

LOCAL NEWS

Friday 13th.

Mr. W. B. Cox was in town this week-end.

Mr. T. L. Smith left Sunday for Roanoke, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. George Saxon spent Sunday in Jamesville.

Hon. Van B. Martin was a Windsor visitor Wednesday.

Mr. Leland Thompson and Miss Frances Warren spent Sunday in Conetoe.

Mrs. J. W. Brown of Beaufort spent the week-end here with friends and relatives.

Sheriff J. K. Reid, Misses Mary and Hazel Ausbon motored to Rocky mount Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Davis and Mrs. Alice White motored to Murfreesboro Sunday.

Mr. Ed Ausbon and son Claud spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ausbon.

Mr. W. B. Burgess of Norfolk, spent Wednesday here with his brother Mr. T. C. Burgess.

Dr. C. McGowan, Miss Mary Brenson and Mr. Milton Smith spent Sunday in New Bern.

Rev. K. W. Knight accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Harrison motored to Raleigh Monday.

Mr. Bruce Tankard, manager of the local L. M. T. store spent Wednesday afternoon in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. James and family, of Rocky Mount were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Liverman.

Mr. Frank Spruill of Rocky Mount spent the week end here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Spruill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. White and Mrs. Holton of Ayden were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Davis.

Hon. Van B. Martin delivered the commencement address at the Oak City High School last Friday evening.

We acknowledge a present of a basket of delicious strawberries from our old friend Mr. J. H. Hamilton this week.

Mesdames Ella Marriner and A. T. Leary accompanied Mr. R. E. Dunning to Washington Wednesday morning.

Mr. Jessie McNair and Jack Peele motored to Greenville Tuesday, where Mr. McNair attended a meeting of this district of fireman.

Mr. Leroy Harris, student at Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, spent the week end in the city with his parents Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Harris.

Mesdames Joe Dixon, Tabitha Davenport and Miss Ethel Arps went to Chocowinity Tuesday, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Dixon, mother of Joe Dixon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ausbon and son, Douglas, accompanied Mr. W. T. Nurney to Durham Tuesday, where Mr. Nurney will attend a meeting of the Funeral Directors Association.

CITY FATHERS SWORN IN

At the meeting of the board of aldermen in the office of the town clerk last Friday evening the newly elected town officials took their oath of office and their predecessors were released. Ex Mayor H. V. Austin presided over the first part of the meeting. Only two of the former councilmen were present. W. F. Ausbon administered the oath to new officials. P. W. Brown was re-elected Chief of Police with authority to hire and fire all employees of the town working under his supervision. M. W. Spruill was the successful applicant for office of city clerk. W. J. Jackson was the unsuccessful applicant.

Mayor R. P. Walker succeeded H. V. Austin as the chairman, after a congratulatory address by the retiring executive. At this time the meeting was opened for the transaction of routine business. The clerk was ordered to prepare a financial statement of the town and the power plant for the fiscal year, to be read at the meeting this evening.

Z. V. Norman and H. V. Austin were invited to meet the board at its next meeting with the assessment roll book and figures complete. M. W. Norman, C. L. Groves and H. E. Beams, local water and light commissioners, were also invited to attend the next meeting.

A motion was introduced and passed that a certain resolution passed by the previous board of alderman be rescinded, relative to the mayor, alderman and other town employees receiving their light water and ice gratis.

Mayor Walker and Clerk Spruill were appointed as a committee to confer with bank officials and get an extension on a note due the bank at this time.

Of Interest to Ex-Soldiers

Mrs. Addie L. Brinkley, Register of Deeds of this county, has received a special book for the registration of discharges of soldiers and sailors, and is now ready to place these discharges in the book as permanent records.

Soldiers and sailors should be as eager to register these discharges as they would deeds and mortgages, for it cannot now be told just what value they may have in years to come. The registration fee is only twenty-five cents and ex-service men should immediately avail themselves of this opportunity of having the evidence of their service become a part of the permanent county records.

These discharges must be brought to the register of deeds in person by the ex service man, and cannot be registered if sent by any other person.

ALMO THEATRE

Friday Night

John Patrick

IN

"The Social Highwayman"

An Added Attraction

"The Story of Rubber"

The most interesting industrial film ever made.

Saturday Night

Monte Blue

IN

"Hogan's Alley"

ALSO

SIXTH EPISODE

"Wild West"

HAIL STORM IN THIS SECTION

Suddenly Wednesday afternoon a heavy cloud was in the sky and immediately after this rain began to descend in torrents, with a sheet of hail so thick that you could scarcely see across the street. Following this a terrific wind storm invaded this section carrying destruction in its wake. Trees were blown down, window panes broken by the heavy wind. Crops were partly destroyed by the hail and wind that came so suddenly. This only lasted for a few minutes. No serious damage was done in the city, however, those living in the Albemarle Sound vicinity have witnessed destruction to small houses and trees. Automobiles standing in the open received a battered and torn tops.

Senior Class Play at School Auditorium Well Attended

"Mammy's Lili' Wild Rose," a comedy-drama of the sunny South in three acts was staged in the school auditorium last evening by the senior class. About twelve members of the senior class participated in the cast of the play. A large audience attended the play. Miss Hope Hardison and Mrs. H. A. Liverman supervised the entertainment.

The play had its setting in the Virginia hills in the dooryard of an aged negro, Mammy Celia Rose, an orphan, has been brought up by her Aunt Hester, an aristocratic but austere maiden lady of the Virginia mountains. To retrieve the family fortune, Rose was betrothed to Wade Carver, a wealthy but hard-hearted neighbor. Daniel French from the city meets Rose and a romance begins at once. The play portrayed their courtship.

Hon. M. L. Shipman of Raleigh for several terms Commissioner of Labor and Printing, who is now identified with the Commercial Printing Co. of Raleigh, made out office a short call this week.

SKINNERSVILLE NEWS

Mr. Wilbur Jones of Columbia, was a visitor in the community Sunday.

Mrs. Ida Brickhouse attended the Sunday School convention at Creswell Sunday.

Mr. Judson Rice was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Davenport Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Josh Elliott of Norfolk, spent the week-end with Mrs. M. J. Elliott.

Mrs. M. L. Wiley, Mrs. S. A. Holton and son, George Wiley Holton were in Plymouth Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Phelps and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Phelps.

Miss Emma Gray Moorhead attended the Albemarle School picnic at Dr. W. H. Ward's fishery Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter White, Misses Margaret Everett and Marjorie White were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Swain of Mackeys Sunday.

Mrs. C. V. White, Misses Eva and Alice White, Misses Lillie and Fannie Halsey and Mr. Joe White, attended the Sunday School convention at the Baptist Church in Creswell Sunday night.

PREPARE FOR CITY SCHOOL FINALS

Information emitted from the office of J. W. Norman, Superintendent of the city schools reveals that plans for the final exercises for the school have nearly been completed. Local students will entertain audiences at the school auditorium for five more evenings before the end of the current season. Prof. Norman with the aid of the competent school faculty have prepared several delightful, educational treats for those who will attend. Widely known celebrities and men of educational renown will address the local audiences. Music will be featured. Student orators will stage a forensic battle for prizes Honor certificates as well as diplomas will be awarded.

A music recital will be held on Thursday evening, May 19th with about seventeen students rendering a musical program of about twenty numbers. Each musical student will be on the program. Instrumental and vocal solos, with quartettes and chorus will constitute this evening's entertainment. Miss Lenore Stone will direct this forty-five minute entertainment.

A number of youthful orators will deliver addresses in the declamation and recitation contest that will be staged Friday evening, May 27th. Two prizes will be awarded. One of these medals will be given by the Masonic fraternity.

Friday evening, June 3rd, will be senior class night, when class poets, prophets and historians will tell of the past struggles, present accomplishments and future possibilities, of this class of young folk. Class songs will be sung and addresses will be made.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached on Sunday evening, June 5th at the auditorium by Dr. J. H. Oarrell, Professor of Modern Languages at Wake Forest College.

Monday evening, June 6th, Hon. Charles F. Abernethy will deliver the commencement address.

Oxford Orphanage Singing Class to Give Concert Here

The Singing Class of the Oxford Orphanage will give a concert in the school auditorium on Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

This entertainment will be held under the auspices of Perseverance Lodge No. 59, local chapter of the Masonic fraternity.

These youthful entertainers have appeared in several towns much larger than this and have made a favorable impression. Some of these performers have played in this town before and the rendition of the program was very commendable. They will entertain with both sacred and secular songs.

Every one is urged to attend.

Local Scouts To Have Banquet

The local troop of Boy Scouts will enjoy a banquet this evening at Hotel Brinkley. About two score of these boys will be present to enjoy this festive affair. Hon. Van B. Martin, local attorney and Representative to the N. C. Assembly will deliver an address to the boys. Other speakers will be present. Music and school boy antics will be featured.

Freight rates from Norfolk to Plymouth are higher than from Norfolk to Washington.

FISHING SEASON CLOSED HERE

The famed Kitty Hawk and Slade Fisheries, situated at the converging point of the Roanoke and Middle rivers, owned and operated by W. R. Hampton were operated this year as usual during the fishing season which ended May, 6th. This business venture represents an investment of about \$25,000. These fisheries have been in operation for about 100 years, being owned about 60 years, by Mr. W. H. Hampton and his son the present owner, W. R. Hampton, succeeded his father about eighteen years ago.

Over 150 employees are engaged annually during the fishing season which begins the first of March and lasts for about sixty days. Besides numerous nets and other equipment the company owns several eight hundred yards seines. Eight boats are used in putting out and bringing in the seines and transporting the fish. Thousands of yards of hawser rope are attached to the seines to pull them in. Thousands of boxes, barrels and kegs are used each season to ship the fish. Large cylindrical vats are used in storing the fish.

The past season has been a very successful one, with a maximum catch for the day totalling about 250,000 herrings. In addition to the herrings, shad rock and perch. In the two fisheries, twenty-four hauls are made daily. On Easter Monday one haul was made which netted about 70,000 fish at one time. The fisheries have a storage capacity of about 1,500,000 fish. These fish are cut, cleaned and put in brine. The roe shipped to canning factories in various states. The firm uses about 150 tons of salt annually in salting the fish, for preservation.

This enterprise begun on a small scale nearly a century ago, but now with improved machinery it has been increased to a tremendous business enterprise. Products of this place are marketed and sold throughout the nation. These fish from the famous Roanoke are sold salted or fresh. Fish brokers are able to sell these fish in great quantities at a fairly good marginal price and then make money. Thus Mr. Hampton has turned this sportsman's game of fishing into a profitable paying enterprise.

On Easter Monday hundreds of people from this and other states swarmed the banks of the old Roanoke watching the jovial negro seiners, yank the denizens of the sea to land, in huge seines used for this purpose. They sang old time southern melodies as they worked.

Sawyer-Spruill

Mr. Jerry A. Sawyer and Miss Mary Olena Spruill, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Spruill of Mackeys, were married yesterday afternoon in Raleigh. Dr. J. B. Turner, of Hayes-Barton Baptist Church of that city performed the ceremony.

The couple left the capitol city immediately after the wedding for an automobile tour of the Western part of the state, visiting Waynesville and other western towns.

Mr. Sawyer a prominent young attorney of this city will be in his office again about May 30th. The newly-weds will locate in this city definitely.

It is said that a diet of fish and cabbage stops tooth decay.

COTTON REVUE SUCCESSFUL

Rain, that came as such a blessing to truckers and tobacco planters of this section, proved somewhat of a drawback to the Cotton Fashion Revue held here Friday night. In spite of inclement weather, however, a fair sized audience witnessed the program in the school auditorium.

The past three months the ladies of the Thursday Afternoon Literary Club have been making arrangements for the revue, which was calculated to create a greater demand for cotton goods, and those participating in the contest for the various prizes were required to be completely clothed in cotton apparel. The attire of those of all ages were of charming design and sturdy workmanship and lent a certain dignity to the heretofore outraged King Cotton.

The program opened with a scene depicting life of the 60's. The stage was arranged with spinning wheel, loom and other old-time implements so necessary in those days. A quartette composed of Miss Mavis Thigpen and Mesdames H. S. Midgett, E. G. Arps and R. W. Johnston, clad in appropriate costumes, sang several old Southern melodies. Miss Lenore Stone presided at the piano in the absence of an orchestra which was expected to be here from Williamston.

Fourteen little tots of ages from two to five, carrying little dolls, sang "Rock-A-Bye-Baby." They were then exhibited singularly on a pedestal in the center of the stage. They presented a most charming scene.

Fifteen cotton clad girls of ages from six to eight reflected much credit upon their tutors when they executed a Butterfly Dance. Then one by one they were presented to the audience.

A May pole dance by fourteen girls from nine to twelve years of age was charmingly performed. They entered into the dance with much zest and drew prolonged rounds of applause.

The next scene was a garden party attended by nine young ladies from thirteen to eighteen years of age. This number certainly accelerated the value of cotton here, if in no other place.

The Fashion Show completed the Revue, and fifteen ladies wearing serviceable and popular cotton apparel paraded before the audience, and it was at this point that the full meaning of the occasion was most forcibly impressed upon those attending. There was no evident waste of material in the frocks exhibited by the ladies, and the idea of sensible value and maximum service was carried to the assemblage.

Immediately after announcing the winners and awarding the prizes Rev. J. R. Everett was crowned King Cotton. The prize winners were Misses Mary Elizabeth Bray, Evelyn Arps, Elizabeth Campbell, Mildred Spruill and Mesdames H. A. Williford and J. W. Read. The judges were Miss Virginia Watson, home agent of Edgecombe county, Miss Pauline Smith of State College, and Miss Emma Gray Moorhead, home agent of Washington county.

Messrs. H. V. Austin, A. L. Owens, and others attended the meeting of the Beaufort county highway commission at Washington Monday. The local delegates petitioned the commission that highway No. 97 which connects Washington and Hyde counties, come through Pinetown on the long acre road to Plymouth.

U. S. Senators receive \$10,000 a year.