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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. H. Roberson spent a few days in Norfolk this week.

Roy Carson, of Jamesville, was in town Tuesday.

J. A. Coffield went to Bethel Wednesday on business.

Mrs. E. J. Hardy, of Greenville, is visiting Mrs. L. A. Briley.

Miss Selma Everett, of Winterville, visited friends here Sunday.

Mrs. M. J. Ward, of Wilson, spent several days with her son last week.

Mrs. Jennie Mooney, of Scotland Neck, is visiting friends here this week.

Mrs. Lucy Cowan, of Bristol, Tenn., is visiting Mrs. R. E. Grimes.

Mrs. W. H. Keel returned from Greenville Friday after a visit to her son.

Miss Lannie House, of House, is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. T. Lawrence.

Mrs. Maggie Griffin and daughter, of Greensboro, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Heber Munford, of Winterville, spent several days here last week.

Mrs. Mittie Harrell, of Scotland Neck, is visiting Mrs. W. H. Adkins this week.

Miss Fannie Dupree, of Rocky Mount, spent the week-end with Miss Lizzie Roberson.

Miss Jannie Edwards, of near Winterville, spent several days with Mrs. L. A. Briley last week.

Mrs. Dicey Gainor, who has been visiting Mrs. J. H. Roberson, left Monday for her home in Williams-ton.

G. M. Roberson and family, who have been visiting here, returned to their home in Norfolk Wednesday.

Mrs. A. S. Everett and daughters, Naomi and Hazell, left for Norfolk Wednesday, where Naomi will be treated for an affected eye by Dr. W. E. Drver, Cecil Everett accompanied them.

Geneva James, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed James, had quite a delightful crowd of friends at her home Friday evening, September 22nd, to enjoy and celebrate her fifteenth birthday. Bananas with cream and delicious cake were served in the dining room, which was tastefully decorated with potted plants and evergreens; fifteen candles in a cut glass stand burned brightly near the center of the table indicating her fifteen years. The guests then became quite interested in a contest—"Where to go for a Vacation". Miss Myrna Hight and Cecil Everett winning the first prize, a faintly box of paper. Myra Fleming and William Gray won the booby. All expressed their appreciation by the many pretty and useful gifts.

One of the most enjoyable events of the season was a birthday party given by Miss Reta Roberson to her many friends at her home on Railroad Street last Friday evening, September 29th, in honor of her seventeenth birthday. The guests were received in the hall by the hostess and ushered into the large and beautifully decorated parlor where many games were played. They were then ushered into the dining room where delicious cake and cream were served. The room was decorated beautifully with cut flowers, ferns and ivy. The many and handsome presents proved the popularity and many friends of the hostess. When the hour of adjournment arrived, the happy party declared Miss Roberson a most charming hostess and departed to their respective homes.

You are not experimenting on yourself when you take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a cold as that preparation has won its great reputation and extensive sale by its remarkable cures of colds, and can always be depended upon. It is equally valuable for adults and children and may be given to young children with implicit confidence as it contains no harmful drug. Sold by All Dealers.

Mr. Simon S. Perry Dead

The news of the death of Mr. Simon S. Perry at his home near Williamston, October 1st, 1911, was not surprising to friends and acquaintance throughout the county, because of his continued illness of weeks. He was born in Martin County on January 11th, 1830, and at eight years old was left motherless, his father dying four years later, leaving him with two brothers and a sister.

He served his country from 1851 to 1865, doing service in the 31st Regiment N. C. Troops, Company F., as flag bearer and sergeant.

During this service he was wounded twice, once almost unto death.

At the close of the struggle, he returned to the old homestead, and commenced farming, an occupation which he followed all the rest of his days, making for himself and family a comfortable home and ample provision for all.

On the 3rd, of May 1868, he married Miss Mary G. Woolard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Woolard, of Martin County. Of this union twelve children were born, seven boys and five girls, eight of whom with their mother survive.

For several years, Mr. Perry had suffered with Bright's Disease and four weeks ago he became confined to his room and gradually grew weaker until the end came in the presence of all of his family save one.

He was the last of his family, his brothers and sister having preceded him to the Great Beyond. He was one of that splendid type of the Southern gentlemen, honest in all his dealings, kind and courteous to every man. He loved his native county and stood for the best interests of its people. His death breaks another link in the chain of grand old men of this section.

Tuesday afternoon the funeral services were conducted at the residence by Elder John N. Rodger, of the Primitive Baptist Church. A large number of neighbors and friends were present to pay honor to his memory. The body was interred in the cemetery near the home. The family desire to express their thanks to friends and physician for their courteous attention.

Notice to Colored Teachers

The first monthly meeting of the Martin County Colored Teachers Association for the session of 1911-12 will assemble at the colored Graded School building, Williamston, Saturday October 7th, at 1:30 o'clock p. m. All teachers operating in the county, by order of the County Superintendent, are requested to attend.

The following topics will be discussed: The Abolishment of Summer district schools; Illustrated program and time table for work in rural schools by Rev. J. H. Johnson: The personal value of the last Summer Normal.

Per order W. C. Chance, Pres., W. T. Alexander, Sec'y.

In loving remembrance of Rosamond Pope Crawford, our devoted sister, mother and daughter, who died on October 3rd, 1910. God called her to that blessed home to dwell with Him and the angels. The place left vacant in our home can never be filled. Her voice though stilled by death, still speaks to us in accents low and sweet.

Farewell, darling Rosamond, but not forever,

There will be a happy dawn; We shall meet to part no never,

On the Resurrection Morn.

Her sad and lonely Mother, Daughter, Sister and Brother.

October 3rd, 1911.

Minstrels Coming

Mr. J. A. Coburn will present to our people his Greater Minstrels to the Opera House Monday October 9th. The majority of our people know Coburn's Minstrels, as he appeared here last season in the cleanest and best minstrel show that ever came to town. Mr. Mix, the advance agent, informs us that he is carrying new equipments this season, adding five more people, making a total of 30 in all. All artists in their special lines. If you want to see the best, wait for Coburn's. Don't fail to see street parade.

The management was fortunate in securing at date with these people and it was only through an appeal to Mr. Coburn direct that they were able to get him to show in Williamston again. And Williamston is the only town east of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad that they show in, going from here to Rocky Mount, Wilson, Goldsboro and Wilmington, which will cover their bookings in North Carolina. Reserved seats on sale now at Biggs Drug Store \$1.00; general admission 75c; gallery soc.

The Kindergarten

Kindergarten means child-garden—a place where children are trained, cared for and nurtured. And just as in the flower garden we would have only perfect blooms, so also in the child-garden we must work for them.

Froebel, a German teacher, first planned it and the height, depth and breadth of his philosophy can not be measured, but that it is becoming appreciated all are glad to admit.

In his great love for little children, and with wonderful insight into their nature, he worked out a system for their training and furnished the means whereby it should be accomplished, that had never been given to the world before, nor has it since.

He said: "I see in every child the possibility of a perfect man" and he did not neglect the development of any side of his nature: physical, mental, moral or spiritual.

Froebel's "Mother Plays" were intended for the mother's use in the home and before the child reached what we call school age. His "Gifts," songs, games and occupations train the child to be ingenious, strong and good by keeping him busy and happy. He knew that she was training the beginner through the outward to the inner of his groping life.

Some one has said and rightly, that the men had done their part toward the intellectual progress of the world, but that the women had failed in contributing their share toward its moral and spiritual advancement, and that until they did their duty the world would grow worse. Froebel saw that it was the mother, with the child in her arms, who must reclaim it and give to us the Kindergarten, Blessed gifts of "Gifts."

A Tribute

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A Splendid Performance

The theatrical season here opened a few weeks ago and Manager Meadows promised to give the public something worthy of the attendance of the most critical of theatre-goers. To date he has made good for Monday night "The Man on the Box," with Bert Leigh in the title role, was given at the Opera House, and an audience composed of people who know things, pronounced it the best show that has ever appeared in the town. This company is only playing in the larger towns of the State, having been in Raleigh six times and won success at each appearance. The play is a clean one, with a vein of humor running through the whole. The good looking Bert Leigh and the attractive Miss "Billy" Long charmed the audience and won hearty applause. Harry Roquemore, a pal of Bert Leigh's, laughed and joked to the delight of the crowd. The play will be enjoyed wherever presented.

Coburn's Greater Minstrels will appear at the Opera House Monday night.

Mr. E. T. Powell

The home of Mrs. E. T. Powell was saddened early Tuesday morning by the death of her husband, Mr. E. T. Powell who was ill six weeks with typhoid fever. Mr. Powell was born on the 10th, of June, 1882, and died September 19th, 1911. A few years ago he professed faith in Christ and united with the Christian Church at Oak Grove in Pitt County. Three years ago he was married to Miss Alice V. Howell who survives him.

Mr. Powell was loving and faithful husband and father, and a true friend. He leaves a wife, two children, one sister and a host of relatives to mourn his departure. We should not sorrow as those who have no hope. He fought a good fight and has gone to receive his crown of life. We shall meet again, how sweet the word.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. O. Winfield and the body was interred in the family cemetery at the old home-stead near Stokes.

The bereaved wife has the sympathies of the people in the community, who feel for her in this hour of sorrow.

Don't trifle with a cold is good advice for prudent men and women. It may be vital in case of a child.

There is nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for coughs and colds in children. It is safe and sure. For sale by All Dealers.

Coburn's Greater Minstrels

The next attraction at the Opera House on Monday Oct. 9th, will be a welcome return of an old favorite in Williamston Coburn's Greater Minstrels with complete new programme, people, and equipment. This company requires little endorsement from the local press.

It is like seeing "home folks" to see Joe Coburn and his men, coming up the street for the yearly concert and renewal of old acquaintances.

The Macon Telegraph says "It is always pleasant to have Joe Coburn come to town. There is no man at the head of a minstrel company who can boast of more friends than he, and any man who tries as hard as he to give a clean, clever minstrel entertainment, deserves it." This paper cordially endorses the Telegraph's statement, "always a clean clever performance," each season growing bigger and better.

The Managers foresee a packed house for the big fun show on the 9th of October. Seats on sale at Biggs Drug Store.

Some Interesting Figures

The census bureau today made public some interesting figures concerning North Carolina. These show the number and value of domestic animals, poultry and bees, as gathered by the census of 1910. The aggregate value of all domestic animals, poultry, and bees, as reported, was \$62,580,000, as compared with \$30,106,000, in 1900; the amount of increase being \$32,474,000 and the rate 107.9 per cent.

The total value of the domestic animals was reported as \$59,981,000 in 1910, as against \$28,242,000 in 1900; the increase amounting to \$31,739,00, or 112.4 per cent.

The poultry was valued at \$2,213,000 in 1910, as compared with \$1,434,000 in 1900; the gain being \$779,000 or 54.3 per cent.

The bees were valued at \$387,000 in 1910 and \$430,000 in 1900, a decrease of \$43,000, or 10.1 per cent.

Mules and colts had a greater value than any other class of domestic animals in 1910, whereas horses and colts had a slightly greater value in 1900. The total value of mules and colts in 1910 was \$23,669,000 while in 1900 it was \$8,677,000, an increase of 272.8 per cent. Horses and colts were valued at 18,409,000 in 1910, as compared with \$8,796,000 in 1900; an increase amounting to 109.3 per cent. Next in order both in 1910 and 1900 were cattle, with a total value of \$12,537,000 in 1910, as compared with \$7,668,000 in 1900; an increase of 63.5 per cent. The total value of swine in 1910 was \$4,632,200, while in 1900 it was \$2,516,000; an increase of 84.1 per cent. Sheep and lambs in 1910 were valued at \$559,000, as compared with \$447,000 in 1900; an increase of 17 per cent. Asses and burros in 1910 were valued at \$132,000 as compared with \$69,500 in 1900; an increase of 90.3 per cent. Goats and kids in 1910 were reported as valued at \$43,000, as against \$38,000 in 1900; an increase amounting to 13.2 per cent.

Mules and colts in 1910 constituted 37.8 per cent of the value of all live stock; horses and colts, 29.4 per cent; cattle, 20 per cent; swine, 7.4 per cent; poultry, 3.5 per cent; sheep and lambs, 0.9 per cent; bees, 0.6 per cent; asses and burros, 0.2 per cent; goats and kids, 0.1 per cent.

The total number of cattle reported was 700,208; the total number of mules 174,488; horses and colts 166,976; swine 1,226,307; sheep and lambs 214,176; goats and kids 35,007; poultry 5,053,870.—Ex.

Lame back is one of the most common forms of muscular rheumatism. A few applications of Chamberlain's Liniment will give relief. For sale by All Dealers.

"The Girl and The Tramp"

The managers of the Opera House are booking plays this season that please the audiences which have heard and which will hear them. They are placing Williams-ton along in the list of the large towns in the State which enjoy the presentation of highclass shows.

Saturday night The Charles Inskip Attractions producers of the laughing comedy, "The Girl and the Tramp" appeared here. The audience was small as Saturday night audiences always are, but every one present was appreciative. Everybody laughed and kept on laughing at the Girl and the Tramp, who while trying to help solve the serious problems confronting their mutual friends, colored the whole with laughable actions, words and situations. It was clean from start to finish and each character was cleverly impersonated.

Respectfully,
James R. Young,
Insurance Commissioner.

MONDAY FIRE PREVENTION DAY

Commissioner Young Sets Apart October Ninth as a Time to Inspect Premises--Fire Waste Alarm in the State--Numerous Lives Lost

To the Citizens of North Carolina: After a consultation with and the approval of our Governor, I, as Insurance Commissioner of this State, designate October 9th as Fire Prevention Day in North Carolina.

The fire waste in this country is

enormous, over \$250,000,000 each year. It is inexcusable and criminal, the bulk of it is preventable.

At the request of the Convention of Fire Marshals of America and the National Convention of Insurance Commissioners, Fire Prevention Day is being named and observed in a large number of States

by proclamations of Governors and otherwise, and October 9th is designated, the day of the great Chicago fire. The loss by fire in North Carolina is practically \$3,000,000 annually, over three hundred dollars per hour, and more than one-half is not covered by insurance. It is said that practically three-fourths of this loss could be prevented by the exercise of reasonable care. It is certainly proper that the citizens of North Carolina should join heartily in the observance of this day in a campaign for the stopping of this enormous and unnecessary waste.

On this day let