

Local

Visit Hamilton's Show near the depot and spend a pleasant evening.

Services at the Methodist, Baptist and Episcopal Churches on Sunday.

May Day tomorrow, and the anniversary of Dewey's victory at Manila.

Policeman Patrick is cleaning the street before the office door, hats off to him.

Fresh vegetables grown by local gardeners look good to the housekeepers.

Summer time is near, then it's barbecue and beer; nothing stronger, never fear.

Go to the polls and vote for men who will inaugurate a "Clean-up" campaign.

Manager Walker is giving some excellent pictures at the Gaiety, Trey O' Hearts tonight.

Tuesday is the birthday of Virginia Dare, who was born on Roanoke Island in 1587.

Some owners of autos should be taxed for the noise they make with the horn attachments.

The working force of the Coast Line has been here improving the Main St., extension crossing.

It would be a good thing to have less law and better enforcement, especially in the matter of cleanliness.

The public will notice that there are special sales on at Carstarphen's and Harrison's in summer goods.

Readers of this paper should go carefully over every advertisement on its eight pages—it will pay them.

Hamilton's show at Jamesville all next week, beginning on Monday. The people of that town should give it good patronage. See ad.

A great improvement is being made by the opening of the St., running from Haughton through Gabriel Wiggins' lot to that running past Watts grove.

If you want a clean show, visit Hamilton's tonight and tomorrow. The fun is good, pictures fine and acting more than worth the money.

Tomorrow the Basket Ball team of Scotland Neck will meet the locals on the campus here. The game will be called at 9:30 a. m. The public is invited.

The extremely dry weather is damaging vegetables, and seed put in ground almost bake before they will sprout. April has not brought such hot days as in forty years, say the knowing ones. No one here seems to remember such unreasonable weather. It is hoped that it does not presage the summer.

J. H. Howerton, who was in the office several weeks, decided to accept a position at Mt. Olive, and so left last Saturday morning for that town. Jack W. Allen, of Raleigh, has accepted the position of foreman and arrived Monday. He has had a number of years of experience in a newspaper and job office, having been with the New Bern Journal for some time. He expects to bring his family here as soon as convenient.

FOR SALE.—Field peas and improved Spanish peanuts. Price guaranteed.—H. G. Mumford & Co., Ayden, N. C.

Oak City Items

Johnnie Eubanks, of Hassell, was in town Sunday.

Ralph House spent a few days in Savannah last week.

Jasper Everett, of Robersonville, was here Monday.

Miss Ruth Savage spent several days with the Misses House last week.

The High School will have commencement exercises on April 29th and 30th.

B. L. Council left for St. Vincent's Hospital at Norfolk, Monday A. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Crisp, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson spent Sunday in the country.

W. S. and Sam Clark and Miss Mary Louise Worsley, of Tarboro, were in town Monday.

Mrs. P. G. Cobb, and Mrs. R. F. Hooks, of Rocky Mount, have been the guests of Miss Chloe Bennett for several days.

Misses Annie Harrell and Lila Philpot accompanied by Ernest Harrell attended the show at Robersonville Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Hines, Miss Lizzie Harrell and Mrs. F. M. Harrell attended the show at Robersonville Saturday night.

J. L. Hines, L. T. Chesson, Cleveland Allsbrooks and J. W. Hines returned Friday evening from a very enjoyable trip to Wallace's fishery.

Messrs. P. R. Frank and Cleveland Reeves and Miss Vivian Reeves, of Spring Green, were the guests of Mrs. N. M. Worsley Sunday.

Gold Point Items

Tobacco plants are very small for the time of year.

Miss Ethel Williams is visiting in Hamilton this week.

B. H. Roberson, of Robersonville, was here Monday.

Farmers are not planting as much cotton as last season in this section.

J. R. Roebuck has been quite ill for several days, but is convalescent now.

Miss Mattie Williams is spending sometime with her grandparents in Hamilton.

Mrs. J. M. Guilford is suffering from the result of a fall received a few days ago.

George Crofton and wife, of Robersonville, were the guests of J. H. Roberson Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Johnston, of Edgecomb, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. Henry Roberson.

Rev. Geo. H. Sullivan, of Washington, filled his regular appointment at the Christian Church Saturday and Sunday.

New Directories

The new directories of the Williamston Telephone Co., have been issued from this office, and are much larger than any previous copies. The Company is continually increasing its lines, and is one of the largest of the independent companies in the State. President W. C. Manning is an expansionist, and desires to keep in touch with the world. These directories contain all the numbers of the subscribers, and they are urgently requested to call by number, as it facilitates the work of the operators. This is made absolutely necessary by the volume of work done each day at the Central office.

Subscribers will note the long list of advertisers in the directory, and when in town should make their purchases from them or see them anyway about business in their lines.

The Twentieth Century Book Club

The Twentieth Century Book Club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. James Slade Rhodes, who entertained in her usual delightful manner at "Rhodesia Place."

In the absence of the president Mrs. Frederick W. Hoyt presided. The programme was a most enjoyable one and contained the following numbers:

Sketch of McCauley, Mrs. Warren H. Biggs
Selection—Essay on Milton, Mrs. W. H. Harrell
Song—"Ring Out Wild Bells," Miss Mayo Lamb

At the conclusion of the programme, the hostess served an elegant ice course assisted by Mrs. Rome Biggs, Jr.

There were invited guests, among them being Mrs. Emily Fagan, of Edenton, and Miss Carrie Alexander, of Scotland Neck.

I have three old second hand sewing machines in my house for the Free Machine Agent. If not called for in ten days, I shall get rid of them by some means.—Mrs. T. W. Thomas, City.

FOR SALE—Improved spanish seed peanuts 3 1-2 cents per pound.—J. T. Everette, R. F. D. 3 Robersonville, N. C.

Chased by a Snake.

Monday, Mrs. Emmett Wynne, who lives in Watts Grove, and a colored woman, attempted to kill a blacksnake, having as weapons a pistol and a stick. Failing to plug his snakeship with a bullet, they proceeded to lay the stick upon him. This so angered the reptile that it began to chase Mrs. Wynne, who was badly frightened and screamed. William Ellison, young son of W. A. Ellison, being in an adjoining lot, ran to her assistance, and securing the pistol-bored three holes in the slimy sides of the angry snake and saved the woman from further danger. William, though only fourteen years old, is one of the best shots for his age in this section.

Moore-Thrower.

Mr. and Mrs. Latham Thrower request the honor your presence at the marriage of their daughter

Annie Caroline to

Mr. Maurice Shepherd Moore

Wednesday morning
May the twelfth
at seven forty-five o'clock
Church of the Advent
Williamston, North Carolina.
No cards in town.

Hamilton Items

F. L. Haislip went to Norfolk Friday.

J. L. Champion went to Florence, S. C., Wednesday on business.

Miss Mittie, of Gold Point, is the guest of her grandmother here.

Mrs. Annie W. Hyman, of Newport News, is visiting Mrs. T. B. Slade, Jr.

Mrs. R. B. Watkins, of Richmond, and Mrs. Hurlbert, of Philadelphia, are the guests of Mrs. J. P. Boyle.

Mrs. Fernie Howard and little daughter are the guests of Mrs. Lizzie Ewell this week.

John Davenport returned Friday from Alabama accompanied by his brother, Thad Davenport.

Messrs. D. G. Matthews, C. J. Whitley with Misses Lelia Phippen and Lillie Floyd attended services in Williamston Sunday night.

Wilson, The Neutral

There are those in all sections of the United States, who for political reasons, have criticised President Wilson because he has not plunged the nation in war. They have beaten about for some point to attack him, and chose his neutrality with desperation. They called him "a coward" and other scurrilous names, though at the same time admitting that they would select some dense spot in a near-by swamp in which to hide. Just as well, for such men would hinder any army in its march to meet the enemy. Their place would be at home feeding the pigs or some light work.

But those men who are thoughtful, free from prejudice in politics can see the great wisdom of the Chief Executive of the Nation in the guidance of the country in the crisis which has overshadowed the land, ever since the murder of the Maderos in Mexico, and before. The European war, though not touching us so closely except commercially, has required as great wisdom in avoiding any friction with the warring nations. Mr. Wilson's poise in the situation must gain the admiration of the known world. As he said in his speech to the Press Association, "there is something greater to be done than fight." The laurels of neutrality outlive the glories of Iron crosses, and kisses on the cheek by a superior officer. Absolute self-control and selfmastery shall distinguish this nation above and beyond all others, and he who is directly responsible for this distinction, will go down in history as the greatest president elected by the people of the these United States.

Town Convention.

A number of citizens met at the court house on Wednesday night for the purpose of nominating five commissioners and a mayor to be voted for on Tuesday, May 4th. Things were done a la Williamston: vest pocket style according to rules for curing hay. However, things were quiet and that counts largely. A look at the personnel of the nominees, will find that with the exception of Lettie Fowden, there is not a drop of new blood in the whole ticket. It is earnestly hoped that that will color the rest.

The nominees are: W. T. Meadows, F. K. Hodges, Leslie Fowden, W. H. Crawford and J. R. Hoberson. B. F. Godwin was renominated for Mayor.

Personal

W. A. Ellison went to Robersonville Monday.

John W. Hassell spent Sunday here with his mother.

David Brown spent Tuesday night at Jamesville.

Julian Carr Anderson came home Tuesday from Raleigh.

Miss Carrie Alexander is the guest of Mrs. J. S. Rhodes.

Mrs. Louis C. Harrison left for South Carolina Wednesday.

Mrs. R. L. Smith, of Robersonville, was a visitor here this week.

Mrs. John H. Thrower and little son, of Vaughn, are visiting relatives here.

Miss Fannie Biggs Martin has returned from a visit to Mrs. J. J. Jones in Durham.

Misses Lillie Belle Hardison and Daisy Taylor spent the week end in Jamesville.

Messdames John Biggs and Warren Biggs returned from Raleigh Sunday evening.

Miss Dellzelle Woodard, of Williamston, has been with her sister here for the past week.

Mrs. Emily Fagan, of Edenton, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Rome Biggs, this week.

S. S. Nash and Sam Clark, of Tarboro, were here Wednesday en route to the fishery on lower Roanoke.

Messrs. Moye and Van Taylor and James A. Everett motored here Wednesday and joined a party to Calm Point.

Hon. A. R. Dunning is in Raleigh attending the session of the Committee conducting the Carter-Abernethy case.

J. W. Watts, Alonzo Hassell, Paul Simpson with several others took passage on the "Doris" for Calm Point Wednesday.

M. W. Ballard, Dr. Fleming, Chas. Perkins and P. H. Davenport passed here en route to Wallace's fishery on Wednesday.

Leslie Fowden and Julius Purvis went to Washington Sunday, where the latter will consult Dr. H. W. Carter, eye specialist.

Mrs. W. G. Baptist and little child, of Wendell, and Mrs. O. B. Bains, of Spring Hope, have been the guests of Dr. and Mrs. P. B. Cone this week.

Bethel Vs. Williamston.

The track meet between two Bethel boys and several from the High School here a fortnight ago was a most interesting one, tho' the entries were limited. There was a good number to witness the feats, the day being fine for such contests. In the broad standing jump, Clyde Anderson of the local school, won out. Bob James, of Bethel, made the highest mark in the running broad jump and also in the vaulting, rising to eight and one-half feet. Henry Harrison, of the locals, who has made good records in the past, hurt his foot and had to retire.

After these feats, the crowd and the contestants went to Main Street where a 100 yard course was laid off. Fitzhugh Roberson, Bob James and Clyde Anderson entered here, the former winning. This race was very interesting from start to finish, the contestants being stripped for the trial and wearing their school colors.



The above was made from a snapshot taken by the manager of the Gaiety Theatre, and represents a section of the Williamston Graded School in the parade at the first County Commencement. They are passing the drug store of Saunders & Fowden on Main Street.

Changed Date.

Secretary J. T. Jerome went to Greenville Saturday to meet the committee concerning the change in the date of the contests between the High Schools in the northeastern division of counties. The change was made necessary by the number of cases of small pox in Greenville. The committee decided that it would be perfectly safe to meet in that town on May 7th. The contests will consist of both athletic and literary efforts. Williamston will send several live contestants who may not bring home a medal, but who will creditably represent the school here.

A Good Time Spelling

The "White Sale" and Spelling Bee held by the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church on Tuesday evening in the Ellington building was a delightful affair. There was a good crowd present and much interest was exhibited in the spelling match. Prof. Jerome acted as teacher, using the "Blue Back," so dear to the heart of every old-time Carolinian. Judge R. J. Peel and Editor Manning selected the classes from the very best spell-

ers in the town; and the fun commenced. Our by one, the lines fell away until only Dr. W. E. Warren remained, and he was acclaimed the champion.

Ice cream, cake and fancy articles were on sale and a neat sum was realized by the ladies.

High School Commencement.

Prof. J. T. Jerome has received a letter from Dr. W. L. Potat, of Wake Forest, accepting the invitation to deliver the annual address at the High School commencement May 28th. Dr. Potat is President of Wake Forest College and one of the most distinguished of southern educators, and an interesting speaker. He has visited Williamston as the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., and the community will be pleased to learn of his acceptance.

School to Close.

The Graded School at Oak City will close on Friday night, May 7th. The exercises will begin on Thursday, May 6th, and will consist of selections given by the primary department and the first four grades. Prof. I. S. Bowen is principal of the school, and has a full corps of assistants.