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## RECEPTION AT LOTUS CLUB

### Summer School Closed Friday -- Most Successful Session -- Much Enthusiasm Aroused -- Committeemen Met at Town Hall.

The most successful summer school in the history of Martin county closed here on the afternoon of July 23rd. As stated previously, the school was taught by Prof. J. D. Everett and Mrs. C. L. Stevens, both enthusiastic teachers of long experience and who throw every energy of body and soul into the training of boys and girls. The attendance throughout the session was encouraging, and the eagerness of the teachers to get every bit of instruction possible was one of the most pleasing features of the two weeks.

On Thursday evening a reception was tendered the teachers by Prof. R. J. Peel at the rooms of the Lotus Club. A large number of the young men and women of the town were present. The hours were spent in pleasant conversation—the visitors being made to feel that Williamston was in perfect sympathy with the educational work. Music throughout the evening added to the enjoyment. At the request of Prof. Peel, Misses Pattie Dowell and Myrtle Peel, and Messrs. Darden, Lilley, Peel, House and Ausbon sang and recited. Each number was encored. Mr. S. J. Everett, Prof. Jesse Aiken, of Oxford, Revs. G. J. Dowell and W. J. Gordon made a few timely remarks which were enthusiastically received. During the evening cake and cream were served.

The last session of the school was held in the Town Hall. Quite a number of the school committeemen of the county were present. The good done by the meeting together of committeemen, parents and teachers can not be estimated. A newer, stronger enthusiasm has crept into the lives of those who are vitally interested in the training of the young. There is no doubt in the minds of the observing that the educational system of Martin county has received such an uplift as never before, and that results are already to be seen.

Many of the visitors left on the train Friday afternoon, a few remaining until Saturday. Mrs. Stevens left on the 1:16 train for Plymouth, connecting there with the Norfolk and Southern for New Berne. Next week she will assist in holding the summer school at Elizabeth City.

## ROBERSONVILLE NEWS ITEMS

Miss Addie Coburn was in town Saturday.

Miss Maud Peel is visiting in Rocky Mount.

Mr. J. Haywood Everett left for Norfolk Monday.

Mr. W. R. Jenkins has returned from a visit to Winston.

Miss Susie Ross was in town Sunday visiting relatives.

Mr. J. A. Mizell spent Saturday and Sunday in Williamston.

Miss Isabel Morton entertained Monday in honor of visitors.

Miss Annie Moore is visiting friends in Gold Point this week.

Miss Inez Gainer of Washington is visiting Miss Helen Roberson.

Mr. J. C. Smith went to Hassell Tuesday on professional business.

The friends of Miss Nina Roberson are glad to see her out again.

Miss Julian Farmer of Wilson was the guest of Mrs. R. J. Nelson Sunday.

Mr. Harvey Roberson and Miss Lina Parker went to Gold Point Sunday.

Miss Mary Belle Ellison, of Suffolk, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. H. H. Pope.

Miss Minnie Bryant of Gold Point spent last week with Miss Annie Mooring.

Mr. T. A. Hudson of Durham was here Wednesday the guest of Dr. Underwood.

Miss Margaret Lee Little of Pitt County is visiting Miss Helen Roberson this week.

Rev. Mr. Reynolds filled his regular appointment at the M. E. Church Sunday.

Mrs. S. L. Ross spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. W. A. Everett who is very ill.

Misses Minnie and Mattie Whichard of Bethel visited Miss Lillian Smith Sunday.

Misses Martha Coffield and Lucy Outerbridge, of Greenville, are visiting friends in town.

Hay riders have made their appearance here again. A crowd of boys and girls were out Wednesday night.

A storm party was held at Mrs. D. A. Outerbridge's Thursday night by a crowd of young people from Spring Green.

Rev. E. C. Andrews assisted by Rev. J. W. Rose, will begin a series of meetings in the Baptist Church Monday night. Mr. Rose was pastor of this church some time ago.

## HASSELL ITEMS

Mr. Frank Fleming was in town Saturday.

Mr. T. W. Davenport was here Saturday.

Mr. Wilson Lamb of Williamston was here Wednesday.

Mr. Hugh Ross of Robersonville was in town Monday.

Mr. W. Z. Morton of Robersonville was here Monday.

Miss Hilda Knight left for Greenville Saturday to visit relatives.

Misses Alma and Selma Fleming left for Tarboro Wednesday to visit friends.

The school here opened Monday with Miss Dixie Hollowell as teacher.

Mrs. Eli Burroughs of Bethel spent Tuesday with Mrs. W. D. Jordan.

Miss Lucy Powell is spending some time at the home of Mr. J. H. Rawls.

Miss Susie Edmondson, of Enfield, is the guest of her brother, Mr. Eli Edmondson.

Mrs. W. Z. Morton and little daughter, Carrie Elizabeth, spent last week with relatives here.

Mr. William Stancil and sister, Mrs. Hodges, of Washington came up to see Mrs. W. D. Jordan last week.

Misses Eva and Lucy Langston and Miss Myrtle McGlohorn of Winterville are the guests of Miss Laura Salisbury.

## Death of Mr. Jesse I. Taylor

(Reported)

Death claimed Jesse I. Taylor on July 15th just as the sun was rising. He was one of the oldest citizens in the country, being eighty years and three months old. On the 7th of July he was stricken with pneumonia but all that loving children and faithful physicians could do did not stay the hand of the destroyer. He leaves three brothers, five children and eighteen grand children to mourn for him. He was a veteran of the Civil War, belonging to Company I 17th Regiment. His life was spent in industrious pursuits and his labors had been rewarded.

## PROMINENT COUPLE ARE MARRIED

### Episcopal Church at Edenton Scene of Beautiful Wedding -- Bride and Groom Popular in Society -- Will Reside in Edenton.

A beautiful wedding took place yesterday in St. Paul's church at high noon when Miss Emily Fagan became the bride of Mr. R. P. Badham. The church was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns, potted plants and various flowers. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. B. Drane, D. D. After the ceremony was over a wedding feast was served at the home of the bride.

The bride was attired in white, hat, gloves and shoes to match. She is one of Edenton's most charming and attractive young women.

Mr. Badham is an Edenton young man, but for the past few years has made New York City his headquarters, he being employed in the capacity of traveling salesman for some wholesale silk house.

Mr. and Mrs. Badham left on the 2:10 northbound Norfolk and Southern train for New York City where they will spend their honeymoon and make their future home.

The couple, who are very popular here and elsewhere in the State, have the hearty congratulations of their many friends.

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## CROSS ROADS ITEMS

Mr. J. B. Rawls spent Sunday at Leggett's Mill.

Mr. H. Leggett of Leggett's Mill was here Sunday.

Mr. Staton Roebuck spent Saturday night at Bear Grass.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wynne visited relatives near Everetts Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Bullock of Bear Grass spent Sunday with Mrs. Martha James.

The public school started Monday with Miss Fannie Woolard as teacher.

Mr. Willie Roebuck of Robersonville filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Mrs. Eliza Roberson is spending this week with her daughter, Mrs. Martha James.

Mr. Biscoe Biggs and Miss Sallie Wynne attended services at Sweet Home Sunday.

Mrs. Mc. G. Leggett and son, George, visited relatives near Whichards Sunday.

Mrs. Louisa Little of Pitt County who is visiting her son, W. E. Little, is quite sick.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rogers of Williamston spent Saturday night at the home of Dawson Biggs.

Misses Ellie and Mollie Wynne and Minnie Bailey of Everetts spent Sunday with Misses Susie and Vesta Wynne.

## Hog Cholera

I am here representing the North Carolina State Experiment Station to test the reliability of the Vaccine treatment as a preventive for hog cholera. Any one having recent outbreaks in his herd, will do me a favor by letting me know as I wish to carry on some experiments for the next 30 days.

This is something every raiser of hogs should be interested in, as a perfection of this would mean millions of dollars to the South.

W. A. Hornaday.  
Atlantic Hotel.

## SCHOOLS AS BUSINESS PROPOSITIONS

### Money Spent for Good Schools are Fine Investments -- Progress and Improved Educational Advantages go Hand in Hand.

Now we all know that good schoolhouses, good equipment and good teachers cost money, and that if we have good schools we must pay for them. The money thus spent would, in almost every case, be a good investment if it never brought back one cent in actual cash returns to the taxpayer, because it helps to develop real manhood and womanhood—the two most valuable things in this world; but all this aside, let us look at the matter from a purely business standpoint and see if a good school will add enough to the material welfare of a community to make the money spent for it a profitable investment.

It is impossible in such a case to give actual figures showing just what returns the school makes to the community, because no one can tell in dollars and cents just how much more the boy or girl, the man or woman, is worth with his or her school training than he or she would be worth without it. But this is not necessary. There are other ways of getting at the matter.

Taking a general survey of the world, or of our own land, it is indisputable that the countries or sections where there are good schools are far in advance, financially as well as otherwise, of those which have poor schools or no schools at all. There is a still surer test: Let every reader take his own neighborhood and give it a roomy, convenient and attractive schoolhouse and good teachers for five years, and what will be the results? Is there one who does not believe there will be at the end of that time finer houses, bigger barns, better stock, more productive farms and a more prosperous people in that neighborhood? Then, on the other hand, let the school be allowed to go steadily down for the same time—let the buildings be neglected, the grounds allowed to grow up in weeds and bushes, the furniture left to go to pieces, and the commissioners encouraged to employ the cheapest teacher available—and what will the results be? Does anyone believe that the people of his neighborhood will have made much progress?

It is a plain-business proposition. The difference between the cost of a good school and a poor one is really a small matter to any individual; but the difference between the effects of the two schools on the life of the community may be the difference between progress and stagnation.

A good school, then, is a source of profit to the people who invest in it. It is the best advertisement a community can have, adding to the value of every acre of land and always attracting to it the better class of citizens. It increases the earning capacity of every boy and girl who attends, and opens their eyes to opportunities which they never would have seen without it. It educates, too, in a degree proportionate to his own willingness to learn, every adult within its sphere of influence, and by this education enables him to do better and more profitable work. To pay taxes cheerfully for school purposes to take an interest in the teachers secured and in the work they do; to aid in obtaining better buildings and equipment, longer terms and more practical courses of study; to help keep up the attendance and

the interest; to assist the children with their studies—to work for better schools, in short, is a public service, but it is also a highly profitable way of investing time, thought and money. —Progressive Farmer.

## DARDENS ITEMS

Mr. A. B. Watts left Monday for Norfolk.

Mr. Charlie Ange was a visitor here Sunday.

Mr. Archie Lilley of Jamesville was here Sunday.

Miss Mamie Browning was at Corinth Sunday night.

Miss Addie Rollins returned from Williamston Sunday.

Miss Nelia Jones attended services at Corinth Sunday night.

Mrs. C. C. Fagan had a chill Monday and is still very sick.

Misses McCaskey spent Thursday night with Miss Bernice Fagan.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Spruill attended church at Corinth Sunday.

Mrs. Annie Bateman and Miss Sallie Moore were visitors here Monday.

Mr. Bill Coburn and Miss Cora Hill were out driving Sunday afternoon.

Mr. John Bond and Miss Ella Allen were out strolling Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Tyndal held service here Saturday night in the Christian Church.

Mr. Grady Gurkin and Miss Rollins attended services at Corinth Sunday.

Mr. Aga F. Allen and the charming Miss Vida Simpson were out driving Sunday.

Mr. Ernest Sawyer and Miss Annie Robbins were out driving Sunday afternoon.

The charming Misses Annie and Blanche McCaskey of Norfolk, are visiting friends here.

Miss Jennie Davis of Poplar Chapel was a guest in the home of Mr. Hardison this week.

Mr. Carroll Fagan and Miss Annie McCaskey attended service at Corinth Sunday night.

Mr. Stanford Jackson has returned from the hospital in Baltimore very much improved.

Revs. Joseph McCaskey and R. F. Pitman are holding a series of meetings at Corinth this week.

Mr. George Coltrain and Miss Connie Baynor were the guests of Mr. Charlie Simpson this week.

Miss Bernice Fagan returned home Sunday from an extended visit to Williamston and Jamesville.

Misses Marjorie Willoughby and Blanche Spruill of Plymouth were the guests of Mrs. C. C. Fagan Wednesday.

Mr. Norwood King of Portsmouth has returned home after visiting here and a sweet little "Lassie" at Jamesville.

## Chief of Police Resigns

Chief of Police J. H. Page offered his resignation to the Board of Town Commissioners on Friday night last, the same to take effect on August 1st. Much surprise has been expressed at the action of the Chief, and regret also that he deemed it wise to resign. He has served for a number of years and has been more acceptable to the public than any previous incumbent of the office. His work has been conscientiously done and no officer has enjoyed greater popularity than has Chief Page. The Board will appoint his successor.

## A DELIGHTFUL BARN DANCE

### At Staton's Mill Monday Evening--Many Couples Present--Pleasant Incidents of the Occasion--Cricket and Jerry Favorites.

Beneath the pale beams of the July moon, crowds of young people drove out to Staton's Mill on Monday evening and spent several hours. Some danced, others did not but everybody enjoyed the delicious lunch prepared by the ladies. The mill house is such a romantic spot that lovers of the dance find unusual pleasure there under the spell of sweet music. There was but one "tumble" during the evening, but it was not in wheat or corn, but in "cotton." The "stock" rose immediately and the fun went on. Among the attractions was the race between "Jerry" and the automobile. The whip snapped and "Jerry" lost out. The "tumblers" and "Jerry" were not under the influence of Fowdens' orangeade, yet it was a delicious concoction. Crickets are counted lucky, but a certain reddish "Cricket" came very near giving a couple the luck of strolling four miles in the moonlight; he was caught in the act of sneaking off and made secure. Everybody had a jolly good time, and the drive home at a late hour was the happy ending of another pleasant social event arranged by the young men for the ladies of the town and their guests.

Those attending were: Miss Carrie Alexander of Elizabeth City with Dr. J. S. Rhodes, Miss Ethel Archabell of Washington with Wheeler Martin, Jr., Miss Sadie Blount of Washington with Leslie Fowden, Miss Nora Fowden with J. Paul Simpson, Miss Mary Hassell with John L. Hassell, Miss Anna Pope with B. Frank Godwin, Miss Nannie Smith with A. D. Mizell, Miss Anna Beth Purvis with Grover Godwin, Miss Susie Purvis with Durward Gurganus, Miss Louise Fowden with Haywood Knight, Miss Delha Lanier with John W. Hassell, Miss Hannah Vic Fowden with Maurice S. Moore, Miss Irene Smith with Julius Peel, Miss Lettie Critcher with Luke Lamb, Miss Eva Wolfe with Richard Aiken of Raleigh, Miss Mae Bennett with Dr. J. A. White, Miss Essie Peel with Harry A. Biggs. Stags: Messrs. Frank F. Fagan, C. B. Hassell, Dr. J. H. Saunders, Verner Godwin, G. W. Williams, W. G. Lamb, Jr. Chaperones: Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dunn.

## BEAR GRASS ITEMS

Mrs. Frank Brown is very sick this week.

Mrs. Javan Rogerson spent Sunday with her parents.

Mrs. H. D. Rogers spent Sunday with Mrs. W. A. Bailey.

Elder J. N. Rogerson preached at Smithwick Creek Sunday.

Mr. Ben Harris and family spent Sunday with Mr. Calvin Ayers.

Miss Dora Corey is at home again, having returned Sunday.

Miss Betsy Roberson spent Sunday with friends in the country.

Miss V. Harrison spent Sunday with Miss Millie Roebuck near Everetts.

Misses Penina and Bessie Harrison took a walk up town Saturday afternoon for their health.

Messrs. H. C. Harrison and James Gurganus of Williamston were the guests of Miss Penina Harrison Sunday.