

After The "Dough"

The stringency of the times has been felt right here in Williamston, Martin County, the land of hog and hominy. But those who are feeling it so severely are the shiftless, worthless class, who would not work anywhere except in the State Pen. These people like vultures, go out to look for the other fellow's game. It was like this on Thursday morning of last week about 3 o'clock, when Buck Speller heard and saw a man in his place of business. Speller thought at first that he was a drayman who drove for him, and so allowed the man to escape. That afternoon Officer Hines with his bloodhounds came in and the animal trailed tracks to a nearby house occupied by a colored woman, but the door was locked as there was no one at home. There is not sufficient clue to implicate any one.

Saturday night, some one entered the room of W. H. Robertson and rifled his pockets, getting only a pocket knife and 75 cents. The robber went into another room of the home, and a grandson of Mr. Robertson saw him and gave the alarm. While the police was being informed, it is presumed that the same intruder went to the home of J. B. Waters across the street and entered the kitchen window. Miss Eula Lee Waters, hearing some one, asked if it was her father and the man gave assent in a mumbled tone. However, she arose and the man went out the front door and escaped without disclosing his identity. He failed to secure anything as his time was too limited.

The Everlasting Lesson

Christmas comes to most of us in this northern world with summer's heat and dust forgotten, with the earth renewed by the silent magic of the snow. Frost and the fir woods and a keen blue sky that shows forth by night and day the beauty of the universe—that is what Christmas means to many of us. And in our hearts should be no less plainly evident that eternal truth of human relations: "Good will to men"—a law unchanging as the stars themselves. The war has hidden this truth but it is still there. Hatred may be nursed and organized, glorified into science and inflamed into conflict, but if you would hate men you must shut your soul away from them. If you do not, you will be warmed into comradeship. The soldiers of Europe are drilled and led to slay each other by the thousand, but, unless the battle is kept going, humanity will overcome them. These so-called enemies drink their tea together between the death-blasted trenches in France and Flanders, and give their scanty food to the starving foe in the Polish marches. They freely acknowledge each other's bravery and skill as if the rigor of war had cut away the lies and contempt of old days so that they saw these men for the first time. It is the truth of the world that they see now, but why have they delayed so long? "Peace on earth, good will to men"—we have known that saying for nineteen hundred years, but when will we know its meaning, when will we see that this truth underlies our human life and must some day be manifest and supreme therein? That is what we are in this world to learn, and Christmas Day is the day on which the eternal lesson is read for us again.—Selected.

LOCAL

One week more and then Santa Claus will go away for another year.

There will be services at the Episcopal Church on Christmas Day and a celebration of the Holy Communion.

FOR RENT.—A good two-horse farm. Will grow tobacco, cotton, corn and peanuts.—G. W. Blount, Williamston, N. C.

The Greater New York All Star Minstrels will be at the Opera House tomorrow night. It is worth the money and a pleasant evening away from business cares does good.

From the ad columns of this paper, one can learn of the many sales going on throughout the county. Many people are selling stock and goods. Good bargains can be had at any of them.

There will be services at the Episcopal Church on Sunday both morning and night, the rector being unable to fill his appointment at Lewiston.

The 3rd. Series of the Building and Loan Association will open on January 1st. for three months. See Wheeler Martin, Jr., for information.

One night last week, Policeman Edwards was standing under the barbecue tent of J. H. Page, and thought that he heard some one trying to get in the rear door of Anderson, Crawford & Company's store. The lights were out, so he called lustily to Collins Peel, who sleeps in the building, to come down and turn on the light. If a burglar was there, he vamped at once.

FOR SALE—Early Jersey Wakefield Cabbage plants ready for delivery.—Turner Williams, City.

The installation of officers of Skewarkee Lodge will take place on the 29th of December. The change was made because of the fact that H. W. Stubbs will be in Raleigh during January.

Sunday afternoon and night were extremely wet, as the rain came down in torrents accompanied by a high wind. A peal of thunder sounded like an explosion in the distance. Sudden changes also marked the day, as the mercury made three trips.

The pupils of the Episcopal Sunday School voted on Sunday to help the orphans at Charlotte this year. However, there will be a decorated tree for them with fruit and confections. The spirit exhibited by the children was that which makes the whole world brighter and happier at Christmastide.

Died Last Week.

Death came to J. R. Peel at his home near Macedonia Church on Wednesday night of last week, after months of suffering. He leaves a wife and four children, among them being Mrs. Robin Robertson, of Williamston, who was at his bedside when the end came.

Mr. Peel was an industrious farmer and had made a comfortable home for his family. He was a kind neighbor and friend, and in the home circle he will be missed for his wise counsel and tender care for each one there.

The funeral services were held from the residence and the interment was in the family cemetery.

Court Proceedings

The December Term of Court convened on Monday morning with Judge Garland S. Ferguson, presiding. Solicitor Allsbrook appeared for the State. The Criminal Docket was unusual in the number of cases, several being indictments against blind tigers, which were made in September. Judgments were found in several cases, and Judge Ferguson made some very satisfactory decisions, displaying justice tempered with mercy.

Judge Ferguson is very popular in Martin County, and conducts every session of Court with firmness and his decisions testify to his judicial mind. His courtesy to the bar and every officer of the Court, is most marked and appreciated. A full list of the decisions of the term could not be had before going to press, and the same will appear next week.

Opera House One Night Sat. Dec. 19th.

Price & Bonelli's Creast New York Minstrels. "The loveliest Minstrel Show on the road" 30 White Artists fifth successful season presenting all that new and naval in minstrelsy. Beautiful spectacular first part Elaborate Costumes. Real Vocalists, Dancers and Comedians. An olio of new and refined vaudeville features and the biggest act in minstrelsy. A travesty burlesque on "Humpty Dumpty" A feature of the appearance in each city is our big parade headed by our superb band. Notice these prices, 25 50 and 75 cts. Secure seats early.

Has Made Good

The appointment of T. F. Darden as first assistant to J. R. Kenly, President of the A. C. L. R. R. Company at Wilmington, marks the rise of another Martin County boy. Mr. Darden is the son of the late Thomas A. Darden and wife, who was a sister of Mrs. Irene Smith, of Williamston, and was born and reared in Hamilton. Friends in the county are highly pleased that Mr. Darden has won such high honors in the railroad work. He has been a resident of Wilmington for years, and married Miss Davis of that city.

Club Meetings

Mrs. C. B. Hassell was hostess to the Twentieth Century Book Club on Wednesday afternoon of last week. An interesting programme was an enjoyable feature of the hour. This was added to by musical selections both vocal and instrumental. The hostess provided very delightful refreshments which were served in a charming way. Mrs. Hassell is a member of the Program Committee, and future meetings will reflect her excellent training in English Literature. There were a number of honor guests at this meeting, who appreciated Mrs. Hassell's hospitality.

Tuesday afternoon of this week. Mrs. Henry Crawford entertained the embroidery Club in a most delightful manner.

There were a number of honor guests and the hour was pleasantly spent. Ice cream in the form of Santa Claus bearing a miniature Christmas tree with a tiny candle in the top, was served with delicious cake from Pender's in Norfolk.

Mr. Noah Biggs.

After a protracted illness, Noah Biggs died at his home in Scotland Neck, on Monday evening at 6:30 o'clock. He was a native of Martin county and the brother of the late John D. Biggs, of Williamston. In business and in philanthropic work, he was among the prominent men in North Carolina, and had accumulated a large fortune. He was leader in the Baptist Church in the State, and a number of representative Baptists throughout North Carolina attended his funeral, which was held on Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Biggs, Mrs. S. F. Williams, Mrs. Fannie Biggs and Harry A. Biggs attended the funeral from Williamston.

Germany's Mistake

The flashing of the news of Germany's bombardment of three unfortified towns on the English coast, filled the world with horror, that such an uncivilized idea of warfare should have existed in the minds of the German fighters. Civilians have the protection of any attacking force, save savages, and always the women and children of a town are given notice to leave before it is shelled. That is not the Teuton's way, however. They are sneakers and have violated the rules of warfare, and for that reason alone, do not deserve the moral support of the American people, and they are not getting it either. This act alone will have such an effect on the English that everywhere men with one spark of love for Great Britain, though they may have found homes in other lands, will rally to her support and protect the defenceless from the brutal fangs of the Kaiser's soldiers. The outcome is awaited with anxiety, but with a prayer on the lips of all who love the right that Germany may be severely punished for the blood she has caused to be shed. There is great sympathy for the German people, but none for the war party.

Memory

Two years ago, Marguerite, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Whit Moore, died in the Washington Hospital at two o'clock on that day, Tuesday, Dec. 17th, 1912. The suffering spirit bourne from whence no traveler ever returned. Gently she fell asleep just as her feet had touched the threshold of womanhood. For God gave her to us for only eighteen short years, and in his infinite wisdom called her soul from earth to Heaven. Patient and gentle, she bore her sufferings and as the closing of a flower, when the sun dies in the Western skies, she passed out into the life eternal.

THE FAMILY.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Biggs, of Williamston, N. C., is pleased to announce the birth of a son, born on Monday, Dec. 14th, 1914, at 10:30 o'clock. The father is a native of Martin County and the mother is a native of North Carolina. The child is a healthy, active boy, weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces. The family is very pleased to welcome the new member to their home.

PERSONAL

K. W. Cobb, of Greenville, has been here this week.

Edwin Ward is at home for the holidays.

Mesdames A. T. Crawford and S. F. Williams went to Norfolk Thursday.

Clyde Waters went to Norfolk on Tuesday to be operated on for appendicitis.

Henry A. Gilliam, of Tarboro, has been here this week on professional business.

Misses Mae Bennet and Clyde Hassell spent the week-end with friends at Farmville.

The family of G. G. Sawyer left last week for E. City, where they will reside in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hines and Miss Mary Hines were pleasant callers at the office on Thursday.

A. D. Mizell went to Rocky Mount Thursday to meet Mrs. Mizell, who was returning from a visit to South Carolina.

Boys about town are gathering Christmas greens, and sending much of it away to Northern markets.

Just one week for holiday shopping. Begin early and get the best bargains.

Remember the unfortunate at this happy season. A simple gift will add pleasure where children are.

G. G. Sawyer, until recently Chief of Police here, with Detective Shores, of Elizabeth City, has been attending court as witness in several blind tiger cases.

Mrs. Geo. W. Young and Master Edward Bethea arrived here Tuesday from Clinton, S. C. Mrs. Young to be at the bedside of her father, who is very ill at the Rectory on Houghton Street.

Rev. O. L. Stringfield spoke here on Monday night at the City Hall owing to the cold weather the crowd which heard him was small. Mr. Stringfield was here 20 years ago and assisted the Baptist pastor in a meeting. He expressed himself as pleased at the change in the town.

November Tobacco Sales

The total amount of tobacco sold in the State during November was 44,206,834 pounds. Of this amount Martin County sold 910,583. The Williamston market handled 501,245 and that of Robertsonville, 406,338. For the three months of the season ending with November Williamston has sold 2,516,831 and Robertsonville, 1,361,231 lbs. This aggregates 4,381,061 for the county. The sales on the local market during the month of December have been large, many of the farmers are bringing in their crop before Christmas. The market will close on the 15th for the holidays and open again on the first Monday in the New Year.

Chosen County Attorney

S. Justus Everett, formerly of Williamston, but a resident of Greenville for the past several years, has been in town this week attending the December Term of Court. Mr. Everett, who is another Martin County boy making good elsewhere, has recently been appointed County Attorney of Pitt. Friends of Mr. Everett here and in the county are pleased at his success in his adopted home, and expect to hear of his continued advancement in coming years.

Oak City Items

Tom Bell, of Speeds, was in town Tuesday.

Spencer E. Hines is attending court in Williamston this week.

T. C. Allsbrook and wife spent Saturday and Sunday in Scotland Neck.

C. E. Crisp and M. H. Wilson were in Greenville Saturday.

Master Geo. and Tom Crisp, of Parmele, spent a few days last week with their brother, Jesse Crisp.

J. L. Hines and wife were in Hamilton Monday.

W. H. Flemming and wife left for Scotland Neck Tuesday.

Roy House spent Monday in Hassell.

Miss Jefferson House spent Saturday night in Scotland Neck.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hines and daughter went to Williamston Wednesday to spend a few days.

Tom and Marion Burnett and Misses Lillie Mae Burnett and Lucy Gorham Cherry spent Saturday in town.

Misses Mattie and Gladys Johnson spent Thursday night with Mrs. T. C. Allsbrook.

Miss Pauline Johnson is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. H. J. Etheridge.

Joseph Early returned from the hospital in Richmond Saturday.

Hamilton Items

Miss Cordie Purvis has returned from a visit to Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. S. Salisbury spent last week here.

T. F. Phippen attended court in Halifax last week.

F. L. Gladstone went to Norfolk Tuesday.

Mrs. J. P. Boyle is spending the week with her son in Richmond.

Miss Ruth Floyd is at home for the holidays.

Mrs. S. D. Matthews returned Monday from Grifton where she visited Mrs. Charlie Gardner.

Mrs. George Hardison, of Asheville, spent the week-end here.

Gladstone Anthony spent Sunday here.

Gold Point

Tom Hyman from Oak City visited his sister here on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. White, who have been living in the W. D. Powell residence, have moved back to Suffolk, Va.

One day last week during the absence of J. L. Weaver and family near here, some one entered the residence and carried away two watches, a pistol, rings and smoking tobacco. The goods have not been found though search warrants were issued and the house of some colored people was searched but nothing found.

H. D. Cherry and Aug Johnson went to Greenville Saturday.

The farmers here are almost through grading and selling their tobacco.

Our people seem to be well pleased with the good road from here to Robertsonville, which is a great benefit to our section.

W. A. Ross will move to Aug Everett's farm between here and Robertsonville.

School commenced here a few days ago with Misses Myrtle and Bessie Roberson from near Hassell as teachers.

B. H. Roberson and son, of Robertsonville, were in town Friday.