

LOCAL NEWS

M. H. Dixon of Edenton, was here Monday.

M. T. Bradshaw spent the week-end in Washington.

E. S. Blount, county, was in town on business this week.

C. L. Groves was a business visitor in Rocky Mount Tuesday.

J. L. Rea and L. H. LeFevre of Wenona were here Saturday.

Bill Bateman of Creswell was in town a short while Wednesday.

J. W. Marrow of near Roper has been here on business this week.

Charlie Bowen of the Long Acre section has been in town this week.

J. O. Brewer of Rocky Mount has been in town on business this week.

Mesdames O. H. Lyon and L. H. Hubble motored to Washington yesterday.

G. W. Phelps of Skimmersville made us a pleasant call while in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeno Lyon of Ayden spent Sunday with Mrs. L. P. Hornthal.

Miss Agnes Davis, who is teaching at Wenona, was home for the week-end.

T. J. Swain and R. W. Johnston made a business trip to Washington Monday.

S. B. Hilliard and T. C. Burgess made a business trip to Rocky Mount Tuesday.

Mrs. Herman Alexander returned from an extended visit to relatives in Norfolk.

Mrs. R. A. Williford and Mrs. H. A. Williford made a shopping trip to Washington Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Swain and Mrs. W. B. Cox were in Washington for a short while Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Davis and Mesdames J. M. Arps and J. O. Everett were in Washington Sunday.

Mr. George Barden of Tupper Lake, N. Y., has been here visiting his family during the past week.

Read the ads in this issue. They contain some of the best and most valuable news in the paper.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Horton left Sunday for Roanoke, Va., where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Brown of Ayden and Mrs. A. T. Reddick of Kinston were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Read Sunday.

Think of your subscription to the Beacon while doing your Christmas shopping. The more of you who do this the better Christmas we will have.

B. T. Harvert and Frank Roper returned Tuesday from Portsmouth to resume work on an extension to the sprinkler system recently installed in the Wilts Veneer Company's plant here.

RECORDER'S COURT

In the recorder's court here Tuesday morning Alonzo Parker drew the attention of the court in three separate and distinct cases.

The first charge against him was for assault with deadly weapon, and being found guilty, was assigned to the roads for a period of thirty days. This case finished, he was placed on trial under a charge of violating the prohibition law and for this offense was dealt out twelve months on the county roads. Then he was required to answer to a charge of carrying concealed weapon, and a sentence of three months on the roads was imposed. The sentences are to run concurrently.

An action for assault against W. C. Godwin was dismissed.

Ernest Oliver plead guilty of simple assault and was fined \$1.00 and cost. The original charge against him was assault with deadly weapon.

SKINNERSVILLE NEWS

Wheeler Swain spent Sunday with Joe White.

George Oyster spent Sunday night with Aumack Everett.

Miss Donnie Blount was the guest of Miss Lilly Halsey Sunday.

G. J. Cherry of Charleston, S. C., spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Guildford Davenport.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter White and daughter, Margie, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Swain at Mackeys Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Everett, Mrs. M. J. Elliott and Mrs. Matilda Aumack were visitors in Creswell Sunday afternoon.

Rev. R. L. Hethcox filled his regular appointment at Rehoboth church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and Sunday night at seven.

Dangers From Christmas Trees

Many fires are caused by candles on Christmas trees. The tree should be fastened firmly, so that it cannot be upset, and should not be decorated with paper, cotton or other inflammable material. Cotton, which is used to represent frost or snow catches fire very easily. The same effect can be secured by the use of asbestos or mineral wool, which is safe. The candles should be placed on the tree so that they can not set fire to branches above them, and should not be lighted by children. Before the gifts are distributed the candles should be extinguished. Electricity is much safer than candles for lighting Christmas trees. Doors should remain closed while the candles are burning, because of the danger from drafts swaying the branches or blowing curtains against the tree. The floor under the tree should be protected by a piece of zinc or iron.

Herbert Ange of the Long Acre section was in town yesterday.

J. R. Knowles of near Dardens was in town on business yesterday.

Miss Bettie Coburn of Westover is the guest of Miss Margaret Ward Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Williford and Miss Jacquelyn Williford, were in Rocky Mount Sunday.

LUNCH SERVED IN ROPER SCHOOL

Roper, Dec. 14—On November 5th the Parent-Teachers Association branch of the Civic League met for the purpose of discussing the advisability of furnishing hot lunches to the pupils of the Roper graded school. After several talks on the subject by various members, it was decided to try the plan.

The question of how to furnish the kitchen and how to finance the plan was discussed. The school board donated an oil stove, which was the principal thing needed as a nucleus for the kitchen, as all kinds of cooking utensils, dishes, spoons, etc., were essential. To do this it was suggested that a kitchen shower be held in the school auditorium. The suggestion was employed and on the night of November 16th the league invited all school patrons to attend and bring some useful gift. The league furnished refreshments for both mind and body.

The results far exceeded the expectations, for everyone gave generously, and soon everything needed had been supplied. Now there are three tables, a large cupboard, pots, pans, spoons, etc. The good housewives of the community serve in pairs in preparing and serving these lunches. For two weeks soup and hot chocolate have been served three times weekly.

The sales have proved more than sufficient for furnishing the necessary ingredients. For a nickel a child gets a bowl of soup or hot chocolate.

Stores to Remain Open Nights

For the convenience of people who are unable to visit the stores for shopping purposes during the day, the various mercantile establishments of Plymouth will remain open until nine-thirty next Wednesday and Thursday nights, and on Friday night, Christmas eve, they will not close for business until midnight.

The retail business houses of Plymouth have a larger and more diversified line of Christmas goods this year than ever before, and are entitled to first consideration from the people of this community. It is only fair that you first try to obtain the articles you want from local enterprises, and then if you fail to find them it is unreasonable to expect you to accept a substitute.

Give your home merchant the first chance. He is in business here to serve you and the best manner in which mercantile establishments may expand and carry larger stocks is to receive the patronage of the people of the community in which it is located.

It Happens In the Best Offices

Through an oversight on our part it was announced in large headlines in our paper last week that the Bible story "After Six Days" would be shown at the Almo Theatre on December 27 and 28.

The body of the write-up, however, gave the correct dates, which were last night and tonight. We trust that this error has not resulted in any great inconvenience to our readers.

The picture will be shown tonight, and is sponsored by the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist church.

XMAS CHEER TO OTEEN

The Thursday Afternoon Literary Club is shipping to Oteen hospital, Asheville, a large number of Christmas stockings which are laden with Christmas confectionaries, and in each is placed an appropriate gift of the Yuletide season.

Oteen is a government hospital in which sick and disabled soldiers of the world war are receiving treatment. Organizations of practically every community in North Carolina are taking advantage of this opportunity to do something to brighten the lives of those unfortunate fellows who failed to emerge from the great conflict in sufficient health and strength to resume pre-war commercial activities.

The ex-soldiers of this county are grateful to this splendid club for the interest they are taking in their incapacitated comrades.

SOUND SIDE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Collins spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Davenport.

Quite a number of boys and girls were the guests of Miss Ola Chesson Monday night.

Messrs. Ed and Jim Chesson of Washington were the guests of A. M. Chesson Saturday.

Mr. Bert Craddock and Miss Sallie Hartley motored to Creswell Saturday night to the movies.

Rev. W. L. Jerkinson from Ayden held his regular services at Piney Grove this past week end.

Misses Fannie Mae and Eva Belle Chesson spent last week-end with their cousin Miss Ola Chesson.

Mesdames A. M. Chesson and John Stillman entertained a number of their friends Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Dallas Chesson of Philadelphia will arrive the 24th to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Chesson.

Rehoboth Has Successful Bazaar

Rehoboth M. P. church held its annual bazaar Friday night, December 11th, at Rehoboth school.

The Christmas motif was appropriately carried out in the decorations of holly, mistletoe and moss caught with red and green streamers.

Covers were laid for supper consisting of oysters, chicken salad, pickles, celery, saltines, ice cream and cold drinks. A lovely cake went to Miss Lamb, she being adjudged the prettiest girl present.

Amusements of the evening were "fishing" and "smiles". Shadow selling also caused much merriment.

All who attended pronounced it a great success, and the proceeds aggregated fifty-one dollars.

New Residence Being Erected

Excavation has been made and foundation laid for a new brick bungalow which is to be erected on Washington street by Mr. C. J. Norman.

It is understood that this building will be of the most modern type and is expected to be completed in the early spring. The building will be located on the lot formerly occupied by a farm implement warehouse of Mr. A. W. Swain.

TO ENCOURAGE THE RAISING OF POULTRY

Disagreeable weather was probably responsible for the very small number which attended the regular weekly meeting of the chamber of commerce Monday night.

A special committee has been appointed to arrange for the painting and erecting of appropriate road signs, which are to convey some expression of welcome to visitors coming into Plymouth.

The question of advocating and encouraging the raising of poultry among our farmers consumed a great deal of time, and R. W. Johnston was commissioned to compile essential data on this subject sufficient to interest the farmers of this section. Real work on this proposition is scheduled to begin with the new year.

Letters of approbation from the chamber of commerce and Kiwanis club of Ahoskie concerning the merits and value of Rev. R. G. L. Edwards were addressed to the local organization, and were read in the meeting. Mr. Edwards was the first president of the Ahoskie Kiwanians and did much work of an outstanding nature while a resident of that place. Plymouth was warmly congratulated upon acquiring such a valuable man.

On next Monday night a large attendance is desired, not only of members of the organization, but of all who have the progress and welfare of Plymouth at heart. The proposed improved road on the Long Acre section will be discussed, and those interested are urged to be present.

Veterans Receive Pension Checks

Confederate pension warrants amounting to \$1,265.00 have been received, and are now being distributed by the clerk of the superior court. This makes a nice little Christmas gift to the old and needy ones in our midst, and also places in circulation this much more money among our tradesmen.

All those who have not received their warrants will please call upon the clerk and do so.

The chairman of the Shipping Board announces a profit of \$600,000 in six months for the United liners. This being so it is about time for some private company to make a reasonable bid for the ships.

ALMO THEATRE TO-NIGHT

"After Six Days"

This Picture is Taken From the Old Testament, Showing the Beginning of Things from Adam and Eve to Solomon.

Sponsored By

Missionary Society

of the

M. E. Church

SATURDAY NIGHT

"Money Talks"

With

Owen Moore

Claire Windsor

and

Bert Roach

THIRD EPISODE

OF

"Sunken Silver"

ALSO GOOD COMEDY

XMAS BRINGS SMILES AND TRADING

When Thanksgiving came and passed, Christmas was just around the corner. The corner has now about been passed, and the most important of all of the holidays of the year is now plainly in sight. Only a few more days remain, and Christmas will be here and with it will come the cheer and glad feeling which is characteristic of this great celebration.

Plymouth is ready for the big event. Never before has the town looked so bright and been dressed up in such a holiday attire. The steps of everyone on the streets seem to move a little more briskly than they did a few weeks ago. The smiles on the faces of those you meet here and there seems to be just a little more genuine and a little more radiant than they were a fortnight or two back. In fact everyone seems to have caught the spirit of the holiday season which is so genuinely contagious, and the hearts of everyone seems a little more joyous. All because it is almost Christmas, and the season of the glad some Yuletide.

Not only is the public generally in a very happy and good natured humor, but the merchants and business men of the city seem to be in the same high spirits. Perhaps this is not altogether due to the fact that it is the holiday season, but with the season there usually goes a certain picking up in business. This year is no exception to the rule. So the storekeeper has a two-fold reason for wearing the smile that won't come off.

The stores have been dressed up for the holiday trade for some days past. Christmas goods have been on display and an unusually good selection can be found in practically every place of business. The windows too, have been given the holiday touch and many of them are most creditable. This all has served to start what every merchant longs to see—early shopping for Christmas. With the steady trade which seems to be in progress at this time there will not be the last minute rush which has been noted in some years past. This enables the customer to select more carefully than would be the case during the last three or four days before Christmas.

Announcements have also been made as to the holidays for the school. This has put a happy look on the faces of the children. Exercises will be held at most of the schools in town and throughout the county.

The smaller youngsters have already written letters to old Santa Claus. They have listed very carefully the countless things they would like to have him leave in their stockings on Christmas eve. In the most part many of their wishes will be gratified, for good old Santa never likes to disappoint the little ones.

Christmas trees and decorations have already been engaged. Within the next few days these will be making their appearance in the homes, and then will begin the real preparation for the celebration.

So everything is well under way for Christmas. A trip through the shopping district will reveal much activity. A visit to anyone of the hundreds of homes in this section will reveal in little out of the way places, numerous packages. These have been tied in bright holiday wrappings and marked all ready for Christmas morning.

Plymouth is going to have a big and happy holiday season this year. It is going to be a safe and sane celebration of the greatest of all the holidays.