

Country Life Notes

By the Bertie County Traveller
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King Bell, colored, who lives near Skyles Landing on the Cashie river, told me an interesting snake story recently when I called at his home. Said one of his boys killed a rattlesnake with nine rattlers Christmas day. The boy heard the snake singing his rattlers in the grass beside the road. He went to look for him and after the battle was over the boy had a souvenir of nine snake rattlers he had taken off his victim.

Occasionally I am asked why I don't make my letters longer? To all such interested readers I will explain that on account of paper shortage and limited space I have agreed with the publishers to make 'em short.

I hear something said occasionally about another commissioner for Hertford, my native county. We already have six, which in my opinion for a county the size of Hertford, is twice too many. Bertie and Northampton, adjoining counties, each have five commissioners. Both of these counties have nine townships while Hertford has only six. Bertie and Northampton are each about a third larger than Hertford in both area and population. At that rate three commissioners for Hertford would be about the equal of five for these counties. I don't know how commissioners are elected in Northampton. Bertie is made up in five districts and each district elects one commissioner. I would recommend three districts of two townships each for Hertford county. Each district to elect a commissioner for four instead of two years, to be alternated every four years between the townships of each district.

I was in the Kelford and Lewiston sections last week and was surprised to see fields of peanuts still in the stacks unpicked. Also most everywhere I go I see plenty of cotton still hanging in the patches. Some of the farmers I am told have not yet housed their corn and hogs have in some cases been seriously delayed getting the field pickings.

When I called at the home of a little girl one day last week I asked her if she got married Christmas. No, she replied, I couldn't. My fellow is in the service overseas. I shall have to wait now until he comes back. Suppose he don't come back, was my next question. Yes, but he will come back, she replied emphatically with a smile and a twinkle in her eye.

Trotville

Miss Carrie Mitchell of Suffolk spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Benton and daughter, Loretta, and R. A. Benton spent a day in Norfolk recently.

Mrs. Arthur O. Black of Washington, D. C., is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. P. Mitchell.

Those on the sick list this week are Mrs. E. A. Benton, L. R. Trotman, and little Donald Hobbs.

Fletcher Riddick, who spent the past week at home because of sickness, has returned to his job in Newport News.

Mrs. Nan Riddick, who has been receiving treatment at Lakeview Hospital for the past week for a fractured hip as a result of a fall, will return home soon. Mrs. Otha Riddick has been with her.

Miss Catherine Uliana of Portsmouth spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Britt. Her



A HOME IN BELGIUM.—Somewhere in Belgium, Cpl. Dominic Feraro, Pittsburgh, Pa., crawls into a new type of G.I. bedroll. He is a member of 145th Signal Company, 5th Armored Division.

father and sister were visitors here Sunday.

W. G. Britt has been in Portsmouth for the past two weeks receiving treatment at a hospital there.

Marvin King, U.S.N., is home on furlough. He is stationed in Norfolk.

Misses Doris Mitchell and Naomi Blanchard of E.C.T.C., Greenville, were home for the weekend.

Cpl. R. P. Johnson of Fort Bragg was a visitor here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell Rea of Newport News visited Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rea on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Blanchard and little daughter have recently moved to Sunbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Copeland of Elizabeth City visited Mrs. Copeland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rountree, Sunday.

Mrs. A. E. McCotter of Portsmouth is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Riddick, for a few days.

Cadet Nurse Margaret Rountree of Portsmouth spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Rountree.

Miss Hallie Trotman spent Saturday in Suffolk. She was accompanied home by her mother, Mrs. Carrie H. Trotman, who spent the weekend here.

Winfred Wiggins of Portsmouth is home for a few days.

Marvin Wiggins spent Sunday with Miss Maxine Stallings at E.C.T.C., Greenville.

Mrs. Marie Hannah spent last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Riddick.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rea had a birthday dinner in honor of Pvt. Herman T. Spivey on the second Sunday. The centerpiece was a lovely birthday cake bearing 27 candles. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Spivey, his parents, and Herman. Pvt. Spivey, after serving overseas for almost three years, has just returned to this country. He is home now on a 21-day furlough, after which he will report to Miami Beach, Fla. At present he is in the hospital at Ft. Story, Va., suffering from ptomaine poison.

Corapeake

Ralph Hobbs, U. S. Navy from some place in the Atlantic since November, arrived home Friday for a stay of 36 hours with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rae Hobbs.

Mrs. C. C. Blythe and son, Clarence Earl, of Franklin, and Mrs. S. B. Carter of Suffolk were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Rountree.

Miss Viola Hobbs, of Suffolk arrived Sunday to be overnight guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Hobbs.

Mrs. Margaret Taylor Lee, who has been spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Taylor, and also here to be with her brother William before he left for California, will leave this week to join her husband, Pfc. Sidney Lee, U. S. Army, stationed in Texas.

Lester Evans returned Friday afternoon from Lakeview Hospital, Suffolk, and is convales-

cing at home. His friends will be glad to know they can visit him.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ellsworth of New York, en route to Wilmington, N. C., spent a few hours Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Brinkley of Suffolk, and with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Brinkley and Miss Marjorie Anne Brinkley here.

Mrs. Leon Pierce and Miss Syble Spivey were visitors for the week in Norfolk, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dallis Ralph and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Smith and little son, who are spending this week here, guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Spivey.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Brinkley, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Morgan, Mrs. Gay Taylor and Miss Marjorie Anne Brinkley visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Parker in Norfolk Sunday and attended the funeral of Mrs. Joe Henry Parker, a relative.

Miss Pauline Daniels of Portsmouth spent this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Daniels, and her brother, George Daniels and family.

George Daniels, Jr., who has recently had a surgical operation, returned home Friday from Lakeview Hospital, Suffolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brittain and son of Holland were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brinkley.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Ralph of Suffolk were visitors Sunday of Mrs. Mary Jones and Mrs. Ruth Hollowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Brinkley of

Roduco HD Club Holds Meeting

Roduco.—The Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. V. M. Parker Thursday night. Mrs. V. M. Parker, vice-president, conducted the meeting due to the absence of the president, Mrs. Lewis Felton. Minutes and roll call given by Mrs. Elijah Felton, new secretary and treasurer.

Report on the Sixth Bond Drive and Council meeting held in Gatesville on January 11 was given by Miss Mildred Turner, chairman. It was suggested and approved that the prize of five dollars received for the Bond Drive be given to the Infantile Paralysis Drive. Mrs. Charles Eure, chairman for the Infantile Paralysis Drive, made a few remarks and asked that any money collected or contributions made for this Drive be turned over to her. Miss Patterson mentioned

Shawboro, and Leon Benton also of Shawboro spent Sunday here, guests of relatives.

Sgt. Marvin White, U. S. Army, and Mrs. White, a recent bride and groom, arrived Tuesday to spend a few days here to be guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. White. They will visit relatives in Norfolk and Elizabeth City before returning to Florida where Sergeant White is stationed.

the movie sponsored by the clubs to be given for this drive by Gatesville Theater and urged everyone to attend.

The lesson on "Financial Planning for Family Living" was given by Miss Ona Patterson and interestingly brought out by a chart.

Refreshments of congealed salad on lettuce with crackers and coca colas were served to the following: Mrs. J. T. Eure, Mrs. Charles Eure, Mrs. Elijah Felton, Mrs. Odessa White, Mrs. V. M. Parker, Misses Ona Patterson, Dorothy White and Mildred Turner.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Felton Wednesday were: Mrs. Paul Montgomery and baby, Paul, Mrs. B. C. Hardy, Mrs. Shirley Blythe and daughter, Joyce, all of Suffolk.

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