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DURHAM COUNTY WINS SPELLING 'BE'

Thirteen Year Old Girl Is State Spelling Champion—Requires 7 Rounds

Doris Smith, seventh grader at the White Cross Ponds school, Durham county, was crowned queen of Tar Heel spellers after four hours of elimination in a field of more than 84 contestants in the second annual State spelling match held under the auspices of the North Carolina Teachers Assembly yesterday. She is 13 years old, and White Cross is a three-teacher elementary school.

Right on the heels of the newly enthroned queen of spellers was Ralph Thornburg of Mays Chapel school, in Cabarrus county, who came within a word of being acclaimed sovereign of the orthographic realm, only he couldn't quite spell "sovereign" when the word was given out. Virginia Aderholdt of Statesville came out third in the contest.

It took seven rounds to determine the winner. First there were the 100 pencil twisters given out to the whole aggregation representing 53 counties. There were 8 survivors who missed nothing, or missed only one word. The third round cut it down to four, the fourth ended in a draw, the fifth eliminated one contestant, the sixth was a draw and the seventh named Doris Smith first, Ralph Thornburg second and Virginia Aderholdt third.

"Calendar" proved the undoing of approximately 90 per cent of the casualties in the first round. They put an "e" in it. "Ofttimes" was another snare that caught many unawares, and turned them into outer darkness. "Development" and "management" were the other stumbling blocks to perfection. In the final rounds it was necessary for the propounders of the words to get entirely outside the New World Speller and find words that would puzzle even a copy-reader.

It took half an hour to get through with the preliminaries, register the entries and collect the fifty cents that was charged each of them for a chance at the crown. Relatives and teachers packed the inadequate high school auditorium and it was with no little reluctance that they made for the doors when they were told that attendance would be restricted to the contestants and the people conducting the contest. Frank H. Koese, principal of the Winston-Salem High school directed the contest and the words were given out by Mrs. I. V. D. Shunk, of the Centennial school here.

Paper and pencils were handed out to the contestants. It was a written contest throughout. The words were given out, pronounced twice, and fifteen seconds given to write it. It took half an hour to get through the first list of 100 and another half hour to pick the two papers which registered 100 per cent, and the six that registered 99 per cent.—News and Observer Nov. 30.

FOUR-OAKS NEWS.

FOUR OAKS, Nov. 29.—Mrs. Bob Williams recently visited her son, Mr. Auburn Williams in Roanoke Rapids.

Miss Mattie Pierce left for her home at Kenly Thursday afternoon where she will live with her father whose health is rapidly declining.

Misses Laeta Potts and Pearl Allen attended the Teachers' Assembly in Raleigh last week.

Miss Sallie Adams who is in school at Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, was home to spend Thanksgiving with her mother, Mrs. D. W. Adams.

Miss Annie Ford attended the Teachers' Assembly in Raleigh last week.

Miss Luna Lewis visited relatives in Goldsboro a few days during the last week end.

Mr. Roby Adams was at the Assembly for Teachers held in Raleigh last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Strickland were guests of relatives in Elm City Thanksgiving.

Mr. A. R. Ford was in Richmond, Wednesday on business.

Mrs. William Adams was in Raleigh Thursday at which place she attended the Teachers' Assembly.

Mr. W. A. Allen who has been working in Wilson is at home now for some time.

Miss Ruby Stanley, who is in school at Buie's Creek, visited her grandmother, Mrs. Laura Creech during

DEATH OF LITTLE MARION LEE DEANS

Seven-Year-Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Deans Died Saturday Night—Other Selma Happenings.

SELMA, Nov. 29.—Our town was shocked and saddened Sunday morning when it became known that little Marion Lee Deans, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Deans had passed away at ten o'clock Saturday night. The little boy became seriously ill on Tuesday night. Two local physicians and a specialist from Raleigh did all in their power, but little hope was entertained for his recovery from the first.

The funeral services were conducted at the home Sunday afternoon by Rev. Neill McInnis, of the Presbyterian church. At the beginning of the service Rev. A. A. Butler, of the Baptist church offered prayer. Members of the Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist choirs sang "Sometime We'll Understand" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." The services were concluded with a prayer by Rev. G. B. Perry, of the Methodist church.

A large concourse of sorrowing friends accompanied the remains to the city cemetery where interment was made. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful.

Relatives from out-of-town attending the funeral were Mrs. T. T. Covington, Jr., of Laurinburg, Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Mitchiner, of Raleigh, Mrs. Maggie Tyson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Finch and children and Miss Lula Deans, all of Wilson.

Marion Lee Deans was a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Mitchiner.

Dr. R. J. Noble spent Thursday in Raleigh.

The Literary Club met with Mrs. W. H. Call on Railroad street last Friday afternoon to reorganize and discuss plans for the winter months. A delicious salad course was served.

Mrs. R. J. Noble entertained a few of her friends at a delightful luncheon on last Thursday. Those invited were Mesdames W. B. Driver, Wm. Richardson, J. A. Mitchiner, J. D. Hatcher, Sarah Edgerton, G. B. Perry and C. O. Jackson.

There will be a Community Sing in the auditorium of the graded school building on Friday evening, December 15 at 8 o'clock, conducted by Dr. Robt. P. Noble, of Raleigh. This get-together meeting is under the auspices of the Woman's Club and everybody is invited and a good time assured.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Creech attended the funeral of Mrs. Jonah Pittman near Micro Saturday.

Mayor Jas. H. Cowan, of Wilmington, addressed a mass meeting of the citizens of Selma on Tuesday evening at the graded school building. Mr. Cowan is a well informed and forceful speaker. After the exercises delicious sandwiches and coffee were served in the school lunch room by Mrs. L. D. Debnam and Miss Margaret Etheredge of the Woman's Club, assisted by some of the high school girls.

Mrs. William Gallagher and little son left for an extended visit to her old home in Greenup, Ky., last Wednesday.

Mr. W. T. Woodard and family are spending Thanksgiving with relatives in Vanceboro.

Mrs. R. B. Pearce, Jr., who was operated on for appendicitis in the Smithfield Memorial hospital recently is convalescing rapidly and expects to be at home soon.

Mr. W. G. Horne and family motored to Salisbury for the week end. They report good roads and a delightful trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wiggs spent Monday in Pine Level with relatives.

Mrs. N. G. Woodlief and little daughter left for Lumberton Wednesday afternoon, where she will spend Thanksgiving with her parents.

Miss Bertha Woodard arrived in the city Wednesday from Mt. Olive where she has been teaching.

Miss Annie Noble accompanied by two of the teachers from Meredith, Misses Welch and Rhodes, spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Noble.

Dr. R. P. Noble and family and Mrs. Nicholson, of Raleigh, and Judge A. M. Noble and family of Smithfield, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Noble Sunday.

Mr. J. J. Dillard, of Fremont, spent Tuesday in the city the guest of his sister, Mrs. W. G. Ward.

Mrs. I. W. Mayerberg entertained the Tea Cups club at her beautiful home on Anderson street on Tuesday

FOR TURLINGTON MONUMENT FUND

Committee Headed by W. H. Austin Begin Work; To Announce Plans

It will be recalled that during the past summer a movement was begun to provide in some way for a suitable memorial to the late Prof. Ira T. Turlington, whose life and character as well as his educational activities in Johnston county perhaps place him at the head of the county's list of great men. A meeting of former pupils was held in the school auditorium in June, at which time those present decided upon a life size bronze statue of Mr. Turlington to be erected on the court house square. A renowned sculptor had been consulted and it was found that \$10,000 would place this lasting monument to a man who deserves that and more from Johnston county and from former pupils. At that meeting Mr. W. H. Austin was chosen to head a committee to put on a drive for funds to thus honor Prof. Turlington, and now that the crops are harvested and being marketed, the time seems opportune to push the movement through to a successful conclusion.

Accordingly, Mr. Austin called into conference a few interested persons on Tuesday evening and definite plans were laid to begin work at once. A committee of four composed of Messrs A. M. Noble and H. P. Stevens, Mrs. L. D. Wharton and Miss Annie Lee, was selected to help Mr. Austin in putting over the drive. A definite plan of action will be announced in the papers of the county next week. An effort will be made to organize the alumnae in adjoining counties in order that they may be given an opportunity to contribute to this fund.

Any man or woman in Johnston County who came under the influence of Prof. Turlington's teaching will be glad to learn that something is being done to commemorate the labors of this pioneer in education in Johnston County and will no doubt lend their co-operation in the movement. The committee bespeaks the cooperation not only of former pupils of Mr. Turlington but of everybody in the county interested in education. Honor to whom honor is due, is right, and it is fitting and proper that this county honor Prof. Turlington.

Young Folks Have Party.

Wednesday evening Miss Virginia Williamson entertained about a dozen of her friends at her home on Third Street. Partners for several contests were found by matching names from the funny papers, as for instance, "Muggie and Jiggs." The first contest was guessing advertisements pinned in various places about the room. A "penny" contest was much enjoyed also. Home made candy was served during the evening.

afternoon. The home was lovely in its decorations of cut flowers and potted plants. The afternoon was spent in doing fancy needlework. Delicious salad and ice courses were served. Mrs. Mayerberg had as her guests besides the club members Misses Stoneham and Martin.

One of the most delightful social events of the season was the banquet which the members of the Chatter-box Club and the husbands enjoyed on Friday evening, November 24, in the club rooms over the Bank. The Banquet Hall presented a very festive appearance with its shocks of corn, pumpkins and decorations of pine and yellow chrysanthemums. The table, with covers laid for thirty, was beautiful under the soft glow of numerous candles. A color scheme of yellow and white was carried out. The Thanksgiving spirit and idea was predominant even to the turkey and accessories. Mr. Frank G. Lowe, toastmaster, made a short but very interesting talk as a prelude to many appropriate, spicy, witty and interesting addresses which followed throughout the banquet.

Following this two spirited contests were engaged in, causing much merriment. Mr. Alfred Wilson was declared the winner.

Mrs. W. B. Johnson charmed her hearers when she sang "Smiling Through," accompanied by Mrs. M. R. Wall at the piano. Mrs. W. G. Woodlief rendered several instrumental selections which were much enjoyed.

SUPT. POU WANTS PRISON REFORM

Improvements Have Been Made There Since Mr. Pou Been In Charge

RALEIGH, Nov. 27.—That the passage by the general assembly of three important legislative measures affecting North Carolina's penal system would provide for most of the reforms desired by the Citizens' Committee of One Hundred on Prison Legislation, was the opinion expressed by George Ross Pou, superintendent of the state prison, today.

These bills, which Superintendent Pou will have presented to the legislature, include the abolishment of the dangerous insane department of the state prison and the placing of these particular inmates in hospitals at Raleigh, Morganton and Goldsboro; establishment of any industry the prison's board of directors may deem advisable, allowing the sale of the output of such industries to the public, and repeal of the law which makes it unlawful to sell bricks made by prison labor to other than state institutions.

In connection with the introduction of new industries, the official would have the assembly provide sufficient appropriation for the purchasing of necessary manufacturing machinery, he said. He showed the state now has in its possession 1,500,000 bricks, which could be offered to the public with the repeal of the "brick act."

"The prison system now has no appropriation from the state," said Mr. Pou. "We must make our own expenses. The passage of the measures which I have suggested would give us additional sources of income and would place us in a position to carry out practically all of the reforms desired by the Committee of One Hundred."

"Under the present law, which allows us to hire our prisoners for common labor and farming only, it is possible to show a small profit. But before I deprive the prisoners of proper and necessary food, clothing, medical and dental attentions in order to make such a showing, I will resign my job."

The present system of keeping the dangerous insane at the state prison is an absolute disgrace to North Carolina," he asserted. "There are 70 insane persons there—many of them born imbeciles, some of them who neither can speak coherently nor feed themselves—confined in an improvised ward, which is crowded and unsuited for such purpose."

"Of the approximately 1,000 prisoners in the state prison system there are fully 350 unable to do a day's work. These cost more to keep; yet they are non-producers. Why are they necessarily non-producers? For no other reason than some former legislature saw fit to legislate in favor of special interests. We are not allowed to manufacture any article whatsoever with the state prison labor except for sale to other state institutions."

"There are at least 250 of the non-producers who could work at some industry and earn their own expenses," he said.

"This administration inherited an indebtedness of many thousand dollars. I have spent on necessary repairs and permanent improvements the sum of more than \$20,000. I have installed modern hospital facilities and numerous operations have been performed, which heretofore have gone unnoticed; numbers of prisoners have been cured of venereal diseases. A brick wall has replaced the old and expensive board fence which formerly surrounded the front of the prison. I have had steam heat installed in the hospital wards, operating room, chapel and library. An additional 100-horsepower boiler has been installed to care for this additional heating system and to properly heat the dangerous insane department."

"The population of the prison has increased during this administration fully 50 per cent. Upon being committed a prisoner now receives a thorough physical examination, blood tests are taken and in suspicious cases, sputum examined. The anti-typhoid and smallpox vaccine is administered."

"A New Testament is supplied each prisoner. An individual drink-

PRETTY MARRIAGE TAKES PLACE HERE WEDNESDAY

Miss Eva Coates Becomes Bride of Mr. Le Roy Parker of Mt. Olive Wednesday Afternoon.

A pretty home wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Coates Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock when Miss Eva Coates became the bride of Mr. Marion Le Roy Parker, of Mount Olive.

The home was tastefully decorated with long leaf pine and white chrysanthemums, and was a beautiful setting for the simple but impressive ceremony. Only a few friends and relatives of the contracting parties were present.

Promptly at the appointed hour Miss Irene Myatt took her place at the piano to play the accompaniment as Mrs. J. Walter Coates, of South Boston, Va., sister of the bride charmingly sang "I Love You Truly" and "At Dawning." Miss Myatt was becomingly gowned in Alice Blue satin with corsage of Premier roses, and Mrs. Coates wore brown canton crepe and carried yellow chrysanthemums. As the last note of the song died away and the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin sounded the bride and bridegroom entered the drawing-room together and took their places before the improvised altar. Rev. W. O. Cone, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal church, Goldsboro, pastor of the bride, performed the beautiful ceremony. The bride was unusually attractive in her wedding costume of midnight blue broadcloth with squirrel trimmings and accessories to match. Her corsage bouquet was Parma violets and Premier roses.

As soon as the vows were spoken, the young couple received congratulations of those present. At this time a most delectable buffet supper consisting of sandwiches and hot tea, angel food cake and crystallized fruit and mints was served. The young ladies serving were Misses Edna Coates, sister of the bride, Arah Hooks and Rose Grantham.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker then left in their car for a short trip after which they will be at home in Mount Olive.

Mrs. Parker is quite an attractive young woman. She has held a stenographic position in Mount Olive for some time until a few days ago when she came home for her wedding. She has a host of friends and whose best wishes go with her as she makes her permanent home in Mount Olive.

The bridegroom is a young man of sterling worth. He holds a responsible position with the Enterprise-Whiteville Lumber Co., at Mount Olive.

The young couple were the recipients of a number of useful and beautiful gifts.

Those present at the wedding from out-of-town were: Miss Blanche Rice, Miss Bessie Clayton, Mr. Graves Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Manly, Mrs. F. E. Schweikert, Mrs. Graham Hood, Mr. D. M. Prince and daughter, Miss Julia Prince, of Goldsboro; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barfield, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Bizzell and Miss Mamie Reichel of Mount Olive; Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Lassiter and children, of Benson; Mrs. Martha Lassiter, of Four Oaks; Miss Bessie Coates, of Greensboro; Mr. Kenneth Coates, of Chapel Hill; and Mrs. J. Walter Coates, of South Boston, Va.

Creech-Bailey.

Tuesday evening about eight o'clock, Mr. Thomas G. Creech, of Micro and Miss Ella Baker, of Fremont, were married at the Methodist parsonage. Rev. D. H. Tuttle performed the ceremony. Mrs. Creech is the daughter of Mr. Nathan M. Bailey and Mr. Creech is a successful farmer. They will make their home in Micro.

ing cup is furnished. A standard menu has been adopted. Prisoners are supplied with good clothing. Religious services are conducted at all camps once a week with rare exceptions due to no fault on our part. In some camps they are held twice each week.

"I want it distinctly understood I am not asking for any appropriation for maintenance if allowed to properly earn our expenses. I feel sure that if the recommendations I have made are carried out, the delinquents of our state will stand at least the opportunity of reclamation instead of damnation," he stated.—Associated Press.

GEN. ASSEMBLY WILL BE BUSY

Solicitors May be Put on A Salary; To Improve the County Government

(By Maxwell Gorman.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 28.—It begins to look like the effort now making to induce the Legislature to change the law so as to provide that the solicitors of the several judicial districts shall be paid fixed amounts as salaries, instead of fees as at present, will be successful. Several efforts to accomplish this result have been made in the past, but this time the Bar Association is behind the movement, which also had as part of its plan the matter of providing more courts for the larger counties in which the principal cities are located.

One reason for the agitation of the subject of solicitors' fees at this time is the effect of newspaper publicity of excessive fees which some solicitors are alleged to be receiving under the present system, the statement being made that at least two solicitors receive fourteen thousand dollars a year and none less than seven or eight thousand. One solicitor was credited recently with drawing eleven hundred dollars for less than a week's work in one county.

One of the best and most remarkable "fairs" ever held in this State has just been pulled off at the State College of Agriculture and Engineering in West Raleigh. It is really "worth reading about."

Sponsored by the Agricultural Club, an organization made up of the students taking the agricultural courses of the college, the 1922 fair, unique in its field in this section of the country, surpassed any of the fall festivals heretofore attempted, and compared very favorably with a number of the community and county fairs of the State.

Opening in the morning with a splendid parade that wound its way from the college through the downtown streets of the city, in which every phase of the work of the college agricultural department was represented by a clever float, the fair continued through the day. From the time the exhibits and midway were thrown open to visitors in the early afternoon a constant stream filed through Patterson Hall to exclaim with amazement at the imposing array of farm products that had been assembled by the students, usually from their home farms and entered in competition for the \$700.00 worth of premiums offered by the fair association.

Declared by critics to have been "the best parade ever seen in Raleigh," the street portion of the festivities drew protracted applause all along the line of march.

The whole show, freaks, sideshows, clowns and all the rest of it, was in the line of march, but stress was laid all the day through on agricultural education and the float placarded "Watch State College Men Pull North Carolina to the Front" embodied the spirit of the whole procession. The float was pulled by a squad of freshmen.

As the time for assembling of the new Legislature draws nigher, we are getting in closer touch to some planing being done by the executive branch of government also. Governor Morrison, it is said, expects to call the "Commission on Reorganization of County Government" into action within the next few weeks. This commission, composed of about forty prominent North Carolinians of all callings, was appointed last summer to investigate the existing system of county government and to make recommendations for legislation looking to an improved system.

No member of the Legislature is a member of the commission, the Governor thinking that this work should be performed by persons outside the circle of lawmakers. After a careful examination of the way county governments now operate, the commission will study ways and means of making improvements and those suggestions will be turned over to the General Assembly, probably in the form of a new bill.

Legislation looking to the organization of county government will be one of the several important recommendations Governor Morrison will make in his biennial message.