

Williamston Public School's Closing Exercises Will Be Held at City Hall on Friday

Hallet S. Ward, of Washington, To Make Address

The commencement exercises of the Williamston Schools will be held Friday night, at 8.15, in the city hall.

Hon. Hallet S. Ward, of Washington, will make the commencement address to the graduating class.

The graduating class is composed of the following young ladies: Misses Ruth Manning, Lucille Hassell, Mary Melissa Andrews, Marguerite Cooke, Elizabeth Gurganus, and Trulah Ward Page; and two young men, Cecil Grady Taylor and Harry Lewis Barnhill.

Cecil Taylor, having made highest honors in his class, will deliver the valedictorian's remarks, and Lucille Hassell, making second place, will deliver the salutatory address.

Certificates will be presented the members of the seventh grade, who will finish the requirements of the grammar schools, for entrance to the high school next year.

To those who have made records for both attendance or attainments will be given certificates and medals on this occasion.

BAPTIST WOMEN'S MEETING PROGRAM

Mrs. John D. Biggs, of Williamston, To Preside; Interesting Program Is Prepared

The Martin County-Plymouth Division of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Roanoke Association, will hold an all-day session in Robersonville Thursday, beginning at 10:30 a. m., with Mrs. John D. Biggs, of Williamston, president of the division, presiding.

Mrs. V. A. Ward will make the address of welcome and the response will be made by Mrs. W. R. White, of Plymouth. Mrs. R. E. Early, of Oak City, will lead in the devotional.

Mrs. J. H. Roberson, secretary, and Mrs. W. B. White, treasurer, will make their reports, and they will be followed by the society reports.

Mrs. E. P. Beasley, superintendent of the Roanoke Association, and Mrs. L. A. Stroud, of Greenville, will make short addresses.

Mrs. E. W. Mason, of Robersonville, will have a paper, "Maladies of and Remedies for Missionary Societies."

Mrs. V. G. Taylor, leader of the junior department, will preside at the afternoon session. Miss Christine Taylor will make welcome the young people; Miss Virginia Harrison will respond, and Miss Ethel Cherry will lead the devotional.

Mrs. Yokely, of Oak City, will speak on "The Importance of Missions to Youth." The Everetts B. Y. P. U. will give a playlet and the regular business attended to and election of officers made.

Special music will be rendered during the session by Miss Irene Bellamy of Hamilton, Miss Mary Adkins, and Mesdames Bailey & Keel, of Robersonville.

Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, Mrs. S. R. Biggs, Jr., Mrs. F. W. Hoyt, and Mrs. J. H. Saunders will attend a group meeting of ladies of the Episcopal Church in Columbia tomorrow.

STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY

BOB CUSTER in "Galloping Vengeance" and "Poor Butterfly" A Mermaid Comedy

Show Begins 7.30 TWO SHOWS



Robert R. ("Bob") Reynolds

Candidate for U. S. Senate Democratic Primary June 5 Who Will Speak at Hamilton School Saturday Night, May 15

BOY SCOUTS COME TO FRONT AGAIN

Success of Distribution of Flowers on Mother's Day Due Entirely to Local Scout Troop

The Williamston Boy Scouts are responsible for the success of the Mother's Day flower program as it was carried out Sunday. There were very few individuals of either sex to be found in the town without either a white or red rose Sunday, and all these flowers had been solicited by the Scouts and distributed by them at the several flower stations provided for the purpose.

Junior-Senior Banquet Held Last Tuesday

The junior class of the Williamston High School entertained the 1926 senior class with a three-course banquet at the Atlantic Hotel Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

The guests of honor besides the senior class were Prof. and Mrs. J. S. Seymour, Mrs. W. H. Harrell, Miss Orene Hollowell, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., and Mr. S. A. Bowden.

The members of the junior class present were Misses Sophia Little, Carmel Jones, Martha Leggett, Melba Wynne, Susie James, Lettie Jones, Mary Harris, Dorothy Throver, and Mattie Lou Rogerson, and Eli Barnhill, William Thomas Crawford, Bruce Whitley, Charles Peel, John Wadsworth, and Henry Manning.

Mrs. John D. Biggs returned Saturday from Asheville, where she attended the state convention of the Federated Woman's Clubs.

Messrs. Ell and Roy Gurganus spent yesterday in Tarboro.

Messrs. Harold and Joe Everett and Johnny Philpot spent Sunday in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Horton motored to Goldsboro Sunday.

Mrs. J. P. Boyle, of Hamilton, was in town yesterday morning.

IMPORTANT TO EX-SERVICE MEN

Secretary of Local Legion Post Writes of Importance of Reinstating War Insurance

I wish to call the attention of every ex-service man of Martin County who has dropped his war-time insurance to the necessity of having that insurance reinstated.

It is estimated that about three million of the soldiers and sailors of the world war have discontinued their Government insurance, and a large number of them do not know that it can be reinstated without paying all past due premiums. As a matter of fact, we can have our war-time insurance reinstated in multiples of \$500 not less than \$1,000, and not more than \$10,000 and converted into one of six standard forms of United States Government insurance policies by submitting a report of a physical examination, together with a remittance covering one monthly premium at the time rate, and a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual premium at the converted rate or the amount of insurance to be converted.

It is generally admitted that the government insurance is cheaper than like insurance sold by insurance companies. There are no profits made, and the government pays the entire cost of administration. The premiums are based on the disbursements by reasons of disability and death claims. If there is more money paid in for premiums than is necessary to take care of the claims as above, stated, it is returned in dividends. The schedule for dividends payable on government converted policies for the year 1926 indicate an average of approximately \$1.75 per thousand.

Below I am quoting a resolution adopted by the executive committee of the association of life insurance on March 6th, 1926:

"Resolved, That the association of life-insurance president, in annual convention assembled, hereby expresses its opinion that it is to the advantage of every soldier and sailor to continue to keep in force such insurance as he may have effected under the Federal war risk insurance act, and hereby request all life-insurance companies to impress upon all members of their home offices and agency organizations to do everything in their power to urge such soldiers and sailors to continue their government life insurance and recommend to them that they convert such temporary government insurance at the earliest possible opportunity into one of the permanent plans provided for by the war risk insurance act."

Bear in mind that your insurance must be reinstated and converted on or before July 2, 1926. After that date you will be forever barred. Any attorney of this post will be glad to explain government insurance to you and to prepare your application for reinstatement without any charges whatever. The physicians of this post will also be only too glad to give you the necessary physical examination entirely free. If you are not fully satisfied that it is to your interest to avail yourself of the advantages the government offers you in the privilege of reinstating your war-time insurance, be sure to make a thorough investigation of it as soon as you possibly can. It is my opinion that a few hours spent in investigating this matter would never be regretted.

Don't forget that the date for reinstating expires July 2. Make it a point to see all the ex-service men in your community and urge them to renew their government insurance. Talk about it at your chamber of commerce meeting, at your lodge, and at your men's Bible class. It is important.

R. L. COBURN, Vice Commander. John W. Hassell Post, American Legion.

Juniors To Present School Bible and Flag

The Williamston Council, No. 22 Junior Order United American Mechanics, will hold a meeting at the graded school building Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Hon. Lyn Bond, of Tarboro, will make an address in which he will give the ideals and works of the order.

Not only the school but everyone is invited to attend the service. Mr. Bond, who is the youngest son of Judge W. M. Bond, is a very able speaker.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MONDAY

Registration To Be Made on Thursday and Friday of This Week; Age Limits Announced

Miss Emma Robertson, principal of Williamston's first Daily Vacation Bible School announces that the school will open its first session Monday morning, May 17, at 9 o'clock.

The Board of Education has been asked for permission to use the public school building, and it is expected that the sessions will be held there.

Miss Robertson will be at the school building Thursday and Friday mornings of this week, from 9 to 11 o'clock, for the purpose of enrolling the pupils. It is important that all pupils be enrolled during these two days.

It has been thought necessary to have a definite age limit, which is as follows: All children who were five years old on January 1 up to those who have completed the sixth grade in the public school will be admitted. It is hoped that next year pupils more advanced may be admitted.

There will be three departments in the school, each department having its own superintendent and teachers.

Miss Robertson has just returned from New Bern, where she had a conference with a Daily Vacation Bible School specialist, and she is very enthusiastic about the school.

Since this effort is being made in behalf of the children of our town, it is expected that it will have most loyal support from all quarters.

Friday afternoon of this week will be "Promotion Day" for the school. And at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon all those who have enrolled in the school are invited to be at the public school, from which place they will be taken for a joy ride and advertising parade.

The citizens of the community who are interested are invited to be there with their cars to take the kiddies on their ride. Those bringing cars will be needed not more than one hour.

COMMENCEMENT AT HAMILTON SCHOOL

Begins Thursday Night; Bob Reynolds To Make Address Saturday Night

The commencement of the grammar and high school grades of Hamilton will begin Thursday night and continue through Monday night, May 17.

The program is as follows: Thursday night: Recitation contest and commencement address by Prof. R. G. Fitzgerald, superintendent of schools of Pitt County.

Friday night: Entertainment by the elementary grades. Saturday night: "Bob" Reynolds, of Asheville, will make an address.

Monday night: Play, "My Irish Rose," to be presented by the high school.

The faculty have endeavored to make each event interesting and have provided for two able speakers.

"Bob" Reynolds, of Asheville, who is a candidate for the United States Senate in opposition to Senator Overman, is gaining a state-wide reputation for his genial disposition and striking personality.

Every one is cordially invited to attend these exercises.

Special Service At Episcopal Church

On Thursday morning, May 13th, there will be a special service, consisting of a celebration of the Blessed Sacrament of the Holy Communion and address by the rector at the Church of the Advent.

Thursday is Ascension Day. That is the day set apart from the other days in the year to commemorate the glorious ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the third great day of the church year. The first being Christmas, the next Easter, and then the crowning glory, Ascension.

All communicants are expected to attend, and all others are cordially invited to be present. The hour for the service is 10.30.

Philathea Meeting At Mrs. Martin's

Mrs. Lina Martin entertained the Philathea class of the Baptist Church last Friday evening at her home on Main Street.

After the roll call and reading of minutes Mrs. Lee Brewer gave a very interesting talk of the Baraca-Phathea convention, which she attended at Salisbury in April. She told about the most important meetings and speakers of the convention.

At the conclusion of the business hour Mrs. Oscar Anderson and Miss Carrie Dell White served delicious ice cream and cake.—Reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heydenreich returned Sunday afternoon to Elizabeth City with Mr. Sebastian Macon, who had been in the city visiting friends.

TWO CLINICS TO BE HELD NEAR HERE

Both Are to Treat Crippled Children; One at Greenville May 20; Other at Plymouth May 21

"Any crippled children of sound mind from Bertie and Martin Counties may be examined at two free clinics to be held one on Thursday, May 20, at Greenville, and the second on Friday, May 21, at Plymouth.

These clinics are for the purpose of examining crippled children and are held under the joint direction of the State Orthopedic Hospital, at Gastonia, and the Children's Bureau of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare. Many eastern counties have been asked to send their crippled children for examination, and children from Bertie and Martin may be examined at either.

Mr. K. T. Futrell, superintendent of public welfare in Pitt County, will be in charge of the clinic at Greenville on May 20, and Mr. John W. Darden, superintendent of schools and superintendent of welfare in Washington County, will be in charge of the clinic at Plymouth on May 21.

Dr. Oscar L. Miller, chief surgeon of the State Orthopedic Hospital, will examine those brought in to the clinics in order to determine whether or not they may be helped by free treatment at that hospital, which treats children under sixteen. The new negro ward, given by Mr. B. N. Duke, will care for negro crippled children. No treatment will be given at the clinics, since they are for examination only, and any who can be helped by treatment and are eligible will be placed on the waiting list.

Notices have been sent out asking those who have already received treatment to report for reexamination. Dr. Hugh Thompson, orthopedic surgeon, of Raleigh, will assist in making the examinations. Miss Emeth Tuttle, head of the children's bureau of the State board of charities and public welfare, will direct the making of case histories. In both Greenville and Plymouth, various community organizations are helping the superintendents of welfare in arranging for the comfort of those who come in from the surrounding counties for the clinic.

Will Rogers on Farm Problems

Says The Farmer Can't Stand Much More Help Like That He Has Been Getting

Will Rogers, national humorist, in one of his recent Bull Durham "ads," had the following to say about the help the farmer is getting from Congress (there is so much truth and so little "ad" in the article that we are giving it front-page space):

Congress say they are helping the Farmer. They are in Washington ON salary. He is home trying to pay it. Farmers have had more advice and less relief than a wayward son. If advice sold for 10 cents a column, Farmers would be richer than bootleggers.

And when they get all through advising, there is just one thing will help the Farmers. That is eliminate some of the middlemen and let the two ends meet. The Consumer and the Producer are two men in America that have never even seen each other. Cut out the middle and tie the two ends together.

When a steer starts from the feed pen to the table, there is about 10 to take a bite out of him before he reaches the family that pay for him.

Who wears the best clothes of drives the best car, the fellow who raises a bushel of wheat, or the work fellow who goes up to buy a sack of flour? Why, neither one of them. The ones in between these have their private Tailor and "Straight Eight's."

The Government just told Agriculture, "You are in a hole." They didn't offer to pull them out, but they did say, "We will get down in there with you."

I want to tell you right here, I don't know what would have happened to the poor farmer if it had not been for his old friend, "Bull" Durham. It's the only thing he has been absolutely able to rely on. And I want him to know that myself and "Bull" Durham are with him right to the poorhouse door.

Miss Warren Leaves Washington Daily

Miss Elizabeth Warren, who has been city editor and advertising manager of the Washington Daily News for the past seven months, has resigned her position, to take effect on Saturday.

Miss Warren is recognized as one of the most capable newspaperwomen of eastern Carolina and has many friends throughout the State. She has accepted a position in the sales department of the Susman Motor Co. Friends of Miss Warren in Williamston will be interested to learn of her change and wish her much success in her new position.

Mike-Sumara

Joe Mike and Mrs. R. Sumara were quietly married at Washington last week by Father Sweeney, of the Catholic Church. Mrs. Sumara has been engaged in the mercantile business here for some time, and Joe Mike has been engaged as head clerk for several months.

Mrs. C. D. Anderson and little daughter, Betsy Jean, of Tarboro, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Britt.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ruffin and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Britt.

Messrs. Carr and Jones, of the Carolina Telephone Co., of Charlotte, and Mr. S. H. Mullin, of Rocky Mount, were in town Sunday.

HISTORY IN CAKE



This replica of historic Independence Hall in Philadelphia is a fine example of the baker's art. It was made by the chef of one of Philadelphia's leading hotels to advertise the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition, which will open in that city June 1 and run to December 1 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of American independence. The "State House" stands on a table at the entrance to the main dining room of the hotel.

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Seniors Hear Sermon At Baptist Church

Sunday night the class of '26 of the Williamston High School went to the Memorial Baptist Church, where the pastor, Rev. C. H. Dickey, delivered the commencement sermon.

The subject presented was "The Fixed Heart." The preacher suggested three points of fundamental importance on which the heart should be fixed early in life—the abiding reality of God; on the ultimate supremacy of righteousness; and on the idea that character constitutes the greatest good in life.

A splendid audience was present. The church and its pastor was very happy to be host to the class, their teachers, parents, and friends.

Missionary Society Meeting Yesterday

The Christian Missionary Society was entertained Monday afternoon by Miss Eva Peel at the home of her parents on Houghton Street. A Mother's Day program was enjoyed after which the hostess served sandwiches and fruit punch to her guests.

BANKERS HONOR FORMER CITIZENS

Frank Fagan, Now of Rocky Mount, Elected President; W. H. Woolard On Executive Committee

Martin County people stood well at the bankers convention at Durham last week. Frank F. Fagan, formerly of Martin County, and for several years cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, of Williamston, was elected president of the State association. Mr. Fagan is now president of the National Bank of Rocky Mount.

Mr. W. H. Woolard, of the Greenville Banking & Trust Co., a native of Martin County, was elected a member of the executive committee.

General approval of a service charge for handling small and unprofitable accounts was given by the bankers, although no definite action was taken, except that a series of advertisements, leading toward putting on a service charge, may be furnished all member banks, and they, if they desire, may run them in their local papers. A report of investigation showed that about 80 per cent of the depositors in 126 banks in 60 counties had less than \$200 balance in the banks and that their deposits totaled less than 5 per cent of the total deposits of the banks. The argument was advanced that handling these small accounts costs more than they amount to for the bankers. Half a dozen or more towns and cities in the State have put on a service charge, it was reported.

The resolutions committee's report included recommendation that the North Carolina Corporation Commission name and have charge of receivers of defunct banks, instead of judges of superior court. This would give continuing supervision and possibly better men as receivers. Legislative action would be required.

W. L. Barnhardt, vice president of the National Surety Co., New York, told of methods used by crooks to raise, alter, and print checks to defraud, and Leroy A. Mershon, secretary of the trust company section of the American Bankers Association, explained the operation and responsibilities of a trust company.

The largest ever to attend one of the conventions registered, reaching about 535. Several bankers from all over the country who attended the meeting of the executive council of the American Bankers Association in Pinehurst the first half of the week, stopped in Durham for the State meeting for a day.

Anderson-Crawford Stock Sold Today

The stock of merchandise of Anderson, Crawford & Co., was sold today at auction. The undertaking materials, including coffins and caskets, were sold to P. S. B. Harper, of Kinston, and brought about \$635, which was about 50 per cent of the cost.

All the other merchandise was sold for \$4,250, to S. Brill, of Norfolk, bringing the aggregate to \$4,885. The stock inventoried about \$15,000.

The sale, which brought about 33 cents on the dollar, was considered a fair price by most merchants who are acquainted with mercantile stocks.

It is not known at present whether the stock will be sold here at retail or removed in bulk.

Well-Known Doctor Dies At Hookerton

Dr. G. C. Edwards, 68, died at his home in Hookerton Friday night about 12 o'clock, after an illness of about three months. Dr. Edwards had practiced medicine in the vicinity of Hookerton for 45 years. He was a member of the Masonic Order. He graduated from old Trinity College, and studied medicine for a while in New York. He is survived by two brothers, H. C. and J. A. Edwards, of Kinston, and six children, Rev. G. L. Edwards, Methodist minister of A-hoskie; Mrs. Stephen M. Broderick, of South Ben, Ind.; Mrs. Henry Tyson, Farmville; and Herman, Alonzo, and Christine, all of Hookerton. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Harrison, pastor of the Hookerton Methodist Church, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and interment was made in the family burying ground.

Johnson-Jones

Miss Rita Norton and Mr. L. B. Wynne, of this city, and Miss Ernestine Johnson, of Robersonville, witnessed a marriage ceremony which took place at the Baptist pastorial late Saturday afternoon when Rev. C. H. Dickey united in marriage Miss Lela Mae Jones, of New Bern, to Mr. Paul Johnson, of Martin County.

The parties drove here from Robersonville, and returned after the ceremony. Miss Jones is twenty, and Mr. Johnson twenty-one. The ceremony was very simple and only the three witnesses present.