

## LOCAL NEWS

Tomm'e Bateman was in Washington Tuesday.

Miss Ethel Arps left Wednesday for Norfolk.

Mr. T. D. Woodley was in New Bern last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Ward spent last Sunday at Bayview.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Smith left Monday for Roanoke Va.

Mr. H. A. Chesson of Moncure spent the week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Jordon were in Greenville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bowen were in Rocky Mount yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Swain of Portsmouth were here Sunday.

Miss Evelyn Brown is spending sometime with relatives in Norfolk.

Everett Burgess left Tuesday for Elizabeth City where he will reside.

Mrs. Maude Jackson and Miss Florence Gardner spent last week at Virginia Beach.

Dan Satterthwaite is attending the Chevrolet service school in Charlotte this week.

Miss Elizabeth Russell of Edenton is visiting her sister Mrs. O. R. Leggett.

Mrs. Lena Hollis of Norfolk spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Tetterton.

Miss Atheline Turnage of Ayden is the guest of Miss Pauline Lucas this week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Read and little daughter Elizabeth spent Sunday at Pamlico Beach.

Mrs. M. W. Norman and sons Cyril and Gordon returned Saturday from Virginia Beach.

Mrs. W. F. Winslow is spending sometime here with her mother Mrs. Fannie Ayers.

Messrs. Louis Horton and J. M. Horton motored to Virginia Beach Saturday returning Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Edwards of Yatesville were here Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Lucas.

Mrs. S. A. Allen and little daughter Louise are visiting friends in Roanoke Rapids this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Dixon, Miss Eva Owens and Mr. L. C. Nurney motored to Rocky Mount Sunday.

Mr. Julian Brinkley of Raleigh spent Sunday here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Brinkley.

Misses Hermine and Miriam Ausbon, Messrs. Marion Ramsey and Edward Blount motored to Bayview Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth and Mr. Grandberry Tucker of Raleigh were here Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Walker.

Mr. Marion Martin of Hampton, Va., is spending his vacation here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. William Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Carstarphen of Clyde N. C., were here Wednesday attending the funeral of Mr. W. D. Carstarphen.

## GROCERY FIRM TO OPEN NEW STORE HERE

The Gold Star Stores Company will open a new store here next week, in the store formerly occupied by Williford's. This building has been leased already by the store firm from its owner Mr. H. C. Blount. A definite date for the opening has not been announced although next Saturday is the probable date.

This chain store company with headquarters in Norfolk is owned and operated by North Carolinians, according to a statement made by E. B. Towe, general manager for the chain whose headquarters is in Wilson. A local man will be employed to manage the local store, which will add to its prestige.

Nationally advertised merchandise will be stocked in this store, at low prices. A complete up to the minute line of groceries will be kept in stock at all times. Cash and carry will be the system under which the local store will be operated.

## Elizabeth City Minister To Occupy Baptist Pulpit Sunday

Rev. Mr. Booe of Elizabeth City will preach at the local Baptist Church at the Sunday services, owing to the absence of the pastor Rev. J. R. Everett, who is conducting a series of revival services, in a church included in the charge of Booe in Pasquotank county.

Rev. Booe is an eloquent speaker and the citizens are urged to attend the Sunday services. Music will be featured at each service.

## New Home Agent Arrived Yesterday

Miss Sabrie Williams of Andalusia, Ala., arrived yesterday to assume the duties of county home demonstration agent to succeed Miss Emma Grey Moorhead, resigned. Miss Williams has had several years experience in this work and has been employed in similar work in her native state.

Miss Moorhead will be here until the 15th, aiding Miss Williams in various ways. Miss Moorhead will accompany the new agent on her first trip. Definite arrangements have not been completed.

## Local School Opens Sept. 5th

The local school will open September 5, according to information issued by the trustees in session here recently. The annual faculty meeting will be held in the morning at which tentative plans will be adopted concerning the schedules and curriculum.

In the afternoon all students are requested to assemble and register. Also assignments will be made at this time and other preparatory measures taken to begin active work the following day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Jordon attended the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Smith at Farmville Friday.

Mrs. H. R. Livers and son, Harry Read, of Hampton, Va., is here spending sometime with parents Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ausbon.

Those out of town attending the funeral of Mr. W. D. Carstarphen were: Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Parker, Elizabeth City, Mr. Patrick Bennett, Elizabeth City, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carstarphen, Williamston and Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Hassell.

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## COTTON CROP BETTER THAN PREDICTED

The present outlook for the cotton crop in North Carolina is considerable better than a year ago. On the other hand, conditions were rapidly improving last year, while they may be going backward this year. The boll weevil is a real menace, while last year there was negligible damage from this agent. But then we made a record crop during the past season, with a yield averaging near 300 pounds which was quite in contrast with the August 1926 indications. The acreage this year is reduced 10 percent in this State, with more than 12 per cent for the South as a whole.

The North Carolina prospects, with a 78 percent condition, are 8 points higher than a year ago. The average condition for the past ten-years was 72 percent. The acreage is estimated to be 1,814,000 acres. No State production indications will be available for a month yet. The condition is more or less uniformly good throughout the State, with the lowest reported condition in the northern tier of counties with an average of 75 percent. Cultivation is generally good, but the recent rains will cause considerable grassiness.

The crop is generally considered late, but not as much so as last year. On August 1st it was growing nicely, with a few reports indicating dry conditions. The general rainfall since that time would now result in complaint of too much rain, with increased boll weevil damage.

## Temporary Athletic Club Organized Here

An athletic club was temporarily organized here last Friday evening when about twenty young men of this section met in the fire department building for that purpose.

Temporary officers were elected for the week as follows: Carl D. White, president and J. F. Ausbon, secretary and treasurer. A committee was also appointed to solicit members and create a fund to purchase the necessary equipment. Those joining before the meeting this evening will be allowed to enter as charter members and the initiation fee will be two dollars.

W. J. Jackson, Jr., and Teddy Blount are sponsoring the organization with the cooperation of Chief L. W. Gurkin of the local fire department. These men are skilled in boxing and other physical sports and will instruct the local boys.

## ALMO THEATRE

### TO-NIGHT

Sid Chaplin

IN

"Oh! What a Nurse"

PATHE NEWS

Saturday Night

Clara Bow

IN

"Kid Boots"

ALSO

TENTH EPISODE

"The Power God"

Tues. & Wed. Night

Jackie Coogan

IN

"Johnny Get Your Hair Cut"

## CORN GROWING PROJECT AT LUCAS FARM

According to Government figures in 1926 the corn acreage in Washington County decreased 432 acres under the acreage to corn in 1919, although in the average yield per acre there was an increase of 6 bushels, the average yield for 1919 being 20 bushels and for 1926 being 26 bushels.

"Yield has a direct relation to production cost; low yield per acre usually means high per bushel cost of production," stated County Agent R. E. Dunning yesterday.

"Our average yield of corn can be raised materially through a greater use of cover crops, seed selection, better cultural methods, and a more liberal applications of fertilizer suited to the needs of the corn plant on our soils.

"Through the assistance of Mr. W. F. Lucas of Plymouth, N. C., one of our progressive farmers, we are conducting a five acre corn demonstration this year," Mr. Dunning said. "The purpose of this demonstration is to increase the yield per acre and if possible reduce the cost per bushel."

We are using in this demonstration 300 lbs. 16 per cent Acid Phosphate, 75 lbs. Muriate of Potash and 300 lbs. Nitrate of Soda per acre.

"The corn plants needs large quantities of nitrogen to produce large yields. If the soil is deficient in nitrogen, it should be applied in a quickly available form, such as Nitrate of Soda. Very little, if any, of the nitrogen should be applied at planting time. The best time to apply the soda is when the corn is knee to thigh high," Mr. Dunning stated.

"Farmers who are interested in increasing their corn yields should visit Mr. Lucas' farm and see this demonstration."

## Watermelon Feast Enjoyed

A delightful watermelon feast was enjoyed by about twenty young folk of this community at B'ount's Beach, Monday evening. This was a free for-all party. Any one bringing a watermelon was eligible to become a member of the convivial merry makers. Swimming, canoeing and other beach sports were enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Arps and Sheriff J. K. Read were sponsors of the joyful occasion.

## DARDEN NEWS

Mr. John Swain of New Bern was here last week.

Miss Mary Fagan has returned from a visit to Norfolk.

Mr. Linwood Knowles and Roscoe Davenport were in Robersonville Sunday.

Mr. Tom Sullivan of Baltimore is here visiting his mother Mrs. Laura Sullivan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jordon and Mrs. Mittie Fagan motored to Greenville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Jackson of Hamlet N. C., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jackson Sunday.

Mr. Harry Fagan and family of Raleigh and his sister of Jacksonville, Fla. are guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Fagan.

Mr. T. E. McCaskey and family of Norfolk spent a few days here with her father Mr. A. B. Waters, who is seriously ill at this time.

"Eyes of Love", a three-act comedy drama will be presented at the Dardens School building by the Dardens Union Sunday School this evening at eight o'clock.

## CITY FATHERS DONATE TO FIREMEN

Councilmen in their regular semi-monthly session here Friday evening by a unanimous vote decided to guarantee the local fire department the sum of \$100 to aid in defraying the expense of the Eastern Carolina Firemen's Association meeting which will be held here next month with the local fire department as host. Gilbert Davis and Harry Stell were appointed as a committee to solicit funds to make good the agreement. The amount not solicited will be appropriated by the councilmen from the town treasurer. Other civic organizations will do well to aid this worthy movement and contribute to this affair, so that the local firemen will be financially able to entertain in the most royal manner.

The board of aldermen decided to appropriate \$1800 annually and turn over to the water and light commissioners for current use by the town in lighting the street lights and other necessary illumination.

A privilege tax of \$50.00 was passed for the sale of ice in the city by any person or firm. A person delivering ice that has failed to obtain these license will be fined \$25. This was passed in order to protect the ice business done by the municipal plant.

## SKINNERSVILLE NEWS

Master Ray Baum of Norfolk is spending sometime with Mr. Leon Spruill.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Davenport and Miss Fannie Biggs motored to Creswell Tuesday.

Messrs. Herbert and Wheeler Swain were the guests of relatives in Roper Sunday.

Miss Cally Tarkenton of Cherry is spending the week with Misses Ruth and Seattle Swain.

Miss Irma Patrick of Greensboro is spending sometime here with relatives and friends.

Miss Jessie Curles left Sunday for Spring Hope where she is to spend sometime with relatives.

Misses Effie and Annie Swain of Norfolk are here the guests of their aunt Mrs. Henrietta Swain.

Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Saunders of Aulander is spending sometime here with Mrs. Matilda Aumack.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Everett, Mesdames S. A. Saunders and Matilda Aumack were in Plymouth Monday.

Mrs. Emma Swain has returned to her home at Greenville after an extended visit with Mrs. Henrietta Swain.

Miss Lillian Owens and mother, Mrs. Herbert Owens of Columbia spent Wednesday at the home of Mrs. C. V. White.

Miss Inez Alexander of Macksays and Miss Thelma Ambrose of Cherry spent the past week here with Mrs. Walter White.

Mrs. Edward Spruill and daughter little Miss Mary Jane, of Windsor spent the past week at the home of Mrs. Pattie Spruill.

Mrs. Enoch Sawyer and family, Miss Annie Odom and brother, Lindwood Odom, of Spring Hope, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Curles.

Mrs. John Felton and daughter of Charleston S. C., Mr. and Mrs. Ike Davenport of Columbia spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Davenport.

Members of the Local Methodist Sunday School enjoyed a delightful picnic yesterday at Davenport's Beach.

## CITIZEN DIES AT THE AGE OF SEVENTY

Walter D. Carstarphen, succumbed to the vigorous attack of a chronic disease, at his home on Main street, Tuesday morning, at the age of 70 years. His demise followed a prolonged illness of several months, lately having been confined to his room.

Mr. Carstarphen gained a wide circle of friends having been associated with a New York concern as a traveling salesman, for a half century. For years he had been a staunch and consistent member of the local Methodist Church and was very popular in church affairs. The deceased joined the masonic fraternity in the earlier years of his life and had been affiliated with the local lodge until the time of his death. He was vice-president of the old fraternity known as the North Carolina Society of Cincinnati, which organization, admits candidates that are directly descended from officers of the Continental army in the Revolutionary War, Lieut. James Carstarphen of Halifax, which served under George Washington, is a grandfather of the deceased.

Funeral services were conducted in the local Methodist Church Wednesday afternoon by Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, pastor of the Church. Interment was made in the Methodist cemetery adjoining the church yard.

The deceased is survived by a daughter, Mrs. T. C. Burgess, of this place, two brothers, H. D. Carstarphen, Clyde, N. C., and E. D. Carstarphen, Plymouth and three sisters, Mrs. J. D. Cordon, Washington City, Miss Gussie Carstarphen, Roper and Mrs. Maude Hilliard, Plymouth.

## Mission Worker Pursuing Studies In Tennessee School

Miss Lona Weatherly of Creswell, left Monday for Sewanee, Tenn. where she will attend an Episcopal school, pursuing studies that will facilitate and better prepare her for teaching the Galilee Mission School on Lake Phelps.

Nearly two score pupils matriculated in this school during the current term which began in April and will last until January. These students are benefited by this school since they are living in such an inconvenient place and is not easily accessible. This school is conducted under the auspices of the Episcopal denomination and is not in any way financed by the county or state.

Episcopalians of that district are very zealous of this move recently adopted by the church and contribute time, energy and money toward the maintenance of this school. This school has recently been started although the church at that place has been established for some years.

Efforts are being made to enlarge the school at a latter date. New equipment and a modern building will perhaps soon be erected to replace the old.

## Rehoboth Members Host To Conference

The third quarterly conference of the Creswell circuit of the Methodist Protestant Church met Tuesday evening with the Rehoboth Church.

Routine business was transacted. Addresses and lectures featured the meeting. Music was rendered at the time.

The next meeting will be held in the latter part of November with the Creswell Church.