

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Attorneys R. A. Doughton, Sidney Gambill and R. F. Crouse are attending court in Jefferson this week.

Miss Lottie Teague, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Bill Chester, returned home Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. Cecil G. Hefner and children spent last week visiting the Rev. Mr. Hefner's parents in Waynesboro. Mr. Hefner's father returned with them for a visit here.

Billie and Guy Miller, small sons of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Woodruff, and Lyle Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cox, had their tonsils removed here Tuesday.

Rev. R. L. Berry will preach at the Baptist church Sunday morning and Sunday night, July 28.

Mrs. James Wagoner, of Ennice, is ill.

Georgia, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Andrews, was a tonsil patient here Wednesday.

Arthur Jordan is not improving from a serious illness.

Mrs. R. J. Hall, Independence, Va., visited her daughter, Mrs. John Mack Wagoner, last week.

Rufus Richardson underwent another operation at his home Monday. He is said to be still in a very serious condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Choate have returned from a trip to Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maxian, New York City, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Gentry. Mrs. Maxian will be remembered here as Miss Evelyn Gentry.

Mrs. Lorne Higgins spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Vaughan, at Baywood, Va.

Miss Eileen Kilby recently returned home after spending a month visiting friends and relatives in Maryland.

Mrs. Charles Brewer, Mrs. Boyd Kimball, Mrs. Alec Smith, of Elkin, Mrs. R. L. Doughton and her guest, Mrs. Robert Page, of Raleigh, Mrs. R. A. Doughton and Mrs. J. K. Doughton were dinner guests of Mrs. R. B. Harrell Wednesday at the home of her father, Dr. J. L. Doughton.

Mrs. Nannie Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barker, Elkin, are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. George Cheek.

Roy Cook, of Fayetteville, visited here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Chatham spent Sunday at the home of Dr. J. L. Doughton.

Dr. R. B. Harrell is spending a couple of weeks here.

Mr. Robert Page, of Raleigh, is visiting Mrs. R. L. Doughton.

"Aunt" Jane Douglas, who is recovering from a recent serious illness, is hardly as well as she was a few days ago.

Mrs. Carrie Lipfert and son, Gene, of Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Mamie Call, Wilkesboro, visited Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Transeau Sunday.

Miss Nell Choate, Salisbury, is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Morgan Edwards, Mrs. Lena Gentry and Charlie Edwards spent Sunday with Mrs. Zollie Carson.

Preston Phipps, Galax, Va., is spending a few days in the home

See Castevens Motor Co. for radio batteries, tubes and service.—adv.

of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hawthorne. Grover Enopier, Piney Creek, is ill.

Wiley Hudson, who lives near Bullhead, fell from a horse Monday and fractured a shoulder.

Mr. and Mrs. Zack Ward, Piney Creek, have announced the birth of a son on July 19, whom they name named Fernald Clive.

Miss Margaret Cheek has been visiting Mrs. F. F. Cheek, of Winston-Salem, who is spending the summer at Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock.

Miss Faye Joiner, Stratford, left last Thursday for Carolina Beach and Boonville, expecting to visit her aunt, Mrs. Arthur Matthews, at the latter place.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Paw, West Jefferson, and Glenn Miller, Nathans Creek, were visitors in Sparta last Friday.

Elder Willie Hamm and Elder E. A. Long will preach at the Tolliver schoolhouse Saturday night, August 24, and Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock, August 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hopper, Roanoke, Va., who spent the past two weeks with Mr. Hopper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hopper, have returned home.

Tom Cox, Detroit, Mich., is visiting his parents at New Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hardin, Mouth of Wilson, Va., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hardin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Bledsoe and Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Gambill attended the wrestling matches in the Winston-Salem arena Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Doughton and son and daughter, of Baltimore, Maryland, are spending some time with Mr. Doughton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Doughton.

R. J. Whitaker has returned to Sparta after spending some time in Maryland and other northern states.

Mrs. John M. Wagoner and daughter, Gertrude, have returned to their home in Roanoke, Va., after visiting relatives here for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Perry are spending this week camping on New river in Ashe county.

Junior Sturdivant, from Akron, Ohio, is spending the summer at the home of his uncle, D. F. Sturdivant.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Roe and children are visiting Mrs. Roe's parents in Kinston this week.

Walter Bumgarner, West Jefferson, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bumgarner last week.

Graham Myers is spending this week at Virginia Beach.

Miss Janie Harris and Walter Harris, North Wilkesboro, visited their mother, Mrs. M. E. Harris, last week.

Mrs. Levi Vanhoy went to the Elkin hospital Monday for treatment.

Mrs. M. E. Reeves, Laurel Springs, spent the week-end in Asheville with her daughter, Mrs. Lonnie Busic, who is improving rapidly.

Mrs. Ernest Hoppers, who has been visiting in Maryland, returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Ralph Parker and baby are visiting Mrs. Parker's mother in Taylorsville.

Mrs. W. K. Sturdivant and son, of North Wilkesboro, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Sturdivant.

Mr. and Mrs. Iredell Rector and children, of Chicago, are visiting Mr. Rector's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rector.

Mrs. Gwyn Steffey and small daughter, of Rural Retreat, Va., were guests last week of Mrs. Rex Mitchell. While here Mrs. Steffey had her daughter's tonsils removed.

Mrs. Ray Phipps has returned home from the hospital, where she underwent a major operation. She is said to be recuperating rapidly.

Little Evelyn Mitchell spent a

week with her aunt, Mrs. Ruth Norman, at Rural Retreat, Va., recently.

Sheriff Walter M. Irwin and D. C. Bledsoe made a business trip to Charlotte Monday.

Mrs. Johnston, from Greensboro, visited her sister, Mrs. C. R. Roe, last week.

Coinage Of Less

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much as I would like to see the buying public in these states have any advantage in savings that the use of tokens or mills might give them, I believe that when the danger involved is considered from the standpoint of ultimate results, the public at large will agree that issuance of the proposed new coins should be resisted.

"Once the treasury is authorized by Congress to put into circulation coins of smaller denominations than the penny, the bars will have been let down, so to speak, and the sales tax troubles of the buying public, and the merchants, will multiply, because those interests who are determined to shift the tax load to the masses through a system of taxation based on human needs rather than ability to pay, will have removed one of the barriers now in evidence. If those states which have stooped to the disgrace of levying sales taxes want to give the buying public the benefit of amounts less than one cent, a system of stamping merchandise that will meet federal requirements can undoubtedly be worked out by each state. But let's not start issuance of new coins just to accommodate these wayward states, and thus have our federal government become a party to the most unrighteous form of taxation conceivable.

"There can be no defence of the 3 per cent sales tax system which we have here in North Carolina, where the purchaser of a ten-cent item of food or other necessity must pay a ten per cent tax for the privilege, and where certain types of stores enjoying large volumes of business in small sales of less than 25 cents are undoubtedly collecting much more in sales taxes from customers than they are remitting to the state. But this could be remedied by the state, if it would rule that sales under 15 or 20 cents are non-taxable—have the tax start at a figure larger than ten cents. This is probably true of other sales tax states. I am confident that the reason the five and ten cent store owners did not fight the sales tax during the last legislature, and will not, with few exceptions, join us in our continued battle against this form of taxation, is because the state of North Carolina favored them by ruling that a one-cent tax could be collected on a ten-cent purchase. This is working a terrible hardship on our people of small means who must buy in small quantities, while on the other hand, it is working to the advantage of the syndicated stores specializing in the sales of small items, and which are, as a rule, foreign corporations which escape much local taxation, and which refuse to become community institutions in the same manner as do our local stores, and home merchants.

"My position in this matter is, I believe, in accord with the majority opinion of our members of the Fair Tax Association throughout the state, just as it was when I used my influence to defeat the effort of our state administration when it proposed to Congress that a tariff wall be built around our good state so that the sales tax could be collected on merchandise purchased beyond our borders. Far be it from me to do anything that would lend support to the mail order houses, and other sources of supply in other states which are, because of our sales tax, getting millions of dollars of business which rightfully belongs to the patriotic merchants of North Carolina. But looking at the matter from the long-view standpoints, I raised my voice against that proposal, just as I raise my voice now against the present proposal, because I do not want to see Congress do anything that will tend to perpetuate the sales tax.

"I know your views on the sales tax, and I believe you will appreciate my position. I am addressing my first letter to you, my own esteemed congressman, but if it appears that the movement to coin mills is gaining ground, and I find that the Fair Tax Association throughout the state is in agreement with me, I shall get in touch with the entire North Carolina delegation."

Little or Good Gertrude: "What kind of music suits you best, John?" John: "Well, I'm not very particular. I like it either rare or well done."—Answers.

Turkey Knob

Mouth of Wilson, Va., P. O., July 15.—Mr. and Mrs. Zack Ward are the parents of a son, Ferdnald Cline, born recently.

Mrs. Z. F. Ward is ill at the home of her son, Zack Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Landreth and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gambill spent last week on the coast.

Claude Brown and Clement Osborne made a business trip to Volney Sunday.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Osborne were Mrs. R. M. Osborne and daughter, Maggie Jennie, Miss Mildred Hoppers, of Sparta, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Parsons and children, Helen and Aileen, and Tom Parsons.

Mrs. Laura B. Rutherford and Nannie Williams made a business trip to Galax Friday.

Mrs. Cleo Cook and children, Hobert and Elizabeth, visited Mr. and Mrs. Z. L. Osborne Sunday night.

A large crowd attended the decoration service at Mt. Carmel Sunday.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Z. L. Osborne were Mr. and

METHODIST W. M. S. HOLDS MEET JULY 19

The Women's Missionary society of the Methodist church met Friday, July 19, at the home of Mrs. Marvin Doughton with Mrs. Charles Roe as joint hostess. The meeting was marked by the largest attendance of the summer. The president led the devotionals and presided over the business meeting. Mrs. Dalton Warren, the leader, assisted by eight members, presented an excellent little play, which portrayed incidents of life in Korea. Mrs. Preston Reeves played a Piano solo.

Following the program the hostesses served refreshments to 28 ladies, four of whom were guests.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Vance Choate, and Mrs. C. R. Roe will have charge of the program.

Mrs. Edwin Hale and on, Jimmy, of Mt. Airy, Mrs. Grady Wells and children, of Charlotte, and Mrs. Rebecca Choate, of Sparta.

R. G. Parsons and Maxine Parsons went to Sparta Saturday.

Mt. Zion

Piney Creek P. O., July 21.—Mr. and Mrs. H. Clinton Halsey and Mr. Logan, all of Sparta, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Landreth recently.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Edwards, of Topia, spent Sunday with George and John Black.

Mrs. W. F. Pugh visited Mrs. Rebecca Smith recently.

Mrs. Mary Cox visited her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Shepherd, recently.

Mrs. Lessa Cox and children, Fred, Alva and Joney, and Mrs. Winger, of Reddies River, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Ross Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Clay Smith and children, Edna Rae and Howard, and Mrs. S. E. Smith returned last Wednesday from a visit at Crossnore, Linville and Montezuma. While away they stopped at Blowing Rock, Boone and Grandfather Mountain.

How Hams Grow

Two small boys were gazing at the shop windows, decorated for Christmas. Presently they arrived at a butcher's shop, and one pointed to a number of hams hanging from a large holly branch. "Look, Tom," he said. "Look at them 'ams-a-growing up there." "Get away," said the other, "Ams don't grow." "Well, that's all you know about it," said the first, scornfully. "Ain't you ever 'eard of a 'ambush'?"

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Want Ads

Rate: One cent a word. Minimum charge per insertion, 25 cents.

Edwards bus will leave Sparta Wednesday, July 31, 8:30 a. m. for Bel Air, Md. Rates reduced. Information, W. B. Edwards, Darlington, Md. 2tc-15

For Sale: Two wagons and corn. Mrs. Zollie Carson, Sparta. 1tc-18

I do expert watch and clock repairing. Shop located over post office. Bring me your timepieces. A. C. Henderson, Sparta, N. C. ttc.

Bargains Galore At Belk's First Annual July

CLEARANCE

Sale Lasts Through July 31st

Specials For Thursday, Friday and Saturday

2,000 Yards Remnants Prints, Broadcloths and Suitings. Values up to 48c a yard. Extra Special—a yard 5c	Ladies' White Oxfords All ladies' White Oxfords. Reduced to close out. Now—a pair \$1.48	\$1 Wash Dresses Our Entire Stock of \$1 Wash Dresses in late styles and colors reduced to 79c
Ladies' Beach Sandals All ladies' beach sandals which were regularly priced at 98c. Now—a pair 68c	LADIES' PURE SILK Full-Fashioned Hose This season's colors and shades. A Pair 43c	Prints, Voiles, Batistes One big lot of this season's Prints, Voiles and Batistes. Formerly priced at 19c a yard. Special—a yard 12½c

EXTRA!

All merchandise in our store not specially priced for this first annual July **10% Discount** Clearance Sale offered at

MEN'S HEAVY Work Shirts Men's heavy covert cloth work shirts. 43c	MEN'S Straw Hats All Men straw hats now at ½ Price 8c	Men's Socks Men's work and dress socks. Regular 10c grade. And good value at that price. Sale Price—a pair 8c	Boys' Overalls Boys' "Big Bargain" Overalls. You know them.—Special 43c
			81-inch Sheeting Heavy 81-inch Sheeting A Yard 19c

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Fri. & Sat., July 26 & 27
Ken Maynard
in
"In Old Santa Fe"
Serial Chapter No. 3 of "The Lightning Chamber" Also Cartoon
Mon. & Tues., July 29 & 30
Ginger Rogers
in
"Romance in Manhattan"
News and Short Subject
Wed. & Thurs., July 31-Aug 1
Shirley Temple
in
"Our Little Girl"
Poppya Cartoon—Short Subject
COMING SOON
Al Jolson
in
"Go into Your Dance"

In Memoriam
In sad but loving remembrance of my dear mother, Sallie Estep, who departed this life two years ago, August 15, 1933. Loving and kind in all her ways. Upright and kind to the end of her days; Sincere and true in her heart and mind, Beautiful memories she left behind.
Time speeds on, near two years have passed, Since death, its gloom, its shadow cast Within our home where all seemed bright, And took from us a shining light.
We miss that light and ever will, Her vacant place there's none to fill; Down here we mourn, but not in vain, For up in Heaven we will meet again.
Her Loving Daughter, Alice, and Family.