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ANOTHER CONFEDERATE PASSES

There was born in June 1842 of splendid Martin County stock Joseph R. Ballard, who on July 6th, 1917, loosed his hold on things temporal, and went to join that innumerable host, whose Leader is the Saviour of the world. He was born in Poplar Point Township, Martin County, and had spent all his years there with the exception of a few. Recently he moved near Oak City, where he died among relatives.

In early life he married Miss White, of Halifax County, and five children were given unto them, four of whom survive—one daughter, Miss Annie Ballard dying several years ago. Four sons, W. B. Ballard, of Everetts; J. L. Ballard, of Oak City; M. B. and Paul Ballard, of Richmond are left with one brother, Martin W. Ballard, of Hamilton.

Mr. Ballard was a member of Skewarkee Lodge and one of its oldest members. He was a brave Confederate, and kept fresh in heart and mind those stirring times of the war. He was highly esteemed among his fellows and was the friend of every man.

Sunday in the midst of a large number of people, funeral services were conducted according to Masonic usage by Skewarkee Lodge and other brethren, and all the honors of a Mason were given him, whose spirit awaits the Resurrection Day.

A Splendid Environment

Wheeler Martin, Secty.-Treas., Martin Co. B. & L. Assn. City.

Dear Sir:—

I notice with pleasure that your Company will soon issue its Sixth Series of Stock; it has been my good fortune to see the working of this association in this community and I know of no organization that is rendering a greater service, especially to those of limited means who desire to own their homes.

I recommend it most heartily to both the large and small investor and will be glad for your representative to call on me at proper time as I desire to increase my holdings in same. I am,

Respectfully,
C. H. Godwin.

July 10th 1917,

Dip Your Cattle

The Williamston dipping vat is now ready for use, and those having "ticky" cattle are encouraged to dip them every two weeks. Bring them to the vat on Friday morning, July 20th, and every two weeks thereafter, from 5:30 to 7:30 A. M. A Government inspector will be present To avoid the possibility of losing stock, please observe the following rules:

Do not dip any animal known to be sick, or in advanced pregnancy.

Water all animals before bringing them to the "dip." The solution is nauseating, and cattle will not drink it unless extremely thirsty.

If any animal should die shortly after dipping, the Government inspector should be notified at once, so that he can determine the exact cause of the animal's death. Over 700 cattle have been dipped at the eight vats constructed this spring with no loss resulting. Accidents will happen, however, but they are few and far between.

Joseph S. O'Hara.

July 11th 1917.

He Is All Right

The man who has been saying that the American farmer would not do his duty this year, must be in hiding now, if he has noticed crop reports. The increase in the corn acreage will produce a three-billion bushel crop, something unheard of before. Wheat will gain thirty-eight million bushels. Potatoes are largely increased and the prospects for the full meal for the soldiers and the people back home, are encouraging.

The American farmer is doing his bit, and doing it like the man he is. His work is a sword thrust in the side of the beastly Kaiser. Bread must go along with bullets to win the war, and to save men, women and children from the curse of Germanic domination. America will win and the farmer will be the hero who remains at home to help feed the millions.

Mr. J. W. Bailey Dead

Wednesday night, July 11th, 1917, the soul of James W. Bailey departed this life, at his home near Everetts. Several days before death came, he had been stricken with paralysis and medical aid was powerless to prevent the final end.

Mr. Bailey was a prosperous farmer and leaves a wife and six children to mourn for him in his home. Though not a member of any Church, he believed in the teachings of the Primitive Baptist Church.

The funeral services were conducted on Thursday afternoon by Elder John N. Rodgerson, and the interment was in the cemetery at Bear Grass, where a large crowd assembled to pay the last mark of respect to the dead.

Organize A Camp

At one time there was a camp of Boy Scouts in Williamston, but for lack of leadership or interest, the organization went to pieces. This should not have happened for no movement for the good of the boys of the world has ever had such a far-reaching effect as has the Boy Scout movement. With prophetic eye, a soldier across the sea saw the grandness of the work, which would catch and hold the invincible spirit of the boy to all its fullest possibilities. The Boy Scout chooses for his motto: "Be Prepared." At all times, he is prepared to render aid to companion, to stranger, to distinguish right from wrong, to serve his fellowmen, his country and His God.

At this time in the world's history, the Boy Scouts are doing a noble work everywhere. This work is needed in Williamston, where there are so many young boys who may be made more manly by entering this organization. Let some strong leader, who has the time and the love for boys, undertake the work. The time may soon come when these Boy Scouts would be valuable aid, if properly organized and trained. Let's organize now.

Storm Felt Here

Monday afternoon, one of the heaviest storms of the season struck this community about 3 o'clock and lasted for more than an hour. The rainfall was extremely heavy, and the wind broke off the tops of several trees and damaged corn severely. An electric storm accompanied it, but there was no damage done as far as reported.

A BAD NEGRO SHOOT TO KILL

The quietness of the early Sunday night hours were disturbed by the sound of pistol shots and the cries of women in the vicinity of "Blood Block." Sheriff Page and Policeman Page motored quickly to the scene and found that Joe Hassell had been shot by Claude Matthews, another negro, who had run as soon as the shooting occurred. It is said that the trouble was caused by jealousy over the wife of Hassell. Matthews put four bullets in Hassell, one in the head, one in the arm and the other two in back and side. Hassell has been in several scrapes, having been severely cut at Hertford last year, and has also been on the roads. Officers looked for Matthews for a long time, but were unable to locate him, as he seemed to be an expert in sprinting.

Dr. Warren was called to attend Hassell, and gave him all the relief possible at the time. It was another case of a negro and a gun, which has become a chronic habit with that race and with many white folks as well. The law is not strict enough on pistol toters; the Pen should hide them awhile.

Church Burned

Another Church building belonging to the "Holy Rollers" was burned on Saturday night. It was located near Bear Grass, and the fire was thought to be incendiary. The doctrine preached by the ministers demoralizes the laboring class in the agricultural sections, and there is much opposition to it for this reason. This is the second building of that faith destroyed in Martin County this year.

Hamilton Items

D. G. Matthews with Misses Lelia Phippen and Annie Jones spent Monday in Williamston.

Dr. and Mrs. M. I. Fleming spent Sunday in Greenville.

Miss Elizabeth Davis, of Tarboro, is visiting Mrs. R. W. Salsbury.

Miss Josephine Davis, of Norfolk, arrived Wednesday to visit her aunt, Mrs. Matthews.

Mrs. T. B. Slade has returned from a visit to relatives in Macon.

Miss Fannie Slade left Tuesday to visit her brother in Asheville.

P. L. Salsbury and family have returned from Wrightsville.

Mrs. Pattie Johnson is visiting her daughter here.

Dr. B. L. Long went to Richmond last week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Davenport and Miss Lillie Floyd left Saturday for Rocky Mount, and from there they will go to Black Mountain by motor.

J. L. Hines spent last week here with his family.

Miss Pattie Sherrod has returned from a visit to relatives in High Point, and Stonewall.

Misses Alice Whitehurst and Jesse Meye are the guests of Miss Pattie Sherrod.

Willie Sherrod with friends spent Sunday in Greenville.

Mrs. B. F. Myers went to Norfolk Friday.

Mrs. R. W. Salsbury left Tuesday for Richmond.

Mrs. F. L. Gladstone and daughter are spending some time at Virginia Beach.

Annual Meeting Of Peanut Co.

Wednesday, the annual meeting of the Roanoke Peanut Company was held, and the following elected officers: Dr. J. H. Saunders, President; C. B. Hassell, Vice-President; John L. Hassell, Sec.-Treasurer. The company declared a dividend and re-issued stock. It is the intention of the company to operate their plant this fall for a longer term than last season.

It is estimated that the acreage in peanuts has been increased in the United States 61 per cent, Texas increasing, 118 per cent and Georgia, 121 per cent. With this increase, the farmers' stock will sell at a fair price, but nothing phenomenal, it is thought. The demand for the product, however, is so much larger that every pound will command a price profitable for the producer. The crop in Martin County was never finer at this time, and with fairly reasonable weather from now until curing time, there will be a splendid yield in the county.

Profitable Sale

The white sale with refreshments, which was given under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church on Wednesday night at the Masonic Hall, was very profitable as \$90.00 were received. There were on sale numerous and pretty articles for women and children, and one Sunday School class had a display all to themselves, which was very creditable to so young a crowd of children. The Aid Society is banking money for improvement on the Church building on Smithwick Street.

Norfolk Firm Buys Site

Holmes & Dawson, of Norfolk have recently purchased the site of the Middle Ground Roanoke Association on the railroad near the Plymouth junction. It is reported that they will erect a large brick peanut plant or storage warehouse. This firm is one of the largest commission houses in Norfolk, and it will be of interest to the people of this section for them to build here. The site is admirably situated for the erection of such a plant, being convenient for the farmers and for shipping.

Big Vegetables

Though gardens in this section were planted late, never has there been seen such marvelous growth of vegetables. Beets and turnips weighing six pounds are the common things, and cabbages and collards are phenomenal in size. Beans have grown luxuriantly, and thousands of cans have gone into the pantry of the housewives for winter use. Cornstalks with five ears stand in small garden plots, and tomato vines are laden with fruit, which is large and well-formed. Truly has nature given of her best this year, a time when most is needed to supply the world. The call of the government to the people has met with a splendid response, and gardens, and fields are full of the fruits of the season.

NOTICE

Until further notice, Mr. Simon Lilley will serve barbecue in the building next to the post office. This was made necessary by the destruction of his tent by the storm Monday. As soon as possible another place will be arranged near the old quarters.

A Pleasing Recital

An audience of appreciative lovers of music heard with pleasure every number on the program of the recital given by Miss Helen Louise Maynard, on Thursday night of last week, at the Episcopal Church. Mrs. James Slade Rhodes, soprano, and Mr. P. F. Apfel, baritone, who are the most pleasing soloists in the town, assisted Miss Maynard, and the numbers in which they appeared, allowed a splendid display of the pleasing timbre which their voices possess. Miss Maynard's interpretation of the selections from famous composers was most pleasing, and the use of the pedals of the organ in a number from Bach, showed the work of a skilled organist. She is a graduate of the Guilman School of Music of New York City, and is organist at the Episcopal Church here, and frequently plays at the Methodist Church. Mrs. Rhodes and Mr. Apfel are members of the vested choir of the Episcopal Church and their voices are often heard at other times.

Social Centers

Archibald Johnson

Every country church ought to be the social center of its neighborhood. It ought to be the handsomest and the best furnished house in the community. The church ought to be the pride and joy of the congregation both old and young.

In order to make the church the magnet of the community the pastor must be somewhere around. It is his business to lead in these great things, and nobody else's business. He ought to be the most attractive and most powerful personality in the neighborhood. He must study his congregation as a farmer studies his seed and his soil. How in the name of common sense is he to do all this from long taw?

Why Not A Dairy?

The need of a local dairy grows more apparent every day. There is here a strong demand for dairy products, and there would readily be an increase. The business is profitable when conducted properly and it does not last just one season but all the year. Just outside of Williamston on every side, except on that of the river, are found numbers of places where a small dairy could be run conveniently, and the products sold right in the town. Then there is the value of the manure on the land, and chickens, turkeys and pigs can be fed with sour milk and be made to bring an appreciable profit. Why not a dairy then somewhere near Williamston?

Splendid Bank Statements

The eight banks of Martin County, whose statements were called by the Corporation Commission on June 20th, made a splendid showing at this season of the year, when so much money is drawn out of every bank for the carrying on of agricultural pursuits. Taking the statements of these banks, including that of Robersonville whose statement did not appear in these columns, it is found that the loans and discounts amount to \$1,060,674.98, and the total of deposits, \$941,898.51. The local banks carry deposits aggregating \$560,610.16, or over one-half of the amount in the entire county, and the loans of these three banks amount to \$710,715.45.

BUY AND SELL ON HOME MARKET

In every community can be found people who prefer selling or buying outside of their own town. Particularly is this true of tobacco. Many farmers, for some reason and not usually a good one, carry their tobacco to other markets instead of remaining at home, where their interests are. Right here in and around Williamston live folks who have at various times shipped their weed to other markets for no other reason than to do something that their neighbor would not do. In many cases, the business men of the town have accommodated these same men, and yet they take the money for which the tobacco sold, and purchase goods in the town in which they offered their tobacco. Then another reason for selling at home, is that the home market is the highest in the State. Statistics prove this statement, but some folks are always credulous; they will believe everything that a man in another town tells them, but the friends at home make no impression on their minds and hearts.

Caught With The Goods

Last Friday morning, Sheriff Page, Revenue Officer Ed James and Chief of Police Page went out in the early hours to the Beaufort County line, and nabbed George Hoel, a notorious illicit distiller of Martin County, while he was right on the job in the woods. He and his still were brought to town and placed in jail. Hoel will be tried in the Federal Court at Washington. He has been up before, and this second offence will give him a berth in the Federal prison. Last year, Hoel was peppered with shot while passing along the road, and several men were indicted for the crime but proof was not sufficient to convict them. It is said that he was ringleader in illicit distilling in his section of the county.

Oak City Items

Mrs. Mit Alligood spent Thursday night with Mrs. J. L. Davenport.

Mr. and Mrs. John Daniel, Misses Dare Daniel and Gladys Everett spent Wednesday in Robersonville.

Mrs. J. W. House is spending a few days here with her daughter, Mrs. S. T. House.

Miss Laura Jones is spending a few days with Mrs. J. W. Hines.

Dr. House and Mr. B. M. Worsley were in Stokes a short while Sunday.

Mr. Joe Ayers spent Wednesday night in Robersonville.

Mrs. Parker and children of Greenville, are spending a few days with her brother, Mr. W. E. Tyson.

Misses Syble and Eloise Ross returned Friday from Norfolk where they spent a few days with Miss Rachel Tew.

Mr. Jim Daniel and Marvin Everett were in town a short while Sunday.

Sheriff Page and Clayton Moore went to Parmele on business Wednesday.

Miss Alma Sparks left Wednesday for Kinston.

A. R. Dunning went to Gatesville Wednesday on business.