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THE GREAT COMMONER

Hon. William Jennings Bryan Was the Guest of the Home Guards Saturday—A Large Crowd Greeted Him Enthusiastically—Made Splendid Address.

Saturday was a memorable day in Williamston for William Jennings Bryan. "The Great Commoner," visited the town and spoke to a representative audience in the Brick Warehouse. The previous day had been rainy and consequently the roads, which are known as "good" were correspondingly bad, and this fact kept many folks at home, who otherwise would have come to hear the foremost American after Woodrow Wilson. The business houses and workshops closed here during the time Mr. Bryan was in the town.

The Home Guards, under whose auspices, he came, had prepared the warehouse for the comfortable seating of the people, and the stage was decorated with flags and the National colors. The band which belongs to the Guards and is composed of Robersonville boys and men, enlivened the occasion with stirring strains. Captain W. C. Manning and W. R. Burrell went to meet Mr. Bryan, who was delayed by the lateness of trains, and so it was after three o'clock when he arrived. But the assembled hundreds waited patiently for his coming, and arose when he appeared to welcome him to the town and county. After the singing of "America" led by the band, Chaplain Burrell in a few choice words presented Mr. Bryan to the audience.

Following his custom during these lecturing tours, he spoke for twenty-five minutes on the relation of the people of America to the great world-war which is deluging Europe with blood. He pleaded for the support of the people to Woodrow Wilson and every branch of the government, and made an eloquent appeal for the sale of Liberty Loan Bonds. After this he announced the subject of his lecture—"The Making of a Man." The attentiveness of the audience was most marked throughout the delivery of his splendid appeal for the building of character physically, mentally and morally. He dwelt largely on the truth that religion is the foundation of every moral code, and that the proper training of the child was necessary for the making of the man who was an integral part of the great American Nation.

It is needless to emphasize the fact that Mr. Bryan is a great orator—the world has given that title years ago; but his limited time here forced him to moderate his speech, as he desired to leave on the five o'clock train for Greenville. Many shook hands with him in the hall and at the depot, and waited to see the train leave with him aboard. As the Greenville train was 45 minutes late at Parmele, he yielded to the wishes of the people there and talked to them from the rear-end of the car.

Williamston and Martin County were pleased and honored to have this statesman and orator visit them, and his words of wisdom will dwell in the hearts of the people, and it is hoped, bring forth good fruit.

Messrs. R. J. and Wilmer Hask, and T. W. Davenport, of Oak City, were in town Tuesday on business.

Selectmen Leave For Camps

On Friday morning of last week, eight white selectmen left for Camp Jackson; the roll was as follows:

William Eason Price, Kelly Lorenzo Rawls, Sam Stewart Hardison, George Gordon Bailey, Lonnie C. Gardner, Albert Q. Roebuck, Simon Peter Harrison, Robert L. Coburn.

On the next day (Saturday) thirty colored men left for Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill. These were:

Ennis Moore, Mitchell Moore, Ollie Stokes, Lester Williams, Gus Wilson, Charles Evans, Alexander Coburn, Goler Henry Ormond, George Coburn, Paul Clemons, Jesse Rascoe, Bruce Gee, Dennis Simmons Wiggins, Oscar Lewis, Ruffin Council, Sam Mayo, Dawson Council, Frank Cromwell, Cornelius Brown, George Washington Griffin, Luther Gordon, Robert Williams, Norman Williams, Willie Barnes, William Dowell Wilson, Richmond Johnson, William H. Cromwell, Adolphus Whitaker, William Hassell.

The following colored men left Tuesday of this week for Camp Jackson:

General Purvis, William Gray, Boss Peel, John Best, Shephard Rice, James Mark Highsmith, Peter Harrell, Ed Moore, Claude Wilson, Ernest Bell, Ashley Moore, Bogue Slade, Avery Gibbs, Friendly Allen Mordecai.

Purvis-Taylor

Miss Daisy Taylor and Mr. Whit Purvis were married at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., on the 20th of April. Miss Taylor left here with her nephew, Mr. Hermon Taylor, and went to Camp Sevier where Mr. Purvis has been stationed for months. He volunteered in the early summer of 1917, and joined the National Guards.

Mrs. Purvis is the daughter of Mr. Eli Taylor and a young woman of varied charms. Mr. Purvis is the son of Mr. Julius H. Purvis, and before volunteering was with Saunders & Fowden here, and is fine representative of Martin County manhood.

Evangelistic Service

Rev. Walt Holcomb will commence a series of services at the Brick Warehouse on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The churches in the town have combined to make this the greatest meeting ever held in the town or county. A choir of the best voices in the town has been organized, and Evangelist Holcomb will bring with him, Mrs. Cunyus, a soloist who has wonderful powers of expression.

Everybody in the county and adjoining counties are invited to come and help make the meeting great in its scope for usefulness; there is work to be done for the uplift of every community, and a united effort can largely accomplish this work.

Come early and bring your neighbors and friends.

Mrs. and Mrs. Roland Robertson and children and Mrs. Florence Peel returned to Suffolk Monday.

Notice

Home Guards monthly drill will be at 2 p. m. Monday May, 6th, instead of 1st Tuesday as formerly announced.

W. C. Manning.

Robert Salisbury, of Hassell, was in town Sunday.

Come to the National Highway meeting Monday, ask your neighbors to come.

Hon. Tasker Polk Here

Hon. Tasker Polk, of Warren, spoke at the Brick Warehouse Wednesday night for the Third Liberty Loan Bond issue. His analysis of the planting of the present war germ by Bismark more than fifty years ago, and the following up of his teachings and policies by the present despotic and diabolical ruler, the Emperor, the "K," was very clear and interesting. His explanation of the Archduke of Austria's summer rest of 1914 on territory robbed from Serbia so enraged an unbalanced Serbian student that he fired the fatal shot that caused Germany to jump at the throat of all her peaceful and unpared neighbors, which has caused the death every day for over three years of seven thousand human souls, was true to the point.

He showed the duty of all America to stand square to the Democratic Liberty bequeathed to us by the blood of our fathers. One of the most interesting things in the speech of Mr. Polk was his proof that every dollar in America was of draft age, and subject to be called, at any time, and how much better it is to lend your money to the government at a rate of interest than to bear such heavy burdens of taxation.

At the close of the speech about \$4,500 in Bonds were sold, though Williamston had already exceeded its apportionment by 25 per cent. The speech was pronounced one of the best ever heard in Williamston.

Mr. Stephen Ewell Dead

Death came suddenly to Mr. Stephen Ewell on Tuesday evening April 30th at his home in Hamilton. For some time, he had suffered with chronic nephritis, and for several days the end seemed near. On Tuesday evening about 11 o'clock, his wife who was caring for him, made him as comfortable as possible and in a short while, she went to him and found that the soul had taken its eternal flight. For days he had not been able to lie down, owing to a weak heart caused by the disease.

Mr. Ewell was born near Williamston and was the nephew of the late Joshua L. Ewell, and was sixty years old. Years ago he married Miss Sallie Watts, the half-sister of Mr. J. W. Watts, and she with one son survive him. Mrs. Ewell has been post-mistress at Hamilton for a number of years.

Thursday afternoon, the funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. H. Jordan, and the interment was in the family cemetery.

Colored People Loyal

It is gratifying to state that of the 127 colored drafted men of Martin County called to report for military duty within the past thirty days to fill calls for entrainment to Camp Grant and Camp Jackson, every man answered to the roll call except three and two of those who did not report were sick and the other man did not get his mail. The Local Board was able to fill the calls with all ease.

The colored people of Williamston are to be commended for the hospitable manner in which they entertained the men while in town, and proved themselves loyal and patriotic citizens.

J. L. Hassell, Member Local Board.

Mrs. Myrt Harris went to Rocky Mount Sunday.

Honor Flag Towns.

Among the towns and counties on the list of "Honor Flag" Towns, Cities and Counties, Martin County is only entitled to one entry—that of Oak City. This is pleasing to know that, at least, one place in the county has done its duty to that limit which was asked. The list is furnished up to 3:00 p. m. on April 23rd. By now other towns in the county have gone "over the top" in the sale of Liberty Loan Bonds. If not, why not? There is plenty of money in the county, if bank statements stand for anything, and truly the people are patriotic enough to help win the war for US. There are only a few days remaining for the "Third Liberty Loan." While there is time, arrange with your banker to get a Bond or Bonds for you. It is the safest investment in the world, and is a mortgage on the richest country in the universe. Take along with the Bonds, some W. S. S. for the little folks and teach them to save for themselves.

Rally For The Highway.

Again the attention of the citizens of Martin County is called to the rally here on Monday next, May 6th. Col. Benehan Cameron, Mr. Fallis, an engineer and Hon. Oscar Everett, of Durham, who is a son of the county, will be here to appear before the Board of Commissioners and to make addresses on the subject of securing the Bankhead Highway through the county. This is one of the greatest things that Martin has had put before it, and the opportunity is now. With government aid in sight and a few thousands of dollars from the county, this splendid highway may be secured, and become a link between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. There are few greater needs before the people today than good highways; they bring the people of different sections closer together and in this hour of trial, form a route over which war supplies can be hastened. Let everybody come to this meeting next Monday.

Got The Bear Meat.

Bear tracks were seen on the Sutton farm near here, and the next day, the animal went to the house of a colored family at Robersonville, and lost his hide by appearing in public. A bull dog chased his bearship up a tree, from which he tumbled because of the quantity of lead which was sent into his body. In the fight after the tree-climbing, some negroes beat him to death with their guns, after having used up all the ammunition in sight. The meat was offered for sale in the Robersonville market, but bear steak and roast are not popular in this part of the world.

Will Install New Board

The Williamston Telephone Company has just received a new Kellogg switchboard which requires two operators. It will be installed in a few days, and the patrons of the Company can be given better service than formerly, as it is modernly equipped in every particular. With 400 subscribers, the work has been very heavy but the new arrangement will lighten the burden of the operators and render more efficient service.

Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., is visiting Mrs. I. M. Meekins at Elizabeth City this week.

The Water Question Again

As the hot months approach, one begins to think of pure, good water for drinking. Though there are plenty of wells in Williamston for the private individual, very little attention is paid to the public places. Good water can be secured here, but so much money is paid for other things, that the vital questions are left unsolved. In an recent article by a visitor to the town, he states that Williamston attempted to secure a well at a cost of \$3,000. Evidently he was writing about the expensive hole with a neat house over it which stands on Smithwick Street near Main at the Godard Building. Every citizen knows that at one time this well was one of the greatest conveniences that the town had; everybody in the business section used it in the desire to get an overflow (something impossible except below the river hill), the well was ruined by a man who was allowed to pocket \$500 of the people's good money and vamoose. However, this well could be made to furnish good water at a small expense, if only the town officials would think the matter over. The people in the vicinity need the well, and as they are taxpayers, they deserve some consideration. Let's have some more water out of the \$3,000 well.

Honor Roll For April

The following pupils were on the Honor Roll of the Graded School for the month of April. No roll for the first and second grades on account of absences:

Third Grade

Lucile Hassell, Evelyn Harrison, Martha Leggett, Charles Peele, Trulah Ward Page, Pearl Stokes.

Fourth Grade

Laura Orleans, Margaret Manning, Bill Harrison, Sarah B. Leggett.

Fifth Grade

Mattie Brown, Pattie Harris, William Hodges, George Harris, Bryant Carstarphen, Velma Harrison.

Sixth Grade

Minnie Robertson, Esther Harrison, Emma Belle Harris, Thelma Brown, Mary Leggett.

Seventh Grade

Bettrice Burrell, Mary Gladys Watts, Ethel Harris.

High School

Sagah Harrell, Mattie Lou Anderson, Estelle Crawford, Nellie Wynne, Ethel Griffin, Louise Robertson.

Mr. I. H. Little Dead.

The death of Mr. I. H. Little occurred at his home in Robersonville on Wednesday. Blood poisoning was the cause of his death. He was one of the prominent men of the county, and a member of the Masonic fraternity. His wife, who was a sister of the late Mrs. George W. Blount, died more than a year ago. He leaves several children.

The funeral occurred Thursday, and Masons from Williamston went up to assist in the ceremony of the Order.

Notice To Subscribers.

The Exchange of the Williamston Telephone Company at Williamston will be closed beginning at 10 o'clock Saturday night until 5:30 Sunday afternoon, new time. This is done for the purpose of installing a new switchboard.

Miss Lillie Dixon, who has been visiting her sister Mrs. J. W. Mallard, left this morning for Wilmington.

Now Give.

The people of the United States are investing in Bonds to carry on the war; these Bonds are the safest in the world. As an investment they are gilt-edge, for every foot of land and every piece of property in the United States are back of them. They are indeed the "first mortgage." But the people are not only asked to invest, but they must give also. The Red Cross campaign for its War Fund is beginning, and the people must give to this. What it means to our soldiers in camp and on the battlefield is well-known. War is horrible, but without the Red Cross workers with their supplies, what would it be? Now that we have invested, we must give, and give abundantly for somebody's boy will need help and comfort. When you are approached by the campaigners, do not turn away, but put your hand in your pocket and give.

The People Complain.

To one who has noticed, there have been old houses in the process of being moved through the principal streets of the town for the past year. And instead of moving as quickly as possible, these old dilapidated buildings are left in the streets to hinder traffic and to mar the appearance of the town. Why this is allowed, no one seems to understand, but the citizens complain, and rightly so. The old Pope house was left, in front of the Farmers Warehouse for days with only a narrow passageway for vehicles and Saturday when a large crowd of visitors was in town to hear Bryan, that old derelict was right there in fifty yards of the place where the crowd assembled. Then accidents began to occur as the street cars passed. The citizens will be glad when every old thing is moseyed along through the streets until there is nothing remaining.

Building Vats

Dr. J. S. O'Hare was in town this week from Primm, where he is residing now. He stated that he had 20 vats in course of erection or planned in Washington County, and the tick must go in a short time. The people of Martin County built a number of these vats but not enough yet. Louisiana made a record for cleaning up ticks, having dipped 200,000 cattle during March; 813 vats were built during that month also. This is going at the business and North Carolina can do as well and needs to do it. Consult Dr. O'Hare about building a vat and improve your own cows and calves by ridding them of ticks. Never has there been a greater need for beef cattle, milk and butter, and ticky cattle are not good for either product.

More Bonds Purchased.

This week, Rev. W. R. Burrell spoke at Poplar Point Township on "Third Liberty Loan Bonds" and the sale of Bonds amounted to \$16,000 that evening. This was a splendid showing, and evidenced the fact that one has only to understand the needs of the government to enlist in the campaign to swat the Kaiser. Many more Bonds have been sold and later a report will be filed.

Harry A. Biggs, who was operated on for appendicitis at Ry Mount recently, returned home accompanied by his mother on Wednesday afternoon.