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SCHOOL ENDS MOST SUCCESSFUL TERM

Closing Exercises Held at City Hall Last Friday Night; Judge Winston Makes Address

At the city hall last Friday night the closing exercises for the 1926 term of the Williamston high school were held. Prof. J. S. Seymour was master of ceremonies, and Judge Francis D. Winston, of Windsor, made the address to the graduating class and their friends.

Cecil Taylor was valedictorian for the class of 1926 and he made a few appropriate remarks closing the chapter of their high-school days. Lucile Hassell, the youngest member of her class and probably the youngest graduate from the Williamston High School salutatorian for her class, made an address of welcome to their friends.

The fifth grade B went the cup for having made the most points in a contest for taking care of school room and school grounds. Miss Mary Grady Gurkin made a little speech of acceptance which attracted the admiration of all who heard her.

The seventh grade was presented a cup by the athletic associaton for having the most pupils out to all athletic practices.

Professor Seymour presented certificates of entrance to high school to 19 young people who have finished the elementary work. Certificates of attendance and attainment were given to a number of pupils. The number of children who received these certificates indicate in a measure the high morale of the school which Professor Seymour assisted by Mrs. Harrell and his able corps of teachers have been able to maintain. Two pupils from the second grade, Grace Manning and Billy Griffin, received honorable mention for having been on the honor roll for two years, the length of their school days. To make the honor roll these little folks had to have perfect attendance, do creditable work, and maintain a high standard of behavior. Another noteworthy instance was three certificates going into one home; every child in school from the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Holloman received a certificate, two for attendance and one for attainment.

Mr. Seymour introduced Judge Winston in a few appropriate words.

Judge Winston's subject might have been called "Proper Mixture." He said there is nothing new in the world. We have the same earth and skies that Adam saw in the first dawn of the age; the same wind and water; yet they have undergone many changes and gone through many forms of development.

The mixture of materials changes mountains into monuments. The mixture of mind and matter transforms man from the helpless stage to the helpful stage in life. That as the bringing together the materials of the earth and making proper mixtures form statues of liberty, so when flesh, blood, and brain are developed then we have the duly proportioned man or woman.

The speech was perhaps not quite up to the judge's old-time standard for entertainment and fun, but it was loaded down with good advice and great truths and was much enjoyed.

John W. Green To Go In Grocery Business Here

John W. Green, one of the most prominent young farmers of this county, has bought the grocery business formerly run by John A. Manning, and is now enlarging his stock and preparing to give the public of Williamston another up-to-date grocery. Mr. Green is very popular here and throughout the county and will give the people the service that they expect of him.

Mr. Green is a capable business man and thoroughly courteous gentleman, and Williamston welcomes him.

STRAND THEATRE

TUESDAY

JAMES OLIVER CURWOOD'S Latest Novel

"THE ANCIENT HIGHWAY"

with

Jack Holt, Billie Dove, Montague Love

A PARAMOUNT PICTURE

SONG LEADER AT METHODIST REVIVAL

Mr. J. C. Coston, of Hendersonville, whose photograph appears above, will be the song leader at the Methodist church in a special evangelistic meeting, beginning Sunday, May 23, and running through the first Sunday in June.

Mr. Coston is well known in this section of North Carolina, having led the song service for special protracted services at Williamston, Hamilton, Robersonville, and Plymouth. Martin County has been blessed in a special way by the services of this gifted gospel singer. Those who know him are glad to see him return to the county, and everybody is invited to hear him at the Methodist Church.

BEGIN IMPROVING TELEPHONE LINES

Carolina Telephone Co. Has Built Double Circuit to Tarboro; Plan Rebuilding of Switchboard

The Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co., which bought the switchboards and toll lines of the Willamston Telephone Co., and has operated them since March 1, are rebuilding the toll lines.

They have already built a new pole line from Tarboro to Williamston and installed two copper circuits and have so built it that they can transpose it into a phantom group at any time, forming another circuit, which will make three first-class long distance lines from Williamston to all points to the north, south and west.

They are now building a new pole line to Plymouth, which will be equipped with a good copper line. They are also building two copper circuits to Windsor, Aulander, Ahoskie, Winton, Roduca, and Gatesville.

The company is using the best materials known. Mountain locust poles, creosoted pine cross arms, and hard-drawn copper wire. No one can tell the life of such a line, yet there is no doubt but that it will be in perfect order a quarter of a century from now, with a probability that it will be standing and doing good service 50 years hence, unless the traffic grows to such an extent that it will have to be rebuilt to stand an increased wire load.

The Norfolk & Carolina Co., will run a line from Edenton to Windsor, over the new bridge, where they will connect with the Carolina company.

The local company is also planning to rebuild the Williamston exchange immediately.

The new Carolina company grew out of the old Carolina company and the Home Telephone & Telegraph Co., which was partly owned by the Southern Bell Co. which is a subsidiary of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., which owns the Southern Bell stock and while the new Carolina company is a $2,000,000 corporation, owning some 40 exchanges in eastern Carolina, extending from Fayetteville to Winton, and from Oxford to Morehead City, it is a part of the great American company, which owns one-fourth of the Carolina stock, and is one of the world's greatest corporations, with property assets of more than a billion and a half dollars.

With the most modern lines known to the telephone world and the outside affiliation with the American company this section of the State will have telephone service second to no place on earth.

Greenville Girl In Jefferson Election

Miss Hernie E. Long, of Greenville, has been nominated a candidate in the Thomas Jefferson Centennial Election. She is the only candidate nominated up to date in this immediate section, and as there is no local candidate the people of Martin County who donate to the memorial fund will probably want to give their support to Miss Long.

To do this the contributions should be deposited in the National Bank of Greenville on or before June 18th.

Woman's Club To Meet Wednesday

The regular meeting of of the Woman's Club wil be held ext Wednesday. The president, s. Biggs, and Mrs. Wheeler Ma r, jr., have recently returned f the State convention and will h reports that will be of interest to all the members and a good attendance is expected.

Vacation Bible School Is Doing a Great Work

The vacation Bible school now going on in our town closes its first week today. Those who have observed the working of the school are delighted.

There are more than a dozen women and a few men of the town who have laid aside their own work for the time and are putting their very best efforts to promote the good of the town—not the streets, trees, houses, and churches, but better, the children of the town—that upon which all other things are based.

We will have a good town or a bad town, according to the training we give the children. More than 160 are attending this Bible School.

The question of cost, so far as all work goes, is nothing. All the workers give their time free. Some small items of equipment and a number of books necessary are the only cost, and will be provided for by free-will contributions.

If every citizen in town—with or without children—could find time to attend and see the good work, there would be no trouble to get a small contribution from every person in town.

2,790 Pounds Poultry Loaded Yesterday

2,790 pounds of chickens were loaded and sent away from Williamston yesterday. The amount paid for them was $691, so County Agent T. B. Brandon reported to us today. There were few young chickens sold, most of them being old ones, and were sold by people who are culling their flocks.

Confirmation Class Meeting Thursday

Members of the confirmation class of the Church of the Advent met on Thursday night in the rectory for the instruction period. Mr. Pardo wishes to announce that the class will meet each Tuesday and Thursday night, at 7.45 until further notice.

Sunday Services At Riddicks Grove

There will be services at Riddicks Grove Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Christian Church Services Sunday

Sunday school, 9.45 a. m.

Morning service, 11 a. m.

There will be no evening service, but the pastor asks that members unite in the service at the Methodist church, where a revival begins.

WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

May 23.—"Isaac and His Wells." —Gen. 26:12-25.

By C. H. DICKEY

The scene opens with Isaac, Abraham's son, moving about over the territory which his celebrated father once occupied.

Isaac is rich and prosperous. So many of the men of God are wealthy in the Scriptures: Abraham, Isaac, David, Solomon, and others. There is nothing wrong with this. In the olden days it was looked upon as being a special token of God's favor to one who was blessed with earthly goods. And to be sure, if one faithfully practices the precepts of the Scriptures, it does tend to plenty. Frugality, economy, truthfulness, integrity, honesty, and consideration for others does not bring evil in its train, but rather good.

There can be no inherent wrong in wealth. It may be gotten wrongly, it may be hoarded on account of wrong motives; it may be spent unwisely; but in the having of wealth there is no dishonor, although Andrew Carnegie said it was a crime to die rich and proceeded to give away the bulk of his fortune before he died. And there never was a time when rich men were giving so liberally. They are feel that while the world about them is suffering in ignorance, sickness and pain that it is not human to hoard eternally. So, they are giving in large terms for humanitarian and religious purposes. Think of what Carnegie, Rockefeller, Welch, Hershey, Duke, and others have been doing in recent years.

Then Isaac appears as a peaceful man. The Philistines pressed him for the first wells he dug and for the second. He gave way to them and went on to dig other wells. To some, this may seem cowardly in Isaac. But he seems to have imbibed a good deal from the great old man who was his father. Abraham one time said, "We be brethren," and "Let there be no strife between thee and me." And, after all, isn't this better? It is not cowardly to honorably avoid a fuss and probable trouble. Rather than contend with his opponents, he went on to other wells. And he found other wells. God does not leave a man by himself when he is trying to do right.

The wells which Isaac finally found and kept were the old wells which Abraham had used. Years before Abraham had dug and used them. But after his death, enemies had filled them up with stones and earth. Now, Isaac finds them and opens them and drinks from them and waters his flock and lives by them.

"Old wells," how much that suggests to us. Isaac found that the old wells were better. Perhaps it is true that what is old is generally better. The preacher suggested that there was nothing new, anyway, under the sun. Science has flooded the world with its hosts of new inventions and discoveries, and we have been blessed greatly. But if we had to make a choice between what is new in the world and what is old possibly we would all choose the old.

Water was the first drink and is still the best. Prayer has always been employed in religion, and we could not discard it. Hope, faith, and charity are as old as the hills. Old friends, old books, these we would not relinquish.

It is a rare gift to be able to sift the world and to take from it what is good and to leave alone what is less worth while.

Isaac stood by the old wells of his father. We shall always find, I think, that the old verities in religion are the best—faith, hope, love, prayer—these can never be superseded. This is not discountenancing whatever of good may be found among the new. But it is calling attention to the fact that some things are as old as the sun; and that when the stars turn pale and die out in the sky these qualities and virtues will shine as the stars for ever and ever.

Robersonville Pastor At Baptist Church

Sunday morning Rev. Mason, of Robersonville, will exchange pulpits with Rev. C. H. Dickey, pastor of the local Baptist church.

The people will be please with this opportunity of hearing Mr. Mason for he has spoken here before and has many friends.

It is hoped that the people will give Mr. Mason a splendid audience Sunday morning.

There will be no service at the Baptist Church Sunday night, on account of the revival which begins at the Methodist Church. It is the desire of the pastor that the people of his church give loyal support and cooperation to the Methodists as they begin their evangelistic campaign. When our own meeting was in progress, a very great number of them were with us. We want to do as much for them.

Preparing for Children's Clinic Here Next Week

Miss Genevieve Sykes is busy putting the upper rooms of the old Peoples Bank Building in order for a hospital to be used next week when hundreds of children will be operated on, principally for removal of tonsils and adenoids.

Dr. Carter, of Washington, will be surgeon in charge, and several doctors and nurses from the State Board of Health will be in attendance.

The building will be converted into a fully equipped hospital for treating the diseases mentioned. Miss Sykes says she has received many applications.

RED CROSS HOLDS DISTRICT MEETING

Representatives From All Over East Carolina at Windsor Meeting Wednesday

The regional meeting of the Red Cross Society, which was held in Windsor Wednesday, was a great success. There were representatives from chapters all over eastern Carolina.

Dr. J. D. Biggs, chairman of the Martin County chapter, and Mrs. Biggs represented the chapter at the meeting Wednesday.

The Robersonville chapter was one of the best-represented societies present and made one of the best reports heard.

Hon. Francis D. Winston presided over the morning session, at which time Mr. Pepper, from Red Cross headquarters at Washington, D. C., made an interesting and instructive speech.

Dr. John D. Biggs presided over the afternoon session. The reports were heard. Miss Marion Crawford, of Greensboro, talked on the children's work, and Miss Perry told of the work done by a junior Red Cross chapter in Northampton County.

The meeting was enjoyable from start to finish. The visitors especially enjoyed the whole-souled hospitality of their hosts and hostesses. A delicious lunch was served at the noon hour.

Editor Not Candidate For Coroner of Halifax

We gladly accept the apology and freely forgive our neighboring friend and contemporary, the Scotland Neck Commonwealth for its error in announcing the name of the editor of this paper as a candidate for the office of coroner of Halifax County.

No, thank you, we are not a candidate for coroner of Halifax nor any other county at this writing. We don't crave the job; and, being a newspaper man, of course we do not need the money.

Of course, a few of our subscribers are almost as slow as death, yet we have no desire to force them into an inquest.

We thank you, Brother Smith, for pulling our name from the masthead of the coroner's column.

Intermediate Epworth League Is Organized

The intermediate Epworth League was organized Wednesday night, May 19. The following officers were elected:

President: Mary Carstarphen.
Vice president: Julia Ward.
Secretary: Johnnie Edmondson.
Treasurer: Margaret Britton.
Epworthian agent: Mary Alice Dunning.
Departmental superintendents:
No. 1. Margaret Rogerson.
No. 2: Grace Whitley.
No. 3. Hibble Liverman.
No. 4. Dillon Cobb.

Meetings will be held every Wednesday night from 7:25 to 7:50

Head-On Collision Near Jamesville Wednesday

Rev. Wicker, of Tarboro, while driving to Plymouth Wednesday afternoon, ran head-on into the Chevrolet roadster of Mr. W. H. Hines, also of Tarboro, district manager of the Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co., damaging both cars considerably, although neither of the drivers were hurt.

Mr. Hines was on his way to Williamston from Plymouth. Rev. Wicker was about 3 miles below Jamesville when he met a car. As he passed by he swung too far to the left and ran head-on into the Hein's car, which was following, and turned it over.

From the appearances of the wreck each of the drivers owe much to good fortune that they were not seriously injured as well as damaging their cars.

Cutting across a road when the dust is so thick that you can not see is a very langerous thing.

County's Candidate For Representative

We present the above picture of Mr. Alphonso Everett, of Palmyra, who is a candidate for representative to the General Assembly of North Carolina from Martin County.

Mr. Everett is not a politician. He is a farmer, both by nature and adoption, and has proven himself one of Martin County's most successful farmers. He both lives on the farm and works on the farm.

He is a Democrat by preference and also by inheritance, being the son of the late Justis Everett, who was a Democrat of the old school.

Mr. Everett is a graduate of the State University and while he has not been engaged in political affairs he has kept in close touch with the affairs of the State and knows the need of the country. He stands for the State's progress in education, good roads and other kindred movements, administered on lines of rigid economy.

Mr. Everett is the only candidate for this office so far to file for the position with the county board of elections.

New Officers Elected For Epworth League

The Epworth League held its regular meeting Monday night. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

President: Martha Leggett.
Vice president: Mrs. W. H. Booker
Secretary: Martha L. Rogerson.
Corresponding secretary: Hazel Edmondson.
Treasurer: Alpha Webb.
Era Agent: Sue Leggett.
Departmental superintendent, as follows:
No. 1: Mary Harrison.
No. 2. Daisy Whitley.
No. 3. Mrs. J. W. Watts, jr.
No. 4. James H. Ward.
Junior superintendent: Miss Emma Robertson
Press agent: Marvin Britton.

Closing Exercises Program at A. C. C.

The program for the commencement exercises of Atlantic Christian College was received yesterday. There are quite a number of alumni of this institution in this county who usually attend these exercises.

The program follows:

Saturday, May 22, 8.15 p. m.—Literary society program.

Sunday, May 23, 11 a. m.—Baccalaureate sermon, President Howard S. Hilley.

Sunday, May 23, 6 p. m.—Y. W. C. A. vesper service.

Monday, May 24, 10.30 a. m.—Class day exercises.

Monday, May 24, 3 p. m.—General meeting of alumni.

Monday, May 24, 8.15 p. m.—Program department of music.

Tuesday, May 25, 10.30 a. m.—College commencement.

Address by Dr. E. D. Soper, Duke University, Durham, N. C.

Tuesday, May 25, 1 p. m.—Alumni banquet.

Tobacco Growers Face The Facts

At the annual meeting of the members of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association in Raleigh on May 18, the election of all but two directors of the Tri-State association were confirmed by the membership.

President Norwood of the association reported that the association had not had a successful year, that it had been obliged to release all of its field-service workers, district and local graders and all local warehouses and was selling and leasing some of its properties.

Neither the board of directors nor the members in session at Raleigh this week took any active step for or against the receiving of tobacco by the association during the season of 1926, but it was stated that this will be referred to the new board for their decision at their first official meeting on June 1.

LOCAL BOY 12th IN FRENCH CONTEST

Gives High Rating to French Department of Williamston School; 1,412 Contestants

Under the direction of the extension division of the University, on April 29 a State-wide examination was given to 1,412 high-school pupils, representing 68 schools. From the examination papers submitted the three best in each school were selected and sent to the judges at Chapel Hill for rating. Cecil Taylor, of the Williamston High School, had the twelfth best paper in the State.

Cecil graduated from the high school this year and was valedictorian of his class. He has not only made first honors in his class work but in deportment and every phase of school life. He has been a fine all-round student.

Among the highest 25 papers only two came from towns smaller than Williamston, which proves the efficiency of our French department under Mrs. W. H. Harrell.

Pupils from the Williamston school have also stood high in French in entering some of our State colleges recently.

The towns which produced the 25 best papers, in order, were Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Wilmington, Asheville, Greenville, Statesville, Graham, Greenville, Wilmington, Raleigh, Lumberton, Williamston, Winston-Salem, Lillington, Charlotte, Statesville, Asheville, Rockingham, Henderson, Wilmington, East Durham, Charlotte, Greenville, Rockingham, and Reidsville.

It will be noted that both Greenville and Wilmington schools had three papers in the 25 best, while Rockingham, Asheville, Statesville, and Raleigh each furnished two, which reflects the good work of the French departments in these schools.

One thing which at some time in the distant past would have been a surprise, but which is now the usual thing, was the fact that among the 25 leaders 5 of them were by boys, while 20 were by girls, a ratio of 20 per cent honors to boy students to 80 per cent honors to girl students.

The test especially involved memory, concentration, and ability to pay very close attention to detail, although it gave evidence of intelligence of a very superior grade.

Distinguished Visitors To Be Here June 6th

The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, D. D., Bishop of East Carolina, who is making a tour of the greater part of the United States in the interest of evangelism in the Episcopal Church, is expected to return to the State about June 1. The first Sunday in June Bishop Darst will visit the Church of the Advent, Williamston, and St. Martins Episcopal Church, at Hamilton, the rector, Rev. C. O. Pardo, announces.

Another interesting visitor to Williamston on that date will be the Rev. J. W. Loaring Clark, D. D., of New York City, who is the general evangelist of the Episcopal Church in the United States. Dr. Clark is nationally known as a preacher of unusual force. For years he was the rector of St. Pauls Episcopal Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., where his forceful preaching was recognized. For the past few years Dr. Clark has been a member of the national commission on evangelism and is today the only general missioner of the Episcopal Church. Dr. Clark will preach here in the Episcopal church Sunday night, June 6.

Baits Trap for Mouse; Catches 5-Foot Snake

Last Sunday afternoon Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, while reading in her boudoir, heard a mousetrap click that she had set that morning.

She expected a poor little innocent mouse to squeak his last refrain, and did not make any move to get away, for a mouse in a trap is nothing to be feared. But soon an awful flapping was heard, and she loked under the bed where the trap had been set. There was a chicken-eater snake, 5 feet long. Theodore Roberson, who was passing by, was called in and assisted in the last rites for the snake, whose head was caught in the little mouse trap.

Methodist Program For The Next Week

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

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Junior Epworth League at 2.30 p. m.

Preaching at Vernon 3.30 p. m.

Senior Epworth League Monday at 7.30 p. m.

Intermediate League Wednesday at 7.25 p. m.

Special services through the week at 8 p. m.