

LOCAL PAPER A NECESSITY TO COMMUNITY PROGRESS

W. J. Peele In Article Written Nearly Twenty Years Ago States Truth Still Timely

Local attachments are the life of the Republic. The virtues and vices which resist for conservation are found in the country—they are attached to the soil. The local newspaper is the seventh-piece of the country which gives voice to its wants. It is the best medium of public expression. Local public sentiment cannot now be well organized without it for any good work, moral, material, or political. The common medium of expression must be next to the people—it must dwell as well as regulate among them. Your local interests are little regarded by outsiders unless you yourself show your regard by having public sentiment intelligently crystallized upon vital questions. They must be discussed freely and publicly among yourselves. Your local newspaper is, in good hands, your best public prosecutor. Crime sinks away before it like a jackal at the breaking of the day. Righteous indignation at wrong in high places vents through its columns.

You need not look to the centers for just recognition either of your merits or of your needs. A thousand localities are drumming their multiform interests into the dull and tired ears of city life—ears confused already with the many-tongued voice of trade. They will not heed your complaint unless you have locally organized power which can be felt, and a common voice which can be heard. If you are asleep, a little flattery or cajolery carefully administered once in two or four years will suffice to keep you quiet till your opportunity is past. If you are disorganized your threat will be disregarded. You are not well enough decided about what you want to make an united demand for it. If you have no local common voice your interests will be passed over or set aside until a more convenient season—which never comes. It may be that some organ of monopoly tells you that you are floating on the high tide of prosperity, or repeats the oft-told lie that legislation cannot affect the laws of trade. It would close its columns against a reputation however well tempered. If you have an organ among you which lives in the faith you have in it and not by the campaign funds it will puncture such bubbles. It is true that much of your lack of prosperity is due to yourselves. It is true that intelligent diversity of corps would checkmate monopoly legislation in a great degree. It is true that much time is spent in carping which could be spent in labor. But it is also true that you are the sovereigns except when you abdicate your thrones; that you are charged with the duty of self-govern-

RECEPTION AT NEW HOSPITAL

Over A Thousand People Believed To Have Been Guests Of Institution Yesterday

The Elizabeth City Hospital was formally opened yesterday afternoon with a reception to the public beginning at two o'clock in the afternoon and lasting until six.

From one thousand to fifteen hundred people from the town as well as from all parts of the county and from other communities are believed to have visited the hospital on this occasion when the management's hospitality threw the doors open to the public and the building to the inspection of the people whom the institution will serve.

Refreshments were served free throughout the afternoon, the crowd though larger than expected finding all exigencies for their entertainment met. Ice cream for the occasion was provided by the Irving Ice Cream Company through its representative, the Albemarle Pharmacy and by the Fusi Ice Cream company through the Apothecary Shop. Cakes were provided by Parker Brothers grocery. Punch was served also.

The hospital presented an animated picture yesterday afternoon with the grounds crowded with automobiles and all manner of conveyances, and with the corridors inside packed by steady streams of guests. The only unpleasant feature of the whole affair was the extremely muddy confusion of the street, after the recent wet weather, and this will no doubt impress the need of paving Riverside Avenue to the hospital the more strongly upon the mind of the public.

Last night in the rooms of the civic league in the Hutton building an elaborate banquet was given by the Medical Society to the board of directors, the ministers of the town and the visiting physicians. Dr. C. B. Williams was toastmaster and among those responding to toasts were Dr. McMullan, Dr. Saliba, E. F. Aydtlett, Rev. C. A. Ashby, Rev. G. F. Smith, Rev. I. N. Loftin, and Col. E. F. Lamb. Judge Justice, now holding court, was called upon for a short address, and responded in a very happy vein.

Among the visiting physicians invited to be present were Dr. George Coleman of Kenley, Doctors Dixon and Saliba of Wilson, Dr. McMullan of Hertford, Dr. Stevens of Camden, Dr. Hoggard of Woodville and Doctors Griggs and Newbern of Currituck.

BEREAN CLASS No. 2
ELECTS OFFICERS

Berean Class No. 2 of Blackwell Memorial Church elected officers for the coming year at a regular meeting this week. The officers elected are as follows:

Bryan Venters, president; Wrigman Morrisette, Vice President;

BREAKS IN STORE AT MOYOCK

C. R. Van de Car Company Have Front Window Broken Into Bicycles Stolen

The C. R. Van de Car Company yesterday night an unexpected party broke in at their store at Moyock. A front window was broken into and several bicycles were stolen. Mr. A. C. Scales of 114 North Main Street brought Mr. J. V. Shores with his bloodhounds here to catch the thief, but they were unsuccessful in following him to the warehouse at Northwest where it is supposed he boarded the night train to Norfolk.

Charlie Foxner's bicycle was stolen from the front porch of his residence Monday night. Mr. Lawrence Wilson left Wednesday night for Moyock.

Miss Lillian Rose, daughter of Mr. Lawrence Wilson, who has been visiting in the city, is now at Moyock.

Mr. P. and Mrs. Lillian Robinson who have been spending the holidays with Mrs. Mary Sawyer have returned to their home in Asheville, Ohio.

Prof. Charlie Bagley has returned to Trinity College to resume work after spending the Christmas holidays here.

Lankford Gregory and Ed. Umphries have returned to Trinity Park High School where they have been students since last September.

Miss Alice Lee left for Blackstone Female Institute the first of this week.

Miss Katie Stallings after spending the holidays with her parents has returned to Fentress where she is teaching school.

Miss Gertrude Smith of Norfolk is visiting Mrs. Lillian Burgess at Moyock.

The play entitled "The Green Hater" will be presented at the Moyock Academy Friday night by a well trained and accomplished group of actors and actresses.

Mr. Edgar Sanderlin who was critically ill for several weeks at his home has recovered and is now carrying the mail on Moyock R. F. D. No. 4.

C. R. Vandecarr and Co. are busy buying and shipping corn.

Mr. J. D. Lee is moving to his home in the country.

Mr. E. H. Charlton and William H. Poyner have gone to Currituck sound on a hunting trip.

Mr. Wallace More has won a reputation as a hunter that would make Daniel Boone, if he were living, envy him. He killed a large buck the other day on Buck Island. Wallace killed a doe a few days previous to this successful hunting trip. However, Wallace, accompanied by Joe Flora and Pete Etheridge hunted for deer yesterday and returned last night with only two ring tail coons.

James Aydtlett, Secretary and Treasurer; Eddie McCoy, Press Reporter; Henry Newbold, Teacher; Elwyn Trueblood, Assistant Teacher.

ENTERTAINED AFTER MINISTREL

Following a most successful minstrel show here by local talent last Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Flora very delightfully entertained a number of the young people attending or taking part in the same.

Those enjoying Mr. and Mrs. Flora's hospitality were: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Edna Poyner, Lillian Rose, George Gregory, Joe McCoy, T. W. and Mrs. G. H. Bell, Henry Bell, Sr., Tommie, Essie and Edna, the Cowles, Addie Wilson, Mary Bowser, Effie Johnston, W. Poyner, Will Poyner, Will Aydtlett, Monday Forbes, Nina Baxter, Annie Laughlin, Helen Barker, Mable Johnston, Annie Lee Colman, T. H. Hughes, Alice Snowden, Ray Toke, Edward Baxter, Genevieve Holman.

T. F. L. CLASS MEETS

The T. F. L. Class of the First Baptist Church held its regular monthly meeting Monday evening January 1st, with Mrs. Lillian Robinson at her home on Burgess street. Owing to sickness among the various members of the class the attendance was not as large as usual.

Report of the years work was read by the secretary and it proved the class as working very hard. Many visits had been made to the sick and shut ins, various articles of clothing distributed, medical attentions rendered, etc. As this was the first meeting in the year, officers were elected as follows:

Teacher, Mrs. William Baetich; Assistant Teacher, Mrs. B. C. Henning; President, Mrs. George Cox; Vice President, Mrs. G. N. Hughes; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. R. C. Abbott; Class Reporter, Mrs. Edna Latham.

After the meeting adjourned a social hour was engaged in and refreshments were served by the hostess.

Those present were: Mrs. George Cox, Mrs. G. M. Hughes, Mrs. R. C. Abbott, Mrs. Sam Williams, Mrs. Ernest Johnstone, Mrs. G. H. Scott, Mrs. Grace Marchant, Mrs. Hart, Dr. B. C. Henning and Mrs. Edna Latham.

FOUND STOLEN OVER COAT

The overcoat stolen from Mr. Armstrong's residence on the corner of Burgess and First streets was found under the residence of Captain J. T. Spense on Poindexter Street. It is thought that the thief found himself too hard pressed and threw the coat under the house to get rid of it. The moving of some lumber stored under the house led to the discovery of the missing coat.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC
RENDERED LAST NIGHT

Christmas music was rendered at Christ Church last night by the choir under the direction of S. W. Wells, organist and choir leader. The program was enjoyed by a large number of visitors as well as by the regular congregation.

WATER STREET TO BE WIDER

Town Has Decided To Pay Judgment In Crystal Ice and Coal Company's Damage Suit

Action taken by the Board of Aldermen last Monday night not noted in Tuesday's issue was as follows:

The City Tax Collector was ordered to ascertain what property owners had failed to pay their graded school tax and to proceed to collect it. Part of Providence township had recently been included in the graded school district and either through oversight, negligence or otherwise the owners failed to so let their property.

The town has decided to pay the judgment recently awarded to the Crystal Ice and Coal Company of property condemned for street purposes. The Ice Company will now have to move back its building and the street will be widened. It was the sense of the board at the December meeting that the property in question would not be worth to the town the amount of damage awarded by the court.

Dr. Z. Fearing made complaint of the quarters in the county jail assigned to the city's prisoners. The cells so used, it is stated, are without heat of any sort and unfit in every way to confine prisoners in. A committee was appointed consisting of Mr. Robinson, Mr. Grandy, Mayor Nash, the county physician, Dr. Fearing and the city health officer, Dr. C. B. Williams, to visit the jail and to make recommendations to the board. Dr. Fearing thinks that the city should build its own lockup.

The city attorney, Mr. T. J. Markham, was directed to draft an ordinance giving the fire apparatus right of way in case of fire.

A reward of twenty five dollars was offered for the apprehension and conviction of any one turning in a false fire alarm.

Alderman Papperlick offered resolutions expressing the board's appreciation of the work of the two retiring members, W. L. Colman and W. L. Small, which were unanimously adopted.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY
AT BLACKWELL

Next Sunday will be young people's day at Blackwell Memorial Church, and an earnest invitation is extended every member to be present at the three services of the day.

Rev. J. D. Moore, a Baptist Young People's Union expert will be present and will have part in every service. It is the hope that this service will put the young people of the church in the way to effect more thorough organization of their work and of widening opportunity of service.

A special musical program will be rendered at each service.