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Invents Steel Tires

An invention which is expected to revolutionize the automobile tire business has been made down at Manteo on Roanoke Island. This invention is the work of W. S. Bailey, who originally came from Bear Grass, in Martin county. Away back in his boyhood days Mr. Bailey was engaged in the menial task of shoveling rice with his hands into muddy bottom land.

Disliking this primeval method of planting the little white grains, he set his inventive mind to work and conceived the idea of a rice planter. The idea resulted in the production of a machine which is now in use all over the rice growing sections of the United States. Later the fertile brain of this man expanded beyond the confines of the farmyard fence and saw greater possibilities.

Walking along the railroad track one day he saw the advantage of a switch which could be opened by the engineer many miles away with the aid of electricity and after spending months in working this idea out, it was finally perfected and the inventor purchased an automobile with a part of the proceeds from the sale of the invention. The purchase of the auto did not end the expense, however. There were frequent punctures to tires and this cost money. Then it was that Mr. Bailey began work on an indestructible tire.

A few days ago he gave an exhibition of a set of tires made of Bessemer steel which are known as the Bailey spiral spring tires. These tires are made like an ordinary spring except in that they are continuous, completely encircling the inner tube. They are as resilient as rubber and absorb as many shocks. Seeing the advantage of the tires a large auto manufacturing concern has bought the patent and will soon put them on the market at about half the price of the rubber tires. —Va-Pilot.

Oak City Items

Miss Emily G. Cherry and L. L. Davenport, of Speeds, motored over Sunday.

Miss Emily Hines returned from Norfolk Tuesday.

Gordon House spent Sunday in Williamston.

Miss Emma Swain is the guest of her sister here.

Miss Jefferson House was the guest of Miss Nannie House Sunday.

Miss Dorothy Burroughs left Tuesday for Whitakers.

The unveiling of the monuments of Charles Council and Benjamin Casper by Woodmen of the World took place last Sunday. The ceremony was witnessed by a large crowd of relatives and friends.

The Honor Roll of the High School for last week is as follows: Ethel Bunting, Hazell Piland, Mildred Davenport, Mary Medford, Margaret Hines, Sarah Johnson, Leola Hines, Rudolph Whitley, Christine Piland, William Brown, Livingston Harrell, Howard Brown, Louis Brown, Herman Piland, Hugh Hyman, Selma Johnson, Mary Wammack, Alta Hines, Virginia Dare Daniels, Blanche Bunting, Claude Savage, Bertha Piland, Ernest Bunting, Norman Harrell, Beatrice Daniels, Edgar Dimmette, Mary Hines, Clarice Cartwright, Clyde Jordan, Mae Harrell.

LOCAL

Vacation days are over. Movies every night now at the Gaiety.

New Moon tomorrow at 6:03 in the morning.

Sell your tobacco right here and get the highest prices.

WANTED:—To buy or lease a nice dwelling at once.—R. G. Harrison, City.

The first Sunday in October has been appointed by the President a day of prayer for peace.

FOR SALE:—Seven good mules. These mules are well broken and good workers. All young. For further information, apply to the Board of Road Trustees, Williamston Township. B. F. Godwin, Sec'y.

Rev. J. D. Howell who is holding revival services in the country, did not preach here Sunday night.

FOR SALE:—Surry, runabout and Brewster Trap.—J. G. Staton, City.

Shipments of the luscious Scuppernon grapes are being made from this and other points in the county. They bring \$1.00 per bushel.

Court next week with Judge Ferguson presiding.

The home market is good, better, best for everything. Buy and sell in Williamston.

FOR RENT:—Land that will make 10 barrels of corn, 1 1/2 bales of cotton, 100 bushels of peanuts, for either cash or halves for one third and one fourth, to suit the renter. Apply early J. W. Watts.

Eggs are so scarce that the hens are said to have joined the army of vagrants around this community.

FOR SALE:—Three-horse farm; good land, good water, two tenant houses, two tobacco barns, packhouse and other buildings. Terms easy, write or see me at once.—J. S. Meeks, Williamston, R. F. D. No. 3.

A large shipment of beef from here on Wednesday shows that farmers in this section are paying more attention to cattle raising. The market here is always plentifully supplied.

LOST:—On Sept. 7th between Oak City and Williamston, a leather pouch containing insurance papers. Names on inside, P. A. and J. K. Moore. Please return to J. K. Moore, Holgood, N. C.

Attention is called to the need of work on the river road. Except for a few holes, which could be easily fixed, the road is fine for driving, and should be kept in this condition all the way to the ferry.

The Equinoctial period has lasted for more than ten days here and the weather has called for fires and winter clothing. Some say that there was frost one morning last week.

A number of people here have taken the typhoid vaccine this week, as have many more for the past month. The health of the town is excellent for the month.

Miss Bertie James, who has been visiting Mrs. J. H. Ward, left today for her home near Bethel.

F. L. Gladstone, John Martin, and C. D. Perkins were here from Hamilton Thursday evening.

Mrs. J. E. Smithwick was here from Jamesville Thursday.

Engagement Announced

On Friday evening, September 4th, at her residence in Plymouth, Mrs. S. A. Ward announced the engagement of Miss Florence Harlee Hornthal to Mr. William Bryant Watts, the marriage to be solemnized on October 21st.

This announcement is interesting to people in Williamston, as Miss Hornthal is a frequent visitor here where she has relatives and many friends. She is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Philip Hornthal, of Plymouth, and is one of the most attractive of the younger women in this section of North Carolina. With an unusual talent for the interpretation of the best selections of famous musicians, she has won recognition with compositions of her own and enjoys a wide popularity as a musician.

Mr. Watts is a native of Williamston, but has resided in Plymouth for several years, where he is cashier of the Bank of Washington County. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watts and a young man of splendid qualities, which have won him the confidence of business men and brought success to the institution, the affairs of which are in his hands.

Last Week's Sales

The total sales at the Dixie Warehouse for the week ending September 12th, amounted to 111,196 pounds for which was paid \$10,974.63, or an average of 9.87 cents per pound. The greater bulk of the weed was common grades, and the prices given were extra good. Buyers for the Imperial, Liggett & Myers, Taylor and Boyd, American and Export Companies were as hungry as wolves for the weed and will continue to bid strong. Bring your tobacco to the Dixie. Adv.

Severely Hurt

Friday afternoon, Wiley Mizell while driving a log cart, fell off and the cart, heavily laden with a log, ran over his body, breaking both shoulder blades and several ribs. He was taken to his home in a critical condition which has not materially improved, though he is resting easier. It was thought at one time that pneumonia had set in. Drs. Warren and Rhodes are hopeful that he will soon improve though his injuries are very severe.

Mr. Mizell is a sober, industrious man with a wife and several small children and much sympathy is felt for him and them in this affliction.

Bertie Wants Some Too

In commenting on the fact that the banks in Williamston have received some of the emergency currency as stated in our issue of last week, the Windsor Ledger cannot understand why the Bertie Banks have not availed themselves of this opportunity, and adds that the alertness of the banks here may account for the good prices Bertie farmers received for their tobacco last week on the Williamston market. Strong banking system gives tone to any town and its market, and as the Ledger surmises, that is one thing which renders Williamston one among the best towns in North Carolina, not only as a tobacco market but in many other things. If Bertie wants some of the "Democratic Money" she should get it, and we trust that she may.

Graded School Opens

The Williamston Graded School opened at 8:30 on Monday morning with an enrollment of 200, making an excellent showing for the beginning of the term. The exercises were opened with a song, and Rev. J. T. Standford read the twenty-third Psalm and offered prayer. Prof. J. T. Jerome welcomed the pupils and presented two new teachers, Misses Annie Parker and Lela Hadley. The presence of R. J. Peel, former Supt. of Public Instruction, was noted and he came forward to speak to the children in words ringing with hope for the present and future success of the school—a success which can come only through cooperation of pupil and teacher in a strict application of the powers of mind and heart throughout the term. W. C. Manning, who since the organization of the Board of Trustees has been its secretary, made a short talk in which he urged the pupils to work for the attainment of those things which school is to furnish, and which will fit them for life's great work. It was fitting to close the exercises with "America" as every child to be a good pupil must be bred with patriotic zeal, for he must become a citizen of this glorious Republic and bear the burdens of government. Among the pupils there were many new faces and as many older ones. The lower grades are full as usual, the advanced grades not enrolling so many on account of the tendency here to enter girls and boys in the State Colleges before completing the full curriculum.

The faculty is unusually strong this term and expectations are high for the best session in the history of the town. The members of the faculty and the grades they teach are:

Mrs. J. T. Jerome, 1st grade, Miss Nannie Biggs, 2nd grade, Miss Penelope Biggs, 3rd grade, Mrs. W. H. Harrell, 4th and 5th grade, Miss Annie Mizell, 6th and 7th grade, Miss Lela Hadley, 8th and 9th grade, Prof. J. T. Jerome, 10th and 11th grade, Miss Annie Parker, Music.

Firemen's Water-Jackets.

In Berlin the firemen wear water jackets with a double skin, which they are able to fill with water from the hose. If the space between the layers becomes overfilled the water escapes through a valve at the top of the helmet and flows down over the fireman like a cascade, protecting him doubly.

PERSONAL

Mrs. Wheeler Martin went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., is in Wake Forest with her parents this week.

Misses Maud and Ellie Wynn left for Louisburg Tuesday to enter the college there.

Joseph Jones accompanied by Dr. W. E. Warren, went to St. Vincent's Hospital Tuesday for treatment for appendicitis.

W. B. Watts was in town Tuesday on business.

J. S. Thomas and family are at the Atlantic Hotel.

Edward James was here from Robersonville Monday.

Mrs. Theodore Robertson and little child with her sister, went to Robersonville Monday to visit relatives.

Mrs. James Elmore was here visiting Mrs. J. D. Biggs on Tuesday.

Mrs. Odom and children, of Washington, are the guests of Mrs. J. B. Hardison near town.

Mrs. J. M. Jenkins, who has been visiting Mrs. H. M. Burras, left Wednesday for Conetoe.

Mr. Breedlove, head buyer for the Export Leaf Co., and Mr. Rice Gynn, head buyer for R. J. Reynolds Tob. Co., paid the Williamston market a visit this week.

Messrs. Booth and Parker with Misses Gladys and Martha Hornthal motored here from Plymouth Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Biggs, Mrs. Elmor, Mrs. Asa Crawford and Mrs. K. B. Crawford motored to Washington Tuesday.

Mrs. C. B. Hassell and little daughter are at home after a visit to relatives in Wilson.

Maurice D. Watts has returned from Norfolk where he went for treatment.

Misses Eva Peel, Fannie Biggs Martin and Mary L. Carstarphen left Tuesday for St. Mary's School at Raleigh.

J. Dillon Simpson spent Saturday evening here.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hardison left Sunday morning for New York City.

Rev. W. B. Humble, of Straits, is in the county visiting relatives, and has been assisting Rev. J. T. Standford in a meeting at Vernon.

Dr. John L. Leggett and family and Mrs. Carter, of Hertford, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Leggett.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rodgerson and little daughter and Mr. and Mrs. G. P. McNaughton left Monday for Elkland, Pa., to spend a month.

G. P. McNaughton, Jr., is here at the home of his sister on Main Street.

Mrs. Walter Taylor and children left Monday for Whitakers where they are making their home now.

Misses Emma and Josephine Robertson, Annie Kate Thrower and Mary Belle Ellison returned to Ahoskie on Sunday with Messrs. J. H. and W. E. Robertson via the river road to Speller's Ferry.

Miss Annie Parker, teacher of music at the Graded School, arrived Thursday of last week and is making her home at the residence of Mrs. Elizabeth Pope on Houghton Street.

We Should Not Hesitate

(EDITORIAL)

Though peace between the maddened nations of Europe should come within the next sixty days, there is an uncertainty which must be taken into account on the part of the American people. Commercially, we are sadly affected by the war, and must call all our resources of brain and money to offset the situation. The Southern farmer comes in for his share of the hard luck in not being able to place his chief product at a profit. A surplus of six or more millions of bales of cotton, forces down the prices to a margin that will rob the South of her share which labor brings each year. It is estimated that the crop for 1914 will be 15,000,000 bales, and the difficulty in placing this amount will be great indeed.

The problem has been solved in many instances by the erection of storage warehouses. With many farmers this even is not needed but there are thousands who must have funds to meet expenses of making the crop. Where farmers, as in this section, raise tobacco and peanuts, they can with these products meet the present emergency and keep their cotton in their own storage house at home. But numbers of farmers do not cultivate tobacco or go extensively into raising peanuts. So they must look to cotton for relief. To these the situation is gloomy, and the warehouse proposition appeals strongly.

On the 23rd, which is next Wednesday, Dr. Alexander will speak to the farmers and business men of Martin County at Williamston. It is expedient that every man who can, attend this meeting and help to devise means to save the cotton crop of the county. A warehouse can be erected right here in which cotton can be stored and insured at a small cost per bale. The banks have pledged their best efforts to recognize warehouse certificates and to stand by the farmers in the present crisis.

There is no need to take fright and sell cotton as quickly as it is ginned. The war cannot last many months and while it is on, there is much need for cool judgment among the farmers. The world must have cotton, if not now, it will later. The merchants to whom the farmers are indebted will join hands in trying to save the day. Meet in Williamston on Wednesday next and hear what Dr. Alexander has to say, and then provide to store your cotton.

Williamston Banks Respond

Clarence Poe, Editor of the Progressive Farmer, asked the banks of the State to sign the following pledge:

"You may print the name of our institution in your list of 'BANKS THAT WILL STAND BY THE FARMERS,' utilizing to the uttermost our possibilities for securing funds to finance the cotton crop, and recognizing warehouse certificates to the limit of our resources."

In the News & Observer of Tuesday, a list of the banks that responded is published and among them are the Bank of Martin County and the Farmers and Merchants, of Williamston. The third one in the county responding is that of the Bank of Oak City.

S. E. Brown, of Pocolas, sold tobacco on the market Monday and called at the office.

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Every Wednesday Night at the

GAIETY

Ladies will call at the box office and get a copy of the Mutual Girl Weekly and see the latest styles.

Mutual Program Every Night

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COMING

"The Sins of the Father"

By Thos. Dixon. September 26

Seats on Sale at Saunders & Fowden Drug Store next

Thursday