

ROBERSONVILLE NEWS ITEMS

Happenings in the Hustling Town of Robersonville Briefly Told, Personal and Otherwise---An Element of Success; Perseverance.

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July 7, 1908.

Mrs. John D. Everett has been ill but is convalescing.

Dr. McCotter, the new dentist, is located at the Drug Store.

Messrs. W. A. and Ed. James went to Williamston Monday.

Mrs. Godard of Dunn is visiting Mrs. Herbert Pope this week.

Mr. Lon Robertson was ill Sunday but is back at his duties again.

Little Miss Mary Adkins is spending a week with friends in Tarboro.

Mr. Roy Carson is in town. He will be here permanently after August 1.

Mr. J. H. Roberson and family spent Sunday in the country with friends.

Miss Callie Brown is spending a few days in town visiting friends this week.

Messrs. W. R. Jenkins and Harvey Roberson spent Sunday in Gold Point.

Another shooting scrape took attorney Smith to Oakley to appear in the case.

Dr. Ward's mother and brother, of Wilson, came up Sunday to pay him a visit.

Miss Lena Parker has just returned from a three weeks visit in Rocky Mount.

Farmers are curing tobacco at a great rate now. It will soon be ready for market.

Mrs. Jennie Everett went to Everetts Wednesday to see Mr. Frank Everett's new son.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Everett spent Saturday and Sunday in Oak City visiting relatives.

Miss Susie Ross of Oakley, is spending the week in town with relatives and friends.

Mesdames Effie Latham and Bettie Cummings have returned to their homes in Tarboro.

Mr. Robert Britton formerly one of our esteemed citizens, was over from Emporia, Va. Monday.

Mr. J. C. Smith was called to Parmele Saturday as attorney in the Handy Page poisoning case.

Mrs. Norman, who has been visiting her son here will leave for her home in Virginia Thursday.

Mr. J. C. Smith went to Bethel Monday on legal business. He appeared in a Fourth of July shooting case.

Miss Emma Craig, of Mebane, has accepted the position as teacher of the first and second grades in the graded school.

Mr. J. A. Coffield went to Rocky Mount Monday. He was accompanied by his sister who spent last week with him here.

Messrs. Adkins & Bailey are putting some additions to their warehouse, so as to increase their facilities for handling tobacco.

Mr. N. Warren, of Rocky Mount, was here Monday negotiating for a home. He says that he desires to locate here on account of the school.

Mrs. G. M. Roberson, Miss Isabel Morton, and Mr. Willie Morton went to Williamston to attend the funeral of their grand-father Sheriff Hardison.

Mr. F. J. Jeffers, buyer for the Imperial Tobacco Company has purchased one of the prize houses here. It is being put in shape for improved service.

Rev. Mr. Read has been ill since the death of his wife and has not been able to return to his field. He is convalescing and expects to be back in a short time.

There was a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Robersonville Monday. Mr. Justus Everett of Palmyra was present. They found the bank in fine condition.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Roberson had a family reunion Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Riddick, of near Williams ton, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Purvis, and Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Johnson, were all present. The grand-children were on hand also.

The ball game between Williamston and Robersonville advertised for Tuesday did not materialize. There were several people in town to witness the game. We hope some date in the near future will be arranged for the game.

Mr. W. D. Thomas, who has been on the market several years as auctioneer has returned. Since last season closed here he has had experience in Richmond and in Kentucky. He has come back to be with Adkins & Bailey again.

There were three additions to the Church at Flat Swamp last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Roberson and Mrs. F. Brown. Mr. Roberson and Mrs. Brown were baptised Sunday. Mrs. Roberson was taken seriously ill Saturday night and could not be baptised.

The Charitable Brotherhood gave a picnic at the old "No. 9" school house Tuesday. Many from town attended, among whom were Messrs. Gideon Barnhill, Sam Barnhill, Church Barnhill, Ed. James, Will James, Joseph Bullock, N. D. Young, Mr. A. S. Everett and family, and S. L. Ross and family. They report excellent order, sumptuous dinner and eloquent speaking. The orators were Messrs A. J. Manning and Joseph Holliday.

Thursday, July 9, 1908
Miss Susie Ross went to Everetts Tuesday.

Mr. Will Holliday, of Everetts, spent Wednesday in town.

Miss Isolan Brown went to Jamesville last week on a visit.

Miss Addie Coburn is spending the week in town at W. L. Johnson's.

Miss Hyman, of near Washington, is visiting at the home of W. L. Johnson.

Miss Mary Crofton, of Gold Point, is visiting Mrs. Carrie Roberson this week.

Misses Minnie Whichard and Novella Bunting, of Bethel, are in town this week.

Miss Lina James has just returned from a visit to Scotland Neck and other places.

Mr. W. Harper, with his crew, were here Wednesday, repairing the railroad trestle.

An Element of Success PERSEVERANCE.

To persevere means to maintain a purpose in spite of opposition or discouragements. Since there is opposition or discouragement in almost every undertaking it is necessary to develop a proper amount of perseverance in order to succeed in life. Some have called this quality "stickability" meaning the ability to stick.

It is too often the case that some

man has followed some business or profession almost to the succeeding point and then given up under discouragement. In that case he has lost all his efforts and lessened his ability to succeed in anything else. It is as if pulling a load up a hill, it he should let go just as he neared the top; and then went down and began tugging up again. Or it may be compared to mending a broken dam in time of high water. If just before the work is completed work should be stopped and the water allowed to break over.

The principle of perseverance was exemplified by Robert Bruce of Scotland. He had been battling some time against the English for freedom of his country. Six times he had been defeated and was being hunted by the English as a traitor. While he lay in a cave discouraged and ready to surrender his cause as lost he learned the lesson from a spider that caused him to persevere and win the freedom of his country. The spider was trying to span a chasm with his web. Six times just as he was about to reach the other side the strand broke. Not thinking of failure, but only of succeeding, the spider tried the seventh time and reached the desired goal. Bruce then encouraged by the example of the spider, determined to try once more; and made his name famous as the saviour of his country.

William Jennings Bryan is an illustrious living example of tenacious perseverance under difficulties. Though the strongest moneyed papers of the world, perhaps, have twice blocked his way to the presidency, he goes as steadily on as if they had favored him. Whether he reaches the goal of his ambition or not he will ever be an inspiring example to struggling humanity. (To be continued in next issue)

FIRST MONDAY A BUSY DAY

Boards of Commissioners, Education, and Pensions in Session

\$1,000 SCHOOL HOUSE

To Be Built at Dardens; Other Work of the Board of Education -- 16 New Applicants for Pensions, \$1,306 Paid Pensioners Last Year.

Monday was a busy day at the Court House. The Board of County Commissioners, Board of Education, and the County Board of Pensions were all in session.

In addition to the regular routine business, auditing and allowing current accounts, the commissioners granted 16 whiskey licenses: Jamesville 2; Williamston 2; Everetts 2; Robersonville 3; Gold Point 2; Parmele 1; Hassells 1; Hamilton 3. All the commissioners were present.

The Board of Education, consisting of Messrs. S. R. Biggs, L. B. Wynn of Williamston, and Jos. T. Waldo of Hamilton, was in session, and had quite a lot of work to do. A settlement was had with the County treasurer, appropriations made for the next school year. The present Board of Education with the assistance of the of the county's efficient superintendent, is doing an excellent work and the school facilities are being extended and made more perfect each year.

During the session which lasted

three days, the board was hard at work, for it takes work to make satisfactory appropriations. In addition to the other work a school house was planned for Dardens, a good substantial building, one that will cost \$1,000 to \$1,200. Messrs. Biggs and Waldo went to Dardens Wednesday and selected the site for the building. The coming school year promises to be better than last year.

The County Board of Pensions, consisting of J. A. Hobbs, clerk of Court, N. S. Peel, John D. Simpson, and W. H. Robertson, Sr., had 16 applications for pensions, 14 from old soldiers and two from widows. Dr. Warren, the county physician had a busy day examining the applicants.

There are now on the pension roll 29 old soldiers and 21 widows of old soldiers, and they received last year \$1,306. If the 16 applicants are placed on the roll the amount this year will be about \$1,800.

HAMILTON ITEMS

Miss Fannie C. Gladstone is on the sick list.

Mr. W. E. Gladstone left Wednesday for Norfolk.

Mr. H. L. Salsbury of Hassells was in town Sunday.

Mr. W. L. Sherrod who has been sick for the past four weeks is out again.

We are sorry to hear of Mr. Harry Johnson's illness, hope he will be out soon.

Mr. Zeb V. Bellamy is spending several days with his parents on Elizabeth street.

Miss Maggie Peel, who has visiting friends in Tarboro returned home Sunday.

Mr. L. L. Newberry of Norfolk is spending several days with his sister, Mrs. W. L. Sherrod.

Miss Mary P. Gladstone left for Norfolk Wednesday where she will spend several weeks for her health.

The Stork visited the home of Mr. W. J. Sherrod in Greensboro and left a fine boy. Mr. Sherrod is a native of Hamilton.

Hamilton and Scotland Neck will cross bats here Friday afternoon. Game called at 4 p. m. Everybody is invited to attend.

Miss Mary Sherrod entertained several of her friends at a card party Tuesday night. After several games of cards delicious ices were served with fruit. Among those present were: Miss Ruth Matthews, and Messrs. W. S. Rhodes, P. H. Davenport and H. L. Salsbury.

Master Bruce Sherrod, who had been operated on for appendicitis, was taken worse Monday and had to be taken back to the hospital Tuesday. Dr. M. I. Fleming carried him to the hospital in Tarboro. We are sorry to hear of Bruce's relapse and hope for him a speedy recovery.

Miss Carrie Sherrod entertained the Little Gem Club Tuesday afternoon. Progressive dominoes was the game of the evening. A guessing contest in which Miss Maggie Peel won the first prize and Miss Martha Johnson the second, was greatly enjoyed. After the games delightful refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Martha Johnson, Maggie Peel, Valera Perkins and Ruth Floyd.

Weak women should try Dr. Shoop's Night Cure. These soothing, healing, antiseptic suppositories go direct to the seat of these weaknesses. My "Book No. 4 For Women" contains many valuable hints to women, and it is free. Ask the Doctor in strictest confidence, any questions you wish answered. Dr. Shoop's Night Cure is sold by All Dealers.

W. J. HARDISON PASSES AWAY

After a Long and Useful Life--22 Years Sheriff-- Eight Times Receiving Every Vote Cast in the County for Sheriff--Was Lieutenant of Company --, 17th, Regiment N. C. V.

William Jonathan Hardison died at his home in East Williamston, on July 6th, 1908, at 5 o'clock a. m., after an illness of several months. He was born in Beaufort county, near Washington on Nov. 18, 1827. In early manhood he became a resident of Williamston,

and married Mary A. Andrews, of Martin county. To them were born eleven children, only five surviving him--J. B. Hardison, Mrs. J. W. Watts, Mrs. W. H. Crawford, of Williamston, W. H. Hardison, of Rocky Mount and Edward H. Hardison, of Lakeland, Fla. In 1854 he served in his first official capacity as deputy sheriff, under W. W. Ward, and gave signs of that executive ability that later in life reflected so much honor upon himself and the people he loved to serve. The call of the South was espoused by him, and in 1862 he was made 2nd. Lieutenant of the 17th Regiment, which had on its roll the power of Martin county's soldiery. After the reorganization of the regiment he became first Lieutenant and served bravely and well, as attested by the comrades who knew him best. He had no fear where honor lay--his strength was as the strength of ten, because his heart was pure. After the war he served for a number of years as manager of the extensive timber

interests of the late Dennis Simmons.

His capacity for controlling labor and his strict attention to the business rendered him almost invaluable to his employer.

In 1874 he was induced to accept appointment of the office of sheriff which had been made vacant by the failure of the incumbent to give bond. For twenty-two years he was elected, eight times receiving every vote cast in the county for sheriff.

In this relation he was best known to a large number of people. It has been often said, and truly so, that no county has had a superior officer, and few his equal, he knew no danger of apprehension of lawbreakers, true to friends, yet meeting to all the same measure--sympathetic and tender, his heart was easily touched by the sorrows of others.

In 1892 he retired from office, but was called to complete the term owing to the death of Joseph R. Lanier. At the next convention he yielded to the desire of friends and was elected again. In 1896 he was defeated by the Republican-Populist combine. Since that time he had lead a quiet life among the loved ones at home.

Truly it may be said that he was a self-made man, overcoming difficulties by his indomitable will and untiring energy. Honest to a peculiar degree, he owed no man anything and made it a rule of the home of which he was at the head. One of the characteristics of the man most admired was his innate politeness--a true type of the Southern gentleman--a l w a y s abounding in hospitality and chivalrous attention to women.

But to those who knew him best he appeared in the truest light in his home life. With tenderest care and loving guidance he was at once the father and friend, entering into all the joys or sorrows of those whom God had given him, and contributing largely of his means to assist in making life pleasant for each of them. In 1888 the wife who had shared with him many years of happiness passed be-

yond the grave, leaving to his care two young children. In all the years following he has given them the tenderest care, taking as far as possible the mother's place.

About two years ago his health failed and since he has not gone out and in among his friends as was his desire. Always patient and never murmuring, he saw the end approaching and smilingly welcomed the vision of the far away home beyond the skies.

The funeral services were conducted at his home on Tuesday morning at 10.30, by Rev. C. L. Reed, of the Methodist church, assisted by Rev. G. J. Dowell, of the Baptist. As a mark of honor all the business houses in the town were closed and a great concourse of people followed the flower-laden casket to Oakdale cemetery, where the committal service was said and the body was laid beside loved ones.

Active pallbearers were: J. K. Carstarphen, F. K. Hodges, C. H. Godwin, K. B. Crawford, Jos. D. Biggs, W. J. Anderson, C. B. Hassell and C. D. Carstarphen.

The Enterprise joins with the entire county in paying loving tribute to the deceased, and sorrowing alike with the family so greatly bereft.

Miss Matthews to Teach in Alabama

Hamilton, N. C. July 8.--Miss Ruth Ransom Matthews was unanimously elected to teach English in the high school of Bessemer, Birmingham, Ala., on the eighth of July. She has been for two terms teaching at Selma. She was elected for their term, but preferred higher work. Miss Matthews is a lady of pleasing address, sweet in disposition, a lady of high-tone character. She came from one of the first families of North Carolina and Virginia, she graduated at that famous old Moravian school at Salem N. C. The friends of Miss Matthews regret to lose her.

Painted Accident

Monday evening the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Cowing stuck a large splinter in her hand. The little one was standing on the bottom scantling of the fence hold-onto the pickets watching some boys pitch ball, when she slipped off the scantling and in falling the splinter, nearly as large as a pencil and about two inches long, stuck in her hand. She would not allow any one to try to pull it out.

Dr. Warren was called in and after getting the child under the influence of Chloroform cut the splinter out. She is getting along nicely.

Congressional Convention

There being doubt in the minds of some as to the reason of calling the Congressional Convention together at the early hour of 9 A. M., the chairman deems it proper to announce that the Committee decided upon this hour in order that the delegates from the north side of the sound could leave for their homes on the same day after the convention had adjourned.

A. L. PENDLETON, chm'n,
Con. Ex. Com.

Bert Barber, of Elton, Wis., says: "I have only taken four doses of your Kidney and Bladder Pills and they have done for me more than any other medicine has ever done. I am still taking the pills as I want a perfect cure." Mr. Barber refers to DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. Sold by Chase's Drug Store; Biggs' Drug Store.