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## DEMONSTRATE YOUR LOYALTY TONIGHT BY ATTENDING THE LOCAL TALENT MINSTREL AT HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

### FIREMEN ADD BAND

At a special meeting of the Volunteer fire company, held Tuesday night, a nucleus for a local band was formed. Several members of the fire company have had considerable experience in band work, possess excellent instruments and seem to be determined to make a success of the venture. Others who have knowledge of music have evinced a willingness to assist in the effort, and there are some from nearby communities who wish to become identified with the organization.

Mr. L. W. Gurkin was unanimously elected president of this branch of the company and Mr. J. L. Spruill received a like vote as secretary-treasurer. Necessary aperturances have been ordered and regular practices will begin in a few days. Under present organization plans, outside aid will not be solicited, and the boys expect to put the thing over among themselves, with the assistance of other community musicians. It is expected that there will be approximately fifteen pieces in the course of a few weeks.

### SKINNERSVILLE NEWS

Mr. Wheeler Swain returned Saturday from Norfolk

Mr. and Mrs. William Wiley of Creswell, were the guest of Mrs. Matilda Aumack, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wynn were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. White, Sunday afternoon.

The Senior Class of Mackeys High School took its play to Jamesville Wednesday night.

Monday evening the Easter entertainment was given and it was very successfully rendered.

Mr. Milton Elliott and son, Bennie of Suffolk, Va., spent Sunday with Mrs. M. J. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Sawyer of Spring Hope, spent the Easter holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Curls.

Dr. and Mrs. Saunders and child of Bertie, spent Monday afternoon at the bedside of Mrs. Matilda Aumack.

Mrs. Ben Bray, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. White and son, Chas. T., Jr., spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. C. V. White.

The Easter Egg Hunt that was given at Rehoboth church Sunday afternoon, was well attended and greatly enjoyed by the children.

Mr. and Mrs. George Swain and little daughter, Doris of Suffolk, Va., spent the Easter holidays with Mrs. Henrietta Swain.

### Recorder's Court

At the regular session of recorder's court Tuesday the following cases were disposed of:

Aaron Clifton, was found guilty of assault with deadly weapon and fined ten dollars and the cost or to serve a thirty days' term on the county roads. He was also found guilty of assault upon a female and drew a sentence of four months on the county roads.

Stock Norman was adjudged guilty of a larceny charge.

Raymond Everett, upon being found guilty of larceny, was sent to the county roads for sixty days.

### ROPER SOCIETY HAS MEETING

The Sidney Porter Literary Society of Roper school held its last meeting Friday afternoon, April 2nd, at which time the following program was rendered:

Trio—"I Want You, Dear Heart, to Want Me", Helen Bray, Mary C. Spruill and Mildred Swain.

Recitation—"An Easter Angel", Rosa Marriner.

Violin solo—Vera Mizelle.

Debate—"Resolved That North Carolina Should Levy a State Tax on Aid in the Support of an Eight-Months' School Term": affirmative, Lela Chesson, Bernard Wentz; negative, Herman Chesson, Helen Knowles.

Saxophone solo—Francis Blount.

Duet—"The Roary", Helen Bray and Thomas Chesson.

"Whys and Imagines", Daisy Sexton.

Piano solo—Vera Mizelle.

Song—"Aloha Oe", society.

### Creditable Showing at Exposition

While Washington County did not walk off with all honors at the East Carolina Exposition at Greenville this week, its representatives were loudly acclaimed. Miss Mildred Swain of Swains and little Miss Emily Brinkley of Plymouth were sent as senior and junior beauty contestants and were outstanding credits to the county.

Members of the chamber of commerce were there throughout the week explaining the merits of Plymouth in its civic pride, industrial enterprises, natural resources, possible industries and its excellence as a place to live.

### McGuire Finishes Road

The street and road extending from Monroe street at Main to the property of the National Handle Company was completed yesterday afternoon by the F. J. McGuire Construction Company, of Norfolk. They recently completed a concrete road from the Martin County line to Roper on highway No. 90.

The company, having completed their contracts here, will leave to begin a contract in Wilson county.

### Minstrel Tonight

A minstrel of unusual quality will be given at the High School auditorium tonight at 8 P. M. A chorus of popular songs, select quartettes, the Charleston and original jokes, includes a well trained talent and is well worth your time and money. It is given for the benefit of our school and it is up to us to give them an overwhelming audience.

The admission price is 25 and 35 cents.

Mr. W. J. Jackson, Jr., is improving his Third street residence by making attractive changes on same.

### Prunes!

Palm Beach, Fla.—When in a normal mood wear a blue-green shirt; when despondent a black one; when fatigued a blue one, advises Van Rensselaer Pruyn, New York artist.

### Bar Whiskers

Rome, Italy.—Cab drivers and taxi chauffeurs are forbidden to wear whiskers. An edict says whiskers are incompatible with the dignity of citizens.

### SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY

The combined choirs of the Methodist and Episcopal churches of Plymouth are to sing special Easter music at Grace Episcopal Church on Sunday morning, April 11th, at the eleven o'clock service. The people of Plymouth are cordially invited to worship at Grace Church at this service.

The combined choirs gave a musical program at the Methodist Church at the evening service on Easter that was greatly enjoyed by a large congregation.

### For Sheriff

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of sheriff of Washington county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

I believe that my past record and the knowledge I have gained of the details and routine of the office are sufficient to warrant the asking of your support. I have tried faithfully and conscientiously to satisfactorily execute the duties of the office and if I am nominated and re-elected I shall certainly endeavor to give the very best service possible.

As I have in the past, I shall show no particular favors to anyone, will not be handicapped by special promises to anyone, but intend to serve all alike, without fear or favor. Your support will be appreciated and I hope to remain your obedient servant.

JOSEPH K. REID

### Return stolen Music

Haverhill, Mass.—Because the phonograph records they stole from him were in a foreign tongue, thieves returned them to Maker H. Esperien of this city.

### Sells Too Much Blood

Chicago.—Frank W. Schroeder, a professional seller of blood for transfusions, is dead. His daughter charges he died from overselling the vital fluid.

### COUNCIL GIVES ITS SANCTION

At a meeting last Friday night of the town council that drew a rather large crowd of interested persons from the first ward and a scattering crowd of curiosity-seekers from other wards, a vote of four to two sanctioned the erection of a gasoline filling station on the corner of Main and Washington streets by the Standard Oil Company.

Vigorous protests were advanced by property owners in that vicinity, chief among which were property inflation, menace to life and limbs of children going to and from school, annoyance at night and during church hours, and some claimed that it would be an actual nuisance. Both pro and con were ably represented, and after arguments had been exhausted Dr. McGowan, councilman from that ward, demanded a roll call vote, which was immediately allowed by mayor Austin. Dr. McGowan and H. A. Williford voted to deny the sanction of the council, while the other four voted to allow it.

As we go to press nothing definite has been learned as to just what actual attitude the oil company now entertains, though it is of general opinion that the station will be erected.

### At Home for Easter

Those of our young ladies and gentlemen who are attending college and who spent the Easter holidays with friends and relatives here were Misses Mildred Owens, Elizabeth Norman, Eva Spruill, Theima Getsinger and Mary Spruill; Messers. Gordon Norman, Buster Adler, Louis P. Hornthal, James Norman, Lawrence Jones, Jimmie Smith and Edward Owens.

That's enough from you! said the milk-maid as she moved on to the next cow.

### LITERARY CLUB MEETS

Mrs. James W. Norman delightfully entertained the Thursday Afternoon Literary Club yesterday afternoon at her home on Main St. Mrs. J. F. Blount read an interesting paper on the book "Damaged Souls", by Gamaliel Bradford, and Mrs. J. B. Flaucher read a paper on the works of Edgar Lee Masters.

At the conclusion of the literary program the hostess, assisted by Miss Fannie Hilliard, served a delicious salad course.

### CRESWELL NEWS

Mr. Tom Swain was in town Friday on business.

Mr. Corbett Swain of Mackeys was in town Sunday.

Mr. Alton Sawyer of Columbia, was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Jane Elliott of Skimmersville, was in town this week.

Mr. O. D. Hatfield was a business visitor to Roper Wednesday.

Rev. and Mrs. Crumpler of Columbia, were in town this week.

Mrs. Henry Phelps and children were visitors here Friday.

Mrs. Seaton Basnight of Aholkie, was in town the past week end.

Mrs. Harry Wilson of Smithfield, has been visiting Mrs. B. F. Spruill.

Miss Nixie Gibbs of Washington, was home for a few days last week.

Mr. H. A. Litchfield, Jr., returned to his home in Emporia, Va., Sunday.

Miss Viola Williams of Hertford, spent the week-end here with her mother.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Peal a son, W. D. Jr., on the night of April 1st.

Miss Essie Jordan of Jamesville, spent the Easter holidays with her parent, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jordan.

Mrs. S. E. Spruill and son, Max of Washington, D. C., have been visiting relatives here for the past few days.

A number of our friends from all parts of the county were here Friday to attend the funeral of Mr. C. E. Spruill.

### April Fool's Party

Creswell, N. C.—Miss Mary K. Davenport charmingly entertained a number of her friends with an April Fool's party, given at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Davenport. Several amusing contests were played which carried out the idea of April Fool.

At the close of the evening a delightful course of fruit salad was served.

### Jeweled Nose Studs for Women Favored

London—Will the next fashion craze for women be jeweled nose studs? A London woman, Mrs. Muriel Blantyre, says they are wonderfully becoming.

Her husband brought back from India a ruby nose stud, such as is worn by men and women of that country. In a spirit of curiosity Mrs. Blantyre pierced her nostrils and inserted it.

"I was surprised to discover how pleasant the effect was. My friends who have seen it quite agreed."

### CECIL SPRUILL DEAD

The death of Mr. Cecil Ernest Spruill, aged forty, which occurred in Creswell April 1st, after a short, though severe, illness is deplored by people from all sections of the county.

The deceased contracted influenza, which later developed into pneumonia resulting in his death. He was well-known throughout this section, and was highly esteemed. To have rendered a favor, service or courtesy to anyone was an exalted pleasure to him, and such a sentiment was conspicuous throughout his life.

After finishing high school in Creswell he attended A. & E. College at Raleigh. He then became identified with the government, which position was held until a short while ago when he accepted the position as manager of the Central Filling Station.

The funeral service was held at the home of his parents, Capt. and Mrs. B. F. Spruill, by Revs. A. B. Withers of the Baptist church, C. E. Williams of the Episcopal church and R. L. Hethcox of the M. P. church, in the presence of a large crowd of bereaved relatives and sorrowing friends.

He leaves a wife and five children besides his aged parents to mourn his demise.

### Card of Thanks

May we, with sad and broken hearts, thank the many relatives and friends for their kindness, goodness and loving sympathy towards us during the short illness and subsequent death of our only son, Cecil. Especially are we humbly grateful for the services rendered his wife and children.

We wish also to extend our appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Norman for his untiring attention.

Capt. and Mrs. B. F. Spruill.

### Combined Ages of Five Women Total 465 Years

Billingsborough, England.—Under the same roof in this village are five women all related, whose combined ages total 465—an average of 93. They are all active. Two of them earn a living by knitting and dressmaking, while the other three do housework.

The patriarch of the household is ninety-seven, but still gets out to do the shopping, while the flapper of eighty-seven spends most of her time doing the kitchen work and chores. The others are aged ninety-three, ninety-six and ninety-two.

### Buys the Town

Snedekerville, Pa.—Jerry Ryan, who used to work on a railroad, has bought this whole town.

### Deserter Wins Freedom by His Courageous Act

Washington.—Parlier W. Hayden, serving time at the Portsmouth naval prison for desertion and facing dishonorable discharge, was ordered released and restored to active duty by Secretary Wilbur in recognition of a courageous attempt to save two men from drowning.

In spite of warnings that he would lose his own life, Hayden went to the rescue of Captain H. W. Osterhaus and Marine Gunner J. S. McNulty, who had broken through the ice of a pond while on an inspection trip to the prison. Bystanders pulled all three out of the water alive.



Two of the most exclusive fashions in Easter finery—both speaking the universal language of chic—both possessing a charm that is inimitable! The hat is of draped silk, trimmed with the gayest of embroidery, and has droopy, graceful lines. Particularly lovely and unusual is the new version of the popular ensemble, consisting of a two piece dress of beige worsted, and a flowing cape, the smartness of which is accentuated by being bordered with vividly colored stitching—the very newest of no other things.