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Publicher's Announcement.

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Advertise in THE COMMONWEALTH. You owe it to your business. You owe it to the progress and growth of Scotland Neck. It will pay you.

The force of hands preparing the streets and sidewalks and building new bridges has been increased. At this rate our streets and sidewalks will soon be in good shape. Keep up the work. We all will appreciate it fully when bad weather sets in.

The citizens can render a great and lasting service to their town by aiding in the upbuilding of the public library which has been founded by our noble women. "Let the women do the work," and they usually do, but let all help in this great undertaking. Nothing is more elevating and helpful to the citizens of any town than the reading of good literature. The moral and educational advancement of our people depends largely upon the amount of reading they do and the kind of literature they read. Let the public library movement be prosecuted with interest and determination.

Cherry-Joyner.

At the home of the brides parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. D. Joyner, who live about five miles in the country, on the afternoon of Wednesday November 25, at 4:30 o'clock, Miss Hettie Joyner was married to Mr. Paul Joyner, Elder W. B. Strickland performing the ceremony. Mrs N. D. Savage presided at the organ.

The marriage was a quiet affair, only a few invited guests being present. While the decorations were simple, they were very pretty.

The attendance was as follows: Mr. Herbert Butts with Miss Onie Leggett; Mr. Leon Joyner with Miss Lena House; Mr. Leroy Allsbrook with Miss Kate Joyner, Mr. Paul Joyner with Miss Mattye Cherry.

After the marriage the bridal party repaired to the home of the groom's brother, Mr. Rufus Cherry, where a reception was tendered the bride and groom and their friends. Here the decorations were of palms, ferns, and holly, being very tastefully arranged.

The were recipents of many valuable presents, attesting the popularity of the couple.

The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Cherry, who live a few miles from Scotland Neck, and an industrious and successful farmer, and a young man of many qualities that go to make noble manhood.

The bride is a young lady well known in this community, and is possesed of many lovely traits of character which make her friends wherever she goes. For many years she resided in the city of Richmond, where she has hosts of friends and admirers.

The many friends of the happy pair join in wishing them much happiness all through life.

Those present besides the friends of the immediate community were Messrs. Joe, Leon and Paul Joyner, and Mrs. Rex Edwards, brothers and sister of the bride, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cherry, of Epworth; Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Savage and Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Cherry, of Speed.

Bear Makes Visit.

The man and the bear was in our midst last week. Many of the curious crowded around to see him perform acrobatic feats.

HALIFAX COURT.

The Insinuation that Commissioners "Picked" the Jurors Stirs Up a Hornet's Nest.

Halifax Superior Court convened at Halifax Monday for the trial of the criminal and civil dockets, Judge C. M Cooke presiding. The Grand Jury, consisting of R. W. Brown, foreman. W. C. Dickens, W. D. Legget Lafayette Powell, G. C. Nevil, G. C. Howell, R. H. Daniels, S. B. Butts, J. K. Kilpatrick, A. W. Sledge, W. D. Knight, E. A. Lilly, C. E McGwigan, F. M. Taylor, W. W. Keeter, H. W. Mixon, F. P. Sledge, E. T. Adcock, were swern in. Eugene Hannah was made officer of the Grand Jury.

The Judge then proceeded to deliver a a strong and forcible charge to the jury which was concluded about 1:15 o'clock when adjournment was taken for dinner until 2:30 o'clock.

Judge Cook delivered a strong charge to the jury in which he clearly and forcibly defined the different classes and degrees of the law and was listened to with intense interest.

He went after the offenders of the law with gloves off and said he would do his duty because of his oath as a Judge and because the majority of his days had been spent. He discussed at length the different degrees of murder and manslaughter, laying especial stress on what is termed involuntary manslaughter. He stated that the heavy damages against railroads had not checked the occurence of accidents because in so many cases the parties really responsible for accidents escaped all responsibility whatever. Whenever a man is paid to perform a duty and is intrusted with the performance of that duty, and a death occurs through his criminal negligence, then he is guilty of manslaughter and should be held responsible.

He took up the temperance question and strongly urged upon the officers their duty in properly enforcing this law.

He also spoke of lynchings and the demoralization incident to them.

He referred to the charge that there was irregularity in the counting of the votes in some townships in the county during the recent election. "It must be investigated." said he, "and, if true, the guilty ones puuished, if untrue, it must be established. The people are on trial."

Something of a sensation was was caused when Judge Cooke said that he had been informed that the Commissioners had "picked the jurors"—that when a man not "their kind" was drawn his name was thrown back and they continued thus until the ones wanted were drawn, and if it was true—and he couldn't believe that it was—it should be severely prosecuted and if untrue they should be vindicated.

After adjournment many of the county officers and those prominent in county affairs vehemently denounced it as an unqualified lie. The Judge was informed of this and he stated from the bench that he was then satisfied that it was untrue. Mr. Travis addressed His Honor and stated that such a flagrant slander of these good men could not go without being vindicated and asked the author of the charge. Judge Cooke declined to give the name of his informant but stated that he was from another county. Mr. Travis insisted that a bill be drawn and the matter be made a record, and that the grand jury investigate and report to the Court. This course was adopted.

There are about 54 cases on the criminal docket and only six or eight on the civil. The Judge's charge was pointed and delivered in his own characteristic way and it was evident that transgressors of the law have a rough road ahead.

Sunday Morning Fire.

About seven or eight o'clock Sunday morning a fire broke out at the old Episcopal rectory now occupied by Mr. K. L. House.

The fire caught in the chimney and it looked as if it might be disasterous but quick work soon had it underway. The main damage was to the chimney which completely demolished. Many of the household goods were removed but no damage done.

A BRILLIANT EVENT.

Grand Reception in Honor of Mrs. William Walton Kitchin.

One of the most delightful social affairs and an event of unusual interest was the reception given by Mrs. Archibald McDowell in honor of her sister-in-law, Mrs. William Walton Kitchin, Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. It was a warm beautiful day with just a hint of spring in the air, an ideal day.

The home was charmingly decorated, the halls, parlor, sitting-room and dinning-room being thrown open to the guests. The guests were met at the front door by Mrs. Charles Lawrence McDowell, attractively dressed in Persian dimity, and given a most cordial welcome. In the parlor Mrs. A. L. Purrington, handsomely gowned in a purple velvet Directoire suit, met the guests.

Punch was served in the parlor by Miss Anna Kitchin and Rebecca Smith, stylishly attired in white coat suit with picture hats to match. The guests were met in the sitting-room by Miss Mary Herbert Smith, daintily dressed in white, and introduced to the receiving party composed of Mrs. Archibald McDowell, wearing a handsome dress of grey with touches of white; Mrs. William Walton Kitchin, in white Eoline, Mrs. Claude Kitchin, in blue messoline, Mrs. Arrington Kitchin, in white princess mull and Mrs. A. Paul Kitchin in yellow liberty silk.

The guests were shown into the dinning-room by Mrs. Richard Kitchin, wearing a white lace waist and black skirt. Mrs. Samuel B. Kitchin, wearing a handsome ecru waist and brown skirt, presided in the dinning-room, which was attractively decorated in red candlabras with red rose shades, and vases of red roses, producing a splendid effect. The guests were served by a bevy of pretty little maids, Gertrude and Kathleen Kitchin, Annie Maria McDowell and Lucile Kitchin. Cake and ice cream in layers of pink and white were served. Serving the refreshments were Mesdames G. Hoffman, W. F. Butterworth and Olivia McDowell.

Nearly a hundred ladies called during the afternoon; and Mrs. Kitchin was given a most gracious welcome by the ladies of Scotland Neck, proud to honor her as the first lady of the State and as the wife of her most distinguished son.

Mrs. McDowell is a most gracious hostess, possessing the necessary tact and ability that go to the making of a perfect hostess.

The Round Table Club.

Mrs. A. L. Purrington was the hostess of the Round Table Club on Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. G. S. White. After the transaction of the routine business Miss Rebecca Knight read a splendid paper on "Bacon and the Elizabethan Ere." The readings was from some short poems of Bacon's, read by Mrs. J. E. Bowers, for Miss Lena Leggett, who was absent.

After general discussion refreshments of fruit, salad and cake were served by Masters Philip and Luther Purrington.

Those present were Mesdames W. R. Bond, A. McDowell Claude Kitchin, W. D. Leggett, H. I. Clark, W. H. Josey, J. E. Bowers, G. S. White and G. Hoffman, Misses Addie and Eleanor Smith, and Rebecca Knight.

The guests of honor were Mrs. Stuart Smith and Miss Lizzie Butterworth, of Petersburg, Va. The next meeting will be on Dec. 8th at the residence of Mrs. A. McDowell.

Delightful Party.

A delightful party was given at at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Futrell, on Thursday evening Nov. 26th, to a large number of young people.

The guests were met at the door and ushered in by Miss Louise Futrell, the charming little hostess, and a great evenings enjoyment was had by all present. During the evening beautiful music was rendered by Misses Louise Futrell and Estelle House which was listened to with much delight by the happy young couple. About 9:30 o'clock delicious refreshments were served in dainty and artistic manner.

Every moment was full of amusement and enjoyment and the hour to depart, 10:30 o'clock, came too soon for the happy young people. Miss Futrell wass unanimously voted a charming hostess and all wish for another such treat at an early date.

New Buildings.

The walls of the new brick store on Main street are climbing high, and soon a handsome new store will grace the formerly vacant lot.

The large storage warehouse which has been in course of construction by N. B. Josey is completed.

This is a large substantial building made of corrugated iron. It will be used for the storage of cotton, peanuts, grain, etc.

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We want your business. We are going to give you the best service and at right prices. We do anything in our line. Send in your order.

THE COMMONWEALTH, Scotland Neck, N. C.

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Notice.

I shall from date open a New Market at the old Ice House next to postoffice building known as the "Central Market." I shall make an effort to please everybody, keeping at all times as good market as place will afford. The best Beef, Pork, Sausage, Fish, Oysters, Chickens, Potatoes, Cabbage, Smith's Mill Meal and Ice. I will buy Cattle, Hides, Chickens, Etc. If you have anything eatable to sell see me.

10-29-5t LEWIS E. POPE.

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Norfolk, Virginia.

Quotations November 24, 1908.

COTTON—Steady	
Stict middling	9 1-4
Middling	9 3-16
Strict low middling	9
Low middling	
PEANUTS, NEW—Quiet	
Fancy	3 1-4
Stictly prime	3
Prime	2 3-4
Low grades	2 1-4
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Spanish	80cts

B. E. Peas $3.75 per bag.
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Subject to changes of the market, F. O. B. here:
2 lb "York" Bagging, 7 1-8 per yd
2 1-4 lb "Hub" Bagging, 7 3-4 per yd
2 lb Rewoven Bagging, 6 1-2 per yd
2 1-4 lb " " 7 per yd
45 lb New Arrow Ties, 98 per bdl
68 in Peanut Bags $80.00 per M
70 in Peanut Bags $82.50 per M

Yours truly,
J. W. PERRY CO.

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator upon the estate of W. H. Harrell, deceased, I hereby notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to me for payment within one year from the date of this notice, or said notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This November 26th 1908.
W. T. RUFFIN,
Admr. W. H. Harrell, Ded.
Kitchin & Smith, Attorneys.
11-26-6t

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or E. T. WHITEHEAD,
Scotland Neck, N C.

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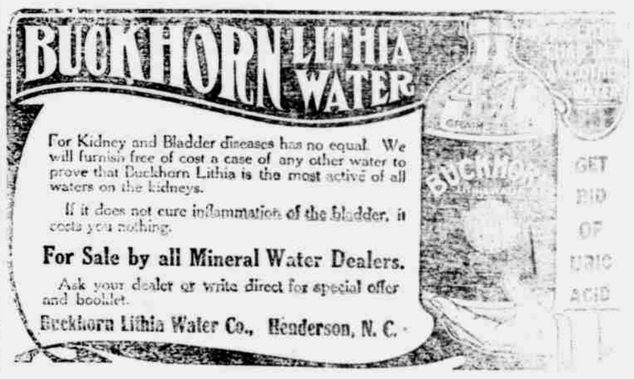

Farm for Sale.

Valuable farm of 325 acres, about 150 acres cleared, balance in wood—some good timber, located near White's Cross Roads, about 4 miles from Scotland Neck. Fine opportunity to buy a valuable place at a reasonable price. Write at once or call upon

MRS. J. H. LAWRENCE
or E. T. WHITEHEAD.
Scotland Neck, N. C.

Notice.

By virtue of power vested in me by law, I will sell at public auction in Scotland Neck, December 15th, 1908, two Cows, to pay damages and cost, unless redeemed by owner before that date. One Mole Color and White Cow and one Black and White Mull Head.

This November 25th, 1908.
R. V. KITCHIN.
11-26-3t

POSTED!

ALL PERSONS are hereby forbidden to hunt with dog or gun on the lands of the Patapsco Guano Company. Bounded by the lands of Sheilds and Hancock, James Davis, J. B. and E. W. Hall, J. P. Ware, W. H. Josey and the North Carolina Lumber Co., and by Roanoke river, under the penalty of the law.

11-19-2t. W. H. GRAFFLIN.

Notice of Sale of Land.

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Halifax County made in special proceedings entitled, Joel Broughton, Admr. of [illegible], deceased, vs J. W. Burgess et al., on the special proceeding docket of said court, the undersigned commissioner will, on the 4th Monday in January, 1909, at 12 o'clock, M., at the Court-house door in Halifax, Halifax County, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following tract or parcel of land in Roanoke Township, Halifax County, adjoining the lands of Dr. W. M. Perkins, J. B. Cronley et al., and described as follows:

On the north by the lands of Dr. Perkins and [illegible], on the east by [illegible], on the south by the [illegible] Perkins and [illegible] Tax Road, on the west by the lands of Dr. Perkins and [illegible] kins, containing about [illegible] acres, known as the land allotted to [illegible] L. Finch from the estate of Richard Brinkley, deceased.

This 1st day of December, 1908.
J. M. [illegible],
Commissioner.
11-26-4t.

Laundry, Dying & Pressing.

I have added Dying and Pressing to Cleaning to my Laundry business. Give me a trial. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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