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## THE HONORABLE THOS. W. BICKETT

### Delivered Splendid Address Before Graded School Thursday --- Diplomas and Prizes Awarded to Pupils---Most Successful Term of High School

The eighth term of the Williamston Graded School and the third year of the High School closed with graduating exercises on Thursday morning at the City Hall.

The music department under Miss Lettie Critcher gave a recital Wednesday evening in the Hall. There were fifteen numbers on the programme and the performers acquitted themselves creditably. They showed careful training in technique and in memorizing. Each number was very pleasing and were selected from the productions of the most eminent composers. After the recital an amusing play was given by the class assisted by others. It was entitled "A Perplexing Situation" and created much amusement in the large audience present. Two prizes had been offered at the beginning of the term and Misses Emma Robertson and Corinne Smith received them for proficiency. Misses Delha Lanier, Essie Peel and Irene Smith acted as ushers.

The graduating exercises were held at 10:30. The school marched in with their teachers and took seats reserved for them. The programme for the hour began with the singing of "Our Banner" by the school after which Rev. Rufus Bradley offered a very earnest prayer. The full programme was as follows: Salutatory, Ida Jenkins; History of Class, Julian Anderson; Essay, Emma Robertson; Prophecy, Hilda Crawford; Essay, Thomas Smith; Will and Testament, Lila Wynne; Valedictory, Vada Wynne; Song, "The Lark", sixteen girls; Presentation of Diplomas, Dr. John D. Biggs; Presentation of Prizes, Rev. Rufus Bradley. Carrie Dell White received a prize for best spelling in fifth grade and Fitzhugh Robertson for best spelling in the sixth grade. These were given by Mrs. C. M. Lanier, teacher of those grades. Ollie Robertson and Oscar Anderson received prizes from Miss Annie Mizell, teacher of seventh and eighth grades.

Mr. W. C. Manning, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, introduced the Hon. Thomas W. Bickett in his usual happy style, after having said a few words praising the work of the school during the last and preceding terms. The speaker then began his address by saying that he had never learned to say "No" to an invitation to talk to school children. He chose as his subject: "Dividends." It was a plea for technical education—the mixing of brain with matter for the development of North Carolina. Mr. Bickett is a strong speaker, dealing always in those things which only are worth while. It was a speech for the children before him as well as the business men who gave him earnest attention. Frequent applause interrupted him and the audience was charmed by his words and manner. After a few words by Prof. Jordan regarding the discipline to be enforced next term, the Rev. G. J. Dowell dismissed the audience.

Thus closed one of the most successful terms of the school. Prof. Jordan with his corps of assistants has given satisfaction to the citizens of the town who are so largely interested in the educational advancement of the community. Prof. Jordan has been elected to conduct the school next term and it is hoped that the other members of the faculty will decide to return.

## Died in Lexington

The body of John William Crowell arrived here from Lexington Wednesday, accompanied by James D. Crowell, of Johnson City, Tenn., father of the deceased, D. L. Crowell, of Lexington, B. C. Crawford, Mrs. John W. Crowell, the bereaved wife, and daughter, Ruth, who left here Tuesday morning on the receipt of the message conveying the news of the death of the husband and father.

John William Crowell was born in Green Springs, Va., in November 1870, being the son of James D. and Mary Crowell. He lived in Virginia until sixteen years of age, when he removed with his parents to Johnson City, Tenn. Soon after the establishment of a furniture factory in Williamston, he came to work in the same and in 1894 married Miss Sallie Asby and two daughters, Ruth and Rose were born to them. Eight years ago he went to live in Lexington, where he became an important factor in the business life of the town, being an experienced factory manager and held responsible positions in those concerns in which he was financially interested. About a year ago, he decided to remove to Richmond. There he received severe injuries in a street car accident, and was in the hospital for months. Several weeks ago he came to Williamston to visit his family who have been here some time with relatives. Going back to Lexington to engage in business there again, he was taken ill several days before the end came, having suffered for years with asthma. His physician found him resting easy on his last visit, but realized the weakness of his heart. About 10:30 Monday night May 1st the bell boy at the hotel entered his room and discovered him on the floor with life extinct. Friends were summoned and the body was taken care of by them to await the arrival of the family.

He was greatly beloved by those who been associated with him in business and by the employees to whom he had always held out the kind hand. He was a member of the Order of Elks.

Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the funeral services were conducted at the home of Mrs. Julia Gurganus by the Rev. Rufus Bradley, pastor of the Methodist Church. Interment in Oakdale Cemetery.

## He was Badly Twisted

Dr. Muster, of the Jefferson hospital, was talking to a reporter the other day about persons who came to the hospital hurt, some with slight pains, but who think they are dying. The doctor related the following story:

"A short time ago an Irishman and his wife were asleep in bed, when the wife thought she heard a noise down stairs, which she imagined was burglars, and awakening her husband, she said: 'Wake up, Pat; there burglars down stairs.'"

"So Pat arose and hastily dressed himself. But in dressing he put his trousers on backward. Quickly grabbing a lamp he started down the stairs, but, owing to his trousers being tight, he reached the first step and tripped. He fell down the whole flight.

"His wife heard the rack and went to the top of the stairs."

"Are you hurt?" she asked.

"Pat arose, and feeling himself to ascertain if he was hurt, found the way he wore his trousers."

"No, darlin, I'm not hurt in the least. But I gave my body one dickens of a twist."—Philadelphia Times.

The self-made man is frequently only a fellow who is not willing to divide the credit.

## Waldo-Carstarphen

A very pretty but quite wedding was celebrated at the Gardner cottage Thursday afternoon at half past four o'clock, when Miss Belle Carstarphen, of Williamston, N. C., was married to Mr. Harry Waldo, of Hamilton, N. C. The bride wore a going-away gown of royal blue head-dress, with hat to match, and carried a shower bouquet of Bride roses and lilies of the valley. She was attended by Miss Ernestine Gardner and Miss Margaret Belle Jones, who were both gowned in gray and carried white carnations. Mr. Loren P. Waldo, of Portsmouth, the brother of the groom, was the best man and Mr. W. J. Grimes, of Baltimore an usher. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Gale, of the Cumberland Street Methodist Church. The room was most attractively decorated in dogwood, evergreens and potted plants. The wedding march, from Lohengrin, was played by Miss Maud Baker.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Waldo left for an extended Northern tour.—Norfolk Ledger.

## Mr. L. H. Nowell Dead

Lemuel H. Nowell died at his home on Maryland Avenue, Baltimore, on Sunday afternoon at 1:30. His health had been precarious for several years. During his last visit to Williamston last fall he was in feeble health. Desiring to consult a specialist in Europe, he had engaged passage for himself and wife and expected to leave early in May for Germany. But death came before further medical aid could be secured.

He was the only son of the late Seth and Mary Nowell and was born and reared in Williamston. For years he had lived in Baltimore with his wife whom he married there.

The funeral services and interment took place Tuesday morning in Baltimore. Many friends and relatives here sympathize with the bereaved wife in her hour of trial.

J. M. Howell, a popular druggist of Greensburg, Ky., says, "We use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our own household and know it is excellent." For sale by all dealers.

## Notice

Subscribers of the Williamston Telephone Company will please make the following additions and changes to their Telephone Directories.

New subscribers: Ayers, A. B. 107-1½; Bradley, Rev. Rufus, 44; Coaltrain, C. C. 114-3½; Crawford, J. C. Sheriff, office 68; Dennis Simmons Lbr. Co. Logging Camp, 114-4½; Griffin, Geo. W. 106-½; Gurganus, J. D. 42; Leggett, J. H. 101-½; Manning, A. J. 114-1½; Manning, N. R. 114-3; Market, 52; Peel, Plenny, 106-1½; Peel Ephraim, 106-2; Peoples N. C. Steamboat Line, 19-2; Roanoke Bottling Works, 88; Roberson Charlie T. 114-4; Rogers, Walter 131; Smith & Hadley, 52; Teel, Mrs. W. J. 103-5; Taylor, McS, 38; Whitaker, W. J. 89; Williams, Dr. John W. 103-4½; Wynn & Whitehurst, 100-1½; Hassell, C. B. 69.

Changes: Daniel & Staton, 104-3½; Daniel, Wm. Ed. 104-4½; Gurganus, J. Henry, 109-2½; Hardison, Simon E. 104-4; Hopkins, J. W. 104-3; Hardison, J. B. 104-1½.

Jamesville Central  
Askew, C. A. 14; Davenport, J. L. 18; Evans, J. E. 17; Edwards, D. S. 20; Hotel, 19.  
Change S. R. Biggs Drug Co., to The Jamesville Drug Co., 3.  
W. C. Manning, Mgr.

## School Closes at Robersonville

The closing of the Graded School in Robersonville on Friday, April 28th, 1911, was a great day in the history of that progressive town.

At 10 o'clock the school and many visitors assembled in the Carolina Warehouse where the splendid debate on the subject: "Resolved, That the State should pass a compulsory school law requiring every child between the ages of eight and fourteen years to attend school at least four months in the year," was held. The contest was close and each speaker showed that he had done good work on the subject. It was decided by the judges that the affirmative won.

At 2:30 o'clock Robersonville and the whole of the surrounding country again assembled, and Prof. R. J. Peel, County Superintendent, introduced Gov. W. W. Kitchen, who made the annual address, which was a masterly piece of eloquence and sound logic, and everybody enjoyed it. The exercises showed the splendid work of Prof. Eason and his efficient corps of teachers.

## Counting the Mail

The post office department has ordered that all mail received and forwarded shall be counted, classified and time kept for handling each class and number of times handled. This makes the process of opening the mail very much slower and the public is requested to be patient. The count will last for thirty days.

## A Burglar's Awful Deed

may not paralyze a home so completely as a mother's long illness. But Dr. King's New Life Pills are a splendid remedy for women. They gave me wonderful benefit in constipation and female trouble," wrote Mrs. M. C. Danlap, of Leadhill, Tenn. If ailing, try them, 25¢ at Saunders & Fowden.

## The Great Bible Contest is Drawing Near

In two weeks our Bible contest starts. This revival in Bible study is being welcomed by all the churches.

We are glad to have the co-operation of the churches, the pastors and Sunday School workers, in this important undertaking.

The prizes that are offered are intrinsically valuable, and the Diploma given to all who complete the course will confer a great honor upon them; but the greatest prize of all is the study itself; no words can overstate its value. All teachers of boys and girls, say of fifteen years and over, should urge them to take up this course. Adult Bible Class teachers will find this contest to be a great stimulus to their work if they personally get behind it and set the example. Many pastors call attention to the I. P. B. Q. C. from the pulpit and urge their people to join and participate in its benefits. We have no doubt that the pastors of Williamston will not be one whit behind those of other towns. We have reason to believe that parents are encouraging their grown-up children to take this course and we urge upon all parents to follow the good example.

The Enterprise is necessary for these studies, so order it for yourself, or a friend, by using the attached coupon.

For soreness of the muscles whether induced by violent exercise or injury, Chamberlain's Liniment is excellent. This liniment is also highly esteemed for the relief it affords in cases of rheumatism. Sold by all dealers.

## Williamston to have Ball Team

The ball season will open with a flourish in Williamston some time in June.

The prospects for a corking good team are fine. Most of last season's men will be in the lineup. However, there will be a few additions. The main one being Clayton Moore, the well known box artist, who won his distinction in the famous game with Jamesville in 1907. Munt Stubbs, whose pegging to second has been the terror of that region, will do the backstop work. Burke Haywood Knight, Wheeler Martin and Joe Godard will romp over the out-field. Willard Teel, the spunky little short stop, will hold down that position. Edwin Ward and Clayton Moore will put over the hurling act. With these two old and experienced horses working together, there will be something doing on the firing line. Connie Mack cannot produce a better pair. You can keep your eye on that pair and see results. The rest of the players have not been decided upon, but we can assure you that they will be good ones. With the support of the fans, we will undoubtedly have a team that old Williamston will be proud to call her own.

Committee.

## 2000 Traveling Salesmen

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## Reduced Cost of Living

Comparing the highest quotations of 1910 with the recent wholesale cash prices of leading necessary articles, one notes such changes as these:

Wheat, \$1.33 1-2 to 96 cents—decline, 37 1-2 cents a bushel.  
Corn 76 1-2 cents to 57 1-2 cents—decline 19 cents a bushel.  
Flour \$6.30 to \$5.10—decline \$1.20 per barrel.

Family beef, \$19.50 to \$16.25—decline, \$3.25 per hundred pounds.

Lard 14 1-2 cents to 9 1-4 cents—decline 5 1-4 cents per pound.

Sugar 5 25 cents to 4.80 cents—decline 0.45 cents per pound.

Cotton 20 cents to 14.60 cents—decline 5.40 per pound.

The readjustment in commodity prices is highly beneficial to the country as a whole. It seems destined to proceed somewhat further in consequence of general conservatism in business, which is impelled by the special session of congress, and by the economies introduced by important railways in consequence of the Interstate Commerce Commission's veto of an advance in freight rates.—Munsey's Magazine.

## English Grand Opera Here

Music lovers in Williamston were delighted last Thursday night with the appearance of "Cavalleria Rusticana" arranged in English. This was the first appearance of Grand Opera here and Managers Meadows and Biggs are to be congratulated for their venture in this line. The orchestra composed of women, was fine and the voices possessed wonderful volume without destroying the melody. One part was sung in Italian.

## INSURGENTS AND REGULARS MET

### In Fiercest Battle in Years --Mass Meeting of Citizens Name Ticket--Contest Close Except for Mayor--Good Board Chosen at the Finish

The interest in the election of a Board of Commissioners and Mayor, developed the warmest fight that Williamston has had since the memorable one when the first ordinance against long-nosed rooters was passed, and then when the meek-eyed cows were denied the privilege of feasting on the clover of the public.

Monday night a mass meeting was held at the Court House and a ticket nominated, the following composing it: For Commissioners: Arthur Anderson, John D. Biggs, F. K. Hodges, G. W. Blount and I. B. Harrison; For Mayor—S. A. Newell. This ticket was opposed by one naming every member of the old Board with Mayor Godwin.

Early Tuesday morning the advocates of the two tickets began working like beavers. Men left their business and remained about the polling place all the day long. Lines were tightly drawn and when the ballots were counted it was found that only four Commissioners had been selected and they by the skin of the teeth. Three of the candidates tied and following the law for such an emergency, the names of W. H. Crawford, J. R. Robertson and L. B. Harrison were placed in a box and a blindfolded boy drew out the name of W. H. Crawford. This completed the Board. Mayor Godwin with his usual popularity ran under the pole with an easy swing, leaving his competitor several laps behind. The Board as chosen at the finish is a good one and there was great rejoicing over the result—the crowds on the streets after night resembling those after a general election. Those chosen are: W. H. Crawford, Arthur Anderson, John D. Biggs, C. H. Godwin and G. W. Blount. Each member is a conservative business man and there is good feeling and confidence in the result. The only issue in the fight was proper law enforcement against blind tigers and gambling, and as usual the people stood for the uplift of the town when the test came.

## Avoid Frauds

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## To Fight The Fly

So completely have the house flies been exterminated in England that screens are no longer used in windows and doors. This shows what can be done. A solution of formalin or formaldehyde in water is the best and cheapest exterminator. Put a spoonful of formalin in half a tea cupful of water, and expose it in a saucer in your room. Try it once and you will see. Burn pyrethrum powder in a room and sweep out the stupefied flies. Or put twenty drops of carbolic acid on a hot shovel. The vapor is deadly to the pest. Put a dram of bichromate of potash in half a glass of water and sweeten. Expose a little of the solution in saucers. Sticky fly paper also will do the work.—Louisville Courier Journal.