

REV. DR. HARTLEY IN SERMONIC LECTURES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ATTENDANCE AT THE CHURCH OF THE ADVENT RECEIVING CONSTRUCTURAL ADVICE

The Rev. John Hartley, formerly dean of the Cathedral at Little Rock, Ark., more recently special preacher to the tourist congregation at Southern Pines, N. C., and now serving as general Missioner in the Episcopal church, is a preacher and lecturer of international reputation.

The Episcopals of Williamston brought Dr. Hartley to the Church of the Advent for a series of sermon lectures such as our people need. This cultured and scholarly preacher presents his messages with fervor and force. He is an evangelist of the saner sort. He speaks each day at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. for two weeks.

Go often and you will go again. Those who miss the teachings of this clear and eloquent divine may count themselves losers. He presents subjects of vital interest to every thoughtful man and woman in the community.

His subject for tonight will be "Dr. Jekyll and Dr. Hyde." A striking feature of Dr. Hartley's services is his handling of the question box. Each evening he answers questions on "Authenticity and credibility of the scriptures," "origin and history of the church," "nature and will of God," "duty and interest of man," "difficulties of faith," and "the greater difficulties of doubt."

Drop your question in the box and be sure of courteous and helpful reply.

Good musical programs are rendered at each service; this being a feature of the services that is worth every one's attendance were the main feature, Dr. Hartley's sermon omitted.

Those who have heard Dr. Hartley to this time have nothing but praise to proclaim for his sermons, and all proclaim that he delivers the truth of the Bible in the most enlightening manner that has ever been uttered in Williamston. Every one would hold him in the highest esteem, and would view that he has knowledge that few others possess, which is in our view correct. He has acquired this knowledge by continual and studious searching of the Word of God, and is here to give the people of Williamston the benefit of his years of study. His audiences are increasing at each service, which proclaims the fact that his endeavors here are appreciated by the people.

COLORED ORATOR HEARD BY GOOD AUDIENCE

Charles S. Morris, of Norfolk, Va., the great negro orator made a speech at the court house Tuesday night to a good audience.

In many instances was Morris a wonder, he is not yet 23 years old. He has lectured in many states and in most of the great cities of the east, and has been spoken of in high terms by the press of the country.

The theme of his plea at the court house was for a better feeling among all people and especially a better preparation for the duties of life by living by giving more attention to living conditions.

The speaker was clear on one point in advising the negro to remain in and be a citizen of the south, and a good citizen, and that he need not fear any trouble so long as he helps himself and his race in the right way. The lecture will evidently have a good effect in producing a better feeling between all races.

SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

A. V. Joyner, pastor Sunday school 9:45 a. m., J. C. Anderson, superintendent. Classes well organized and taught by good teachers. We shall be glad to see you and the children Sunday morning.

Sermon by the pastor 11 a. m. Subject: "The Meaning of Calvary." At 3:30 in the afternoon the pastor will preach at Riddick's Grove.

B. Y. P. U., 7:30 p. m. At 8:00 o'clock Sunday night, the pastor will preach the baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class of the Williamston High school.

Because of the Mission being conducted at the Episcopal church, we will have no prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

A cordial invitation is extended to every one to worship with us in all the services of this church.

Mrs. F. L. Mingo accompanied by Mrs. Davis Harrison left for Petersburg Wednesday morning. Miss Harrison will be in Petersburg for several weeks.

SMALL DOCKET IN RECORDERS COURT

THREE CASES TRIED AND MANY CONVICTIONS SECURED

Recorder's court convened Tuesday morning, May 27th, with Judge J. C. Smith presiding and Solicitor E. S. Peel prosecuting.

State vs. Lynn Williams and Marvin Ayers, affray; who plead not guilty. Upon hearing the evidence the court found them guilty of simple assault. Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost, one half by each defendant.

State vs. Kader Brown, violating the liquor law. Found guilty and sentenced to jail 10 days and fined \$2 and cost, whereupon the defendant appealed to the superior court.

State vs. Sylvester Taylor, larceny. Upon being called and failing to answer, his bondsmen were taxed \$200.

WHITES ARE FAR LESS THAN THE COLOREDS MARRIED THIS MONTH

Those securing marriage licenses in Martin county during the month of May are as follows:

White
Leon L. Brown, 24; Thelma K. Strickland, 18.
Nathan R. Roberson, 28; Myrtle Taylor, 20.
Tullie S. Allen, Washington county 28; Ethel Bateman, Washington county, 26.
Earnest Lawrence, 24; Bertha Glover, 19.

Colored
Wm. B. Church, Norfolk, Va., 46
Maggie Jones, 31.
Maryland Sherron, 24; Edna M. Davis, 23.
George Taylor, 22; Lizzie Clemmon, 18.
Adam Green, 37; Mary Hill, 32.
Hezekiah Rhodes, 27; Mamie Station, 24.
John Spruill, 23; Tempie Baker, 21.
Wm. Spruill, 22; Essie Collins, 22.
Alex. Moore, 24; Mary Roberson, 26.
William Bagley, 31; Fannie Roberson, 23.
Stark Gilliam, Bertie county, 21; C. Cooker, Bertie county, 19.
Alex. Camp, Washington county, 54.
Adelaide Dexter, Washington county, 40.
Theodore Rogers, 44; Sadie Jones, 39.

Supt. Brooks Head The State College

DR. W. C. RIDDICK IS SUCCEEDED BY STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

RALEIGH, May 29. — Dr. E. C. Brooks, State Superintendent of Education will succeed Dr. W. C. Riddick as president of the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering, it was announced here. Dr. Riddick's resignation of the office which he has held since 1916 was accepted by the board of trustees of the institution yesterday. At his own request, Dr. Riddick will be transferred to the Department of Engineering as dean under the Zoological plan for reorganization of the college into three departments which were adopted in principle at the meeting yesterday.

A. T. Allen, director of teacher training of the State Department of Education, will succeed Dr. Brooks. Announcement of this effect was made by Governor Morrison following a conference with Mr. Allen and Dr. Brooks.

Informal offer of the presidency of Dr. Brooks was made a month ago when the resignation of Dr. Riddick was placed in the hands of the executive committee of the board of trustees and declined. Since then the tenor of the office has been altered to meet the approval of Dr. Brooks.

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CONGRESSMAN CLAUDE KITCHEN HAS PASSED AWAY

SUCCESSOR OF THE CLINIC APPRECIATED IN MARTIN

Mothers of the County Appreciate the Care Taken of Their Children While at the Clinic

In view of the fact that the state of Miss Sykes has expressed her appreciation of the cooperation of the county in the work carried on by the clinic, which has benefited the people of the county, we appreciate the efforts of the nurses rendered by Miss Sykes and the other members of the clinic, in far too little, but will endeavor to point out a few of the things the people of the county appreciated, and will always feel indebted to these good people for.

We appreciate the efforts of the nurses on the part of the State Board of Health to make our state a state of health people. This partly because of the work of the clinic through the entire state.

We appreciate the untiring work of the nurse, Miss Sykes, who was sent here to examine the school children of the county below thirteen years of age for diseased tonsils and adenoids. Her love for children endeared herself to them and her love for the work caused the older ones to take notice.

The untiring efforts on the part of the nurses on duty at the clinic to see that no child suffered unnecessarily will never be forgotten by us. No matter if you were reared in the humble home in the back woods or you had for your home the finest the county affords, you received the same treatment from these Angels of Mercy at all times.

We appreciate the work of the doctors who worked with their knives in such a skillful and tender way. We appreciate the out-pouring of a mother's love in the clinic. There were some children there who did not have their mother to look out for them but the mother instinct of the others who were present called them to the bedside of these little ones.

Who am I? Well, I am one of the many who appreciate the work of the clinic. The part taken by the nurses and doctors, at the clinic, and kindness shown all the little ones present, even though their mother would not be there.

May the blessings of God be always with this work and the workers.

A Citizen.

HARDISON MILL LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Smith spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Harrington.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bowen were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Roberson Sunday.

Misses Corrie Roberson, Maie Roberson, Gadya Roberson and F. L. Corey were the guests of Miss Al. Mizell Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. W. D. Corey, Mrs. Ola Co-train and family were the guests of Mrs. J. N. Hardison and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Whitley were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Roberson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ballard, M. Jim Roebuck and Elder John P. Rogers were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Manning Saturday night.

Messrs. John A. Hardison, Joe Corey and Hubert Hardison and Mr. J. N. Hardison motored to Williamston Monday.

Elder Sylvester Small of Williamston spent Saturday night with Elder W. B. Harrington and family.

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Mr. Albert G. Griffin of Farnville and Mr. Wilson Griffin of Goldboro were visiting friends in this neighborhood a few days ago.

FLIMFLAMMERS MAKE A VERY NICE HAUL HERE THIS WEEK

REUBEN SPELLER IS \$215 POORER BUT IS MUCH WISER FOR EXPERIENCE

Reuben Speller was victimized by strange pretended friends Tuesday, when a stranger, a friendly colored man went to his home and engaged in a friendly conversation for an hour.

Then a pal came on the scene, and just before reaching Speller and his entertainer pretended to find a pocketbook containing \$1,800 which he agreed to give to him, the easy friend and old man Speller, but that he could not make the distribution until he could consult his white boss up town whereupon he immediately left Speller and the entertainer friend and went up town, soon returning with the assurance that the money belonged to them but the law would require them to put up \$800 cash to indemnify their title against any possible claimer, and the \$800 must come from outside sources, so they, the finder and the easy speaking friend, produced in checks and satisfactory security, etc., \$585, leaving \$215 for old man unsuspecting Speller to put up, which was cold cash, the real deal. After getting them they go at once to make the guarantee deposit, never returning to pay Speller his one third of \$1,800 or \$600, which he was led to believe rightly belonged to him because he was in sight of the man who claimed to find it, nor did they bother to return his \$215.

Some game, and it now looks like old man Speller would have had better sense, but lots of people may be acting just as foolish.

First, he was foolish not to keep his money in the bank, and second, he was foolish to try to get \$600 for \$215. In fact, it is hard to understand why any person with as much as \$215 would fall for such a foolish game at all.

His friend spoke so lightly of his white boss, and that he permitted him to eat with him, and that he thought he must be a negro of real merit and standing. The man who entertained Speller was about 25 years old, about 5 feet, 9 inches and weighed about 150 pounds had a Charlie Chaplin mustache, finger on right hand cut off, wearing a blue serge suit. The finder of the pocket book was about 40 years old.

Old man Speller says he does not expect to act so foolish again, nor does he expect to get his money, but would like to see his "friend" in the penitentiary.

KU KLUX SHOW APPRECIATION OF THE EFFORTS OF THE CALDWELL PARTY AT HAMILTON, N. C.

Over One Thousand People Attend Services at Small County Town May 27th.

Hamilton, N. C. had on its Sunday clothes, on the night of May 27th the tent used by the Caldwell Evangelistic Party was a dazzling scene of bright colors. One thousand people were seated in the congregation all night. For the size of Hamilton the large congregation was nothing short of a miracle. It was the largest congregation Hamilton has ever seen.

The preaching of Evangelist E. G. Caldwell has been heralded to all parts of the surrounding country, and consequently people from many miles in every direction came Sunday to hear him. His sermons have been of such an enlightening character as containing such truths as are seldom heard by the people, that his meetings have been almost a magic in drawing congregations, regardless of Hamilton being a small town on the edge of the Roanoke surrounded only by fertile farming country with the usual sparse population. It has been said by conscientious people that not a single person within ten miles of Hamilton, who was able to attend the services, who has not heard Mr. Caldwell one or more times since his coming to Hamilton.

Another thing that made the service Sunday night unusual was the surprising entry of four white robes figures just before the sermon. These were Ku Klux Klansmen in the full regalia of their order. They marched to the front and presented the evangelist with a donation of \$50.00 to show their appreciation of his work.

The following letter was enclosed with the donation:
May 27th, 1923.
Rev. E. G. Caldwell,
Hamilton, N. C.
Dear Mr. Caldwell:
In support of your worthy cause we hand you herewith a small offering. This offering was collected by passing around an old cap at a recent meeting among a small audience. We are friends to all those who

are trying to do things worth while and we are present tonight to hear your sermon, and pray that the Lord will help you and save you.

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.
This is an occurrence which has never happened in Martin county before, although some of the country's most able men have been in the county before Mr. Caldwell and his party. The Ku Klux, who have always made a stand for right against wrong, although not pleasing all, have come forth with their sanction of the doctrines preached by Mr. Caldwell, and before his meeting closes at Hamilton Sunday, it will not be surprising to see them make their appearance again, as they can not but sanction his efforts which are in evidence at every meeting, if they wish for the Bible's truths to be presented to the people of this community, which it is evident they do from their actions at the Sunday night service.

Leaf production to be decreased. Peanut shortage, labor loss other adverse conditions indicate reduction.

A very considerable decrease in the production of tobacco in the old belt of Virginia and North Carolina seems certain for 1923, according to crop reports sent in from 782 local units of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative association to its Raleigh headquarters last week.

A very heavy cut in the tobacco crop of Virginia for 1923 is indicated by the fact that the figures from the signed statements of hundreds of local association secretaries show that 7 per cent of the total Virginia acreage is already abandoned. The Virginia crop is already cut 25,000,000 pounds short of the 1920 total and unless plant and weather conditions improve materially it may be short 50,000,000 pounds in weight compared with 1922.

The old belt of North Carolina according to the locals of the tobacco cooperative, reports decrease in acreage of 3.6 per cent over last year. From Raleigh west and north farmers report the most serious plant conditions they have ever known. Eastern North Carolina and South Carolina belt report a slight increase in acreage but uncertain weather conditions. The unprecedented shortage in farm labor and the continuous migration of negro tenants to the north will probably further decrease the production of tobacco in these counties for the coming year.

OUR BACK LOTS IN BAD REPUTE

NEED CLEANING UP AND BEING PUT IN MORE TIDY CONDITION

It has come to my notice and to that of many others, that the back lots in the business section need a thorough cleaning.

The flies are here and are selecting their summer abodes, and with them is the mosquito, who has his habitat most of the time in old tins, cans, which are thrown out in these lots. If there was a systematic cleaning, the appearance of these spots would not get in such a deplorable condition. It is easier to clean a little every day, than to clean when everything is congested with trash.

Why not begin today to clean these lots of the unsightly accumulation of trash which is a disgrace to the entire town, and furnish a more pleasing sight to those who have to pass through and look out.

The clean up plan has been greatly emphasized in this town, but it pays to keep it ever in the minds of the citizens, or else they forget, and grow negligent. Let's start on these back lots, so we can better enjoy the delightful month of June in the garden spot of the world—Eastern Carolina.

W. H. Gorlen,
Chairman, Beautification Committee.

CITY SCHOOLS OF WILLIAMSTON TO CLOSE NEXT WEEK

EXERCISES TO COME TO CLOSE TUESDAY EVENING WITH HIGH SCHOOL EXERCISES

The commencement exercises of the Williamston city schools will begin on the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. A. V. Joyner at the Baptist church. Mr. Joyner has frequently shown his interest in the school and in the graduating class, and its members feel that they will be glad to begin their career with his blessings.

The regular commencement exercises of the Williamston schools will be given Monday and Tuesday evenings, June 4th and 5th.

The exercises for the grammar school will begin Monday evening at 8 o'clock. At this time diplomas will be presented to those who have completed the work of the seven grades of the grammar school. A joint program by the seventh grade, the music classes of Mrs. Warren Biggs and Mrs. Wheeler Martin, and the expression classes of Mrs. Fred Dunstan has been prepared, which the authorities of the school feel certain will be interesting to all who attend the exercises.

Class Day exercises will be held on Tuesday afternoon in the school auditorium.

On Tuesday night the high school program will be given. Several choruses will be rendered at this time. Supt. R. E. Sentell of Tarboro will deliver the commencement address.

There are ten members of the senior class this year. They have now finished the first lap of life, and are ready for the public's approval of what they have accomplished, which their tutors have pronounced efficient, and a large attendance is expected at all these exercises to show the interest of the people of Williamston in the progress of its educational institution.

The public is cordially invited to attend all these exercises each night.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

There will be no preaching services Sunday on account of the revival at Hamilton and the Episcopal Mission.

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MARTIN SCHOOL AUTHORITIES HAVE ENCOURAGING MEET

PLANS LAID FOR MORE EFFICIENT EDUCATIONAL WORK IN THE COUNTY

One of the greatest meetings held in Martin county in a decade was the gathering of the Board of County Commissioners, the County Board of Education and the school committee of the county Tuesday the 29th of May at the Williamston school auditorium.

All the people who have been in close touch with the public schools of the county for the past several years will know the extreme difficulties under which they have been run. A pressing demand for improved schools costing vastly more than the program for maintenance, has made it difficult to run schools satisfactorily.

Now, the clouds are clearing away and we are getting our bearings. We are soon to know where we are and will be able to move on in the even tenor of things.

The meeting together of the various guardians of the educational interests was significant from the fact that it represented the very best of our citizenship; leading men who are seeking to improve things and give everybody a chance in life.

One of the problems which seem to be almost solved is that every boy and girl in Martin county will soon be so near a good high school that they may eat and sleep at their own home and attend high school. This has been brought about by establishing a high school center in each community.

No system has yet been devised that gives as much educational advantages for all the people as the public school system. It is democracy in its purity; it gives all an equal advantage and regardless of circumstances.

One of the biggest things in the assembly was the resolution to raise the standard of teachers used in our schools, and requesting the authorities to include same in their county budget.

When we see such assemblies of our fellow citizens gathered in solemn conference to do things for the public good, we know the day will soon be here when a brighter day for higher training will be in reach.

PINEY GROVE LOCAL ITEMS

Messrs. Harry Jones, Daniel Lilley and Robert Rogerson motored to Oak City Sunday.

Misses Velma and Kathryn Keel were in Everett's Friday.

Messrs. J. R. Keel and Berkley Lilley were in Williamston Tuesday night.

Messrs. Harry Jones, Daniel Lilley, Berkley Lilley and Bascoe Rogerson were in Everett's Friday on business.

Miss Susie Keel spent the week end with Misses Velma and Kathryn Keel.

Misses Velma and Susie Keel attended the revival in Hamilton Saturday Night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ange, Beatrice White and Mr. Claud Jones of Jamesville were callers in this section on Wednesday.

Misses Viola Whitthurst and Kathryn Keel spent Saturday night with Mrs. Willie Whitehurst.

Misses Mary Harris and Myrtle Perry spent a few days in Oak City last week.

BEAR GRASS LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS ITEMS

Miss Nellie Bullock spent last week with her brother, Dr. Chas. T. Roebuck.

Quite a number of friends attended services at the Bear Grass school house Sunday afternoon.

We are very sorry to note that Charles Rogers is on the sick list.

Miss Laulia Wynne spent Saturday night with Miss Essie Mae Taylor.

Mrs. Bob Sexton spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. W. D. Roberson.

Mr. Thad Roberson, Miss Martha Whitchard, Mr. Jeff Taylor and Miss Fannie Mae Roberson motored to Big Mill Sunday morning.