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... a Year in Advance

Mrs. James H. Robertson Dead

At St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, on the morning of March 24th, 1914, at 7:30 o'clock, death claimed the soul of Hattie Davis, beloved wife of James H. Robertson, of Ahoskie. She was stricken at her home, and then was carried to the hospital, where it was thought that she might recover from what seemed to the physicians, to be a fatal disease. The evening previous, when visited by her husband, she had been bright and cheerful, but scarcely without warning the end came the next morning.

Mrs. Robertson was born in Nash County in 1882, and lost both parents some years ago. On January 12th, she married James H. Robertson at Whitakers, where she lived. For several years they have lived in Ahoskie, where they built an attractive home, which was always open to young and old, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson being one of the most popular couples in the town. She was a devoted wife and by her industry and care was indeed a helpmeet, making the home one of blessedness and peace.

Wednesday her body was brought here and was taken to the Methodist Church, where services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. T. Standfoad, the choir singing, "Lead Kindly Light" and "Asleep in Jesus." The committal service was said at the grave in the Baptist Cemetery, and the body laid to rest until the Resurrection Morn. Beautiful floral wreaths, the gifts of loved ones and friends, were placed on the mound—emblems of the sweetness and joy reserved for the soul of her who reposed beneath.

Friends of the husband and wife in Ahoskie accompanied them here and acted as pall bearers. These were, R. J. Baker, A. O. Kiff, G. W. Baker, J. Stanley Leary, J. Herbert Copeland, W. L. Curtis. Among others here to attend the funeral were, Dr. J. D. Gardner, of Ahoskie; Mrs. J. R. Marks, of Whitakers; W. W. Ruffin, of Tarboro; John R. Ellison and Miss Mary Belle Ellison, of Suffolk; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Robertson, of Kelford; Dr. W. E. Robertson, of Suffolk, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hatton, of Windsor.

Much sympathy is felt here for the young husband and others sorrowing ones.

Democratic Mass-Meeting, Raleigh, April 8th.

Wm. J. Bryan, Josephus Daniels, Governor Locke Craig, ex-Governor Glenn, and other Democratic leaders of State and National reputation are to speak at the great Democratic Mass-Meeting in Raleigh, Wednesday, April 8th, beginning at noon. A State-wide legalized primary, the adoption of the proposed Constitutional Amendments, a better system of taxation, improved legislation affecting roads, schools, health and country life, a better child labor law, and many other big issues are to be discussed. Every Democrat in the State is invited, and special railroad rates are expected. There will doubtless be a great attendance.

Worth Knowing.

The average male brain among civilized races weighs about 49 ounces; in the female about five ounces less. It measures about 105 cubic inches. It consists of 300,000,000 nerve cells, of which 3,000 are disintegrated and destroyed every minute, so that we have a new brain every 60 days. The brains of public and famous men, as well as criminals, weigh about 60 ounces.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Staton went to Norfolk Tuesday.

J. H. Robertson returned to Ahoskie on Monday.

Clayton Moore has been in Richmond this week.

J. Davis Reed was here on business last week.

Dr. J. H. Saunders went to Washington Sunday.

J. L. Davenport was here from Jamesville Thursday.

Messrs. Gus and Don Harrison were here Sunday from Palmyra.

F. W. Hoyt and Master Frederick Hoyt spent Sunday in Washington.

W. H. Jackson went to Robersonville Tuesday and to Plymouth Wednesday.

Mrs. James S. Rhodes has been in Scotland Neck this week visiting relatives.

Mrs. J. L. Hines, of Oak City, spent several days in town last week. She was accompanied by her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Apfel arrived here Wednesday from Baltimore and are stopping at the Atlantic Hotel.

Mrs. Harry Waldo, little Miss Mary Waldo and Miss Annie Jones, of Hamilton, have been visiting relatives here this week.

L. A. Taylor and wife, Miss Lena White and Mrs. Fate James motored here from Robersonville on Tuesday. While in town Mr. Taylor made a pleasant call at the office.

Training School Notes

Prof. W. H. Ragsdale, Superintendent of Public Instruction in Pitt County, Professor of School Administration in the E. C. T. T. School and President of the North Eastern Division of County Superintendents, died at Greenville, on Friday, March 27th, and was buried on Sunday March 29th, with Masonic honors. The Faculty and students of the Training School attended in a body. State Supt. J. Y. Joyner and Sec. of State J. Bryan Grimes were among those from a distance who attended the funeral. The enormous crowd and the number of beautiful floral wreaths, bore witness to the great popularity of Prof. Ragsdale.

He was born in Granville County in 1855, but spent most of his life Greenville, where he established and taught a male school for years. He has been County Superintendent except for two years since 1891.

It was in the mind of Prof. Ragsdale that the idea of the East Carolina Teachers Training School was conceived. He worked untiringly for its establishment and lived to see it a force in the educational work of the State, and ranking high among the Normal Schools of the whole country.

As a member of the Faculty he was a constant inspiration to that body and to the students, as he kept them in touch with the actual condition and practical problems as he met them daily in the schools of Pitt County. The School, in turn, was an inspiration to him as he was quick to catch new ideas of worth and put them to work in the schools. Thus he made the Pitt County schools among the best in the State.

Martin County is in the North Eastern Division of County Superintendents of which Prof. Ragsdale was president.

Robersonville Items (by Cecil F. Outlaw)

Being asked by your editor to act as correspondent for Robersonville and vicinity, the writer, in this week's issue of THE ENTERPRISE, makes his debut.

Feeling that there will be grave responsibilities resting upon your correspondent undertaking these duties, and knowing that he has not, what newspaper men would call, "a keen nose for news," your correspondent therefore calls upon you readers for co-operation. Tell us of your trials and triumphs—give us all of the news.

The writer is happy in casting his lot among the progressive people of this vicinity. He is impressed with the spirit of co-operation and thrift that permeates the people here. If some of the evils that infest a goodly number of our towns were eradicated, we could easily say that Robersonville is one of the best towns in Eastern Carolina. We unhesitatingly say that it is the most progressive and thriest of the towns her size in this Eastern Section. Just keep your eye on Robersonville.

Monday morning March 23rd, the doors of the new bank building of the Bank of Robersonville swung ajar to the many customers of that banking institution. The faces of Cashier J. A. Mizell and his able Assistant Jos. D. Woolard were wreathed in smiles of gratification, as they greeted their customers in the Bank's new modernly equipped twelve thousand dollar home.

The building, formerly occupied by the Bank of Robersonville, has been purchased by Messrs Grimes Roberson & Co., and is now undergoing repairs and improvements that will aggregate two thousand dollars. When this building is complete it will be occupied by C. L. Cannon, Druggist.

The building now occupied by Mr. Cannon is being reserved as a home for Robersonville's weekly newspaper that she is soon to have. More later.

The office building of Drs. Ward & Ward, recently completed, is now occupied, the first floor consisting of reception rooms, consultation room, laboratory and operating room by Drs. Ward & Ward; the second floor by Dr. Manning, Dentist, and Attorney Smith.

Rev. J. L. Rogers and family will soon be domiciled in their new home, judging from the progress the carpenter force is making on the Baptist Parsonage.

The residence of Dr. V. A. Ward is well on its way to completion. A singular thing about this building is: all of the material, save the framing, was ordered from Sears, Roebuck & Co. Dr. Ward says he did that to save the trouble and worry of getting his material piece meal. Wake up mill men and lumber dealers!

Brick and some of the framing has been placed upon the lot of W. J. Little, just across the street from J. H. Robertson's mansion, and we are told that Mr. Little's residence will vie with Mr. Robertson's in architecture and beauty. Dr. J. E. Ward left Monday for a hospital in Norfolk with the five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Wynn, who reside several miles from Robersonville. Friends of the little girl heard from Dr. Ward Tuesday p. m., saying that the operation for abcess of the ear was successful and that his patient was resting nicely.

J. H. Rauls of the Bethel section was in town Tuesday in

Clean Drains

Weather conditions have been such that any provision for the cleaning of drains and ditches has been impracticable. But plans for the campaign against stagnant water and improperly drained ditches should be made and put into execution as soon as can be done. Summer is approaching and there should be a municipal house-cleaning. No town in Eastern Carolina has a better natural drainage than Williamston, and the proper and careful expenditure of the town's funds can maintain the healthy condition in the community. The year of 1913 was, perhaps, one of the healthiest in the memory of the oldest inhabitants, but the people are not to live in that year again, but the present must provide for itself. The Street Commissioners should go carefully over the ground, examine every ditch, have the accumulations taken therefrom and arrange for a correct passage of water through them. It is an easy matter and upon it depends largely the health of the people.

search of W. T. Britton, our general Tax Collector.

Messrs. Julius Warren, cashier of the Bank of Coneto, W. J. Mayo, Barnhill, William Thigpen and Chief Harrell of Coneto, were in Robersonville Tuesday for a short while.

W. H. Jackson, representative of THE ENTERPRISE, Williamston, was in Robersonville Tuesday soliciting job work.

Many visitors and delegates passed through the city Saturday, Sunday and Monday enroute to or from Flat Swamp Primitive Baptist Church and the Christian Church at Cross Roads, where Union Meetings of these two religious bodies were held Saturday and Sunday.

Our esteemed townsman, Wiley Rogerson, has been suffering for several days from muscular rheumatism. His many friends hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Lizzie Smith has a pretty stubborn attack of grippe. She is being attended by Dr. V. A. Ward. It is hope of her many friends that she will soon be restored to her wonted health.

There is quite a number of cases of measles in town.

The plastering in the new ten thousand dollar Christian Church will be completed this week. It will be about sixty days before services can be conducted in this building.

Messrs. B. F. Coburn and J. H. Melton promise to "turn on the light" within the next sixty days. Most of the electric light poles have been set up. Many of the business houses and a goodly number of the residences have already been wired. The machinery of the plant is expected to arrive this week.

Mr. Thomas Thompson, son of the late Captain Thompson, after an illness of one week, succumbed to that dreaded malady pneumonia, on March 22nd., at about three-thirty o'clock P. M. Dr. Nelson was his attending physician and did all that human skill could do to save the deceased. The funeral service was conducted at the home of the deceased Tuesday P. M. at two-thirty o'clock, in the presence of many friends and relatives, by Cecil F. Outlaw, pastor of the Christian Church. The remains were laid to rest in the Robersonville Cemetery.

While "Paw, what is a jury?"
Paw—"A body of men organized to find out who has the best lawyer, my son."

LOCAL

Full moon on the 10th.
Best in movies at the Gaiety every night.

The Gaiety is still the place to be amused and interested.

Next Thursday is the anniversary of the surrender of Gen. Lee.

Court adjourned Saturday afternoon and Judge Bond left for his home in Edenton.

LOST:—A silk umbrella with silver handle engraved with the letters "M. W."—Return to Miss Mattie Waters.

It was evidently too cloudy for "Moonbeams" but the Gaiety has plenty of light just the same and good attractions. Ain't you going tonight?

I will preach at the home of Joseph Parrisher on Sunday next at 2 o'clock. The public is invited.—J. L. Chry.

The Gaiety has been handling out some attractions and then some for the past several weeks. There will be no cessation. Ain't you going?

Watch for the Philathea Carnival on Tuesday night at Masonic Hall from 7:30 to 11 o'clock. A night for young and old to enjoy. Don't miss it.

John R. Ellison, who came here to attend the funeral of Mrs. James Robertson, left for Suffolk on Saturday accompanied by his wife and children and Dr. J. B. H. Knight. While here he was ill for several days and becoming anxious about his business, left though advised of the danger by his physician.

Three wagon loads of gypsies with dogs, chickens and all other goods belonging to a roving tribe stopped on the edge of town Monday, and the leader came in to see Sheriff Crawford about license. The officer refused absolutely to allow them to stop in Martin County and told them to hustle out. They were seen enroute up the river to Bertie via the ferry. They were treated just right. Too many fakirs are allowed to stop here and elsewhere.

A Splendid Attraction

"The Littlest Girl" was in town last night, and pleased a large number of people. The company consists of five and is the best show for the money that has been here in many moons. A seven-year old girl is the chief attraction. She possesses an unusually fine voice which shows natural power and cultivation. Her numbers brought forth long applause from the audience. The others in their several roles are strong and pleasing. No one will regret seeing them while here. Tonight and tomorrow night they will be at the Gaiety. Secure your seats early at Saunders and Fowden.

Examination for Route

The Post office Department has ordered that an examination be held by the Postmaster at Williamston on April 25th, for applicants for the new Route No. Five, which has been established. All persons desiring to enter same can get full instructions from Postmaster Mobley at Williamston. The Civil Service laws require that all applicants for rural route carriers must stand a fuller examination than that of any previous time.

Has No Bank Account.
The world owes every man a living, but it doesn't send out checks.

Oak City Items

Mrs. P. C. Reeves and daughter spent Thursday and Friday with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hines spent Friday in Williamston.

The Oak City band reorganized last Wednesday night with eighteen student members. The following officers were elected: W. H. Casper, President, S. W. Casper, V. President, S. E. Hines, Secretary, B. M. Worseley, Treasurers.

Messrs. Tommy and Edward Hyman were in town Saturday.

Bernard G. Hyman has returned home to remain.

Mrs. B. L. Johnson has returned from Tarboro.

B. L. Johnson returned from Williamston Sunday after spending a week on the jury.

T. D. Dale and family from Ayden spent Sunday with W. J. Crisp.

J. A. Hobbs was in town Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. House attended the Union at Flat Swamp Sunday.

N. M. Worseley spent Sunday at Flat Swamp.

Dr. E. M. Long left for Norfolk Monday.

J. F. Crisp, Whalen Casper and others motored to Mr. Van Taylor's last Sunday.

Hamilton Items

Mrs. J. P. Boyle spent Thursday in Williamston.

Mrs. Tom Pritchard, of New Bern, spent a few days here last week with her brother, J. B. Anthony.

Miss Delia Pippin was hostess Friday afternoon to the Embroidery Club. Delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. F. L. Haislip and children, who have been visiting in Bethel, returned home Friday.

M. F. Nobles is at home from Richmond.

Mrs. P. L. Salsbury left Wednesday for Scotland Neck.

E. L. Perkins spent Wednesday here.

Misses Maggie B. Jones, Lelia Pippin, Effie Waldo and Mr. J. P. Boyle spent Saturday in Scotland Neck.

Mrs. Harry Waldo and Miss Annie Jones spent several days in Williamston last week with relatives.

Mesdames T. B. Slade, J. P. Boyle, Misses Fannie Matthews and Pattie Sherrod went to Scotland Neck Thursday.

Mrs. W. E. Davenport spent Wednesday in Oak City.

Miss Irene Smith spent Thursday night with Mrs. J. P. Boyle.

J. M. S. Salsbury left for High Point Sunday.

Miss Martha Council has returned from Rocky Mount.

W. L. and W. N. Sherrod, of Enfield, spent several days here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boyle, Mrs. C. H. Baker and Mrs. B. B. Sherrod went to Scotland Neck Monday.

Mrs. W. T. Purvis and little daughter, of Columbus, Ga., are the guests of Mrs. Martha Purvis.

Messrs. Vance Cuthbertson, C. B. and C. H. Baker, of Williamston, spent Sunday afternoon here.

John Martin, Jr., spent Sunday in Williamston.