

**To the Farmers of this County**

The Bacteriological Laboratory, which the Brown Legume Inoculation Bill placed in the N. C. Department of Agriculture, is now nearing completion, and about September first we will be ready to send out pure cultures for all leguminous crops seeded in the fall.

The actual cost of making this material, as fixed by the Board of Agriculture, is fifty cents an acre and this price should accompany all orders for the material as the Board will not let us send it out before receiving payment. It will be greatly to the advantage of the farmers to send in their orders real early that we may know how much of the material to prepare; otherwise, a great rush of orders right at the last might prevent our filling some of them. Those who send in orders early will receive the material first and will be notified a week or ten days before it is sent out. We will have to adopt the rule of "First come, first served" in the filling of orders. Of course in case we are unable to fill any orders the money will be returned to the parties sending it. The use of this material is too valuable, however, for any of the farmers to fail to get it, and we take this occasion to warn them to have their orders in early in order that we may fill them all on time.

James L. Burgess.

**Our Tobacco Market**

It has been decided to open the Williamston Tobacco Market on August the 19th, one day earlier than last year. This date will give the farmers plenty of time to get in their first primings, etc. Many farmers in the county are curing their weed, and the outlook is very bright. The acreage is much greater in this section and the weed as fine as that of any for the past several seasons.

The Williamston market, as previously announced, will have three warehouses with experienced men in charge and all the big companies represented by splendid buyers. Each warehouse will have its own auctioneer, and the workers are "getting busy" in advertising and arranging for the handling of the weed in the grading rooms and on the floors. The year promises to be a banner one for the market both in prices and the number of pounds offered. Material is being placed on the ground with which to build additional prize rooms, and this will add greatly to the convenience of both warehousemen and buyers. Sell here first and you will not have to try another market—"there's a reason."

**The A. & M. 25 Years Old**

The Agricultural and Mechanical College, in its growth, development, and social usefulness, has seen almost a revelation to our State. It is just twenty-five years old this year. It is therefore by a good many years the youngest of our Colleges for men. It represents a new type of education. Yet, in the face of many difficulties, it has made for itself a most striking record. Its faculty now numbers sixty specialists in industrial education who were educated in the best universities of America. Its enrollment of students, counting all courses, is 738. Its buildings number 26. Its equipment is modern and practical. Its graduates are most successful. Its catalogue furnishes an interesting story of activity in the industrial life of our State.

**LOCAL**

See Hoyt for Ranges.

Don't fail to place your orders for tobacco trucks at the Buggy factory.

15 Tons good peanut Hay for sale \$10. and \$12.50 per ton.

J. W. Watts, Williamston, N. C.

Preparations are being made to begin the sale of golden weed around here.

**FOR SALE**—Studebaker Automobile in good condition. Four cylinders, seven passengers, tires in good shape and an extra tire. For particulars write Harry A. Biggs.

The call of the ocean waves is being answered these warm July days.

**OUR HOTEL** in Williamston is for rent and possession can be given about Sept. 1st. 1914.—Blount Bros.

Bring a load of first curings to Williamston on August 19th. and go home pleased.

Full moon on the 22nd.

**Oak City Items**

Miss Minnie Crocker and Miss Annie M. Beverly left for their homes Saturday after a visit to Mrs. C. M. Hurst.

Master Hubert Rawls, of Robersonville, spent last week here.

Misses Hannah and Myrtle Long with Messrs. Crisp and Ainsley motored to Mackey's Ferry Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph House, Miss Lillie Mae and Tommie Burnett spent Sunday with Mrs. Vance Savage.

L. S. Davenport, of Speeds, was in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Parker, of Speeds, motored here Sunday in their new Case machine.

Robert Salisbury and Miss Myrtle Roberson were in town Sunday.

Miss Marion Burnette and Wilmer House went to Hassell Sunday.

Miss Mary L. Worsley, is the guest of Miss Malissa Worsley this week.

B. M. Worsley spent the weekend at Stokes.

Elwood Early, of Goldsboro, a day last week at the home of his father, Joe Early.

Joe Early spent a few days last week in Roanoke Rapids.

Tommie Burnett, Ralph and Wilmer House spent Monday in Scotland Neck.

Miss Lillie M. Burnett went to Goldsboro Wednesday.

Miss Pauline Beverly has returned to Bethel.

Mrs. Graham Allgood and sons, of Plymouth are visiting here.

Mrs. Geo. Daniels and Mrs. Casper spent Sunday near Spring Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Loomis Chesson left for Tarboro Monday.

Spencer Hines and family spent Sunday at Ocean View.

Miss Mary Hines is visiting relatives in Norfolk.

Mrs. C. M. Hurst is spending the week in Bethel.

Mrs. Sam Strickland, of Scotland Neck, is spending some time with her father.

Mrs. Burroughs and Miss Etna of Whitakers, are spending some time with Mrs. Jno. Etheridge, Jr.

## SEVERE STORM KILLS STOCK

Crops Damaged By Hail In The Poplar Point Section—Tobacco Torn Into Shreds—Lightning Strikes Three Animals Near Gold Point — Heavy Rain Fall

### GREAT DOWNPOUR IN WILLIAMSTON

A most destructive rain and hail storm accompanied by severe lightning struck Martin County between Hamilton and Williamston on Saturday night, and left its mark on crops. Mr. Van Taylor, a member of the Board of County Commissioners and one of the most influential and prosperous farmers in the county, had his large tobacco crop damaged severely by the hailstones. He will lose hundred of dollars. A tobacco field on the Mabry Farm owned by J. A. Everett was also badly damaged. The lightning was fierce and brought terror to the hearts of many people.

Mr. Charlie Johnson, a successful farmer in the Gold Point section, after the storm had abated somewhat, went out to look over his lot and found that two of his horses and one mule were dead, having been instantly killed by a bolt of lightning. He possessed only four animals and only one was left.

The electricity was very severe in Williamston and the rain heavy but there was no hail and no damage by electric bolts. One of the very peculiar rains of the season was that which fell in town late on Thursday afternoon of last week. Without any warning by thunder, the clouds opened and a flood came right down on the town. At the farm of Wheeler Martin on Main Street extension, there was scarcely a sprinkle and next day, the road out there was dusty. The area of the cloud seems to have been spread just over the town. The water fell straight down and it was great.

**Hamilton Items**

Miss Pattie Sherrod has returned home after spending several days in Greenville.

Misses Mary Sherrod and Mary Whitehurst are the guests of relatives here.

J. P. Boyle went to Emporia Tuesday.

J. L. Davenport, of Jamesville, spent several days here last week.

Miss Annie E. Johnson, who has been the guest of Miss Fannie Gladstone, has returned to her home in Tarboro.

Miss Lula Jones is the guest of Miss Martha Council.

Miss Addie Lee Grimes, of Bethel, spent several days with Mrs. F. L. Haislip last week.

Misses Fleming, Brown and White were the guests of Mrs. M. I. Fleming last week.

Messrs. W. S. Rhodes, C. D. Perkins, P. H. Davenport, Misses Fannie Matthews, Maggie B. and Annie Jones motored to Greenville Sunday.

Misses Eulala and Valera Perkins were the guests of Miss Lillie Way Baker last week.

Willie Sterling, of Portsmouth, was in town last week.

Miss Codie Purvis left for Salisbury Monday.

Miss Dora Miller is the guest of Miss Ella Miller.

**Arch Johnson Arrested**

Saturday Sheriff Crawford arrested Arch Johnson, the brother of Joe Johnson, who was killed on July 4th while riding along the road with his wife, Mrs. Johnson was placed in jail and later confessed the deed and implicated Arch, who lived in the Johnson home and gained the affection of the wife.

Monday, Johnson confessed planning the murder, which Mrs. Johnson agreed to carry into effect. He was not only Arch-conspirator, but was the coward in the dastardly plan to murder his own brother and then share the home with the murderess, who through all the trying scenes of the affair has been calm and seemingly indifferent to the crime which she has committed.

Tuesday afternoon, Solicitor Allsbrooks examined Johnson before Judge B. F. Godwin in the Court House. Quite a number of people from Oak City came down to the trial. Mrs. Johnson made her statement which corresponded with that previously made to Sheriff Crawford and Reporter B. Q. Nabors. Arch Johnson under examination told the plan of the murder in every detail. He told how he went to Scotland Neck and purchased the pistol and loaded it for his accomplice, and his promise to go early and find the pistol where it was to be thrown after the bloody deed was committed. He told of his love for his brother's wife and his desire to suffer alone for the crime, which was instigated by him. Mrs. Johnson had told that she desired to leave her husband and go off somewhere to live with Arch, but that he would not accept that solution of the situation which their unholy love had made for them, preferring to put his brother Joe under the sod, but would not take the job. He gave that to the poor, weak woman to perform and she foolishly did his bidding.

Johnson was placed under a \$10,000 bond, and failing to arrange that was carried back to the cell in jail. One sad feature about the affair is that the man and woman seem to be without a friend in the world, as no attorney has been asked to appear for them. For that reason much sympathy is felt for the two, though no one condones the crime. If an attorney had been secured at first, they would have had some chance for freedom, for it seems that they have not sufficient mental poise to protect themselves against what has been brought to bear upon them. They have done a serious crime against God and the State, but the lowest criminal often needs some measure of protection. Johnson has asked if marriage to Mrs. Johnson would help him in escaping the full limit of the law.

Mrs. H. B. Jones and children have returned to their home at Scotland Neck after a visit to Mrs. B. S. Courtney.

**PERSONAL**

Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Rhodes went to Norfolk Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robertson and little daughter arrived here Monday from Ahoskie to visit relatives.

Miss Irene Smith left for Beaufort Monday via Washington.

Messrs. Tunstall and Walker, tobacco buyers on the Greenville market, were in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hassell and little Miss Lucile and Mrs. F. W. Hoyt left for Virginia Beach Wednesday.

Dr. John D. Biggs left for Norfolk Wednesday, and from there will go to Hot Springs, Ark.

Harry A. Biggs is at the Edgemere Cottage, Virginia Beach, for several weeks.

John A. Getsinger was in town Wednesday on business.

Hubert T. Warren, of the American Tobacco Co., is in town this week.

Miss Penelope Biggs returned Tuesday from the summer school at Greensboro.

Mrs. Louis C. Harrison and Miss Will Sherer left Saturday for Blacksburg, S. C.

Misses Annie Fagan and Fannie Biggs Martin spent Sunday in Rocky Mount, the guests of Mr. Frank Fagan.

J. W. Watts, Jr., has gone to Norfolk where he will take a position in an electrical department.

Mrs. Randolph and son with a party of friends motored here Friday and spent the day with relatives.

Messrs. B. A. Critcher and Theo. Hassell are at Virginia Beach this week.

Harry Murt Stubbs is in town this week from Raleigh.

Messrs. W. H. Crawford and James R. Robertson left Thursday for Hot Springs, Ark.

Asa T. Crawford and wife left Thursday for Wrightsville Beach.

J. H. Page went to Norfolk Thursday.

S. L. Wallace was here Thursday from Jamesville.

**Another Weekly for Martin County**

The first issue of The Weekly Herald published by the Robersonville Publishing Company, at Robersonville, Martin County, has been received. It has a neat appearance, is newsy and carries many attractive advertisements of the business men in the town, which shows that they are behind the enterprise and have confidence in the town and their ability to serve the public with every kind of merchandise.

We welcome heartily this addition to the press of the State and County. Its appearance speaks strongly for the progress of the town of Robersonville and the county, and its influence must mean much for the uplift of the section in which it will circulate through the year. It is edited by Messrs. C. F. Outlaw, W. H. Mizelle and C. B. Mashburn.

The company also publishes THE WATCH TOWER, which was originally THE CAROLINA EVANGEL, the organ of the Disciples of Christ in the State and formerly edited by Pendell Bush at Wilson. These two publications show better evidence of the forward movement in the county.

**Good Roads Won**

Martin County made another forward step toward that goal which natural resources and splendid citizenship make for her, when on Tuesday Hamilton Township voted to build better highways. It was the third time a vote had been recorded and twice defeat was the portion of the progressive men who fought for them. But the campaign for the last few weeks has been waged with a vigor which could not be offset by the opponents of the measure, which will mean much for the county at large. Not one minute has the fight stopped and the men leading gave of their time and energy to combat those who lead the opposition. Unfortunately, feeling ran high, but between men such as the voters in the township, that must die with the counting of the ballots, and each will bear his part in the making of good roads and the material worth they will mean to the whole county. This vote will mean that four townships in the county are to have better roads, and it is only a question of time when the other six will fall in line. The people of Bear Grass are making an effort to build about three miles of road to connect with that of Williamston, which will give them a splendid outlet to the county seat. The march of progress cannot be stopped—Martin County must go forward.

**No Depression**

One hears a good deal of nonsense about business depression from the lips of the opponents of the Democratic administration. It is simply a case of "cheap talk." The Big Business men are largely Republican, and, of course, they are afraid that the administration will make them honest and arrange matters so that they cannot feed off the people. They hate terribly to take their mouths from the well-filled troughs. The pitiable tales about the unemployed are manufactured for political purposes. Statistics show that there was a larger army of the unemployed during the administration of Theodore Roosevelt. Every year will find this case in certain sections of the country. The agricultural sections are calling for help, and yet men and women will hold meetings to protest against the failure of the administration to provide work.

There is no depression in business in Martin County for here is an era of building, greater number of acres of farm lands under cultivation and the mills and log woods are asking for more laborers. This year the demand for farm labor has been greater and it will take a large force to harvest the enormous yields of cotton, corn, peanuts and tobacco. Perhaps, no county in North Carolina has a better and very few half so good crops as has Martin. The dry weather was the right kind for those crops which were planted early enough to get out of the ground before it came. It is pleasing to view the beautiful green fields, and all thoughts of depression vanish into thin air. There is work for everybody and at good, living wages. The politicians may send up their despairing howls, but they are lost in the busy sounds of machinery and the merry voices of the toilers, who sing while they work. In every department of labor in this section, men and women can secure all the work they desire. The trouble is, very few desire it and the vagrant law could find many cases to investigate.