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TEACHERS MEET HERE SATURDAY

Large Number Present; Superintendent R. A. Pope Makes Talk; General Discussion

A large number of Martin County Teachers met at the school building in Williamston on Saturday afternoon, January 16. At two o'clock the president, Mr. H. M. Ainsley, called the meeting to order and asked Mr. J. L. Jones to read the teachers in a song. After the song, Rev. Mr. Dickey, of the Williamston Memorial Baptist Church, pronounced the invocation. After a few words relative to the joint work of the minister and the teacher, he showed the necessity for preparation and consolidation. In each of these lines he said that the church was following in the footsteps of the school. He chose for the scripture lesson a part of the fourth chapter of Ephesians, that verse that admonishes us to think on what is true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report. Thinking, as he stated, provokes doing. Conduct will correspond with pure and noble thoughts.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, and after approval were adopted.

Supt. R. A. Pope spoke briefly on the three topics: (1) Greater uniformity in progress reports; (2) full 90 minutes for the reading circle recitation; and (3) cost of schools and attendance relations. He stated that the range of cost per pupil per day was from 8 to 23 cents. He showed by figures that the cost of a one-teacher school is greater per pupil than that of the graded school.

Mr. Pope spoke of a special project that he wished to see carried out. It is a constructive project on the history and geography of Martin County. He passed out questionnaires to representatives of the schools in the various sections of the county. In this way he thinks to arrive at the separate information which will later be assembled and tabulated by a special committee for use in the primary and grammar grades of the schools of the county. The information called for by the questionnaires should be in the office by January 26. Two other questionnaires will follow before the special committee will begin work.

Next Mr. Ainsley asked Miss Leona Moore, of Robersonville, to discuss the average child. To make the talk practical Miss Moore told how she actually dealt with a fourteen-year-old boy who was taking work with children of around nine years. It was interesting to know that finding the amount of her expenses for each week appealed to him. It was real to him. Suggestions about Benjamin Franklin, Lincoln, and others who had little or no advantages of an education served as an incentive for him. He was promoted from the third grade and at present is on the honor roll in the fourth grade.

Mr. Ainsley asked Mr. R. T. Johnson, of Everett, to tell how Everett was made a 10-grades school. Mr. Johnson said that on coming to Everett he realized that he and his assistant could not teach four grades. He thought it a far wiser plan to begin them a trying to prepare for an accredited high school. At once they decided to offer one year of science; two years of history; three years of English, two years of French, three years of mathematics, two years of spelling, and one year of bookkeeping. What would have been under the 4-year plan 34 minutes recitation periods, became 45 minute periods and hence answers all requirements.

Mr. J. S. Seymour explained why Williamston came under the county system. The advantages of coming under the county system as stated by him are (1) it affords an opportunity

Pie Eating Champ



Rep. C. McGregor of N. Y. charged that Washington cooks couldn't make good pies. To prove him wrong a pie-eating contest was staged and here is Congressman Montgomery of Okla., finishing his third pie.

Ford Makes Over Two Million Vehicles in 1925

The Ford Motor Co., in all its divisions, produced a total of 2,103,588 cars, trucks, tractors, and airplanes during 1925, according to figures just given out at the general offices of the Ford Motor Co. Exclusive of airplanes, which is a new industry with the company, this is an increase of 20,033 automotive units over 1924.

In the production of Ford cars and trucks during the year, domestic plants in the United States assembled 1,775,245. Foreign plants of the company produced 136,461 cars and trucks and the output of the Ford Motor Co., of Canada, Ltd., totalled 79,289. Fordson tractor production was 104,168 and the Lincoln division of the company produced during the year a total of 3,415 Lincoln cars. In the newest division of the company, the airplane factory, the output was ten all-metal planes since the factory was acquired by the company on August 1, 1925.

The remarkable output of Ford cars and trucks was reached in spite of the fact that for a period of more than 30 days during August and September domestic production was almost negligible due to the introduction of the improved types. The same condition prevailed later on in the foreign assembly plants as the change to the improved cars was made in these places, some of which are just now getting into appreciable production with the improved types.

Manning-Davenport

(Special To The Enterprise)
Jamesville, Jan. 16.—Tuesday evening, January 5, at 7 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davenport, a quiet wedding was solemnized when Miss Leontine Davenport became the bride of Mr. W. H. Manning. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Davenport and one of the most attractive and popular young women of Jamesville.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Manning, of Bethel, and is very popular. He is postmaster of Bethel and has large farming interests. Mr. and Mrs. Manning will spend a month in Florida, after which they will make their home in Bethel.

for consolidation; (2) it gives the county board a legal right to make repairs on the building; and (3) it provides a permanent provision for transportation. As to how it is done he stated there must be a repeal of the charter by the local board; property must be decided to the county board of education; local tax money must be passed over annually to the county treasurer for distribution. Through the advantages given, improvements can be made which could not be made under the old plan.

After the program, Mr. R. I. Leake, of Robersonville, made an announcement relative to the faculty play, "Adventures of the Grandpa," to be staged in the Robersonville school auditorium on Friday evening, January 22, at 8 o'clock. He urged all the teachers to attend.

A special meeting of the teachers interested in basketball was called for Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mr. J. L. Jones called for a discussion as to the desirability of Friday afternoon for the meeting of the association. No definite decision was made relative to a change in the time of the meeting.

After the discussion the general meeting closed and the group meetings were held.

COTTON GROWERS MOVE FIELD AGENT

Mr. Milton Norman Transferred To Edgecombe and Wilson Counties; Preparing For Big Drive

Mr. Milton Norman, who came here as field agent for the North Carolina Cotton Growers Association in 1922 from his home at Halifax, has been transferred to Tarboro temporarily, and to Wilson permanently after a few months.

Mr. Norman had ten of the extreme eastern counties until 1925, when Beaufort and Pamlico were added to his territory. He has made Williamston headquarters all of the time, with the exception of 1923, when his headquarters were in Edenton. During his residence in this community and section he has made a wide circle of friends who regret that he will leave. As a citizen of our town, he has always been public spirited and loyal and will be greatly missed.

In an interview with Mr. Norman this morning, he gave us some of the plans of the association for the coming year. The North Carolina Credit Corporation, which has functioned under the association for two years, is preparing to give those farmers who are deserving, in the ensuing year, its very best service in extending them credit.

In 1925 this institution was materially handicapped. However, it succeeded in extending farmers more than \$2,000,000 in loans. It will begin to receive applications this year about January 25, with sufficient office force to give immediate attention to the applications as soon as they are received. The credit corporation is represented in Martin County by the Planters & Merchants Bank, Everetts.

The cotton association has made wonderful progress throughout the entire State, having enumerated some of the largest producers of the State, and is now preparing to put on a resign-up campaign with an intensive drive on the larger growers, especially those who would make good members.

Mr. Norman has been transferred to Wilson and Edgecombe counties, where this drive will be centralized in Eastern Carolina, as they are such large producers. The association deemed it wise to abandon a few of the lower counties, which have been so heavily infested with boll weevil. It has not been decided whether this county will be headquarters for another agent or annexed to some other territory.

Macedonia Local And Personal News

Mr. Robert Coltrain was the guest of Miss Myrtle Beacham Sunday. Messrs. Noah Daniel Griffin, Dan Jones and Misses Roxie Jones and Sadie Mae Hadley spent Sunday afternoon in Chocowinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Griffin spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Griffin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Green.

Miss Virginia Peele went to Williamston Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Clyde Hardison was the guest of Miss Carrie Ward Saturday night.

Mrs. Henry Peele spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. U. S. Leggett.

Miss Clara Dixon went to Washington Monday night.

Mr. Elbert Wilson and Mr. Claude L. Hadley went to the show Saturday night.

Miss Carrie Ward was in Williamston Tuesday afternoon shopping.

Mr. Edward Corey was the guest of Miss Virginia Peele Sunday night.

Little Ralph Holliday went to Washington Tuesday morning.

Miss Clara Dixon left Friday afternoon to spend the week end with her parents.

School Team To Play Plymouth Tomorrow

The high school boys basketball team will play the Plymouth aggregation tomorrow night at the warehouse. Our boys have not had so much experience and they need the town's support very badly at this time.

In Windsor Saturday night they were defeated 15 to 4, hard luck camping on their trail and pep being furnished their opponents by their fans all the way through.

South Carolina Governor Describes "Charleston"

Governor Thomas G. McLeod, of South Carolina has described the fad dance named for the queen city of his State, "The Charleston." The governor said, "I don't know much about the origin of the dance, but when I was a boy the negroes all danced it. They are too respectable to dance it now."

Tobacco Prices Very Much Better Today

The Williamston market sold about 15,000 pounds of tobacco today at prices higher than at any time since the peak prices in October.

Mr. L. J. Roberson, of Robersonville, sold one barn for \$600.00 net.

A number of farmers expressed fear that the acreage would be largely increased this year.

EVERETTS BANK HAS GOOD YEAR

Annual Meeting of Stockholders Held January 1; Net Earnings Last Year 16 Per Cent

(Special To The Enterprise)
Everetts, Jan. 16.—The Planters & Merchants Bank, of Everetts, N. C., held its regular annual stockholders meeting in its banking house on January 1st, with a good number present.

The bank reports one of the most successful years since its organization, clearing a net profit of over 16 per cent to its stockholders. It was ordered that an 8 per cent dividend be paid, that \$500 be added to the surplus, and the remainder to special reserve for bad papers.

The following officers and directors were elected: V. G. Taylor, president; Henry D. Peel and J. H. D. Peel, vice presidents; Paul Bailey, cashier; V. G. Taylor, bookkeeper; Directors: V. G. Taylor, Henry D. Peel, J. H. D. Peel, J. S. Ayers, A. L. Roebuck, S. E. Roberson, R. S. Cowin, R. A. Bailey and W. S. Gurganus.

Little Jimmie Watts Celebrates Birthday

Yesterday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock little Jimmie Watts entertained a number of his little friends in honor of his third birthday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watts, jr.

On account of the rainy weather the little tots played indoor games an hour before ices, candy, and pastries were served by Mrs. Watts.

Stockholders To Hold Annual Meeting 27th

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers & Merchants Bank has been called for Wednesday, the 27th.

It is understood that the bank has not only, so to speak, "weathered the storm" which followed the closing of so many banks here and elsewhere, but it has made considerable progress and that during the ensuing year it will be of considerable assistance to this community. The condition will be reported at the annual meeting.

Town Team Won Two Lost One Past Week

The town team evened the score with Ashoke last night by defeating them on their home court 17 to 15. Each team has now won two and lost two.

In the game here last week Ashoke and Williamston were tied at the end of the game, 19 all, but an extra period of 5 minutes was played and the visitors won out, 25 to 22.

The town team also defeated Rich Square Wednesday night of last week in a hotly contested affair, the score being 16 to 14.

Tonight they play Ayden and a spirited game is expected.

Former Local Methodist Pastor Dies At Garner

Rev. G. W. Fisher, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Garner, N. C., died last week and was buried Sunday.

Mr. Fisher was pastor of the Williamston Methodist Church for several years, leaving this charge about 25 years ago. He was 65 years old.

It is rather singular in that town former Williamston Methodist pastors died within a week's time, the Rev. Mr. Eure having died and was buried the previous Sunday.

Rodgers-Taylor

Saturday evening at eight o'clock Mr. Ira Rodgers and Miss Essie Mae Taylor were quietly married at the home of the groom's uncle, Rev. B. S. Cowin, Rev. Cowing officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers are both of Bear Grass. The bride is the attractive and popular young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Taylor.

The groom is the son of Mrs. A. S. Rodgers and a prosperous farmer of that community.

Both have many friends that wish them an abundance of happiness.

ROBERSONVILLE A GOOD LIVE TOWN

Enterprise Field Representative Tells Of Its Progressiveness And Advantages

By SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE
Robersonville, Jan. 18.—Robersonville is an inland town, situated in the midst of a very prosperous farming community, on the A. C. L. Railway and Highway No. 90.

Corn, sweet and Irish potatoes and garden vegetables flourish in this section in abundance. There is a bountiful supply of cotton, tobacco, and peanuts produced all around, and it is a prosperous-looking sight to see on the streets a great many loaded wagons and trucks of tobacco, cotton and peanuts coming from all directions and hauling these three big money crops to market.

The town itself has about 1,250 inhabitants. It has paved streets and sidewalks, water and electric lights. The high-power electric line from Greenville gives the customers light and power at a low rate, saving them much and at the same time making a profit for the town.

The water and sewage systems are up to date. The tax rate is very reasonable. It is at once an ideal and healthful location for a home.

The town should be grateful and proud of its mayor and town officials, who are unusually pleasing and efficient. The mayor, G. H. Cox, is an exceptionally fine gentleman. R. L. Smith is the town clerk and B. F. Coburn is superintendent of the light plant.

There is a genuine building boom on in both business houses and home in the town and the country around.

The town has two newspapers, The Weekly Herald, W. H. Mizell, editor; and The Times, A. B. Wallace, editor. There is also an ice plant, a guano factory, a tobacco redrying plant, and two good tobacco warehouses. Three blacksmith shops look after blacksmith and repair work. Five garages and filling stations and one good battery service station look out for the automobiles.

The town boasts of one of the strongest banks in eastern Carolina, The Bank of Robersonville. It is accommodating to its community and thoroughly conservative.

There are two cotton gins that have been running at full blast since cotton-picking-time.

Four churches for white people and two for colored bespeak the strong religious atmosphere in the town.

There are three medical doctors, one dentist and one lawyer located here, besides a wide-awake set of merchants, many of whom truck what buy and sell to the Roanoke River and ship by water route, thereby saving quite a bit.

The town has an accredited high school. The building is of brick, and is a large and beautiful structure, housing 16 class rooms, and a large auditorium, fully equipped with water and lights and all modern conveniences. The school has a laboratory fully equipped, which has just received full individual scientific sets and new cabinets. They are receiving a large number of new books and expect to increase the library by one thousand volumes this year.

The principal keeps a regular set of books and records, very much like a banking system of bookkeeping, he having at one time been in the banking business. You will notice in his manners and ways a keen alertness and a thoroughness about his conduct and work that makes him stand out and show his peculiar gifts as a leader and a teacher.

One of the outstanding features of this school is the petition of 48 of its brightest girls to take vocational training and domestic science.

The total enrollment of the school is 375, of which the high school has 125. The teachers are: Prof. R. I. Leake, mathematics; Miss Eva Peel, Latin and English; Miss Elizabeth Hunt, French and history; Miss Emily Gale, Science and English; Mr. E. L. Phillips, assistant in mathematics, and history. Seventh grade, Miss Agnes Jenkins; also private class in elocution. Sixth grade, Miss Mary Shields. Fifth grade, Miss Lina Beck; Fourth grade, Miss Millie Roebuck; Third grade, Miss Leona Moore; second grade, Miss Louise Dixon; first grade, Miss Minnie Cochran. The music teacher is Miss Mary Adkins.

There is in the school two basketball teams, one each of the boys and girls. The girls won the silver cup emblematic of the championship of Martin County last year.

The school stands 100 per cent in the North Carolina Education Association membership. One of the things the school is striving for is a higher rating by the State this year.

The parents-teachers association is a good strong organization and a great aid to the school. The principal

Invents Rubber



Harry E. Culmer, chemical engineer of Chicago, claims he has invented synthetic rubber, which can be derived from various products including garbage. If true it stands to stretch the rubber industry all out of joint.

Rear-End Collision on Fill Sunday Night

A Ford car, in which were Mr. H. D. Payne and son, W. C. Payne, of Greensboro, crashed into the rear end of the car of Mr. Dick Leach on the Roanoke River fill Sunday night. Mr. Leach was meeting a car and had slowed down when he was run into by the Payne car, with the result that Mr. Payne was dashed through the windshield and severely cut over the eye. He was also bruised about the head. His injuries were cared for by a doctor and except for the loss of a large quantity of blood, he seems to have gotten off all right.

The accident was said to be caused by the dense fog, making it impossible to see any object more than a few feet, causing young Payne, the driver, to be almost on the other car before he saw it.

Mrs. Bettie Bowen Died Saturday

Mrs. Bettie Bowen died at the home of Mr. J. N. Biggs on the Greenville road Saturday morning at 4 o'clock, from pneumonia.

Mrs. Bowen was 74 years old, the widow of the late David Bowen and a daughter of Outlaw Gurganus. She leaves several children.

The funeral was held at the residence Sunday afternoon, services being conducted by Rev. T. W. Lee, of the Methodist Church. Burial was at the family grave yard.

Mr. William Carstarphen spent the week end in Chapel Hill.

Miss Mary Louise Carstarphen, of Wilson, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Fannie Carstarphen.

Misses Thelma Brown and Bonner and Elizabeth Gurganus spent yesterday with friends in Windsor.

Mr. Wheeler Martin and Rev. C. O. Pardo spent today in Washington.

Mr. S. C. Collins spent the week end in Wilson.

Mr. H. M. Ainsley, of Oak City, was here Saturday attending the teachers' meeting.

Editor A. B. Wallace, of Robersonville, was in town today.

Margolis Brothers Now Sole Owners Of Store

On January 15th the firm of Margolis Bros. & Brooks was dissolved, and the store was bought by Messrs. Frank J. and Irvin Margolis.

In the summer of 1919, Messrs. Frank J. and Max Y. Margolis and A. Brooks purchased the business of Abe Adler, of Plymouth, and since that time it has been run by Mr. Frank Margolis, assisted by his brother, Irvin. The business has grown steadily under the capable management of the Messrs. Margolis, and is now one of the city's leading stores. The new firm's name will be Margolis Bros.

pal claims it to be the best he has ever seen.

The school board is composed of good sound business men. J. H. Roberson is chairman; H. C. Norman, secretary, and Eli Rodgers, J. L. Whitfield, W. M. Green, and Dr. Vernon Ward are the other members.

The rules of the school are few and exceedingly good and the order and general morale of the school, which is fine, can be said of the town as a whole and one can recommend the wholesome and spiritual atmosphere of Robersonville as a suitable place to make one's home.

OAK CITY HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Second Semester Began Yesterday; School Doing Splendid Work; 85 Per Cent Pupils Passed

(Special To The Enterprise)

Oak City, Jan. 19.—The second semester of Oak City High School began Monday, January 18, 1926. The school is doing splendid work through the word "cooperation." Outstanding success in any field of endeavor is not the result of chance. Planned schedules with all the teachers working together on a democratic system means success. All things are not always pleasant, yet results are good. It has been said that those who excel reach the heights because their aims are higher and back of leadership lies years of toil, thought, and devotion to a program of constructive endeavor. Those who excel must become targets for those who do the least.

Inspection duty is organized through the teachers. They offer the constructive criticism. Two teachers from each group, namely, primary, grammar grade, and high school take weekly turns. They have a score card for grading. The grade rooms, laboratories, principal's office, and library are visited once and twice a week, a score made. This, with suggestions, is posted weekly on a bulletin board. The inspection is done in the presence of teacher and pupils. The suggestions and grades are taken in a very good spirit, and really it becomes a rival contest for the highest score.

The requirements for a standard elementary school are being met. Miss Fulghum is expected to visit the school to accept work and offer suggestions for future needs.

The teachers are receiving splendid attention at the teachers' meeting through the motherly guidance and supervision of the matron, Mrs. R. J. Johnson.

The monitor system is still working well. The sixth and seventh grades won the cup last year. The points this year are ranging high with all the grades.

Mr. Hix, basketball coach, is giving the boys some good practice.

Mr. Hatch feels confident that his English class can conjugate the verb "to be."

Miss Taylor is planning a demonstration lesson in home economics, and extends a cordial invitation to patrons and any school interested. Date will be announced later.

The music class, under the direction of Miss Jones, has made splendid progress. The high school glee club is doing well.

The Oak City orchestra meets twice a week for practice. They hope to be able to furnish part of the music for the commencement.

The teachers from primary and grammar grade groups have each given three demonstration lessons for the benefit of Oak City teachers. The results have been very helpful.

The school has made the required work and about 85 per cent of the pupils passed.

The above is a summary of the fall semester's work, and is made public by request.

Sandy Ridge Local And Personal News

Miss Beatrice Cherry visited Miss Bernice Reddick Wednesday.

Mr. A. W. Hardison was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Manning Tuesday night.

Mrs. J. H. Reddick spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Mrs. Noah Roberson.

Messrs. Allen Peed and Lester Briley motored to Tarboro Monday. Mrs. Nick Griffin is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. T. A. Peed visited Mrs. W. L. Manning Tuesday night.

Miss Coralie Peed was the guest of Miss Bernice Reddick Tuesday night. Miss Beatrice Cherry was the guest of Miss Bernice Reddick Sunday.

Mr. Allen Peed and Miss Ethel Capps attended the show Wednesday night.

Mr. Lester Briley was the guest of Miss Fannie Mae Roberson Wednesday. Mr. Vance Bennett and Misses Margaret and Inez Griffin attended the show in Williamston Wednesday.

Mr. Haulsey Hardison and Miss Blanche Hopkins attended the show in Williamston Wednesday.

Mr. Otis Hardison, of Jamesville, was the guest of Miss Marie Reddick Wednesday.

County Agent and Mrs. T. B. Brandon have returned from Raleigh, where he has been attending a meeting of county agents since the first of January.

Messrs. J. L. Williams, John L. Rodgers, and Oscar Anderson spent this afternoon in Robersonville.

STRAND THEATRE

IMPORTANT

Continuous show
will be run only on
WEDNESDAYS and
SATURDAYS.

Show will start at
7.45 on other nights,
and there will only
be one show.