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Closing of Graded School Last Friday

Exercises Held in the City Hall at Night.

The Stage Presented a Beautiful Appearance—Set With Potted Plants and Cut Flowers—Some Well Prepared and Interesting Papers Were Read.

The City Hall on Friday evening last was filled with men, women and children, who eagerly awaited the beginning of the closing exercises of the Williamston High School. The stage was beautifully set with potted plants and cut flowers, and above all fell in graceful folds the blue and white, colors of the school. The scene was inspiring, as the pupils prettily clothed, occupied reserved seats in front. At the appointed hour, Superintendent J. T. Jerome announced the opening of the exercises by a chorus of mixed voices. These pleasingly blended in "Hail to Thee," and with the stage setting, made an attractive picture for the delight of the audience.

Following the song, were the papers by the graduating class of four. With pride in their county and with a desire to tell others of the splendid history and resources both of soil and intellect, these papers treated entirely of Martin county with the exception of the farewell address. Miss Daisy De Etta Manning read "A History of Martin County," culled from the Colonial Records and native tradition, which she compiled in a pleasing style. The county was formed in 1774 from the counties of Tyrrell and Halifax and was named for Josiah Martin, the last royal governor; prior to that it was called St. Mary's Parish. Martin county was represented in the first General Assembly, which met at New Bern, by Edward Smithwick, whose descendants have helped to make the later history of the county. In both wars, Revolutionary and Civil, the men of the county fought and bled for the country's honor.

The 17th regiment in the Civil war had within its ranks some of the bravest of the brave of Martin county's men. Among her sons is now living one of three men, who in that bloody charge at Gettysburg, went farthest to the front. This man, James Augustus Whitley, still lives while his name is carved on the stone that marks the spot of his daring on the famous battlefield.

In the beginning of the county the place where Williamston now is was known as "Tar Landing," because of the immense number of barrels of tar shipped from the wharf at the present site. Later it received the name Williamston after an honored citizen Richard Williams. Hamilton was first known as Milton, and was for a number of years the most important of the two, especially in agricultural and educational advantages.

Miss Manning treated her subject well, and with pleasant manner and voice, held the audience to the end.

The schools of Martin county was treated by Miss Leona Adelia Page in an interesting style, replete with statistics, which lacked the general effect, and proved both helpful and en-

tertaining to the hearers. Martin county spends more than \$36,000 for the education of her boys and girls, and now neatly erected school houses mark every cross road in the county. Along educational lines the improvement has made a larger percent. in growth than any other feature of the county's life.

Intelligently trained teachers, using the best methods of instruction, are daily moulding the characters of the sons and daughters, so that they may become fitted for the sterner realities of life in the State and in the home.

The paper showed careful arrangement, which has been characteristic of Miss Page during her years of school life.

Oscar Shannon Anderson's paper on the "Resources of Martin County" filled every native with pride in the soil which gave him birth.

In pleasing detail, Mr. Anderson showed that the county is noted for its agricultural products, lumber coming as a splendid helper in the making of the wealth of the people. Of the 17,000 inhabitants, 13,000 live on farms, where cotton, peanuts, tobacco and potatoes are raised. With 10,000 bales of cotton and over \$500,000 worth of peanuts (half of that amount being handled on the Williamston market), and a sale of 6,000,000 pounds of tobacco on the county markets, Martin county is a fair spot wherein to dwell.

There are also large crops of corn, hay and field peas. The timber interests rank high, the oldest plant of the Dennis Simmons Lumber Co., one of the richest lumber corporations in the east, is situated at Jamesville, with its principal office at Williamston, and extensive timber interests are along the Roanoke River.

The class Farewell was delivered by William Sampson Hadley. It was replete with spicy references to every member, and abounded in good wishes for the future happiness of his fellows, who had been such jolly companions during the High School term. Mr. Hadley has been one of the most faithful members of the Class, and it was indeed fitting that he should bid it farewell in words of cheer.

After the reading of the papers "Maybells and the Flowers" was attractively sung, and then Mr. Wheeler Martin introduced the speaker of the evening, William Louis Poteat, President of Wake Forest College, whose appeal for the "Little Children of the Dawn" was listened to with delight. He is an attractive speaker, and the smallest child in the audience could appreciate his words, which were applicable alike to the child and the parent. A proper assimilation of his reasoning, would mean much for the betterment of the kingdom of the home, where children are the most important citizens.

Diplomas to the graduating class were presented by County Superintendent A. J. Manning, whose words were those of commendation and kindly assurance that if the duties of life were met with the proper spirit, success would crown the days of each.

The names of those passing from the graded into the high school, were called and the following went on the stage, where

each received a diploma: William and Mary King Ellison, William C. Manning, Jr., Johnnie Sparks, James Manning, Mary Cook, Hugh B. and Garland Anderson, J. D. Ward, Samuel Harrell, Fannie Murt Williams, Mary White and C. D. Carstarphen, Jr.

Supt. Jerome read the names of those on the honor roll for the term, which are as follows: Virginia Herrick, Francis Manning, James Glenn, Sallie Harris, Robert Peel, Daisy Manning, Ethel Harris, Louise Harrison, Mattie Brown, Sallie Bet Wynne, Louise Robertson, George H. Kent.

The farewell song ended the exercises, and thus closed the eleventh term of the Williamston High School. The marshalls serving during the evening were, Fitzhugh Robertson, Chief; assistants, Clyde Anderson, Titus Critcher, Robt. Peele.

A Little Babe Dead.

Wednesday night at 9 o'clock the 6-months old boy of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hopkins breathed out its life after a short illness, having suffered with cholera infantum only a few hours. Last week some change was noted in its general condition, but there was nothing to alarm its parents until Tuesday, when the fatal disease developed.

Thursday afternoon at 3:30 the funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. R. Burrell, and the little body was tenderly borne to the Baptist cemetery, where it was laid to rest beneath the flower-strewn mound.

Officers Get a Unique Still.

Deputy Collector Ed James, of Robersonville, and Sheriff Crawford accompanied by policeman Edwards and Roland C. Crawford, of Williamston, and Dr. Manning, Will Salisbury and Joe Moye, of Robersonville, made a raid for tigers on Bear Grass swamp on Sunday morning. They were not long in bouncing a copper bottomed whiskey barrel, standing ready for firing up.

No one was at home when the officers called, so they took possession of 150 gallons of molasses beer, which were nearly ready for boiling. But for the alertness of the officers, it would have doubtless been converted into beer ere this. The arrangements for the still were the most unique ever seen in this section of the country. If the tiger is blind, he can evidently plan for the making of the contraband stuff, but Deputy James is down after them.

Received Diploma.

Friends of Mr. Grover C. Godwin are pleased to note his graduation at the Medical College of Virginia, situated at Richmond. The graduating exercises commenced with the annual sermon on Sunday by Rev. Mr. Smoot, of the Methodist church, who is remembered pleasantly by many Williamston people. Mr. Godwin has taken the full four-year course, and has stood well in his classes. He was on the reception committee at the commencement and the invitations sent out to friends here were exquisite productions of the printer's art, engraved and bound in book form with brown leather covers. Mayor and Mrs. Godwin with Master Charles Godwin left Tuesday morning for Richmond to witness the graduation exercises.

Government's Patience Is Exhausted.

President Wilson Declares United States Will Act If Factional Leaders do Not Establish a Government.

Washington, June 2th.—In a statement to the American people to-day, President Wilson served notice on the factional leaders of Mexico that unless within "a very short time" they unite to set up a government which the world can recognize, the United States "will be constrained to decide what means should be employed by the United States in order to help Mexico save herself and serve her people."

The statement, drawn up after yesterday's cabinet meeting was prepared for issue early today but was delayed until afternoon by some minor changes made in conference between the President and Secretary Bryan. While it was being given out at the White House it was being flashed on its way to Consul Silliman at Vera Cruz, the Brazilian minister at Mexico City and Consular Agent Carrothers, who will deliver it to the leaders of factions with which they deal.

A Visiting Typo.

Sunday afternoon the Enterprise office was visited by Miss Bullock, a typo, who is making good on the Robersonville Herald. That paper is not quite a year old and Miss Bullock began her apprenticeship in its office. Now she is the most important member of the force (except the editor), as she runs the presses and handles the stick in both job and straight matter. She is an enthusiast, and it was a pleasure to have her visit this office and to show her through it. She is cordially invited to come again and then some.

Teachers' Institute.

A county teachers' institute will be held at Williamston, beginning June 21st, and continuing three weeks.

The law requires the continuous attendance of all public school, high school and graded school teachers unless providentially hindered, or unless such teachers attend an accredited summer school in lieu of an institute. A certificate of valid attendance will be issued to all who deserve it at the close of the institute.

Every teacher will need to have Charter's "Teaching the Common Branches." Primary teachers should bring all the books used in the first three grades, a pair of scissors, a box of crayon, and a pencil with soft, large lead.

Intermediate teachers should have all the text books of the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades.

J. Y. JOYNER, Supt. of Public Instruction
A. J. MANNING, County Supt.

The Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet, the best on earth. Call and see Courtney and inspect the Hoosier.

Latest News From The Warring Nations

20th Century Book Club.

On Wednesday afternoon, Miss Irene Smith was hostess to the Twentieth Century Book Club.

The following interesting program was carried out:
Ruskin, the Art Critic—Mrs. C. B. Hassell.
Selection, Stines of Venice—Miss Smith Smith.
The Day is Coming—Mrs. Station.

The Garden of Proserpine Mrs. Rome Biggs.
After the program an elaborate salad and ice cream course was served by Miss Smith, assisted by her sister, Mrs. Saunders.

The next meeting of the Club will be held with Miss Lamb on June 9, 1915.

Keel-Peel.

Monday night at the home of Mr. Ed Hardison, Miss Gurthie Hollis and Mr. James Campbell were married, Rev. J. T. Standford performing the ceremony. This is the second marriage performed at the home of Mr. Hardison within a month.

N. A. Burroughs, of Everett, was here on business last week.

Local Highs Defeat Visiting Ball Team.

The High School team here demonstrated its winning qualities again on Friday, when they went up against a miscellaneous team from Bethel, Pitt county. The visitors, presumably to strengthen their team, stopped over at Robersonville and selected several players from that town. Evidently they had faith in Martin county blood, and secured some of it to add color, perhaps.

The game was called at 2:30 at the race tract park, and a goodly number of fans were present to cheer their favorites. For the first three innings both teams did a bit of careless playing, and the score stood 6 to 4 in favor of the locals. After that the visitors could not find Perry, the long, wiry twirler, who even broke the pitchers record by batting and scoring a run. Sherrod was able assistant to Perry in holding Bethels feet to the fire, placing 2 runs to his spot on the score board. In the latter part of game an automobile filled with men from Bethel rushed in with the speed of a Ford, with extra tin and a pinch hitter was allowed to enter the game. He got "pinched" all right, getting only half way to first, where Cone was waiting for him with the sphere.

The score stood: Williamston, 8 runs, 6 hits and 5 errors.
Bethel, 4 runs, 3 hits and 7 errors.

Messrs. N. T. Perry, W. H. Robertson, John L. Philpot and J. B. Waters left Tuesday for Richmond to attend the Reunion. Each of them followed the fortunes of the South during the four years, and they rejoice to be able to sit around the camp once more and live over again in words and memories those days of bloodshed and sacrifice.

Bulgaria And Romania Line Up With Allies

Bulgaria and Romania to Go Up Against Austria and Turkey--Romania Aspires to Territorial Possessions--Turkey Is Ready to March on Bulgaria.

London, June 2.—The battle for Przemyśl, one of the most stubborn and sanguinary struggles of the war, continues with unabated fury. Both sides have poured reinforcements into the field and the losses are piling up in thousands.

The German and Austrians are claiming that some of the forts on the northern front have fallen and that their troops are progressing towards the railway that joins the forts with Lemberg. But the latest Petrograd communication says the Germans who got into one fort were driven back.

The Germans claim they have captured upwards of 300,000 Russians and an immense amount of material during the month of May.

The Germans make night attack on London and drop ninety bombs, killing and wounding many civilians.

Bulgaria and Romania to line up with allies is indicated by a dispatch to Paris, saying Bulgaria has obtained territorial grants from Romania and is about to conclude similar negotiations with Russia. Under this plan it is said Romania will go to war against Austria and Bulgaria against Turkey.

Warsaw, June 2th.—A bomb from a German aeroplane thrown down here to-day struck a crowded moving picture theatre. The missile pierced the roof and exploded, killed six persons and wounded 25 others, mostly women and children.

The British steamer Saidieh, was torpedoed and sunk yesterday in the North Sea. Seven persons, including a woman, were drowned.

Very Pleasant House Party

The Misses Allie and Lela Hadley threw open the doors of their elegant home four miles west of Williamston for several days this week, and entertained a party of friends. With the hospitality of the South, equaled in no other country on the globe, they made every minute of pleasure to the guests, who were fortunate to be invited.

On Tuesday night a party of young men went out from town and spent the evening and there was fun until the wee small hours of the morning. Delicious refreshments were served by the young women and these were thoroughly enjoyed. During the time there were hiking parties, and always they wended their merry way into town, where some friend motored back with them. Those enjoying the hospitality of the home for the time were, Misses Fannie and Daisy Manning, Mamie Adison and Sallie Hadley.