

## Hubert Ellis Winner Of The C. G. Morris Medal

### Annual Debate Was Spirited And Entertaining

#### The Monroe Doctrine Was Ably Discussed By The Debaters. The Judges Decided In Favor Of The Negative. Many Were Present.

The commencement debate which was held in the school auditorium last night was one of the most spirited contests that has been held in years. Hubert Ellis won the C. G. Morris debaters' medal and the negative side was awarded the decision, but in neither case was it easy to decide the winner. The query: "Resolved, That the Monroe Doctrine should be made a part of the permanent policy of the United States," contributed much to the argumentative power and ability of the debate. Today the Monroe Doctrine stands out as the most important policy of any country and the way the High School boys handled the subject, defining it, showing its many-sidedness, its vague meaning, its power for future peace or ruin, was indeed gratifying.

The president of the Small Debating Society, Jack Harris, presided and James Howard, the secretary, read the query and names of debaters.

Hubert Ellis was the first speaker of the evening. In a clear and confident way he traced the growth of American democracy. He asserted that democracy first found a champion in the western world; that liberty was born here and as a consequence we owe it to the world to tell others of liberty's great work. It was natural then, he said, that the Monroe Doctrine should be used as a cloak to be thrown around our weaker brothers; it was proclaimed to protect the small nations of the western world, who wanted to work out their own political salvation. America being the exponent of liberty then and the Monroe Doctrine the instrument, he insisted that it is our duty to continue the Doctrine

as a permanent policy. David Smith, the first speaker on the negative side, spoke in a most convincing manner of the many unpleasantnesses and entanglements that the Doctrine must inevitably lead us into if we continue to support it. He asserted that our southern neighbors do not desire our fatherly attention; more than that, they do not need our care, citing statistics to prove their right to stand alone.

John Cotton Taylor, the second supporter of the affirmative opened with a glowing tribute to the author of the Monroe Doctrine, James Monroe. It was not, he declared, the product of one man or of one time, but of many men and many conditions. This is why it has outgrown its former interpretation, said he, and the best reason for continuing it as a part of the permanent policy of our country in dealing with international affairs.

Elbert Weston closed the debate by a strong plea for peace. He pictured to the audience the horrors of war; how it has robbed the world of its best men and nations of its strongest men. He declared that if the Monroe Doctrine were discontinued it would be the greatest aid to the peace movement that has yet been given. He insisted that the Doctrine has already served the need for which it was originally designed, and that the United States, as the great exponent of international peace, should remove this barrier and thereby show her real faith in the new peace movement.

Mr. W. L. Vaughan, one of the judges of the contest, in a few well chosen remarks, announced the decision and named the winner of the medal.

Many people expressed their strong appreciation of the debaters, efforts some declaring that it was the best debate they had ever heard.

Commencement is in full swing this week. Examinations will be finished today and tonight senior class exercises will be held. This together with the baseball game tomorrow with Tarboro and the commencement address tomorrow night, will constitute the finale of the school for the year. The public is cordially invited to all these exercises—not excluding, of course, the ball game, which will be the last of the season.

## Two Americans Reported Dead; Report Brought to Vera Cruz

Vera Cruz, May 7.—An unconfirmed report of the killing of Messrs. Williams and White, two Americans employed at the big American mining property of El Favor Mining Company, at Hostotipaquillo, in the State of Jalisco, was brought here by American refugees from Mexico City. No details were obtainable, but the refugees declared the men were not the victims of an anti-American demonstration.

Seven Americans and ten British refugees arrived at Vera Cruz from Mexico City. They came on a train flying the British flag. Everything was quiet at the capital when they left. There was a continuance in Mexico City of unconfirmed rumors that Provisional President Huerta intended to resign and leave the country.

Code Book Stolen. Washington—Central and South American diplomats comprising the Pan-American Union at a regular meeting adopted a motion by one of the envoys lauding the mediation invited by Argentina, Brazil and Chile. Secretary Bryan, head of the board, was present. Reports from the Brazilian minister at Mexico City, to the State Department, said a train of 500 Americans would leave the Mexican capital for Puerto Mexico, at 6 o'clock this evening, and that Dr. Edward Ryan would be delivered to the Brazilian minister by the Mexican authorities within an hour of train time. No explanation of Dr. Ryan's detention up to that hour was given.

Consul-Canada reported from Vera Cruz that refugees from interior points had spoken of the theft by the Huerta authorities of the code books of American consuls.

Rafael Zuburan, minister of the interior in the Constitutional cabinet after his conference by telegraph with Gen. Carranza in the city of Chihuahua on the military situation in Mexico, late today estimated that within one month their forces will

have entered Mexico City.

Mr. Zuburan has come to Washington on a mission as yet unannounced. Secretary Bryan said he had received a statement from him, but declined to reveal its contents beyond saying it did not concern mediation. It is believed it relates to a means of facilitating communication between the Constitutionalists and the State Department in matters of routine which hitherto have been presented by American consuls to local authorities.

NO CHANGE IN PLANS. There will be no suspension or abandonment of the elaborate plans of the War Department for holding the students' military instruction camps this summer because of the Mexican crisis. In fact, the Mexican trouble has served to emphasize the necessity for such preparation of the youth of the country, in the opinion of the general staff.

Many letters are being received from heads of the educational institutions and from individual students asking for information as to the department's plans for the summer.

Answers are being returned that the four camps for student instruction will be held at Asheville, N. C., July 8 to August 7, inclusive; at Burlington, Va., and Lexington, Mich., during the same period, and at Monterey, Cal., from June 26 to July 31, and applicants for instruction are requested to present their papers to the department at the earliest moment.

WELCOME VISITOR. Mr. W. J. Leary, Sr., of Edenton, N. C., was a welcome visitor to Washington yesterday. At one time he was solicitor for this judicial district.

SHOOTING RESIDENCE. Mr. Elias G. Bright, formerly custodian of the County Home, is erecting a neat residence on East Fourth street. When completed he and family expect to occupy it.

## BILL BRANCH IS CONVICTED FOR CRIME

### Jury Returned a Verdict of Manslaughter and Recommend To The Court a Light Sentence.

Bill Branch, colored, who on Christmas day last, at Blount's Creek shot and killed James Milton Moore, also colored, and whose trial has engaged the attention of the court since Tuesday afternoon, was convicted of manslaughter this morning. The jury recommended to the court that a light sentence be given the defendant.

The killing occurred on the public road at Blount's Creek. Both of the parties were drinking at the time and according to the statement of Branch, he went up to Moore with the gun under his arm and in raising his shoulders it fired.

The load entered the arm of Moore and subsequently causing his death from blood-poisoning. The State was represented by Solicitor Ehringhaus and Messrs. Daniel and Warren, and the defendant by Messrs. Small, MacLean, Bragaw and Rodman.

The trial of State vs. Gus Alexander for the murder of Frank Brooks, colored, was begun this morning. The jury for this case was selected yesterday morning and were held together until the case was called today.

Alexander is represented by Attorney P. H. Bell, of Edenton, and the prosecution by Solicitor Ehringhaus. This trial will consume the entire day.

The case of State vs. Joshua Mills for the murder of Benjamin Ormond will be called for trial tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. A venire of 250 men have been drawn from the box, from which the jury will be selected. This case in all probability will consume several days.

It's Restful in Washington Park.

CARL GOERSH GETS BULLET THROUGH HAT

The Daily News is in receipt of another wire from Mr. Carl Goersch, formerly on the staff of this paper, from Harlingen, Tex., which will prove of interest to his friends in Washington. The wire states: "Have had several skirmishes with the Mexicans on the border. Got a bullet hole through my hat, but escaped injury. Other Texas companies are stationed along the Rio Grande. I expect to be here sometime."

PRAYER SERVICE. There will be prayer meeting service at the Payne Memorial Presbyterian church, Nicholsonville, this evening at 8 o'clock. All cordially invited.

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CEMETERY NOW SHOWS GOOD WORK

Those who have paid a visit to Oakdale cemetery recently are loud in their praise as to its improved appearance. The keeper, Mr. A. G. Spencer, has been hard at work since he assumed the custodianship of the cemetery, endeavoring to make it presentable and he is succeeding admirably. Those who visit the city of the dead on Memorial day will have no cause for complaint. While the work of renovation is not entirely complete what has been done is surely a vast improvement.

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## AN AMERICAN CITIZEN WAS GREAT HIT

### Play Delightful and Captivated The Audience New Bern's Home Talent Is Being Congratulated Upon Efforts

"An American Citizen" presented at the New Theater last evening by "The Faint and Powder Club," of New Bern, N. C., was in every way a tremendous success and this paper takes this opportunity to extend congratulations to the home-talent of our sister town for every character showed histrionic ability and skill, so much so that the entire audience, and it was a good one, inasmuch as there were several other attractions in the city to conflict, was simply delighted and charmed. Not only were the entire company par excellence, but the scenic effects, stage settings, etc., were inviting. No attraction has ever played in Washington that received more just criticism and the beauty of it is that these criticisms are composed of only the choicest of compliments. The principal roles of the play were Mr. Albert Willis as Benford Carew, and Mrs. Dava Condon, as Beatrice Carrew. From the very first they captured those present and never lost their hold until the end. Their role was surely admirably performed. Grace itself in every movement, they were indeed artists. The supporting cast was fully equal to their task. Mrs. Herbert P. Willis as Lady Bunn, Mr. John J. Tolson, Jr., as Egerton Brown, Mr. J. Curtis Bagg as Peter Barbury, Mr. E. Smith as Lucas and Mr. T. C. Daniels as Stimmus, were the subjects for high eulogiums.

The entire cast was a strong one and is a credit to New Bern. It is to be hoped that the "Faint and Powder Club" will at an early date place on the boards another play, and if they decide so to do, that they will not leave out Washington for this paper can almost assure them of a packed house.

One of the features of the play was in the second act when Mr. Albert T. Willis and Miss Lila May Willis danced the Viennese Hesitation Waltz. This stunt just took the audience by storm, so much so that the dancers had to appear before the footlights several times.

"An American Citizen" made a do-dedicated hit here.

MEMORIAL DAY FLOWERS. All those who expect to contribute flowers for use Memorial day are requested to send them to the home of Misses Annie and Margaret Jarvis Saturday morning by 10 o'clock promptly, and the ladies further request that carriages be sent at the same hour for the purpose of conveying flowers to Oakdale cemetery.

PAINFULLY BURNED BY GAS RANGE

Mrs. Jesse M. Harrington, who resides at 117 Pierce street, came near being seriously burned early this morning by her gas range and in consequence she is suffering severe pain from her burns.

This morning she inquired of a new servant whether or not she was acquainted with the workings of gas ranges and if so, to go ahead and light it. Within a few minutes thereafter Mrs. Harrington went to the kitchen and when she opened the oven flame of fire completely enveloped her burning her painfully on the face and hands and arms. Her eye brows and hair was also singed. Mrs. Harrington screamed with pain and her husband rushed to her rescue. Dr. D. T. Taylor was hastily summoned and rendered medical aid.

The servant had attempted to light the range and failed to turn off the jets, causing the explosion. Mrs. Harrington had a narrow escape and her friends will be gratified to learn that she was not more seriously hurt.

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G.T. MAYO HAS PURCHASED BEEF MARKET

Mr. Grover T. Mayo has purchased the "Central Pure Food Market" from F. G. Paul & Bro., and will run the business at its present stand on West Main street. Mr. Mayo has been a resident of Washington for a number of years, being a son of the late L. R. Mayo, and a brother of Mr. James L. Mayo. For several years he was deputy clerk of the Superior Court and for the past few months has been connected with the Daily News. Mr. Mayo proposes to conduct only a first-class beef and meat market and his hosts of friends wish him abundant success in his new undertaking. The market was opened up this morning.

DELEGATES LEAVE. Between thirty and forty delegates to the Washington District Conference at Swan Quarter this week passed through the city this morning. While here they were entertained at the different homes of the Methodist church congregation. They left early this morning via the gas boats Mott and Josephine for Swan Quarter. The conference will last through Sunday.

## COUNCIL OF THE RED MEN YESTERDAY

### Delightful Meeting Was The Result Great Schem Of The State Was Present Tau Tribe Tenders Smoker.

The Second District Council of the Improved Order of Red Men met in this city yesterday with Tau Tribe, No. 13, being the host. There were two sessions of the council, one at 2:30 and one at 8 o'clock. The afternoon session was devoted exclusively to business while that of the evening was a social affair. Ten Tribes of the district were represented, all of which made excellent reports, that all the tribes were in good condition and accomplishing a great work in their respective localities.

The next meeting of the district council goes to Morehead City and will convene in that town in August. At the evening session of the council, the great sachem of North Carolina, Mr. Roy C. Flannagan, of Greenville, N. C., honored the occasion with his presence. He made an inspiring and up-lifting address to the council, making all present feel proud of their order, and that they were Red Men. His address was attractively presented, was thoughtful and forceful. Dr. D. L. James, of Greenville, accompanied the great sachem. He made the response to the address of welcome, which was delivered by Mr. T. W. Phillips, of Tau Tribe. Both of these addresses were much enjoyed. Another popular Red Man present was none other than W. J. Leary, Sr., of Edenton, N. C. For years he has taken an active part in Redmenism and always receives a warm welcome from his brothers in Washington. One of the features of the evening session was the songs and witty jokes by B. W. Taylor, of Tau Tribe. During his part on the program he kept everyone in a good humor—as he always does. Following the evening session a smoker was given in honor of the visitors, which was a success in every way.

District Deputy Great Sachem H. G. Winfield, was master of ceremonies. The meeting of the council in Washington was one of the best held in some time.

The Second District is composed of the following tribes: Chattahoochee, New Bern; Tau, Washington; Montauk, Goldsboro; Karuke, Kinston; Uncas, Bath; Wawatam, Trenton; Mechie, Belhaven; Ocochee, Vanceboro; Issaquena, Pateola; Coree, Morehead City; Secotan, Beaufort.

It is to be hoped that the council will choose Washington again at an early date for their meeting.

CLASS GIFT IS PRAISED BY CITIZENS

The two pedestal arc lights presented to the Washington Public Schools by the members of the graduating class of 1914 and placed at the main entrance to the school building were completed yesterday and lighted for the first time last night. This parting gift on the part of the graduating class has been long needed and those who have seen the lights are carried away with them. They add much to the attractiveness of the building. Each globe contains mantels of sixty candle power.

BEAUFORT CO. MED. SOCIETY ENTERTAIN

Last evening at the hospitable home of Dr. Louis Mann on North Market street, Dr. Louis Mann and Dr. J. T. Nicholson, of Bath, N. C., entertained the members of the Beaufort County Medical Society. At the business session of the society cases were reported by Drs. John G. Blount and E. M. Brown and were discussed by the members. The business meeting was presided over by the president, Dr. H. W. Carter. The session was one of profit and much good was accomplished for the profession in this county.

After the business of the society had been concluded refreshments were served by the hosts and thus a most pleasant and profitable evening was spent.

At the next meeting of the society the first Wednesday night in June Drs. Taylor will entertain in their honor.

HORAN & VAN NEW THEATRE ON TONIGHT

For tonight and the balance of the week the New Theater has for amusement, "Horan and Van," a good comedy team for the times. They will give a complete change of program every night. Be sure and attend and laugh your self hoarse. Prices 10 and 15 cents.

## Class Exercises Of City Public Schools

### LAST GAME OF THE SEASON TOMORROW

The last baseball game of the season, so far as the Washington High School team is concerned, is to be pulled off at Fleming Park tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The locals will have as their opposing artists the strong High School team of Rocky Mount. They have faced each other before, this season, and the



Foushee, the Pill Receiver for Locals Tomorrow.

game was hotly contested from start to finish. The game here tomorrow promises to be well attended. The team from Rocky Mount will arrive here on the 1:45 Atlantic Coast Line train Friday afternoon. The battery for the locals will be Weston and Foushee.

### To Take Place This Evening At School Bldg.

#### Will Begin Promptly at 8:30 O'clock. Class Has Arranged a Most Interesting and Entertaining Program.

The class exercises of the graduating class of the Washington Public Schools take place this evening in the auditorium of the school building at 8:30 o'clock promptly and the program announced for the evening will doubtless prove of interest to all who attend. The class this year to graduate from this well-known and worthy institution of learning is the largest in the history of the school. Twenty-six will receive diplomas of graduation tomorrow evening and five will be presented with certificates.

The following is the program for this evening:

"The Voices of the Woods," chorus.

Class Prophecy—Jack Harris.

Duet, Misses Mildred Rumley and Stella Phillips.

English Essay.

Piano Solo, Miss Margaret Wells.

Class Statistics, Miss Evelyn Jones.

Class Poem, Miss Margaret Wells.

Piano Solo, Robert Cordon.

History Essay.

Presentation of Gift, President Charles Meekins.

Class History, Charles Meekins.

Piano Solo, Clinton Marsh.

Last Will and Testament, Miss Sybilla Griffin.

Jolly Students, chorus.

The members of the graduating class this year are:

To receive diplomas—Josephine McLemore Bowen, Howard Wiswall Bowen, Jr., Sadie Estelle Bland, Robert Windley Cordon, Albert Walter Doughty, Alice Madeline Ellsworth, Hubert Oscar Ellis, Annie Blackwell Fowle, Sybilla Marston Griffin, Jack Reid Harris, James Norman Gray, Edith Hardison, Evelyn Joy Jones, Evelyn Benjamin McCullers, Fannie Clinton Marsh, Jeremiah Charles Meekins, Jr., Stella Catherine Phillips, Gladys Mabel Ross, Martha Lucille Rhodes, Maude Elizabeth Swindell, David Payne Smith, John Cotton Taylor, Margaret Spencer Wells, Walter Benjamin Warner, David Whitley, Esther Orleans.

To receive certificates—Annie Gilliam Grist, Mildred Lee Rumley, Mabel Clarie Ricks, Ethel Marie Weeks, David Russell Willis.

All the graduates will be presented with their diplomas and certificates by Hon. John H. Small, chairman of the Board of School Trustees, tomorrow evening following the address.

The marshals for the exercises are:

Chief, Willie Johnston; assistants, Jesse Edward Woolard, Justus Randolph, Margaret Handy, Elbert Weston, Etta Lee Campbell and Edna Willis.

Tomorrow night the graduating exercises will take place and the commencement address will be delivered by Dr. William Hart Dexter, of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Superintendent Campbell announces that the exercises for this evening and also tomorrow evening will begin promptly at 8:30 o'clock, whether any one is present or not. This rule will be strictly obeyed. Everyone has a cordial invitation to attend the class exercises tonight.

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