

LOCAL NEWS

J. P. Sutton left Sunday for New York.

T. J. Gaylord of Norfolk was a Sunday visitor here.

Mrs. Jack Read spent the week-end in Ayden.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Marsh spent Christmas in Bath.

Lucie Read has accepted a position with the Almo Theatre.

J. R. Campbell and family spent Christmas in Como.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Nurney spent Sunday in Hertford.

J. L. Rea of Wenona was a business visitor here Monday.

Miss Christine Ward of Maysville, has been visiting Miss Margaret Ward Jackson.

Lawrence Jones of Raleigh spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Read and little daughter, Elizabeth, spent the week-end in Laurinburg.

Miss Elizabeth Tucker of Columbus, Tenn., was the week-end guest of Miss Mavis Thigpen.

Misses Hazel Clark and Bernice Dixon of Weldon spent the week-end with Miss Evelyn Cahoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Legget of Suffolk, spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Mable Legget.

Stanton Norman of Washington, D. C., was here visiting his mother during the Christmas holidays.

C. T. Hopkins of Richmond, and formerly of this place, is in the city arranging for the opening of a jewelry store here.

Mrs. Emma Swain and son of Greenville and Mrs. Lena Hollis and children of Norfolk have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Tetterton.

Miss Ruby Harrison, member of the Swan Quarter high school faculty, spent Christmas here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Harrison.

Miss E. A. Caton, Mrs. Allan Crocker and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Liers of the town of Hampton, Va., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ausbon.

Misses Evelyn Cahoon, Helen White and Mildred Swain, who are attending the Eastern Carolina college at Greenville, were home during Christmas.

**ALMO THEATRE
TO-NIGHT
SYD CHAPLIN
IN
"The Man on the
Box"
SATURDAY
NIGHT
MILTON SILLS
IN
"The Making of
O'Malley
ALSO
SIXTH EPISODE
OF
"Sunken Silver"**

PHELPS CASE R STAFFORD IS INJURED

Much interest centers around the case of State against Mrs. G. W. Phelps and daughter, Miss Lulu Pritchard, who are held in five thousand dollar bail in connection with the death of Mr. George W. Phelps, which occurred on Sunday night, December 26, 1926, at his home in Skinnersville.

The case will be tried before Judge Romulus A. Nunn of Newbern next week in superior court here, provided a true bill of indictment is found by the grand jury. Solicitor Donnel Gilliam of Tarboro will be assisted in the prosecution by Hon. Van B. Martin of this place. Hon. H. S. Ward of Washington and Atty. W. L. Whitley of this place will appear for the defense.

A large number of witnesses have been subpoenaed and it is expected that the trial of the case will consume the greater part of the first week of court.

We will not review the circumstances of the death in this issue, as most of our readers are familiar with the facts as they were brought out in the preliminary hearing before Recorder Norman.

Mr. Hurley Resigns

It is with sincere regret that the people of Plymouth learn that Mr. D. A. Hurley has resigned his position as city clerk to accept a berth with a bonding house in Greensboro.

Mr. Hurley's resignation becomes effective tomorrow and Monday he will leave for Greensboro, where he becomes identified with Bray Brothers, well known bond brokers. For the past two years he has been city clerk of Plymouth, which duties included the management of the Municipal Light and Water Supply. He has filled that office to the general satisfaction of the public. He has been a resident of Plymouth for the past eleven years, and his affable manner and strict attention to business has won him many friends, who regret to see him leave, but who rejoice that his new field of endeavor offers many opportunities of advancement.

No steps have been taken so far by the council for his successor as city clerk. We understand, however, that a meeting will be held tonight for that purpose.

Free Poultry Course at State College

The raising of poultry for marketing purpose is just beginning to be agitated in this county, and civic organizations are planning to encourage as much as possible the raising of fowl as an all-year money producer for the farmer.

It is highly essential that careful preparation and study of this business be made by those expecting to engage in it extensively, and we learn from Miss Emma Grey Morehead, home demonstration agent, that a special course in poultry raising be given at State college, Raleigh, from January 17th. to 22nd. The course, which embraces all phases of this work, is entirely free to those attending and arrangements have been made to supply meals at the college for twenty-five cents each, and rooms may be secured near the college at a nominal rate.

It is hoped that many of our farm folks will avail themselves of this opportunity to acquaint themselves with the details of this highly lucrative business, and full particulars may be obtained from Miss Morehead, who is highly interested in the work.

Join the Chamber of Commerce!

Mr. Peginald Stafford suffered a five inch laceration of the scalp and concussion of the brain late Tuesday afternoon when he fell from a ladder to a platform, a distance of about fifteen feet.

Mr. Stafford was engaged in making some repair work at the Wilts Veneer Company's plant here and was standing upon a ladder which rested against a half. It is thought that the ladder slipped and caused him to lose his balance, which resulted in his fall to the platform. Coworkers hurriedly carried him to the office of Dr. T. L. Bray, where first aid was given. He was then taken to Rocky Mount and placed in the care of the Parkview hospital. He was accompanied by Dr. T. L. Bray, H. S. Midgett and A. D. Basin.

We are informed that his chances of recovery are good, although there is danger of complications.

Mrs. Owens Entertains

Mrs. A. L. Owens delightfully entertained a number of friends at a bridge party at her home on Main street on Friday evening December 31st, in honor of her daughter, Miss Mildred Owens and her house guests Miss Mariorie Halliburton of Philadelphia and Mrs. M. C. May of Morganton, who were here for the holidays.

The house was beautifully decorated in the Christmas colors with red candles burning throughout the lower floor. Miss Mavis Thigpen received and introduced the guests to the receiving line composed of Miss Owens, Miss Halliburton, Mrs. May and Miss Tucker. There were six tables of bridge and each honor guest received a lovely gift. At the conclusion of the games the hostess served delicious fruit salad and cake, then followed a most enjoyable dance. Punch was served throughout the evening.

Those enjoying Mrs. Owens' hospitality were, besides the guests of honor: Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Austin, Misses Evelyn Cahoon, Carolyn Brinkley, Dixon and Jones of Weldon, Elizabeth Tucker of Columbia, Tenn., Elizabeth Norman, Minnie Gordan Cahoon, Edith Everett and Mavis Thigpen. Messrs. Frank Brinkley, Leland Thompson, Buster Adler, Lloyd Gilbert, Nathan Thompson, Tayloe Read, Jimmy Smith, James Wood Norman, Edward and Lloyd Owens.

Services at Baptist Church

The following will be the order of services at the Baptist church for Sunday:

Morning Service
Sunday School, 9:45.
Preaching service, 11:00; subject: "Why Our Prayers are not Answered."

Evening Service
B. Y. P. U. service, 6:30.
Preaching service, 7:30; subject: "Second Commandment, or What Do You Worship?"

Mackeys Aid Society Forms Plans

The Ladies' Aid Society met with Mrs. Thomas Bell and daughter, Miss Corinne, on Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was called to order and business discussed in full, after which the secretary, Miss Myrtle Tarkenton, read the minutes, which were approved. Miss Corinne, in her usual graceful manner, served a delicious and appropriate course of refreshments.

ROUTE NO. 97 IS ENDORSED

The question of the attitude of Plymouth chamber of commerce in connection with the proposed new road connecting Plymouth with Swan Quarter consumed the entire session of that body, which was held on Monday night.

A delegation from Wenona, headed by C. S. Heynen, vigorously advocated the route be taken as is shown on the highway map as highway project No. 97, which courses from Plymouth up the Long Acre road to the turnpike, thence eastwardly to Wenona, Pantego, Belhaven and on to Swan Quarter. The contention of the Wenona delegation was that the route as it now stands will serve more communities, more farms and will be of generally more benefit than any other route. They stated that the turnpike affords a splendid foundation of clay and sand, and not decayed vegetation as is the general opinion.

Their arguments were stoutly supplemented by John W. Darden, Zeb Vance Norman, W. F. Ausbon and other Plymouth people. And a motion that this route be endorsed was made and unanimously carried. Letters of information of this action were ordered addressed to the highway officials, the district senators and to the representatives of Hyde and Washington counties.

The chamber of commerce in Belhaven is waging a vigorous fight to have this route pursued, and it is our information that this road will be built as soon after the present legislature makes an appropriation as is practicable.

SKINNERSVILLE NEWS

Miss Fanny Biggs is spending some time in Norfolk with relatives.

Aumack Everett and Mrs. M. J. Elliot spent the past week in Aquia and Suffolk, Va.

Jack Swain of State college, Raleigh, spent the holidays here with his mother, Mrs. Henrietta Swain.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bateman of Creswell were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blount Sunday.

Mrs. Matilda Aumack and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Everett and family motored to Aulander for the holidays.

Capt. Rom Lee of Norfolk spent last week with his mother, Mrs. Mollie Lee Wiley and Mrs. Stark Hooton.

Mr. Herbert Swain, teacher at St. Paul, spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Swain.

Carleton Brown Sheaffer of Norfolk spent the Christmas holidays with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. White.

Misses Jenny Swain and Alma Woodley, nurses in Rex hospital, Raleigh, spent the week-end as the guests of their parents.

Mrs. Leila Styron of New York spent Christmas here with her daughter, Elizabeth Styron and mother, Mrs. Henrietta Swain.

Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Davenport returned Wednesday from Charleson, S. C., where they have been spending the Christmas holidays.

A very nice Christmas entertainment was held at White Chapel church on December 28th. It was given by the school children and teachers of Scuppernon school for the children who are members of White Chapel church. A program of songs and recitations was beautifully carried out. Presents were distributed and Old Santa arrived to amuse the little folks. Quite a crowd attended and enjoyed the amusements.

FARM AGENT TO SERVE HERE

The county commissioners in regular session Monday voted an appropriation of \$1,200.00, which is equalled by a state appropriation, for the purpose of obtaining the services for the twelve months of a trained farm agent for the county.

The proposition was placed before the commissioners by J. M. Gray, extension director of State college, and delegations from various parts of the county were present to insist that the appropriation be made.

The duties of the farm agent are to keep in intimate contact with all markets effecting Washington county crops, to assist the farmers in soil analysis, the plan of crops, the care and culling of stock, the purchase of materials, and various other things essential to progressive and lucrative farming.

B. Troy Ferguson, district agent, is on the lookout for a man with the qualifications required, and the office will begin to function as soon as such a man has been obtained.

MACKEYS NEWS

Mrs. Ella Waters of Greenville is spending some time with Mrs. O. W. Snell.

Roy Barnes returned to Chapel Hill Sunday to resume his studies at the University.

Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Chester were dinner guests of Mrs. W. B. Chesson Sunday.

Mrs. Annie E. Chesson and son, Thomas, spent the week-end at their country home as guests of Mrs. C. W. Snell.

Mrs. Mack Spruill has returned to Edenton after spending several days with her mother, Mrs. M. E. Tarkenton.

Miss Della Hodges and Dallas Chesson were guests of the Mackeys teachers at the home of Mrs. Bob Chesson on Monday night.

The Board of stewards met at the home of Mrs. W. B. Chesson on Monday afternoon for the purpose of formulating plans for the new year.

Miss Audrey Knowles charmingly entertained a number of her friends on Thursday night. Many interesting games were played, after which a delicious course of fruit salad was served.

Miss Estelle Ainsley gave a New Year's party on Friday night. There were a number of her friends present who enjoyed the delightful hospitality rendered them by the charming hostess.

Miss Christine Hodges and brother, E. B. Hodges, returned to Baltimore Sunday, after spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Ida Hodges. Miss Hodges is taking a course in chiropractic at that place.

Mackeys school resumed work Monday morning, bringing to an end the ten-day holiday afforded the children for celebrating Christmas and the new year. All the teachers were present and several new scholars entered.

Mrs. A. J. Barnes entertained Friday night until twelve in honor of the senior class of 1926 of Mackeys high school, her son, Roy, being a member of the class. The entire class enjoyed the reunion to the fullest extent. Mrs. Barnes served a very enjoyable course of jelly, sillabub and cake.

J. B. Hoover and Richard Perry of Alliance, Ohio, arrived Sunday to join the "Oyster Hunting Party." L. C. Oyster has been very fortunate to get twelve raccoons, five opossums and one large buck. He says that he can return to Ohio with complete satisfaction if he can trap or kill a bear, which he is making strenuous efforts to do.

DIES AT HOME OF DAUGHTER

Mrs. Janeva Tarkenton, wife of Mr. H. W. Tarkenton, aged forty-six years, four months and seven days, died here at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. A. Allen, Wednesday morning at 2:25.

For the past four years she had suffered from cancer and her condition gradually grew worse until the end. Throughout her suffering she kept up a calm and contented view of life and lifted many burdens from the hearts and hands of the loved ones who surrounded her with every comfort and attention possible.

In early life she connected herself with the Baptist church, and for the past twenty-six years was a devoted member of that church at Roper. She had been until her illness a faithful and consistent member of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Roper Baptist church and a valuable member of the Pacific League of Roper.

Besides a devoted husband she leaves two daughters, Mrs. S. A. Allen of this place and Mable Tarkenton of Roper, and one son, Thomas Tarkenton of Roper. She is also survived by a half sister, Mrs. W. I. Sawyer of Elizabeth City; two brothers; W. R., and E. R. Swain of Aurora; two half-brothers, J. S., and H. F. Swain of Columbia; and an aged mother, Mrs. Sarah F. Midgett of Aurora.

The funeral service was conducted in the Baptist church at Roper Thursday afternoon at three o'clock, and the interment was made in the burial plot on the farm of W. H. Tarkenton, a short distance from Roper. A large number of grief-stricken relatives and sorrowing friends accompanied the remains to its last resting place.

Rev. R. H. Lucas, pastor of the Belhaven Baptist church, and Rev. H. A. Chester, pastor of the Roper Methodist church, conducted the services.

Celebrates Sixth Birthday

Quite a number of the little friends of Miss Myra Ward Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moore, celebrated her sixth birthday with her last Friday afternoon.

The entire class of which she is a member at school was invited and the little hostess received many attractive gifts. Appropriate games were played and the occasion was thoroughly enjoyed. Candy and fruits were served.

Her guests numbered twenty-one.

WESTOVER NEWS

Mr. Ben Harris and family motored to Windsor Sunday.

Mr. Lillian Long of Williamston is visiting Mr. James Harris.

Mrs. W. T. Robbins and daughters, Blanche and Mildred, spent Tuesday with Mrs. R. C. Biggs.

Miss Ruby Gurganus returned to her home in Williamston Sunday after spending several days here with friends.

Misses Mae and Annie Belle Ambrose returned to their home near Bath Sunday after spending a week with Misses Blanche and Mildred Robbins.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Spruill and children have returned to their home in Raleigh after spending several days here with relatives and friends.