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## The Tar Heels Play Ball Now

**None Can Stand Before the Invincibles. Five Scalps Hang to Chief Guiheen's Belt. Elizabeth City Now Neck and Neck With Portsmouth.**

"The Tar Heels can certainly play ball." That's what the Elizabeth City fans are saying. Went against the enemy five times this week and routed them in each game.

The climax of a brilliant series of victories was reached yesterday afternoon, when the Tar Heels defeated the Rookies in an eleven innings game, the most magnificent ever witnessed here—in a score of two to one.

It was a pitcher's battle and Robertson, affectionately known as "Big Boy", and Hogue of the Rookies pitched a great game. Robertson struck out nine, and Hogue seven. The Tar Heels played errorless ball, and the Rookies got only two to their account. Bundy's base running was a feature, and Moreland's batting caused the fans to hold their breath. In three hits, he landed a two bagger and a three bagger and it was the last of those that brought in the winning run in the seventh.

About a thousand noisy, shouting screaming fans witnessed the game and went mad with joy. The following is the score:  
Elizabeth City ..... 000 001 000 01-2  
Norfolk ..... 000 001 000 00-1



Miss Lillian Whitehurst, the beautiful young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Whitehurst and a granddaughter of the late Dr. W. W. Griggs. Miss Whitehurst pulled the cord that loosened the veil from around the monument in the unveiling exercises on May 10th.

### COLUMBIA BANK TO BE RE-OPENED.

**Directors Raise Necessary Money to Put Institution in Good Condition.**

Raleigh, N. C., June 1.—The Merchants and Farmers Bank of Columbia, Tyrrell county, N. C., closed by order of the North Carolina Corporation Commission because of irregularities is to be reopened.

A telegram from the State Bank Examiner who closed the bank says that the directors have raised the necessary money and the bank will be reopened at once.

The following communication was sent out today from Raleigh in regard to the affairs of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Columbia.

The announcement that the bank will be opened at once will be welcome news to depositors of the bank.

This bank was examined by the State Bank Examiner last week and was ordered closed until its affairs could be properly adjusted. The suicide of the cashier, Prof. R. H. Spruill immediately upon the arrival of the examiner, caused consternation among the depositors, and all kinds of rumors were afloat as to the condition of its affairs. It was reported that large amounts of worthless papers had been unloaded on the bank and that its affairs were in bad shape. Its a great relief to the friends of the institution to learn that the affairs were not in such a bad plight after all.

Expressions of regret are heard every hand over the unfortunate suicide of Mr. Spruill, who let the affairs of the bank prey on his mind, until he committed the act.

Large crowds are attending the Mammoth sale of McCabe and Grice. See their ad on another page of this issue.



The Confederate Monument erected by the D. H. Chapter of the daughters of the Confederacy and presented to the William F. Martin Camp of Confederate Veterans with appropriate unveiling exercises on May 10th, 1911.

## High School Wins Game New City Officers

**High School Boys Close Their Baseball Season With Close Contest.**

The Elizabeth City High School baseball team closed the season last Saturday with a game at Weightsville. The High School beat the hard-hitting Weightsville team by the score of 17 to 14. In spite of the heavy scoring the game was interesting as the scores were kept close, the High School only winning in the ninth inning, by making six runs. Both teams hit well but the main cause of so many runs was the awful condition of the diamond and bad umpiring.

The High School has not lost a game this season, though they have been unable to secure very many, and there is a fair promise of a corking good team next year.

**Good Government Aldermen Take Charge of City Administration Monday.**

The board of aldermen will immediately take charge of the affairs of the town and will conduct them for the next two years, at least.

The board will be composed of new men with the exception of M. N. Sawyer, who was re-elected. The following is the board: T. P. Nash, Mathias Owens, J. C. Commander, M. N. Sawyer, W. T. Love, W. T. Old, E. R. Outlaw Sr., and C. H. Robinson. The finest business men in the city compose the new board, and for business ability, integrity and moral standing, no town in the state has a finer set of officers.



Captain E. R. Outlaw, an honored veteran of the "Lost Cause" who was a gallant Confederate soldier. Captain Outlaw introduced Dr. Hill to the large audience who assembled to witness the unveiling ceremonies.



Dr. H. H. Hill, president of A. and M. College, who delivered the address at the unveiling of the Confederate monument on May 10th. Dr. Hill's subject was, "The Benefits Derived by the South from the Civil War."



The members of the William F. Martin Camp of Confederate Veterans as they appeared in line of march in the parade preceding the unveiling exercises on May 10th.

## Schools Close The Years Work

**Commencement Exercises of The Elizabeth City Graded Schools Held Wednesday and Thursday. Large Crowds In Attendance.**

On Thursday of this week the session of the Elizabeth City Graded Schools came to a close. The occasion was marked by appropriate Commencement exercises in the auditorium of the high school building.

These exercises began with a musical selection rendered by Misses Cella Umphlett and Maud Williams. This was followed by an essay, "The Dismal Swamp," written and read by Miss Eula Wood.

This essay was written in competition for a gold medal offered by the North Carolina Historical Society of the Daughters of the Revolution, and won the medal. The essay was a very instructive and well written one, and was read by Miss Wood in a pleasing manner.

The reading of the essay was followed by a musical selection rendered by little Miss Alma Winslow, a first year pupil in music. She showed marked proficiency for one who has been studying music for so short a time and reflected credit upon herself and her teacher.

But the most delightful event in the program was "Midsummer Eve," a musical fairy play given by a number of young girls playing the parts of will-o-the-wisps, fairies and elves, in fancy costumes.

At the beginning of the play the stage was darkened and little Miss Pauline Beveridge clad in simple and flowing robe of white, entered as Dorothy, the maiden lost in the forest at night. Told by "Nursie" that one wandering in the woods at midnight on midsummer eve will be sure to find the fairies, she has stolen from her bed and gone out to seek them. The clear full notes of her voice as she sings her call to the fairies to come and show her the way to her home fall most pleasantly upon the ears of the audience, for the little maid has a splendid voice for one of her years.

She is unfortunate, however, for it is the will-o-the-wisps instead of the fairies who hear her call; and lured by their dancing lanterns and merry music she decides to follow them. "I'm just as lost as I can be anyhow," she declares, in the peculiar half-proud, half pathetic accent of a child as she leaves the stage.

Then Master William Meekins enters, as page of the fairy court, to announce the coming of Queen Mab, and close upon the herald enters the queen herself, her train borne by attentive pages and her praise sung by all her followers.

But meanwhile what has become of Dorothy? Just at this point the little green elves dance in to tell her story. They have rescued her from the will-o-the-wisps and pray the Queen's permission to bring her in to see the fairies hold their court. Their request is graciously granted, and Arbutus and Innocence are sent to conduct the stranger in. She is given a fairy robe, and becomes the Princess Forget-me-not.

Then the fairies hold high carnival under the woodland arches until the herald announces that the rosy dawn is at hand. This is the signal for the night's revels to close. Dorothy is given safe conduct to her home, and with a chorus to the dawn the court adjourns. Trim Aydtlett and Frank Venters

played the part of pages, Misses Fannie Owens and Eloise Cahoon were Arbutus and Innocence, while Miss Margaret Sheep was the Spirit of the Dawn.

It is hardly necessary to say that the evening's entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

On Thursday night the regular graduating exercises took place. After the invocation the class song was sung, and then Miss Clara Covert rendered a piano solo, Rhapsodie Hongroise, from Liszt.

This was followed by the annual address, delivered by Hon. T. W. Bickett, the State's Attorney General. This address was a splendid one, and was heard with a great deal of interest. Mr. Bickett is an orator of renown, and in his effort he sustained his former reputation. After the address Miss Covert at the piano rendered "The Last Hope," by Gottschalk.

Attorney E. F. Aydtlett of this city then presented the diplomas to the graduating class, composed of Misses Nellie Robbins Wood, Eltona Margaret Brothers, Minnie Bell Haight, Eula Gregory Wood, and Clara V. Covert in Piano. These diplomas were presented by Mr. Aydtlett in his usual happy manner.

Attorney J. Kenyon Wilson presented the medals, one to Miss Eula Wood for the best historical essay, and one to Alma Winslow, who won the medal in music.

Superintendent Sheep read the honor roll for the past year, the class song was again sung and the Commencement exercises for 1911 came to a close.

The year just closed has been a just closed mfwy mfwy mfwymfwy very prosperous one for the graded schools. Nearly a thousand pupils have been enrolled. The attendance has been good, the progress of the student body, satisfactory; and its general health, fine.

### Seventy Dollars per Acre.

Real estate around Elizabeth City is bringing fancy prices these days. J. B. Flora purchased the Bartlett farm this week and paid the handsome sum of \$21,000 for it. The farm contains 300 acres, the land costing Mr. Flora just \$70 per acre. The possession of the farm is to go to Mr. Flora the first of next year, Mr. Bartlett having the use of it this year.

### 46 Students Take Degrees.

Raleigh, N. C.—The graduating exercises in connection with the A. and M. College commencement season were held this morning at 10:30 o'clock in Pullen hall, when there were diplomas of graduation presented to thirty bachelors of engineering and fourteen bachelors of science. Two degrees of master of science were conferred, the latter being to Louis Reinhold, of Wisconsin, for a course in agriculture, and to Frank W. Sherwood, of Raleigh, for a course in chemistry.

See Mitchell's ad on another page of this issue. It's a live one.

## A. J. Davis Is Dead

**The Prominent Machinist Of This City Buried Wednesday.**

A. J. Davis, proprietor of the Albemarle Iron works of this city died last Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at his home in Church street, after an illness of several weeks.

The funeral services were conducted over the remains Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock by Rev. C. F. Smith, and Rev. J. D. Bundy from the home and the interment followed in Hollywood cemetery. The Odd Fellows, of which order he was a prominent member attended the funeral and interment in a body.

Mr. Davis was thirty-seven years old. He is survived by a wife and two children. He was raised in this county and lived here all of his life. He was well known and held in high esteem.

### POTATO MARKET.

New York Commission Merchants yesterday (Thursday) quoted Irish potatoes at \$4.50 per barrel and that good stock was in demand at \$6.00 per barrel.

Inferior stock was quoted as selling at \$3.75 per barrel. Considerable shipments have been made from Tyrrel and Currituck counties this week, but no shipments have been made yet from Pasquotank county.