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HON. W. J. BRYAN WILL SPEAK HERE TOMORROW AT 2 P. M.

"The Great Commoner"

The announcement that William J. Bryan is coming to Williamston tomorrow afternoon, at which time he will deliver an address, has filled the people with eager expectation. Martin County has never had so distinguished a visitor as "The Great Commoner" who is easily one among the great men of the world. It is an opportunity that will not come, perhaps, to the county again. An orator and a statesman, he is familiar with the tremendous issues before the American people and the entire world. No one, who can, should fail to hear him tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 at the Brick Warehouse on Houghton Street extension. He comes under the auspices of the Home Guards, and an enthusiastic crowd awaits his coming.

Pay Train Wrecked

Monday morning about 5:30, the pay train of the A. C. L. was wrecked just two hundred yards South of Grifton on the Weldon-Kinston branch. A switch had been left open and the engine was almost completely demolished. The road officials are puzzled why the switch was open and it is suspected that it was done by parties in the hope of wrecking the train and thus enabling them to secure the money which is carried on the same by the paymaster, Engineer Weathers remained at his post and escaped injuries, but the fireman jumped and received a few bruises.

Red Cross War Drive

At this time when the Red Cross Chapters are organizing for the Second War Fund Drive, when committees are being formed and plans laid, when conferences are being held all over the Division and the importance of preparedness is being impressed upon the Chapters, great care should be taken not to encroach in any on the time set for the Liberty Loan Campaign.

For the next few weeks Red Cross news, except that which is necessary for the information of Chapter or members, must remain in the background. The Liberty Bond has prior rights which must be respected. April belongs to the Loan Campaign, but May is Red Cross month. Organize now, and be ready by the first of May to throw the full strength of your Chapter and all its branches into the Drive for funds to carry on the work of humanity in our own country and countries of our allies.—Sel.

En Route From Fort Sills.

Lieut. LeRoy Anderson was at home several days last week, leaving Tuesday for Fort Oglethorpe. He was en route from Fort Sills, Okla., where he has been attending the Fire School of the Army. While in town he drilled the Home Guards and every member was pleased with him. He gave the Guards the best drill that they have had since organization.

Miss Essie Peel and Mrs. Grover Hardison returned from a visit to Petersburg and Richmond Tuesday.

In Memoriam

William Andrew Cherry was born near Williamston, Martin County, August 13th, 1849, and after an illness of three months with Bright's Disease, died March 19th, 1917. He married Miss Margaret L. Gurganus and to them were born eight children, seven of whom are now living, all residents of Martin County. After the death of his first wife, he married Mrs. Mary E. Haddock on Sept. 4th, 1907; she and 45 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren are left to mourn his loss, tho we feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

He professed a hope in Jesus Christ, July 1891, at Skewarkey, and was baptized by Bro Sylvester Hassell, our beloved pastor. Thirteen months have passed away but I do feel so lonely without him so much, no one knows. It seems sometimes unbearable, but still we know that God is just, and some day will call us all home to be with Him.

"A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled."

Gone but not forgotten,
His heart broken wife,
Mary E. Cherry,
April 22nd, 1918.

O. B. Eaton In The County.

The campaign for the sale of War Savings Stamps got an added impetus in Martin County last week, when Mr. O. B. Eaton, of Winston-Salem, visited the county at several points and strongly presented the need for the sale of Stamps. He had been advertised to appear here the week previous, but owing to illness was forced to defer his visit. On Thursday night, he addressed a representative audience here at the City Hall, and \$11,000 worth of Stamps were sold; Friday afternoon, he spoke at Jamesville, and \$700 were pledged for Stamps; Friday night, Robersonville gave him an enthusiastic reception, and eagerly purchased \$10,000 worth. Saturday morning, Mr. Eaton went to Oak City, and there the business men closed their stores during the meeting, a patriotic act worthy of emulation everywhere, and bought stamps amounting to \$7,600. Saturday afternoon, Mr. Eaton went back to Robersonville, and sold \$10,000 worth again, making the total for that town in less than twenty-four hours, \$20,000.

The Supreme Commander.

Among the French commanders, none unless perhaps it be Pétain, could be regarded as General Foch's equal for the office of supreme commander. Ferdinand Foch (the name is, we understand, pronounced with the soft ch--Fosh--as a French word, rather than with the guttural ch as in German) was born in the South of France, and is said to be of mingled Basque and Alsatian blood and to derive his name from the latter source--many of the Alsations who have been ardent French patriots for generations, have names which are German in form.—Selected.

Earl Leggett spent a few days in Washington this week.

Camp Fire Girls Play.

The Camp Fire Girls under the direction of Miss Christine Pridgen, presented "Any Girl" on Tuesday evening at the City Hall. A splendid audience greeted them with enthusiasm. The stage setting was beautiful, and the different characters wore costumes which helped to charmingly depict the life of a Camp Fire Girl. The proceeds were highly satisfactory, being \$57.

Cast of characters: "Any Girl" Daisy Manning; Melkedese, Mary King Ellison; Betty, Musa Eure; Peggy, Janie Edwards; Esther, Virginia Herrick; Marian, Mary White; Tillie, Fannie M. Williams; Freida, Beatrice Burrell; Grace, Esther Hodges; Gertrude, Mary Clyde Leggett; Toa, Christine Pridgen; Josie, Lyda Cook; Bertha, Annie Clyde Gurganus; Elizabeth, Musa Eure; Lillian, Rosa Melson; Anna, Eva Eure.

Taken To Rocky Mount.

Friends in the county and throughout the State will regret to learn of the illness of Harry A. Biggs, who was taken to Park View Hospital, Rocky Mount, on Saturday for an operation for appendicitis. He was suffering so intensely that it was deemed advisable to have the operation done at home, and the services of Dr. Payne, of Norfolk, were asked for, but he was out of the city, and so Mr. Biggs was carried to Rocky Mount on the five o'clock train that afternoon. The operation was performed soon after he reached the hospital, and Mr. Biggs is resting well at this time. He was accompanied by Dr. York, Mrs. Fannie Biggs and Mrs. Carrie Williams.

To The Public.

Words may be inadequate to convey the deepest gratitude of the human heart, but we feel so humbly grateful for all the help and sympathy given to us in our recent misfortune, that we must express something of it in the columns of the Enterprise. Perhaps, it is well-known that our house was unroofed, our stables completely demolished and other damages done by a cyclone which struck our section on last Saturday. Though our mules were injured, perhaps, permanently, not one of the family was hurt in the least, and for this we thank our Heavenly Father. Just as soon as the news reached our neighbors and friends in other parts of the county, help was extended us, and this week, at least one hundred people assembled to repair the damages as far as possible. This act of kindness is too great for words, but the memory of it shall live in our hearts through life. We desire to thank each one individually that did us the smallest kindness. Mr. & Mrs. George E. Roberson, April 24th, 1918.

To Sell Bonds.

Tomorrow the Boy Scouts begin a drive for the sale of "Liberty Loan Bonds." The drive will last one week, and those desiring to buy Bonds should encourage these young Americans in this patriotic work.

Oak City Items

Miss Margaret Everett and Mrs. Harrington raised over \$39 at a box party for the benefit of the Red Cross, and deposited the money with that of the Oak City Auxiliary.

O. B. Eaton, of Winston-Salem spoke to a good crowd Saturday a. m. and in a few minutes, \$7,300 worth of W. S. S., were purchased.

F. H. Saunders, H. M. Stubbs and B. D. Critcher, of Williamston, were in town Saturday.

Miss Blanche Ross, of Washington, visited her sister, Miss Gladys Ross, here last week.

Miss Jefferson House spent Monday in Rocky Mount.

The following pupils in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades sold W. S. S., Paul Savage, 13; Mildred Davenport, 6; Gladys Everett, 2; Sarah Johnson, 2; Virginia Hines, 4; Margaret Hines, 4; Howard Brown, 1; Francis Brown 1; Livingstone Harrell, 3; Eleanor Hines, 1; Helen Hines, 1; Sybil Ross, 1; Mamie Turner, 1. Total, 40.

Thrift Stamp Roll, 4th, 5th and 6th grades: Mamie Turner, 16; Leola Hines, 8; Eleanor Hines, 7; Irma Johnson, 6; Helen Hines, 6; Ethel Bunting, 1; Eloise Ross, 7; Howard Brown, 4; Francis Brown, 4; Rudolph Whitley, 1; Livingstone Harrell, 7; Myrilla Hymon, 1; Pauline Davenport, 1; Sarah Johnson, 1; Olivia Harrell, 2; Ethel Brown, 1; Mildred Davenport 1. Total, 74.

Hon. Tasker Polk To Speak.

Among the prominent men that will come to Williamston during the Liberty Loan Bond campaign is Hon. Tasker Polk, of Warrenton, who is one of the best speakers in North Carolina. He will address the people of Martin County on the evening of May 1st, and everybody is cordially invited to come to hear him present the cause of humanity, which the American Nation is upholding by force of arms, food and money. Don't fail to hear this splendid Carolinian.

In The Stock Business

Perhaps, it is needless to say that from appearances, the town of Williamston has gone into the stock business again. Finding it unprofitable for a while, the business was abandoned, but recently, quite a number of cattle have been turned out on the streets to graze. Whether it is private enterprise or not, is not yet determined, but as the town has the government of its own affairs, it looks like a public business. Only last week, cattle were hunted in East Williamston with dogs, children were badly frightened and a child that was seriously ill, greatly disturbed by the noise of the bellowing cattle. If there had been a Humane Society in the town, some good work could have been done as a beast was tied to a tree and a bull dog left to bite the nose of the helpless animal. If there is a remedy for such things, kindly apply it.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse S. Whitley and child are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Whitley, near town.

Union Services To Begin

As announced previously, the Union Services to be conducted by the churches of Williamston will begin Sunday morning, May 5th, in the Brick Warehouse. Rev. Walter Holcombe, one of the South's famous evangelists, will preach morning and night for several weeks. He will have with him, Mrs. A. B. Cunyus, a soloist, who will assist in the musical programme. A choir of sixty voices has been chosen from local talent and everybody is asked to come and help in making the meeting the greatest for good ever held here.

It will be possible for people all over the county to come in to the meetings, at least once during the day. The hour is ripe for a great awakening among this people. Come on the 5th of May and every time thereafter.

Copper Declines Again.

The Martin County copper market declined again last Friday afternoon, for Sheriff Page captured a large copper kettle and all necessary appliances for the making of the "brew" which is killing more men than the guns of the Teutons. Accompanied by Policeman Page, the Sheriff cautiously investigated a spot near a mill dam "somewhere" in Bear Grass Township, and saw the dense undergrowth go down beneath the feet of the fleeing "tigers." They did not stand upon the order of their going, but simply covered ground so quickly that the officers failed to determine what they were. About one and a half barrels of "brew" were destroyed and the kettle was brought here and jailed for safe-keeping.

Small Cyclone.

Saturday afternoon, a cyclone of small proportions but destructive, struck near Hardison's mill and tore the roof from the two-story house of George Roberson, completely demolished the stables and did other damage. No one at the house was hurt; it was feared at first that a mule had been killed, but the animal escaped. A portion of the roof on the mill to the house was also torn off. The cyclone went in a small narrow streak and evidently "dipped" just at that point.

Greatly Damaged.

Smithwick Street at the plank walk was greatly damaged by the rain on Sunday. It will need some substantial repairs, and now is the time to put in a brick drain like the one just below on Watts Street and elevate the walk, so that people can at all times get home in safety. The large tiling beneath evidently was stopped up by trash at that end which takes the water coming through the Latham Lot, and so the immense volume of water rushed across the street. If the drains were kept free from an accumulation of trash, the outflow of water would not be impeded.

Sergeant James A. Leggett, of Camp Jackson, spent the week-end with his parents here, and left Tuesday accompanied by Arthur White, who is in the selective draft.

Plenty Of Herrings Now

Col. Fred A. Olds, who visited Williamston last month, has recently had a few words to say about the Roanoke River. He says that at Williamston, the Roanoke is 40 feet deep and as yellow as yellow can be; is like a gigantic ditch with mud thick enough to choke a catfish. However, he asserts that the herring and the shad prefer the muddy water to the clearer of other streams; he further states that it is a fact that a one day's stay in the deep clear Juniper water of the Cashie will kill the aforesaid fish. Evidently the loquacious Colonel learned a few things while in the East.

He should be here now to see the wonderful catch of herrings; the river is so full of them at high water that they have to frequent the deepest channel to find room to swim about in. The fishing machines, he has so minutely describes are working night and day, and the fishermen with nets in cypress dugouts, really grow weary at the abundance of the catch.

Gold Point.

School closed here Friday. Rev. H. M. Eure and Supt. A. J. Manning addressed the school on the educational question, after which dinner was bountifully served and greatly enjoyed by those present.

Miss Lee Jackson left for her home in Tryon Saturday morning.

L. I. Croom will soon have an engine, boiler and mill and will grind flour for the benefit of the public.

We hear great complaint of the scarcity of tobacco plants and the acreage of tobacco will be greatly reduced thereby.

J. S. Griffin and family were here Sunday.

Frank Smith was in town Sunday.

Lucas Edmondson was here Sunday.

Jesse Keel was here from the cantonment Saturday.

Prof. Rucker, of Hamilton, was here Friday night.

Heavy Rainfall.

The weather bureau announced that rain would fall on Sunday, but failed to predict the flood which came in this section of the State. It was one of the heaviest rains which April has ever brought with it, and the wind blew but not violently. Churches had to suspend services, as people could not get out in the storm and the streets and roads washed greatly. The Plymouth Telephone Exchange was completely out of business on Monday morning, on account of the severity of the storm, though the service here was all right.

At Home From Florida

Last week S. Collins Peel went to Port Orange, Florida, to accompany Mr. N. S. Peel who had been there several months for his health, and desiring to return home, he needed some one to accompany him. He arrived Saturday and is at his home on West Main Street.