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## Teachers' Meeting

The Martin County Teachers held their second meeting for the year of 1917-18 in the Graded School Building Saturday December 8, 1917.

There was a heavy rainfall from nine o'clock until noon, but despite the bad conditions existing, twenty-one teachers came during the session. Ten of those, who were present at the first meeting and eleven new teachers were "plucky" enough to venture out. We know that were benefited thereby, and they so doing has won a place on the "Honor Roll" for the month. Their names will be given later. You can count on that teacher who goes through rain and shine to attend the Teachers' Meeting. He will not fail you when the school bell should ring, but will be right there with his hand on the rope, ready to ring the bell, and ready to greet each pupil as he enters.

The President, Prof. E. E. Bundy, called the meeting to order and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. R. Burrell. He read and interpreted the 46th psalm. After he outlined our duty as teachers, thus "interpret God in the subjects you teach."

The following program was then rendered:

- I. School Publicity,
  1. Need of it.
  2. Just what to be published.
  3. There published in County Paper.

### II. Opportunity of the Teacher

text: "Ye are the light of World." Prof. E. M. Whedbee to encourage intellectual progress

1. to instill moral principles.
2. to uplift the community.
3. to set proper example for the young, imitative mind.
4. 111 Study of School Recesesses.

1. Need of them.
2. Careful supervision.
3. Eating at recesses.
4. Drinking water at recesses.
5. Rainy Day Program.

### IV. Patriotism in the Schools.

1. What is Patriotism?
2. Need of Patriotism.
3. North Carolina Book.

After the program was concluded the teachers were delightfully entertained by the ladies of the town at a dinner served at the Parish Hall. Each teacher left declaring that one of the most interesting and most enjoyable features of the day. It is pleasant to us to be able to feel that people are really appreciative of the work we are doing as teachers, for the uplift of the children of the County.

After the dinner, we again assembled at the School Building to witness the demonstration teaching by several of the Williamston teachers. We were disappointed in only one thing. This was that we were not able to see the work going on in the four rooms at the same time.

The teachers present were: Mrs. J. Eason Lilley; Misses Nannie Lamb, Nellie Spivey, Christine Pridgen, Bada Teague, Gladys Ballance, Adeline Jobe, Jessie Hodges, Maude Hodges, Liza Love Greene, Mary E. Mabry, Agnes Moseley, Adelia Spruill, Ruby Lowe, Carrie Dell White, Ara Crawford, Eva Peele; and Messrs. E. M. Whedbee, E. E. Bundy, S. H. Grimes, and Dewey S. Spruill.

It is Supt. Manning's intention that each teacher in the County observe Friday Dec. 22nd, as Carolina Day and give the program laid down in the Manual sent out by the State Superintendent.

Teachers, let us be at the place of meeting next time on time and with a mind willing and ready to give and receive any suggestive help possible.

Eva Peele, Secretary.

## Cupid Outwitted

Sunday was a bitter cold day, but the volplaning of mercury had nothing to do with the operations of Mister Cupid, and it took other means to keep him out of mischief. Miss Pearl Meadows, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Meadows and Mr. Joseph Pender, had planned to motor over to Greenville and get married. The license had been secured by friends who wanted to help, and though it was well-known that the would-be- bride was not of marriageable age, these friends affirmed that she was and the Register of Deeds of Pitt County issued them. Later, all the plans of the elopers were disclosed to Mr. Meadows who stopped the progress of affairs.

## December Term Of Superior Court

Judge Frank A. Daniels convened the December Term of Martin County Superior Court here at 9:30 on Monday morning. Solicitor Richard Allsbrook appeared for the State. The Grand Jury was selected and Judge Daniels delivered his charge to them. T. R. Getsinger, of Williamston, was chosen foreman.

The following cases were heard during the first days of the week:

Clyde Williams, L & R. Charged with cost and \$25.00.

J. W. Allen, L & R. Nol pros. Gus Albritton, A. D. W. Nol pros.

Jas. E. Rogers, L & R Nol pros. Jas. E. Rogers, L & R. Nol pros.

Joseph Darling, Removing crop. Judgment absolute.

Jim Mizell, A. D. W. Nol pros. Sam Bryant, D. R. C. Nol pros. Charles Scott, Murder. Capias and continued.

Walter Godard, C. L. N. Not a true bill.

J. S. Shugar, Doing business under assumed name, not being registered. Pleads guilty. Charged with cost.

Henry Rogers, Failure to work roads. Pleads guilty. Charged with cost.

John D. Bailey, Failure to work roads. Pleads guilty. Charged with cost.

Elias Daniel, Murder. Capias.

Joe Taper, Alfred Boston, Arthur Boston, Graham Harrington and Burt Harrington. Alfred Boston, Graham Harrington, and Burt Harrington come into court and plead guilty.

Arthur Boston pleads not guilty, and upon trial by Jury, they find for their verdict that Arthur Boston is not guilty. Joe Boston is not yet taken.

Louise Baxter, A. D. W. Pleads guilty, required, to pay \$14 for Robert Gray and cost of action.

E. Staton, Jesse Grimes. Afraid. Waive bill and pleads guilty. Charged with cost.

Jno. Boston, L & R. Found guilty by a jury.

Jim Mizell, C. C. W. Pleads guilty. Fined \$50 and cost.

Jim Mizell, A. D. W. Pleads guilty. Prayer for judgement continued upon payment of cost.

entered into bond of \$100 for good behavior and to show to the court for three years that he has abstained from drinking liquor.

Jim Mizell. Pleads guilty. Charged with cost.

Sylvester Wynn, Failure to work roads. Nol pros.

Don't you want to keep a little child from starving? Then give some money to Elder Sylvester Hassell at Williamston.

## Theatrical Day.

Theatrical Day of the Red Cross Society was observed throughout the United States on Friday last. Owing to the inability to secure the hall here on that date, the Day was observed on Thursday, December 6th. Mr. Harry A. Biggs arranged a very pleasing programme and assisted by local talent, charmed a good-sized audience. Manager Gordy in connection with the programme, presented a 6-reel picture. A neat little sum was realized, which will help in the work of the local Red Cross Chapter. Following is the programme rendered:

Instrumental solo "Military March" Miss Helen Maynard Schubert

Vocal solo, "Joan Of Arc" Mrs. James S. Rhodes Alfred Bryan

Instrumental duet, "Fanfare" Overture from William Tell, Rossini

Mrs. Warren Biggs, Miss Helen Maynard

Vocal solo "A Dream" Bartlett Mr. Harry A. Biggs

Instrumental duet, "Old Oaken Bucket" Miss Helen Maynard, Miss Mary B. Harrell

Vocal solo, "My Laddie" W. A. Thayer Miss Irma Woodhouse

Patriotic airs. Lieutenant John W. Hassell, Messrs. Luke Lamb, B. Duke Critcher, P. F. Apfel, Will Foreman, Mrs. James S. Rhodes.

## North Carolina Day.

Today is North Carolina Day in the public schools of the State. Patriotic appeals will be made by representatives from every patriotic society. Especial emphasis is to be laid today on war Savings stamps and certificates to afford every child, every man and woman, the opportunity to cultivate the commendable virtue of thrift, even to the point of commendable sacrifice and to make a practical application of it to the service of our country and to the world.

## Complimentary To Teachers.

Last Saturday, the teachers of the county, who had come to attend the meeting of the Teachers Association were entertained at luncheon at the Parish Hall. Misses Penelope Biggs and Daisy Manning, who were named to get contributions, were given hearty support by many of the business men and the women of the town. Mesdames Lovet Harrison, Edgar Bundy W. R. Burrell and A. R. Dunning assisted in the preparation and serving of the edibles which consisted of ham, sandwiches, salad, pickles, crackers, coffee, block ice cream and cake. Misses Lida Cook, Mattie Lou Anderson, Beatrice Burrell and Virginia Herrick served as waitresses. Preparations were made to entertain sixty-five, but owing to the bad weather, only about half of that number were present.

## Notice Of Services

Services at the Episcopal Church on Sunday are as follows: Church School, 9:45 a. m. Morning Prayer, 11: a. m., Evening Prayer, 7:30 p. m. The congregational meeting announced for Sunday morning has been postponed.

C. H. JORDAN, Rector.

## Got Away

Monday, Policeman Holliday, of Jamesville, brought a negro man up here on the afternoon train. When they got off the cars the negro broke away and hiked it for liberty. Holliday sent a bullet after him but this failed to stop him. The negro had been arrested for housebreaking in Jamesville.

## A Heavy Snow

Contrary to the usual custom of the weather in this section, it bent snow on Tuesday night. It commenced to fall lightly about 10:30, and Wednesday morning, the world was dressed as a bride for her wedding, and still the flakes were falling. On the level it measured about seven inches. If the mercury had continued on the lower floor as two days previous the situation would have been most unpleasant, but it went higher and so relieved things. School suspended and the children found the only sport of the season and everybody looked jolly. It was the heaviest December snow that has fallen here in many years.

## How Is This For Tobacco?

Mr. Joseph G. Godard, banker-farmer, has compiled his tobacco crop report this year, and by request has given it to the paper. He is owner of the Biggs Farm near Williamston, the Jones Farm at Dardens, and several minor tracts and this year planted 100 acres in tobacco, which he sold on the home market. On these 100 acres, he raised 72,223 pounds or an average of 722 per acre; this brought in open market, \$21,768.36; average \$30.13, an average per acre of \$217.33. On one 6-acre field, he raised \$1,837.95 worth of the weed, which was an average of \$306.35 per acre. If Martin County tobacco had had its usual weight, Farmer Godard would have almost doubled his cash pile, but the rains produced a lighter weight this year, and the average on every farm was below the usual standard.

## Went Hunting

Sheriff Page is a mighty Nimrod, when it comes to bringing in stiffs. Thursday evening of last week, he found two and brought them to town for safe keeping. Evidently the woods are full of them, but at the rate that Sheriff is locating the hiding places, some folks will have to put a great deal more money in copper. "Horse molasses" being hauled through the streets from the river dock is a sure index to making "monkey rum" and "hard up."

## Hamilton Items

Mrs. T. B. Slade, Jr., entertained at Bridge on Saturday afternoon from 2 to 6 at her home in Hamilton. The home was attractively decorated with fall flowers and ferns. At five o'clock the guests were invited in the dining room. The table was very pretty with a cake for the centerpiece upon which stood a miniature bride holding cards announcing the marriage of Miss Leilia Pippen to Mr. Don Matthews on December 19th. Ice cream and cake were served in heart shape. A toast was given to the bride-to-be wishing her much happiness.

Misses Della and Codie Purvis spent last week in Henderson, where they attended the marriage of their brother, Dr. Purvis. Misses Pete Riddick and Bertha Parrish, of Spring Hill, attended the marriage Roebuck-Edmonson here Wednesday.

Miss Marguerite Manning, of Greenville, spent the week-end here.

Mrs. P. L. Salsbury and little son spent last week in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Watkins and Mrs. J. P. Boyle spent last week in Norfolk.

## Saw Strange Rainbow

Mr. David J. Whichard, Jr., who is now at Camp Lee, writes interestingly of a strange rainbow which appeared there in the sky about 3:30. He stated that it showed red, white and blue and the ends of the bow pointed upwards, and it showed above where the soldiers were standing in the field waiting for the command to pass in review before Secretary Baker. This strange phenomenon showed in practically a clear sky, and while the sun was getting low in the West.

Perhaps, this was a good omen for the American arms, or it might have been a "sun dog," one of which was witnessed here last week. The "sun dog" is the sign of extreme weather, and it proved to be correct as far as this section of the country is concerned, for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday brought almost zero weather.

## Has Been Returned

The Methodist Conference which convened in Greenville last week and ended Monday, has returned Rev. H. M. Eure to the Williamston-Hamilton Circuit for another year. The return of Rev. Eure is highly satisfactory to all four of his churches, which have felt the influence of his godly life and sound doctrine. He is a faithful worker along the lines of Methodism of which he has been a successful exponent in this State and in Missouri. He is what is termed "a four-year man" and this fact speaks for itself. Williamston and the Methodist Church are to be congratulated that they they are to have him another year to work among this people.

## Armenian Relief

Sunday afternoon as previously a small number of men including Elder Sylvester Hassell, W. R. Burrell, C. H. Jordan, W. C. Manning, Luke Lamb, Dr. John D. Biggs met at the City Hall and arranged for securing the fund asked for the relief of the Armenians and Syrians, victims of Turkey and Germany. Elder Hassell was chosen Treasurer of the fund and plans formulated to canvass the county in its interest.

## Christmas Savings

For the first time, Christmas Saving Checks have been given out here. The Peoples Bank had \$2,500 reported and the F. & M. Bank about \$2,000, making a total of \$4,500 to be distributed. Quite a number of folks commenced and then let the habit drop, and only a few cents went to them, when by little thrift these same people could have had dollars at a time when money is in such a demand. Both banks will start another Savings Club-note announcements.

## Dr. And Mrs. Fleming Hosts.

Dr. and Mrs. M. I. Fleming were hosts at a very delightful four-course dinner given this week at their hospitable home on Front Street, complimentary to Lieutenant and Mrs. Ralph Watkins. Covers were laid for eight. The centerpiece was very attractive in eyelet embroidery, holding a silver vase of ferns and cut flowers.

The guests were, Lieutenant and Mrs. Watkins, Prof. John B. Rucker, Miss Minnie Joyce, Miss Leilia Pippen and Mr. Don Matthews.

## Entertainment At Hamilton.

On Friday night, Dec. 6th, The Athenian Literary Society and music department of the Hamilton High School, gave an entertainment. The program contained piano solos, duets and trios; vocal solos, choruses, recitations, declamations, impersonations and a debate.

Each member of the music class gave an interesting rendition. Featuring this was a chorus consisting of eight small girls, which drew merited applause. A dialogue by the primary class was humorous in the extreme and added spice to the occasion. Following this were the recitations and declamations which deserve special mention.

Then followed the debate presided over by Bryan Taylor. The question was: Resolved, that Washington was a greater figure from all standpoints than Lincoln. The affirmative was ably upheld by Roy Rogers and Annie Anthony; the negative by Wade Everett and Mary Sullivan. The Judges, R. W. Salsbury, M. P. Taylor and J. H. Davenport rendered the decision in favor of the negative.

That the occasion was a success was shown by the overwhelming numbers that packed the auditorium. The entire program was heartily applauded, and there is much improvement already visible in all departments of society and musical work. The proceeds go to the development of athletic facilities. Those taking part were, Ethel, Helen, Lillian, Elizabeth Davenport, Martha, Carrie Dell, Sallie and Dennis Roebuck, Claude Smith, Bryan Taylor, Wade Everett, Jesse, Cathrine and Myrtle Everett, Roy Rogers, Elizabeth and Mattie Rogers, Annie Anthony, Mary Sullivan, Pauline Johnson, Carl Salsbury, Annie Davis, Roland Bunting and Norma Hines.

## A Correction

Last week in the hurry of preparation for issuing the paper, the proof sheet of the statement of the Farmers & Merchants Bank was not corrected, and an error occurred, which was very much regretted. This week the statement appears again and is correct. Note also that of the Planters & Merchants Bank.

## Red Cross Christmas Drive.

The Red Cross Society will begin a vigorous campaign on the 16th to secure 10,000,000 more members. There will be a meeting here today at 4 o'clock at the Chapter headquarters to arrange for the campaign in Williamston Township. The following have been appointed as campaigners: Mrs. Warren H. Biggs, Chairman; Mesdames S. R. Biggs, C. H. Godwin, J. S. Rhodes, J. H. Saunders, C. B. Hassell, A. R. Dunning, J. L. Hassell, Lovet Harrison, John D. Biggs, J. G. Staton, Wheeler Martin, Jr., Misses Daisy Manning, Essie R. Peele, Irene Smith, Annie Lamb, Deborah Fleming.

## Martin County Tobacco Sales.

The November sales of tobacco on the Williamston market amounted to 400,761, on the Robersonville market, 342,230. To December 1st, Williamston had sold 3,295,305 pounds and Robersonville, 2,536,815 pounds. The total number of pounds for the county being 5,832,120. There have been small sales during December, but the entire crop was about sold at the close of November.