

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. Jack Read left Sunday for Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. Jerry Sawyer spent the week-end in Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ainsley spent Sunday in Mackeys.

Walter Clark and Jack Peele spent Sunday in Greenville.

Mr. J. C. Gatlin spent the week-end at his home in Creswell.

Mrs. Tabitha Davenport motored to Rocky Mount Wednesday.

Mr. A. L. Alexander went to Norfolk Monday on a business trip.

Dr. R. L. Whitehurst visited Columbia Saturday on a business trip.

Miss Emma Gray Moorehead visited friends in Tarboro last week.

Miss Sadie Ausbon left today to visit relatives and friends in Norfolk.

Mr. Abe Adler was called to Washington Wednesday on a business trip.

Mr. R. E. Dunning and Miss Louise Harrison spent Sunday in Swan Quarter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Groves and Mrs. T. L. Bray were in Rocky Mount Wednesday.

Miss Helen Tatem of Columbia was the guest of her sister, Mrs. P. M. Arps, Wednesday.

Ben A. Sumner who has been in town for the last few days left this morning for Richmond.

Mr. Fred Ausbon of Chapel Hill spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. W. Ausbon.

Rev. J. R. Everett, pastor of Baptist church, spent the week out of town, visiting his parents in the western part of the state.

Mrs. B. G. Campbell and little daughter, Mary Lillian, and Mrs. Sadie Chesson left Monday for Wilson to spend a few days with relatives.

Mr. J. R. Campbell, who is now traveling in the interest of the Masonic Lodge in the western part of the state, spent the week-end with his family.

Mr. Harry Arps and Mesdames S. D. Davis and E. G. Arps went to Rocky Mount Monday to visit Miss Agnes Davis who is critically ill in the Parkview Hospital.

Mr. W. H. I. Jackson, who is acting as supply pastor at the Grace Episcopal Church, will deliver his valedictory sermon, at the Sunday morning service. Shortly after this he will leave for school in a Tennessee city.

Mr. C. F. Parrish, Ass't. Poultry Extension Specialist of State College, Raleigh, is in the city, engaged in campaigning the county for more chickens. Mr. Parrish is here aiding County Farm Agent, Robert Dunning.

The county commissioners and the road commissioners held their regular meeting in the court house last Monday. A representative from the board of education met with the commissioners and recommended an appropriation for the indebtedness of the schools. The board of county commissioners will offer for sale bonds to the amount of \$150,000.00 for this and other indebtedness of the county.

SENIOR CLASS ENTERTAINED

Miss Neva Gan Roper was hostess to the senior class of the Roper high school at her home on Bush street. Miss Mary Carolyn Hassell received the guests and ushered them into the living room, where a color note of gold and red was carried out. The first thing of the evening, was an interesting drawing contest in which each guest engaged enthusiastically. Miss Vera Mizelle proved to be the most accomplished artist of the group. A beautiful box of stationery was awarded as the prize. Mr. G. C. McBane was the successful contestant in a guessing contest that followed. The most sensational feature of the evening was "The Wheel of Fortune" from which each guest learned what fate had decreed for them. As favors the guests were presented with a souvenir booklet containing the class yell, motto, colors and roll of class of '27. Following the various contests and games the guests were led into the dining room by Miss Roper. The room was artistically decorated in the colors of the class. The table was elaborate in its decorations of gold and red, brass candlesticks, red candles and a centerpiece of narcissus. The place cards were very attractive and were attached to a beautiful red mint basket filled with after dinner mints. After the guests had found their respective places at the table, Prof. E. N. Riddle, superintendent of Roper schools, and toast-master for the occasion, offered a very witty toast to the honored class of '27. Mrs. Thomas Chesson gave a very clever toast to the faculty. A course of fruit punch was served followed by a delicious salad course and a course of blocked ice-cream and cafe noire. After the refreshments the guests were given miniature red Roman cannons which contained an attractive favor and appropriate fortune.

Recorder's Court

Recorder Norman disposed of the following cases in Recorder's Court Tuesday:

Howard Cooper, violating prohibition law. Jury verdict, not guilty.

Ed. Sawyer, assaulting his wife; guilty, assigned to public roads for two years.

Henry Skinner, violating prohibition law, Jury verdict guilty; fined \$200.00 and cost, with prayer for further judgment continued for two years.

ALMO THEATRE TO-NIGHT

Ricardo Cortez and Jetta Goudal

"The Spaniard"
A Feature Picture

ALSO A GOOD COMEDY

SATURDAY NIGHT

Matt Moore

"Three Weeks in Paris"

ALSO

SIXTH EPISODE

The Phantom Police and A GOOD COMEDY

78TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

Mrs. W. W. Satterthwaite, Mrs. W. E. Weede and Mrs. W. C. Moore gave Mr. T. L. Satterthwaite a surprise birth day dinner on the evening of March 1st, at the home of Mrs. W. C. Moore on Jefferson street. A beautiful and delicious birth-day cake, handsomely decorated with candles was the feature of the dinner. This celebrated the seventy-eighth birth-day of Mr. Satterthwaite. About twenty-five guests were present, three of his children being absent.

Mr. Satterthwaite was one of the county commissioners that built our new court house; has been for several years President of the local Charitable Brotherhood. He is one of the oldest and best known and beliked citizens of this section and the Beacon wishes him many happy returns of the day just celebrated.

Store Closes for Removal

The store buildings on Water street leased from W. R. Hampton will soon contain the stock of the Millers incorporated chain store, according to information revealed by Mr. Weathers manager of the local store. If the weather permits and nothing hampers the progress of the workmen, the firm will change buildings next week. The firm will enlarge its stock of glass-ware, crockery, and aluminum house-hold furnishings. The spacious buildings have undergone extensive repairing and remodeling.

LOCAL SOLON ACTIVE AT CAPITOL

Representative Van Buren Martin returned from the Capitol city last Tuesday where he has been attending the recent session of North Carolina General Assembly. The local representative won favorable recognition among the solons, although representing the citizenship of one of the smallest counties. He played a very auspicious part in the passage of several bills. The influence of this eminent assembly-man was first exerted in the passage of the equalization school fund, which would be a favorable enactment for the smaller counties, awarding the county schools of Washington as much aid from the state as a much larger county. Then again, he played a paramount part in the introduction of the bill to reform the present system of selecting jurors, making the eligible member of a jury, own a certain amount of property and have a fair education. Perhaps the most notable stand taken by Mr. Martin was the one concerning the abolishment of the present existing commission of Salary and Wage, headed by commissioner Sink, which empowers this man to state wage and salary of each employee of the state. The lawgivers will long remember the flood of oratory turned loose on them by this Washington county citizen, in his forensic attack on this commission. Representative Martin deserves commendation for the services rendered, the state and this county especially, during his recent so-journ in the State's Capitol City attending the meeting of the assembly-men.

VICTIM OF SNOW STORM

John Henry Boston an aged colored man of the Piney Woods' section of Martin county was found dead about a mile from his home, last Monday afternoon, by his son, John Boston. The aged colored man had been missing from his home since Tuesday of last week. He disappeared during the night of the heavy snow storm that struck this section. According to information the negro had wandered from his home and lost his way in the storm, fell down exhausted and froze to death. The remains were interred in the cemetery of the Free Union church, near the home of the storm's victim.

Two-Year Sentence for Assault

Ed Sawyer, middle-aged white man of this section was arraigned before Judge Zeb Vance Norman of Recorder's court last Tuesday, charged with assaulting his wife with a deadly weapon. The incident occurred last Monday morning. Mrs. Sawyer alleged the husband was provoked because she appealed to relatives for aid, charging the husband with non-support. After a heated argument, the defendant threatened the wife with a knife. This is only one of the several affrays being staged by the enraged husband. Four children are left with their mother to bear the brunt of the hardships of a father's ill-temper, that caused justice to decree a two-year prison sentence for this offender. Attorneys for the defendant noted an appeal. Through default of the prisoner to secure bonds-man, he was remanded to jail.

Vital Statistics

The report of vital statistics submitted by W. T. Nurney, official statistician of this county, shows that only three deaths occurred in the county during February, two colored and one white, while there were five colored births and two white.

MACKEYS NEWS

Mrs. Ella Waters of Greenville is visiting at the home of Mrs. C. W. Snell.

Miss Marjorie Snowden spent the week-end with her mother in Snowden.

Mrs. Thomas Ainsley who has been seriously ill is reported some better.

J. C. Tarkenton and W. B. Chesson are among the number planning to attend hog-field day at Wenona.

Mr. C. W. Snell, one of Washington county's oldest citizens and ex-chairman of the board of county commissioners, is seriously ill.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Pleasant Grove church was postponed on account of the illness of Mr. Snell.

Miss Mildred Balance member of the teaching staff of the Mackeys High School took her class, the eighth grade, on a hike and weinne roast last Wednesday. The class went down on Albemarle sound.

Friends of this section regret to learn that Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Terry will move to Belhaven at which place they will reside in the future. Mr. Terry who is in employ of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad company has been transferred to this place.

TO HAVE FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The week beginning March 14th, has been set aside as Fire Prevention Clean-Up week by the volunteer fire department and the chamber of commerce. This decision was made during the regular meeting of the commercial body on last Monday evening. Citizens will be asked to use all available time during next week in ridding their premises of all rubbish and accumulated debris. The rubbish carts will call on the citizens four times this week instead of twice as heretofore. There are three reasons that prompted these bodies to take these definite steps: to eliminate fire risks, to further improve the appearance of the city and diminish the mosquito crop. Heretofore our people have entered into such work with zest and enthusiasm and it is certain that this step will meet with the hearty co-operation of all concerned. We offer as a suggestion that the entire county join in this clean-up campaign as a fire prevention.

Also an appropriation was made in the meeting for augmenting interest in the Cotton Fashion Revue now being developed by the Thursday afternoon Literary Club, which will be staged in the school auditorium on the night of May 5th. The commercial body concurs heartily in the movement and will render any assistance possible.

A committee was appointed to confer with the Western Union Telegraph Company relative to establishing a more adequate and convenient service in the city. This service is now conducted in connection with the local office of the Atlantic Coast Line Company and the station agent is required to handle all telegraphic service in addition to his regular duties at the depot, consequently complete satisfactory service can not be rendered.

SKINNERSVILLE NEWS

Mr. Corbett Swain motored to Hamilton last Friday.

Mr. Clinton Everett spent Tuesday in Plymouth.

Dr. W. H. Ward and Mr. John Darden were in the community this week.

Mrs. Pattie Spruill was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Snell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter White and daughter, Margie, motored to Washington Wednesday.

Mr. Harold Bender is spending the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Davenport.

Mrs. C. L. Everett and children were visitors in Pleasant Grove neighborhood Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mildred Terry entertained a number of friends at a social at her home last Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Davenport and Messrs. C. V. White and Harold Bender spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. C. W. Snell.

Mrs. Ida Hodges, Miss Della Hodges and Mr. Jesse Barnes spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Molly Wiley and Mrs. Stark Holton.

Schools of Skinnerville, Albemarle and Scuppernon townships were closed for three days, during the latter part of last week, owing to the snow.

Several fishermen along the sound in this section were deprived of their boats, the storm washing them ashore against obstacles tearing them up and sinking them, Messrs. G. L. Davenport, Will Chesson and Cecil Simpson were among the unfortunates.

PROCLAMATION

Plymouth, North Carolina,
Office of the Mayor,
March, 9th, 1927, A. D.

I, Horace V. Austin, Mayor of the town of Plymouth, North Carolina, do declare and proclaim the week of March 14-21st, 1927, "Fire Prevention" and "Clean-Up" week.

HORACE V. AUSTIN,
Mayor.

Roper Students Give Recital

On Monday evening at the school auditorium the seniors of the music class of Mrs. L. L. Lewis gave their graduating recital. Those graduating were Misses Mildred Lewis, Vera Mizell, Mary Carolyn Hassell and Helen Brey. Immediately following the recital, Miss Helen Brey entertained at her home on Bank street honoring the seniors in music. Concluding the evening's amusement a delightful repast was served consisting of a delicious fruit salad course.

Inadvertent Error

It is with sincere regret that in our write-up last week of "Safety First," the play given by the Mackeys high school on February 25th., we failed to mention Miss Gladys Collins, who so splendidly played the part of Jack Montgomery, Mable Montgomery's husband. Jack Montgomery was one of the outstanding characters of the entire cast and Miss Collins gave full justice to the part.

Fresh land used for poultry runs will reduce losses from internal parasites of the chicks.

Auto Dealer Attends Meet

T. D. Woodley, popular manager of the Woodley Chevrolet Company, returned the latter part of last week from Greensboro where he attended a meeting of the Chevrolet salesmen of three states, the two Carolinas and Virginia. The meeting was featured with a banquet in the new King Cotton Hotel. Several auto salesmen celebrities participated in the speech-making, the principal speaker being R. H. Grant, general sales manager of the Chevrolet Company. The local dealer left last Thursday for his destination. He was accompanied by several friends. The convention lasted about two days.

County Sends Three to Prison

In Washington county with a population of about eleven thousand, only three prisoners were sent to state's prison at Raleigh during the last biennium. Cartaret, Camden, Hyde, Pamlico and Transylvania committed only one during the same period of time. Wake leads the other counties with eighty marked against it while Guilford is runner up with seventy-three prisoners from its domain.