

Booster Festival Next Week
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For the first time in its history Williamston will have a Chautauqua, or a Booster Club Festival. For three days next week, Feb. 11, 12, 13th, there will be two programs daily. The concert companies, lecturers and entertainers who will appear during the three days are artists in their several roles. The hours spent with these entertainers will be both profitable and pleasant. It was the intention of the Booster Club to bring three days of refined amusement to the town, and by this method not only please and instruct, but talk the town in which they live.

It is earnestly hoped that the community pride will be great enough to appreciate the desire of the Club to bring to Williamston something which is not only amusing but educational. These three days are for the good of the town and community. Everybody who possibly can, should purchase a season ticket for \$1.50 and be a booster. See the Booster Club and learn about the Chautauqua. The following men comprise the Club: Rev. J. T. Stanford, C. H. Godwin, W. C. Manning, Prof. J. T. Jerome, A. R. Dunning, John D. Biggs, C. W. Keith, Jas. S. Rhodes, T. F. Harrison, A. D. Mizell, J. L. Hassell, W. T. Meadows, K. B. Crawford, J. G. Staton, B. A. Critcher, Mayor B. F. Godwin, P. B. Cone, J. W. Biggs, Saunders & Fowden.

PROGRAM—FIRST DAY
Afternoon
3:15—Forty-five Minutes of Fun for Children and the Grown-ups with The Mysterious Merton, presenting Magical Illusions.
4:00—Humorous Lecture on "Grumblers" or "The Evils of Worrying," by Dr. H. W. Sears.

Evening
8:15—A Half Hour of Fun and Magic with Hal Merton.
8:45—Lecture, "More Taffy and Less Epitaphy" or "The Crisis of Life," by Dr. H. W. Sears.

PROGRAM—SECOND DAY
Afternoon
3:15—Concert by The Lyric Glee Club.
3:45—Entertainment by Ellsworth Plumstead, Impersonator.

Evening
8:15—A Medley of Impersonations, Grave and Gay, by Ellsworth Plumstead.
9:00—Grand Concert by The Lyric Glee Club.

PROGRAM—THIRD DAY
Afternoon
3:15—Concert by The LaDell Concert Company.
3:45—Lecture, "Description of Panama and Exposition," by Dr. William Rader.

Evening
8:15—Lecture, "Uncle Sam and American Ideals," by Dr. William Rader.
9:00—Concert by The LaDell Concert Company.

Mr. Harry Biggs Host

On Friday evening, Mr. Harry A Biggs was host at a card party in honor of Mr. William Hicks of Raleigh who was visiting friends in town for a few days. Miss Della Lanier won the ladies' prize, which was a bottle of Mary Garden perfume, and Maurice Watts was awarded the gentlemen's prize, a silk handkerchief. Mr. Biggs' guests were, Miss Fannie Biggs Martin, Miss Della Lanier, Mrs. Carrie Biggs Williams, Mrs. W. H. Crawford, Mrs. Asa T. Crawford; Messrs. William Hicks, Maurice Watts and Asa T. Crawford.

LOCAL
Be a Booster.

about it. What? The Chautauqua, of course.
Sunday Rev. J. T. Stanford preached at Hamilton and Rev. Morrison Bethea at Woodville.

Boost the Chautauqua by asking your friends and acquaintances out of town to attend and enjoy themselves.

"Alma, Where Do You Live?" Coming next Tuesday night. The greatest musical comedy ever seen here.

FOR SALE—100 tons good hay 300 barrels corn, two good Milk cows, all farming utensils including four Studebaker wagons, all on time.—J. W. Watts.

Presiding Elder Willis will preach in the Methodist Church Sunday morning and night. On Monday at 11 o'clock, a business session will be held.

Monday night about 3:30, a splinter from the Texas tornado struck town. The rain fell in torrents, the wind blew a perfect gale and an electric storm accompanied the whole. There was no damage done, except a few people lost some restful sleep.

The lot upon which the Baptist Church will be erected, has been made ready for work to begin. The house was removed to the Crawford lot across the street and will be used temporarily for a storeroom for material.

If the drains were in good condition, the heavy rains would carry off the trash and impurities which should be looked after by the town. It is fortunate that something helps, as the street commissioners have evidently forgotten about things in general and everything in particular.

County School Commencement

At the Teachers Meeting on January 23rd., it was decided to have a County Commencement either in March or April of this year. A Committee was formed to decide time and place, and other important matters. Other counties have had these Commencements and have found them both pleasant and helpful. Such meetings engender a more sympathetic feeling between the schools, pupils and teachers; they call for more effort in the attainment of a proficiency in studies so that the individual pupil may be able to meet his rival in another school; they create pride in the High Schools, and give the smaller ones a larger vision, which in the end will prove beneficial. Martin County cannot afford to get behind in anything which tends to uplift the boys and girls within its borders.

Tobacco Sales

With January, the Williamston Tobacco Market closed for the season. The record shows the largest number of pounds ever handled here, and the success of the warehouses means greater things for the season of 1915-16. But for the inferiority of grades, both planters and warehousemen would have had larger bank accounts. It is hoped that the crop will be better in weight and quality this year. The sales during the season amounted to 3,235,557 pounds. It is predicted that five million pounds will be the margin the coming season. There is no reason why this number of pounds cannot be handled here at prices at the top.

Same Old Fraud

Several weeks ago one R. H. Lovejoy passed along selling North and South Carolina maps, which were guaranteed to be maps from the recent government survey. But when the maps came for delivery, they proved to be only a reprint of the oldtime, inaccurate State maps. He now claims ignorance, saying he was honest in his belief that it was a government map and from accurate surveys.

The old gag of trying to sell maps to work his way through college, was too old to be forceable; and besides if a young man has to practice fraud to work his way through school, he better live in ignorance.

Honor Roll

The following have not been absent or tardy for the past two months.

- 1st. Grade
Elizabeth Gurganus.
Pete Cherry,
Lee Glenn,
Earl Godard,
James Ward,
Evelyn Harrison.
- 2nd. Grade
Francis Barnes,
Bryant Carstarphen,
Ellen Cowen,
Frederick Hoyt,
Pattie Harris,
William Hodges,
Charles Wynn.
- 3rd. Grade
Thelma brown,
Mittie Brown,
Jesse Stubbs,
Thurman Cowper,
James Glenn,
Elizabeth Hassell,
Hattie Rogerson,
Ellis Sparks,
Mary Leggett,
Charles Godwin.
- 4th. Grade
Lyda Cook,
Ethel Harris.
- 5th. Grade
William Carstarphen,
Jim Cook,
Louise Harrison,
Maggie Sparks,
Rosalyne Bryan.
- 6th. Grade
Mattie Lou Anderson,
Ethel Brown,
Sallie Harris,
Virginia Herriek,
Charles Knight,
Francis Manning.
- 7th. Grade
Hugh B. Anderson,
Shelton Woolard,
Mary White.
- 8th. Grade
Gladys Ballance,
Louise Roberson.
- 9th. Grade
George Howard Kent,
Jack Edwards.
- 10th. Grade
Robert Peel.
- 11th. Grade
Daisy Manning.

Will He Fake Us?

Mr. Ground Hog came out on his front stoop on Tuesday and enjoyed a sight of the dark, scurrying clouds. He spent several hours in adding up the days of sunshine which are to follow, according to his calculation. But the next day was dark and gloomy, and who can say that Mr. Hog's weather bureau is not a pure fake? At any rate, everybody hopes that he has made the proper calculation, and that forty days of good, open weather will come so the plows can dig the furrows, where the grain will show green later on.

Cigarette Law

The law against selling cigarettes to minors must be only "a scrap of paper", to use the German's words in referring to the neutrality of Belgium. The law is all right, but what about the enforcement of it right here in this town? Who cares whether the boys grow up defective or not? Shall the town have men dwarfed in body and mind, mentally and physically deficient? Nobody seems to be concerned about it in this town to which the State laws are applicable, except in the opinion of some people. There is no safeguard thrown around the young boys, and on every hand one may see the direful results of the lack of law enforcement. The future prospect is decidedly distressing to all those who are interested in the young.

An Appreciation

The sweet, gentle soul of our friend and brother, Stephen W. Outterbridge, has "crossed the bar" and met his "Pilot face to face." He died as he had lived through the ninety years God had given him — with the innocent calmness of an infant asleep in its little bed. Through the years since first we knew him, he had been our strong friend and his words of appreciation written at regular intervals, uplifted in our hours of daily toil. We shall miss these and the influence of his life on the County and its people, who loved him.

"The Grand Old Man of Martin County," we truly called him, and his place will be hard to fill in the hearts of his fellows. His life was rich and beautiful, because, forgetting self, he filled the years with service to others, and so by the law of growth became large hearted, magnanimous, kind, sympathetic, joyous and happy.

Died in Washington

The body of Mr. William W. Hardison was brought here from Washington on Wednesday evening, and interred yesterday afternoon in the Baptist Cemetery.

Mr. Hardison was carried to Fowle Memorial Hospital for treatment for rheumatism from which he had been suffering for months. For years he had been a lumber man, and probably contracted the disease from exposure in the swamps. His suffering was intense, and medical science failed to counteract the disease, so it was decided to take him to the hospital for further treatment. And it was there he died Wednesday morning. His wife was with him when the end came. Two sons, Samuel and W. F. Hardison and a little grandchild, also survive him.

Mr. Hardison was a native of Martin County and had lived in Williamston for a number of years. He had been in the employ of the Wicomico Lumber Co., for a long time, and was a trusted employee. Much sympathy has been felt for him here during the months of pain from which death released him.

The attention of the Coast Line is called to the fact that enough light should be furnished at night to keep passengers from rambling in the dark. It would be a small outlay to place a strong electric light in the proper position. This should be done until the new depot is built.

PERSONAL

William Hicks, of Raleigh, visited Maurice Watts last week.

J. S. Peel was here from Everetts Monday.

Dr. U. S. Hassell was in town Tuesday on business.

Miss Annie Parker, who has been teaching music here, has accepted a position in the school at Oak City.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Watts spent Saturday night here with relatives.

John W. Hassell was here Sunday from Washington to visit his mother.

Miss Julia Bond, of Edenton, is the guest of Mrs Rome Biggs, Jr.

W. C. Manning, W. H. Jackson, Harry Paul, Robert Biggs, Simon Lilley and Collins Peel attended the Union at Old Ford Sunday.

Miss Hattie Lou Ward has returned from Belhaven accompanied by Mrs. N. B. Marriner and little daughter.

Henry K. Green, who has been with the Farmers Warehouse at Robersonville for the past season, was in town Tuesday on business.

L. A. Briley, of Robersonville, called at the office Thursday.

J. E. Dees was here from Greenville Thursday.

Duke Critcher has returned from Wake Forest, where he took a course in law. He also was examined for license before the Supreme Court.

Hamilton Items

Harry Waldo went to Norfolk Thursday.

Miss Hattie Darden arrived Thursday to visit Mrs. J. P. Boyle.

J. A. Davenport and F. L. Gladstone returned Thursday from Norfolk.

Mrs. J. B. Cloman, who has been visiting her daughter in Scotland Neck, returned Sunday.

James Rawles spent Sunday in Oak City.

J. A. Kitchin and children spent Sunday here.

C. D. Perkins, Bill Anthony and F. L. Gladstone went to Williamston Monday.

Saturday afternoon, Mary Waldo was hostess to a very enjoyable party in honor of her third birthday. Mrs. Waldo was assisted in entertaining the little guests by Mesdames Boyle and T. B. Slade, Jr., and Miss Hattie Darden.

Making Good in New York

Relatives here have received papers containing the picture of and flattering comments on Robert B. Everett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Everett of Brunswick, Ga., who are natives of Martin County, and who removed to Georgia from Hamilton years ago. This son, Robert, is in the employ of the largest retail lumber company in New York City. He and his family reside at Bayside, a suburban town of the Metropolis, where he is President of the Civic League, which is doing great things for the town. Mr. Everett is the nephew of Mrs. Irene Smith, of Williamston, and is the worthy descendant of the Boyle family, and another Martin County boy making good.

Mr. Stephen W. Outterbridge

Mr. Stephen William Outterbridge son of Stephen Outterbridge and his wife, Winifred Forest, was born January 23rd, 1915, at the place where he passed the most of his life, in Martin County, N. C., about three miles above Spring Green Church, on the road from Williamston to Tarboro; and died, in his first year, at his home in Robersonville, at 2:45 A. M., January 23, 1915. He was married to Miss Susan Ann May Andrews, March 6th, 1851; she survives him, and is in her 80th year. They never had any children.

Having experienced a pungent conviction of sin and a hope of salvation in Christ, they professed their faith before the Primitive Baptist Church at Spring Green, and were received by Elder C. B. Hassell in Concho Creek, Butler's Bridge, the 4th Sunday in November, 1868. They proved the reality of their religion by their honorable, upright, laborious, useful, humble, gentle and loving lives. In both the community and the Church they were bright and shining lights. They were friendly to all, and esteemed by all. They loved to entertain their brethren and sisters and friends in their hospitable home; and according to their means, did more for the Church than any other family in Martin County. They often had meetings for Divine worship in their own home.

Mr. Outterbridge went to school to Mr. James Horner in Hamilton, N. C., during the forties. (Mr. Horner afterwards taught and died at Oxford, N. C., and was one of North Carolina's most eminent and successful instructors). Mr. Outterbridge was a Confederate soldier for two and one-half years, serving as First Lieutenant in Capt. Wm. Biggs' Company in the 17th. Regiment of North Carolina Troops, and was then elected for two terms to the Legislature of North Carolina. He began teaching at his home in 1849; taught one year in Arkansas; removed to Hamilton in 1852 and taught. In 1855, he changed his residence to Robersonville, and taught, worthy in his own private school, and also in the public school, till 1900 thus teaching three generations of pupils for a period of fifty years.

His influence upon his pupils was most excellent and lasting. He was for many years Clerk of Spring Green Church, and of the Skewarkey Union, and Assistant Clerk of the Kehukee Association. He was a member of the Church for more than forty-six years; and he and his wife were married nearly sixty-four years.

After five days of confinement to his bed, he died peacefully of heart disease, in peace with God and with all his fellow-men. "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace." (Ps. 37:37). His remains were interred in the cemetery of Robersonville. Elder B. S. Cowing, his pastor, spoke briefly at his home, and Elder Sylvester Hassell at the grave.

STRAYED.—One gray horse, partly blind. Please return or inform the Williamston Coopersage Co., City.

J. W. Watts, Jr., has been home this week on account of sickness.