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Judge Winston Makes Hit In Commencement Address At Everetts, Friday Night

Dr. Perry Case, of Wilson Makes Fine Address

(Special Enterprise Correspondent) The commencement exercises began at the Everetts High School with the baccalaureate sermon on last Tuesday night, May 12. The attendance was not so large on this night on account of the rain. Rev. I. L. Yearby, pastor of the Baptist Church, of Tarboro, preached the sermon. His words of exhortation will be of lasting worth to the people of this community.

On Wednesday evening every one of the 450 seats in the auditorium were filled to see the operetta presented by the music department. And again on Thursday evening the auditorium was filled to its capacity for the plays presented by the primary department.

Then came Friday, the big day of the commencement. At 11 o'clock Friday morning about 400 patrons of the school and visitors gathered to hear Dr. Perry Case, head of the religious education department of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, N. C. He held his audience spellbound for about an hour, talking on "proper attitudes" in education. He stressed, first, the attitude of open mindedness, deploring the fatality of the closed mind that has become the attitude of a large number of people today. He said that "open mindedness was in harmony with the teachings of the Master, because He would have his followers become as little children, and children have open minds."

Second, he spoke of the attitude of the grouch, stating that this was not a proper attitude for the educated individual. A large number of people, he said, no matter when you meet them, tell you that they feel bad. They are never well enough to be friendly. He also, in this connection, deplored in an interesting way the attitude of the person who gives you a loose, cold handshake.

Third, he spoke of the attitude of reverence as a proper attitude for the educated individual.

Fourth, he spoke of the attitude of happiness as a proper attitude of the educated man. He stated that this attitude was in harmony with the great Educator, interpreting the beatitudes as "happy" are they that mourn, etc., instead of "Blessed."

After this mental feast the people were then introduced to an old-fashioned barbecue dinner on the grounds in order that the physical might also enjoy a feast. About 600 people enjoyed the physical feast, and all declared, "Well done, thou good and hospitable people of Everetts."

The climax of the commencement came with the masterful commencement address of Judge Francis D. Horton.

Hugh G. Horton Moves Law Office
To the public: By agreement, and with mutual consent, notice is hereby given that Hugh G. Horton will, on June 1st, 1925, withdraw from the law firm of Dunning, Moore & Horton, and will enter into the practice of law in Williamston, N. C., with offices on the first floor of the Peoples Bank Building, and A. R. Dunning and Clayton Moore will continue the practice of law in the same offices now occupied by them.

A. R. DUNNING, CLAYTON MOORE, HUGH G. HORTON

"God on Broadway"



An unusual project has been set on foot in New York. A handsome building, taller than the Washington Monument, is to be known as Broadway Temple, containing a church, auditorium, schools, hotel, stores and business offices. "They God on Broadway" is the slogan. Dr. Christian F. Reiser, a Methodist minister from Kansas, is the leader in the movement.

DULL DAY IN THE RECORDERS COURT

One Defendant Found Not Guilty; Second Pays Costs, and Third is Bound Over to Superior Court

Recorders court was dull and tame today. Judge J. C. Smith and Solicitor E. S. Peel were on hand to the minute, a thing very much appreciated in officers by the taxpayers of the county.

The State first called Roy Taylor, who was charged with an assault. Upon presentation of the testimony in the case the court found the defendant not guilty.

The second case was against G. H. Manning, of Oak City, charging him with driving an automobile without a license. The defendant pled guilty, and prayer for judgment was continued for one week upon payment of the costs of the case.

State vs. Asaria Williams; larceny. The testimony appearing to show probable cause, the defendant was required to enter into bond for his appearance at the June term of the superior court.

Winston, of Windsor. He kept the audience of over 500 people that crowded the auditorium spellbound, awaying them at one time into pathos and then with laughter. A hush fell upon the audience as he spoke very briefly but pathetically of the recent disaster in Martin. Then, giving a word of optimistic exhortation, he turned our thoughts to an outline of words which were the basis of his speech. He had these planned so that the first letters of each, reading downward, would spell Everetts. They were as follows:

- E ducation
- V alue
- E conomy
- R ight
- E nergy
- T ouch
- T ight
- S afe

In speaking of education he said that the basic thing was to learn the 26 letters of the alphabet. But the problem came in how to properly mix them up. He declared that you had to know these same letters whether you were spelling cat or asafetida. He further declared that all mathematics involved the first ten numerals—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 0—but here again the problem was to mix them up. Also that all music was simple in its base, because it all involved do, re, mi, fa, so, la, ti, do. But the problem was how to properly mix them up. At the conclusion of this address the diplomas were presented by Superintendent R. A. Pope. This marked the close of the first year's work in the commodious new brick structure at Everetts. The average daily attendance has been larger this year than ever in the history

TOBACCO CO-OPS ELECT DIRECTORS

J. F. Tyer Succeeds A. M. Dumay As Representative From This District

Raleigh, May 18.—A strong vote of confidence in the management of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association is indicated in the first returns from 18 out of the 22 electoral districts in which directors for the association were chosen Saturday by the elected delegates of the organized tobacco farmers in North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina.

Out of 18 districts reporting to Raleigh 13 districts have returned the same directors to carry on the management of the tobacco association in its fourth year of cooperative marketing.

It has been known for some time that Dr. J. Y. Joyner, who was chairman of the association's organization committee; M. O. Wilson, secretary of the association, and T. C. Watkins, manager of warehouses, have positively declined reelection as directors, thus inaugurating the recent policy of the board in line with the recommendations of the committee invited to publish the facts in regard to the association that heads of departments and higher officials of the organization should not continue on the directing board.

It is generally understood that these three directors could have been returned from their districts, as they are among the organizers of the association and were leaders in the early days of its formation, having served as directors during every year of its operations. The five new directors of the association, whose election has so far been reported to Raleigh headquarters, are James F. Tyer, member of the North Carolina legislature from Beaufort County, who succeeds A. M. Dumay as director from Edgecombe, Martin, Beaufort, and Bertie. S. R. Adams, elected by the tobacco growers of Franklin, Vance, Warren, and Halifax Counties to succeed T. T. Hawks, of North Carolina; G. H. Faucett, elected by the members of Granville and Person Counties, who succeeds C. T. Hall, of Wooddale, N. C.; Roy B. Davis, elected from Halifax County, Va., succeeding T. C. Watkins; the association manager of warehouses, as director from that county, and E. T. Bondurant, from Prince Edward County, Va., who will take the place of M. O. Wilson, present secretary of the association and director of field service, in representing the members of the association from Charlotte and Prince Edward Counties, Va., upon the board.

The South Carolina tobacco growers returned their old directors to the association's governing board without a change. Confidence in the tobacco association and its management has evidently been strengthened since the report of a committee of public officials whom it invited to investigate its affairs, according to the results of Saturday's election through the investigation it has become evident that the management of the association are striving for many of the changes which are advised by the committee, whose report has cleared the air of a number of rumors and has made clearer both to the members and the management certain objectives towards which both are working.

Deputies Capture Still and Outfit

Deputy Sheriff J. Raleigh Manning, accompanied by Mr. C. Jones, were out in Griffins Township Monday morning, where they found a nice copper still. It was not running at the time. The still and entire outfit were captured, also about four gallons of corn liquor.

The outfit was on the land of Mr. David B. Stallings, near his old home place. No one was seen at the still.

Young Girl Trips Over Rope; Seriously Hurt

Saturday, while playing on the side walk in front of Mr. G. H. Harrison's home on Main Street, little Sarah Gurganus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gurganus, had the misfortune to trip and fall over the ropes surrounding his lawn, and very seriously injured her head. At this time her physician, Dr. J. H. Saunders, pronounces her out of danger and predicts a rapid convalescence.

Mr. Hornthal Ill in Washington Hospital

Friends of Mr. L. P. Hornthal, of Plymouth, will regret to learn that he is ill at the Washington Hospital. While there he is attended by Mrs. Hornthal.

Special Meeting Masons Tonight

There will be a special communication of Ske-warke Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., tonight at 8 o'clock. Work in the first degree. All Masons in good standing are cordially invited to attend. C. D. CARSTARPHEN, Jr., Secretary.

LETTER IS FIFTY-SIX YEARS OLD

Enterprise Reproduces Letter Written in 1869 by Nicholas Roberson To Mrs. N. Harvey

We are reproducing a letter given us by an interested subscriber that was written in the year 1869 by Nicholas Roberson to Mrs. N. Harvey, at Edenton, N. C. Mr. Roberson was the father of Mr. Luke Roberson, now a resident of Parmele, and one of Martin County's influential citizens in the days of reconstruction. We are reproducing the letter in its original form, since it is more genuine and typical than a more perfect syntax and orthography could make it.

The letter follows: Mrs. Nancy Harvey, Eageneton (Edenton), N. C. In care of Patric Bell. Williamston, N. C. March the 25th, 1869.

Mrs. N. Harvey Madam I now embrace the opportunity of answering your letter which found us all in common health and I hope these few lines may soon reach and find you enjoying the best of health I did not get your letter until last week as it was sent to Jamesville and we had no passing down there so some person carried it up to Williamston to court so I got it from there you said in your letter that you wanted me to see your tax and pay them I will try to do so. I have rented out your house and land with the promise of what you told me to rent it out for but the map is so trifling I expect to run him off before long I rent it to * * * (Name omitted for reasons best known to ourselves.—Ed.) and he promise to do all you said but I don't believe he intends to do his promise and if he dont I shall tell him to leave for I dont like for nobody to try to make a fool like of me Mr. Heel came to see me he paid me 3 dollars and 25 cents and he said he had an account against you to the amount of one dollar and 75 cents for wood you had burnt and the fruit you had used he left his account and paid me 3 dollars and 25 cents and carried off the cow and said he should not pay no more so I have the money here with me but I dont know how to get it to you. I believe the neighbors is all in reason good health at this time and that is all I can think of now Respectfully NICHOLAS ROBBERSON.

Cows and Chickens Add Money Income

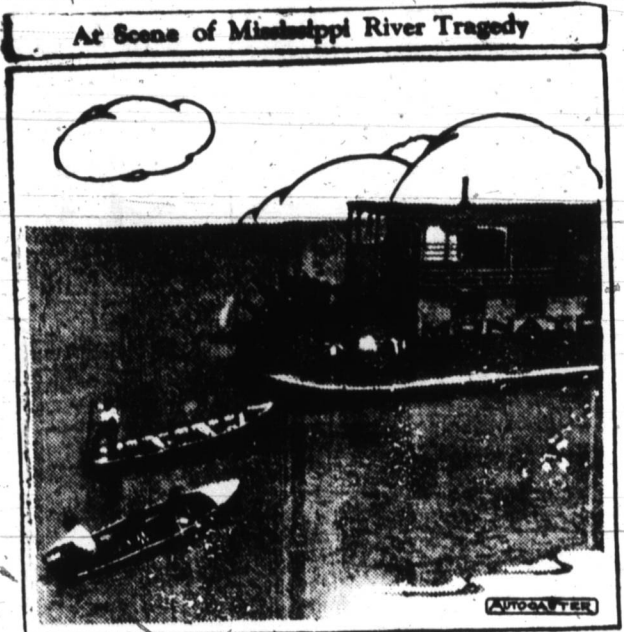
Raleigh, May 19.—Four cows and a flock of barred plymouth rock poultry transformed the grain farm of Joe Ridenhour, of Rockwell, in Rowan County, from a poorly paying enterprise into one which keeps the level of work about the same during the year and in addition pays a handsome income to the operator.

The story is told by W. G. Yeager, county agent for the agricultural extension service of State College, who says, "Mr. Ridenhour moved to his present farm about four years ago. He began his farming operations growing wheat, some cotton, corn, other grains. He kept one cow, a few chickens and a few ducks. He had something to supply him with money. Casting about for a solution he and his wife decided to add more cows and start a flock of pure bred poultry. They did. I visited them last week and found that the dependent grain farm, with its seasons of overwork and underwork, has been transformed into an independent farm with the level of work more nearly uniform throughout the year and with an established weekly cash income."

Mrs. Ridenhour takes good care of the cream and they now have a good butter trade in Salisbury. They sold 996 pounds from the four cows last year for a total of about \$600 in cash. The poultry brought in about half this amount and according to the increase in flocks and the better production now being secured from the cows, they expect to raise their income from these sources to over \$1,000 this year."

Mr. G. C. Britton, of Ashoke, is spending today with friends in the city.

County Commissioners Hold Special Meeting to Pay Claims Against County for Special Term of Court



A relief boat at the scene of the Mississippi river tragedy near Memphis where the excursion steamer, Norman, sank in fifty feet of water, the death toll being 20 lives. Most of those lost were members of the South Engineers Ass'n. and their wives.

Have Paid Out a Total of \$6,332.76 So Far; More Later

The county commissioners met in special session Monday, May 18th, in order to pass on and pay bills which were incurred during the recent trial of the mob members who mutilated Joseph Needleman. Several bills were rejected for correction and will be presented later. The total amount paid out for the special term of court to date is \$6,332.76.

The following members of the board were present at the special meeting today: H. C. Green, chairman; T. B. Slade, jr.; J. G. Barnhill, H. M. Burras, and John N. Hopkins.

The following items were ordered paid:

A. T. Crawford, justice of the peace	\$ 18.00
H. Worthington, witness	6.50
E. D. Doid, witness	6.10
Simon Stalls, witness	6.70
S. H. Martin, witness	3.10
W. C. Whitehurst, witness	3.10
E. L. Mayo, witness	3.10
J. E. Carson, witness	3.10
J. W. Rook, witness	3.10
H. V. Staton, witness	4.10
F. L. Andrews, witness	3.10
Z. V. Bunting, witness	3.10
S. C. Ives, witness	3.10
W. M. Pruitt, witness	3.10
T. R. Andrews, witness	3.10
Walter Roberson, witness	6.50
Lester Jones, witness	4.20
J. R. Jones, witness	4.20
Joe Umphlett, witness	5.20
Norman C. Sheppard, court stenographer	258.75
The Britt Hotel, board, jurors	263.25
Dr. D. T. Taylor, sr., witness	100.00
Dr. D. T. Taylor, jr., witness	50.00
Dr. H. B. York, witness	50.00
Dr. W. E. Warren, witness	50.00
Dr. J. S. Rhodes, witness	50.00
J. F. Thigpen, services as deputy sheriff, and car	775.00
J. B. Barnhill, special deputy sheriff	400.00
W. T. Stone, special deputy sheriff	400.00
Washington Hospital:	
Hospital	240.00
Drugs	73.50
Nurses	300.00
Professional	1,000.00
	1,630.50
S. R. Biggs Drug Co., drugs	8.00
Nash County, board prisoners	9.00
A. E. Jackson, sheriff Pitt Co., board prisoners	22.50
J. W. Martin, sheriff, Edgecombe Co., board prisoners	68.55
Jack Yarrow, guarding Washington Hospital	220.00
D. F. Simmons, guarding at Washington Hospital	220.00
J. B. Barnhill, expense for jurors	13.50
H. B. York, medical service, F. W. Sparrow, jr.	14.00
H. T. Roberson, court work	14.00
H. T. Roberson, for officer of grand jury	24.00
H. T. Roberson, guards at jail	198.00
H. T. Roberson, conveying prisoners to Raleigh	60.00
H. T. Roberson, board for prisoners	49.15
N. A. Sinclair, judge	245.00
R. J. Peel, clerk's fees	83.01
H. T. Roberson, sheriff's fees	54.25
Previously Advanced	
F. L. Edwards, ambulance	26.50
H. T. Roberson, arrest and carrying Needleman from Edenton	27.30
Don Gilliam, solicitor	500.00
H. T. Roberson, summoning jurors	18.00
County commissioners, special meetings	196.00
Total	\$6,332.76

WELL-KNOWN MAN OF COUNTY DEAD

Mr. George Roberson, of Smithwick Creek Section, Dies of Heart Trouble Friday

Mr. George Roberson, of the Smithwick Creek neighborhood, died at his home at 8 o'clock Friday night, after an illness of only half an hour. He had worked on the farm all day, apparently well, dying from some form of heart disease.

Mr. Roberson was nearly 63 years old, and was born, raised, lived, and buried on the same farm. He had never traveled on a train and had never been more than 40 miles from his home.

Though not a farmer on a large scale, it can be said of him that he was one of the best farmers in the county, always raising enough for himself and some to spare. He never suffered himself to be embarrassed by debt, but was careful to provide against the rainy day. Martin County never had a quieter citizen than he, nor one who stuck closer to his own business.

He married Miss Jennie Perry, and she with twelve children, six sons and six daughters, survive. The children are Slade and Dewey Roberson, of Petersburg, Va., Pugh, Irving, Bert Lee, and Elbert Roberson, of Williamston; Mrs. Willie Bryan, of Hobcock; Mrs. Raleigh Lilley, Mrs. J. A. Lilley; Mrs. Will Griffin, Mrs. Henry Williams, and Miss Millie Louisa Roberson, all of Williamston.

They had lost three children by death.

The funeral service was conducted by Elder John N. Rogerson on Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

Former Martin County Resident Visitor Here

Mr. Alonzo Parker, of Norfolk, a former resident of Williamston and Martin County, visited his brother, Mr. W. H. Gurkin, here since Friday.

Mr. Parker, who has been associated with his brother in business in Norfolk, has been in town for some time.

FARMS NOT A LADY

The time is past when complete plumbing systems in the farm home should be considered a luxury. Of all the labor-saving conveniences, the water system should come first and every farm home in North Carolina should have at least a simple pump and sink fixture, say home demonstration workers of State College.

Now is Good Time To Sell Roosters

This is a good time to sell the rooster or remove him from the laying flock so that only infertile eggs may be produced during hot weather, recommends A. G. Oliver, poultry specialist at State College.

Mr. Bill Moye, of Rocky Mount, was a business visitor here yesterday.

School Faculty to Entertain Seniors

The Williamston High School faculty will entertain the seniors of the high school at a reception at the home of Miss Eva Peel tonight.

The colors of the class of 1925 will be used in the decorations. Invitations have been issued to the high school students and a few friends.

New York Attorney Is Visitor in Town

Col. Burton Smith, of New York, visited The Enterprise office Saturday. Colonel Smith, who is a nephew of the late General W. F. Hoke and a cousin of Judge Hoke, is a native North Carolinian, a graduate of the State University, going from North Carolina to Georgia, he practiced law in Atlanta for a time. He was also connected with the Atlanta Journal, owned by his brother, Hoke Smith.

Since locating in New York Colonel Smith has risen to considerable prominence. He is now associated with George Gordon Battle in a suit against the United States for the recovery of \$200,000,000 collected in the years 1866, 1867, and 1868, which it is claimed was collected contrary to law, being levied as a direct tax on property, a right belonging only to States, counties and municipalities.

The amount paid by citizens of North Carolina was about \$2,000,000, and if collected the principal part of it would go to the State, as there are very few persons who can show that they paid these taxes. The records at Washington show the amount collected from each State, but not from individuals.

Judge Francis D. Winston and Captain R. M. Winston have been employed to assist in getting the suit perfected for North Carolina clients.

Beaver Dam Local And Personal News

Mrs. Eli Ray spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. W. H. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Anelic Wynn and family of Wilson spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Raynor.

Messrs. Haywood Rogers and Lester Rogers went to Williamston Saturday on business.

Many of the local people attended the commencement in Everetts Friday night.

Miss Elizabeth Peele has been on the sick list for the past several days.

Mr. Minga Rogers, of Bear Grass, spent Saturday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rogers.

Miss Jessie Peele and Miss Wren Prestwood, and Mr. Bob Green, of Raleigh, spent Sunday with Miss Peele's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Peele.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Raynor, Mr. and Mrs. William Cullipher, and Miss Anna Wynn, of Wilson, attended the show in Williamston Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Chesson, and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cullipher spent the week end with relatives near Greenville.

Everetts to Begin Revival Sunday

The Baptist revival starts at Everetts Sunday, May 24th. Sunday morning services will be held in the church, and Sunday night will be held in the high school auditorium, where all the services will be held, the exception of the first one will be held. In view of the fact that the church is not large enough to comfortably seat the crowds expected the ones in charge of the school building have consented to let the meeting be held there.

The preaching will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. F. A. Burnes, and the music will be directed by Miss Jackie Andrews, of Bethel. These services are to last one hour each night and we are sure everyone will this hour during the meeting and all are invited to attend each and every service.

Strand Theatre

TONIGHT

"DARWIN WAS RIGHT"

5 Reels of Hilarious Comedy

TOMORROW

BUSTER KEATON

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Another Great Comedy

Show Starts 8 P. M.