

## DEATH OF MRS. B. S. MAULTSBY

### In Montgomery Sunday Evening After a Short Illness--Buried Here Wednesday--A Large Number of Friends Mourn Her Untimely Death.

At her home in Montgomery, Alabama, on October 3rd, 1909, Bessie Rhodes Maultsby departed this life in her thirty-eighth year. She was born in Williamston on September 23rd, 1872, being the eldest child of Francis A. and Helen Slade Rhodes. She grew to womanhood in the place of her birth and was the joy of the home. Her gentleness of disposition endeared her to every one, and she has held the affection of all who knew her through all the years.

On October 26th, 1892, she was wedded to Bog S. Maultsby, and has lived in Montgomery where her husband had made a home for her. Three little children came to bless their union and with the stricken father are left to miss her in the years to come. The influence of a christian mother in early years had shaped her life, and she gave her heart to God and joined the Methodist Church, doing good to others in a quiet, unassuming way and having charity for all men. In all things she was the faithful wife and mother, devoted daughter and true friend. Her mother, Mrs. Helen Rhodes, and three brothers, Dr. J. S., and Messrs. Frank and William S. Rhodes survive her.

The remains arrived via the A. C. L. R. R., from Montgomery on Tuesday afternoon, accompanied by the husband and brother, B. S. Maultsby and Frank Rhodes, Janet and Helen Maultsby and the little infant, Bessie, attended by a professional nurse.

Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock the funeral services were conducted from the residence of Mrs. Helen Rhodes by Rev. C. L. Reid, whose words in speaking of the life and character of the wife and mother, were beautiful and appropriate. The interment was in the family cemetery at the Slade homestead, three miles West of Williamston. Handsome floral designs expressed the love and esteem of a number of friends and relatives. There were present from out of town, Mrs. Allen Richardson and son, Misses Lizzie and Penelope Slade, Messrs. T. B. and Henry Slade, W. S. Rhodes and John Maultsby.

Active pall bearers were: J. P. Simpson, C. H. Godwin, John D. Biggs, B. A. Critcher, C. D. Carstarphen, C. B. Hassell and S. R. Biggs.

## EVERETTS ITEMS

Misses Riddick went to Williamston Monday, shopping.

Miss Fannie Woolard is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. S. Peel.

Miss Daisy Walker has returned to her home in Rocky Mount.

The meeting at the Baptist Church closed Sunday night. One baptised.

Mrs. J. S. Peel and sister, Miss Woolard, went to Tarboro Tuesday shopping.

A number of people from here attended the Association at Scotland Neck.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Everett and little son, Edward, went to Tarboro Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Barnhill and Mrs. Noah Riddick went to Williamston Tuesday.

Mrs. M. J. Everett, of Williamston, and sister Mrs. Moore, of Alamance County, are visiting relatives here.

## Ganderbone's Forecast

For OCTOBER  
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The President's train  
Ran a little bit faster,  
And he got in at noon  
And addressed the postmaster.

Then up and away,  
To his subjects impartial,  
At 2 he addressed  
A United States marshal.

Still on and yet on,  
As untiring as Hector,  
He was speaking at 4  
To a census director.

In the meantime he shaved,  
But had scarce sheathed his razor  
When he rushed out to talk  
To a U. S. appraiser.

Then one more ovation  
Upon his great journey,  
And a speech from the rear  
To a U. S. attorney.

They feared he was spent,  
But he proved a great stayer,  
And the next stop he talked  
To a customs surveyor.

They begged him desist,  
But he answered them "Fudge!"  
And at 6 was addressing  
A Federal judge.

Refreshed by some tea  
And a couple of crulls,  
He addressed an inspector  
Of boilers and hulls.

Then on and still on  
The swift special ran,  
And he piled out and spoke  
To a revenue man.

Then ho! for the night,  
Without station or steeple,  
And he hit the hay saying,  
"Hurrah for the people!"

October is from the Latin octo, meaning eight. That is, it is about eight times as pleasant as any other month in the year, and the Romans took this means of saying so. They were very fond of cracklings, and about hog-killing time Lucullus gave a crackling banquet at the Auditorium which made everybody's mouth water a month before it came off. Caesar said that cracklings made Rome the mistress of the world, and it was not until her soldiers began eating spaghetti and vermicelli that the Empire began to decay.

The hunting season will resume upon the rippling lake, and the hunter will get out his gun and hide him in the brake; the festive duck will fly about and in the smoke and din a leaden pellet now then will penetrate his skin, until the quarry's gravity is overcome with shot, and the sportsman nearest when he falls will clap him in the pot.

The cider press will creak and wheeze and the sorghum pot will boil; the wind will whistle through the trees, and the frog will bore for oil; the haze of Fall will veil the sun, the days grow soft and short, the nimble colt will jump and run, the lambkin will cavort, the air will smell of smoking hams and applebutter butts, and the poor consumer will renew his strength with hazelnuts.

The Cookite and the Pearyite  
Will pull each other's nose,  
And both explorers will line up  
Their trusty Eskimos.

The scientists will bite and scratch  
Deciding which was prior,  
And we'll have to send for Roosevelt  
To find out who's a liar.

It does seem terrible that he who always knows who's lying should be away in Africa when all of us are dying to know the truth. A word from him would quickly satisfy us which one of them perhaps deserves the brand of Ananias. A fig for all the specimens he is accumulating—he ought to be here on the job and duly separating the

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## ROBERSONVILLE NEWS ITEMS

Rev. Mr. Reid was in town Tuesday.

Miss Alma Fleming was in town Tuesday.

Miss Nina Roberson went to Bethel Saturday.

Misses Susie and Effie Ross were in town Tuesday.

Thomas Roberson is visiting his parents this week.

Oscar Barnhill, of Everetts, was in town last week.

Dr. R. H. Hargrove left Tuesday for a hunting trip.

Miss Addie Coburn spent a few days in town last week.

Miss Minnie Bryant is from school on account of illness.

Miss Arminta Bonner left Saturday for her home in Aurora.

J. C. Smith went to Oak City Monday on professional business.

Miss Ada Britton is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. H. Rawls, this week.

Messrs. R. T. Martin and Ed James went to Williamston Thursday.

Messrs. W. R. Jenkins and C. James went to Williamston Monday.

Rev. Mr. Stancil conducted services at the M. E. Church Sunday night.

Misses Minnie Edmondson and Maud Powell spent Saturday night in town.

W. W. Keel left Sunday to attend a meeting of the Jr. O. U. M. at Greensboro.

Miss Hattie James and Mrs. J. A. Everett, of Everetts, were in town last week.

Henry Smith, who has been spending a few days with his family left Tuesday for Norfolk.

Misses Maree and Emma Robertson left Monday to enter the Training School at Greenville.

An Indian ventriloquist was here Tuesday and Wednesday nights, and proved very entertaining.

Rev. Charles Mead, and Misses Hallie Meads and Vida Lowry, of Weeksville, spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Robertson.

The store of A. R. Dunning is complete. By joining the building to that of Hargrove and Nelson, it will be one of the prettiest in the county.

Mrs. B. W. Allen and children have arrived from Franklin to join Prof. Allen here. They will occupy the house from which Prof. Everett has recently moved.

A wagon filled with young people left here Friday night to attend service at Gold Point, but a tire slipped off, and the delay was so long that they were too late for church.

## Bertie Tobacco

The Windsor Ledger of last week states that fourteen loads of tobacco passed through town en route to the Williamston market. The farmers reported fairly good prices on their return. Mr. L. S. Todd received the highest average—13 cents.

Bertie farmers are conveniently situated to sell on one of the best markets in the State. The road to the ferry has been excellent for the months in which the market has been open, thus enabling the people over the river to reach the market easily by wagon and save freight and fare on the railroad. To be in touch with a good, safe market run by clever men, is a great advantage to the farmer who wishes to economize.

## BEAR GRASS ITEMS

Calvin Ayers went to Robersonville Tuesday.

Miss Lenora Corey is visiting her sister this week.

W. R. Roebuck was in town Sunday evening.

Alfred Roberson went to Williamston Monday.

Samuel Whitehurst was in town Sunday morning.

Miss Dora Corey went to Williamston Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ayers were in town Monday.

Mrs. W. R. Roberson is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Louinda Bailey spent Saturday night in town.

H. D. Harrison attended church at Macedonia Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rodgerson spent Sunday in town.

Nathan Rodgerson was in Everetts Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Rodgerson spent Sunday in Everetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Ayers spent Sunday with Mr. John Ayers.

Alonzo Cowing was the guest of Miss Louella Roberson Sunday.

Miss Bertha Mobley was the guest of Miss Dora Corey Sunday.

Miss Edmon Harris spent Sunday in the country with relatives.

Messrs. A. B. and Henry Rodgerson were out of town Sunday.

## One Bear Less

The following from Jamesville has been received: "On the morning of the 3rd inst., His Majesty, King Bear, had to bite the dust. A bullet from Matt's rifle made close connection with His Lordship's brain. So we and the swine rested in peace that night."

Just one bear less in Martin County and a crowd of joyous hunters, is the meaning of the message.

## Alumni Meeting

To the Alumni of the University:—You are cordially invited to attend the exercises of University day to be held on October 12 in Memorial Hall. The celebration of this day has become a source of increasing benefit to the University and pleasure to all present.

Of no less significance in the life of the University has been the observance of the day by the Alumni Associations throughout the country. More than ever, therefore, it is desired that these celebrations be made universal. Wherever, then, two or three can gather together, let there be a reunion. It is earnestly requested of every alumnus to exert himself to bring about in his community a full gathering of sons of the University—a gathering at which shall be present every U. N. C. 'boy' within reach. These meetings may be in the form of smokers, luncheons, banquets, or social gathering of other kind.

In response to the above, you are requested to meet at the rooms of the Lotus Club at 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening next, as is the usual custom once each year.

W. J. Gordon, Secretary.

## Dardens School

(Reported)

The entertainment of the Dardens school, September 24th, was a success, also a pleasure to the patrons and teachers. The audience was almost too large for the school-room but the attention given the performance was quiet and respectful. The work of the children on the stage was of a superior quality, and it meant a great deal to the people at large, and reflected credit on the parents.

## A Williamston Boy

Mr. S. Henry Hatton, who has been General Freight and Passenger Agent for the A. S. N. Co., at Franklin, Va., has resigned his position to become General Freight and Passenger Agent for the Wellington and Powellsville R. R., and steamer lines with offices at Windsor, taking effect October 1st. Mr. Hatton goes to his new work with the highest endorsement from his former employers. He received his business training in the office of the A. C. L. at Williamston and has held important positions since leaving his native town. He with Mrs. Hatton were social favorites in Franklin and left a host of warm personal friends there. The W. and P. R. R. Co., and the people of Windsor are to be congratulated, and the lines of Mr. and Mrs. Hatton have fallen in a pleasant place for Bertie county forks are fine.

## Debating Society

The meeting on October 1st was an interesting one. The subject for discussion was: Resolved: That there is more to be learned by observation than by study. The debaters wrestled with this for some time before the committee retired. Each one seemed determined to sustain his own points and those of his colleague. The committee decided that the negative side presented the best argument.

After attending to some business which had been set aside for this date, the society adjourned.

Homer Peel, Secretary.

## Residence Burned

One night last week, James Daniel, son of County Commissioner W. H. Daniel, left his home in Griffins Township to pay a visit to his parents' home just a short distance down the road. He extinguished the light, and accompanied by his wife left the house. After arriving at Mr. Daniel's home they looked back and discovered their own house on fire. It was impossible to save it and the flames soon devoured it with contents. The house was a new one, built at the cost of \$1,100 and was neatly furnished. It is a severe loss to the young couple who were married about three years ago. There was no insurance on the building.

## Death of a Little Boy.

[Reported]

On Tuesday, September 28th, the angels visited the home of Mrs. McG. Riddick, and took her little boy, William Albert, to the home that is fairer than day. He was one year and eight months old, and it was hard to give up the precious one.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. G. J. Dowell, interment in the family cemetery.

Mrs. Riddick has been bereft of four members of her family in less than nine months. Her husband and two children have been taken from her. The entire community deeply sympathize with her in this sore hour of trial.

## Carolina Literary Society

The following program was rendered October 1st, 1909: Boyhood of Hawthorne, Myrtle Woolard; Incidents, Sue Leggett; Betsy Hull's Wedding, Francis Knight; Story of Quaker Persecution, Lila Wynne; Witchcraft in Colonial Times, Emma Roberson.

Penelope Biggs, Sec'y.

## Electric Lights for Williamston

The people in Williamston have let a contract for electric lights. That is progress. We believe they make a mistake in not having water works first. But water works and electric lights go mighty well together.—Windsor Ledger.

## ESTIMATING THE WHEAT CROP

### Probabilities of the Outcome of a Very Interesting Season--The American Farmer Will Sell at Good Price--Must Help Feed Europe.

The wheat season starts with smaller reserves even than in the famous year 1897, when low supplies of old wheat followed by a 30 per cent shortage in the European crop and a 100,000,000 bushel increase in our own had some remarkable financial results. This means a sure and quick market for the new crop. It is impossible as yet to estimate the probable foreign wheat harvest of 1909; latest advices indicate that, while the crop in France, England and Russia will be sufficient, Germany and the Danube states have fared badly, so that the total European crop will hardly match the abundant yield of 1905 and 1906. The obvious meaning of such a situation is that Europe must have such of our wheat surplus as the American market can spare and must pay fair prices for it. Had the winter wheat estimate of Aug. 14 confirmed the 400,000,000 bushel prediction current a few weeks before, instead of raising the calculation to 432,000,000, and had the spring wheat promise been in any way seriously impaired the country would scarcely have escaped a later repetition of the Chicago speculation of last May and our export trade would have been greatly restricted. But 327,000,000 extra bushels make a considerable difference.

It still remains to see what happens to our spring wheat crop and to foreign crops in the two remaining months. But as matters stand however, there are several reasonable inferences.

First, the American farmer will sell an abundant wheat crop at highly remunerative prices; second, those prices are not likely to go again to the "famine figure," which will impose hardship on consumers; third, the railways will have the average amount of wheat to transport to market; fourth, our export of wheat and flour, which in the past twelve months was cut down 50,000,000 bushels from the year before and 31,000,000 from two years ago, should be increased by twenty five to forty millions, thereby helping our market for international exchange and at the same time easing the strain on Europe's wheat trade.—Exchange.

## Mission at Hamilton

Rev. Claudius F. Smith, of Elizabeth City, is holding a Mission in the Episcopal Church at Hamilton this week. Rev. W. J. Gordon left for Hamilton Tuesday and made all arrangements for the opening of the service Tuesday night. Mr. Smith will no doubt especially interest the people of that town, because of his relation to Rev. Mr. Cox who served them so long and faithfully. Besides that Mr. Smith is, perhaps the strongest preacher in the Diocese, and has done a wonderful work in his own town, and all who go to hear him will be greatly helped. There will be three services on Sunday, the one for men at 4:30 will be peculiarly interesting and every one who has an opportunity should attend. The Mission will close with the Sunday night service.

## Tax Notice

Town taxes for the year 1909 are now due, and I ask all who are liable to pay promptly, thus avoiding the trouble and expense incident to non-payment.

W. R. White.