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ROBERSONVILLE NEWS ITEMS

Local Happenings and People who are Coming and Going, Here, There and Yonder as Gathered by our Regular Correspondent.

J. B. Coffield was here Tuesday.
J. B. Coburn was in town Monday.
J. T. Barnhill was in town Tuesday.
Herman Roebuck was here Monday.
Mrs. State Purvis spent Monday here.
Miss Clyde Smith was in town Sunday.
W. W. Salsbury went to Hassell Monday.
Bud Gardner went to Jamesville Tuesday.
W. H. Everett is at home for a few days.
G. A. Crofton and family in Gold Point.
Calvin Smith went to Williamston Monday.
Walter Whichard, of Bethel, was here Sunday.
Bob Mobley, of Williamston, was here Tuesday.
Mrs. J. W. Hight spent Monday in Greenville.
John Rawls, of Hassell, was in town Tuesday.
Miss Julia Salsbury left for her home Tuesday.
Billie Withers, of Rocky Mount, was here Friday.
Noah Riddick, of Everetts, was in town Tuesday.
Andrew Everett went to Williamston Monday.
Arthur Barnhill, of Gold Point, was here Sunday.
Mrs. D. F. Roberson is visiting near Williamston.
Augustus Williams went to Williamston Monday.
J. W. Gardner, of Scotland Neck, was here Sunday.
Jack Roberson, of Hassell, was in town Saturday.
Luther Stancer, of Washington, was here Tuesday.
Mrs. D. A. Outterbridge went to Greenville Monday.
T. H. Coffield went to Hassell Monday on business.
Miss Fannie Bazemore, of Suffolk, is visiting here.
John Lewis, of Scotland Neck, was in town Monday.
Dr. Hargrove spent several days in Tarboro last week.
Miss Alma Fleming, of Hassell, was in town Monday.
David Perkins, of Pitt County, was in town Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Roberson were in town Tuesday.
The Directors of the Hoisery Mill met Tuesday night.
Mr. and Mrs. Lum Ross and children are visiting here.
Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Purvis spent Sunday near Washington.
Mrs. G. P. McNaughton and daughter were in town Friday.
Prof. Allen and Miss Mary Adkins went to Williamston Saturday.
Mesdames Biley, Adkins, Ward and Nelson went to Bethel Tuesday.
Misses Allie G. Little and Margaret Chandler spent Sunday in Tarboro.

C. F. Guilford, of Bonneton, arrived Saturday to make the town his home.

The residence of G. M. Highsmith on Railroad Street is nearing completion.

Mr. and Mrs. Mauney, of Scotland Neck, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Grimes.

Mrs. W. H. Adkins entertained the Woman's Missionary Society at her home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ward and daughter, who have been visiting Dr. Ward, returned to Selma Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Simpson, Mrs. S. A. Newell and little daughter, of Williamston, spent Saturday here.

Medicines that aid nature are always most successful. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. It loosens the cough, relieves the lungs, opens the secretions and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Sold by Saunders & Fowden and All Dealers.

Millinery Display

"Spring, gentle Spring" did not delay, but arrived exactly on time to the minute, bringing in her hand floods of sun-bine, sweetly scented flowers, the happy song of birds, and—to the feminine heart, the most blessed gift of all—the Easter hats!

Crowds of women, old and young, grave and gay, intent upon getting the first peep at the display, swarmed, like the sweet things they are, into the millinery parlors of Harrison Brothers & Co. and C. D. Carstarphen & Co. Thursday, and enjoyed themselves to the limit of a woman's craze for the stylish. These firms, with three experienced salesladies, have eclipsed themselves in catering to the trade for the season of 1910.

Many beautiful patterns were on display, and the stocks are complete, comprising the latest and most artistic in shapes, ribbons, flowers, feathers, etc. The styles are not so extreme as last year and far prettier, therefore it is easier to make a choice.

Fully nine out of every ten cases of rheumatism is simply rheumatism of the muscles due to cold or damp, or chronic rheumatism, neither of which require any internal treatment. All that is needed to afford relief is the free application of Chamberlain's Liniment. Give it a trial. You are certain to be pleased with the quick relief which it affords. Sold by Saunders & Fowden and All Dealers.

Medical Society

The annual meeting of the Martin County Medical Society was held here in the rooms of the Lotus Club on Monday. It was one of the best and most instructive meetings of the Society, and all of the practicing physicians of the county were present except three, they being unavoidably detained.

The Society is in a most flourishing condition and each member is taking an active interest in it. Dr. Edgar M. Long, of Hamilton, was elected to membership, making a total of thirteen active members. The next meeting will be held with Dr. J. E. Smithwick, of Jamesville, during the month of April. Dr. M. I. Fleming was elected a delegate to the North Carolina Medical Society, and Dr. W. E. Warren alternate. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, Dr. J. W. Williams, of Everetts; vice-president, Dr. M. I. Fleming, of Hamilton; Secretary and treasurer, Dr. W. E. Warren, of Williamston.

The Supreme Court Judgeship

At the next election there will be elected three judges of the Supreme Court—the successors of Chief Justice Clark and Judges Walker and Manning. That Chief Justice Clark and Judge Walker will be each nominated without opposition by the Democratic State Convention seems to be generally conceded. Both these gentlemen have demonstrated their fitness for the Supreme Court Bench and they deserve the unopposed nomination of the party. The nomination of Judge Manning to succeed himself is alone contested; the gentleman who is making this contest is Judge W. R. Allen, of Goldsboro.

Upon what ground is the contest made? The letters sent out by the committee in charge of Judge Allen's campaign place his contest upon the ground that he has discharged well the duties of Judge of the Superior Court for about eight years, and in this position rendered splendid service to the people of the State.

We have no desire and no purpose to detract one particle from this fine service. But is this alone sufficient? There are other Judges upon our Superior Court Bench whose legal ability is generally recognized as equal to Judge Allen's and whose service on the Bench has been larger. If splendid service on the Superior Court Bench, and length of service furnish the reason for promotion, then there are some Superior Court Judges who outrank Judge Allen in length of service and who equal him in ability.

But why should Judge Manning alone, of three members of the Court to be nominated, be denied a nomination? Judge Manning was appointed by Governor Kitchin to fill the vacancy caused by Judge Connor's resignation; someone had to be appointed, of course, and the Governor is vested by law with the appointing power.

Judge Allen's name was presented to the Governor; so was Judge Manning's; so were the names of other able lawyers in the State. Governor Kitchin had to decide, and he appointed Judge Manning. The consensus of the State press comments at the time of the appointment was that the Governor had made no mistake. Judge Manning's work as a member of the Supreme Court has confirmed this opinion (of the press) and the wisdom of the Governor in the appointment. Governor Kitchin, of course, knew Judge Manning well, not only as a lawyer, but as a man and a Democrat. So far as we can hear, the lawyers of the State speak in terms of high praise of Judge Manning's opinions as a Judge of our Supreme Court. We accept their judgment upon that point.

Appointed by a Democratic Governor, and having "made good" on the Supreme Court Bench, Judge Manning is entitled to the nomination of our party, according to its unbroken custom and precedent. The endorsement of the Governor's appointee by nomination has, as we recall, been refused a very few times—three times—by District Conventions, but never as we recall, by a State Convention.

Had Judge Connor remained on our Supreme Court Bench, the friends of Judge Allen would not be running him against Judge Connor. Why, then, are they trying to defeat Judge Manning, who, every learned lawyer in the State concedes, is filling the position with great ability and fidelity? Under the circumstances the inference that there is a purpose to rebuke the Governor is so natural that those who prepared the letters sent out from Judge Allen's headquarters in his behalf, could not overlook it; but in writing to the known friends

of the administration state that they are not fighting the Governor or his administration, although they are asking that the Governor's most important appointment, one of the most important acts of his administration, be reprobated.

Judge Manning's friends are not asking his nomination merely because the Governor appointed him. He is his opponent's equal in every respect—in learning, in ability, in experience, in temperament, in Democracy, in character. His ambition for the Supreme Bench is as laudable and as well founded as his opponent's. He was called from and active practice to wear judicial honors, while his opponent was enjoying them. He was honored without hurting his opponent. His opponent is seeking an honor which will necessarily hurt him, and also hurt the administration, and this, too, without helping the public, and without helping the Democratic party. We submit to thoughtful men that Judge Allen's honorable ambition to go on the Supreme Bench, but heretofore they have not sought it under circumstances that now exist, so far as we can recall.

We are not questioning the right of anyone at any time to seek any honor at the hands of the people, but we ask just consideration of the whole situation before humiliating one eminent and worthy Democrat, whose friends are seeking for him an endorsement of his faithful and able judicial service, in order to honor another.—Durham Daily Sun, February 7, 1910.

An Awful Eruption

of a volcano excites brief interest, and your interest in skin eruptions will be as short, if you use Bucklen's Arnica Salve, their quickest cure. Even the worst boils, ulcers, or fever sores are soon healed by it. Best for Burns, Cuts, Bruises, Sore Lips, Chapped Hands, Chillsbains and Piles. It gives instant relief. 25c. at All Druggists.

Presbyterian Church Organized

During the past week very interesting services were conducted by Rev. G. W. Belk in the Masonic Hall. For several months regular services have been held here where several Presbyterians are residents. Mr. Belk came here as Evangelist for the Eastern section of the State.

The meeting just closed was largely attended by people of the town, who are always ready to help with their presence and sympathy. Mr. Belk is a man of power, full of the spirit of the mission on which he goes. His sermons are strong presentations of the truths of the Gospel, which sink deep into the hearts of his hearers. He was assisted in the meeting by Mr. H. D. Brown, of Wilson, who possesses a voice of remarkable power, and rendered the song service very attractive.

Sunday afternoon, a church organization was perfected with eleven members. The plan is to erect a church edifice as soon as arrangements can be made, and Mr. Belk will continue to serve regularly each month. Sunday night one candidate was presented for baptism, this being the first time the rite has been administered here by a Presbyterian minister.

Archdeacon Webber

The Mission to be conducted by Archdeacon Webber as announced last week, will begin on Wednesday night, April 6th, and continue throughout the following Sunday. The demand for the services of Archdeacon Webber may be seen, when it is known that Rev. Mr. Gordon has been in correspondence with him for over a year and has not until now, been able to secure his presence here.

Mrs. W. J. Whitaker

Mrs. Ellen Whitaker, wife of Mr. W. Joseph Whitaker, was the daughter of Richard and Penelope Boyd, and was born February 8th, 1849, near Conoho Meeting House in the upper part of Martin County, and died at her home (the former Shepard Spruill place) about four miles from Williamston, March 17, 1910. She was married to Mr. W. J. Whitaker in 1872. She united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Skewarkey, one mile south of Williamston, in September 1879, and was baptized by Elder C. B. Hassell in the creek at Leggett's Bridge.

Her husband is the son of Mr. Stanley Whitaker, who was the son of Elder William Whitaker, the pastor of Bear Grass and Smith-wich Churches, and one of the most earnest and revered ministers ever born in Martin County. As Mr. W. J. Whitaker's parents died when he and his sister, Mary (the wife of Mr. Jacob Spivey) were quite young, they were reared by their grandfather, Elder William Whitaker. By great industry and economy, Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker acquired a good estate.

Mrs. Whitaker was a zealous and consistent member of the Church. She had been a great sufferer from several diseases for many years, but bore her afflictions with Christian fortitude and felt willing to die. Good physicians and nurses attended her. On March 18th her remains were interred in the Baptist cemetery at Williamston amid a large gathering of relatives and friends, Elder Sylvester Hassell conducting the burial services.

Notice to Telephone Subscribers

Subscribers of the Williamston Telephone Company will please make the following changes in Telephone Directory of July 1st, 1909: Change Brown Bros. from number 17 to 102-1 1/2; Daniel & Staton from 102 to 114-3 1/2; J. B. Hardison from 102 to 114-1 1/2; Simon E. Hardison from 102 to 114-4.

Discontinue the following: Ice House; Adams & Ward; Ellington & Leggett; Ben Ward; Jno. E. Pope.

Add to Directory the following new subscribers: Bunch, E. P., Residence No. 126; Dixie Tobacco Warehouse No. 121; Gurganus, George, N., Residence No. 127; Hoyt, F. W., Residence No. 120; Hopkins, J. W., Residence No. 114-3; Leggett, W. H., Market No. 52; Mobley, Sidney A., Stables 122; Residence No. 123; Peel, Thos. A., Residence No. 87; Pope, Mrs. Bettie, Residence No. 88; Peel, R. J., Residence No. 125; Peel, Jas. S., Office No. 103-1 1/2; Roanoke Warehouse, Office No. 89; Simpson, J. Paul, Office No. 17; Ward, J. Herbert, Market No. 44; Waters, Jas. B., Residence No. 124; Williams, Dr. John W., Office No. 103-3 1/2; H. M. Burras, Residence No. 128; S. W. Manning, Store No. 114-2; James A. Roberson, Residence No. 114-2 1/2; J. W. Wats & Co., Stables No. 37; Gurganus, J. Henry, Residence 109-4; Griffin, Wm. W., Residence 102-4; Hardison, Joseph A., Residence 114-2 1/2; Leggett, W. H. Residence 78; Stubbs, Harry W., Office 130; Taylor, Eh., Residence, 107-1 1/2; Harrison, Louis C., Residence 73; Simpson, J. Paul, Farm 107-5; Carper, John L., Residence, 131; Cook, John S., Residence, 132.

Easter Services

The Easter services at the Church of the Advent will be at 4 P. M. and 8 P. M. At 4 P. M. will be held the annual Easter celebration for the children with joyous carols, and the offering of mite boxes. The services will be in charge of the superintendent, Mr. A. D. Mizell, and Mr. B. T. Cowper, a former superintendent of the Sunday School, will make the address to the children. The public, and especially the members of the other Sunday Schools, cordially invited. At 8 P. M. there will be Easter Service with special music and sermon by the Rector, who will return from Hamilton for this service. At this service the Easter offering will be made. On Monday in Easter Week at 11 A. M. there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion.

MARCH TERM OF COURT INTERESTING

Presided Over by Judge O. H. Guion --- His First Session in Martin --- Makes Fine Impression on Bar --- Some Interesting Criminal Cases.

The March Term of the Superior Court for Martin County was opened Monday at 1:30 o'clock, as Judge Guion failed to reach here before. The Grand Jury was quickly drawn, and with Alonzo Hassell as foreman, proceeded to hurriedly dispatch the business before it. This being the first court held here by Judge Guion, unusual interest centered about the Court House, and his charge to the Grand Jury was listened to with earnest attention.

The criminal docket was not large, but contained several important cases, among them being violations of the prohibitions law and house burning. The rapidity with which Judge Guion dispatched business, was one of the marked features of the court. This with his rulings pleased all interested in the proceedings of the week. The civil docket was of the usual length and interest. The cases disposed of by Solicitor Daniel representing the State are as follows:

- State vs J. E. Rogerson. Case abated.
- State vs Harmon Coffield. Abandonment. Continued under same order.
- State vs J. C. Ewell. Retailing. Defendant pleads guilty. Judgment, fined \$40 and cost.
- State vs S. L. Ewell. Retailing. Pleads guilty. Judgment suspended under payment of cost.
- State vs J. C. Ewell. Retailing. Pleads guilty. Prayer for judgment. Continued under payment of cost.
- State vs Lon Bryant. A. D. W. Not guilty.
- State vs Roy Strawbridge. A. D. W. Not guilty.
- State vs Jed Gray. A. D. W. Pleads guilty, fined \$10 and cost.
- State vs Roy Strawbridge. C. C. W. Not pros.
- State vs Ed Tell. A. D. W. Pleads guilty. Paid cost.
- State vs W. R. Dawson. Pleads not guilty. Juror withdrawn, mistrial ordered. Then defendant pleads guilty and is taxed with the cost.
- State vs James Boyd. L. and R. Not guilty.
- State vs Burwell Whitley and Geo. Davis. Affray. Guilty. Defendant fined \$25, and each charged with one-half cost.
- State vs J. W. Biley. False pretence. Not guilty.
- State vs Josh Hyman and Jesse Barlow. House burning. Guilty. Judgment, Barlow two years and Hyman four years in the State Prison.