

LOCAL NEWS

Leland Thompson was in Cone-toe Sunday.

Mr. Denard Rumley was in Farmville Sunday.

Mr. Arthur Chesson, of Wilson, is in town this week.

Mr. W. B. Watts, of Williamston, was here this week.

Mr. W. R. Hardison motored to Williamston yesterday.

Jack Peeler motored to Greenville during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sexton spent Sunday in Janesville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor, of Rich Square, were here Sunday.

Messrs. Louis Horton and Jack Peeler motored to Greenville Tuesday.

Mr. Vance Satterthwaite, of Norfolk, was here during the week end.

Mrs. C. L. Murphy, of Norfolk, spent the week-end with Mrs. A. R. Dupree.

Mr. Russell Jackson, of Edenton, is the guest of Mrs. Raymond Leggett.

Mrs. Herman Hornthal, of Norfolk, is visiting Mrs. L. P. Hornthal this week.

Mrs. E. J. Conklin, of Greenville, is here this week visiting Mrs. Harry Stell.

Mr. Rasser Edwards, of Stanfordsburg, was the guest of Miss Lyda B. Ange Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker, of Rocky Mount, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Read Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Beasley spent Sunday in New Holland.

Messrs. Louis Horton and Tommie Bateman were in Norfolk during the week-end.

Attorneys W. L. Whitley, Z. V. Norman and Mr. W. T. Nurney motored to Norfolk Tuesday.

Misses Margaret Ward Jackson, Thelma and Louise Harrison motored to Greenville Sunday.

Mr. Van B. Martin, a student at Wake Forest College, spent the week end here with his parents.

Miss Hazel Ausbon left Monday for Rocky Mount where she will spend sometime with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Walker, Miss Lenore Stone and Mr. Frank Brinkley were in Raleigh during the week end.

Mrs. Ed Ayers and Mr. Aubrey Owens, of Rocky Mount, spent week-end here with their mother, Mrs. S. L. Owens.

Mr. Lee Roy Harris motored to Wilson during the week end and was accompanied on the return trip by Miss Pattie Ruffin.

Miss Lelia Dunbar, of Wenona, and Miss Myrtle Jackson, of Hoke, were the guests of Miss Miriam Ausbon Monday evening.

Mesdames G. H. Harrison and E. G. Harrison are attending the annual conference of the Methodist Church, South, at Raleigh this week.

Misses Edna Earl Nurney and Leona Satterthwaite, students at the East Carolina Teacher's College, at Greenville, spent the week-end here with their parents.

PEANUT SHOW AT AHOSSKIE THIS YEAR

The next big event after the regular fall fairs close, is the second annual Eastern Carolina and Tide Water Virginia Peanut Exposition which will be held at Ahoskie, the week of December 5th. This annual fair will be much larger and more interesting this year, according to announcements from the headquarters of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, at Kinston, which is sponsoring this show.

A special effort is being made to have every square foot of floor space used by some exhibitor whether he be a peanut manufacturer, grower or any kind of manufacturer. From inquiries up to this date for floor space, it looks as there will be no floor space left.

A program of entertainment is being arranged that will appeal to all classes of people. A historical pageant is being arranged for the opening night, under the direction of Mrs. Frances Winston, of Windsor.

Secretary N. G. Bartlett promises the most spectacular parade ever held in North Carolina.

The parade will begin at 6 o'clock, and the floats will march down the principal street where the reflection of the lights from the beautifully lighted street lamps, shining on the floats, will present a very pleasing scene.

The usual queens contest will be held and \$100 in gold will be given to each of the candidates in the three separate contests. One queen will be selected from Eastern North Carolina towns; one from Hertford county, and one from the Tide Water towns of Virginia. A Junior queens contest has been added.

Mrs. Blount Entertains

Mrs. J. E. Blount was hostess to the Thursday Afternoon Literary Club at her beautiful country home "Oaklands" Thursday afternoon of last week. Various reports were rendered, and committees were appointed for the Red Cross seal sale which begins this month.

The literary program dealt with the book "Medical Follies" by Fishbein. Mrs. R. P. Walker read a paper on "Some Healing Cults." "Fads and Fancies" was the subject of a paper by Mrs. Henry S. Midgett; and Mrs. Louis Hesel's subject was "Physical Culture."

At the close of the literary program the hostess served a delicious two course luncheon. Mesdames Blount and Mizelle, of Roper, Mrs. Edison Davenport, of Mackeys, and Miss Fannie Hilliard, of this place, were invited guests.

ALMO THEATRE TONIGHT

John Gilbert

Twelve Miles Out

PRIZES GIVEN TO-NIGHT
Those holding tickets must be present in order to win a prize.

Saturday Night

Monte Blue

"Bitter Apples"

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Ronald Coleman

"The Dark Angel"

ROPER HOST TO TEACHERS MEETING

Approximately seventy teachers of the county were present at the Roper High school auditorium Friday evening, when the Washington county unit, of the North Carolina Teachers Association, was perfected. About thirty teachers were absent. Professor J. W. Norman, County Superintendent of Public Instruction, sponsored the organization.

At the general in which all the teachers participated, officers were elected for the term. Prof. E. N. Riddle, of the Roper school, was elected president; Herbert Swain, of the Creswell school, vice-president, and Miss Nellie Tarkenton, of the local school faculty, secretary.

At this time, Professor J. W. Norman spoke on the special emphasis to be placed on the average attendance of the various schools. He further urged all the teachers to be present at the district meeting of the Association, to be held at the East Carolina Teachers College, at Greenville, November 17 and 18.

Following Mr. Norman's address, the meeting was dissolved into departments, primary, grammar and high school. Officers were elected for the various departments. Mrs. Bateman, of the rural schools, was elected to head the primary department; Prof. Roy Litchfield, of the Scuppernon school, for the grammar department, and L. H. Hubble, was elected president of the high school department.

A program was rendered in the various departments. Mrs. R. G. L. Edwards read a paper to her department on "Teaching Arithmetic." Mrs. L. A. Spruill spoke on "Seatwork Among the Pupils." Miss A. C. Carstarphen talked on "Making History Interesting." Messrs. Riddle and Hubble spoke to the high school department on attendance. The next county unit meeting will be held December 2, at the Roper school auditorium. This will be the last meeting before Christmas; the remaining two meetings will be held next year.

ROPER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Williams, and son, Charles, motored to Greenville Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church gave a benefit salad supper Friday night.

Mrs. G. W. Dixon and son, Ritter, accompanied Mr. Lawrence Jones to Greenville Sunday.

Mr. C. E. Mizelle, of State College, Raleigh, spent last week end in Roper with his parents.

Messrs. William Lewis and Reynold Spruill spent last week end in Roper with their parents.

Mrs. James Williamson and Miss Fannie Hilliard, of Plymouth, spent some time with Miss A. C. Carstarphen last week.

Miss Vera Mixelle, a student at East Carolina Teachers College, at Greenville, spent Sunday here with her parents.

Mr. Jack Swain, of State College, Raleigh, was accompanied on the return trip to school by Mr. and Mrs. Edison Swain, after spending the week end with them here.

Mr. D. M. Tetterton, a student at State College, Raleigh spent the week-end here, and was accompanied on the return trip by Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Tetterton, and children.

NEGRO WOMAN KILLED; SEEK MURDERER

Mystery continues to surround the death of Mittie Boston, middle-aged Negro woman of the Darden section of Martin county, whose lifeless body was found on the railroad track near that place early Monday morning, by trainmen. Just as the train engine was gaining speed after the stop at the Darden station, the engineer espied an object resembling a body lying across the track. The engine was stopped immediately and the train crew and a number of passengers went forward to investigate. News was transmitted to authorities at once. The body was identified by the woman's husband.

It is certain that death came by foul means, because of the long gash cut in the head of the victim. Those who have seen the body think that the slayer used an axe or hatchet. A few clues found around the body are expected to lead to the slayer. These are being followed by authorities.

To Erect Confederate Marker Soon

Secretary C. L. Groves, of the local chamber of commerce, announced today that the marker to commemorate the battle of Plymouth and the sinking of the Confederate ram Albemarle will soon be erected. Specifications desired by the State Historical Commission have been complied with.

The marker will be erected on the court house lawn near highway No. 90. Representatives from the highway commission assert that the highway force will haul the marker and maintain it.

A definite date for the erection and unveiling has not been announced. Officials of the commercial body corresponding with various civic organizations to formulate plans for a formal unveiling with an elaborate celebration.

SKINNERSVILLE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Holton and family were visitors in Plymouth Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. C. L. Doughtie, of Edenton, attended a business meeting at Oak Grove Church the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. White and family spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Pattie Spruill.

Misses Edna Stillman and Alice White attended the teachers meeting at Roper Friday evening.

Mr. Jack Swain, a student at State College, Raleigh, spent the week-end with his mother Mrs. Henriette Swain.

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

Messrs. Wilbur N. Cooper and Hubert Rawlins, of Greensboro, are spending some time here with Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Davenport.

Mesdames Matilda Aumack and Walter White spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Edgar Chesson in the Pleasant Grove neighborhood.

Mr. Joe White was accompanied home by Rev. R. L. Hethcox, of Creswell, from the North Carolina conference of the Methodist Protestant church, which convened at Asheboro. Rev. Hethcox will continue his pastorate of the Creswell circuit, while away Mr. White visited the Children's Home, at High Point, and gave interesting report at his return.

COUNCILMEN ADOPT NEW BUDGET

Councilmen in session here Monday evening adopted a budget which calls for higher taxes for the year of 1927. The tax rate has been boosted from \$2.27 in 1926 to \$2.40 for 1927. There has been an increase in the grand total of taxes, to be raised, of about \$871.79. In the year of 1926 the budget called for taxes amounting to \$24,509.61; while the present budget calls for \$25,381.40 in taxes. The city's total tax valuation of real and personal property is about \$1,066,301.00.

The special tax rate is \$1.81. This money will be used to pay interest on light and power bonds, sewer bonds, street improvement bonds, retiring bonds and notes in bank and bond issues amounting to \$40,891.40. Funds collected on abatement, assessments and interest on same, amounts due from light and power and uncollected assessments amounting to \$21,700.00 is to be subtracted from the above figures, making a total amount of \$19,191.40 to be raised for the special tax fund.

The general tax rate is 59 cents. This money will be expended on street labor, police salary, commission on taxes to be collected, salaries of the mayor, city attorney and town clerk, feed for team, on the upkeep of the town ditch, fire hose, miscellaneous, outstanding indebtedness and 5 per cent contingent fund, making a total of \$9,240.00. From this amount will be subtracted \$3,050.00, a fund raised from dogs, privilege, automobile license and poll taxes. This will make a total amount of general taxes of \$6,190.00.

Stores Close Today

Twenty-five local firms have agreed to close their doors in commemoration of Armistice day. These facts have been obtained from a petition carried around by Dr. C. McGowan. Drug stores and firms that usually stay open on other holidays will not close. The day will be spent in various ways by the celebrating business men.

MACKEYS NEWS

Mrs. Mary Snell, of near Creswell, was the guest of Mrs. C. W. Snell last week.

Miss Corrinne Bell accompanied by Messrs. Corbett and Jack Swain motored to Tarboro Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Liverman, of Columbia, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Nathan Everett.

Rev. H. A. Chesson delivered his farewell sermon of the conference year at the Pleasant Grove and Mackeys Churches on Sunday.

Mesdames C. H. Tippet, A. P. Hicks and Miss Addie Rice and Mr. J. H. Tippet, of Henderson, spent the week-end with Mrs. W. B. Chesson.

The Ladies' Aid Society held a special meeting at the home of Mrs. C. W. Snell to formulate plans for their annual bazaar which will be held at the Pleasant Grove school house November 18.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Pleasant Grove community will hold their annual bazaar next Friday night at the Pleasant Grove school house. There will be a contest for the prettiest young lady. Also there will be a fancy work booth. Many games will feature the amusements. Oysters, chicken salad, ice cream, cake and coffee will be served. Every one is urged to attend.

C. OFC. ELECTED OFFICERS AT ANNUAL MEET

Zeb Vance Norman was unanimously elected president of the local chamber of commerce for the coming year at the organization's third anniversary banquet and business meeting held in the court house last Monday evening. Other officers proposed by the committee on nominations also were unanimously elected.

These officers are C. L. Groves, secretary; R. P. Walker, first vice-president; L. W. Gurkin, second vice-president; J. W. Norman, third vice-president and Leland Thompson, Dwight Weathers, C. M. Tetterton, H. E. Beam, C. E. Ayers, L. C. Willoughby, M. T. Bradshaw, P. H. Darden and O. H. Lyon, directors. The nominating committee was composed of R. P. Walker, L. W. Gurkin, J. W. Norman, H. A. Williford and C. L. Groves. A. L. Alexander was appointed to the place on the nominating committee made vacant by the absence of H. A. Williford.

The new president deferred appointing the standing committees until the meeting next Monday evening. A committee on publicity, membership, industry and others constitute the annual committee-men.

C. L. Groves, who succeeded himself as secretary and treasurer, submitted his annual report on finances, showing that the commercial body had operated on a comparatively small amount of money, considering the work done. All assets included, he said, they had a balance of about \$100.

The retiring president, A. L. Alexander, thanked the members for their co-operation during his two years in office. However, he refused to serve a third term.

Zeb Vance Norman, newly elected president, who was promoted from the vice-presidency, reviewed the various activities of the chamber's work in the past year, and pronounced it a success. However, in a stirring appeal, he pleaded for the co-operation of the body and invited their suggestions and advice. He means to double the membership.

Councilmen in session at their last meeting agreed to allow the chamber of commerce to enlarge the office of the city clerk, and place chairs, and desks in the room to be used as a council chamber and also a meeting place for the commercialists.

The members thanked the officers of last year for their splendid work by a rising vote. A loud applause greeted the speech by the retiring president, A. L. Alexander.

Following the business session, the members retired to the basement of the court house, where P. H. Darden, member of the commercial body, served oysters, drinks, and cake, on improvised tables. Mayor R. P. Walker was appointed toastmaster of the occasion. Among the speakers were, Mayor Walker, R. G. L. Edwards, J. M. Robeson and J. R. Everett.

Livery Barn Erected On Highway

A livery barn is being erected on the highway toward Roper near White City by J. S. Shugar, local livestock dealer. It is a large spacious wooden structure estimated to contain about fifty horses and mules. The stables will be completed in a few more weeks. It will present a very good appearance when completed, as it will be painted, and the surrounding premises will be cleaned up. Horses and mules will be kept to trade and sell.