

LOCAL

S. C. White Orpingtons, White Leghorns, and Barred Plymouth Rock eggs \$1.50 per 15. D. C. Matthews, Hamilton, N. C.

Today is the 50th anniversary of the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox.

New moon on the 14th at 6:22 A. M.

See Mrs. Mc S. Taylor about a coat suit, etc. Read ad in this issue.

Chas. H. Godwin is having a residence erected on the corner of the lot on the Southwest side of the residence of Mayor Godwin.

Not a dozen shad have been caught here this season, and the supply of herring is limited. Perch are being taken in set nets. The water is high from the recent bad weather.

The new depot of the A. C. L. in course of erection, has vast freight room, but the passenger department is not very imposing, being neither creditable to the town or the railway company.

It is learned that the Coast Line will reimburse the Citizens Holding Co., for the erection of the spur track to the Cooperage Mill. This demonstrates the fact that it pays.

A freight wreck on the road from Hobgood to Norfolk, caused some inconvenience to local people Monday, who were passing over the road.

FOR SALE—One automatic oil can, holds 120 gallons. If interested let me hear from you at once, same must be sold, terms cash.—Wheeler Martin, Jr.

Williamston, N. C.

The "sand man" has come to town, and instead of making bright eyes sleepy, has caused newly-shod feet to get stuck, especially during the snow and rain. But later on the benefit will be great.

The Metropolitan Entertainers, who were billed here for three nights last week, met with hard luck on account of the weather. They gave a good show of the kind, and conducted themselves honorably while in town. They played in Robersonville for three nights this week.

Register and vote for good government.

Services at the Baptist and Episcopal Churches on Sunday.

Wednesday, the weather was so balmy that the real sport could see his line reaching far down into the cool, dark pools where the "speckled beauties" and the black bass were lying. The call of the waters was heard in every breeze.

Tax Assessors

The Tax assessors for the State have been named, and W. C. Manning was selected for Martin County. Every four years there is a re-assessment of property, which is necessary for the proper rating of taxation. Mr. Manning was assessor four years ago, and is eminently fitted for the position, having served as Register of Deeds for twelve years.

Trapping Sparrows.

In England sparrows are trapped with a sieve, one end held up by a short stake to which a long string is tied. The trap is baited with bread crumbs, oats or wheat. The birds are permitted to eat the bait until a number have gathered under the sieve, when the cord is pulled, removing the stake and allowing the trap to fall over the birds gathered under the sieve.

A Son of Martin County

Last Friday, March 19th, 1915, was the one hundredth birthday anniversary of Mr. Henry Waldrem Bennett, who makes his home with his son, Mr. W. R. Bennett, of near town. There were five generations of the family present, and quite a number of friends to help the old venerable gentlemen celebrate the anniversary which but few attain. Mr. Bennett is hale and hearty and as the above good likeness of him shows there are practically no wrinkles on his face. He is one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of this section, highly beloved by all who know him, and it is interesting to hear him relate of things in the early days.

There are eight grandchildren, as follows: Mrs. C. M. Bailey, W. R. Byars, Misses Ethel and Marion Hightower of this city; Rodney Byars, deceased; Mrs. Chas. de Craffenried of Ismay, Montana; Harry Jamison of Bay City; and Mrs. H. L. B. Skinner of Palacios.

Two great-grandchildren, Mrs. E. C. Thrower of this city and Herman Bennett, son of Prof. and Mrs. Skinner of Palacios.

One great-great-grandchild, little Miss Eleanor Hortense Thrower, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Thrower.

The following biography of Mr. Bennett's life is taken from the 'History of Southwest Texas,' which was published in 1907:

Distinguished as one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Colorado county, Henry Waldrem Bennett bears his burden of years with ease, and, although he has far outlived the span of man's life, is hearty and vigorous, and as active as many men half his age, riding horseback for pleasure, and shooting birds on the wing. Of sturdy Scotch ancestry on the paternal side, he was born March 19, 1815, in Martin County, N. C., a son of Thomas Bennett.

Thomas Bennett was a lifelong resident of Martin county, N. C., where he spent his life, dying in 1826. He owned much land, which he carried on with slave labor. He married Eleanor Crisp, who was born in Edgecombe county, N. C., and died in 1821 in Martin county. Her father, Jesse Crisp, a soldier in the revolutionary war, serving under Gen. Nathaniel Greene, was wounded at the battle of Guilford Court House. Being immediately carried from the field to the Court House, he watched from there the progress of the battle. He was of New England ancestry, and it is supposed was born in Maine. He married Nancy Waldrem, a native of Maine. To Thomas Bennett and wife two children were born, namely: Marina, who spent her entire life in North Carolina, married James Ward, and Henry Waldrem, the subject of this brief sketch.

His mother dying when he was six years of age, and his father five years later, Henry W. Bennett was brought up by his sister. Inheriting the homestead, together with many slaves, he lived there until 1840, when he sold out to his brother-in-law, James Ward. Moving then to Tennessee, he was for eleven years engaged in agricultural pursuits in Haywood county. In 1851, joining a party which included among other families the Carltons and Tanners, he came across the country to Texas, bringing along household goods and provisions, and camping and cooking by the roadside. Mr. Bennett

settled in Colorado county, arriving here at a time when a large proportion of the soil still rested undisturbed by the plowshare, and while the primitive dwellings of the original pioneers were few and far between. There were no railroads in this section of the country, the cotton and other produce of the farms being taken to Houston, the nearest market, by oxtteams. He purchased three hundred acres of land, now included in the homestead where he resides, and by the exercise of industry, perseverance and good judgment transformed it from a tract of wild, uncultivated land into one of the finest farms of this section. As time passed on he added to his first purchase, and he and his children now have over two thousand acres of valuable land, all lying within six or eight miles of the city of Columbus.

Mr. Bennett married June 11, 1840, Marina Lanier, who was born in Martin county, N. C., and died February 3, 1894, on the home farm. Her father, who married Elizabeth Bennett, was born in Martin county, N. C., of French ancestry. He served in the war of 1812 under General Jackson, and was subsequently educated for a lawyer, but never practiced his profession. He was a Baptist in his religious belief, and occasionally preached in churches of that denomination. Of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, nine children were born namely: Ellen, deceased; Amanda, deceased; W. Henry; Marina, deceased; Naomi; Octavia, deceased; Thomas, deceased; and Alma, deceased.

(The above was clipped from the Colorado Citizen, published at Columbus, Texas, and sent to us by Elder Sylvester Hassell. The subject of the sketch is the great-uncle of Mr. Luke L. Roberson, of Parmele, and of Mrs. John Bryant Griffin, of the county. The old Bennett homestead is in Williams Township near the Nicholas Roberson home place.—Editor.)

The Storm King

April has a reputation for fickleness, but never for pure, unadulterated deceit. But the people of this and other sections will have to put the month in their black list for bringing real winter weather, such as the proper months failed to give in the years of 1914-15. On Friday night rain fell early, and then later snow with high wind as a companion, and on Saturday morning it was still snowing and continued with unabated fury for hours. There were several inches, and but for the dampness of the earth at the beginning, there would have been more inches. It was beautiful, for every bit of foliage on tree and bush was heavily laden. There was no damage as at Raleigh and other towns in Carolina and Virginia, and though Saturday night was cold, it is confidently hoped that the fruit has been spared. Soon much of the snow fell off, thus saving the telephone and electric lines from damage, for while the nearby lines were down, local service was good.

The Vital Statistics Law

In another column are found two sections of the new law on Vital Statistics. It will be well for every one to read and understand them. From every home the dead is carried, and the relatives can aid largely in carrying into effect this law. The State Board is pushing matters vigorously, and this week Dr. Gordon has been in town attending to a case, which was reported by Mc G. Taylor, of Bear Grass.

Embroidery Club

Miss Nannie Biggs entertained the Embroidery Club at her home on Smithwick Street, Tuesday afternoon. The beauty of the day, and the holiday spirit combined to make the occasion more pleasing than usual. There was a full attendance, exchange of books, exhibiting of the contents of work bags, and the enjoyment of good things prepared by the hostess and served in attractive style. Easter souvenirs with flowers were given each guest.

Baraca-Philathea Convention.

Interest is daily increasing throughout the state in the Fifth Annual Baraca-Philathea State Convention, which will be held in Raleigh, April 22-25. Nearly 200 names had been received, three weeks in advance, at the office of Baraca-Philathea headquarters, in Greensboro, asking that entertainment be reserved for them. It is expected the number will reach 1,000 within the next two weeks.

The mere announcement of a Baraca-Philathea State Convention attracts wide attention and keen interest among the young people of the state, for it is well known that the past four Conventions, held in Greensboro, Salisbury, Charlotte and Durham, respectively, were the largest and most enthusiastic gatherings of young people ever seen in the state. North Carolina, the Banner state in organized Baraca and Philathea Bible class work, is doing a wonderful work in reaching and using the masses of unchurched young people, and this Convention promises to furnish enthusiasm and inspiration that shall be felt in the churches and Sunday schools from the four corners of the state.

While every session of the Convention, beginning Thursday evening, April 22nd, will be largely attended, the Sunday sessions promise to make a grand climax, being featured with splendid music, addresses, Convention sermon, parade accompanied by sacred music of brass band and closing consecration service. Several thousand visitors will flock to Raleigh for these closing meetings, among whom will be a number of classes in bodies. In order that reservations may be made for all desiring to attend, names of the two voting delegates from each class, and others, should be sent promptly to Miss Flossie A. Byrd, General Secretary, Greensboro, N. C.

Easter Monday

The people of Williamston had a more general holiday on Easter Monday than for any year previous. School children had the day and spent it delightfully in various ways. The Methodist, Christian and Episcopal Sunday Schools had egg hunts, which were enjoyed by both young and old. There were refreshments and souvenirs given to all present. These annual affairs occupy a large place in the hearts of the little folks, and the pleasure of preparing for them is as great.

Mrs. A. T. Crawford and H. A. Biggs left for Chapel Hill yesterday.

Hamilton Graded School

The following pupils were on the Honor Roll for March:
1st. grade.—Alton Thomas.
3rd. grade.—Helen Davenport, Lillian Thomas.
4th. grade.—Roscoe Downs, Whit Davis.

PERSONAL

Prof. J. T. Jerome went to Washington Monday.

Mrs. J. G. Staton and Rev. M. E. Bethea attended the Convocation at Hertford this week.

J. W. Hight and family, Theodore Hassell and Dillon Simpson are at home from Kentucky.

C. C. Lucas was in town Monday evening.

Miss Lila Wynne and Emma Robertson are at home from Greenville.

Little Miss Elizabeth Pope and her twin brothers have been here this week with relatives.

Miss Josie Robertson left Monday to attend the Gay-Ellerson marriage at Suffolk.

Mrs. Robert Everett has been in town several days this week.

W. A. Fleming was here Tuesday from Hassell.

J. A. Getsinger and little son spent Monday here.

Mrs. J. T. Stanford returned home Monday.

Misses Fannie M. Manning and Mamie Addison attended the Commencement at Washington on Monday.

Supt. A. J. Manning, Earl Wynn, Robert Biggs and Jamie Manning spent Monday in Washington.

W. C. Manning and John W. Manning attended the Commencement at Washington on Monday.

Elbert S. Peel spent the weekend at home with his parents.

Miss Francis Knight returned to Spartanburg, S. C., on Monday.

Louis Bennett went to Rocky Mount Monday to see the ball game.

Messrs. M. W. Ballard, Chas. Perkins, F. L. Gladstone and P. H. Davenport spent Tuesday afternoon in town, and remained to see Coburn's Minstrels.

S. Collin Peel spent Sunday in Bethel with friends.

Mrs. William Lawrence and little child have been visiting Mrs. John D. Biggs this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rodgerson and little daughter went to Richmond Saturday, where Mrs. Rodgerson will visit for some time.

Election for Bonds

At a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, an order was passed to hold an election in Cross Roads Township, on May 11th, 1915, to ascertain whether the voters desire good roads by bond issue or not. It will be remembered that some months ago, an election was held, but by some failure, the bill did not properly provide for the sale of the bonds. The people are anxious for better highways, and it is hoped that soon they will be granted the privilege of driving over them.

Died at Plymouth

News was received here that Mr. Grady Gurkin died at his home in Plymouth on last Saturday night. He was a native of Martin County, but had removed to Plymouth within the past two years. For some time, he had been afflicted with tuberculosis, and fell a victim to its dreadful ravages. Several years ago he married Miss Bettie Gray, niece of Mrs. Emmett Edwards and Mrs. W. M. Perry, of Williamston, and two children were born to them, who with the wife and mother survive.

Easter Day

Never in the memory of the oldest inhabitants has there been snow on the ground, when "at the matin hour" all nature awoke to sing the triumphant song of the Resurrection. But Easter of 1915 will be remembered for snow beneath a brilliant sun. The last remnant of winter had come the day before and dimmed the coming of the glorious day. Hearts were clouded because of the promise of leaden skies, but not so, for never has there been a more perfect outlook when the people arose on Easter morning. Soon the snow melted on the streets, and by evening, they were almost dry.

Sunday School children and their elders in spring suits, filled their classes and their hearts were joyous in the spirit of the hour. There were services at the Methodist, Baptist and Episcopal Churches. Owing to the weather on Saturday, there could not be any preparations for decorations, except flowers from the florist, but the hymns and anthems filled the hearts of the hearers, and the story of the Resurrection was the theme of the sermons.

At 3:30, the pupils of the Episcopal Sunday School assembled with a number of friends, and presented their offering for Missions. A simple program arranged by the pupils themselves, made a pleasing impression on the audience. Master George Howard Kent made the address of welcome after the singing of hymn, number 108. Superintendent Mizell led in the prayers and the Creed. The Junior Auxiliary sang hymn 118, and presents an attractive appearance aside from the sweet and perfect rendition of the Easter hymn. There were recitations by Annie Clyde Gurganus, Martha and Elizabeth Hassell, Sallie Cook and Martha Cotten Crawford. While hymn 249 was sung, the mite boxes were deposited at the foot of the altar by the pupils. A few words were spoken by the rector, the recessional was sung and then the benediction. The amount in the boxes was \$6.95 with several to be collected.

Williamston's Favorites

Coburn's Minstrels made their third appearance in the Opera House here Tuesday night, and there were very few seats vacant, the receipts amounting to \$226. The band gave two concerts on the streets, one in the afternoon and the other at night.

These draw a large crowd, the town presenting a gala appearance for hours. Manager Coburn very kindly waited until the school children were dismissed for the day.

Those who have heard the minstrels the times previous, will note that in some features the show was not up to the standard, though it was a most entertaining one. The singing was not as pleasing as formerly, and the music as a whole lacked some elements of attractiveness possessed in former visits here. The opening, "The Palace of Neptune," was pleasing in its setting. But if there was a lack in some things, there was no let up by the comedians, Charley Gano and Nicodemus Glynn. Gano was better than before, and Glynn was an able aide in bringing down the house at every point. Williamston people are especially fond of this feature, and the encores were many. The show is clean and wholesome, and will always find an enthusiastic audience here at a dollar or more per space.