

Hymen Did Good Work

The year of 1914 will be remembered among other things for the number of marriages all over the country. Marriages were boosted in the war zone, but this peaceful land could not stay behind in anything, and certainly not in the cementing of hearts and lives. Martin County had its share, Register Brown wrote contracts for one hundred and ninety-six. This number has not been passed but one time previously, when two more were registered. There is no better land in all the world in which to begin life together. Already there have been forty-three licenses issued for the fiscal year beginning Dec., 1st, 1914.

Hamilton Items

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Haislip spent Sunday in Oak City.
Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Ballard are occupying the residence formerly owned by C. H. Baker.
C. D. Carstarphen and children spent Sunday here.
Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Edmonson and daughter spent Sunday in the county.
B. B. Sherrod and R. W. Salisbury spent several days in Norfolk last week.
Mrs. R. W. Salisbury went to Greenville Sunday.
C. C. Cohen, who has been manager for Slade Rhodes & Co., during their sale, left Sunday for New York.
John Martin spent Sunday in Williamston.

William J. Bryan to Speak

The third annual Conference for Social Service will be held in Raleigh, January 28-30. The Conference discusses nearly all subjects looking to the uplift of North Carolina and her people, and everybody is invited to all meetings.
William J. Bryan, Thomas Mott Osborne, Mrs. Cora W. Stewart and Secretary Daniels will deliver addresses. Besides these eminent speakers, there will be many prominent ones from the State.

Debaters Selected

The High School Literary Club is preparing to enter a debating contest, subject; Ship Subsidies. Friday of last week, the papers were read before a committee composed of Misses Nannie and Penelope Biggs and Annie Mizell, who selected the two who should appear for the school. Those reading papers were Carrie Dell White and Joe David Thrower, pupils in the ninth grade, and Daisy Manning and Leona Page, members of the senior class. Misses Manning and Page were chosen by the judges. Preparations had been made to enter the debate against representatives of the Robersonville High School, but owing to some misunderstanding, that school declined to meet the debaters here at the time named. It is hoped that a future meeting can be arranged.

Mr. Howell Warren

The death of Mr. Howell Warren occurred at his home at Robersonville on Sunday night at nine o'clock. The funeral was conducted on Monday. He leaves a wife and several children to miss him in the home.

LOCAL

The Daniel K. Moore Co. have made arrangements with David D. Stalls and the S. R. Biggs Drug Co. to handle their Hog Cholera Remedy.

WANTED.—To employ a good man to work on farm, either as tenant or for hire.—Address Lock Box 227, Williamston, N. C.

The Roanoke River has the swell head again. The water is spreading out over the low lands, and timber floating is popular.

WANTED.—A good white tenant. See Jas. S. Rhodes or John D. Biggs, Williamston.

The Gaiety Theatre has attractive movies every night for 5 and 10 cents.

Mr. Barnes, a student at Wake Forest, held services at the Baptist Church Sunday.

Friends are glad to see Mr. Theo. Roberson out again. He suffered for weeks with an abscess in the head.

There will be services at the Christian Church on Sunday morning and night.

January has been the rainy month so far. The precipitation in this section is great.

To-night at the Gaiety. "A Daughter of the Plains" Drama. "Slave Romance" Comedy. Beau and Hobo, Comedy full of fun.

John Sparks, painter for the Buggy Company, is at Jamesville where he is decorating the interior of the new bank building.

The Methodist Sunday School assembled at the Masonic Hall on Friday night last and enjoyed fruits and candies, and an offering was taken for the Belgian fund.

The drain which is open from Dr. Lloyd's office to the railroad is in a terrible state of congestion, and resembles that of an ill-kept hog pen. It would be a disgrace to a swamp. But who cares?

Don't fail to see "A Daughter of the Plains" at the Gaiety Theatre to-night.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stone are living at the home of J. A. Hobbs since the departure of Rev. J. D. Howell and family, who have moved to Weldon, where Rev. Howell has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist Church there.

Mr. and Mrs. Stokes and children have moved here from Everetts, and are living in the house lately occupied by Mr. Daniel and family in the Watts grove. Mr. Stokes will cultivate the acres bought at the Watts sale by J. P. Simpson.

BANK STOCK FOR SALE.—I have for sale, five shares Capital Stock, Bank of Jamesville. Prefer not selling more than two shares to any one person.

John D. Lilley, Jamesville, N. C.

No Hard Times

Mr. Chas. T. Peel, who owns and operates the John D. Simpson farm on the Everetts road, killed 441 lbs. of meat on Tuesday. His heaviest hog weighed 380. Other hog raisers will please take notice that Mr. Peel had pigs 5½ months old which weighed 135 lbs. The war will scarcely affect this home.

Mrs. Walther Anderson and children and Chas. Baker attended the funeral of Mr. Abram Baker at Robersonville on Tuesday.

Herbert Stallings, formerly druggist for Saunders & Fowden was here from Clayton on Wednesday.

Social Affairs

Last week the social life of the town was very pleasing to those who enter into such enjoyment. Wednesday evening, Mrs. James S. Rhodes was at home to a small party of friends, who enjoyed cards until a late hour.

Mrs. Rhodes served refreshments in an attractive style, and the guests were happy to be with her during the evening.

Thursday evening, Mesdames Alonzo Hassell and Chas. D. Carstarphen entertained the largest number of guests which have assembled here this season. The handsome home of Mrs. Hassell on Houghton Street, where the guests assembled, was ablaze with light and three rooms were arranged for the game of Rook. There were fifteen tables with four players each, and other guests besides. Eleven players tied for the score, and Mrs. Frank U. Barnes won the prize, a lovely bunch of white carnations. Ice cream and cake, the latter in fancy design from Pender's, were served.

Friday night, Mrs. J. T. Jerome, Misses Anna Crawford and Della Lanier entertained at the Crawford home. The guests played Rook in two rooms, there being thirteen tables. Mrs. Jno. L. Hassell won the prize and Mrs. Atwood Newell, the booby. During the evening, refreshing fruit punch was served the guests and salted peanuts in pretty receptacles were placed on each table to be eaten during the games. Ice cream and cake were served after the awarding of the prizes.

Mrs. James G. Staton entertained also on Friday night and among her guests were Miss Kate Cheshire and Mesdames Harrison, Ruffin and Clark, of Tarboro, who returned Saturday on the 5 o'clock train. Auction Bridge was the game of the evening, and greatly enjoyed by the players. At a late hour an elegant luncheon was served in the dining room. Next morning, there were other guests invited and these found the hours pleasant.

Miss Nannie Biggs was hostess to the D. A. R., on Thursday of last week at her home on Smithwick Street. The programme was an unusually attractive one, and the members enjoyed the time spent in the hospitable home of the hostess, who is one of the most enthusiastic of the Daughters.

Hog Cholera Cure

Representatives of the Daniel K. Moore Co. of Dillsboro, N. C. are working in Martin County demonstrating their remedy for the cure and prevention of hog cholera. They have already treated successfully, it seems, scores of hogs.

Daniel K. Moore, an old stock man living in the Western part of the State, discovered this remedy twenty years ago, and has used it successfully for that period of time with his own hogs and those of his neighbors, but only during last year was the remedy put on the market.

These people say they are going to prove to the people of Martin County that they have a remedy that will cure and prevent hog cholera, if given according to directions. If so this means thousands of dollars in meat yearly to this county.

What the A. C. L. Is Putting On Us

For a clear conception of modern convenience and comfort, one has only to go to the station of the A. C. L. railroad at Williamston, North Carolina. Here you will see many good-natured drummers taking the weather as it comes. Then get a glimpse of the inside of the 1-2 box cars. In these you will, no doubt, see a gang of slang slinging boys, pushing and jolting, and standing around a stove just 2-3 the size of grandmother's snuff box.

Finally the train backs in, and the folks at home and the folks from abroad, rush out to board the modern train which must hurry. But behold, when they start, they find that they must walk down the valley of the shadow of box cars, and must walk alone for there is no room for more than one. Unlike the children of Israel, they cannot walk through the water with unmoistened feet, but must wade ankle deep through not clear but impure water to reach the car steps. So the weary and bedraggled passengers have to thank their lucky stars for reaching the car without having to swim.

At last aboard - paradise gained, the lady with her silk hose dripping wet, and the stylish traveling costume bespattered with the water from off the long row of box cars, walks in the new and well-kept car (well-kept off of the main lines where such is not permitted), and seats herself only to find that her dress is marked with dust and smut, the accumulation of weeks.

But all this will soon be over—when the new and spacious brick depot is completed, and the rights and comfort of the people are given proper attention by the A. C. L. officials, who for several months have lost sight of the fact that people and not mud turtles and water fowls inhabit this section.

The depot was burned early in October and not a brick has been placed or the debris cleared away from the spot where the new building should be erected. It is high time that something was being done to accommodate the traveling public.

First Blood In The Pool Room

Saturday night, the first blood was spilled in the pool room situated in the Mobley Building on Main Street. Levi Riddick and Sam Hardison were engaged in a game, Riddick tapped Hardison on the head, and Hardison threw out his arm as if he would strike Riddick, and this angered the latter who proceeded to make kindling wood of a cue over the head of Hardison, cutting an ugly gash. Hardison jumped and caught Riddick, and when the police separated the men, Riddick needed a poultice on one of his orbs, for Hardison had hammered away with the persistency and violence of a Muscovite gun. The combatants were tried before Mayor Godwin and each was placed under a \$100 bond for appearance at court.

Too Bad

And now Joe Daniels does not want the Legislators to stay in Raleigh but forty days. Just think of it! Some of those fellows up there have been dreaming for months of their visit to the Capital City, and now to have the Secretary of the Navy train his guns of reasoning upon them, and insist upon a very short session on the plea of economy, Too bad!

PERSONAL

Dr. J. A. White spent Sunday in town.

J. Paul Simpson spent several days in Charlotte last week.

N. S. Peel was in Norfolk on business Saturday.

W. G. Hedgepeth was here on business Monday.

Miss Mary Belle Ellison, of Suffolk, is visiting relatives here.

Harvy Roberson was here from Robersonville Monday.

C. A. Askew was here from Jamesville Tuesday.

Mess. John Martin and Arthur Perry were here from Hamilton Sunday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Robert Everett returned Monday from their bridal trip.

W. W. Hardison is at Washington for treatment for rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Whitley are at home after a trip to Washington City and other places.

Miss Lizzie Smith, of Scotland Neck, is visiting Mrs. H. D. Cook on Houghton Street.

Miss Sallie Calbert, of Jackson is the guest of Mrs. P. E. Cone this week.

Miss Annie Mae Freeman, of Windsor, is the guest of Miss Fannie Biggs Martin.

Messrs. H. W. Stubbs and A. R. Dunning were at home from Raleigh on professional business last week.

W. R. Steadman has been at the Atlantic Hotel for several days, representing the Daniel K. Moore Co.

Mrs. John D. Simpson, accompanied by Dr. W. E. Warren, left last week for Richmond, where she will receive treatment.

William Pennypacker, of Elmira, N. Y., spent several days here last week looking after the business of the Williamston Cooperaage Company.

Miss Emma Griffin accompanied by Dr. York, Mrs. Asa Crawford and Harry Biggs, left Monday for Norfolk, where she will undergo an operation.

John L. Hassell, Wheeler Martin, T. H. Harrison, Leslie Fowden and Arthur Anderson spent Monday in Rocky Mount on business connected with the railroad here.

Mr. Abram Baker

After a year of ill health, death came to Abram Baker at the home of his son, J. R. Baker, near Pactolus, on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. He was born in Pitt County on Feb., 14, 1829, and on reaching manhood married Miss Limina Hardison, of Beaufort County. To them were born nine children, all of whom are living, but the wife and mother died several years ago. Among the children are Mrs. Walter Anderson, G. A., and Chas. Baker, of Williamston.

Abram Baker was a true friend, a devoted father and lived an upright and honest life among his fellows. He was a farmer and worked diligently with his hands until his health failed.

Tuesday afternoon, his body was laid to rest beside that of his wife, in the plot near Robersonville. Rev. Cecil F. Outlaw, pastor of the Christian Church, read the funeral service.

Friends here sympathize with the bereaved family in their hour of trial.

In Memoriam

A just appreciation of the life and character of our departed friends, demands that we leave to their posterity a record of their lives and achievements.

John Robert Peel was born Nov. 3rd, 1862. He married Susan F., youngest daughter of the late Edwin Manning, Nov., 3rd, 1886. To them were born five children, Annie, wife of Chas. M. Peel, Euzelia, who died at the age of four years, Minnie, wife of Ira Griffin, Heman, and Ruth, wife of Roland Robertson. He is survived by his wife, four children, several grandchildren, and his aged mother, Mrs. Noah Gurganus, and one brother, Slade Peel.

Robert Peel was a son of Robert Peel, who joined Co. H. 61st, Regiment N. C. Troops, at the beginning of the Civil War. He was killed at the charge on Ft. Harrison. Thus John Robert was left an orphan, dependent on a widowed mother, at a time when destruction, want and sorrow filled this fair land. Robert, like many others, was left to struggle against many odds. Reared on the farm, the management of which early fell upon his shoulders, he developed that judgment and diligence so necessary to success. He was one of the most progressive and successful farmers of Bear Grass Township.

He had typhoid fever in 1893, from which he never recovered, leaving him an invalid for life. He was a progressive citizen, a true Democrat, an honest man, a true friend, and an upright neighbor, devoted to his home and his family. His greatest delight was manifest in entertaining his friends in his home. No stranger was ever turned away from his door.

Robert Peel attended church services frequently, but never made a confession of his faith; though a friend of true christianity, he never thought it important to connect himself actually with the Church.

After years of intense bodily suffering, but with mind bright and unclouded, on Dec. 9th, 1914, the immortal spirit was freed from the worn out body and peacefully that which was mortal ceased to be, and like a clock worn out with keeping time, the weary wheels of life stood still.

The funeral was conducted by Elder John Rodgers of the Baptist Church. The interment was on his own farm at a spot selected by himself. Peace to his ashes, rest to his soul.

A. J. M.

Sound Finances

The call for bank statements throughout the State was responded to in the various papers last week. Five banks of Martin County published their statements in these columns, that of the Bank of Robersonville not appearing at that time, and it is interesting to note that the combined deposits of these five banks amount to \$558,636.88—over half a million dollars; the combined resources are \$758,994.60. The deposits in the Williamston banks show an amount of \$430,922.01, and their resources combined are \$533,415.93. Perhaps, no county in the State according to size and population can show any better or sounder financial institutions than can Martin. During all the stringency occasioned by the inability to move the crops, these banks have made good reports and have furnished the people without stint.