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Copper Was In Bear Grass.

Since publishing the finding of the copper still last week, it has been learned that the same was located in Bear Grass Township instead of Griffins. The lines are so close together that the mistake was made inadvertently. The people in Griffins are perfectly willing to carry their own burdens, but are not looking for others, and so this explanation is made. It is creditable to them not to want to be accused of harboring such a menace to the good of the people.

Properly Stamp Your Letters.

The new postal law concerning the mailing of letters and postal cards went into effect today. No doubt, there are many people who will be so careless as to forget the law, and hinder their letters from a quick transit. Years ago postage on letters was three cents, and the new law is only a return to that for war tax. Postal cards must have an extra 1 cent stamp on them. There is no use to argue about the matter, for Uncle Sam does not stop to explain. What he says goes without question. If the proper amount of postage is placed on letters and cards, the delivery of them will be facilitated.

Cotton Report.

The number of bales of cotton ginned in Martin County prior to October 18th, 1917, was 417; number of bales to same date last year was 2,956. This makes a difference of 2,539 in the total number of bales for the period to the above date. John S. Cook has been appointed to secure the Ginners' Report for Martin County.

Registration Day.

The women of Williamston and Martin County registered for services on Saturday. It happened that the Chairman of Registration for the State, Mrs. Waddell, of Henderson, sent only 350 cards to Miss Mayo Lamb for distribution, and this number was wholly inadequate. Many of the women went to their respective school houses and signed the cards for service either at home or wherever the government wanted them to go. It was a patriotic duty cheerfully performed.

Storm Prevented Show

There was a disappointed crowd of Williamston folks on Tuesday, for despite the rain and wind, dozens closed themselves in cars and went over to Washington to see Barnum & Bailey's show. The weather was so bad that the managers of the show were afraid to attempt to erect their tents, and so there were thousands of "sick" folks in the town. Any set of people who would brave a storm like that were surely entitled to a show of some kind.

Announcement

The pupils of the Graded School wish to thank the people of Williamston for helping them buy a Liberty Loan Bond. The Bond has been purchased and will be used for the benefit of the school. The school wishes to mention Miss Sallie Brown for faithful work; she raised \$11.00. The eighth and ninth grades combined raised \$21.00

See "The Birth of a Nation" at the Opera House on Nov. 14th.

The Liberty Bond Campaign.

Though Martin County did not make up its apportionment of \$238,140, the campaign was waged vigorously by both men and women. Every banking institution in the county was earnest in its endeavor to serve the people in the purchase of bonds, and loaned the money whenever requested. Hamilton, Robersonville, Jamesville, and Griffins were visited by Liberty Loan Bond campaigners, these being Mrs. J. G. Staton, W. C. Manning, Dr. John D. Biggs, C. H. Godwin and A. R. Dunning. At each of the places, enthusiastic citizens greeted them, and the talks made by the members of the party were heartily endorsed. While a large number of the citizens took one or more bonds, there yet remain many, who have plenty of surplus cash to have invested heavily in these bonds which are to help America safe for humanity.

The amount subscribed in Martin County totals \$175,000. Williamston taking the greatest number of Bonds. This amount is \$63,140 short of the apportionment.

With Apologies To Snyder

Where, oh where is the trash cart gone?
Oh where, oh where is it?
With its creaking wheels and antique mule,
It must have decided to quit.

The trash piles grow in all the lots.
And mounds are made of tin cans;
The housekeeper waits for the old trash cart,
And she never understands—

That it is too slow for a town the size of Williamston.

Hamilton Items

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Martin and children, of Spring Hill, spent Sunday here.

Miss Irma Hines went to Rocky Mount Monday.

Mrs. J. P. Boyle with friends spent Thursday in Tarboro.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Everett went to Washington Tuesday.

Mrs. T. B. Slade with friends spent Tuesday in Washington.

Jimmie Council, of Oak City, was in town Monday.

Miss Mary Smith, of Williamston, spent last week here.

Mrs. John Staton, of Morehead City, Mrs. Minnie Williamson and Mrs. Pender, of Tarboro were guests of Mrs. F. L. Gladstone Wednesday.

John Martin, Jr., Mesdames Boyle, Watkins and Grimes spent Sunday afternoon in Williamston.

Mrs. T. B. Slade went to Williamston Saturday.

Mrs. R. A. Edmondson and daughter are spending the week in Rocky Mount.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Davenport went to Spring Hill Sunday.

L. R. Everett, Gordon Hines, Misses M. J. Davenport and Ruth Pippen went to Washington Tuesday.

E. R. Matthews, of Camp Lee, Petersburg, was in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Sherrod, Jr. went to Robersonville Thursday.

Mr. Hopkins, of Williamston, and Miss Thelma Taylor spent Sunday here.

W. S. Rhodes went to Robersonville Sunday.

MARTIN COUNTY

WON FIRST PRIZE AT COSTAL PLAIN FAIR AT TARBORO THURSDAY

County Demonstrator J. L. Holliday shipped the Martin County exhibit to Tarboro last week, where it is being viewed by the hundreds at the Coastal Plain Fair this week. Last year, Martin brought home the second prize for the best exhibit, and 'tis said that it should have been the first, and it is confidently expected that the first will come this way this year. Anyway, the exhibit is a credit to any county, whether it gets a prize or not. If the apples grown by Mr. Alfred Gray Griffin are an index to the exhibit, then the place Martin will secure will be an honored one. The trees from which these apples were taken have been treated scientifically until the fruit is perfect and some of it as large as saucers. The case full of fruit was a beautiful sight as shown at the store of Saunders & Fowden, as were other exhibits of grain, clover, etc. People with farms should raise orchards more extensively, and Martin County soil is adapted to fruit trees.

Patriotic Meeting At Hamilton (Reported.)

In thrilling and inspiring addresses to the people of Hamilton on Friday night of last week, patriotic workers from Williamston presented the present needs of the National Government, and outlined definitely the means by which the people of Martin County may help meet these needs, and in this way quicken the successful culmination of the war which is being waged for the freedom of the world. The meeting was held in the school auditorium and was presided over by Prof. J. B. Rucker, who introduced the speakers.

Mrs. James G. Staton, chairman of the Martin County Liberty Loan Committee, made an eloquent appeal for the purchase of Bonds by the citizens of the county, it was a patriotic duty. Mr. W. C. Manning, County Food Administrator, presented a plan for conservation of food so vital to the successful waging of the war and the lives of people at home. In stirring words, Mr. Clayton Moore spoke of the menace of German militarism, and praised the American people for entering and vigorously waging a war for the sake of humanity. Mr. C. H. Godwin and Dr. John D. Biggs spoken enthusiastically and greatly pleased the audience.

Among other features were songs by the school, and patriotic selections by Miss Minnie Joyce and Mrs. W. T. Grimes. Rarely have the Hamilton people had such an opportunity of hearing logical and talented speakers.

The citizens here have bought \$28,000 worth of Bonds, registered nearly all women in the town, organized a Red Cross Chapter and celebrated "Liberty Loan Bond Day" with a huge bonfire and mass meeting.

Hurrah for America, Martin County and Hamilton!

If you want to have your soul stirred to its depths, see "The Birth of a Nation" on the 14th at the Opera House.

Winners At The Community Fair

A list of the prize winners at the Community Fair at Oak City last week, which was obtained too late for the last issue, appear below:

- Best draft colt, blue ribbon, Robert Everett;
- " roadster colt, red ribbon, M. L. Burnett;
- Potatoes, Florida Yams, blue ribbon, L. F. Goodrich
- Potatoes, Hymans, red ribbon, F. M. Edmondson,
- Soap, Blue ribbon, Mrs. N. F. Brown
- Corn, Prolific, blue ribbon, L. F. Goodrich;
- Corn Prolific, red ribbon, J. R. Ayers.
- One ear, blue ribbon, Hyman Ward;
- One ear, red ribbon, Dr. B. L. Long;
- Ham, blue ribbon, W. J. Johnson;
- Ham red ribbon, N. F. Brown;
- Cotton, blue ribbon, Lewis Johnson;
- Cotton, blue ribbon, Hyman Warren,
- Peanuts, blue ribbon, N. F. Brown,
- Pepper, blue ribbon, L. F. Goodrich
- Velvet beans, blue ribbon, J. M. Johnson
- " " red ribbon, Ed Johnson
- Apples, blue ribbon, F. M. Edmondson
- " " red ribbon, W. J. Johnson
- Pears, blue ribbon, John Bennett
- " " red " " J. W. Hines
- Pop corn, blue ribbon, Steward Tripp
- " " red ribbon, W. O. Council
- Cow peas, blue Mrs. H. I. Everett
- Tomatoes, blue ribbon, Miss Chloe Burnett
- Okra, blue ribbon, L. F. Goodrick;
- Walnuts, blue ribbon, Jos. Early,
- Collard, blue ribbon, J. W. Hines,
- Ruta бага, red ribbon, Hermon Piland,
- Chickens, Rhode Island Reds blue ribbon, Mrs. F. M. Harrell,
- White Wyandotte, red ribbon, B. F. Goodrick.

A Fine Record

G. A. Roberson, of Griffins Township, age 13, who is a member of the Martin County Corn Club, has just gathered from his prize acre 133-5-7 bushels of corn. The actual cost of growing this acre including land rent was \$35.21. The price of corn delivered today in Williamston is \$2.40 per bushel, making this acre worth \$320.25, and net profit of \$284.93.

Teachers Meeting

The Martin County Teachers Association will meet at the Court House in Williamston, Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 9:30 A. M. A. J. Manning.

Died Suddenly Today.

The community was shocked this morning to learn of the death of Capt. W. R. Fowden at the residence of his son, Mr. Leslie Fowden. Mrs. Fowden noticed that the electric lights had not been turned off in the room adjoining her bedroom, and going in found Capt. Fowden seated in a chair partially dressed, and slightly breathing. She hurriedly called her son and his wife, who came in quickly, but it was too late to give medical aid. Mr. Fowden was employed at the store of W. J. Hodges, and usually went early to his work, and it was about 6:15 when his wife found him.

As we go to press, the news reached the office and further details will be given later.

We Are In The Trenches.

America must feel more deeply concerned about the war now than ever before, for our boys are in the trenches on the Western front. That they were eager to get into action, shows the true spirit of American manhood. There will be no shirking on their part, and though the manner of fighting is strange to a people who have successfully waged wars differently, they have been quick to adapt themselves to the training given them.

The Nation at home must stand firmer now; there must be no indifference, but earnest work to support everything that is needed to bring glorious success to American arms. The pacifist and the pro-German should have no place in the workings of the government. The country is in the war to win for the democracy of the world, and there can be no turning backward.

September Sales In The County

As stated once before, the amount of tobacco sold on the Williamston market during the month of September was 1,634,641 pounds first hand; including dealers and resold, the amount was 1,663,835; Robersonville was a close second with 1,294,332 pounds. The two markets sold together 2,928,973 first hand, and a total of 2,998,557 pounds. At an average of 28 cents, this placed \$839,595.96 in the hands of the farmers, during the month of September. The bank statements show what the farmers are doing in Martin County in year of 1917, and there are greater things in the future, if the gold in the soil is properly mined in the raising of tobacco, corn, cotton, peanuts and potatoes.

Bought A Baby Bond

Following the example of other Sunday School pupils in North Carolina, those of the Episcopal School here on Sunday morning voted to purchase "A Baby Bond" of \$50.00. A part of the amount will be paid out of the funds already on hand, and the other part is to be made from offerings on the fourth Sunday of each month, and this day will be known as "Liberty Loan Bond" day in the School until the required amount is reached.

Last week, it was stated that John A. Manning had purchased the Jones farm at Dardens. It should have read "the Barden farm," as the Jones farm is owned by J. G. Godard and is not for sale at the present time. R. E. Roberson of the firm of Harrison, Bros & Co., is partner in the purchase of the farm, it is learned.

"The Birth of A Nation"

The next big attraction at the Gaiety will be D. W. Griffith's mighty spectacle "The Birth of a Nation." The engagement will be on Wednesday November 14 and is for one night and one matinee.

This is the greatest production which is still making a record sum of 600 performances in New City where it created the sensation of the season. It is estimated that over two million people have seen the production since it was originally brought out in the east. It has other sensational runs in Boston, San Francisco and Los Angeles to its credit. Mr. Griffith was eight months making this wonderful story. He employed 18,000 people and 3,000 horses and the total cost of the work reached the enormous figure of over a half million dollars.

The story is one of romance and adventure linked to the most vital periods of American history. It records its facts with the rapidity of lightning and yet never departs from the fundamentals of true drama; love and conflict are its basic theme but a series of details illumine the narrative and lift it so far beyond any our stage has ever known that the usual avenues of an arison do not offer a road to follow in this instance. Linked with the drama is an operative score which carried recurrent themes with every vital scene and character in the epic. This wonderful score which is synchronized to the drama is in itself an incomparable work of art. An orchestra of forty travels with the attraction to handle the musical features of the presentation.

That part of history dealing with the rise and fall of the slavery problem is the vital spark upon which Griffith has built his story. The conflict which this question caused is reproduced in great battles and in all the thrilling things which are a part of war.

Monkey Rum Caused Accident

Wednesday night about 11 o'clock, a car without lights started through Hamilton at a rate of thirty miles per hour, but a lamp post happened to be in the way, and there was a tremendous smashup of cars, and the four occupants were hurled out. Two of them were severely hurt, but after several hours were able to go to Spring Hill, their destination. Men were not the only things in the car, there were gallons of monkey rum which had been secured it suppose this side of Hamilton. Jule Riddick and a man named Moore were with the party. They were arrested, and gave bail for their appearance in Hamilton this morning. All of the rum was in the kegs-- much of it had been imbibed--hence the accident.

Notice

There will be a meeting of the Martin County Council of Defense at the Court House in Williamston, on Monday afternoon, Nov. 5th, at 2 o'clock. Every woman in the county is cordially invited to attend.

J. G. Godard

The District Convocation of Odd Fellows will meet at Belhaven Thursday Nov. 8th. The District comprises 14 Lodges including Robersonville and Williamston. There will be splendid entertainment and everybody will have a good time.