

WILLIAMSTON SCHOOL NEWS

Many Absences This Week on Account of Sickness; Material Received On Triangular Debate

By CECIL TAYLOR and MARGUERITE COOK

There have been many absences in the school this week. Those who have been at home on account of sickness are as follows:

Annie Nicholson, Bettie Bowen, and Rosalie Hardison, first grade A.; George Lee Roberson, Mary Robertson, Doris Teel, Howard Williams, of the second grade; Carroll Jones and Billie Peace Pope, of the third grade; Grace Taylor Barnhill, Julian Roebuck and Hardy Rose, of the fourth grade; Lina Davenport, of fifth grade; Elizabeth Webb and Susie Barnhill, of the sixth grade; Nellie Teel, of the eighth grade; and Henry Gabe Roberson, of the tenth grade.

Debate Material Received
A letter from Mr. E. R. Rankin, of the extension division of the University of North Carolina, to Mr. J. S. Seymour, announces that the triangular preliminaries all over the State will be held April 2. Each school of the debating union will have two teams. The negative will debate away from home and the affirmative will debate at home. All material for the debate has been received and the debaters are beginning to work.

Prepare For Good Tobacco Crop Now

By J. L. HOLLIDAY
(Farm Demonstrator for Phillips Fertilizer Co., Washington, N. C.)

Good seed of the best varieties are items of extreme importance; soils, location, preparation, and fertilization are in their turn of importance, and now is the time to prepare for profitable tobacco crops this year.

Magnesium Limestone has proven to be one of the best investments in tobacco culture. This limestone lessens disease damage, sweetens the soil, supplies the lime and magnesium deficit so essential to quality crops. Order early and apply in time to receive maximum returns. It is not acres or bulk of tobacco but pounds and quality which counts; hence the need of properly starting the crop.

Poor soils, hillsides, and bleached sandy soils are helped very much by light applications of stable manure, applied now or in the row in late March or early April, the latter application should be applied in the drills one hundred to one hundred and fifty bushels per acre, and thoroughly mixed with the soil in drills. This is a supplement to 700 to 1,000 pounds of real tobacco fertilizer makes the kind and quality of tobacco that all farmers are proud of when they go to market.

Tobacco is one of eastern Carolina's best money crops, and is destined to be for many years, but is as a whole far inferior to what it would be if proper methods were followed. Tobacco, of all crops, is the most delicate, shows greater returns from proper cultural and handling methods, and gives the greatest returns to the farmer who puts quality ahead of everything else.

The tobacco fields should be planned so as to give the nearest perfect drainage. The soil should be given thorough and complete preparation, which should be plowed and replowed and fertilized in time to get a well-settled seed bed before transplanting tobacco in the fields; this with fertilizer of the right quality and quantity applied right, will grow tobacco right and all will be well in the marketing season of 1926.

Born to Dr. and Mrs. H. B. York, a son, today, Friday, January 29.

STRAND THEATRE

USUAL GOOD PROGRAM

TONIGHT AND TOMORROW

2 Shows Tomorrow Night

7:00 and 9:00 P. M.

Youngest Aviator



Photo shows Farnam Parker, thirteen year old pilot of planes and the youngest qualified flier in the world, addressing his radio audience thru the microphone. Don't you envy him, boys?

HONOR ROLL FOR OAK CITY SCHOOL

125 Points Necessary to Get On Roll; Nine Pupils On Roll for the Fall Semester

(Special To The Enterprise)
Oak City, Jan. 28.—The following is the Oak City high school honor roll for the fall semester ending January 15, 1926.

The object of this honor is to keep constantly before the pupils things worth while. To make the honor roll a score of 125 points is necessary. The score is made at the end of each semester and the honor roll read before the school and published in the county paper. The scoring method used is as follows:

Representing society in debate.....	25
Representing society in declamation or recitation.....	15
Making one or more class teams.....	15
Making one or more school teams.....	40
General good behavior.....	50
Two hours per week in library.....	25
Grade of 90 on two subjects.....	20
Average grade of 90 on all subjects.....	50
Not tardy during semester.....	15
Not absent during semester.....	25

Those making 125 points or more for the first semester are: Mildred Davenport, 125; Sara Long Johnson, 155; Pauline Davenport, 135; Willie Johnson, 125; Lillian Haislip, 130; Pauline Johnson, 150; Ollie Marie Roe buck, 125; Ethel Bunting, 135; and Naomi Etheridge, 140.

Several others' score was close, but did not reach the required number of points.

Sandy Ridge Local And Personal News

Mr. Haulsey Hardison left Monday to enlist in the United States Army. Miss Blanche Hopkins visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Moore in Washington this week.

Mr. J. N. Hopkins motored to Washington Tuesday.

Messrs. N. S. Cherry, Frank Hopkins, Percy Cherry, Martin Cherry, Johnnie Hoggard, Joseph Hardison, and Misses Blanche Hopkins, Katie Mae Cherry, and Mrs. Clyde Williams motored to Washington Monday with Mr. Haulsey Hardison.

Allen Feed spent Monday night at home with his mother, Mrs. T. A. Feed.

Miss Caddie Perry spent Monday night with Miss Eula Green.

Mr. Marvin Jones visited Sandy Ridge school Monday.

Mrs. Bettie Green is very sick at her home near O. C. Greens.

Mrs. J. H. Reddick will leave this afternoon for Everett to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ben Reddick.

Mr. Roy Hardy and friend of Greenville visited Mr. W. J. Cherry Wednesday morning.

Miss Beatrice Cherry visited Miss Vida May Roberson Tuesday.

Miss Beatrice Cherry spent Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. W. L. Manning.

J. E. Pope Attending Insurance Meeting
J. E. Pope, local agent for the Missouri State Life Insurance Co., is in Columbia, S. C., this week attending a meeting held in honor of the birthday of the president of the company, Mr. Singleton, of St. Louis.

A big banquet will be given by Marion Rich, general agent of the company for the Carolinas. Mr. Pope will return Sunday evening.

REPRESENTATIVE VISITS HAMILTON

Once Largest Town in Martin County; Still is Big Trading Center for Rich Community

By J. L. JONES

Hamilton, Jan. 28.—Hamilton—a good place for home, an unusually healthy place, with fine water transportation and the prospects of a hard-surface highway. Good opportunities in agriculture and manufacturing enterprises—a surprising and pleasing neighborliness, and a fine spirit among the folks.

In the early days Hamilton was the distributing center of this section and the largest town in Martin County.

A number of years ago Mr. Frank Hitch, a well known capitalist, made a small fortune running a big saw-mill here. This mill at one time turned out over 60,000 feet of lumber a day—a big amount at that time. He built a narrow gauge railroad as far as Tarboro. This road, built for logging purposes, served the people for a time as a means of transportation and helped to stimulate other enterprises. After Mr. Hitch left, however, it was discontinued.

Hamilton was one of the first towns in the State to hold agricultural fairs, with industrial exhibits, races, and carnivals, and now takes a prominent part in the county fair.

It is located on the "Lordly Roanoke," an Indian name meaning muddy water, and is suggestive of the noble Indians who once lived there. The Meherins, the Saponas, and Tuscaroras lived there, but slowly moved westward with the coming of the white race.

Just two miles below Hamilton is the site of Fort Branch on Rainbow Banks on the river. It was built by S. B. Alexander, of Charlotte, during the Civil War. Many battle were fought around here in that war. The famous Confederate ram "Albemarle," which was built at Rainbow Banks in Halifax County, was finished here and received its coat of armor at this place. While the Albemarle patrolled the Roanoke there were no Yankee boats to be seen. However, after the Albemarle was blown up at Plymouth, the Yankee came and plundered and burned Hamilton.

Hamilton is on a high elevation for this section of the country, almost level, is healthy and beautiful, and especially noted for the charming manners of its people.

Several steamers come and go from the docks here. The docking facilities are good, and a new community warehouse company has built a large warehouse on the river.

The Bank of Hamilton was organized in 1907. The bank has had a substantial and remarkable growth. It was organized with a capital of \$5,000, which has been increased to \$10,000 with a surplus of \$9,000.

Cotton, tobacco, corn and peanuts are produced in great abundance in the community around.

The farmers are hard working and progressive and live comfortably. Hamilton has four white churches and two colored, with Sunday school and preaching every Sunday. There are two good live schools, one colored and one white.

The business establishments of the town include a number of grocery stores, one shoe shop, one drug store, several general supply stores, blacksmith shop, barber shop, two filling stations, and a first-class garage.

There are two practicing physicians located here.

The transmission line, now being built, connecting Oak City and Hamilton with Scotland Neck, will give a good power and lighting system at a reasonable rate.

The Hamilton school has grown wondrously in the last few years. In 1922 the attendance was 65; and in 1925 it was 130. The total enrollment now is 160.

The faculty this year is composed of the best set of teachers that the school has ever had. The principal is Prof. J. L. Jones, of Wake Forest. The other teachers in the high school are Miss Cornelia Ayers, of Meredith College, and Miss Poe. All are college trained and well equipped for their work.

The students are about as fine a bunch of boys and girls as you can find anywhere. They are loyal to their work and their teachers.

Miles Wolf Joins Staff Of Charlotte Observer

Mr. Miles Wolf, who taught in the Williamston High School is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dunning. Mr. Wolf has been associated with the Concord Tribune as city editor for two years, but he will leave here Sunday for Charlotte, where he will do work along the same line for the Charlotte Observer.

Charity Committee At Masonic Hall Tuesday

The charity committee of the Woman's Club spends one hour of each week, from 10 to 11 o'clock every Tuesday at the Masonic Hall to answer any call for help from the people of this community. As yet no one has been to see them at their rooms, but they will continue this system, which corresponds to the plan of the associated charities—a place to report any needy cases and a committee to investigate and follow up cases that no needless suffering may be found in our community.

Farmers and Merchants Stockholders in Meeting

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers & Merchants Bank was held at the bank on Wednesday, January 27, at 2 p. m. On call of the roll there were 687 shares represented, this being the largest representation ever had since its organization in 1905.

The president made his report showing the bank to be in good condition. On account of the financial condition of the county the bank did not make any money in the first part of the year. This bank withstood a run on the 2nd day of last March, and has been through many financial strains. Its officers and directors do not hesitate to say it can weather any storm and that their depositors' money is always safe in this institution.

The officers and directors were given a vote of thanks for the splendid way in which they have handled the affairs of the bank during the past twelve months.

Bank Of Oak City Has Good Statement

In a statement of the condition of the Bank of Oak City, published elsewhere in the Enterprise today, the resources and liabilities of this firm are shown to total \$181,871.35.

These figures give an indication of the healthy growth which the bank experienced during the year 1925. In the resources, loans and discounts are shown to be \$104,123.39. The banking house and fixtures are valued at \$16,130.07.

Officers of the bank are H. S. Everett, president; N. M. Worsley, vice president, and B. M. Casper, W. R. Everett, H. S. Everett, S. J. Everett, J. B. Harrell, E. B. Higgs, B. L. Long, N. M. Worsley, J. T. Savage, and B. M. Worsley.

W. J. Hodges Buys M. B. McGowan Store

Last Thursday Mr. W. J. Hodges purchased the grocery business of the M. B. McGowan estate. Mr. Hodges has been managing the store for several years and has influenced its growth from a very small store to one of considerable size. He will continue to employ Mr. W. T. Baker, who has been in the store for several years. Mr. Hodges is one of the city's most experienced grocerymen, having had a store here for several years.

Belhaven Postmaster Removed From Office

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—Gabriel A. Connor, postmaster at Belhaven, N. C., was removed from office under a letter of the post office department issued January 11. Announcement of this effect was made at the department today, after inquiry concerning the report that Connor had resigned. Charges that Connor was short in his accounts with the department were investigated some time ago by postal inspectors and after they had made a report to Washington in the case, the removal of Connor was decided on. The department would not state how much the shortage amounted to, but the matter was of sufficient importance to warrant the removal of the Belhaven postmaster.

W. W. Cuthrell has been appointed acting postmaster at Belhaven in the place of Mr. Connor and has assumed charge of the office.

Mrs. Sallie Taylor, of Robersonville, Dead

Mrs. Sallie Taylor, of Robersonville, died Tuesday and was buried Wednesday at the old home near Oak Grove in Pitt County.

Mrs. Taylor was Miss Sallie Keel before her marriage to the late Henry Taylor.

She leaves three children, Mrs. Ola House, and Carwright and Leonard Taylor.

The funeral was held by Rev. A. J. Manning in the Robersonville Christian Church.

W. I. SKINNER HOST AT OYSTER ROAST

Prominent Tobacconist Entertains Large Number Friends At Redrying Plant Last Night

The oyster roast held last night at the redrying plant here proved to be one of the most enjoyable social events of the season.

W. I. Skinner, who has done so much to give Williamston, its most successful season, acted as host. Mr. Skinner was assisted by Mr. Collins, plant manager, and by Seth Baughm and Frederick Hoyt.

A long table had been constructed especially for the occasion and was covered with oysters, which were roasted and then served while still hot.

The affair was attended by a large number of Williamston people and by a number from out of town. Among those from other places were: F. A. Bendall, of Greenville; C. A. Turnage, of Washington, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lilley, of Jamesville.

Numbers of local people complimented Mr. Skinner for his excellent work here this year. The Williamston market has surpassed all previous records in having over eight million pounds of tobacco sold on the local floors. Mr. Skinner, in running the redrying plant here, is considered as being largely responsible for this increase.

Although Mr. Skinner's home is in Greenville, he has made his home in Williamston during the tobacco season. Miss Willie Skinner, his daughter, has lived here with him.

Other men who have been prominent in the redrying plant's activities this season are Mr. Collins, who has acted in the capacity of plant manager; Seth Baughm, bookkeeper, and Frederick Hoyt, assistant.

Sermon Subjects At The Baptist Church

Sunday morning at the Memorial Baptist Church the pastor will have for his theme, "Jesus, the Supreme Representative of God and Man." At the evening hour, "What Happened When Lot set His Face Toward Sodom."

For the present, it is the policy of the pastor to have one of his Sunday sermons taken from the Scripture which has been covered in the mid-week Bible School. Since so large a portion of the membership has been present at these services, it is thought that they will the better appreciate a subject with which they are familiar.

Last Sunday was the banner day with this church during the new year. The large crowds have been greatly encouraging; and we are doing everything we can to "feed them the living bread" when they come.

When the church bells ring Sunday morning, let us be reminded of the Scripture which says, "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the House of the Lord.'"

First East Carolina Creamery At Benson

February 4th will be a memorable day in Eastern North Carolina's history, when the new creamery will open for business at Benson with pomp and ceremony at 11 o'clock. This will be the first real creamery to be opened in the territory covered by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce. It is but the culmination of a four-year campaign for a better balanced program of diversified farming for this section, which the sectional organization has been working on ever since its creation nearly four years ago. Great credit is due the progressive Kiwanis Club, headed by Dr. A. S. Oliver, of Benson and the progressive business men of that splendid little city in Johnston County for the excellent work that they have done to put this big deal over. It is there with a maximum capacity of 2,000 pounds of butter daily as soon as the supply will be sufficient to run it to its capacity. This is the more significant when it is considered that this—the first creamery—will open in the very heart of the best cotton section of the entire South and in the county that has led North Carolina in production of cotton for the past several years.

B. A. Critcher Moves To Godard Building

B. A. Critcher, prominent local attorney, has moved his office from the Peel Building to the Godard office building. He has the rooms formerly occupied by the Martin County Savings & Trust Co., and they make him very comfortable and commodious offices.

Helen in Paris



Miss Helen Wills, America's tennis queen, is now in Europe to study art, but friends say she will battle Miss Lengien for the world's net crown before returning to her native shores.

WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By C. H. DICKEY
(Pastor Memorial Baptist Church)

Mr. W. C. Manning, editor of the Enterprise, has kindly tendered me space in his paper for short expositions of the Sunday school lessons.

I wish to thank Mr. Manning for this courtesy. In making this arrangement with him, I said at the time that he was offering me the biggest pulpit in Martin County—namely, the many readers of the Enterprise. It is a splendid thing when a newspaper values religion and religious teaching to the extent that it offers its columns for purpose of religious teaching.

In preparing these lessons I shall follow the order of the International lesson studies. I shall attempt to give each week a brief and concise discussion of the lesson. There will not be sufficient space for any lengthy details, neither is that necessary. My purpose will be to find a few of the central teachings of the Scriptures under consideration and to set forth those teachings as forcefully as I can. I shall hope that what I have to say may be a help (1) to the many, many Sunday school teachers over the county of Martin; and (2) that it will assist many people in the weekly preparation of their Sunday school lessons.

To this new and large audience which Mr. Manning has offered me, I want to say that it will give me great pleasure if in any way I can help you, and will greatly increase for good the possibilities of my ministry here in this county.

The first lesson will appear one week from today; and then each week thereafter. There will be no break in the appearance of these articles except in case of sickness, lack of space in the paper, or some unforeseen event.

Methodist Program For Next Week

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.—E. P. Cunningham, superintendent.

Services at Hamilton 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Junior Epworth League, 2:30 p. m.—Miss Emma Robertson, director.

Services at Williams Chapel at 3:00 p. m.

Senior Epworth League, 8:00 p. m. Monday night.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of stewards will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. Every member is requested to be present.

Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:30 p. m.

Dynamite Cap Blows Fingers Off Man's Hand

Mr. Tom Alexander, a young man of Williams Township, had the misfortune of having his fingers on one hand blown off last week by dynamite caps used in stump blowing.

The caps were in an open box and a boy dropped a match among them.

Sunday Services at Episcopal Church

Rev. Clarence O. Pardo, Rector.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Bible class at 9:45 a. m.
Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.
Holy Trinity mission, 3 p. m.
Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.

SALE OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGE TALKED

Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co. Negotiating for Purchase of Local System

It is rumored that the Williamston Telephone Company is negotiating the sale of its exchanges at Williamston and Plymouth, together with its toll lines from Parmele to Williamston, Williamston to Robersonville, Hamilton, and Windsor, to the Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co. The local company will not sell its farmers' and party lines, comprising about 275 telephones and 300 miles of wire.

The Williamston Telephone Co. has operated telephone service in Martin County for more than 25 years, and has built up a bigger rural connection than in any county in the east. This feature of telephone service is the most valuable of all to the small town and rural community.

It is possible that a new company will be incorporated and each telephone subscriber will be permitted to buy stock to the value of his telephone, which will insure the continuance of the party-line service. This would greatly benefit the town, since the most of the business of the merchants and professional men is with the country fellow. It is very important that the rural service be maintained.

The Carolina company is negotiating a merger with the Home Telephone Co., which will make it a very strong company, as each of the companies now have outstanding capital of \$1,000,000.

Mrs. Staton Presented Loving Cup by Church

At the Diocesan convention of the Episcopal Church that was held in Wilmington this week, Mrs. James G. Staton was presented a loving cup in appreciation of her work as president of the woman's auxiliary and parochial societies of the Diocese for 14 years.

Mrs. Staton would not stand for reelection, and Mrs. H. J. MacMillan, of Wilmington, was elected in her stead.

The duties of the president of these church societies are arduous, but no circumstances have arisen in her life since she assumed that office that have caused Mrs. Staton not to do the work effectively. Capable and efficient in all that she does, she has given her best to her church work.

She was appointed a delegate with Mesdames H. J. MacMillan, S. P. Adams and Richard Williams to the provincial synod.

Macedonia Local And Personal News

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Coltrain and children were in Bear Grass Saturday afternoon shopping.

Miss Eliza Revels spent Saturday night with Miss Sarah Hadley.

Messrs. Sidney Beacham and Claude L. Hadley and Misses Carrie and Jesse Jackson attended the show in Washington Saturday night.

Mr. Sidney Beacham called on Miss Almira Roebuck, of Hamilton, Sunday.

Miss Sadie Mae Hadley spent the week end with Miss Martha Bailey.

Mr. Seth Bailey called on Miss Sadie Mae Hadley Sunday.

Little Misses Maude and Mary Frances Hadley and Julia Harrison were in Williamson Saturday afternoon.

The many friends of Miss Carrie Ward are sorry to know that she is very ill, but we all wish for her speedy recovery.

Mr. Gabe Olderson was the guest of Miss Carrie Ward Sunday morning.

Judge Albion Dunn Tenders Resignation

Judge Albion Dunn, of Greenville, has filed his resignation with Governor McLean.

Judge Dunn has only been on the bench for a few months, and has made a good record in the courts he has held.

Two Small Children Have Pneumonia

Susie May and Grace, little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Barnhill, are seriously ill with pneumonia. Their condition this afternoon was little changed from yesterday this time.

Coltrain-Beacham

Miss Mildred Lett and Mr. Robert Coltrain were married Sunday night at the home of the bride. The young people are very popular in their community.