEARS AGO IS VISITOR

Mr. Christopher Mashburn, of Dover, Makes First Visit Since 1864

TELLS EXPERIENCES

Was in Battle of Plymouth and Later Was in Action Around Richmond and Petersburg

Just 64 years after his first visit to this section, Mr. Christopher Mashburn, of Dover, N. C., returned to the county this week to visit relatives and to view the spots where he marched as a soldier of the Confederacy in 1864.

Early in March, 1864, Mr. Mashburn left his home in Richlands, Onslow County, drove 35 miles to Kenansville and came from there by train to Tarboro. From that point, he walked to Fosters Mill, where he volunteered and joined Company A of the 35th N. C. Regiment in Hoke's Division March 10. He left with his company for Plymouth early in April, where he took part in the charge that resulted in the capture of that town. Following the capture of Plymouth, he went with his company to Washington, Greenville, and New Bern, later going to the seat of the war near Petersburg and Richmond. At that point he engaged in many fights that took place on that famous battlefield. He was within 60 yards of the famous "blow-up" at Drewry's Bluff. In 1865 he was captured and imprisoned at Point Lookout. The following June he was paroled and allowed to return home. Few of those with whom he served and suffered imprisonment are left today to tell the happenings of that period.

In relating the facts connected with his service in the army, Mr. Mashburn is able to give the dates and location with the apparent clearness of memory as if they happened only yesterday. At his birthday next month he will be 82 years old.

When the war started he was under 18, and though he was anxious to join then he listened to his father and joined a short while later. While here last Wednesday he talked with boyish glee about the Confederate reunion to be held at Little Rock, Ark., in June. He expects to attend and will do so, he says, unless something worse than bad luck happens.

PASSION WEEK TO BE OBSERVED

Program of Services For Christian Church Announced

The Passion-week at the Christian church will be observed by the following services. While there are more than every one can attend, trivial excuses should not keep us away from those we can possibly attend.

Sunday, 11 a. m.—Palm Sunday—"The Day of Triumph."

Sunday, 7:30 p. m.—"The Cross in Sight."

Monday, 8:30 p. m.—Prayer service led by Miss Esther Harrison.

Wednesday, 8:30 p. m.—Prayer service led by Mrs. J. O. Manning.

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.—"Example of Worship set by Peter."

Thursday, 7:30 p. m.—Communion and the Passion-week incidents.

Friday, 8:30 p. m.—Prayer service led by Mrs. J. H. Hale.

Friday, 7:30 p. m.—Passion-week incidents. Good Friday service.

Easter Sunday Services

7:30 a. m.—Sunrise Prayer service.

11 a. m.—Easter Sunday service.

7:30 p. m.—Baptismal and Gospel service. All the teachers of the Sunday school will examine their pupils and report the candidates for baptism to the pastor. Everyone is invited to attend these services and a cordial welcome awaits all who do so.

J. H. HALE, Pastor.

LOAD SECOND CAR POULTRY

9,540 Pounds of Fowl Bring Farmers of Section \$1,838.24

Farmers of Martin county sold their second car of poultry here last Wednesday, the day's offerings bringing \$1,838.24. The shipment included 8,499 pounds of hens, 199 pounds of leghorn hens, 827 pounds of roosters, seven pounds of ducks, 11 turkeys and six guineas, totalling 9,540 pounds.

While this shipment was just a fraction over half the size of the one made the latter part of February, it was much larger than Mr. T. B. Brandon, county agent, expected. Prices for this car averaged about the same as those paid for the first shipment. The poultry shipped last month weighed around sixteen thousand pounds and sold for a little less than \$3,000.

The largest shipper here Wednesday received a check for \$65, and as was the case when the February car was shipped, the smallest amount paid was eighty cents, the price of an old hen.

Mr. Brandon stated last night that he was working with the Division of Markets at the present time for a third car. The exact date for the next loading is not known at this time, but according to the County Agent, the next shipment will be made from here within the next few weeks.

BASKETBALL GETS IN COURT

Greenville Team Wants \$25 For Failure to Return Game

Lyman L. Britt was hailed by S. H. Grimes a few days ago and held by the deputy until he could read and deliver a civil summons coming from John Ivey Smith, a justice of the peace in Pitt County.

The summons against Mr. Britt was procured by Battery E Club and D. L. Cox, of Greenville, alleging damage in the sum of \$25 because Britt's basketball team failed to go to Greenville and play the Battery E Club a return game.

The Greenville boys came to Williamston several weeks ago and played the local boys. At this game some misunderstanding arose and Britt says the Greenville team quit on them, annulling all agreements and violating basketball ethics. Mr. Britt further states that they are suing the wrong man, that he thinks Pete Powden is the proper man. He also further alleges that the Pitt County justice of the peace can not reach his hand over in Martin County and get him any way.

The hearing of the summons was set for today, but Mr. Britt appeared by his attorney and held it up.

CLEAN-UP WEEK HERE APRIL 2-7

Woman's Club Is Backing Movement to Clean Up Next Week

"Clean Up" is what the members of the Woman's club and householders of the town are going to do next week. Never before have the women of the town done so much to add to the attractiveness of their yards as they have done for the past year. One woman from a Northern state passed through here last summer and upon her return home, she wrote to the president of the local club, saying that Williamston was one of the prettiest towns she had passed through on her trip South. From all indications, the women are going to make their premises much more attractive than they were last year—but there are still a few lots, mostly vacant ones that need to be cleaned and burned over before summer.

A large number of the lots that were cluttered up and dirty last year have been cleaned and it has added greatly to the appearance of the town.

With a healthy building program now in progress, we should insist on cleaner lots and cleaner streets.

Short Jamesville Items Of Interest

Mrs. Dona Stallings has opened a dining room in the store building adjoining Dr. Smithwick's drug store.

Mr. J. Raleigh Manning was taken to a Washington hospital Wednesday night, where he was operated on for appendicitis. He is said to be doing well.

Mrs. C. C. Fleming and daughter spent several days in Baltimore last week.

The fisheries are catching a good many fish this week, especially shad, which seem more plentiful than for the past two or three years. They are also making big catches of white perch.

REPORT SHOWS VALUE SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION

Superintendent Pope Presents Table of Interesting Figures on School Costs

27 SCHOOLS IN COUNTY

Report Is Based On Operating Costs For Six Months Compared With Average Daily Attendance

In making a report on the six months' operating costs, based on average daily attendance, County Superintendent Pope has advanced many interesting facts relating to the various types of schools in the county. The report will appear within the next few days, and should be of interest to every citizen in the county.

In his general report for the 1926-27 term, Mr. Pope says: "There are now 27 white schools as against 29 such schools one year ago; nine are one-teacher schools, six are two-teacher schools, six are three- to six-teacher schools, and six are seven-teacher schools or larger. Ten of these schools have a term of eight months, a census of 2,541 pupils, and an average daily attendance of 1,817, which approximates 71 per cent of the census attending. While approximately 75 per cent of the taxable property valuation of Martin county is now taxed for the support of an extended term, there will be at least 80 per cent under special tax to support the extended term during 1928-1929. The special tax rates in certain districts range from 10 cents to 35 cents on the \$100 property valuation. A special tax rate of 30 cents on the \$100 property valuation of all taxable property of Martin county would yield sufficient revenue for the support of all the white schools of the county for the two months of extended term necessary for proper grading. The smaller schools are gradually being eliminated. When the above county-wide levy is adopted and the number of schools is reduced substantially to correspond to the present county-wide plan, we may very effectively begin intensive supervision."

Teachers "The average wage of \$510.66 for six months is now paid a teacher. The average training of a Martin County teacher is one year and a half of college training. Approximately 70 per cent of the white teachers who taught in Martin County during the term of 1926-27 returned for the 1927-28 term. Most of our principals have remained in the county three to five years, and come to the county with a minimum of three years of experience."

Pupils "Approximately 15 per cent of the children enrolled in the county were high-school pupils. There should at least be 25 per cent of this enrollment in our high schools. This 10 per cent represents boys and girls of high-school age who have dropped out for various reasons, principally because they prefer immediate rewards rather than deferred rewards for their work."

"Efforts are being made, by broadening the high-school courses with addition of home economics, commercial, agricultural departments, etc., to attract these boys and girls to our schools and to encourage them to remain for completion of their work in school."

Poor Attendance At Woodmen Meeting

Mr. C. E. Renner, of Lincoln, Nebraska, national figure in the Modern Woodmen organization, and Mr. M. L. Tremaine, state lecturer of Winston-Salem, addressed the Woodmen of the several camps in the county here last Wednesday evening in the courthouse.

A poor attendance, the result of several other happenings here and in the county at the same time, greeted the two speakers. The speech of Mr. Renner, dealing mainly with matters affecting the order, was an outstanding one. Mr. Renner is a man of ability and has had much experience in his work.

Members Requested To Attend Sunday School

All members and those who are interested in Sunday school work in the Church of the Advent are requested to be present at the Parish House Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

ASA CRAWFORD, Supt., Church of Advent.

Receiving Applications For Training Camps

Mr. J. S. Peel, U. S. Army Reserve, has been appointed officer in charge of procurement for Martin County of young citizens who desire to attend, free of all costs, military camps this summer. Mr. Peel will be glad to give details relating to a month's vacation in the camps.

ENTERPRISE TO HELP SCHOOLS

Will Aid In Increasing Library Facilities of County Schools

Next week will be Enterprise Library week with the school girls an aboyas of the county. By an arrangement of the Enterprise, the boys and girls of the county will call on each of the paper's subscribers for a renewal for one year. For each renewal given these boys and girls their respective schools will receive a commission which supplemented by the county and State Library funds will give the school library of the canvasser, 75 cents.

These canvassers will also solicit new subscriptions and for each new subscriber, paying \$1.50 for a year, the student's school gets a commission which supplemented by the county and State will give that school \$1.50 for library purposes.

It is hoped that the paper's subscribers will all renew for a year with these young folks and make available around a thousand dollars for library purposes in our county. The school boys and girls will have the paper's official receipt books and the subscribers may feel free in subscribing and taking their receipts.

There are many subscribers who have paid considerably in advance. Our canvassers are not to insist upon your subscribing too far ahead; yet, if you feel willing to help your children build up their libraries, renew with them.

All canvassers are authorized to state to new subscribers that if at the end of the year they are not satisfied that the Enterprise is worth the money, the subscription price will be refunded.

This method of securing renewals and new subscribers has been recommended by the County Superintendent and principals of the various schools and it is earnestly hoped that not less than \$1,000 will be raised for school libraries in the county.

BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS SUNDAY

Baptist Pastor Asks Cooperation of Parents and Children

The congregation of the local Baptist church are beginning their Bible School Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The Sunday School will meet as usual at 9:45 Sunday morning. When the classes are over all will assemble in the auditorium for a brief devotional service, after which the congregation will break up into groups for the Bible School period. This will be at 11 o'clock, and will take the place of the usual Sunday morning worship.

Sunday night at 7:30 the congregation will assemble in the auditorium as usual, and after the preliminaries the groups will go to their respective places. And this will be the order throughout the entire week.

The pastor asks that the parents of the Sunday School pupils cooperate to the fullest in having the children present each time. Every effort has been put forth that the children may have only the best of illustrated instruction throughout the school; and classes have been arranged caring for those as young as four years.

The pastor of the church will lecture to the adults, at each lesson period. Sunday morning at 11 o'clock he will occupy the first period with a study of John the Baptist. And at 7:30 in the evening, Professor L. H. Davis will deliver his lecture dealing with the early years of Jesus. These two lectures will complement each other, as Jesus and John were contemporaries. The pastor is anxious that the people hear Professor Davis Sunday evening on the lecture to which he has devoted so much time.

In addition to the local congregation, the Baptist church opens its adult class to the general public. This class will meet in the church auditorium, which is capable of handling large numbers of people. To it any and all of the men and women of the community are invited, when to come would not conflict with their own services.

Begin Paving Of Road From Edenton to Bridge

Paving on Highway Route No. 342 between Edenton and the Chowan bridge, was started this week. Mr. H. B. Roberis, contractor, stated that the paving of the road would not stop traffic over the bridge.

In order not to block traffic, the contractor is pouring half of the approaches to the bridge at the time, permitting traffic to continue over the road where the concrete is yet to be laid. After the first pouring is hard, the other side of the road will be covered.

FINALS OF FARM LIFE SCHOOL ALL NEXT WEEK

Is First of Larger Schools in County To Close This Year

EXCELLENT PROGRAM

Class Room Work Ended Today; Annual Sermon To Be Preached Sunday Night

Commencement exercises, the first to be held in the county this year, will be in progress at the Farm Life school next week. According to an announcement made by the principal, J. E. Manning, one of the best commencement programs ever presented by the school is being prepared, and large crowds are expected to attend each exercise.

Class-room work was practically brought to a close today, marking the end of a most successful session for the school. The greater part of next week will be given over to the various programs. Sunday at 8 p. m., Rev. C. H. Dickey, of the local Baptist church, will deliver the commencement sermon. Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock, Miss Frances Clark's music students will appear in a recital. Much time and interest have been given the recital by the teacher and pupils, and the program for that night is scheduled to be one of the features of the commencement.

Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, the primary grades will have charge of the program and will appear in an operetta. The little folks, it is said, have looked forward to the event with great anxiety, and a splendid performance is assured. Several other features are also included in the Wednesday evening program.

"Indian Days", a musical comedy features the Thursday evening program. Following the musical comedy, a pageant, the Red, White and Blue, will be staged. The intermediate grades will also take part in the program that evening. Besides rendering Negro minstrel songs, they will appear in Negro minstrel plays.

Friday morning at 10:30, Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, pastor of the Plymouth Methodist church, will deliver the commencement address. Although his topic has not been announced, a well worth-while address is assured.

Immediately after the noon hour, students from the seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth grades will take part in reading and declamation contests. The year's work will be brought to a close with the awarding of medals and certificates.

Each year the Farm Life commencement attracts large numbers, and this year is expected to be no exception to the rule. During the last few weeks of the school term, the pupils and teachers, besides carrying on their regular work, enter wholeheartedly into the commencement work and their programs are always well received.

SENIORS STAGE PLAY TUESDAY

Declared Decided Success By the 175 Spectators Present

The play, "The End of the Lane", presented by the seniors of the local high school last Tuesday evening was declared a success by the more than 175 spectators. For several days members of the senior class, under the direction of Miss Fletcher, head of the Dramatic club, had devoted much time in preparing the play, and they presented their parts well. Darrel Price and Ruth Peck, playing the parts of Bud Nix, a hired man, and Martha Elizabeth Ann, servant, were well received in their respective roles.

The play was the first of the commencement series, other events following within the next week or two.

Everetts Woodmen Have Good Meeting

The Everetts Modern Woodmen camp had a very successful meeting the early part of this week when more than 85 members attended and took part in the exercises. At the meeting two former members were reinstated and a candidate was initiated into the order. Following the initiation, an ice cream supper was served the members.

Special Meeting of Masons Tonight

All members are especially urged to attend a special meeting of the Skeewarke Lodge tonight at 7:45, when work in the Master Mason's degree will be given. After the meeting the members will adjourn to the Woman's club rooms, where refreshments will be served.

GROUP - CENTER COMMENCEMENT

Being Held at Bear Grass Today; Twelve Schools Represented

Representatives of twelve schools in the county are at Bear Grass today, where they are taking part in the first of the group center commencements held this year. Preliminary tryouts in the various contests and the winners will appear here in the fifth annual commencement April 13 to compete with the winners of Group II schools.

Reports received from the meet shortly before noon today stated that a large crowd was in attendance and that the contests were progressing nicely. It was also stated that the schools taking part in the meet today are making splendid records in the various contests and that present indications point to a most successful County commencement here April 13.

Next Friday, all the schools in Group II will be represented in the preliminary contests to be held at Everetts.

JUDGE SPEAKS TO KIWANIANS

Says Finishing School Does Not Constitute Success In Life

Young men and women of today who finish school and who think they are a success, have the wrong impression, declared Judge Garland E. Midyette in an address before the Kiwanis club here last Wednesday. The education only prepares them for the race of life, the Judge pointed out. Success comes from the work one does, and without work no life can truly be counted a success.

Judge Midyette, although a quiet speaker, has the power to impress his hearers with the truths found in every-day life. Few men are found who carry a deeper conviction for honor, truth and justice than does Judge Midyette.

The Williamston people know him as Garland, because he passed his boyhood days here. When he left here a young man everyone was his friend. Upon his return, he still finds them his friends, and so long as he is the simple, plain honest fellow, and whether he be Garland or Judge, he will be able to count Martin County people as his friends.

GIVES RESULT OF FERTILIZER TEST

Shows That Side Dressing With Nitrate Of Soda Pays Well

Now that they are turning their attention to the planting of crops, County Agent Brandon is anxious to place before the farmers of the county every possible fact that will be of help to them in their work this season. Last year Mr. Brandon, with a special agent conducted a fertilizer test on the farm of Mr. Robt. Lee Perry, near here, and while the announcement of the results to be of benefit to the farmers this season is a bit early, the agent wishes them to have the facts in mind so they might profit when the time does come for growing corn. The results are very interesting and evidently of much value.

Mr. Brandon stated that the corn was fertilized at planting time with 450 pounds per acre of 7-5-5 fertilizer. Jarvis Golden variety was planted the first week in April.

"When the corn was knee to waist high Mr. Perry side dressed with 300 pounds of nitrate of soda per acre. He left a few rows on which no soda was applied as a check.

"On October 13, a field meeting was held at the demonstration and the corn was harvested. The check rows without nitrate of soda made 49 bushels of corn per acre. The five acres where the Nitrate of Soda was used produced 75 bushels per acre or an increase of 26 bushels per acre. The cost of growing corn is reduced as the yield per acre is increased."

Mr. Brandon concluded by saying: "Our average yield of corn can be increased materially through a greater use of cover crops, seed selection, careful cultural methods, and a more liberal application of fertilizer suited to the needs of the corn plant."

First New Ford Phaeton Is Delivered Yesterday

The first Phaeton, or Ford touring car as it is commonly known, to be sold in this section, was delivered to J. J. Manning, near here yesterday morning. This is the third new Ford to be delivered by the local Ford dealers and is the first of the particular make sold by them.

Mr. Chas. Mobley drove the car from the Ford plant in Norfolk last Wednesday.

PROCEEDINGS OF MARTIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Thirty-Five Civil Cases and Five Criminal Cases Disposed Of

TERM TO END TODAY

Seven Divorces Granted During Term; Ed Bunting Gets \$1,500 Judgment For Death Of Son

The regular term of Martin County superior court will be closed today by Judge Garland E. Midyette after disposing of five criminal cases and around 35 civil dispute during the two weeks it has been in progress. Seven divorces were granted by the court without a murmur or a sign on the part of defendants and plaintiffs.

The cases disposed of, outside the five criminal cases, during the two weeks' term follow: Leitha C. Davis vs. Dave Davis, divorce granted. William Belcher vs. Eitha Belcher, divorce granted. Maletha Gorham vs. Sam Gorham, divorce granted.

Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. vs. Public Filling Station; judgment for defendant; no damage.

Cornelius Phillips vs. Eureka Lumber Co., awarded \$100 damages for personal injuries.

W. F. Ward vs. Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co., agreed judgment for the plaintiff for \$300.

Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. vs. D. D. Stalls; judgment in favor of the plaintiff for \$40.62 and costs.

William Finch vs. Lucy Finch, divorce granted.

Mrs. F. A. Edwards vs. W. T. Meadows, judgment for plaintiff for \$600.

James C. Davis, director general of railroads, vs. C. D. Carstarphen; agreed judgment for plaintiff for \$157.33.

Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. vs. J. W. Watts; agreed judgment for the plaintiff for \$17.40.

James C. Davis, agent and director general of railroads, vs. D. D. Stalls; mistrial.

R. L. Coburn, receiver, vs. J. T. Barnhill and J. T. Pegram; judgment of recorder at November, 1927, term confirmed.

J. T. James vs. J. G. W. S., and J. T. Barnhill. Plaintiff takes a non-suit.

M. D. Wilson vs. Henry Rogers; defendant having died, the case goes off the docket.

George Cromwell vs. Rosa Cromwell, divorce granted.

R. L. Nelson vs. Rosa Nelson, divorce granted.

John D. Biggs vs. B. A. Critcher, et als. Case settled. Defendant charged with the costs.

Farmers Bank & Trust Co. vs. H. A. Gray. Plaintiff non-suited and defendant taxed with costs.

Farmers Banking & Trust Co. vs. H. A. Gray and J. F. Warren, settled.

J. G. Modlin vs. C. A. Askew and O. W. Hamilton. Agreed judgment of \$150 for plaintiff and taxed with costs.

Susan E. Barnhill vs. H. H. Cowan, et als. H. G. Horton, receiver, ordered to pay plaintiff \$68; balance due on mortgage for \$3,540.

W. S. Rhodes and D. G. Matthews vs. J. W. Pugh. Settled by agreement.

D. G. Matthews vs. E. J. Davenport. Plaintiff non-suited.

John E. Williams and wife vs. F. S. Royster. Guano Co. Agreement reached at conclusion of testimony and settled.

A. C. Coltrian vs. Henry and Emmett Blount; non-suit as to Henry Blount; judgment for \$75 against Emmett Blount.

Ed Bunting, administrator of Edward E. Bunting, vs. John Stevenson. Judgment for \$1,500. This case was for the killing of the 6-year-old child, Edward E. Bunting, with an automobile, the property of John Stevenson, and driven by his son.

C. L. Cannon vs. S. Brantley and W. H. King Drug Co. The drug company was ordered to pay over to R. J. Peel \$250 until the case is settled.

Bessie Mabrey vs. Noah Mabrey, divorce granted.

Dewey Bros. vs. J. H. Evans; judgment for plaintiff for \$482.24.

The last case on the calendar was commenced late yesterday and the trial is still in progress. This case is a \$50,000-damage suit brought by Captain Dickey, of Delaware, against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co., to recover damage for personal injuries received a few years ago when an automobile in which he was riding struck a freight train at Parmele. The damage is asked upon the claim that the freight train had stood across the highway much longer than allowed by law and that the train crew neglected to put a danger signal; that it was a dark night and a hard rain was falling at the time; also that an automobile approaching from the opposite side of the train cast its glaring light under the freight car, indicating a clear track.

Governor Passes Through Governor A. W. MacLean passed through here shortly after the noon hour today for Windsor, where he is attending a chamber of commerce meeting.

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY

BUZZ BARDON

in

THE BOY RIDER

Also

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And Serial

"ISLE OF SUNKEN GOLD"