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## FIVE DOLLARS IN GOLD

### To the Student in Any White School in the County for the Best Historical Sketch.

THE ENTERPRISE purposes to issue as early as practicable, a sketch of MARTIN COUNTY, PAST AND PRESENT. To stimulate more interest in local history, it will give to the student in any white school in the County, FIVE DOLLARS IN GOLD for the best sketch of any event connected with the history of the county.

The sketch must be three and not more than five pages of letter size paper. CONCISENESS, NEATNESS, TRUE STATEMENT OF FACTS, and ORIGINALITY are required in all papers presented. They must be written only on one side of the paper, and be sent to THE ENTERPRISE office at or before 12 o'clock noon on April 1st, 1900. The article receiving the prize will appear in these columns. No paper must be typewritten, but must be in the hand writing of the contestant. Any variation from the rules, will debar contestants.

This is an opportunity every pupil in the County should seize. County pride should be inherent in the breast of every son and daughter of the County, and whatever is best in it should be known of all men.

### Married in Portsmouth.

On February 16th., at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, at the home of her brother, Miss Hennie Waldo, daughter of Judge J. T. Waldo, of Hamilton, N. C., became the bride of Mr. M. W. Ballard. Rev. C. I. Read, of Williamston, performed the ceremony. The wedded pair left on the 6 o'clock steamer for Washington City. They will return in a few days to the home of the groom, near Williamston.

### IN MEMORIAM

On February 17th., 1900, The Thomas B. Haughton Chapter, Daughters of the King, of the Church of the Advent, Williamston, N. C., sustained a great loss in the death of Mrs. Bayard Thurman Cowper, one of its charter members.

She was an earnest christian and loyal churchwoman. In the buoyancy of her young life, she was constant in her tender and sympathetic ministrations to those who needed her care.

We, The Daughters of the King, feel that we have been bereft of a personal friend, long tried, and dear to us, whose place in our hearts and counsels it will be difficult to fill.

We commend her sorrowing ones to the God of all grace, and we remind ourselves and them of the legacy granted to us in the lives of those who have been faithful, and find solace in the thought that she has entered into the presence of the King to enjoy the rest that remains for the people of God.

IDA HASSELL JEFFRESS,  
ELIZABETH S. GORDON,

LOUISE MAYO LAMB,  
Committee.

### Another Town in Martin

Representative Stubbs has secured the passage of a bill to create the town of Bear Grass in Martin County. The people in that section looking for bigger and better days, asked for the incorporation. It is in a good farming country, but remote from any railroad or boat line. The new town will increase the number to eleven in the County.

## DEATH OF MRS. PITT JONES

### Mrs. Jones was the Children's Friend—The Reward of the Faithful is Hers.

The death of Mrs. Pitt Jones, as she was familiarly known, occurred on Sunday morning February 14th. Tho' it was known that she had been critically ill for about ten days, yet the news of her death came as a shock to her many friends. Mrs. Jones had been singularly blessed with good health; the illness which caused her decease was the only very serious or extended sickness in her life. At her bedside during the last days of her earthly life, were her only sister, Mrs. Kate Lee Hudgens, of Portsmouth, Va., and her three devoted sons, Wm. Pitt Jones, Marshal Morton Jones and Thomas Darden Jones. She was living at Hamilton with the youngest son, Darden, who is just reaching manhood. The only other immediate relatives, were two brothers living too remote to reach her—G. M. Lovejoy, of Birmingham, Ala., and J. M. Lovejoy, of Beaumont, Texas.

The burial was from St. Martin's Episcopal Church which Mrs. Jones loved so devotedly and served so gladly; and the body was laid to rest beside her husband in the Hamilton Cemetery. The church was filled with loving friends and the grave was a mass of floral tributes to the memory of this woman, whose life for twenty years has been a benediction to the community in which she lived. In token of the blessing which her life had been, the choir sang at the grave the Long Metre Doxology: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." It was touching to see the children at the grave pay the tribute of their uncontrollable tears to the memory of the children's great friend.

### A Valentine Party

One of the prettiest entertainments of the season was the Valentine Party given Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. S. Turner.

The guests were received by Miss Katie Blount who pinned upon each a crimson heart and ushered them into the parlor. Here "hearts" in great profusion were used in decoration. Miss Annie Mizell directed the games and many were the peals of laughter heard as the blind folded participants tried to pierce the centre of the large hearts pinned upon the curtain. Blind Cupid often shoots his arrows so wide the mark.

From the parlor the guests repaired to the dining room having their "hearts" pierced by arrows at the door by Mrs. A. R. Dunning, who received.

Dainty refreshments consisting of heart shaped sandwiches, cakes and lemonade or coffee were served, the tables being tastefully decorated with runners of crimson hearts and spring flowers. Mrs. Simpson presided at the candy table and put "sea foam" in packages so rapidly that 'twas "all gone" long before the guests departed.

Quite a neat sum was realized for the church carpet fund and much credit is due Mrs. Turner for her clever management of the entertainment. It is the purpose of the ladies to continue these entertainments throughout the year, as they are planning to improve the church.

Pineules for the Kidneys are little golden globules which act directly on the kidneys. A trial will convince you of quick results for Backache Rheumatism, Lumbago and tired wornout feeling. 30 days' trial \$1.00. They purify the blood. Sold by Chase's Drug Store.

## ROBERSONVILLE NEWS ITEMS

### People Coming and Going--As Gathered By Our Regular Correspondent.

By JOHN D. EVERETT

Mr. Joe Barnhill visited in Everetts Sunday.

Robert Salsbury, of Hassell, was here Sunday.

Mrs. A. E. Gray visited in Hamilton last week.

Mr. R. E. Grimes went to Richmond Monday.

Mr. J. D. Rawls, of Hassell, was in town Sunday.

Mrs. S. F. Everett, of Everetts, was here Sunday.

Mr. Russell Teel, of Williamston, was here Sunday.

Mr. I. S. Thompson, of Graham, was here Sunday.

Master Ashley Benton Manning is on the sick list.

Mr. Warren Thompson went to Williamston Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Salsbury were here Thursday.

Little Miss Clara Ross was on the sick list last week.

Mr. Eddie Roberson was in town Sunday from Everetts.

Mr. L. E. Corey, of Williamston spent Sunday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Coffield spent Sunday in the country.

Miss Daisy Wynn, of Williamston, was in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Roberson visited in the country Sunday.

Miss Allie G. Little is visiting Mrs. J. H. Roberson this week.

Messrs Willie and Jack Taylor made a trip to Oak City Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lanier, of Everetts, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Baily and children went to Everetts Saturday.

Miss Lishie Coburn has been visiting Miss Annie Mooring a few days.

### Mrs. Elizabeth Cherry

Died on February 15th 1900, at her home near Williamston, Elizabeth, wife of Joseph H. Cherry, after an illness of ten days with pneumonia. She was born near Edenton, N. C., on December 14th, 1871. On the death of her parents, William and Penelope Harris, she with her sister, Nancy, came to Martin County to live with her uncle, William Speight. From his home she went to that of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Ballard, and was tenderly reared as a child of the family.

At the age of eighteen, she was wedded to Joseph H. Cherry, of Martin County, and one little child came to bless the union. But God lent the little one only a few days, then took it home. All the motherly tenderness of her heart was given to her nephew, Ralph Harris, for whom she had cared since he was a mere boy.

Several years ago, Mrs. Cherry made her residence in Hamilton, N. C., where by untiring energy and faithful service she soon won the hearts of the people. She was a communicant of the Episcopal Church at Hamilton, and remained true to the cause of Him who had promised her: "I will never leave nor forsake thee." Those who know her best, speak words of praise for the brave, loving heart now resting beneath the sod. A husband and sister, Mrs. Nancy Baynor, survive her.

The funeral services were conducted from the Church of the Advent by the rector, Rev. W. J. Gordon, the choir singing her favorite

Mrs. D. F. Roberson is spending the week with Mrs. Ed Purvis near Hassell.

Miss Hattie James and Lucy Riddick, of Everetts, were in town Tuesday.

Messrs. Geo Daniel and Jesse Crisp, of Oak City, spent Sunday night in town.

Messrs. J. S. Davenport and H. A. Rogers, of Everetts, were in town Sunday.

Misses Sallie Smith, Era Rawls and Fannie Bullock are on the sick list this week.

Miss Minnie Bryan, of Gold Point, was the guest of Miss Annie Mooring Sunday.

Mrs. Arthur Roberson and little daughter spent Sunday with her mother in the country.

Messrs. Jasper Everett, Willie Taylor and Frankie Crofton, of Gold Point, were here Sunday.

Misses Pattie Lanier and Euzelia Riddick, of Everetts, spent Sunday with Misses Marie and Eva Perkins.

Mrs. Fannie Stallings and children, of Jamesville, were the guests of Mrs. E. T. Andrews last week.

Rev. E. C. Andrews, of Plymouth, filled his regular appointment at the Baptist Church Sunday.

Misses Rowena Holliday has returned to her home in Hamilton, after spending some time with relatives here.

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## NEW TROUBLE IN THE SOUTH

### Strange Malady Makes its Presence Known in the South--Caused by Eating Spoiled Maize.

The South, it seems, has become the victim of its own palatable corn. For countries the medical fraternity of the Old World has dealt with a disease produced, they say, by eating spoiled corn, or maize. The presence of this disease in the South has recently been discovered by Dr. C. H. Lavinder, of the Marine Hospital Service. No doubt people have died with the malady; but doctors failed to properly diagnose the case. In the Old World the trouble is known as "Pallagra", and Dr. Lavinder has so designated the Southern malady.

Corn is rendered imperfect by gathering before maturity, thus causing a parasite to develop therein. Meal made from this maize will produce in extreme cases cachexia or insanity. The disease is usually periodic—appearing in the spring and seen very little in the winter. "The disease usually begins with gastro-intestinal disturbances," says Dr. Lavinder, "followed shortly by the erythema of the skin and in a brief while there is more or less involvement of the nervous system. It is both endemic and epidemic."

Dr. Lavinder thinks that the maize crop of recent years must have undergone a serious change, as the disease is evidently of recent origin. The greater bulk of the corn in the South is, no doubt, of good quality, but an enormous percentage of the meat used is ground from western corn. Frequently carloads of such corn have been refused by the consignee on account of its imperfect condition—not even fitted to feed any kind of stock. Meal handled by the dealer is generally of poor quality, though the best offered for sale by the wholesale merchant. If the Southern people could subsist wholly on the home grown product, there might be less diseases to baffle the medicine men. There is so much adulteration in the food sold, though the pure food law has somewhat lessened that.

"Pallagra" is said to be more prevalent among the poorer classes in the rural districts, who so often, (taking Dr. Lavinder as authority,) boil meal in salt water. The Italians call this preparation "polentia." Meal is used mostly in the South to make the "pones of bread," so extensively used. To subsist mainly on meal seems less in this day of vegetables, and "polentia" is not used to the extent that Dr. Lavinder fears. Yet there is cause for alarm, if spoiled corn can produce such grave trouble as "pallagra."

### A Pleasant Evening

Friday night a gay crowd of the younger set met at the home of Mrs. A. S. Coffield, having been invited to be her guests for the evening. Hearts, big and little placed here and there indicated that St. Valentine was the patron saint of the happy throng. Eighteen were present, making nine couples. The selection of a partner by the young man was done by drawing a heart-shaped card from a box, and the girl having the card with the sentiment expressed thereon complete, had a partner for the evening. Games, laughter and song filled the hours, and everything went merry as a marriage bell. Delightful refreshments were served by the hostess, who enters so pleasantly into the joys of the young people adding to their cup of happiness by opening her home so frequently and welcoming them there.

## SUDDEN DEATH AT GREENSBORO

### Mrs. Jennie Moore Cowper Died Early Wednesday Morning of Heart Failure.

The death of Jennie Moore Cowper at her home in Greensboro, N. C., on the morning of February the 17th., removes from our midst a woman loved and admired by a host of friends throughout the State. She was born the second child of James Edwin and Jennie Sykes Moore at Williamston on September 23rd, 1876. Buoyant with hope—full of joy—loyal to friends—speaking no ill of others—charitable to the less fortunate—she grew to womanhood and found a warm place in the hearts of those who knew her. Her mental attainments were of unusual merit, and possessing a highly artistic temperament, she became a cultivated musician, loving her chosen work as few women have.

In July 1904, she was married to Bayard Thurman Cowper, of Gatesville, N. C., and for some months they made their home in Williamston, later removing to South Carolina and thence to Greensboro. Two little boys have been given them—now they must know not a mother's love. For a number of years she had been a communicant of the Episcopal Church, and interested herself in every phase of its work. As organist of the church for years, she was faithful, giving always the best that was in her. In the home of her adoption, she had enlisted heartily in the work of the parish to which she had allied herself, being president of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Jennie Moore, her mother, Messrs. Clayton and Maurice Moore and Mrs. W. H. Harrell, brothers and sister, together with the faithful husband and innocent children, are left to feel their loss more keenly as the years go by.

The remains were brought here from Greensboro on Thursday, accompanied by Mr. Cowper, Mrs. Moore, Clayton Moore, Master Geo. H. Kent, the little Cowper boys and Mr. Holloman, Auditor of the Southern Life and Trust Company.

At 11 o'clock today (Friday), the funeral services were conducted from the Episcopal Church. A large concourse of friends and acquaintances assembled to pay the last mark of respect, following to the grave in the Moore plot in the Baptist Cemetery. Rev. W. J. Gordon, rector of the church, read the service for the burial of the dead. The pupils of the Graded School marched in a body to the cemetery, thus paying tribute to her who was the first teacher of music at the school and the husband who was the school's first principal. No sweeter expressions of love for the dead and sympathy for the stricken ones has ever been given here, than that found in the numerous and handsome floral offerings, which came from this and other states. She loved the beautiful in nature and art, and it was fitting to cover her resting place with earth's choicest flowers.

### A Correction

The dispatch to the News and Observer from Greensboro stating that Mrs. Cowper's death was caused from the excessive use of chloroform, was untrue. She had used the drug early in the night, but was free from its influence when her mother saw her just before retiring. The examining physician stated that death was from heart failure produced by cramps or neuralgia. It is annoying that such a report should get into print, and friends of the family are anxious that it should be corrected.