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## HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE.

Tonight (Friday) at 8:30, in the Court House, will be held the annual debate between the High Schools of Tarboro and Williamston. Miss Mary King Ellison and Mr. W. C. Manning, Jr., will represent the local school and Miss Sadie B. Brown and Mr. Connor Eagles the Tarboro school. Williamston will have the affirmative side and the visitors the negative.

At the same time in Scotland Neck, Miss Musa Eure and Mr. C. D. Carstarphen, Jr., will represent Williamston on the negative. Quite a crowd of young people will go over to Scotland Neck to cheer the High School team to victory. Dr. John D. Biggs will be the judge selected by Williamston. Tarboro will be represented by Rev. Mr. Glass here, and Williamston by Messrs. John L. Hassell and Clayton Moore, as judges.

There will be visitors from Tarboro, and the people of Williamston are cordially invited to come out to hear the debate and to give the visitors and the visiting team a royal welcome to the town. A large and enthusiastic crowd will give the local team much support, and a pride in the school should fill the court room with earnest supporters of the affirmatives.

The question for discussion is: "Resolved: That the Federal Government should own and operate the railroads."

### A Young Girl Dead

The young life of Fannie Gardner closed at Robersonville on Monday morning, March 25th. For months the tired spirit had struggled against the ravages of tuberculosis, and at last death came to ease all pain, and to release the soul from its tenement of clay from whence it could wing its flight to the realms above. Only fourteen years she had lived with the loved ones at home, and joined her companions in the joys which come to the young. Some months ago, her mother died and the gentleness of her character was shown in her devotion during the protracted illness of her beloved parent.

She was the niece of Mr. Fred Gardner, of Williamston, and was popular among old and young. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon and the interment was in the family cemetery at Bethel.

### In The Saving Habit

That Williamston people are in the saving business, has been clearly demonstrated by the number who have entered Christmas Savings Accounts at the F. & M. Bank and the Peoples Bank.

The former opened on February 12th, and there was a rush all day; the latter opened Monday of this week and had a splendid business. Perhaps, more people would have entered at first, if they had realized what it meant to save a few pennies each week until two weeks before Christmas and then draw out a goodly sum for Christmas cheer. Then there is the Building and Loan, and other savings accounts which are steadily growing. The thrifty person is the one who saves be it ever so small an amount. Get in the habit, if you are not and the Williamston banks can tell you how and the reason why.

Mrs. Harry Waldo and little daughter and Miss Annie Jones are visiting Mrs. C. D. Carstarphen.

## Mr. William Andrew Cherry

After a short illness, William Andrew Cherry died at his home in Williams Township, Monday evening at 10 o'clock, March 19th 1917. He was sixty-seven years old and a native of Martin County, where he lived and farmed since early manhood. Several years ago, he married Miss Louisa Gurganus, and seven children were born unto them. But the Lord called her to Him in February 1907. Afterwards, he married Miss Mary Hattock, whom he leaves to miss him. He leaves seven children, James R., W. J., N. S., J. D., Mrs. Sam Pate, Mrs. J. T. Thompson, and Mrs. Rubin Roberson. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church, having united with the Church at Skewarkee a number of years ago. In all relations of life, he was honest and upright, a kind neighbor, husband and father.

Wednesday afternoon, the funeral was conducted by Elders Sylvester Hassell and W. B. Harrington, and the body was laid to rest in the family cemetery to await the Resurrection Morn. A large number of friends and relatives assembled to pay the last mark of respect to the dead.

### America's Part

To play the part of a neutral, has been a tremendous task for the United States as well as for those countries in close touch with the warring nations of Europe. An adherence to international law has been taken as a sign of weakness on the part of this country, and so from time to time, flagrant violations of even the common rules that should govern humanity every day in the year continued to startle the world. Germany, boastful as Lucifer, killed innocent children and helpless women, whose right to the open seas cannot be disputed, and whose cries reached the gates of heaven. American ports were blocked with shipping and cargoes congested because of the ruthlessness of the German warfare.

At last, America can stand it no longer and the tocsin of war is heard. True to her ideals, she tried to help and not hinder; lavishly she poured out her millions to feed the starving, where the iron heel of the Teutons had trod, and pleaded for the peace of the world. At home and abroad, the treachery of the Germans has been used against the Nation's welfare, and now the blood crazed Imperial government must pay the price.

We feel that our part in the war is right because "every war that is necessary is just; and it is humanity to take up arms for the defence of a people to whom no other resource is left." It was Emerson who said: "Man is born into a state of war." It was hardly probable that he had the Germans in his mind, but he could have and not made a mistake.

Americans demand fair treatment for themselves and the rest of humanity, and they have that within them to enforce these demands.

### Cotton Ginned

The number of bales of cotton ginned in North Carolina for the season of 1916 was 693,382 against 737,354 for 1915. Johnston county led with 37,322. Martin County ginned 10,502 against 8,997 for the previous year. Robeson County, which usually leads in the number of bales, ginned 31,719.

## Suit To Open Lane

A suit of interest to the town people was heard here before Judge Whedbee on Monday. L. B. Harrison entered suit against the Biggs Iron & Motor Co., to open the Hassell Lane. The contention was that the lane had been opened in the past for the convenience of the public, the owners of the Hassell property failing to close it every seven years as the law prescribes, and therefore it should be opened. The Biggs Iron & Motor Co., are owners of a greater portion of the lane, and as Mr. Harrison's stable lot opens in the land, it greatly inconveniences him. The suit was warmly contested and the defendants won out, and so the lane will continue to be closed. Quite a number of ladies were present to hear the argument by the attorneys on both sides.

### From Across The Continent

Among the numerous shipments received by Harrison Bros. & Co., recently, were several carloads of red cedar shingles from Washington on the Pacific coast. These shingles are cut in the wide and narrow shape, and will last till one gets tired of them. They are sold at \$6.00 per thousand, and considering the lasting qualities, they are exceedingly cheap. The shipment passed over 3,000 miles before reaching Williamston.

### Mrs. R. W. Salsbury Hostess

Mrs. R. W. Salsbury, of Hamilton, entertained at a beautifully appointed luncheon on Tuesday evening, complimentary to Miss Effie Waldo and Miss Minnie LeJoyce of the Graded School Faculty. A course luncheon was served, covers being laid for six. The house was abloom with spring flowers, daffodils, hyacinths breathing the very essence of Springtime. Music was furnished for the evening on the Victrola.

### Allbright-Hudson

Monday evening at the home of Captain T. W. Thomas on Railroad Street, Miss Mary Hudson, of Charleston, S. C., and Mr. O. E. Allbright, of the same city, were married, Rev. W. R. Burrell performing the ceremony. Mr. Allbright has been here several weeks at work on the Episcopal Church, and Monday Miss Hudson arrived, and they decided to be married, which they had planned to do in April. Mrs. Allbright went to Rocky Mount Tuesday morning to attend to some personal matters.

### April The War Month

The month of April has become the "war month" in American history. Both the Civil and the Spanish-American commenced in April, and one is wont to think of the month as the time for important events. Congress will meet on the 2nd, which is next Monday, and events will quickly shape themselves, and without doubt, April will mark the declaration of another struggle.

Harrison Wholesale Company is having a large brick structure erected near the Farmers Warehouse, which will be more convenient for the increased business of the firm.

Gardening is the fad now, and seed the thing to be selected for future vegetables. The high cost of living will get a tumble in a few months.

## PERSONAL

Collins Peel went to Ayden Tuesday.

Dr. W. E. Warren went to Oak City Wednesday.

Mrs. W. R. Burrell went to Washington Tuesday.

John Staton and son, of Bethel, were in town Wednesday.

Harry M. Stubbs spent the week-end in Wake Forest.

Miss Martha Lilley, of Jamesville, is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. C. B. Hassell has returned home after a visit to Wilson and Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Staton and K. B. Crawford left for New York on Monday.

Mrs. Fred Gardner, Mrs. Samuel Johnson and sister spent Tuesday in Robersonville.

Herbert Lilley and Miss Kathleen Wallace, of Jamesville, were here Tuesday.

Francis S. Hassell, of Wilson, has been in town this week on professional business.

T. J. Latham left for Norfolk Wednesday, where he will enter a hospital for treatment.

Mrs. Grover Hardison and Miss Deborah Fleming have been in Richmond this week shopping.

Miss Laurie Ellison visited relatives here last week and returned to Robersonville Monday.

Mrs. S. H. Hatton, of Washington City, is the guest of Mrs. G. N. Gurganus on South Wat's Street.

Louis Manning and N. S. Godard left Tuesday for Philadelphia where they will work with the Remington Arms Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa T. Crawford left for Norfolk to attend the meeting of the manufacturers of pine lumber.

Shelton Woolard and Earl Leggett are at home from Lynchburg, Va., where they have taken a business course.

Mrs. W. O. Andrews, accompanied by her husband, went to Norfolk Sunday, where she will enter St. Vincent's Hospital for treatment.

### Protection Against Torpedoes

One of the most interesting inventions recently given to the public, is that of J. Frank Brinkley, of Greenville. Mr. Brinkley has invented a wall of overlapping shields which will protect a boat from torpedo attack. The shields can be lowered or raised at a moment's notice and when in position are about twenty feet from the sides of the ship. Drawings have been shown to Washington officials, who agree that it is all that is claimed for it. Each shield is constructed of steel wire mesh and behind each wire one, a solid shield is fixed for further protection. As soon as possible, a practical demonstration of the invention will be made.

### A. C. L. Station Agent

After several weeks, Mr. J. W. Andrews has been appointed agent of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad here. The appointment should have gone to H. H. Pope at Robersonville, but he decided to remain in that town. Mr. Andrews has been agent at Parmele for years, and is well trained in railroad work, and it is expected that he will be a popular agent at this station. He has a most estimable family and it is hoped that they will soon make their home here.

## Hamilton Items

Mrs. Pattie Johnson is visiting her daughter here.

R. A. Edmondson spent Tuesday in Williamston.

J. L. Hines spent the week-end here with his family.

Miss Laura Salsbury spent several hours here Friday.

Miss Addie Purvis visited in Scotland Neck last week.

Mrs. B. B. Sherrod spent Tuesday in Scotland Neck.

Miss Fannie Gladstone is at home from New Orleans.

Mrs. Charlie Harrington spent Friday here with relatives.

Leroy Everett is at home from Mars Hill where he attended school.

Mrs. Lizzie Ewell and little daughter left Tuesday for Atlanta, Ga.

William Edmondson, of Norfolk, spent the week-end here with relatives.

Mrs. Lucy Council and Miss Martha Council are spending the week in Tarboro.

### Oak City Items

Thos. Boyd, of Hobgood, is spending the week here.

Miss Mary Lambeth spent Saturday P. M. in Williamston.

Miss Minnie Whichard spent the week-end at her home near Bethel.

Mrs. John Hyman and children of Scotland Neck, are spending the week here.

B. L. Hines and Dallas Hurst returned to Eddystone, Pa., the last of the week.

Miss Jefferson House spent Saturday night and Sunday in Scotland Neck.

Miss Clarice Cartwright and Master James Hines are spending a few days in Cary.

Misses Annie Mac Daughtridge and Ruth Brown spent the week-end with Mrs. T. H. Council.

### Club Members Getting Busy

The boys and girls are getting busy since the banks are offering prizes to the Corn, Pig and Poultry Club members for the best work done this year.

The Farmers & Merchants Bank through its President, is offering \$50 with which to purchase pure bred pigs for Pig Club work in the county. These Pigs will probably be given to the boys, who offer the best history: "How to Grow a Pig," and upon their promise to grow a pasture for the pig. And when they have gotten well started, to give me a pig for some other boy.

The Peoples Bank has laid aside \$5, \$2, \$1 to be given as a deposit in this bank for the 1, 2 and 3 prizes to the boys who grow the three best acres of corn. Of course, the boys will have to comply with the State Club rules. Let's see who will get the prizes.

I am also in the position to start 10 or 15 girls in the Poultry Club work. Write to me, girls, what you think of this, and give me a history of how to raise poultry. We will also be in a position to give prizes in this work.

We hope to hear from other sections, where we may have some substantial help. With the co-operation of others, we may expect great things.

Yours for much service,  
J. L. Holliday,  
County Agent.

## COURT DECISIONS AT THIS TERM OF COURT

Sam Godard, Roy Moore and Ransom Roberson. Capias and continued as to Roy Moore, Sam Godard and Ransom Roberson plead guilty. Judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Chas. Griffin, J. A. Griffin and J. L. Corey. Plead guilty. Corey fined \$10 and cost; Chas. Griffin each pay a fine of \$5 and cost.

John Barnes and Henry Newsum. Robbery. Plead guilty. Judgment 10 years to State Prison.

Anthony Simmons. Guilty. Fined one penny and cost.

John Lee, l. & r. Pleads guilty of trespass. Judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

John Chesson. Driving hogs from range. Guilty. Fined \$32.50 and cost.

Mitchell Edmondson. a. d. w. Pleads guilty. Fined \$5 and cost.

A. E. Downs, C. C. Rawls, Harris Johnson, Will Casper. a. d. w. Plead guilty. Judgment suspended upon payment of cost and \$15 to Dan Brown.

Cherry Glover. a. d. w. Guilty. Fined \$10 and cost in two cases.

Will Clark, Robt. Marriner. a. d. w. Nol pros as to W. Clark. Jury say Marriner is guilty.

D. S. Powell. a. d. w. Pleads guilty. Judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

David Hopkins, l. & r. Pleads guilty. Sentenced to jail for two years to be hired to E. B. Roebuck for his hire.

Neil Brown, c. e. w. and a. d. w. Guilty in each case. Fined \$51 and cost.

Joe Barden, l. & r. Guilty. Sentenced to Edgemore roads for six months.

McKinley, Andrews, l. & r. Guilty. Sentenced to jail for 12 months and fined \$25.

Will Vines and Rufe Moore. Nol pros as to Rufe Moore. Vines guilty and assigned to Edgemore roads for 2 years.

W. T. Bagley, Mizell Biggs, Wheeler Hassell, Joe Harry Williams, Mitchell Edmondson. Gambling. All guilty and fined \$10 each and cost.

Mizell Biggs. Keeping gambling hall. Pleads guilty. Charged with cost and required to give bond for good behavior for two years.

Jas. Howard l & r Guilty. Sentenced to jail for 12 months with leave to hire out.

Robt. Marrion, a. d. w. Sentenced to jail 12 months and fined \$50 and may be hired to J. T. Barnhill.

### Term Ended Tuesday

Though the Martin County Term of Court was called for two weeks, Judge Whedbee dispatched all the business by 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and left immediately for his home in Greenville. The calendar was cleared as much as possible, and the amount of work done was greater than at any previous session of court here. There were no very important civil cases requiring a long legal fight.

All Fool's Day Sunday.

Nathan Orleans, who advertised to open a mercantile establishment here on Saturday, was hindered by the non-arrival of his stock.

It is predicted that the tobacco plants will be ready for setting before the soil is prepared, unless it quits raining.