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A Pleasant Day in a Good Town

(Editorial Correspondence)

Friday, April 25th, marked the close of the session of the Robersonville Graded School. The faculty and school had not prepared for any commencement exercises, but had used the entire term for the school work proper. But the spirit of patriotism was not forgotten.

At three o'clock the school, town and a large part of the country gathered on the campus, where arrangements had been made for the occasion. Robersonville Lodge of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics marched in a body to the scene and Rev. N. H. Shepherd, of Rocky Mount, for the local Lodge in a very forceful speech, presented a Bible to the school. Elder M. T. Lawrence with most appropriate words, accepted same on behalf of the school. Both speakers urged the importance of a knowledge of the Bible to an educated citizenship.

The officers of the J. O. U. A. M., then unfurled a large American flag and proceeded to raise it. Soon the breeze seemed to join in the spirit of liberty, and the red, white and blue floated from the flagpole high above the heads of the enthusiastic crowd. The entire school sang "The Star-Spangled Banner," and the scene was a most inspiring one. Mr. W. W. Keel presented the flag to the school in a speech filled with love of liberty. Rev. J. F. Davis made the speech of acceptance, emphasizing in beautiful words, the force and power of that which the flag represents.

Rev. H. C. Boblitt was then introduced and made the address of the day upon the work of the J. O. U. A. M., and for what they stood educationally, morally and socially. The address was well received and highly appreciated, all present pronouncing it a splendid address.

At 8:30 o'clock in the evening, the school and citizens from far and near assembled at the Christian Church, where Dr. J. C. Caldwell made a very strong speech on the subject of Education, showing that no nation had ever reached to any power without education, and that unless the proper kind of education was given, no civilization could exist.

Robersonville seems to be full of the spirit of education, and Prof. Mizell and his able corps of teachers, six in all, have done a great work for the upbuilding of the minds of children, which will greatly affect the future of Robersonville, the enrollment for this term being 250.

The most inspiring scene of the day was the bright face of that grand old man, Stephen W. Outerbridge, who has been present at every exercise and presence lends force and power to the occasion. He is eighty-eight years old and for fifty years taught school in Martin County, doing more, perhaps, for the uplift of the people than any man in the county. Many of the women and of the county, who stand for things worth, while received their early training and inspiration from him. So it truly can be said that no example or word of his has had a tendency to lead young men and women downward, but upward.

The growth of the town is very noticeable, and everything seems to be flourishing. The business institutions besides the many mercantile establishments, are the Robersonville Guano Co., which is operated by Mr. J. H. Roberson, Jr., one of the wide-awake young men of this county, this plant is running at its full

capacity; the mill and factory of Wiley Rogerson and Company is one of the busiest places to be seen, and their business is increasing; the new buggy factory is running at full blast, and one vehicle each day is turned out.

One of the most prosperous banks in the county is there. J. A. Mizell, a splendid son of Martin, is its Cashier, and he is making good in the institution and in the hearts of his people. One fact very noticeable is the fifteen buildings in the course of construction now, and the proposed erection of \$40,000 worth of buildings on Main Street this year. All this proves that confidence in the beautiful town is fully maintained.

Our county should better know itself, and enter into like co-operation, thus promoting general progress along lines which makes for greater and higher things in the lives of a people.

W. C. M.

A Pleasant Evening

Miss Della Kate Ward, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Ward, was hostess to a number of her friends on last Friday evening in honor of her birthday. The residence was aglow with lights and bright with beautiful flowers. The guests arrived at the hour appointed and were graciously received by the hostess. Pleasing conversation and music made the hours pass delightfully. Later ice cream and cake were served by Master James Smithwick assisted by little Miss Elisabeth Burras.

A beautiful array of presents brought by the guests gave evidence of the esteem in which Miss Ward is held by members of her set. There were many expressions of good will and wishes for a long and happy future. At a late hour the guests departed, numbering the evening among the most pleasant of the year.

A Death

During a severe attack of pneumonia and whooping cough, little Louise, the three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Faulkner, of Kinston, died Saturday, April 12th, 1913.

Her body was brought to Everetts, Mrs. Faulkner's old home, and amid sorrowing relatives and friends was laid to rest Sunday afternoon.

Little Louise was a very sweet child and a favorite with all who knew her. She is missed so much but we try to be glad that the sufferings of this world are not for her, and that while young and pure, she went home to rest forever.

HER COUSIN

Bear Grass Items

A. B. Ayers, Javan Rogers, Edmond Harris and W. R. Roberson went to Jamezville Tuesday.

W. R. Roberson spent Sunday with his mother in Griffins.

Miss Minnie Harrison returned to her home in Williamston Monday.

Miss Bettie Roberson was the guest of Miss Suda Whitehurst Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Harrison is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whitehurst spent Sunday in Cross Roads.

Elder J. N. Rogerson filled his regular appointment at Smithwick Creek Sunday.

A. B. Rogerson, of Everetts, was in town Sunday.

Town election will be held on Tuesday next.

Hamilton Items

Dr. B. L. Long went to Norfolk Tuesday to take Mr. Hobbs to the hospital.

Miss Sarah Hyman, of Tarboro, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. B. B. Sherrod.

Mrs. J. P. Boyle left Wednesday for Atlantic City to attend the National Federation of Clubs. From there she will go to Philadelphia to visit her parents.

Miss Pattie Sherrod is visiting in Tarboro this week.

Miss Helen Council is spending the week in Oak City.

Dr. Fleming, Pat Davenport and several others went to Williamston Tuesday.

W. L. Sherrod and son, Watson, of Enfield, are in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sherrod, Miss Mary and Bryan Sherrod came down in their new car from Enfield to visit relatives on Tuesday.

Mrs. M. I. Fleming is visiting her mother in Enfield.

B. S. Maulsby and daughters with Dr. Rhodes and Mrs. Rhodes motored from Williamston to visit the family of T. B. Slade.

Rev. Mr. Betha filled his appointment in the Episcopal Church Sunday.

C. V. Andrews expects to open up a grocery here soon.

F. S. Johnson, of Hassell, is in town for a few days.

Ira Keene is visiting his parents at Four Oaks.

Griffins Items

Mrs. Kitchen Corey is on the sick list this week.

Alexander Peel's mule ran away Saturday being frightened at a bicycle.

Elder John Rogerson attended his regular services at Smithwick Creek Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Millie Peel was taken very ill Sunday.

The farmers were glad to see rain as the tobacco crop was uncertain.

The people have purchased a supply of Roanoke pork.

The people were disappointed when they learned that the Seaboard Air Line would not build through here to Washington.

Parrale Items

Mrs. Stokes is visiting relatives in Rocky Mount.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nelson spent Sunday in town.

Miss Floy Whichard spent Sunday here with relatives.

T. B. Bryant spent a few days in town last week.

Nicholas Roberson is at home from Buie's Creek for a few days.

N. O. VanNortwick and J. T. Stokes spent Sunday in Rocky Mount.

Mrs. Robert Nelson went to Robersonville Saturday.

John Chapell from Leens was here Sunday.

T. K. Weyher spent Saturday in Kinston.

Mrs. Beulah Mizell spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Roberson.

Ashley Manning, who has just bought a car, made good use of it Sunday.

Many friends of Miss Bertha Ward are glad her school has closed and she will be home for a while.

Friends of Rev. M. A. Matheson are glad to know that his family are improving.

D. S. Powell went to Williamston Sunday night.

Mr. Hardison On Bond Issue

Mr. Editor:

In a recent issue of the Enterprise, we note with interest the perplexing question: "Shall we have good roads?" followed by an argument which we regard as strong forcible and true. The only objection to it was that the writer failed to give his name. However, that was probably best known to himself and the Editor. The direct answer to the above question, as every sound thinker realizes, depends upon two propositions, one of which is up to the people to decide in the next few days. The one is to work the roads on a tax basis, the other to continue to work them under the present system. It is a well-known fact, one that the most ardent advocate of the latter will admit, that under the existing road laws the answer would be in thousands of voices, "No." It is needless to say that the present system is inadequate, unjust and oppressive—a relic of anarchy.

There is but one motive that can prompt any one to argue in behalf of the method now employed. That motive can be nothing less, and I say it in no spirit of bitterness, than down-right selfishness. The taxpayer who claims that as he has served his time out on the roads, he ought not to be taxed for that purpose, has only his individual interest at heart, and that from a very narrow and unprogressive point of view. It does seem that if the father had the best interest of his son, and the progress and development of his country and especially of his community at heart he would not only be willing but anxious to bear his part of the burden for such improvement. Several men in my township have been heard to say while subject to road duty, that the time would come when roads would be worked by taxation. Today these same men are fighting the proposition to a finish, even to the extent of circulating reports which are untrue. I need mention only one or two of these statements to show the absurdity and misunderstanding of the road proposition. It is deplorable that men in this enlighten age can see no farther into the question than to say that a bond issue would involve property rights, and jeopardise the rights of the individual to his real and personal property. Another absurd argument is that men owning no property will be taxed in excess of law and forced to continue "service" under the "uniquitous" system. But our Special Act provides that not more than 1-4 of 1 per cent should be levied on property and not more than 75 cents on each poll, and further provides that should the bond issue go into effect, the present system be thereby repealed.

The answer to the question will be given on the day of the election by the voters of the township. Any one has only to visit those sections which have issued bonds for road improvement, to find that the question should be answered in the affirmative. But some will say that you are voting a debt on the coming generation. That may be true, but the investment is a profitable one that will pay big dividends and one easy to finance. The "kicker" says he does not want to go in debt—sensible in a measure, but when the investment will pay 100 per cent, would it not be foolish to refuse to invest?

S. E. Hardison,
Williams Township.

Only eight United States National banks failed in 1912.

An Interesting Letter

Dear Mr. Editor:

I am in receipt of the third paper that is published in old Martin County THE ENTERPRISE, since subscribing for it.

It is a pleasure for me to take up this paper and read knowing where it came from, and yet it is sad to peruse the pages looking for names that I left in Martin County thirty-five years ago. Occasionally I find one—M. W. Ballard, J. A. Everett, J. D. Simpson, N. S. Peele, and a few others that I left. Where are they, those old ones I left there? They have crossed the River, of which I must soon follow.

I find in reading this paper the names of Crawford, Martin, Carstarphen, Rhodes, Hassell, Biggs, Godwin. Those names are all familiar to me. But I do not know the young men. They have come and made men that I hope Martin County is proud of, since I left.

I left Martin County the 13th day of January, 1879. I have been wonderfully blessed, for which I hope I am thankful. My first work in South Carolina was very hard, and it was such as ditching, splitting rails etc. But I stuck to it like a man. I first landed at Green Sea, S. C. I stayed there seven months. From there I went to Fair Bluff, N. C., and spent about a year. From there I went to Round Swamp, S. C. There I spent three years. From there to Red Bluff, S. C. on the Waccamaw River. I spent three years there. My next and last move to Sanford, S. C. where I am now. I located here in the turpentine woods. I own in one body of land at this point 1500 acres and about half of it in cultivation. I have had nearly every foot of this land cleared since I came here. The town of Sanford, S. C. is located near the center of this 1500 acres of land. We have a population of about 200 people. They live here on my place and in my houses. I make here on this land corn, cotton tobacco, potatoes (both Irish and sweet) strawberries and all trucks, such as beans and etc. A prize acre of corn made 92 bushels. Cotton bale and a half per acre. We are selling the Klondyke strawberries here from \$3.50 to \$7.00 a crate of thirty-two quarts, and you would be surprised to see the size of these berries.

Now besides owning the above 1500 acres of land I own about 3000 acres more. And while I love the Old North State, and am interested in her welfare, I don't think there is any place on God's green earth to compare with S. C. and especially our County, Horry.

Now Mr. Editor, I hope you will not think I am blowing my horn too loud, for as above stated, I hope I feel thankful for the blessings I have received since leaving old Martin.

In conclusion, if you think this letter is not worthy a space in your paper, cast it in the waste basket, and I will never think any the less of you.

Yours very truly,
J. R. Aillsbrook,
Sanford, S. C., April 29th 1913.

Mrs. W. H. Crawford Hostess

Thursday afternoon of last week from 4 to 6 o'clock, Mrs. W. H. Crawford was at home to friends in honor of Mrs. Henry Hicks, who has been her house-guest for the past week. The guests were delightfully entertained during the hours and ices and cake were served. Mrs. Hicks left Monday morning for her home in Raleigh.