

Miscellaneous Shower

One of the prettiest social affairs the people of Williamston have ever had the pleasure of attending, was on Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. W. H. Crawford was hostess to a large number of ladies in honor of Miss Annie Kate Thrower, whose marriage to Maurice Shepherd Moore will take place in the Church of the Advent on May 12th. Mrs. Crawford who is noted for her splendid taste, and who is one of the most popular hostesses in town, appeared at her best on this happy occasion. Her residence was prettily decorated in apple blossoms and white and pink carnations, these flowers being arranged in the rooms in very attractive style, the house presented a veritable spring-like day, and was a fitting place for the merry party. Large bunches of hearts were placed under the chandeliers and white and pink hearts were placed in various parts of the house. Miss Mary King Ellison, who was dressed in pink and Miss Mary Gladys Watts, who wore white, received the guests at the front door and took their cards. Mrs. Crawford wore a becoming afternoon gown of white, and Miss Thrower, who was attired in pink, received the guests.

After the ladies had arrived, and sometime had been spent in pleasant social intercourse, Misses Watts and Ellison brought in a tastily decorated basket in white and pink which contained a miscellaneous shower for the bride-elect, and this popular young lady's friends showered upon her a large number of useful and beautiful gifts which delight the heart of the bride-elect. Miss Thrower expressed in a delightful manner her great appreciation of the thoughtful kindness of her friends.

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LOCAL

Full moon next Thursday at 9:5 a. m.

Earners are planting corn, and putting the soil in condition for other crops.

See that your name is on the registration books, and vote for good government.

Pay your poll tax before May 1st.

Now is the time to clean the drains of all debris—and the back lots, too.

Rev. J. T. Stanford was suffering with lumbago on Sunday and could not preach. He was out on Monday, however.

Today is the anniversary of the first mail carrier in North Carolina, one hundred and thirty-nine years ago.

People of the town and community sympathize with Rev. W. R. Burrell in the death of his father, at Toronto, Canada. A telegram reached here Sunday morning apprising Mr. Burrell of the sad news, and that the funeral would be held on Tuesday. The distance was too great for him to reach Canada in time.

A young colored boy caught a shad weighing over eight pounds in a herring net at Jamesville on Saturday. Those who saw it pronounced the fish "some shad."

Rock are selling at the fishery for fifteen cents the pound. It will take "rocks" to feast on that species of the finny tribe.

FOR SALE—Improved spanish seed peanuts 31-2 cents per pound.—J. T. Everette, R. F. D. 3 Robersonville, N. C.

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

FOR SALE.—Six dwelling houses and lots for sale.—J. W. Watts, Williamston, N. C.

Services at the Methodist Baptist and Christian Churches on Sunday.

The Williamston Telephone Co., will have new directories in the hands of its subscribers in a few days. It is earnestly desired that every one will call by number and facilitate the work of the operators.

The Williamston Cooperage Co., will erect a saw mill in the near future near its present plant. This will utilize some timbers not used in headings, and prove a profitable investment. Manager Apfel has been making arrangements for the erection of the mill.

Since the "a-quart-every-two weeks" law has been in force, there has been less work for the clerks at the express office. Those who prepared for the dry weather, will see dark days after a while.

B. S. Courtney is packing his household goods, preparatory to vacating the Baptist parsonage for Rev. W. R. Burrell and family. Mrs. Courtney and children will visit relatives in Scotland Neck until the residence being erected for them is completed.

FOR SALE—One iron safe practically new Wheeler Martin, Jr.

Various Views of the Snow. The farmer calls the snow the poor man's fertilizer. It keeps the ground warm and puts dollars—prospectively—in his vacant pockets. It is much esteemed by artists, who use almost every color except white when they set out to paint it. Their favorite tints for this purpose are pink, purple and a slaty blue. It seems to be the chief business of artists to inform us courteously but firmly, that our eyes are theirs.—Exchange.

A Sprinting Game

The local ball team composed of the younger set, opened the season at Robersonville on Wednesday at 3:30. Desiring to get loads of good, fresh country air, and to spend the day in Martin's most attractive suburban city, the team gathered together all the paraphernalia belonging to the average team, and hiked away to add another joy to their neighbor's full cup. The Williamston boys can justly be dubbed "dispensers of happiness," for they never grouch and give the other fellows the score without one scintilla of regret, and, too, because it brings joy to those who are ever on the search for more worlds to conquer. In this the locals show forth the manliness in their young hearts.

The game opened with Thrower and Critcher exchanging the sphere for the Williamston team, and Grimes and Ross for the suburbanites. The locals started with six runs in the first inning, and the local fans had elongated vocal chords after that. But just after, their sounds grew less, for the visitors began hitting Grimes, so that later in the game he retired to rest. Critcher for the visitors, spread consternation in the ranks of the enemy by his love for home. He was such an enthusiastic "down-homer" that he made three home runs, which produced a funeral-like feeling among some of the fans, and they were seen to take out their smelling salts to prevent drooping. Thrower had very poor support throughout the game, some of the players could not have stopped a ball as big as a barrel, and so the score of the locals was won on errors by the visitors, a limited number of hits being placed to their side of the sheet. When the game ended, the scorer announced: 18 to 14 in favor of Robersonville. The game was more an exhibition of sprinting than it was of real ball. Dr. Lewis was an impartial umpire, and gave satisfaction to both teams.

The visitors received royal entertainment, and found the day another delightful one in Robersonville.

E. C. T. School Notes

The annual Senior play, which will be given April 30th, 1915, will be Sheridan's celebrated comedy, "The School for Scandal." The scene of the play is laid in England during the early part of the 18th century. The plot, which contains much wit and satire, provides a great deal of interesting suspense.

The picturesque costumes of the 18th century type will be a great factor in the setting of the play, adding greatly to the spectacular effect.

Those who have had the pleasure and opportunity of seeing the senior plays that have been given at the Training School heretofore, such as "She Stoops to Conquer," "Taming of the Shrew" and "Pandora", have some idea of the standard that the school has set. This play is being coached by Miss M. R. B. Muffly, whose reputation as a coach has been established. The senior class has in mind primarily the presenting of a play of real worth.

The proceeds of the play will be left as a loan fund to help worthy girls enter the Training School.

Afternoon Farmer.

An afternoon farmer is an English expression for one who puts off his work until the last moment.

Mr. and Mrs. Staton Entertain

The elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Staton, corner of Houghton and Main, was the scene of a most pleasant affair, when they entertained the laymen of the parish on Wednesday evening. The guests sat down to an eight-course supper at 7:30, and enjoyed the menu, which was elegantly served. Interesting talks were made by Rev. C. A. Ashby, of Elizabeth City; Archdeacon Thomas P. Noe, of Wilmington; Mr. John G. Bragaw, of Washington. These talks contained vital points on the work of the Church, and the laymen's part therein. All of the speakers are doing a valuable part in the work of the Diocese, and it was good to have been with them. Archdeacon Noe preached at Hamilton on Tuesday night and gave a talk to the Woman's Auxiliary here yesterday afternoon at 4:30. Rev. Ashby and Mr. Bragaw returned to Washington late Wednesday evening.

Basket Ball

Saturday the basket ball team of the High School here went to Scotland Neck to meet the team of the school there. The game was a very interesting one, and resulted in a score of 20 to 6 in favor of Scotland Neck. The Williamston team has within it most excellent material for a strong quintette, but a difference in rules worked against them in this game, and they suffered defeat. There was no let up in their effort to make the goals, and the game was very pleasing. The S. N. team gave most delightful entertainment, lunch being served on the grounds, and the defeat was softened by the cordiality of the people of that splendid town. It is expected that the S. N. team will play here on May 1st, and Williamston will give them a hearty greeting.

Miss Lela Hadley accompanied the team which was composed of Misses Daisy Manning, Bessie and Leona Page, Ethel and Ruth Britt, Lillie B. Hardison, Gladys Balance and Carrie Dell White, three going as substitutes.

Special Attraction

Almost everybody has heard of or seen jolly Maria Dressler, and the announcement that she is to be seen here in the funniest film comedy that ever was staged for the motion picture screen with the funniest motion picture actors in the world in her support, will probably be hailed with delight. These two world-wide figures in keystone comedies, Charles Chaplin and Mabel Normand, are supporting Miss Dressler in "Tillie's Punctured Romance" a six reel comedy that will be shown at the Gaiety Theatre on Thursday April 29th.

Special Service

At the Baptist Church Sunday night a large congregation heard a special sermon to young women by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Burrell. The Philathea Class arranged attractive music, and decorated the edifice with potted plants and Class colors, white and blue. Mrs. S. C. Ray and Miss Mamie Addison, served as ushers. The services were very interesting, and made a profound impression on every one present.

The Philathea Class numbers nine, and its officers are: President, Mrs. P. B. Cone, Sec-Treas, Mrs. W. H. Biggs, Teacher, Mrs. John D. Biggs. The Class is represented at Raleigh by Messdames W. H., and John D. Biggs.

PERSONAL

Hon. John H. Small came over from Washington Monday, and while in town was the guest of Dr. John D. Biggs.

Mrs. W. A. James and children went to Robersonville Wednesday.

Mrs. A. D. Mizell spent the week-end with friends at Fremont.

Miss Fannie Hardison, of Rocky Mount, is visiting Mrs. J. W. Watts.

Mrs. F. K. Hodges has been in Suffolk for the past week visiting Mrs. James A. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Watts with a party of friends were here from Plymouth Sunday.

W. H. Biggs, John W. Manning and Robert Biggs went to Washington Tuesday.

Chief of Police Walker, of Robersonville, was in town Tuesday.

Miss Julia Bond and Miss Pride, of Edenton, visited Mrs. S. R. Biggs, Jr., last week.

Messrs. M. W. Ballard, F. L. Gladstone and Daniel E. Taylor, of Hamilton, were in town Monday on business.

W. E. Roberson and son, of Robersonville, have been here this week on business.

J. L. Hines, Loomis Chesson, John W. Hines and Mr. Allsbrooks of Oak City, motored through here to Wallace's fishery Thursday.

Julian Carr Anderson left Thursday to attend the Baracaphilathea Convention at Raleigh. Harry A. Biggs spent Wednesday in Robersonville.

Most Pleasing Recital

Miss Hilda Crawford, in her graduating recital last evening, given in the chapel of Greensboro College for Women, observed strict neutrality in making up her well-balanced program from German, French, Russian, and composers of neutral countries. She played with a freshness of manner and quality of musical feeling and intellectual insight that augurs well for her future in the musical world. Particularly satisfying was her interpretation of Beethoven's "Barcarolle," which proved her a mistress of "finger-pieces." Clarity, beauty of tone and finish of execution were prominent characteristics of the entire program. A profusion of flowers evidenced her popularity.

Miss Crawford was assisted by Floyd G. Bennett, who was happy in his selections and sang with his usual pleasing style. Miss Bessie Alderman proved a sympathetic accompanist.

The program follows:

- Beethoven—Sonata—Op. 10, No. 2 (First movement) Allegro.
- Godard—Jonglerie (Jugglery) Op. 107, No. 3—Bande Artistique.
- Chadwick—"Thou Art to Me" Tenor.
- Chopin—Polonaise—Op. 40, No. 1. Allegro con brio.
- Rubenstein—4 me Barcarolle, in G.
- Schumann—"I'll Not Complain" Tenor.
- Sinding—Fifth—Prelude—Op. 34, No. 1.
- Greensboro News of April 20th.

Just and Calm Manner. Nothing can be a better influence for any child than a just and calm manner of elders in the family, and a reasonable regularity of life. Such examples breed followers of like qualities and habits which are healthful in the highest degree.—Exchange.

Maxwell Feats Startle

The motor racing season of 1915 has already developed a distinct novelty—the non-stop speed performance of 300 miles or more.

At Corona and at Venice, Barney Oldfield in a Maxwell Car ran the entire distance—301 and 305 miles respectively—without pausing for a second in his mad career. The Corona course Oldfield covered at the terrific average of nearly 86 miles an hour.

The Venice race was over a slower course but the non-stop feature enabled Oldfield to win from Billy Carlson, also in a Maxwell, but who spent a few seconds at his pit.

Carlson also established a non-stop, running the 306 miles of the Point Loma Road race near San Deigo without hesitating at any stage, losing first place by a matter of seconds only.

These performances have been startling to racing man and designers alike. They have tacitly served notice that the time is not far distant when no driver can hope for victory unless his car is able to go through the whole distance of its race without a tire change, a replenishment of supplies or a stop for any mechanical trouble whatever.

Such a feat would have been impossible to the speed demons of a year ago. Even now it is almost revolutionary. That speed cars should be built to any other requisits than mere speed would have been esteemed heresay in former years. It must soon become a creed. For the light, efficient, well balanced, non-stop Maxwells ask no odds of any of their rivals in pure speed adding to their ability to roll fast, a faculty to keep rolling which is almost fatal to opponents' hopes.

So thoroughly has the problem of balance and lightness been worked out in the Maxwells that in more than 8,000 miles of travel at high speeds in practice and competition on the Coast circuit during the winter, but one tire change was necessary at the race track.

Economy in supplies which had been incorporated into the Maxwell design by Chief Engineer, Ray Harroun, then became a tremendous asset. A 30 gallon gasoline tank would, it was discovered, carry ample fuel for 300 miles on racing. The cars, in fact, demonstrated an ability to average from 12 to 16 miles to the gallon, even at a sustained speed of nearly 90 miles an hour. Lubricating oil was used in its similarly parsimonious way. Reserve water was unnecessary. And non-stop runs began to be recorded.

Racing men roughly estimated that a car loses a mile by a full stop of merely momentary duration. Each minute spent at the pits loses the car over a mile more. The race cars of the present are virtually of equal speed. For the first time, efficiency and economy are playing a big part in determining the winner.

Spelling Bee

The Ladies Aid Society, of the Methodist Church, will have a "White Sale" and "Spelling Bee" on Tuesday night, April 27th, at 8:30 o'clock, at the store formerly occupied by the Cook Bros., on Main Street. The public is cordially invited to attend and enter the contest.

Old and young men and women should give a glance through the "Blue Back Spelling Book" and help in the fun and interest. Remember the date—April 27th.