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Died in Plymouth

A former resident of Jamesville, Mrs. Emily Mizell, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. S. Edwards, in Plymouth, November 14th, at 2:30 p. m. She had been an invalid for years and was seventy-five years old and a native of Martin County, where she had spent most of her days. For a long period she had been a consistent member of the Primitive Baptist Church, and showed forth in her daily life, the marks of an earnest Christian. Previous to living in Plymouth she had made her home with her eldest daughter, Mrs. S. L. Wallace, at Jamesville. On Monday, Nov. 16th, the funeral services were conducted at Jamesville by Elder Sylvester Hassell and the interment was in the family cemetery.

Close of Conference Year

Elder R. H. Willis, of the Warrenton District, was in town Saturday, Sunday and Monday. He preached at both services Sunday and the next day met the Stewards of the Church, it being the last Quarterly Meeting of the year. The financial report of the pastor was made up and he went to the Conference on Wednesday with the expressed desire of the congregation that he be returned next year. This ends the second year of Mr. Standford's pastorate and the people irrespective of creed hope that he will serve here again.

An Error

Last week, a mistake was made in the statement of the Bank of Martin County, which appeared in these columns. The Surplus Fund should have been \$25,000 instead of \$2,500. The mistake was inadvertently made in changing figures and not found in proof. This error was regretted and the statement appears in another column, where one can see the splendid showing of the County's oldest institution.

Boy Killed

Saturday afternoon, Sam Howard a 11 year old negro boy, and a son of Riley Spruill, a negro living in the vicinity of the Joe Williams farm above Hamilton, were out in the field with a gun, and young Howard was shot in stomach by the other boy. Dr. B. L. Long was called to the wounded boy but the wound was too severe for medical skill, and he died early Sunday morning. Before dying he said that Spruill was pointing the gun at him and he protested, whereupon Spruill put the gun against his stomach and pulled the trigger. Spruill was held for trial before a justice of the peace, but was acquitted on the plea of accidental shooting. The Howard boy was buried without a Coroner's inquest. It developed at the trial that the two boys had always been good friends and there was no unkind feeling between them. This is the second negro shot in Martin County within ten days.

Official Returns

Col. Wilson G. Lamb, Chairman of the State Board of Elections, has been receiving for the election returns were difficult to get this year on account of the vote on the amendments, which were so scattering throughout the State. These were lost by a majority of 20,000.

LOCAL

Tobacco sold higher than ever on the market here last week.

Thanksgiving Day on the 26th. No rural route carriers on that day.

FOR SALE.—One buggy in use since August. Cheap for cash. Bruce Whitley, City No 3.

Some one reported that the stock law had been repealed. Perhaps he judged from appearances. It does look that way very often, but country cows like the town.

At a meeting of the Commissioners on Friday night, Messrs. Patrick and Edwards were appointed policemen in the place of G. G. Sawyer who resigned.

From the work being done in the shops and garages here, one would not guess that money is tight. Extra workmen have been employed and everybody is busy.

FOR SALE.—One 7 room house on Church near Haughton Street. See L. B. Harrison, Williamston, N. C.

Rev. Jesse James closed a meeting of two weeks on Sunday night. Good crowds heard him each night and many went forward for prayers.

Sunday was one of the worst days of the season. It rained all Saturday night, and a driving storm held up for hours Sunday morning. In the afternoon, it cleared somewhat.

For more than two hours after sunset on Sunday, there were no street lights. At the hour for Church services, a Stygian darkness prevailed. The only consolation was that behind the clouds the moon was still shining.

Every lover of horsemanship, splendid horses, ponies, cattle and all that goes to make interesting Western life should see "The Roundup" at the Gaiety tonight. It is enchanting, thrilling and holds the attention to the finish. Don't miss it.

Mrs. J. G. Staton left Friday for Richmond and from there went to Raleigh, where she joined Bishop Cheshire and a party who went to New Orleans to attend the meeting of the Fourth Province of the Episcopal Church, which assembled in the Cathedral there on Tuesday. Mrs. Staton responded to the address of welcome before the Woman's Auxiliary, and Miss Kate Cheshire delivered an address before that body.

The Gaiety has closed with the exception of Wednesday nights when Lucile Love will be presented. The features Neptune's Daughter and Lena Rivers will appear on the dates arranged. Lucile Love has attracted so much interest that the people desire to witness the end. If you have not seen it, go next week. John F. McCarthy will fill in Baltimore and could not fill his appointment on Monday.

Rev. J. A. Morris, who has been at Ahsokie this year, started to Washington Monday to attend the Conference. He came over the ferry and began the trip by auto over the river road, which was rendered almost impassible by the Sunday rains. His car became fast in the mud, and Mr. Morris arrived by foot in town at four o'clock seeking aid. J. P. Simpson went to the rescue and brought the car out.

Mrs. Walter Brown and children left last week for Petersburg, Va., where she will make her home.

First in North Carolina

Some Carolina Club Findings Bertie, first in miles of improved public roads—411 miles.

Scotland, first in per cent of public roads improved—88 per cent.

New Hanover, in density of population—148 per sq. mi.

Gaston, in density of rural population—84 per sq. mi.

Guilford, in increase of population, 1900-1910—54.8 per cent.

Guilford, in increase of rural population, 1900-1910—41 per cent.

Scotland, in per-acre value of farm land—\$44.82.

Pamlico, in per-acre increase of farm land values, 1900-1910—321 per cent.

Scotland, in average per-acre crop yielding power—\$42.02.

Alleghany, in per capita wealth of country population—\$560.

Alleghany, in per capita food and feed producing power—\$106.

Ashe, in cattle per 1000 acres—81.

Johnston, in hogs per 1000 acres—121.

Robeson, in total cotton production 1913—54,039 bales.

Scotland, largest per cent of cultivated acreage in cotton—57 per cent.

Pitt, in total tobacco production—10,973,950 lbs.

Greene, largest per cent of cultivated acreage in tobacco—12 per cent.

Robeson, in total cereals production—1,148,630 bu.

Burke, largest per cent of cultivated acreage in cereals—56 per cent.

Johnston, in total corn production—951,441 bu.

Manning-Leggett

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Leggett near Macedonia Church, was the scene of a very quiet marriage Sunday morning at 10:30, when their daughter, Christine, wedded Mr. J. Octavius Manning, of Williamston, Rev. Asa J. Manning, performing the ceremony. Owing to a recent bereavement in the family, only a few friends were present. The bride wore a becoming suit of white, which was changed for a travelling dress before leaving for the home of the groom's father, Benj. M. Manning, where an elegant dinner was served. Later the bride and groom accompanied by friends, motored to Williamston and will be at the home of W. C. Manning until they go housekeeping in the residence lately occupied by Mrs. Walter Brown.

The bride is a very attractive young woman of Martin and will be welcomed here, where the groom is well known and a popular salesman for Anderson, Crawford & Co.

Severely Hurt

Wednesday afternoon, Wiley Green and son attacked W. M. Perry at his home and severely beat him with a piece of plank. It seems that Mr. Perry had some difficulty with Green over land rentals, and the Greens were armed with an axe and gun, the younger Green threatening to shoot Mr. Perry. Mrs. Perry phoned for Sheriff Crawford as quickly as she could, but the negroes had gone off down the road. Mr. Perry is a member of the Board of County Commissioners and a prominent citizen of the county. The bruises inflicted upon him while not serious are painful.

Mr. B. E. Pope

On Sunday, Nov. 15th, death came to B. E. Pope at the home of his daughter in Jamesville. His health had not been good for some time and his strength was not sufficient to battle with the disease in his last hours. He was seventy years old and had come to Jamesville from Scotland Neck. For years he had been a member of the Baptist Church and the Masonic fraternity. Four children survive him, Mrs. G. T. Johnson, of Jamesville; Mrs. Ed Holoway, Port Norfolk; B. E. Pope, Denver, Col.; W. C. Pope, Norfolk.

The body was taken to Scotland Neck and interred in the Baptist Cemetery, Rev. J. D. McFarland, officiating.

Bank Statements

Last week and that before the statements of five banks in the county were published in this paper. It is interesting to note these and see that despite the general depression, the figures show exceptionally good. The bank of Robersonville, which published in its home paper makes the sixth institution in the county and has a creditable showing.

With a little addition, one readily sees that the Bank of Martin County and the Farmers and Merchants Bank, of Williamston, have combined deposits amounting to over twice as much as the other four in the county, and either one alone has as much as those outside of town. The combined assets of these two banks are \$648,011.05, with deposits amounting to \$406,854.14. The entire assets of the six Martin County banks approximate one million dollars. The people may well be proud of its institutions which mark the prosperity of a town and county.

Tuberculosis Sunday

Tuberculosis is the most terrible disease in the world. The medical profession and leading scientists of all nations are contending against this enemy of mankind. All the people should lend their earnest cooperation. I hope that Sunday, November 29, will be a day in which the people may become more alive to the ravages which this disease is making, and stimulate them to renewed effort for its prevention.

(Signed) LOCKE CRAIG.

Honor Roll

The following pupils have not been absent or tardy for the past two months.

Margaret Manning, Evelyn Harrison, James Herbert Ward, Frank Carstarphen, Pete Cherry, Hallie Sawyer, Charles Peele, William Rogers, Roscoe Cowper, Haywood Cherry, Ellen Cowen, Charlie Edwards, Pattie Harris, William Hodges, Evelyn Sparks, Charles Wynne, James Glenn, Thurman Cowper, Ellis Sparks, Sallie B. Wynne, Herbert Peel, Carrie Lee Peel, Herschel Daniel, Arthur Britton, Esther Harrison, Bonner Gurganus, Minnie Robertson, Mittie Brown, Lyda Cook, Ethel Harris, Derah Stubbs, Louise Harrison, Maggie Sparks, Sarah Harrell, Sallie Harris, Mary Cook, Shelton Woolard, Sallie Harris, Francis Manning, Virginia Herrick, Gladys Balance, Louise Robertson, George H. Kent, Carrie Dell White, Daisy Manning, Leona Page, Alma Sparks, Robert Peel, Clyde Anderson.

PERSONAL

Mrs. Grover Hardison and little daughter left Monday for a visit to relatives in Tarboro and Rocky Mount.

Nathan E. Mizell, of Malvern, Pa., is visiting his native county, and was a pleasant caller at the office on Tuesday, accompanied by Alonzo Roberson of the Jamesville section.

Mrs. T. B. Slade with a party of friends motored here from Hamilton on Tuesday and spent the day.

D. S. Powell was here from Parmele on Monday.

Julius S. Peel is at home with his father, who has been sick for the past week.

B. T. Cowper was in town Saturday.

Miss Anna Maria Crawford is spending several months with Miss Anna Beth Purvis near Robersonville.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hatton, of Windsor, are visitors in town.

Club Meeting

The twentieth Century Club held a business meeting with Mrs. M. E. Bethea, Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 11th. The committee presented the proposed By-Laws, and after some discussion they were adopted.

The members enjoyed the tempting refreshments served by Miss Hazel Bethea. The Club adjourned to meet with Miss Penelope Biggs, Nov. 25.

Delegates From Williamston

The National Rivers and Harbors Congress is to meet in Washington on December 9, 10, 11. Governor Craig in naming delegates from North Carolina, appointed Dr. John D. Biggs and Asa T. Crawford of Williamston. This meeting will be of unusual interest.

A Baby Dead

Edward Bryant, the little child of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin, of Jamesville, died November 15th, after a short illness. For only seventeen short months had the sweet little babe been given to the earthly parents, and then God called it home with Him "above the bright blue sky."

The body was laid to rest in the family cemetery after the committal service by Rev. C. T. Plyhon, of Whitakers.

Farm Sale

The Atlantic Coast Realty Co., have divided the Watts farm into small farms, and are laying out the large grove in front into nice building lots. They will sell the farm lands on Monday, the 23rd, and the lots on Tuesday, the 24th. The sale of the lots will mean much to the town, as lots have not been available here for some time. Streets have been laid out through the lots, and they are high and well drained.

Wedding Announced

The following announcement of the approaching wedding of a popular young couple of Williamston, will be read with interest by friends here and throughout North Carolina:

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Meadows announce the marriage of their daughter,

Ollie Estelle

to

Mr. Charles Bruce Whitley, the marriage to take place, January the sixth, nineteen hundred and fifteen.

A. M. E. Zion Conference

The annual Conference of the colored M. E. Church will convene here on Tuesday, the 24th. Bishop C. R. Harris will preside, and a number of prominent ministers and laymen will be present. The congregation here assisted by others, has made elaborate preparations for entertainment, and the meeting promises to be very interesting.

Special music to be furnished by several choirs will be one attractive feature of the conference. The Church edifice here has been greatly enlarged and beautified and is very creditable to the congregation. Mr. W. C. Manning has consented to deliver the address of welcome on behalf of the town, and the colored ministers of the other denominations will deliver addresses of welcome.

A Young Man Dead

After a brief illness, Henry Griffin, the son of George W. Griffin, of Martin County, closed his eyes upon scenes of earth and his soul passed into that Heavenly land where no sorrow or sickness is found. On Tuesday, the 10th, he went to Washington and en route home was taken ill and gradually grew worse until the end came. On last Sunday morning, Dr. H. B. York assisted by Dr. D. T. Tayloe, of Washington, performed an operation on him for appendicitis, but his strength could not endure, and so at 7 o'clock Monday morning he died.

Thus passes away one of the county's promising young men, industrious, popular and beloved by his family and friends. He had not quite reached his majority, having been born in 1894 in Griffins Township, where he made his home with his father.

Tuesday at 1:30 the funeral services were conducted by Elder John N. Rogerson, who delivered a sermon while a large crowd of sympathizing relatives and friends stood with bared heads in the presence of the dead. The interment was in the family cemetery.

The bereaved family have the deepest sympathy of the neighborhood and many friends elsewhere. A number of Williamston people attended the funeral.

Basket Ball Team

Very attractive post cards have been made of the Basket Ball Team of the Graded School. This team was organized in September and is doing good work. Miss Annie Parker assisted by Prof. Jerome is coaching the girls who are responding with spirit. It is hoped that they will give a public exhibition of their work on Thanksgiving or some day soon. Athletics should always be a prominent feature of the school life—they are brain and muscle tonics for growing boys and girls.

Entertained Embroidery Club

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. K. B. Crawford was hostess to the Embroidery Club at her home on Smithwick Street. Besides the members of the Club, Mrs. Crawford had as her guests a number of other friends in town. This added much to the enjoyment of the hours, which were spent in working on fancy articles and in pleasing conversation. Later the hostess served a salad course, sandwiches, pickles, olives, hot chocolate. This was one of the most pleasant of the meetings during the fall.