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## A Son Of Martin County

A copy of THE FIELD, published at Conway, S. C. has been received at our office. It is the county paper for Horry County, "the golden land for everything," and the copy is filled with cuts which show the progressiveness of the people it represents. Many years ago one of Martin County's sons went to Conway in Horry County to make his home. This man, Joseph R. Allsbrook, is another son of our county who has demonstrated the good qualities of the men of Martin in other parts of the world. Mr. Allsbrook lives not at Conway, but at Allsbrook, a station on the A. C. L. Railroad, which has been in existence for 30 years. Mr. Allsbrook was the first agent of the road, and now is postmaster; there are four rural deliveries which run out of town. The home of Mr. Allsbrook, a cut of which appears in the paper, is a large handsome one, built on the plan of the Southern residence of the wealthy planters. The soil around Allsbrook produces Irish potatoes, strawberries, corn, cotton, tobacco—just as fine as can be grown in the fertile lands of any section of South Carolina. Mr. Allsbrook has many acres of this land for sale.

## University Items

Chapel Hill, N. C., Jan.—In summarizing the work of the University of North Carolina during the past year in his annual report, President Graham points out some rather interesting facts. "From an investigation made two years ago," he says, "the University was doing its work on 33 per cent less per student per year than the average cost in Southern Universities. The University's total income last year was \$220,661, and \$75,661 of this was from sources other than the state. That of Virginia and Texas (the other leading universities) was \$560,258 and \$602,637, respectively. Eleven of the Southern universities have larger working incomes per student than the University of North Carolina. Georgia's is 76 per cent larger, Mississippi's 101 per cent, and Virginia's 141 per cent." A table of full comparative statistics is given to show the relative standing in several respects.

In conclusion, President Graham says: "What it asks and all that it asks, is not for itself, but as the common instrument of all the men concerned in advancing the general welfare and the more abundant life of the state. For this reason it confidently asks, in the first place, for the sympathetic understanding and interest of all those who work with a decent and reasonable regard for the common good, and it asks for such support as will enable it worthily to assist in the solution of the great common problem."

## Fills Important Position

It is learned that Mr. Homer Peel, a son of Martin County, who has a genius for figures, is in the State Treasurer's office at Raleigh, and handles the State's cash. Mr. Peel's trustworthiness has placed him there; for some time he was in our auditing department in the same city. Some time last year, Mr. Peel accepted a position with the Bank of Pamlico, Bayboro, and remained there until he decided to return to Raleigh. His success is another distinction for the sons of Martin, who have gone into the world to succeed.

## Carolina Booze Dealers

The papers have it that one William H. Williams, who claims the neighboring town of Plymouth as his home, has been operating in Baltimore in the whiskey business. He was trailed for a day and arrested as he was preparing to board a train at the Union station. These men, who are defying the law, are falling into the clutches of the Federal authorities, and it will not be such an easy job to escape. Unlawful practices are being carried on by citizens of the State of North Carolina, and much of it comes nearer home than the case of the man at Plymouth, perhaps. It may be true that law enforcement is one thing that people who are sworn to do their duty, so utterly disregard, but there will come a day of reckoning as there has with the aforesaid Williams, and there will be none to extend mercy to the merciless in the unlawful traffic. Towns and communities are being over-run by vile and wicked men, because of a sort of spineless Christianity, which selects the soft pews in the Churches and folds its hands upon its breast, satisfied with itself and cares not for the brother across the street, who needs the arm of protection thrown around him.

## A New Law Firm

It may truthfully be said that Williamston has within it the spirit of consolidation, which is meant to work out for the betterment of the town and county. The very latest consolidation is that of A. R. Dunning and Clayton Moore into the law firm of Dunning & Moore. Mr. Dunning the senior member of the firm, is attending to a large business which he has gained by careful attention to even the smallest matter brought to him, and enjoys the most extensive practice of any attorney in the county. Mr. Moore, who has been largely interested in real estate, possesses a well trained legal mind, and he will make a strong co-worker with Mr. Dunning. Both men are among the most popular citizens of the county, and are deeply interested in its development along all lines.

## Have Purchased a Hearse

It will be very gratifying news to the people of Williamston to learn that S. R. Biggs Drug Co., who also carry undertaker's supplies, have purchased a hearse. Mr. Warren H. Biggs, senior member of the firm, was in Raleigh last week for the purchase of the vehicle. For many months whenever a death occurred here, an out-of-town hearse had to be used, or else a simple wagon was used to convey the body of the loved one to its last resting place. The hearse purchased is one of the handsomest in the State, costing \$2800, and we appreciate the effort of the firm in securing the necessary conveyance for the dead. This will complete the outfit of the firm for furnishing all things needed, when a death occurs in the community.

## Services Sunday

Rev. W. R. Burrell desires to announce that he will preach on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, but will not hold services at night. For two Sundays, he has been unable to preach on account of indisposition, but feels now that he is strong enough to preach once on Sunday. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

## For Lieutenant Governor

In an issue of the News & Observer recently, there appeared a suggestion that the Hon. Harry W. Stubbs, Representative from Martin, be given the nomination for the office of lieutenant governor, four years from now. The suggestion will meet with the approval of the constituents of Mr. Stubbs, who know him to be eminently fitted for any office within the gift of the people. The office will come to the East the next time, and why not let it fall to the Hon. Harry W. Stubbs whose service in the Legislature has been longer than any man in the State?

## Griffin-Roberson

One of the New Year marriages in Martin County, was that of Miss Lucy Roberson and Mr. David T. Griffin, at the home of Mrs. N. T. Roberson. The attendants were: Miss Ludy Griffin with Lewis Roberson; Miss Elizabeth Roberson with W. O. Griffin; Miss Minnie Whitley with Hermond Peel; Miss Lizzie Hardison with C. J. Roberson; Miss Ethel Griffin with Ira Hardison; Miss Verna Roberson with S. Collin Peel. After the ceremony, the bridal party drove to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Simon D. Griffin, where an elegant supper was served in Southern style, and the evening was spent in an enjoyable manner by the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin are among the prominent members of the younger set in Griffins Township, and they begin life together under the most auspicious condition

## Hamilton Items

Miss May Williams, of Davidson, spent the week-end with Mrs. D. C. Jones.

Mrs. W. T. Grimes and Mrs. Harry Waldo and little daughter left Wednesday for Baltimore where they will spend several weeks.

Miss Helen Council, who teaches near Everetts, spent the week-end with her mother.

Harry Waldo, P. H. Davenport and R. A. Edmondson spent Monday in Greenville.

Mrs. T. B. Slade, Jr. and son left Wednesday for Florida to spend the remainder of the winter.

Misses Martha Council and Annie Jones are spending the week in Williamston.

Mrs. T. B. Slade, Sr., has returned from a visit to relatives in Georgia.

Mrs. B. F. Myers spent Friday in Bertie.

J. L. Hines spent the first of the week here.

Our people are looking forward to the Chautauqua, which will be here Feb. 7-8-9.

Dr. B. L. Long has returned from Raleigh.

Mrs. Asa Johnson has returned from a visit to her mother in Scotland Neck.

Mr. Harry Holiday died on Thursday morning of paralysis, after an illness of ten days.

William Stone, who has an attractive home on the Old Hotel lot on lower Main Street, is preparing to erect another house, and will get the timbers already put together. This is a popular and economical plan for building now, and many people throughout the country, are adopting the plan.

## Mrs. Ida F. Nichols

The Angel of Death has again passed over our community, carrying with him the soul of Ida Riddick Nichols to its final reward. Besides leaving behind a husband, three brothers, other relatives and a host of friends to mourn her loss, there is also left a life record of pious, Christian deeds that do honor to her memory.

Born June 14th, 1867, she early in life associated herself with the Methodist Church, having become a member at the age of twelve years. From this time until she fell a victim to a paralytic stroke six years ago, she was actively engaged in furthering the work of the Church, having served for a number of years as superintendent of her Sunday School.

The deceased was an undergraduate of Plymouth State Normal and of Livingstone College, Salisbury, and for more than thirty years was a teacher in this and other counties. Twice during her life she was united in wedlock, first to W. T. Riddick and on his death, to Rev. George W. Nichols, who survives her. As a result of a third attack of paralysis, she yielded to death, triumphant in the faith, January 11th 1917, aged forty-nine years, eleven months, and twenty-seven days.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. B. F. Harrison at her home Church, Sunday, January 14, 1917. The funeral eulogy was rendered by Rev. C. W. Winfield, D. D. Presiding Elder of the Edenton Albemarle Conference. Undertaker J. D. Slade had charge of the body.

Among the out-of-town relatives and friends present were, Mrs. E. B. Andrews and daughter, of Hamilton; Mrs. Missouri Moore, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Virginia King, Mrs. Matilda Daniel and Miss Lucy Richmond, of Greenville; Prof. J. P. Butler, of Jamesville.

## Guests Of Representative Scott

Representative Scott, a disciple of Abraham Lincoln when it comes to a question of abolishing what he thinks isn't right, was host Saturday night at Giersch's Hotel to a party of his colleagues in the House and ex-Sheriff Crawford, of Martin county. In the party were Representatives Hinton, of Gates, Dalton, of Guilford, Pharr of Mecklenburg and Harry W. Stubbs—News and Observer.

## The County Commencement

From the signs, it looks very much as if the schools of the county will not have a commencement which is the biggest asset in the school life of the county, and the decision was that there should be one each year. But owing to certain conditions, the prospect for one this spring is very slim. Commencement Day is a great one for the entire county, for not only the children but the older folks, get an incentive for better living. Williamston has entertained both commencements, and did it royally, but this year, plans have been made for a \$25,000 school building, and with a shortened term because of preparations for the same, sufficient time could not be given to arrangements for entertainment. But in 1918, Williamston with a handsome and commodious building, will be the host of the commencement, and it is the idea to make it as great as the greatest.

## Organized Seventeen Years Ago

Monday, January 22nd, was the seventeenth anniversary of the organization of the Bank of Martin County, which has recently consolidated with the Farmers & Merchants Bank, and from the movement has originated the Martin County Savings and Trust Co., which was fully organized on Monday evening with the following officers: President, J. G. Godard, 1st Vice-President, John L. Hassell, 2nd Vice-President, John D. Biggs, Cashier, John E. Pope; Board of Directors; A. J. Manning, J. G. Godard, J. L. Hassell, John D. Biggs, T. F. Harrison, Wheeler Martin, B. A. Critcher, C. D. Carstarphen, H. K. Green, P. L. Salsbury. The authorized capital is \$100,000 with \$10,000 paid in. The charter grants the privilege of conducting a general insurance business, savings accounts, building and loan, trusteeships, guardianships, etc.

At the meeting Monday evening, Mr. J. G. Godard, founder and President of the Bank of Martin County, and the pioneer banker of the county, was in a reminiscent mood and talked interestingly of banking the first year in the building, where the post office is located. He told of the effort that he had to make \$200.00 the first year, and this was done because the cashier received no salary at that time. In strong contrast to its beginning, was the statement at the end of the year just closed, when the deposits during November were \$300,000, and it had become in its life one of the Honor Banks in the United States. Mr. Godard has given to the bank the best work of his past life, and will now give an added strength to the Banking and Trust Company, of which he is President.

## Quarterly Conference

The first Quarterly Conference of the Williamston-Hamilton Circuit in the new year will convene here Sunday, when Presiding Elder L. E. Thompson will preach both morning and evening. This is the first visit of Elder Thompson to Williamston; he is one of the strong men of the Methodist Church in the State, having supplied some of the largest stations in the Conference. The public is cordially invited to attend both services.

## Hamilton Book Club

The regular meeting of the Hamilton Book Club was held with Mrs. B. B. Sherrod, Sr., Tuesday afternoon. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. M. I. Fleming, President; Mrs. W. T. Grimes, Vice-President; Mrs. R. W. Salsbury, Sec.-Treas. All business for the year 1916 was closed. The Program Committee, which was elected at the previous meeting, presented the program for the coming year and it was accepted by the Club. This Com. was composed of Mrs. W. T. Grimes, Chm., Mrs. B. B. Sherrod and Mrs. J. P. Boyle. Current events were given by the entire Club. Two most interesting papers were read by Miss Della Purvis and Miss Effie Waldo, the former on South Carolina and the latter History of 1916. Miss Joyce rendered three beautiful selections on the piano—To a Water Lily, Nocturne (Chopin) Andante Celebre (Beethoven).

The hostess in her most charming manner served delightful refreshments. The meeting then adjourned to meet with Mrs. J. P. Boyle, Feb. 6th, 1917.

## Money For Site

In the bill for Public Improvements recently passed by Congress, the sum of \$5,000 was allowed for the purchase of a site for the postoffice building at Williamston. The people here should begin to get active in the matter of securing the building. It may be some time, and probably will be, but there is nothing like getting busy in the matter. There should be no hasty action taken in making preparations for the present housing of the office, for the building may come sooner than expected. The amount for the site has not been long in being allowed, and who can tell what time the building itself will come to the town.

## To E. E. B.

He explained with that "Don't you see"  
And showed us no matter what it could be  
"Then read the news or just an essay"  
Oh, those societies, we had just five  
Then the growl started, the dues to pay,  
And too the party habit had to revive.  
We didn't right once in a while  
"Oh, such Babies" and then such a smile,  
"I wish some day you'll learn to act,  
As seniors should, at least dignified,  
We should do this and that or in fact,  
We should be "angels," he prophesied.  
Those whom we love we can't forget  
They taught us to love them, they should fret  
For we don't care what they do or say  
Won't keep us from loving our friends  
For we are human and cannot disobey  
The freak that nature itself recommends  
A long time ago, we may say,  
When we're old and our hair gray  
That we went when young to a school  
At the Williamston High School too,  
We were good for we knew the rule  
And our lessons before we were through.  
Ah, how we worked, labored and toiled  
And then sometimes how everything boiled,  
After all we were faithful to the end  
But some people couldn't see as we saw  
Though our teacher was really a friend,  
He thought us silly as a jack-daw.  
Once the Board did one thing sensible  
They gave us Mr. Bundy as our principal.  
At first he thought we were blockheads  
And at times we thought he would fight,  
Something told us "we are what he dreads,  
For he looks as if about to strike.  
Get through the mud as best you can, and remember that just as soon as the spring opens, cement walks are to be put down at the crossings on Main Street.