

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Olga Gardner spent Sunday in Norfolk.

Mr. Ernest Swain of Durham was in the city Sunday.

Jack Peale and Walter Clark were in Greenville Sunday.

Wesley Hardison and Hiliary Spruill were in Kenly Sunday.

Miss Lenore Stone spent the week-end at her home in Grifton.

Mr. Ed Ayers spent Sunday with his family in Rocky Mount.

W. L. Whitley returned Sunday from a business trip to Goldsboro.

H. T. Dillon of Chicago, has been in town on business this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cooper of Wenoona were among our Sunday visitors.

J. O. Highsmith and family of Roper were in town for a short while Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Payne of Washington spent the week end here with Mrs. B. F. Read.

Mrs. D. A. Hurley and son, David Albert, were visitors in Jameville Sunday.

Miss Avis Lucas of Durham spent the week-end here with relatives and friends.

Mrs. G. W. Marsh and Miss Lucille Brooks of Bath, were the guests of Mrs. B. F. Read Tuesday.

Mrs. W. F. Winslow of Washington has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Fannie Ayers, this week.

Messrs. W. O. Foulke and H. E. Frame of Fort Wayne, Ind., were business visitors here last week.

Miss Pauline Lucas of Ayden spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Miss W. F. Lucas.

Misses Sally Bateman and Lorina Stillman of Durham spent the week-end here with their parents.

Deputy clerk of the Federal Court, W. M. Bateman of Raleigh spent several days in the county recently.

Miss Mildred Hetter of Marion, Va., is spending some time here as the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. H. Hubble.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ralph and little daughter, Hazel, of Norfolk were the guests of Mrs. Roy Swain Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl White of Long Island, N. Y., are the guests of Mrs. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bowen.

Messrs. R. J. Sydenstricker, C. L. Groves and H. E. Frame returned Tuesday from a business trip to Charlottesville, Va.

Mrs. Alice B. White of Long Island, N. Y., arrived Wednesday to spend some time with her daughter, Mrs. G. D. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Edison Swain, Mr. Leland Tompkins and Misses Elizabeth Ramsey and Francis Warren spent Sunday in Conetoe.

HONORING MISS ROPER

Roper, Feb. 11th: Mesdames J. W. Buchanan and E. L. Spruill entertained the seniors and faculty of Roper High School at the home of Mrs. Buchanan, honoring their niece, Miss Neva Gan Roper, a charming senior of the Roper school.

The guests were greeted by Mrs. Buchanan and Mrs. Spruill and ushered into the living room. Numerous contests were held and one of the most interesting features of the evening was a sewing contest for the seniors. Mr. Kenneth Lewis was announced as successful contestant.

After the games the guests were invited into the dining room where the Valentine motif was carried out. The table was beautiful with its cloth of madras, red candles and an elaborate center with cupid dominating. Heart place-cards tied to miniature cupids directed the guests to their respective places. After many witty toasts a course of salad and coffee was served followed by a delicious fruit course, cake and after-dinner mints.

This was the initial reception for the class of '27 and every one thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The guests present were Misses Neva Gan Roper, Vera Mizelle, Audrey Tarkenton, Perla Hopkins, Mesdames R. R. Roper, E. N. Riddle and Messrs. Thomas Chessor, Charles Mizelle, Kenneth Lewis, G. C. McBane and E. N. Riddle.

Pleasant Grove Club Entertained

Mackeys, Feb. 24th: The Pleasant Grove Woman's Club was charmingly entertained Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. W. A. Swain. The meeting opened with a song "The Old North State", followed by Scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. Nath Everett.

The program for the afternoon was a discussion on home beautifying having as the subject, "Choosing the Color Scheme and Inexpensive Improvements." Miss Emma Gray Moorehead gave an effective demonstration on selecting and hanging pictures and also presented each member of the club with a calendar of the yearly program.

At the close of the meeting, Mrs. Swain in her usual gracious and delightful manner served delicious refreshments consisting of jelly, syllabub and cake.

ALMO THEATRE TO-NIGHT

"The Song and Dance Man"

Featuring
Bessie Love
and
Harrison Ford
ALSO
GOOD COMEDY

SATURDAY NIGHT

Monte Blue
and
Marie Prevost
IN
"Other Women's Husbands"

ALSO
FOURTH EPISODE

The Phantom Police

and
A GOOD COMEDY

CITY PLANT TO HAVE NEW MANAGEMENT

An action of much local interest occurred Monday night when preliminaries to place the Municipal Light and Water Supply under a commission form of management were started. A committee from the chamber of commerce met with the town council last Friday night to discuss the feasibility of such a plan. The officials acceded readily to the suggestion of the committee, and the proposition was referred to a meeting held Monday night with the chamber of commerce.

In the meeting a nominating committee was appointed to select three men of adequate qualifications to serve on the commission; and, being appointed as the committee, H. V. Austin, R. P. Walker and Z. V. Norman retired to deliberate, and in a few minutes returned to report that they had decided upon M. W. Norman to serve six years, C. L. Groves to serve four years, and H. E. Beam to serve two years. The selection was accepted after some discussion by a rising vote of the body.

The result of this action was forwarded to Hon. Van B. Martin, who is representing this county in the legislature, with the request to draft suitable bill and introduce same to the General Assembly which would authorize the materialization of this plan.

Gilbert D. Davis reported having placed two attractive road signs welcoming visitors to Plymouth, in conspicuous places.

A proposed outlet that would connect Plymouth with Highway No. 342 by bridging the Roanoke, Middle and Cashie rivers was freely discussed. Such an arrangement would result in the saving approximately 45 miles between this point and Norfolk, and would enable our truck farmers to place their produce on Norfolk markets in time to compete with farmers of other sections.

Poem Appreciated

Considerable complimentary remarks have reached our ears regarding the unusual merits of the poem "Free Ticket to Gossip Town" from the pen of Mrs. W. B. Chesson of Mackeys, which appeared in our last issue. Mrs. Chesson is a startlingly original writer, and her creations are so diversified as to strike a chord of human sympathy in the hearts of people of all sensibilities.

Frequent contributions from her pen appear in our columns, and we are always glad to publish them.

Poultry Specialist Here Next Month

Mr. C. F. Parrish, extension poultry specialist, will be with me the week of March 7th-10th, to assist with the poultry program which we are going to put on. We are going to hold meetings in as near every community as possible. At these meetings we are going to discuss the culling and feeding of poultry for egg production. The time of the meeting places will be published later and will most probably be scheduled for the following points: Bateman, Swain, Mackeys, Roper, Piney Grove, Seapernong, Creswell, Mt. Tabor and Cherry schools.

R. E. DUNNING,
Co. Farm Agt.

Mrs. G. W. Bowen left Thursday for Rocky Mount, having been called there on account of the illness of her little grandson, Carl Bateman, Jr.

TO BETTER SERVE YOU

On March first Mr. Walter Paramore of Scotland Neck will be connected with the Roanoke Beacon as news reporter, advertising and circulation manager.

Mr. Paramore comes to us highly recommended from the Kinston Free Press and Mr. N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce of which Mr. Paramore is a member. He has had quite a bit of experience in newspaper writing and chamber of commerce work.

It is our sincere desire to give the people of Washington county a newspaper beneficial to our entire community and worthy of their patronage. With this object in view we have secured the services of a reliable man and in return we will appreciate your co-operation with him in his efforts to increase our circulation and other patronage and make the Beacon the best paper possible.

SKINNERSVILLE NEWS

Mr. Harold Bendler of Norfolk is the guest of his uncle, Mr. C. V. White.

The Woman's Club met at the Albemarle school building last Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Alma Lee of Bertie was the guest last week of her grandmother, Mrs. M. L. Wiley.

Miss Jessie Curles has returned to Mrs. G. L. Davenport after spending a few days with her sister.

Mrs. Pattie Spruill returned home Sunday after spending sometime with her children in Windsor.

Mrs. Clingham Mitchell and little baby of Aulander, spent Wednesday of last week with Mrs. M. J. Elliott.

Misses Emma Gray Moorehead and Ethel Perry of Plymouth were the week-end guests of Mrs. Ida Brickhouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter White and daughter, Margie, spent Sunday with Mrs. Molly Alexander and Mrs. Edgar Chesson.

Captain Rom Lee is here spending some time with his mother, Mrs. Molly Lee Wiley and sister, Mrs. S. A. Holton.

Mrs. McCabe has returned to her home at Bay Postoffice, after an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Andrew Phelps.

Mrs. S. A. Saunders of Aulander was here last week the guest of her mother, Mrs. Matilda Aumack and sister, Mrs. Clinton Everett.

George Washington Party
Master Sidney Williamson entertained about twenty-three of his little friends on last Friday afternoon at a George Washington party in honor of his sixth birthday.

Games were played and prizes awarded to little Miss Camille Burgess and Master Dick Norman for pinning the tail on the donkey. Jello, cream and cake were served as refreshments and George Washington caps used as favors.

Hon. Van B. Martin, this county's representative in the legislature now in session, spent week-end here with his family.

PECAN TREES PROFITABLE

Pecan Planting Week is to be observed in North Carolina again this spring and February 21st to 28th has been designated as the time by the Department of Horticulture and the N. C. Pecan Growers Society of Raleigh. It is expected that trees will be planted around hundreds of homes in the state by the end of that period.

Planting week was first observed in this state last spring and resulted in at least 5,000 trees being set out mainly on the home grounds and around farm lots.

A few pecan trees around the homes will yield the best of all the nuts for food and return a cash revenue besides. The time from setting out the trees to gathering the nuts may be shortened at least one-half by planting right varieties and giving them a little care.

There are door yard trees yielding as high as 70 pounds of choice nuts at 7 years of age and older trees yielding as high as 700 pounds in a single year. These trees cost nothing to grow or fertilize. They use the fertility around yards and barn lots that otherwise would go to waste and convert it into the most valuable fruit crop in the south.

The Society has arranged to supply choice specimens of budded trees at very reasonable prices and can send direct to planters any number of trees from a few up to as many as they may want.

Plant pecan trees now and save a whole year. The longer you delay the longer you are putting off an act that will bring you much pleasure and a great deal of profit.

The Society at Raleigh will send any information desired about pecan trees.

AMONG OUR CHURCHES

BAPTIST

Rev. J. R. Everett, Pastor

MORNING SERVICE:

Sunday School, 9:45 o'clock.
Preaching service, 11 o'clock.
Subject: "The Wasted Life".

EVENING SERVICE:

B. Y. P. U., 6:30 o'clock.
Preaching service, 7:30 o'clock.
Subject: Ninth Commandment or "The Member Set on Fire of Hell".
Mid-week prayer service Wednesday evening 7:30 o'clock.

EPISCOPAL

Rev. W. H. I. Jackson

MORNING SERVICE:

Sunday School, 9:45 o'clock.
Preaching service, 11 o'clock.

EVENING SERVICE:

Preaching service, 7:30 o'clock.

METHODIST

Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, Pastor

MORNING SERVICE:

Sunday School, 9:45 o'clock.
Preaching services, 11 o'clock.

EVENING SERVICE:

Preaching service, 7:30 o'clock.
Mid-week prayer service Wednesday evening 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. J. L. Rea and children of Wenoona passed through here Sunday enroute for Charlotte, where they will visit friends and relatives.

MEMORIAL TO BE ERECTED

Urged by a patriotic impulse and fired with an enthusiastic zeal that emulates the fortitude and heroic sacrifices of their forefathers of the Great Conflict of '61-'65, the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce has set about determinedly to erect a tablet or marker of marble or bronze near the site of the sinking of the Confederate Ram Albemarle in October, 1864. This event was a serious blow to the Confederacy, and divested her of a valuable and very useful war machine.

The battered and torn smoke-stack of the Ram occupies a conspicuous place in the Hall of History Raleigh, a grim reminder of her valiant struggle in the Albemarle sound during the spring of 1864. The wharf at which the Albemarle was tied up, and where the disaster occurred, was situated almost in front of where the Riverview Hotel at Plymouth now stands. The property is now occupied by the National Handle Company.

The old-time sectional hatred is now passed. People of the North and South now commune with each other in perfect harmony in every phase of civic, political, religious and commercial life. The bitterness of defeat and exultation of victory have diminished to such an extent that a universal spirit of brotherhood pervades the hearts and minds of all our people.

The days of the Reconstruction were met with true valor, and from the ashes of almost complete destruction has arisen a tremendous power in each of the Secession States. Enterprises of every conceivable nature, great educational and religious institutions, excellent roads and unsurpassed citizenship stand as a monument to the memory of those who met the aftermath of war, their progeny to our present generation. The marker to be placed on the site of the sinking of the Albemarle is not to be placed there as a commemoration of Union achievement, not that we are prone to deny or obscure the intrepidity and heroic daring of Lieutenant Cushing, but primarily and solely to establish materially an historical landmark that will serve to indicate the spot for future generations.

There is a sentiment that first a monument should be erected to the memory of those gallant men who served in the ranks of the Gray. The Chamber of Commerce agrees with them, and among its members are several who have crossed the Mason-Dixon line in recent years and have accepted our land as theirs. The erection of a Confederate memorial should be hastened, and a gigantic task it should be; for time and careful study should be employed in such an undertaking, and the opinion is that it will soon be attempted and rushed to successful and proud completion. Surley no bronze or marble shaft, no play of immortal genius, no tomb of ancient or modern splendor can adequately do homage to those grand old heroes. But the best that we are capable of will be done.

Just now, however, activities will be directed in perpetuating the memory of the valiant and battle-scarred Albemarle.

Miss Margaret Ward Jackson, who is taking a special business course in Miss Harbarger's Secretarial School, Raleigh, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Jackson.

Mrs. Ellen Gatlin, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Stonewall, passed through here Sunday enroute for the home of her son, J. C. Gatlin, at Creswell.