

### Another Robbery

Sunday night while Levi Riddick was driving along near Brown's Spring, three men jumped into the road and two of them held the mule and the third demanded all the cash Riddick had with him. He was unarmed and for that reason had to submit. They rifled his pockets securing about \$5, then borrowed his coat which was on the back of the buggy, and taking the buggy with them, struck the mule so that he would go running down the road and Riddick would not have the chance to detect them. He is sure, however, that one of them was Robert Johnson, who with two others broke jail here. There should be a concerted effort to apprehend these men, if it is true that they are in the vicinity. A posse of men with guns and dogs should hunt them down for the safety of the public.

### The Misses Hadley Hostesses

The attractive country home of Misses Lela and Allie Hadley was filled with a gay throng on Monday night, when they entertained from nine to twelve o'clock. Quite a number of the Williamston young men and women motored out and enjoyed the pleasures provided for them. Those who enjoy the game, played Rook until the hour appointed for the hostesses to serve refreshments which consisted of elegant ice cream and cake. Miss Fannie Manning and Elbert Peel served punch in the rear hall. The Misses Hadley have as their house guests, Miss White of Scotland Neck; Messrs Jones and Latham, and the entertainment was in their honor. The evening was a most delightful one and the guests so expressed themselves before taking their departure.

### North Carolina Facts

North Carolina consumes more firewood than any State in the Union—4,873,000 cords valued at \$9,523,000.

The farm laborers of North Carolina work on an average 9 hours and 47 minutes per day. Laborers in only twelve states work longer, the average wages with board being \$15.90 and \$22.30 if the laborer boards himself. That of Continental United States is lower.

The Tar Heel horse is now worth \$139.00 per head. There are 180,000 horses in the State valued at \$25,020,000.

Disease caused the swine breeders to lose 68,100 hogs last year and these were valued at \$612,900. The census report of January 1914 shows that there are 1,362,000 hogs in the State valued at \$9 per head.

There are in the State approximately 65,000 bachelors and an equal number of widows.

### Remembered Days

Twenty-eight years ago on Monday, August 31st, the Charleston, earthquake occurred. It is remembered by many people here, whose hearts were filled with terror because of the earth's tremors and the noise accompanying them. No damage was done in this section, it will be remembered.

One year ago next Thursday, the great storm struck Eastern Carolina, ruining crops, destroying shipping and bridges. With the exception of injury to crops and the uprooting of numerous trees, very little damage was done in this immediate section. But the hours were full of dread for those nearer the great waters.

### LOCAL

Bring your tobacco to Williamston next Wednesday.

Try James & Gurganus at the Farmers Warehouse with your tobacco. They are the farmer's friends.

Good Land For Rent:—On any of the following terms: On 1/2 or 1/4 basis. Parties desiring crops will please apply early.—J. W. Watts.

The Farmers Warehouse is now open for business bring us your tobacco, James & Gurganus Prop.

Some claim to have seen the eclipse here on Friday last, though scientists said that it would not be visible south of Washington.

Next Wednesday the tobacco market will open here—the place for the very best prices. Bring your tobacco and be convinced.

A number of people from here attended the meeting at Smithwick Creek on Sunday. The crowd there was not so large as formerly on account of other meetings near.

Hon. Harry W. Stubbs and Clayton Moore left last week for Dare County to open the campaign in the Second Senatorial District. Mr. Stubbs and Mark Magette are the Democratic Candidates.

STRAYED:—One butt-headed yearling, white and red speckled, marked smooth crop in left ear and two slits in right. Had leather halter with spurs on. Reward for information. Phone M. W. Ballard or write P. A. Ballard, City No 3.

FOR SALE:—Seven good mules These mules are well broken and good workers. All young. For further information, apply to the Board of Road Trustees, Williamston Township. B. F. Godwin, Sec'y.

The meeting at the Methodist Church was postponed on account of the illness of Rev. J. M. Daniel, who was to conduct them.

Three men robbed J. A. Wilson near Greenville Saturday night and secured about \$100. There seems to be luck in the number three—for the robbers. It is thought that the gang could have been the Martin County jail breakers.

August has been so warm here that September will be welcomed with the hope that it can furnish something better.

Weeds grow to perfection in Williamston. Several vagrants might be used to advantage if they were provided with hoes and grass blades. The streets offer splendid grazing grounds for the hogs and cattle—they even entice those from the country.

Rev. J. T. Stanford announces that he will have services morning and night on Sunday and that Rev. J. M. Daniel will arrive Monday and preach during the week. The postponement of the meeting this week was unavoidable. The public is cordially invited.

If the postoffice was less a playground for children and a pay station, it would afford more pleasure and comfort to the patrons of the office.

Talk your town, your business in the town, and the other fellow's business, too. What helps the town will help everybody in it. It never pays to go out of the place in which you live to trade. You lose the respect of your neighbors and do not gain that of the man with whom you spent your money. Stay at home.

## Tobacco Market Opens Sept. 2nd.

Under Splendid Management -- Three Warehouses With Ample Floor Space -- Market Stronger Than Ever -- Representatives of All Companies to Buy Weed

SELL HERE GET HIGHEST PRICES

Next Wednesday the Williamston Tobacco Market will open for the sale of the golden weed grown by Martin and the adjoining Counties. The lateness of the opening will place more pounds than usual on the floors on the first day. Graders have been vigorously at work for weeks, or since the first curings and the warehouses here have presented a scene of activity for many days, for a larger corps of graders are employed than ever before. Everything is in readiness for the sales. The three warehouses have a full corps of employees--bookkeepers, auctioneers, managers, etc. The sales can be handled with ease and rapidity, which is for the convenience of the farmers.

The prospects for good prices are fine. The war scare has subsided, and the foreign companies have arranged to be on the spot to take their share. The United States is too large and important to allow the crops--its best asset--to go to ruin and the farmers with them. The Williamston bankers have a strong financial system with which they stand behind the market, and every warehouseman is able to care of every pound offered on his respective floor. There is no feeling of weakness among this people and they are determined to sell more tobacco than for years. It is in this and other counties, and Williamston must have a goodly share in 1914.

The market has done much to help Williamston in material things. It has been one of the important pieces of machinery which has turned the wheels of progress in the town and community. There should be a feeling of pride and interest in even the youngest who can think. This pride should get into the spirit of the merchant, the lawyer, the doctor, the mechanic, the druggist--in every citizen of the town and then he will be a force in the making of a greater and better market than ever before. Stand by the warehousemen, for there are none better in the State; boost the market for it stands at the front among those in this section. It is strong, safe, sure--a steady pull together will make for greater strength. Williamston is the place to sell your crop for the best prices obtainable anywhere. Select either the Dixie, the Roanoke or the Farmers Warehouse for a sales room--Staton & Co., Mobley, Taylor & Co., or W. A. James & Co., will give you a square deal on every pile.

Gilbert Peel left for Robersonville Thursday to accept a position with Adkins & Bailey.

H. H. Pope and family were here from Robersonville on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Wynn, Mrs. Minerva Everett and Thelma Brown were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Everett at Everetts on Wednesday.

### In Memoriam

Robert E. Harris, son of Asa and Mary A. Harris, died May 2nd, 1914, after an illness lasting only a few days, having a complication of troubles, undergoing an operation by the best physicians in this and adjoining counties, and attended by professional nurses and friends who did all they could for his recovery, yet the end came.

This man stood four square in all his dealings. One who always heard the cries of the needy and rarely turned any one away. A great and good man whose place is hard to fill. In his home he was a kind husband and a loving father. The good wife and obedient children will always remember the deeds of kindness and words of love of this great son of Martin County. May they find comfort and so shape their lives and be ready to answer the summons which will surely come to all.

Mother, children, you are not all who shall suffer loss, we share this with you. But the Lord knows best, and we will let our prayers ascend to Him, He will bless and comfort so that we shall be made to feel, that though we are often bereaved, yet we have many things for which to be thankful. For one thing we feel thankful that this man who has passed from time to eternity, had during his short life of fifty-three years, laid up bountifully for the sustenance of his family, having accumulated quite a fortune.

The man whom these words follow was born on December 7th, 1861. On December 19th, 1894, he married Miss Alice Britton, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Britton, of Beaufort County, to which union were born seven children. Sister Alice and six of the children are still living, one has gone to that better Home. May we all strive to meet them in that upper Kingdom, where sorrow shall never come, and the sun shall never fade, for the Lamb of God is the Light thereof forever and ever.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Asa J. Manning and the interment was in the family plot at the home.

Joseph L. Holliday.

### Hamilton Swats Robersonville

The Robersonville ball team met its Waterloo at Hamilton on Tuesday, and just escaped a basket of goose eggs. Grimes, the strong twirler for the visitors, shattered in the seventh and another was put in his place, but the time for winning was far spent and the Hamilton fans saw their favorites walk away with the score, which was 7 to 2. All the features of the game were made by the locals, who never faltered in their effort to keep the honors at home. Wednesday the Hamilton team defeated the Everetts team at the grounds of the latter. This was the week for Hamilton's "Lucky Strike."

### PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shute left for Roanoke Rapids Sunday.

Charles Baker went to Norfolk Saturday.

Miss Eula Lee Waters left Saturday for Baltimore and New York to purchase fall millinery.

Mrs. Vernon Godwin and Miss Mary Pope left for their home in Weldon Monday.

Miss Viola Kilpatrick, who has been visiting relatives here left for home Monday.

Miss Eva Gainer left Monday for Eure where she will visit friends.

Charles Williams, who has been the guest of the Misses Lamb, left Monday for Kinston.

Robert Biggs went to Richmond Monday.

Dr. J. C. Caldwell, who held services in the Christian Church on Sunday, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Manning while in town.

Dr. J. A. White spent Sunday here.

Mrs. Edward Shelburn with a party of friends motored here from Greenville Sunday to visit Mrs. J. W. Watts.

T. H. Harrison left Monday for Baltimore to purchase fall goods.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Mizell arrived Monday and are at the Atlantic Hotel.

Miss Irene Anderson, of Weldon, is visiting Mrs. L. B. Harrison.

Mrs. Evans and children, of Jamesville, were here Monday.

Mrs. James G. Staton left Monday for Wilmington to attend the funeral of Bishop Strange.

James G. Staton went to Goldsboro Monday on business.

Dr. N. B. Marriner, of Belhaven has been visiting his mother here this week.

Miss Hattie Lou Ward is at home after a visit to Clayton.

Messrs. J. R. Robertson and W. H. Crawford, returned Saturday from Hot Springs, where they have been for a month for treatment.

Miss Mary Smith, of Plymouth is the guest of Miss F. B. Martin.

F. U. Barnes and A. T. Crawford went to Norfolk Thursday.

P. F. Apple left Thursday for Norfolk on business.

Miss Hattie Green returned to her home near Robersonville on Thursday.

Miss Gladys Hornthal spent Thursday here.

Joseph Bennett, of Welch, W. Va., is visiting relatives in town.

Clyde Anderson is visiting Yates Dowell at Ayden.

Miss Mae Bennett spent Wednesday evening in Plymouth.

Mrs. Sallie Cherry and children are visitors at the home of N. T. Perry.

C. B. Clark is here from Durham.

W. S. Rhodes was here from Hamilton on Wednesday.

Miss Emma Robertson left Thursday to visit relatives in Ahsokie.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Harrison and children left Wednesday for Fayetteville via Palmyra where they will be the guest of relatives.

Mrs. L. L. Roberson, of Parmele, who has been visiting relatives near here, returned to her home Wednesday.

### In Honor of Miss Fagan

The first of a series of showers to be given Miss Annie Fagan, who on October 7th is to marry S. R. Biggs, was tendered by Mrs. Cushing Biggs Hassell at her residence on Main Street, Monday afternoon, from 5 to 7 o'clock. The interior of the home was attractively arranged and the guests were received graciously by the hostess. There were ten tables at which progressive Rook was played, lemonade and wafers being served during the period. Mousse with whipped cream in paper baskets with cakes was served the guests by little Misses Martha Cotten Crawford, Sallie Cook, Lida Cook and Martha Slade Hassell. The score cards were prettily designed and served as souvenirs of the occasion.

Just before the departure of the guests, Miss Fagan was asked to disclose the contents of numerous packages which had been arranged for her pleasure. These contained lovely handkerchiefs and silk hose gifts of the invited guests, and Miss Fagan expressed delight at the beauty and number of the gifts.

### Notice to the Farmers of this County

The European War is likely to cause much old seed of crimson and other clovers, as well as of hairy vetch, rape, and so on to be thrown on the market this fall. You must be careful, therefore, to have your seeds tested before sowing in order that you may know how much more of these old seeds to sow to get a normal stand.

Better look out for poor seed oats also. Better let us germinate them for you before sowing. Many complaints came to us last fall and spring from failures to get a stand of oats due to poor seed. Address all seed packages to the North Carolina Seed Laboratory, Raleigh, N. C. and put your own name and address inside the package.

Jas. L. Burgess, Agronomist and Botanist.

### Oak City Items

Harrell House, of Stokes, was the guest of Mrs. M. J. House and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Davenport and Miss Malissa Worsely motored to Hassell Sunday.

Messrs. Tom, Marion Burnett, Herman Rawls and Miss Jefferson House attended Church at Hassell Sunday.

Tommy Johnson, of Hassell, spent Sunday at his father's home.

Wm Ainsley returned from Roper Friday.

John Eubanks, Bernard Hyman Jesse Crisp and Dallas Hurst spent Sunday at Ocean View.

Joe Ayers, Marion Everett, Misses Jordan and Bazemore went to Hassell Sunday.

Miss Susie Burnett and brothers were visitors in town Sunday.

Miss Hannah Long left for Norfolk and other places Saturday.

Dr. Edgar Long and wife spent Sunday in Hamilton.

John Purvis and Horace Johnson were here Sunday.

Miss Emily Hines left for Norfolk Wednesday for an extended visit to relatives and friends.

At The Gaiety Tonight  
**THE MOUNTAIN RAT**