

## LOCAL NEWS

Mr. T. C. Burgess spent last Friday in Aurora.

Mr. Henry Williams spent last Sunday in Greenville.

Mrs. M. C. May spent last Sunday in Halifax visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Arps motored to Windsor last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Harrison spent Sunday afternoon in Rocky Mount.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Owens and son Edward, spent Sunday in Belhaven.

Capt. E. S. Blount and Miss Miriam Aushon motored to Rocky Mount Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Swain and Mr. J. T. McNair motored to Everetts Sunday.

Miss Anna Jones Manning of Bethel spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Holiday.

Mr. Julian Brinkley of Raleigh spent the week-end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brinkley.

Mr. E. B. Norman of Stone-wall spent a few hours with his mother, Mrs. C. J. Norman Sr. last Sunday.

Miss Frances Warren, member of the teaching staff of the local school spent last week-end with parents in Conetoe.

Miss Mildred Hester of Marion Va. who has been visiting Mrs. L. H. Hubble for the past few weeks returned home last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edison Swain accompanied by Misses Martha Hornthal, Luma McLamb and Elizabeth Ramsey motored to Washington last Sunday.

Miss Meredith Swain, a student of Eastern Carolina Teachers College at Greenville, spent last week end in town visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Adler motored to Lexington Va. last week to visit their son, Buster, who is a student at the Virginia Military Institute of that city.

Dr. T. M. Levin of the department of agriculture, Raleigh, arrived last week and will be in this vicinity for sometime testing cattle for bovine tuberculosis.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Hopkins accompanied by Misses Madeline and Fionnie Davis motored to Rocky Mount last Sunday to visit a friend in the Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. Mary Stewart and sister Miss Sallie Baker Aushon and Messrs. Claude Aushon and Mr. Jack Taylor of Rocky Mount, were week-end visitors at the home of Mrs. W. F. Aushon on Washington Street.

Eleven representatives of the local Baptist Sunday school including the pastor Rev. J. R. Everett, attended a meeting of the Martin County Baptist Sunday School Association that convened in Everetts last Sunday.

Mrs. W. F. Aushon and daughters Misses Hazel and Miriam, accompanied by Miss Marcia Rice motored to Robersonville Friday attending a meeting of the Martin County Teachers Association of which Miss Miriam Aushon is a member.

Messrs. Dan Hutchinson and A'ec St. Amine of South Carolina who are students at State College, Raleigh, accompanied Messrs. Gordon and James W. Norman Jr. home, attending the dance, being week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Norman.

## FOUND DEAD IN HOTEL

R. L. Hight, about fifty years of age, was found dead in the hall of the Brinkley Hotel, last Monday morning about seven o'clock by servants. Coroner, Dr. T. L. Bray was summoned and after a thorough examination he announced that he could not find any evidence of violence and rendered a verdict of heart failure due to excessive drinking of intoxicants, while on a prolonged spree. Mr. Hight has been boarding with Mrs. Ella Marriner, Proprietor of the local hotel, for some years. For sixteen years he had been employed by the Western Union Telephone and Telegraph Company as linesman. A few weeks ago he was dismissed from the employment of the company and had been in a despondent condition since. He was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose.

The funeral service was held on last Tuesday afternoon at the Pleasant Grove cemetery, where the remains were interred. Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, pastor of local Methodist Church officiated.

## To Deliver Maiden Sermon

Rev. W. E. Norris, of Felicity, Ohio, will deliver his maiden sermon in his new pastorage at the local Christian Church at the morning service on Sunday, April 3rd. Rev. Norris is a very efficient pastor and the congregation expect a very successful year in church work under his leadership. The clergyman assumes the duties of this charge with several years of experience in the pastoral work of the church. This prominent churchman will arrive during the first of next week. The congregation of the church urge others to attend the first services that will be held by this minister. He will speak at the morning and evening services on first Sunday in April.

## To Have New Market

The building on Water street recently vacated by the Plymouth market will be re-opened with Mr. S. B. Hillard as manager and will operate under the name Roanoke Market and Grocery Company. The date for opening has been announced as Saturday March 26th. Mr. Hillard will carry a full line of groceries and market products. The building has recently been renovated and remodeled and equipped with up to date market fixtures.

**ALMO THEATRE**  
**TO-NIGHT**  
Thomas Meighan  
IN  
"The New Klondike"  
ALSO GOOD COMEDY  
SATURDAY NITE  
Monte Blue  
IN  
"The Man Up Stairs"  
ALSO  
EIGHTH EPISODE  
The Phantom Police  
**Special—**  
Lafayette The Great  
& Co.  
VAUDEVILLE SHOW  
4 Big Acts  
Featuring  
MISS EVA  
Mind-Reader—Spiritist  
Fortune Teller

## SUICIDE OR MURDER?

To The Editor:—  
The late, well known and much admired Jake Wells, the so-called "Father of Vaudeville" is reported to have committed suicide. He was shot twice in the neck and head, both shots being deep and centered, not round the outside of the ribs. What are we going to do about this murder? It is impossible to have been a suicide because he shot twice. Crime should not go unwhipped of justice like that. Somebody will be indicted, possibly his widow, and out of the list of your subscribers, I shall refer the solicitor to a large number of fine and intelligent men and women by whom he can prove that "if he had killed himself, he couldn't have shot himself twice," especially, first through the middle of the neck.

H. S. WARD—

## Proper Spraying Necessary

Information received from Mr. R. E. Dunning, county farm agent, reveals that it is nearing the season for spraying the peach trees. When 75 per cent. of the petals have fallen off the peach tree, a spray to control the curculio is very important. The ingredients for the mixture of this substance for the spray should consist of one pound powdered arsenate of lead, plus lime water from three pounds of stone lime, with fifty gallons of water. The curculio is a beetle, resembling the weevil that is extremely harmful to the fruit and the trees.

## SKINNERSVILLE NEWS

Dr. W. H. Ward of Plymouth was in this community last week.

Misses Alice and Eva White were in Edenton and Plymouth, Saturday.

Harold Bendler of Norfolk has returned home after an extended visit with relatives.

Rev. Gilmore of Raleigh, held services at Oak Grove church last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Estelle Ainsley spent Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter White.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Phelps of Bay Post Office were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Phelps Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. William and Percy Everett of Belhaven were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Davenport Sunday.

Mr. Robert Brewer left for Williamston last Monday after attending the funeral of his brother Mr. Eli Brewer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Everett and Mrs. M. J. Elliott attended the funeral of Master Warren Snell at Holly Neck Friday afternoon.

Miss Donnie Alexander gave a party Friday evening of last week. A large number of young people attended, this very enjoyable affair.

Misses Lucy Pritchett, Alice White and Mr. Roy Litchfield of Scuppernon school faculty are attending the teachers meeting at Raleigh this week.

The Sunday School convention of the Skimmersville district was held at Rehoboth Church last Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. Rev. R. L. Hethcox was the speaker for the occasion. A large crowd attended.

Miss Emma Grey Morehead met with the Ladies Club at Albemarle school building last Wednesday. A large number of ladies of the community attended. Miss Morehead gave a demonstration on the proper hanging of pictures.

## TO ORGANIZE BOY SCOUTS

Rev. H. W. Knight of New York, preached the initiatory sermon in his new pastorage of the local Grace Episcopal Church, at the morning service last Sunday. Mr. Knight is a very efficient clergyman and strides of progress are promised the parish under his leadership. The new minister will deliver a discourse to the boys of the city on next Sunday evening at the regular church service. The boys and their parents are urged to attend this service. Rev. Knight returned Tuesday from Norfolk where he has been in conference with Boy Scout leaders of that city obtaining correct data to aid in organizing a scout troop in this city. During this week the new minister has addressed the school children relative to an organization for both the boys and girls.

## School Faculty Honored With Banquet

A supper given by the home economics class of the local high school last Thursday evening in honor of the school faculty proved to be a delightful occasion. About fourteen guests enjoyed a sumptuous repast prepared by the class under the supervision of Miss Hope Hardison, teacher of home economics. The menu consisted of ingredients of three courses; fruit cocktails, chicken ala king and ice cream. Misses Evelyn Ward Brown and Nona Bateman members of the senior class acted as hostesses. Following the meal the guests were invited to the kitchen and were formally introduced to the cooks. Victrola music and progressive conversation at the table were enjoyed by all. The room was artistically decorated with green and white as the color scheme and the table was handsomely ornamented with a large and small green and white hats, while the waitresses, composed of members of the class, were decoriously dressed in the same colors.

## Home Agents Schedule

The following slate is a schedule for the various meetings that will be held by local Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Emma Gray Morehead, during the week of March 28th, to April 2nd:

**MONDAY**  
11:00 to 12:00 o'clock, Plymouth Girls Club.  
1:00 to 2:00 o'clock, Hoke, Girls Club.  
2:30 to 4:30 o'clock, Hoke, Women's Club.

**TUESDAY**  
Called to Washington.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
All day meeting with Beech Grove, Women's Club.

**THURSDAY**  
9:30 to 10:00 o'clock, Creswell, Girls Club.  
1:00 to 2:00 o'clock, Cherry Girls Club.  
2:30 to 4:30 o'clock, Piney Grove Women's Club.

**FRIDAY**  
11:00 to 12:00 o'clock, Allens, Girls Club.  
2:30 to 4:00 o'clock, Roper, Women's Club.

**SATURDAY**  
A. M., office.

## For Mayor

With four years of service as mayor, the interest I have for the progress of our town and by request of a number of citizens I announce my candidacy for mayor in the 1927 town election. I will appreciate your support in the coming election.

Respectfully,  
Horace V. Austin

## TO REMODEL BANK BLDG.

The local unit of the Branch Banking and Trust Company, with headquarters at Wilson, will remodel and enlarge its present home in this city with an expenditure of about seven thousand dollars. An annex will be added to the rear of the old structure, on the twenty feet space between it and the Harney building. This new structure will enclose the safety deposit vault which will be placed in the building. The front will be removed and a double-door opening will be in the entrance instead of the single door as it is now. Many improvements will be made. The new building will contain the old furnishings with additional ones. It will take about fifty days to complete the renovating process. When finished it will be a modern equipped institution. Business will not be suspended during this period although the old post office may become temporary quarters.

## Service at Roper M. E. Church

The following is a schedule of services of the Roper Methodist Episcopal Church, South, with Rev. H. A. Chester as pastor. Sunday School at 10 A. M., F. D. Wilson, Superintendent. Morning service on next Sunday at 11 o'clock, subject: Why be a Christian? Evening service at 7:30, subject: The marks of a Christian. Prayer service on each Wednesday evening at 7:30.

## MACKEYS NEWS

Miss Toledo Davenport spent the week end with Miss Alma Griffin.

We are sorry to note that Mrs. Edgar Chesson is still very weak at this writing.

Miss Mildred Balance spent the week end at Elizabeth City visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Mildred and Master Raymond Terry spent the week-end in Belhaven with their father and mother.

Mrs. Thomas Ainsley motored to Rocky Mount last week to undergo an examination at the Parkview Hospital.

The malaria doctors are visiting the schools through this section this week but do not find as many malaria symptoms as was predicted.

Rev. H. A. Chester announced on last Sunday that the second quarterly conference will be held at Mackeys on the First Sunday evening in April.

The many friends of Mr. C. W. Snell are delighted to know that he is wonderfully improved and hopes to be at church Sunday to teach his Sunday school class.

The junior girls club meeting was held in the basement of the Mackeys school building, Wednesday morning. Miss Moorhead county home agent, gave several demonstrations on cooking vegetables. She reports splendid progress made by the class in home economics.

The Pleasant Grove Women's Club met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. W. Snell. The meeting was a source of great pleasure socially as well as instructive. Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton was on for "Arranging Furniture," and Mrs. C. W. Snell for "Painting and Enameling." Each of them rendered a worth while demonstration. The program was completed with a splendid demonstration on "Home Made Furniture," by Miss Emma Grey Moorhead. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton.

India's coast line is more than 4,500 miles long.

## C. OF C. AFTER MOSQUITOES

At the regular meeting of the chamber of commerce last Monday evening in the court house several important committees rendered very favorable reports. L. W. Gurkin, chairman of the fire extension committee, stated that his committee had appeared before the town alderman and had succeeded in getting the fire district extended 200 ft. back from Water street, which heretofore had comprised the fire district. A new committee composed of R. G. L. Edwards, C. E. Ayers and H. V. Austin, will substitute for the previous committee that has failed to function in regards to a better facilitated telegraph and telephone service. It was also decided that Chief Gurkin of the fire department and Chief Brown of the police force, would inspect the premises of local citizens and firms, reporting at next meeting the progress realized. In the recent clean up week that was observed in this section. Postmaster Alexander, Mayor Austin and Superintendent Darden of county schools, were appointed on a committee to draft a resolution of thanks to the National Handle Company and chamber of commerce, program committee, for the splendid dance that was given last Thursday in the spacious warehouse of the National Handle Company. The next matter discussed by the commercial body concerned the adoption of a campaign to rid the community of mosquitoes. This campaign will be launched at an early date. State literature will be propagated profusely and aid will be solicited of the government for a representative to be sent to this section to aid in destroying the breeding places of these loathsome insects.

## Aged Negro Found Dead

Adam Bell, aged negro, was found dead Tuesday about seven o'clock at the end of Madison street near the Atlantic Coast Line railway, under a sycamore tree not far from the home of Easter Hoytt, in the colored section of the city. He succumbed to a severe attack of asthma from which he was a chronic sufferer. No evidence of violence was unearthed by the coroner and sheriff who were summoned to the scene. The negro was last seen by his family at seven o'clock on Monday evening. He had been dead several hours when found by Messrs. P. H. Darden and Wilton Ayers who made the alarm.

## Dies In Belhaven

Mr. Eli Brewer, 52, died at his residence in Belhaven last Friday night. He was taken violently ill on Thursday night, as the result of a chronic ailment, from which he never recovered. He was a native of Martin county but while a small boy his parents moved into this county and resided here for years. Several years ago he moved to Belhaven at which place he was residing at the time of his death. He is survived by a widow, three children and two brothers, J. O. of Norfolk Va and Robert Brewer of Martin county. The funeral services were held at Rehoboth Church cemetery on last Sunday afternoon, interment being made at that place. Rev. R. L. Hethcox, pastor of Rehoboth Church, officiated.

A British scientists is working on an electric battery which he believes would be practically everlasting.