

R. E. ROBERSON DIES SUDDENLY

Was One of Williamston's Leading Merchants; Death Comes As Shock to Friends

Robert E. Roberson, one of the leading merchants of this section, died Monday morning. He complained Sunday night of headache, after driving to Washington to attend the burial of an aunt in the afternoon.

Supposing that the trip had caused the headache, he told his people it was not necessary to summon a doctor. Monday morning came and the headache continued and a doctor was called, but nothing to alarm was found, and until a few minutes before his death he conversed with friends in a general way, saying the only trouble was his headache. It was only a few minutes before he died that the seriousness of his condition was apprehended.

He had suffered for years with diabetes and had observed much caution in his habits and diet. The cause of his death was acute heart failure.

Mr. Roberson was 63 years old, the son of Kincheon Roberson and Nancy Harrison Roberson. He was left an orphan at 3 years of age and was raised by his uncle, the late C. B. Harrison.

When a young man he superintended farms on the Roanoke River, first in Bertie County for Mr. Bowers, then at Paimyra for Mr. L. J. Baker. There he entered into the mercantile business with Mr. Baker, under the firm name of Baker & Roberson.

He continued as a farmer, being interested in several farms near Paimyra, where he continued until 1912, when he sold his interest to his partner.

He associated himself as a partner with Harrison Bros. & Co., with T. F. and L. B. Harrison as partners, moving to Williamston about 12 years ago.

Though he had few school advantages he was a fine business man. He knew well how to serve the people. He was always courteous and kind, and especially so with his employees, who held him in the highest respect. He was always apparently in good humor. Those who know him best declare they never saw him lose his temper.

He had succeeded well in business. Besides his interest in the mercantile firm of Harrison Bros. & Co., he was a partner in the Harrison Wholesale Co., and interested in several large farms.

He leaves two brothers, Mr. Joseph Roberson, of Old Ford, Beaufort County, and J. Buck Roberson, of Cedar Hill, Tex.; and a sister, Mrs. Etta Baussand, of Trent, Tex.

He was a member of the Christian Church and was always to be counted on in any work that would advance its cause, both in the church and Sunday school. He had last week just completed the building of two Sunday school rooms, which work had much of his personal attention.

He was buried in the Williamston cemetery today at two o'clock.

The funeral service was conducted from the residence of Mr. T. F. Harrison at 2 o'clock today by his pastor, Rev. A. J. Manning, and interment was made at the Williamston cemetery.

The active pall bearers were: James E. Harrison, T. F. Harrison, L. B. Harrison, G. H. Harrison, D. B. Harrison, C. A. Harrison, N. K. Harrison, H. D. Harrison.

The honorary pall bearers were: W. C. Manning, R. J. Peel, Dr. J. H. Saunders, C. R. Fleming, W. H. Gurkin, J. L. Williams, H. H. Hardy, N. C. Green, Stanley Sessoms, R. A. Smith, and P. B. Roberson.

Amundsen now says he was misquoted about Peary and Cook, but he doubts if many persons took him so seriously as that.—Greensboro News.

Mrs. Publisher



Mrs. Gerald P. Nye, wife of the publisher Senator from North Dakota is visiting in Washington. Senator Nye gained his seat in the Senate in spite of vigorous opposition, which probably accounts for the smile of satisfaction Mrs. Nye wore when photographed.

The Farmer's Voice



R. B. Rife, from the great crop won in 1925, is the American Farmer's voice in Washington, appointed to that post in December by the American Farm Federation.

Mrs. Bettie Whichard Dies at Blounts Creek

Mrs. Bettie Whichard was buried at the Harrison burying ground on the C. B. Harrison farm, upon which she was born, Sunday afternoon.

She died Friday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Lillie Marshlander, at Blounts Creek, in Beaufort County.

She was 78 years old, and for 20 years had been blind, living with her children, who are John Whichard, of Grimesland; Mrs. Lucy Spruill, of Old Ford; Mrs. Sallie Lee, of Bear Grass; Mrs. Javan Rogerson, of Petersburg, Va.; and Mrs. Marshlander, of Blounts Creek.

She had been a member of the Bear Grass Primitive Baptist church for more than 25 years. Elder J. N. Rogerson conducted the funeral service.

Sandy Ridge Local And Personal News

Miss Beatrice Cherry spent Saturday night with Miss Bernice Kiddick. Mrs. T. R. and Mrs. Leo Roberson and Mrs. R. D. Jones were the guests of Mrs. J. H. Kiddick Thursday afternoon.

Miss Bessie Green spent Saturday night with Miss Eva Pate.

Miss Coralie Peed was the guest of Miss Roxie Jones Saturday.

Misses Ruby Hopewell and Ruth Jones were the guests of Miss Annette Jones Sunday.

Mrs. T. A. Peed spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Mamie Lanier.

There will be preaching at Holly Springs Thursday night. Everybody is cordially invited.

Prayer meeting will be held at Reddicks Grove next Sunday night by Charles Pate.

Mrs. W. L. Manning is on the sick list again this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cherry and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Roberson spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Neal Godard.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hardison have moved over to Mr. S. E. Hardison for a short while so as to build to and repair the house they are going to occupy this year.

Mr. Herbert Taylor and family have moved to the old Ben Hardison place for this year.

Mr. Vernon Hopewell was the guest of Miss Coralie Peed Sunday evening.

Mr. Marvin Jones was the guest of Miss Bernice Williams Saturday evening.

Mr. Joe Lawrence Coltrane was the guest of Miss Coralie Peed Sunday.

Forbid Pupils Giving Presents to Teachers

The Minneapolis, Minn., School Superintendent, W. F. Webster, has banned the giving of presents to teachers by pupils.

The practice of the wealthier children of feeding up teachers on candy, flowers and perfumes for the purpose of gaining favors whereby they might pass examinations and avoid discipline had grown to such an extent that it was injurious to the schools of Minneapolis, the superintendent stated, in explaining the action taken.

Business Houses Close Today During Funeral

All the business houses of Williamston will be closed from 2 to 3 o'clock this afternoon, the hour of the funeral of R. E. Roberson.

This was done as a mark of respect to Mr. Roberson, who was one of the city's leading business men, being a member of two of its largest business houses, Harrison Bros. & Co., and Harrison Wholesale Co.

Famous Negro to Speak Here Tomorrow Night

Charles Satchell Morris, Jr., the celebrated negro lecturer of Norfolk, Va will speak at the courthouse Wednesday night, January 27. His subject will be "The Measure of the Man."

Morris is one of the greatest leaders of his race, and a speaker of rare ability. He draws great crowds wherever he goes and he goes everywhere in this and other countries.

His lectures hold the races to a better understanding of each other and build up rather than tear down that faith that is ready and willing to properly measure the man.

There will be reserved seats for the white people and they will enjoy as well as profit by hearing this lecturer.

Frustrate Negro's Plan for Stealing Gas

(Special of The Enterprise) Hamilton, Jan. 25.—Last Tuesday night one of the clerks at Slade, Rhodes & Co.'s store here found when he went out to lock up the gasoline pump for the night that some one had pumped five gallons of gas into the container. He let it stay as it was, and on returning the next morning the oil had disappeared.

On Wednesday night they found the gas pumped up again; so one of the clerks concealed himself inside the store and watched the tank all night. At five o'clock the next morning a colored man who had been working around there for some time came up and started to turn the gasoline into a can. The clerk stepped out, turned a flashlight on the negro and told him to "Stop; I know you." However the thief ran and at last accounts had not been apprehended.

Mrs. L. F. Stevenson Dies Near Everetts

Mrs. Leda F. Stevenson died near Everetts Sunday from blood poison. She was buried Monday at the Gardner burying ground, near Fairview.

The funeral rites were conducted by L. T. Holliday. Mrs. Stevenson was 39 years old, and leaves her husband, William Stevenson, and nine children, the youngest only two weeks old.

Episcopal Guild To Have Turkey Dinner

On February 11th, the Episcopal Guild will serve a turkey dinner at the Masonic Hall. Valentine decorations will be used. The hour will be announced later.

Snow Causes Rush On Local Fuel Men

The snow and cold weather has caused a rush on the coal and wood yard here. Telephone calls, trucks and wagons rushing here and there; and there is a regular clothesline of orders hanging up in the office of the Lindsley-Lilley Fuel Co.—looks very much like wash day.

Second Snow Provides Real Winter Scenery

Snow has twice covered the earth in this section this year. Monday morning about 7 o'clock the white flakes began to fall and continued most of the day until the snow lay about 5 inches deep on the level.

Sledding and snowballing were the favorite games, especially of the younger people. The snow was general throughout most of the State.

Messrs. Roy and Bryant Taylor, of near Hamilton, were in town this morning.

CO-OPS HANG UP SEASON'S RECORD

Last Week's Deliveries Best of This Tobacco Season; Four and a Half Million Pounds

Members of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association made the largest deliveries of the entire season to their warehouses in North Carolina and Virginia last week, amount to a total of more than 4,500,000 pounds of tobacco, according to the statement of General Manager Richard R. Patterson.

This is considered a remarkable showing of loyalty on the part of the membership, particularly in view of the recent report of the Federal Trade Commission and the suit of Wiley M. Person, of Franklin County, N. C. against the association.

In view of the fact that the financial affairs of the association were reported by Oliver J. Sands, chairman of the executive committee, as being in the best condition since its organization at last week's meeting of the board of directors, the suit of Person, who has repeatedly busied himself in making speeches and calling meetings against the association is regarded as an extravagant play for publicity.

The attitude of the directors toward the report of the Federal Trade Commission, which largely ignored the charges of tobacco farmers from various parts of the two Carolinas and Virginia made against the Imperial and American Tobacco Companies and severely attacked the methods by which the organized growers have protected their own business and maintained higher prices for all tobacco farmers of this section in the past three years, was expressed in the following statement at last week's meeting of the association's governing board:

"The board of directors of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association has spent a day hearing detailed statements with particular reference to the activities of General Manager Patterson and Warehouse Manager Watkins as copartners in the Edmondson-Tobacco Company, said statements covering items brought out in the report of the Federal Trade Commission; and it has been made clear that the members of this board have been in general approval of the prior policies of this board in permitting and encouraging our directors or officers or managers to engage in redrying activities in preference to placing such business with the enemies of cooperative marketing; and it has been made evident that the members of the board of directors with a few exceptions were not aware prior to June, 1923, that managers Patterson and Watkins had an interest in the Edmondson redrying activities for the 1922 crop, and that most of the directors did have general knowledge of such activities for the 1923 and 1924 crops; and this board here expresses its approval of such activities and reiterates the resolution adopted August 18, 1925; and here states that it would have approved the said activities of 1922 had it known of them, as long in accord with its general policies at that time, and that other employees and directors such as Mr. Williams and others were redrying tobacco for the association under standard contracts with the knowledge and approval of the board generally, including all of the actual facts about the policy of not selling green tobacco to dealers and expressly including all the actual facts and evidence to show that the executive committee had good reasons to believe that there was in the spring of 1923 a real attempt to raise the cost of redrying against this association, with full knowledge of all these facts the board approves of all such activities; states that there has never been any intentional concealment thereof; states that the contract price and profits have been in line with similar competing companies and were proper in view of the hazard and the particular service; and further states that it does not see any ground whatsoever for any claim of any kind against the persons involved in these transactions."

Colored Child Hit By Auto Sunday

The little four-year-old child of Wealthy Hassell was struck by an auto driven by a traveling salesman on Main Street below the river hill Sunday afternoon. The car did not run over the child but the fender knocked it down and the child's head struck the pavement. The driver stopped his car and took the child to Dr. York, who made an X-ray picture of the wound and found that the skull was not fractured.

The accident was said to have been unavoidable, the driver not seeing the child in time to stop his car.

OAK CITY LEADS IN MANY THINGS

Is Particularly Noted for Its Fine School; Reporter Tells of Fine Work Being Done

By SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT Oak City, Jan. 25.—In the upper Coastal Plain section of North Carolina we find an unusual town on a branch of the A. C. L., and where many roads lead from fertile prosperous farms—here we find Oak City, famed for its great school and the fine spirit of its people.

The town has had the good-school spirit for several years; the school is a standard high school; and teaches the elementary course below the seventh grade.

Home Economics Department The home economics department is fully equipped and has been running for three years. There are 30 girls enrolled in this course.

A visit to the room where this special course is taught reveals bright ideals for school work. Miss Alya Taylor is the teacher and has a large well-furnished room, with ranges, tables, and all modern kitchen appliances on one side, where cooking, food preparation, diets, balanced diets serving meals, and what they all mean are taught for half the session. Many charts and other up-to-date helps are used.

The home nursing course, which has been taught here, brought forth much praise. The duties of the nurse were taught, as were diets for the sick and convalescent. First aid was one of the principal things in the course.

The junior and senior pupils recently prepared a banquet for 70, and the cost was \$16. Of course, many of the things were furnished by the students but it showed a wonderful training in economy.

The Sewing Room The sewing class includes the sixth and seventh grades. The girls seated by the work tables and sewing machines, and the teacher at her desk in the front center, presented a scene very rare in practical work. Here they were all very busy; stitching, learning seams, cutting, dress and garment making. The first half of the session is devoted to cooking; later comes nursing, sewing, home management, what the home is and what it should mean to a girl.

Miss Elizabeth Jones has a class in music, voice, piano, and orchestra. She also teaches vocal music to the whole school; each grade has one lesson each week. The orchestra has had one recital and are practicing for another in April. They have a good glee club among the girls for special programs.

The Faculty The faculty is composed of H. M. Ainsley, B. A., principal; Miss Ruth Faulkner, seventh grade; Mrs. Annie Woodley, sixth grade; Mr. Cullen Hatch, English; David N. Hix, history and Latin; Mrs. W. D. Smith; and Misses Trixie Jenkins, Anna B. Harris, Rose Miller, Leona Newton, and Miss Elizabeth Jones, music; Miss Alya Taylor, home economics.

One very remarkable and good thing for the school and community around Oak City is that every one of the teachers of the high school are active Christians and Sunday school workers.

The school has two literary societies, the Estharian and the Wilsonian, organized and under the direction of a teacher. Each society has a program every other Friday evening making two each month. The societies are doing fine work and are a great help to the school and community.

The teachers' arrival records, handed in each morning, showing an outline program of the day's work planned; keeps the principal in close touch and in personal cooperation with the whole school. The monitor and honor roll system is a part of the school government.

The playgrounds are large and the games are supervised by the teachers. The organized games are basketball, volley ball, baseball. For the primary department there are giant strides, see-saws, swings, vaulting poles, and many old and new games for healthy exercise. Each grade has its own equipment.

The school building is a large brick structure, steam heated and electric lighted and modern in all its equipment.

The school has a total enrollment of 200. 67 in the high school. Six trucks bring the students from the outlying districts. The expense of the trucks are on a competitive basis, a prize being given the driver keeping expenses the lowest. The average cost per pupil is three to four cents per day. The entire work and influence of the teachers and the school is most unusually good.

The Town Oak City's mayor is J. C. Ross; the clerk is T. H. Johnson; Treasurer, B.

Typical American Boy?



The boy of Washington, D. C., chosen in the person of Joseph Nevins, thirteen years old, "the most typical American boy."

ARTHUR BRISBANE, famous editorial writer, says—Joseph is a fine young boy, but there ISN'T ANY TYPICAL AMERICAN BOY. There are tall, thin boys, and short, fat boys that will be leaders of men later.

There are blue-eyed, brown-eyed, pink-skinned and dark-skinned boys; thin, fat, tall, short, concentrated and dreaming, and any one of them may turn out to be THE champion of the United States ten years hence.

Is some little thing, probably smaller than the head of a pin, somewhere in the brain, that gives greatness, and it always has the power to stick at it.

Cherry-Salsbury

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized on Wednesday afternoon January 20th, at 5 o'clock, when Miss Julia Salsbury became the bride of Mr. Henry Cherry, of Speed.

The wedding took place at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. P. C. Edmondson, of Hassell. The decorations of powers, ferns and potted plants were simple but attractive. Only the relatives and a few friends witnessed the ceremony.

Mrs. W. Z. Morton, of Greenville, sister of the bride, played the wedding march from Lohengrin. An appropriate selection was played softly during the ceremony. Mrs. P. C. Edmondson entered as dame of honor. She wore cuckoo crepe back satin with lace trimmings and carried a shower bouquet of pink carnations and narcissi.

The bride, in a traveling costume of black prince crepe romaine and accessories to match, and carrying a shower bouquet of bride's roses and sweetheart roses, entered with her brother, Mr. Robert Salsbury, and was met by the groom with his best man, Mr. John Eubanks, of Hassell, at the improvised altar of ferns and palms.

The beautiful and impressive ring ceremony was performed by Rev. J. P. Gulley, pastor of the Baptist church at Hamilton.

Mrs. Cherry is a daughter of the late R. H. and Annie Eliza Salsbury, and a young woman of great charm and ability. Mr. Cherry is a son of the late Thomas and Kate Pender Cherry, and a young man of sterling qualities.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Cherry left by motor for Rocky Mount, where they took a train for Baltimore and Washington. After February first they will be at home in Speed.—Reported.

Goes To Orthopedic Hospital At Gastonia

Miss Louise Leggett, with her stepfather, Mr. E. H. Roberson, left Monday morning for Gastonia, where she will spend several weeks at the cripple clinic at the Orthopedic Hospital at that place. Miss Leggett has been on crutches for eleven years and has a great desire to do away with them. She is one of the most popular girls of her section, and has many friends who hope to see her walking after her return.—Reported.

M. Worsley; and the town commissioners are B. E. Moye, J. F. Crisp, and J. H. Ayers.

The town has a population of 500; it has electric lights, a wide-awake set of merchants, unusually nice homes, and churches.

There are two white and two colored churches. Church organizations include good Sunday schools every Sunday, a splendid Christian Endeavor Society. Rev. W. Ross Yokeley is pastor of the Missionary Baptist Church, and Rev. J. R. Tingle of the Christian church.

Oak City has a strong local bank, one of the best and strongest in eastern Carolina. A nice new drug store is opening up right beside the handsome bank building.

All in all, Oak City is one of the leading towns of the county.

PAPER SAYS ESTATE SETTLED YEARS AGO

Boston Transcript Story Gives Little Hope for Prospective Heirs of Robert D. Evans

Ashokle, Jan. 25.—Prospective heirs of Robert D. Evans, who died in Boston, Mass., several years ago, have not received much encouragement from investigations of their chances for recovering some of the estate. A copy of the Boston Evening Transcript has been received by interested parties here, and in it appears a news article giving the history of the estate, and its disposition.

It appears from the article that the estate was only half of what it was reported to have been, and has been finally settled by the courts of Boston. The article in question is as follows:

"A group of persons in the South—mostly in North Carolina—who claim to be heirs at law of the late Robert D. Evans, of Beverly, who died July 6, 1909, leaving an estate of about ten and a half million dollars, is attempting to reopen the matter and to secure a share in the property.

"The matter, however, apparently has been closed by the action of the widow, who in 1911 by petition in the supreme court had the evidence taken in perpetuity of the determination of the heirs at law of Robert D. Evans. This evidence is a matter of record in the Essex South registry of deeds, book 2092, page 121.

"Mr. Evans left a will, which was allowed August 2, 1909, his widow, Marie Antoinette Evans, being appointed executrix. He gave the income of his estate to his wife for life. At her death he directed that one-half of his estate should be given to such persons as she might by will appoint. If she failed so to appoint that one-half was to go to her heirs at law. The other half he gave, at her death, to his own heirs at law by right of representation. The inventory shows that his estate contained personal property of \$10,404,823.38, and real estate of \$133,275.

"The widow died October 16, 1917, leaving a will which was allowed November 12, 1917. William D. Hunt was named executor and Abby Hunt and Belle Hunt executrices. George L. Huntress, of Winchester, Stanley H. Bolster, of Newton, was Rene E. Paine were appointed administrators, with the will annexed of the estate of Robert D. Evans on November 19, 1917 to succeed Maria D. Evans, the deceased executrix.

"Early in 1910 Maria Antoinette Evans had petitioned the supreme court to have depositions taken, in order to have recorded in perpetuity who were the heirs at law of Robert D. Evans. Homer Albers, of Brookline, and H. H. Pickett, of St. Johns, N. B., were commissioned to take the depositions of various parties, and they made a voluminous report June 22, 1911, and was recorded also in the Essex South registry of deeds on July 5 of the same year, so that it would appear that the whole matter of inheritance under the will would prove to be res adjudicata—although the present claimants insist that they have but recently become acquainted with the existence of the estate, to which they claim rights."

Williamston Graded School News Notes

The honor roll for the fifth month failed to carry the fourth grade. Instead James Rhodes was classed in the fourth grade. This was an error. Jim, jr., belongs to the fifth grade A. The following made the honor roll for the fourth grade:

Myrtle W. Brown, Jennie G. Taylor, Grace T. Barnhill, Marjorie B. Moore, Jennie S. Moore.

Ruth Manning Wins Honor Ruth Manning received honorable mention in a national high school poetry contest. There were 8,000 entrants. Her poem entitled, "To The Hills," was selected for the final group of elimination. This poem will be printed in a later issue of this paper.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Britt spent the week end in Tarboro.

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