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## Regrets His Inability to Canvass



Washington, D. C. Oct. 12, 1914.  
To The Citizens of the First Congressional District:—

I have not been able to visit the people of the District during the present campaign for the reason that Congress is still in session. Doubtless this fact is known by everyone, but I take this occasion to express my personal regret at my inability to visit the several counties of the District.

At the date of this writing there is a probability that Congress will adjourn between the 17th and 21st inst. When adjournment occurs I will at once go to the District and in so far as the intervening time before election will permit, I will fill as many appointments as possible.

I am deeply grateful for the re-nomination which has come to me by the Democratic Party, but so long as Congress is in session, I can best express my appreciation by remaining here and striving to render the best service in my power.

Very sincerely,  
J. N. H. SMALL.

## North Carolina Farmers Move Frequently

In compiling data for the last Federal Census, the enumerators asked every farmer in North Carolina this question: "How long have you lived on the farm you now occupy?" This question was answered by 225,657 of the 253,725 farm operators in this State. More than 61,000 stated that they had occupied their farms only one year or less; 54,746 from 2 to 4 years; 36,170 from 5 to 9 years and 73,466 10 years and over. The most restless class of people in this State is the tenant who operates his farm on the share basis. There are 82,248 of these farmers in this State; 78,290 of them made answer to the query and their replies indicated that 39,041, or about 20 per cent of them moved every year.

This frequency of moving from farm to farm, or instability of occupancy, very likely, forms one of the chief causes for the decline of rural prosperity, or is a hindrance to greater progress. Frequency of removal of farmers results in general shiftlessness; the roads and bridges are generally in a poor condition because the farmers, moving at frequent periods, are not particularly interested in their upkeep. Farm buildings of such farms are not usually kept in good repair, as the farmer who is about to move will leave the repairs for the next tenant to make. The same reasons will apply for lack of interest by the "unstable" farmers in the schools, churches and general welfare of the community. They move frequently; they do not remain on a farm long enough to get the best results from it, consequently they are usually in a poor financial condition.

## LOCAL

New moon Monday at 12:33 a. m.

"Lucile Love" begins at the Gaiety next Wednesday night. It is a serial story worth seeing.

Every one is familiar with the Bible story of Samson, which is to be depicted in 6 reels at the Gaiety on the 22nd. It is interesting and instructive to children and the older ones. The managers have secured it at a sacrifice, and lovers of movies must appreciate its production.

See the Mutual Girl tonight at the Gaiety.

Dr. and Mrs. York are occupying their new home on Simmons Avenue.

Monday was Columbus Day.

Register and cast a ballot on November 8rd.

The first thunder storm of the month occurred on Sunday night and a gentle rain fell with it.

M. W. Ballard, whose advertisement is in this issue, has recently sold his farm for \$40,000. He will locate elsewhere. His lands are among the finest in this section and are in Poplar Point Township. People wanting bargains should attend the sale of dry goods on the dates mentioned.

Rev. Morrison Bethea will on Sunday at Lewiston, Bertie County, perform the funeral services at the burial of Corporal Spivey, who died at Vera Cruz, Mexico. The body will arrive there Saturday.

The forms of the Weekly Herald were brought from Robersonville on Friday and the paper was run off and folded here, the Herald force did the work assisted by Foreman Jackson. The press in the Robersonville office broke in such a manner that it was impossible to repair in time to get the issue off. The forms were brought in an auto, and by 11:30, p. m., the Herald was taken back to its own office to be mailed.

The farm of J. L. Ballard, Jr., will be sold Monday by the Atlantic Coast Realty Company. This land is in Poplar Point Township, is fertile and has splendid pastures for stock raising. The sale will commence at 10:30 and will be interesting even if one does not want to buy a small farm.

Three candidates were immersed at the Baptist Church on Sunday night and a large congregation witnessed the rite.

The Gaiety had a full house on Friday night, and the Boston Italian Orchestra furnished the music as it did on Thursday evening. Believe me, the Gaiety is some movie show and the Mutual Girl is right there. The managers are "onto their jobs."

Since She Went to Heaven. Reminds me of Sarah Jane Skewer bowl, back on Half Moon, who went to a travelling clairvoyant. The medium summoned Jane's mother from Spirit Land, and Jane asked the old lady some trick questions. The ghost gave the wrong answers, of course. Whereupon Sarah Jane exclaimed: "O, maw, since you went to Heaven you've learned to be an awful liar!"

Letters From a Contented Man. The editor of the Louisiana Times-Week Times recently received a letter from a contented man: "I have no domestic troubles and no financial troubles to speak of. I am not in love with anybody else's wife and nobody else's wife is in love with me. No one has swindled me and my neighbors don't keep chickens or goats. I have no fault to find with you. I thought it might be a pleasant surprise to you to get a letter of the other sort as a change from the eternal whine."

## Minstrel Show

Weaver & Harding brought their new show from Elizabeth City on Monday night. It was evident from the beginning that the black faces were amateurs, though there were several good features and they can, with seasoned practice, make a splendid appearance. Jack Douglas at the piano was good, and Herman Weaver pleased the audience with a clever rendition of "Humoresque" on the violin. Pete Mann, cornetist, was encored vigorously. The first part of the show was decidedly weaker than the latter numbers, and needed musical numbers to put a bit more ginger into things. Harding has the making of a good comedian in him. Several members of the company are from Elizabeth City, where it was organized by Herman Weaver, who was with the "Honey Boy Minstrels" at one time.

## "Believe Me"

Despite the rainy weather, a large crowd saw Billy Clifford and his Minstrel Girls in "Believe Me" on Wednesday night. As Mr. Clifford says: "The play is made for laughing purposes only" and "Believe Me" it never varied from its original purpose. "Musical" Walker as Clem Washington furnished nineteen-twentieths of the fun and his Saxophone-a-logue was one of the attractive numbers. Billy Clifford with Mae Collius demonstrated one of the popular dances with pleasing effect, and Billy was himself in every movement. The musical numbers as rendered by the Misses Weston received the loudest encores showing a Williams-ton audience's appreciation of the violin whenever cleverly executed. The best thing about the whole show was its cleanliness and there was a certain refinement in the manner of apparel and deportment which appealed to people of good taste. The Company travels on a private car and left here Thursday for Washington.

## Hamilton Township Statistics

Dr. B. L. Long has furnished the following statistics for Hamilton Township for the year beginning Oct. 1st, 1913, to the same day in 1914: Births, whites, 22, Births, colored, 50. Deaths, whites, 13, Deaths, colored, 36. This includes the entire township with the towns of Hamilton and Hassell, and makes a splendid showing for the whole.

## Lucile Love

Great  
Serial Story  
STARTS  
GAIETY  
Wednesday

Night October 21  
Same Old Price and 5  
Reels

ADMISSION 10 CENTS

COMING  
Oct. 22

"Sampson"

## Ballard Farm Sale Coming

As stated in the advertisement in this issue, the Atlantic Coast Realty Co., of Greenville, will on Monday at 10:30 o'clock, sell at auction the Ballard Farm, on the Williamston and Hamilton Road, near Poplar Point, six miles from Williamston and three quarters from the boat landing on the Roanoke River.

The Ballard farm is considered one of the best propositions ever offered here, and there is sure to be a lively scramble to get the choicest parcels.

The farm contains about 300 acres, and has been subdivided into 9 small farms, each having a good road frontage and will have enough cleared land for a one-horse farm. The terms of sale will be easy.

Music will be furnished by the band of the Company and a free dinner to all attending. As reported the Company will take cotton in payment of any farm and will allow 10c per pound for same. Ask A. B. Windham, publicity representative in charge, he can give any information desired.

## Community Service

Governor Locke Craig has set apart December the 3rd, 4th, 5th, as "Community Service Days," and appoints them as "days wherein every man, woman and child in the Commonwealth shall lend heart, hand, and brain to the service and development of North Carolina and of its every community and county, and as days wherein the people shall meet, confer and work together for advancement along the three-fold line of investigation, united labor for the immediate improvement of the community, and wise planning for its future."

This will be an auspicious time to begin the work for community upbuilding right here in Williamston. And not only here, but all through the State, where there is much to be done. The three-fold lines of investigation which the Governor names are these: First, a knowledge of conditions; Second, united work of all the people for immediate improvement; Third, the organization of the people for persistent prosecution of all the larger processes of community betterment.

## Not Fully Reported

In the Sunday issue of the News & Observer, there appeared the tobacco reports of the markets in the State. The careful observer will note that there is a discrepancy in the official report of the Williamston market and that published by the Enterprise October 2nd. The figures named in published statement as received from the book-keepers here were, ONE MILLION, FIVE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE pounds for the month of September.

The discrepancy is accounted for by the failure of the report of the Roanoke Warehouse to reach the Department in time, owing, perhaps, to error of mail clerks enroute. This house sold 280,114 pounds which will bring the amount to that published, and Williamston should stand seventh on the list instead of tenth, placing it among the markets which sold over a million lbs.

Robersonville sold as seen from the list, 624,120 lbs., making the amount on the home markets, 1,620,473 lbs. This is a creditable showing considering the lack of weight in the weed this season.

## PERSONAL

Mrs. Beulah Mizell was here from Parmele this week visiting relatives.

Miss Lela Nelson, of Robersonville, who is canvassing for the Herald Contest, paid the town a visit Thursday.

L. L. Roberson was here from Parmele on Wednesday.

Wheeler Martin attended the Republican Judicial Convention at Rocky Mount on Thursday.

Chas. Perkins, J. P. Boyle and Dr. Fleming of Hamilton, have been here this week on business.

J. H. Purvis, J. A. Everett and V. R. Taylor of the Spring Green section, were here on business yesterday.

W. B. Watts was in town Sunday.

John Martin was here from Hamilton Sunday.

A. C. House, of Weldon, spent Sunday here.

J. W. Ferrell, President of the Atlantic Coast Realty Co., and W. Z. Morton, Sec'y, were in town last week.

James A. Clark, C. E., for the Atlantic Coast Realty Co., who was here last week subdividing the Ballard farm, left Saturday for Union Level, Va., where the Company sells in a few days.

B. T. Cowper spent Wednesday evening in town.

J. F. Hardison, of Quitsna, was here Tuesday on business.

Chas. Perkins and J. P. Boyle were here from Hamilton Tuesday.

Mesdames J. P. Simpson, A. R. Dunning and Alonzo Hassell went to Washington Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert T. Warren went to Durham for a visit Saturday.

Miss Mildred Purvis has been visiting friends here this week.

Cornelius James was here from Robersonville Monday.

J. S. Peel, of Everetts, spent Monday in town.

John W. Manning with a party of friends motored to Farmville and Wilson on Sunday and returned.

Mrs. G. P. McNaughton and George McNaughton left Tuesday for Tarboro.

B. S. Courtney and J. W. Anderson attended the Baptist Association at Rocky Mount.

C. H. Godwin and Dr. John Biggs left Tuesday afternoon for Richmond to attend the meeting of the National Bankers Association.

Mrs. John D. Biggs went to Scotland Neck Tuesday.

Beast and Burden. In savage countries woman is a beast of burden, and in civilized countries man is a beast and woman is a burden.—Life.

## Tobacco Sales

Last week the Dixie Warehouse sold 168,504 pounds of leaf, the Roanoke, 60,153 and the Farmers, 32,025, making a total of 260,682 lbs., averaging 12.88 for the market. A great quantity of this was poor grades, and prices were fine for that offered.

The bad weather has decreased the sales this week, but prices hold up even better than at any previous time this season. The Williamston market is prepared to take every pound which can be brought here, and deliver the price.

## Biggs-Fagan

(Report 1)

On Wednesday, Oct. 7th, an unusually large number of people assembled at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Edenton, N. C. to witness the marriage of Miss Annie Fagan and Mr. Samuel Romulus Biggs of Williamston N. C., Rev. Dr. R. B. Drane performed the ceremony and the wedding march was rendered by Mrs. L. D. Bond. "Oh Perfect Love" was sung by the choir as a processional. The bride carrying a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley entered with her brother, Mr. Frank Fagan of Rocky Mount. She was met at the altar by the groom attended by the best man, Dr. James S. Rhodes, of Williamston, Miss Charlotte Fagan and Miss Julia Bond were the maids-of-honor, dressed in white, carrying yellow chrysanthemums. The bridesmaids wore yellow and carried white chrysanthemums. They were: Misses Irene Smith and Penelope Biggs, of Williamston, and Misses Mary Conger, Louise Badham, Myrtle Rea and Frances Walker, of Edenton. The ushers were: Mr. Wheeler Martin, Jr., Jack Biggs, Charles Godwin, of Williamston, W. D. Pruden, Jr., Julien Wood, Jr., of Edenton, and Mr. Roger Fagan, of New York. The Church was beautifully decorated in Golden-rod, cut flowers and ferns.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride on Queen St. The house was artistically decorated. The guests were met at the door by Mrs. Julien Wood and Miss Sophia Wood. Those receiving in the parlor were: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Romulus Biggs, Mrs. Emily Fagan, Mrs. S. R. Biggs, Sr., Miss Charlotte Fagan, Dr. Jas. Rhodes, Miss Julia Bond, Mrs. Frank Fagan, Miss Mary Kipps, Mr. E. F. Birchhead, Miss Addie Brabble Norman, Mr. Minton Warren, Mrs. W. D. Pruden, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Sr., Mrs. H. G. Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Paxton Badham. In the hall were: Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, Misses Fagan, Pruden and Gaither, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., Mr. Charles Smallwood received with the bridesmaids and ushers in the living room. The guests were shown from the living room to the gift room by Mrs. Edward Wood and Miss Margaret Pruden. Those receiving in the gift room were Mrs. John G. Wood and Mrs. Frank Wood. In the dining room were: Mrs. Patrick Matthews and Mrs. James C. Warren. Those who served refreshments were: Misses Bessie Badham, Fannie Biggs Martin, Annie and Rebecca Wood, Elizabeth Leary, Eva and Ida Roberson, Estelle Rea, Myra Vann, Lethe Hoskins, Gladys Kramer, Sarah Wood and Margaret Smith. Miss Sarah Jones presided at the Wedding Book.

Immediately after the reception the bride and groom left on the N-S Southbound train to spend their honeymoon in Southern and Northern cities. The bride's going-away gown was a tailored suit of brown cloth, with hat and gloves to match.

Live Without Water. Dr. R. E. Drake-Brockman tells in the Field of having found gazelles on the island of Saad-ud-Din that live without drinking. There is no fresh water at all on this island, which is just off the coast of Somaliland, and has an annual rainfall of less than two and three-fourths inches.

No Man Knows Another. No man can justly censure or condemn another, because indeed no man truly knows another.