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Agriculture is the Most Useful, the Most Healthful, the Most Noble Employment of Man.—George Washington.

**WE HAVE A CIRCULATION OF TWELVE HUNDRED AMONG THE BEST PEOPLE IN THE EASTERN PART OF NORTH CAROLINA AND INVITE THOSE WHO WISH TO GET BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH THESE GOOD PEOPLE IN A BUSINESS WAY TO TAKE A FEW INCHES SPACE AND TELL THEM WHAT YOU HAVE TO BRING TO THEIR ATTENTION. OUR ADVERTISING RATES ARE LOW AND CAN BE HAD UPON APPLICATION.**

**PROFESSOR W. H. RAGSDALE PASSES AWAY**

**Served County as Superintendent of Education for 25 Years DEATH CAME FRIDAY NIGHT**

Greenville and Pitt County Suffer Great Loss in His Death. Always Foremost in the Advancement of Education. (From The Daily Reflector.)

Prof. W. H. Ragsdale passed away at 9:20 o'clock Friday night after an illness extending through nearly three months. Early in January he was taken with a severe attack of grippe, from which tuberculosis developed about five weeks ago. From the time this dread destroyer fastened upon him, his decline was rapid until the end came. The death of no man could have occurred that a greater loss to Greenville and Pitt county than the passing of this good man, and it fills thousands of hearts with profound sorrow. Possessed of a nature most kind and gentle, always greeting every one with a cheerful word, a recognized organizer and leader, he drew all to him and everybody loved him.

Prof. Ragsdale was born in Granville county March 30th, 1855, at a place called Three Days, 59 years of age. After passing his boyhood and youth on the farm and attending the home school, he entered Wake Forest College and graduated with distinction from that institution. He taught school in Scotland Neck a few years and later came to Greenville and opened a male school in the old Academy that stood on the site now occupied by the Graded school. As a teacher he was supreme, and in each and every student under him he took keen interest, and there are scores of men throughout this and other sections of North Carolina indebted to him for their splendid training.

After teaching here a few years he went back to Granville county for a year or two, then returned to Greenville and resumed his school in the Academy. He was first made county superintendent of education in 1891 and served until the political changes came in 1898. He was again elected superintendent in 1900, serving that office for about twenty five years. It was he who brought about the remarkable educational progress that has come to Pitt County, raising the schools from a low standard to the highest rank of any in the State. Filled with energy and enthusiasm he threw his heart and life into his work, and no man ever more fully gave himself to the services of others. In the campaign for the establishment of East Carolina Teachers Training School he took leading part, and it is due largely to him that we have this splendid institution. His wisdom, counsel and leadership was constantly sought and always gladly given. The influence of his work will live on after him.

Springs, and T. D. Ragsdale of Smithfield. Prof. Ragsdale in his early years united with the Baptist Church, and for years was a deacon of Memorial Baptist Church and served many years as superintendent and later teacher in the Sunday school. In his church work and devotion to the cause of Christ he carried the same order and enthusiasm that characterized his life. He lived in the sunshine of a happy life here, and died in the joy of a blissful life beyond. Prof. Ragsdale was an Odd Fellow, a Mason and a Royal Arch Mason, and was ever faithful to the teachings of the fraternities. He will be buried with Masonic honors. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, with services in Memorial Church led by his pastor, Rev. C. M. Rock. The interment will follow in Cherry Hill Cemetery.

Following are the pall bearers: Active: J. E. Harris, J. S. Smith, R. C. Flanagan, C. S. Carr, J. L. Wooten, J. B. Cherry, E. H. Osborn, W. M. Moore, S. T. White, J. C. Tyson, H. A. White, J. G. Moye. Honorary: J. Y. Joyner, J. Bryan Grimes, R. B. White, A. S. Harrison, C. W. Massey, A. G. Cox, M. O. Blount, L. C. Arthur, T. J. Jarvis, R. H. Wright, C. W. Wilson, H. E. Austin, J. B. Spilman, C. O. H. Laughinghouse, S. Hassell, F. C. Harding, H. H. McLean, J. J. Laughinghouse, F. G. James, C. D. Roundtree, Harry Skinner, W. L. Brown, O. L. Joyner, R. L. Carr, R. Williams, F. D. Foxhall, F. C. Nye, D. C. Moore, C. C. Pierce.

All sections of Pitt county, as well as several outside portions of the state were represented in the large gathering here Sunday afternoon at the funeral of Prof. W. H. Ragsdale. It was an assemblage that did fitting honor to the memory of this good man who had done so much for his county and state and showed how highly he was esteemed in life by all people. At 2 o'clock, under an escort of the Masonic fraternity, the active and honorary pall bearers and a large number of friends, the remains were taken from his late residence to Memorial Baptist church. The church, except the pews reserved for the family and pall bearers, fraternity officials and school representatives, was all ready filled with those anxious to pay their respects, and a great throng stood outside. Hundreds of others who knew the church could not near accommodate the vast concourse, went directly to the cemetery. Not in the history of Greenville has there been so large an attendance at a funeral as at this one.

In the church a quartet choir beautifully sang "Sometime We'll Understand" and "Beyond the Smiling and the Weeping," both songs being favorites of the deceased in his life. After the scripture lesson and prayer by the pastor, Rev. C. M. Rock, he paid a touching tribute to the life and Christian character of Prof. Ragsdale, referring appropriately to the loss the state, the county, the town and the church sustained in his death. He also spoke with tender feeling and emotion of the loyal support Prof. Ragsdale had given him as pastor of the church and that he also felt a keen personal loss. There were no dry eyes in the large audience as the pastor spoke. Mr. Rock stated that it had first been intended that some remarks would be made at this service by certain of the visitors, but after consulting over the matter it was deemed more advisable under the conditions of sadness now filling all hearts to hold a special memorial service at a later date. When this service is held there will be a movement for some fitting testimonial to perpetuate the memory of the deceased in recognition of the great service rendered in his life. From the church to Cherry Hill

Cemetery the funeral cortege was augmented by the two hundred students of East Carolina Teachers Training School, teachers and delegation. Several other schools in the county, representative classes of the Baptist Sunday school, and representatives of societies. Arriving at the cemetery, as the flower covered casket rested near the open grave about to receive it, besides that of his wife who died in 1902, the Training School body in doubled column filed by and formed a half square back of the concourse. It was an impressive scene. After a prayer by Rev. J. M. Daniel, pastor of Jarvis Memorial Methodist church, and singing "The Christians Goodnight" by the quartet, the casket was lowered and the impressive Masonic burial ceremony followed, about a hundred Masons participating in this.

The floral tributes were magnificent. These came from far and near as expressions of sorrow from friends. The number of beautiful designs was so large that a little in advance of starting with the remains they were moved to the church and arranged about the pulpit and platform before the funeral began. After the procession left the church the tributes were removed to the cemetery and at the conclusion of the grave, there being enough to completely cover both the graves of Prof. Ragsdale and his wife, and the space between them, making all appear as one mass of exquisite flowers.

All work at the East Carolina Teachers Training School was suspended on Saturday because of the death of Prof. Ragsdale. Arrangements are being made for appropriate memorial exercises to be held at the Training school at some time in the near future. The loss that the school feels in the death of Prof. Ragsdale is inestimable. As a member of the faculty he has been a constant source of inspiration to the president, faculty and students. In his work as county superintendent he was in daily contact with actual conditions existing in the school. Through him his colleagues kept in touch with the practical educational problems near at hand. His long experience in school work, his understanding of vital problems in education, his sagacious judgment, upright nature and never failing tact made him invaluable as a member of the faculty. The school, in turn, was a source of inspiration to him. Quick to assimilate new ideas of value, he would put into practice in the schools of Pitt county what he gained from others. This made the Pitt county schools among the most progressive in the state. His place in the Training School as well as in Greenville, Pitt county and North Carolina cannot be filled.

**PERSONALS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1914.**

- Mr. A. E. Denton went to Bethel today.
- Mr. Edward Hearn went to Bethel today.
- Mr. T. I. Moore went to Bethel today.
- Mr. H. A. Dennis of Raleigh is visiting friends here today.
- Mr. S. T. White returned Tuesday from a business trip to New York.
- Mr. A. A. Forbes, Jr., returned last night from Waynesville, Ky., where he has been engaged in the tobacco business.
- Mr. J. W. Forrell has returned from a pleasure trip to Florida.
- Mr. Bishop Sick.
- Mr. R. A. Bishop has been confined to his home by sickness for several days and is still unable to leave his bed. It is the hope of his friends that he will soon be out again.
- During his absence from his business at the laundry his brother, Mr. Edward Bishop, of Wilson, is here to take his place.

**SUCCUMBED TO HEART TROUBLE EARLY SATURDAY**

**Mr. Elbert A. Moye Dies in His Seventy Second Year HIS LIFE LONG AND USEFUL**

An Earnest Christian and Upright Citizen in Both His Public and Private Life. (From The Daily Reflector.)

At 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning Mr. E. A. Moye, Sr., passed away at his home on Dickerson avenue, after an illness of little more than a week, though his health had been poor the past year. He was 72 years of age. A just and upright citizen, an earnest Christian a true friend and neighbor are lost in his death, for men of his character and usefulness are rare, and his position with the local Disciple church will never be filled.

He was born May 11th, 1842, near Farmville and spent his life in Pitt county, coming to Greenville in 1885. In 1877 he represented his county in the lower house of the General Assembly, and was member of the state senate in 1879. He moved to Greenville in 1885, having been appointed clerk of the Superior Court to succeed Mr. B. W. Brown, deceased. He was elected to the same office three successive terms, serving fourteen years in all. At his death he was secretary of the Pitt Lumber and Manufacturing Company and a director in the First National Bank.

Mr. Moye was a member of the Christian church and it never had a more consecrated and zealous member. He served several years as president of the state missionary convention of the Disciple church and was vice president at the time of his death.

He was married three times—first to Miss Mary L. Edwards in 1866, who died in 1894. Two children survive this marriage, Dr. E. A. Moye and Mrs. J. L. Carper. His second marriage was to Mrs. Delphia Quinerly in 1895, she passing away in 1905, leaving no children. His third marriage was in 1906 to Miss Lucy Johnston, who with one son, Robert, survives him. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and held high rank in the fraternity. Funeral services were held Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock at the Christian church and the interment was made in the family burying ground near Farmville. Sunday morning at 10 o'clock the funeral services over the remains of the late Mr. E. A. Moye, Sr., were held in the Christian church, and the esteem in which this noble character was held was fully manifested by a large concourse of relatives and sorrowing friends that began to fill the church from the early morning. Long before the arrival of the procession that followed the remains from the home, not a seat could be obtained except those that had been reserved for the near relatives and the Odd Fellows. A great throng of friends were forced to remain on the outside of the edifice during the service. Rev. J. J. Walker conducted the service and a more impressive one was never held. Immediately after the bier had been borne into the church the choir arose and sang "Asleep in Jesus", and there were but few dry

eyes among that large congregation. All realized how appropriate the words and sentiment of the hymn was to this beautiful Christian life. After the reading of the Scripture lesson and singing of "Sometime We'll Understand" the pastor very impressively related a portion of the life of the deceased; in his younger days the manner in which he served his people as their representative in public offices of the state and county; and then of his later years when in private life what a true friend he was to his fellow man. In his closing remarks Mr. Walker told of the great loss the church had suffered in the passing of Mr. Moye, adding that the deceased was truly the pillar of the Disciples church for when his advice was given pertaining not only to the business of the congregation but to public life affairs as well, it was always gladly received because he was a man of a broad intellectual mind. With a beautiful prayer and the singing of "Nearer My God to Thee" the services at the church were concluded and the remains were then conveyed to the family burying ground about two or three miles from Farmville, N. C., and interred beside those of his first wife. Besides a long procession that followed the remains to its last resting place from Greenville, there were several hundred friends from that immediate section and various other parts of the state awaiting the arrival of the remains. At the grave the order of Odd Fellows, of which fraternity the deceased was a member, participated in the burial service which was very impressive. The floral offerings were beautiful, many designs being sent from his friends throughout the state, and when placed the grave of Mr. Moye and that of his first wife were covered. The pall-bearers were: Active Messrs. J. A. Bland, J. S. Tunstall, A. B. Ellington, H. Bentley Harris, J. F. Nelson and W. T. Forrest. Honorary: Col. Harry Skinner, Ex-Gov. T. J. Jarvis, Messrs. A. J. Outerbridge, G. F. Evans, D. S. Spain, T. W. Whitehurst, H. L. Coward and T. E. Hooker.

**REV. JNO. MATTHEWS.**

The Rev. Jno. R. Matthews of Ohio, formerly arch deacon of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, who is of the most successful and learned evangelists of the Episcopal church, has accepted an invitation to conduct a mission in St. Paul's Episcopal, (Greenville) and is expected to arrive in the city next Monday evening and begin his services at once. This week Mr. Matthews is conducting a mission in St. John's church, Knoxville, Tenn. Mr. Matthews is a master of arts of Christ College Oxford University and is said to be one of the greatest Bible students, not only in this country, but in the world. His daily readings which will be at 10:30 o'clock in the mornings will reveal this fact. The writer had the great privilege of being a fellow student of Mr. Matthews, and assures the public that a great opportunity will be theirs to hear him. One hearing will mean more. There is nothing spectacular or of the sky rocket effects in his preaching. The life of the preacher is a kin to that of the Man of Nazareth. Services will be twice daily in St. Paul's; 10:30 and 8 o'clock.

**Undergoes Operation**

Little Miss Stella Whichard, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Whichard underwent an operation yesterday for adenoids at the hands of Drs. Laughinghouse and Carter. Little Stella is doing fine to day and it is hoped that it will only be a few days before she will be able to be out again.

**Woman suffrage has given Chicago**

the largest electorate in the United States.

**REPRESENTATIVES OF 40 SCHOOLS TO CHAPEL HILL**

**Winners of Both Debates in Recent Triangular Contests WILL GATHER THERE FRIDAY**

To Debate in the Final Contest for the Aycock Memorial Cup. Country Clubs Will Entertain the Visitors. CHAPEL HILL, April 1.—From every section of North Carolina high school debaters and athletes are this week coming to Chapel Hill to participate in State-wide contests. In debate the final contests of the High School Debating Union is the attraction, and in athletics the second annual inter-scholastic track meet is the drawing card. Both of these events will be held on the same day, Friday, April 3. The track meet will be held in the afternoon and the debate will be held at night. Accompanying the different teams there will be many school superintendents, principals, teachers, and friends.

Forty high schools, winners of both debates in the recent triangular contests, will send their representatives to Chapel Hill for this final contest for the Aycock Memorial Cup. These schools are: Durham, Apex, Holly Springs, Kinston, Pleasant Garden, Warrenton, Graham, Lucama, Statesville, Winston-Salem, Asheville, Bethania, Belmont, North Wilkesboro, Troutman's, Lumberton, Marshville, Dallas, Atkinson, Stem, Lenior, King Piney Creek, Glen Alpine, Mason's Cross, Churchland, Snow Hill, Sparta, Belhaven, Mantos, Gatesville, Stoneville, Leaksville, and Wentworth. This final debate will be the culmination of the one hundred and fifty debates that took place all over the State on March 20. were participated in by six hundred student debaters, and were heard by fully thirty thousand North Carolinians.

The debaters will arrive in Chapel Hill at noon Thursday, April 2. They will be entertained by the different county clubs of the University. The first preliminary for the final debate will be held Thursday, at night. The best teams from this preliminary will be selected for a second preliminary Friday morning, April 3. From these teams will be selected one team on each side for the final debate which will be held in Gerrard Hall Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The schools which will have representatives in the track meet are: Raleigh, Graham, High Point, Asheville, Washington, Oak Ridge, Sanford, Friendship, and Huntersville. A trophy cup will be awarded the school whose representatives run up the highest number of points.

**FOUR CANDIDATES OUT FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE.**

Up to the present time there are four candidates out for the office of Sheriff of Pitt county, and if rumors can be depended upon there are probably three or four more that have not as yet made their announcement in print. Several names are being whispered around for other county offices but none have been made public. Misses Fannie Stewart, Mary Elizabeth Thompson and Mrs. Bizzie Hardy, of Washington are in town today shopping.