

Robersonville Takes Notice

From the Robersonville Herald of last week, it is learned that several citizens of that town approached Jos. W. Ford, agent for "The Standard Dictionary of Facts," who was placing his books there, and declared that he had made himself unpleasant to their wives, and made slurring remarks about many people in town. Ford asked that he be allowed to explain anything that he had done or said, or plainer, "be given a chance". But the men insisted upon his promise to leave the next day or they would run him out that night.

The editor of the Herald, Rev. Cecil F. Outlaw, in a short article deplored the action of the citizens, because of the example it set and the unwholesome advertising it gave the town. The fact, he said, that it was participated in by the best men of the town, made it all the worse, and that these men formed themselves into a Sheriff, Jury, Judge and the last Court of Appeal, which, to say the least, is undemocratic.

Mr. Ford came to Williamston first and remained here about six weeks. His peculiarities, his persistency, his finicky manners and several remarks he made to people not purchasing his book, gave him some unpleasant "airing" here. However, there was nothing criminal in his actions and he was left to pursue his way unmolested. It is believed here that he was simply "cranky" and could not understand why an intelligent people should refuse to fall over themselves to buy his book, the greatest marvel of the age. He addressed the Twentieth Century Club here and his deportment was all that could be required, and his lecture was very interesting and instructive. While here he boarded with Mrs. C. M. Lanier.

The people of Williamston are very conservative, and are ever willing to give a man whether the "stranger within the gates" or a citizen of the town, a fighting chance. It is a serious thing to run a man out of the town, for if there is criminality, the law is sufficient to deal with the case, and every man in this country should have a fair trial.

Building and Loan

The new series of the Martin County Building and Loan Association is selling well, and Secretary-Treasurer Martin speaks enthusiastically of the prospects for splendid success. Quite a number of shares have been sold to out-of-town people, who recognize the value of stock in the Association. The amount paid in each week now is \$180, and loans are being made which are benefitting the people. Secretary Martin's goal is 1,000 shares, and it looks as if he will realize this in the not far distant future. The Association is not confined to Williamston, but hopes and expects to bring results to other sections of the county, where shares are sold. The outlook for the Association is one of the most promising of any financial institution which the county has had in years. All money is loaned on good and improved real estate, and borrowers pay 6 per cent per annum. Those who have not taken any shares, should talk the matter over with Secretary Martin at once.

LOCAL

There will be services in the Baptist, Methodist and Christian Churches on Sunday morning and night.

FOR SALE—Two disc plows one pluto and one reversible price right. J. W. Watts, Williamston, N. C.

Monday was observed here by the post office, the rural carriers and the banks.

WANTED—To buy meat off rack, state size of hogs and what is best price in first letter. J. K. Moore. Hobgood, N. C.

Rev. Morrison Bethea was called to Hamilton Friday to the funeral of Mrs. O'Daniel, whose death occurred the day previous.

FOR SALE—Jersey bull three years old weighs 1,000 pounds price \$60.00. Pure bred black Essex boar six months old \$10.00, will book orders for pigs—April delivery. S. E. Hardison, Cedar Valley Farm, Williamston, N. C. R. F. D. 4

The white horse for which the Cooperage Co., advertised, fell in the river during the freshet and was drowned. The animal was blind and wandered into the water at night.

Prof. and Mrs. J. T. Jerome are now occupying the Tucker home in East Williamston. The interior of the house has been repainted and electric lights installed.

Preparations are being made by local fishermen for the season which is now here. Fishing machines for the herring catch, are in the course of construction and it is confidently expected that the season will be good.

The river road needs building up again, as the heavy rains have caused the erosion of the soil next to the drains. This should have immediate attention, for the roadbed was rather narrow at the beginning.

Tuesday night of last week. Mrs. Fred W. Hoyt gave a party to a few friends at her home on Main Street. Pleasing amusement was furnished and elegant refreshments served to the guests.

The Embroidery Club was entertained by Mrs. Frank Barnes at her home on Smithwick St. on Tuesday afternoon of last week. There were a number of invited guests, and the hostess arranged for them and the others a most enjoyable hour.

The contract for the erection of the new depot of the A. C. L., has been given to Contractor Tolar, of Rocky Mount. Daniel & Staton will furnish the rough lumber. The petition for a brick building probably never reached the eyes of the railroad officials.

The "Trey O' Hearts", which commenced at the Gaiety on the 12th, is attracting much attention from lovers of the movies. It is on every Friday night. If arrangements can be made, the story will be published in these columns, and this will render the pictures more interesting. Don't forget every Friday night.

Master Asa Crawford severely hurt the roof of his mouth on Monday, when he fell down the stairs at home. He had a tin horn in his mouth with the wooden mouthpiece gone. In falling, the tin cut into the flesh, taking a portion out and leaving a cavity. A physician was called and remedies applied to stop the bleeding and to make him comfortable.

Abernethey Vs. Carter

The Abernethey-Carter case is one of the most regrettable which has happened in the annals of the Courts in years. There are some in the State who would, instead of healing the branch, add to the flames. It was easy to bring about, and could have been just as easily avoided. Courts are not simply to punish crime, but to help lessen it throughout the Commonwealth. When a case is called the public should hear the reason for continuance, whether the defendant be rich or poor.

There is no doubt about the honesty of Solicitor Abernethey, but an error was made in arranging for a continuance of the case without the approval of the Court. It would have been easy to have made a plea for continuance before the court, and then have quietly accepted the decree.

That the matter has been carried to the Legislature and become a muck-raking affair, is more to be deplored. The first facts in the case have been lost sight of in personal attacks made to drag the judicial ermine in the mire and slime. The committee would serve the State best by dismissing the matter for the Craven County courts to settle.

God's Perfect Day.

Melted sunshine, the breath of Spring, the laughter of little children, the song of the mating birds, the hum of insects in the air—all, all made Sunday one of Nature's most perfect productions sent out from her great workshop for man's delight. The modest violets in purple bloomed beside the pathways, and crocus, richly clothed in gold, added color to the whole, while the bright green and red buds formed beautiful pictures with the blue dome for a background. Old and young were out drinking in the glories of earth and sky, forgetting for the time the burdens, the rains, the fallen leaves, the fond hopes gone astray, and looked up through Nature to Nature's God.

And those whose spiritual part can discern the fitness of things, felt that it was such a day as the Queen of Festivals should be. No soul unless it be dead, could have failed to appreciate God's benediction given in the blessed sunshine on that Second Sunday in February, 1915.

Hog And Peanuts

James G. Staton, one of the most extensive planters in this section of the State, is planning to raise a large crop of peanuts and to fatten thousands of pounds of meat thereon. He expects to plant 500 acres in the nuts, and after digging, turn hundreds of hogs in the fields to grow fat for killing time. In this way, he can net thousands of dollars on meat of the famous Martin County brand. The peanuts will be grown on the Martin, Bal lard, Allsbrooks, Staton and Bennett farms in easy reach of Williamston.

C. B. Hassell is having comfortable improvements put on his home on Main Street.

Ransom Roberson, lumberman, who lives in Williams Township, killed a deer with an axe Wednesday. Mr. Roberson was floating timber in the river swamps which are flooded, and saw the deer swimming, and paddling near stuck a pike pole behind the shoulder of the animal and then killed it with an axe.

Welcome It Heartily

The County School Commencement is to be held in Williamston on March 19th, and it is planned to make this the first general meeting of the teachers and pupils of the county, one of hearty co-operation. The benefit is large in such a gathering, and the opportunity great to display that active interest which will make for the pleasure of both town people and the visitors. The county will send its best here, and Williamston should give its best in return.

The 19th., of March should be a general holiday here in all lines of business that it is possible to close without inconveniencing the public. The spirit of the day should dwell abundantly in every heart, so that each visitor will feel an atmosphere of earnest co-operation all through the day. The programme together with the basket dinner, will furnish splendid enjoyment for the occasion, and this coming here must mean greater things for the schools of Martin County.

Desperate Tiger Trapped

Monday night of last week, Sheriff Crawford with Chief Edwards and Harry Paul, arrested John Dawson Wynn at his home in Cross Roads Township. Wynn had persisted in the sale of booze and had threatened to shoot any officer who attempted to arrest him, but the Sheriff with the others braved the tiger in his lair, finding him in bed. With drawn guns the officers soon had the man at their mercy. The arrest was one of the most daring made during the Sheriff's term of office.

Wynn was brought before the Justice and bound over to court in the sum of \$100; and failing to give this was placed in jail to await the action of the grand jury.

Weather Signs

There are many who will have stronger faith in the ground hog weather bureau, because of the beautiful days February has brought. In this section the month has been the mildest in the memory of those who notice such things. Usually there is plenty of ice, or snow, yet this year balmy skies have greeted the world for days.

Today, the 26th, is noted by some people to be an excellent to judge the future weather by. Notice the wind at several periods of the day, beginning with the early morning, and jot down the direction from which it blows and the changes it makes if any. If it blows steadily from any point, the year will not be as favorable as if it changes some during the day. There may be something in it, at least, it will not hurt to notice conditions.

To Succeed Dr. Vann

Dr. Charles E. Brewer, Professor of Chemistry at Wake Forest College has been chosen to succeed Dr. R. T. Vann as President of Meredith College. He is a Professor of Philosophy of Cornell, and educator of distinguished merit, and, no doubt, will be a fit successor to Dr. Vann.

The birds are planning to erect their summer cottages, and it's clean up time on the farm, in the homes and on the streets. Don't put it off, begin today.

PERSONAL

Postmaster Corey was here from Jamesville Wednesday.

Harry A. Biggs spent Wednesday night in Tarboro.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Mizell left today for Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Crawford went to Wilson today.

Dr. J. H. Saunders is in Richmond on professional business.

Mrs. John Speed is the guest of Mrs. John D. Biggs.

Hon. A. R. Dunning came home from Raleigh Saturday.

Miss Hattie Darden, of Norfolk, is the guest of Mrs. Irene Smith.

Prof. Elbert S. Peel spent the week-end here with his parents.

Robert Woolard, of Everetts, was in town Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Johnson, of Gold Point, spent Sunday here.

Staton Ayers was here Wednesday on business.

J. W. Watts and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Watts at Plymouth.

H. S. Everett, of the Oak City Supply Co., was in town Tuesday on business.

Misses Anna Crawford, Della Lanier and Essie Peel spent several days near Spring Green last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hoyt and Mrs. J. G. Staton drove to Washington Sunday evening to hear Bishop Darst.

Dr. E. M. Brown and Misses Minnie Lou Kelly, Mattie Griffin, Ruth Butler and Mary Virginia Bonner, of Washington, motored to Williamston Sunday.

Mrs. James A. Parker is here from Suffolk with her sister, Mrs. F. K. Hodges, who has been ill for several weeks.

Miss Daisy Manning went to Wilson Friday afternoon to visit Miss Fannie Murt Manning, who is a patient at the Wilson Sanatorium.

W. L. Stalls left for Richmond Wednesday morning, to attend the Virginia and North Carolina Retail Implement and Vehicle Dealer's Convention, Feb. 24th, and 25th.

Frank F. Fagan, formerly cashier of the F. & M. Bank but now with the National Bank of Rocky Mount, came down Saturday evening and spent the time until Monday afternoon with his sister, Mrs. Rome Biggs, Jr. He was greeted heartily here by his many friends, who are always glad to welcome him.

Received Painful Bruises

Saturday night, Mrs. Henry Crawford fell over a canoe at the depot here and received severe bruises on her limbs and face. The canoe had been left by the freight conductor at a place where people passing would be apt to fall over it. As there is not sufficient light furnished to enable the passengers and their friends to move around easily and safely, the danger of falling over some object is greatly increased. Evidently the Coast Line thinks that people in this town are wearing cat eyes, and can see as good at night as in the day time. A large electric lamp should have been installed there as soon as the depot was burned. It is strange that a damage suit has not been instituted ere this, as absolutely no safety has been given the public.

Hamilton Items

Miss Hattie Darden is spending the week with relatives at Williamston.

Miss Winnie Nicholson is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Dan Taylor.

Mr and Mrs. Boyle and Mrs. D. C. Jones spent Thursday in Williamston.

B. B. Sherrod spent Sunday in Whitakers.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hairstip went to Norfolk Sunday.

Mrs. Lizzie Ewell spent Monday in Williamston.

Mrs. Maggie Floyd is visiting relatives in Rocky Mount.

Walter Davenport and family from Rocky Mount spent Sunday here.

Mesdames Chas. Carstarphen and Clayton Moore were the guests of Mrs. Harry Waldo Tuesday.

P. H. Davenport and C. D. Perkins spent Tuesday in Scotland Neck.

Miss Susie Johnson is here from Rocky Mount to visit her brother.

E. A. Council was here from Morehead Sunday.

C. D. Carstarphen and Miss Mae Bennett visited here Sunday.

Mrs. B. L. Long left Monday to visit her daughter at Gainesville, Ga.

Miss Olivia Rodgers, of Robersonville, spent the week-end with Miss Maggie Davenport.

Miss Mollie Manning left Saturday for Greenville.

Death of Mrs. Jane Riddick

(Contributed)

—On Friday Feb. 12th, the Reaper Death entered the home of Rev. S. R. Riddick and saddened his home by taking his wife Jane.

She professed saving faith in the Lord Jesus early in life and lived a consistent Christian for forty-two years. Thirty nine years ago she was married to Rev. S. R. Riddick and was ever by his side to help and to encourage him in his work, and to give to her children that home training that goes far to the making of worthy characters in the community.

Monday Feb. 15th, the funeral services were held at Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church. Rev. Jesse Williams, of Oak City, N. C., preached the funeral, assisted by Revs. G. T. Hill, Phipps, H. W. Hyman, and A. W. Garrett. The church couldn't nearly accommodate the large crowd who went to pay the last tribute of respect.

The body was laid to rest in the family burial ground beside her father and mother, to await the great resurrection. The grave was covered with many floral tributes the gifts of loving friends. Mr. Theodore Bonner, Undertaker and Embalmer, of Washington, N. C., had charge of the body. She leaves a sorrowing husband, two daughters, three sons, a sister and two brothers to mourn their loss.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to the many friends for their many acts of kindness during the illness and death of their loved one. These acts will cheer them through years to come.

Hickories have made their appearance in the river, and who is bothering about submarines and war zones?