

## LOCAL NEWS

Mr. Abe Adler was in Washington Monday.

Miss Lenore Stone spent the week-end in Tarboro.

Misses Mary and Olga Gardner were in Aurora Sunday.

Frank Rice of Greenville visited friends here Sunday.

John Brown and Louis Horton left Sunday for Roanoke, Va.

C. B. Phelps of Cherry was a business visitor here Monday.

Miss Louise Ayers returned Tuesday from New York City.

Arthur Williams of Washington was a Sunday visitor here.

Mrs. Raymond Leggett left Sunday to visit her parents in Edenton.

Mr. D. A. Hurley of Greensboro spent Tuesday here with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Phelps of near Roper, were in town on business Monday.

County auditor J. C. Gatlin spent the week-end with his family at Creswell.

Misses Leila Dunbar and Myrtle Jackson of Hoke have been visiting Miss Hazel Ausbon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Bradshaw and children spent Sunday with relatives and friends in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ausbon, Miss Hermine Ausbon and Mr. Marion Ramsey spent Sunday in Bath.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Buck and little son of Washington were guests of the family of T. T. Gardner Sunday.

Miss Ruth Bowen, member of the school faculty at Shiloh, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bowen the past week-end.

Miss Helen White, student at East Carolina College, Greenville, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. White.

Misses Mildred Vail and Mildred Swain, East Carolina College students, Greenville, spent the week-end with their parents at Westover.

LeRoy Harris, student at Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Harris. He was accompanied by two of his classmates.

Miss Athalia Gardner, who is taking a commercial course in the Southern Shorthand and Business University, Norfolk, spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Gardner.

Mr. A. E. Brothers, popular manager of Buchanan Motor Company, has moved his family from Elizabeth City, and they are now occupying the residence recently vacated by Mr. G. W. Marsh, in Third street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Gurkin and sons, and Mrs. Emma Willoughby visited Caledonia, the state's prison farm and Halifax Sunday.

## LARGEST SNOW SINCE 1908

With the thermometer registering the mean temperature of about twenty-six degrees this sections experienced the largest snow-fall in years. It overspread the section like a huge white blanket, covering trees, blossoms and other blooming vegetation. The snow-storm raged during the whole of Wednesday. At six o'clock in the evening the snow averaged a depth of about fifteen inches and in some places where a drift was seen it measured around twenty-inches. Traffic was congested, caused by autos becoming stalled in the streets. Trains were several hours late. Rural and city mail delivery were suspended for the day, and many business houses were closed.

While the storm raged and the snow-flakes in fury beat in the face of every person that dared to venture forth, this office has received reliable information that a certain merchant, who happens to be one of the regular advertisers of the Beacon, sold two spring coats. The daring purchasers were doing their spring shopping on this day.

## Taylor-Sawyer

In the office of the county auditor Saturday afternoon at about two-thirty Miss Conice Elizabeth Taylor was married to Mr. Charlie Isaac Sawyer, the ceremony being performed by justice of the peace J. C. Gatlin in the presence of a few people who happened to be in the court house at that time.

The bride and groom come from Tyrrell county, in the neighborhood of Columbia. They will make their home near Roper where Mr. Sawyer will engage in farming.

## Mrs. Johnston Entertains

Mrs. R. W. Johnston delightfully entertained at her home in Main street with fourteen tables of bridge on Friday afternoon and evening honoring her sister, Mrs. C. W. Cahoon of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Mrs. Clyde McCallum who has recently moved to this city. A delicious ice course was served, and on each plate was a flower suggesting Spring. The honor guests received lovely gifts, and the out-of-town guests were Mesdames Ellis Broughton and Emmitte Winslow of Hertford.

## England has a Flu epidemic.

## ALMO THEATRE TO-NIGHT

### "The Untamed Lady"

Featuring  
**Gloria Swanson**  
ALSO A GOOD COMEDY

## SATURDAY NIGHT

**Matt Moore**  
and  
**Marie Prevost**

## "The Cave Man"

ALSO  
FIFTH EPISODE  
**The Phantom Police**  
and  
A GOOD COMEDY

## COMING TUESDAY

**Mae Murray**  
and  
**Conway Tearle**  
IN  
"Alfars of Desire"

## NEW PLANT TO OPEN SOON

The National Handle Company is erecting a new plant, in the Plymouth unit of the corporation. The new buildings that will house the plant are located in a westerly direction from the business section of the city. Approximately the amount expanded will reach the hundred and fifty thousand dollar mark. About fifty skilled workmen are engaged in hastening the completion of the structures. The plant will consist of five spacious buildings; warehouse, mill building, two story brick, power plant, machine shop and boat-house, with an additional office building located at the entrance to the grounds. About sixty acres of ground has been purchased by the company, however, only about seven acres will be utilized at the present for building sites. Already workmen are busy grading the grounds for improvement to the premises. An artificial lake will be located in the enclosure. Gates will be used to control the water. The premises will be surrounded by a factory-type wire fence six feet high. Through the cooperation of the town and county authorities a paved road leads to the plant. Nearly one hundred employees will be engaged in the various positions offered by the company when the new plant is opened. Since the plant is larger it will be an incentive to increase man-power.

Under the efficient management of C. L. Groves, the plant has added many eminent features to its capacity. This unit operates under direct supervision of the Fort Wayne plant, in Indiana. The company has several plants in various sections of the country.

On the seventeenth of the month, an elaborate dance will be staged under the auspices of the local Chamber of Commerce. Much publicity will be accorded the gala affair, crowds are expected to swarm the dance pavilion in the warehouse building.

## Mrs. R. P. Walker Entertains

One of the outstanding social events of the pre-Lenten season was the party given by Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Walker Monday P. M. and evening at their home on Adams street. There were seven tables in the afternoon and eight in the evening.

The house was beautifully decorated with spring flowers, daffodils, first breath-of-spring and ferns. The hostess, assisted by her mother, Mrs. James A. Chesson, served a delicious frozen course with fruit cake.

## Ward and Burgess Exchange Buildings

Sydney A. Ward, local insurance man, has purchased from E. R. Jackson, the building on the East side of Washington street, which has been occupied by Jack's Pressing Club. Mr. Ward has moved in his new office building and expects to remodel it at an early date. In the meantime, E. W. Burgess, proprietor of the pressing club rented the building formerly occupied by Mr. Ward. The two firms changed their office equipment to their respective buildings on Monday. According to information the pressing club, under new management of Mr. Burgess, will adopt another name and will in the future be known as the Burgess Cleaning Works.

Inverness, Scotland, has banned all Sunday band concerts.

## NO ATTRACTION OFFERED

A New England investor writes a South Carolina editor that his concern is not interested in either of the Carolinas, as a prospective location for a new enterprise, which he wishes to establish in one of the Southern states. This reply was received by the editor, answering a letter in which the newspaper man had urged him to settle in his section. The writer complains that the Carolinas do not offer the glaring inducements presented by other Southern states, Arkansas, for instance, has just by overwhelming vote, extended a seven-year tax-free invitation. Florida did somewhat like-wise years ago and several southern states have followed suit.

The two Carolinas are just now laboring under a serious handicap in the race of industrial expansion. North Carolina taxes manufacturers more heavily than any other state in the union, while South Carolina maintains an attitude inherited from the "gay nineties" of "socking the corporations," while other Southeast states are maintaining an open-door policy, dazzling the eyes of the capitalist with many material offers. The recent session of the legislature, has been considering adopting measures to once more put the "Old North State," on competitive basis with other states for these new enterprises. Many benefits will be derived if the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce and other similar organizations operating in this state, should formulate plans for some definite action in behalf of these capitalist and assist them rather than penalizing them.

## SKINNERSVILLE NEWS

Mr. H. Harold Bendler spent Tuesday at Mackey's high school.

Mr. Walter White was a business visitor in Eden on Tuesday.

Dr. W. H. Ward was a business visitor in this section on last Monday.

Mrs. S. A. Holton, Mrs. Molly Wiley Holton were in Roper Saturday.

Miss Jessie Curles spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. V. White.

Several local citizens attended the play "Safety First" at Mackey's last Friday evening.

Mrs. Matilda Aumack left Sunday for Aulander to visit her daughter Mrs. S. A. Saunders.

Captain Rom Lee has returned to Aulander from an extended visit with his mother, Mrs. Molly Wiley.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Swain and family of Plymouth were the guests of Mrs. Henrietta Swain, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Davenport and Miss Fannie Biggs spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Pattie Spruill.

Rev. Duncan of Buies Creek, preached the maiden sermon in his new pastorate at Oak Grove Baptist Church on last Sunday morning.

Mrs. Walter White, Mrs. Molly Alexander and Misses Margie White and Inez Alexander and Mr. Aumack Everett motored to Creswell Sunday afternoon.

## M. H. S. GIVES PLAY

"Safety First" a delightful play presented by the senior class of Mackey's high school was thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience. Those who did not attend the production missed a treat, while those who were present were fully entertained with a plot that was well worked out with characterization of life from the period of George Washington until the present day.

Flossie Woodley, as Mable Montgomery a nervous young wife, in which she depicted an actress in a most capable manner and carried on the part of the young up-to-the-minute widow with excellent judgment.

Cherry Mae Ainsley played the part of Virginia. Mable's sister and Toleda Davenport, costumed as a man Jerry Arnold, Virginia's sweetheart. Virginia was a most lovable little woman and very pleasing to the audience. Jerry's facial expressions were real stage work. Alma Griffin as Elmar, age 21, made everything out of a part that was hard to handle and got the laughs as she intended.

Matilda Swain was very attractive and winsome as Little Zulika, a Turkish girl, and Clyde Biggs as Abou, her father, portrayed the excited parent.

Jamie Riddick, who took the part of Mrs. Bridger, mother of Mable and Virginia, wasted no time trying to keep them in harmony. Nancy Everett, representing Mary Ann, the maid was very clever and eloped with McNutt, the Irish detective, played by Roy Patrick.

In the third act the stage was picturesque in every detail, representing and old fashion garden with a timely well. Misses Rena Everett and Virgil Davenport, adorned in beautiful Martha Washington costumes, rendered a delightful old fashion song in an old fashion way. Miss Mildred Terry, representing George Washington, danced the minuet charmingly. Between each act Miss Matilda Swain delighted the audience with a vocal solo, accompanied on the piano by Miss Margie Snowden.

Miss Mildred Balance, the director, deserves great credit for the perfection of the production.

## Poultry Specialist Delayed

A letter received by Mr. R. E. Dunning, County Farm Agent, revealed that in view of some misunderstanding concerning dates, Mr. C. F. Parrish, Ass't. Poultry Extension Specialist of State College, will be forced to cancel the campaign in the interest of poultry that was scheduled to begin here on Monday and last the first four days of the week. Mr. Parrish, expressed his regrets of this inconvenience and embarrassment to Mr. Dunning but could offer no alternative except that he would be glad to come at some future date. The several communities which have looked forward to this event with pleasure are instructed that as soon as the time arrives that the service of this party can be obtained he will be invited to come. This is one more step to diversification. Notice the Beacon for further information on this matter.

A combined match box and belt buckle has been invented.

## FIRE CHIEF SEEKS AID

In the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night L. W. Gurkin, chief of the volunteer fire company asked the aid of that body in persuading the board of town councilmen to extend the fire district to include the west side of Adams, all of Washington and the of Jefferson streets to the points where they converge with Main street. As it now stands the fire district only includes 200 feet of the streets named running south. Repairs on residential property were excluded in the request, and L. W. Gurkin and G. D. Davis were appointed as a committee to bring this proposal before the council in their meeting Friday night.

## Schools Closed by Snow Storm

According to information received from Mr. J. W. Norman, superintendent of public schools of the city, school will be suspended indefinitely. Since going to school in the snow might injure the health of the younger pupils it was deemed wise to suspend school for Thursday and Friday.

## Society Gives Colonial Tea

The Young Woman's Missionary Society entertained on Tuesday night at a delightful Colonial tea at the home of Mrs. D. A. Hurley. The guests were received at the door and ushered into the spacious living room, by Misses Lottie Hardison, Alice Grey Wolfe, Jeanette Ambrose, and Mildred Waters, who were attractively dressed as colonial dames. Numerous contests and amusing games were played under the leadership of Miss Fannie Hilliard. At the close of the games hot tea and sandwiches were served by the young girls in costume. The silver offering taken at the door amounted to nine dollars.

## Bridge Party

Mesdames Jack Read, H. V. Austin and Miss Mavis Thigpen were joint hostesses at a bridge party Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Read in Washington street, honoring Mrs. C. W. Cahoon of Murfreesboro, Tenn. There were ten tables and Mrs. P. M. Arps won the bridge high score prize. Mrs. Raymond Leggett received a hand made towel as low score winner. The rook high score prize was won by Mrs. C. E. Ayers, an attractive clothes brush, while the low score prize, a towel, went to Mrs. W. W. Whitson.

The guest of honor received a perfume atomizer. The out-of-town guests, besides the guest of honor, were Miss Mary Brinn of Newbern, Mrs. M. C. May of Morganton and Mrs. W. W. Whitson of Washington, D. C.

## Martin County Couple Married Here

As the culmination of a beautiful romance that has existed for sometime between Miss Ada Isoland Simpson and Mr. Zeb Vance Price, the couple were happily married in this city on last Tuesday. After the nuptial knot was tied the couple returned to their home in Jamesville. Miss Simpson was the attractive daughter of Grey Simpson, of Jamesville while Mr. Price was the son of a local citizen, Mr. Z. Z. Price. The ceremony was performed by Rev. K. G. L. Edwards, pastor of local Methodist Church.