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### Income Tax Officer Coming.

In a communication received by this paper, Collector of Internal Revenue J. W. Bailey announces that a federal income tax officer will be sent into this county on Jan. 7th and will be here until Jan. 12th. He will have his office at the Court House at Williamston and will be there every day ready and willing to help persons subject to the income tax make out their returns without any cost to them for his services.

How many income-tax payers will there be in this county? If you can guess how many married persons living with wife or husband will have net incomes of \$2,000.00 or over and how many unmarried persons will have net incomes of \$1,000.00 or over this year, then you know. The Collector of Internal Revenue estimated that there will be a large number of taxpayers in this county.

Returns of net incomes for the year 1917 must be made on forms provided for the purpose before March 1, 1918. Because a good many people don't understand the law and won't know how to make out their returns, the Government is sending in this expert to do it for them. But the duty is on the taxpayer to make himself known to the Government. If he doesn't make returns as required before March 1st, he may have to pay a penalty ranging from \$20.00 to \$1,000.00, pay a fine or go to jail. So if you don't want to take chances on going to jail, you better call off the income tax man. If you are not sure about being subject to the tax, better ask him and make sure. Whether you see the income tax man or not, you must make return if subject to tax.

Of course persons resident in other counties may, if they want to, come and see the income tax man who will be at the place during the time mentioned above.

The Collector suggests that everybody start figuring up now his income and expenses so as to be ready with the figures when the expert arrives. Expenses, however, don't mean family expenses, money used to pay off the principal of a debt, nor machinery, buildings or anything like that. They mean what you spend in making your money-interest, taxes paid, hired help, amount paid for goods sold, seed, stock bought for feeding, rent (except for dwelling), etc. Income includes about every dollar you get.

The income tax man will also be at Robersonville Jan. 2-5.

### Received Commissions

Wednesday W. C. Manning, Kader B. Crawford and Henry A. Gray were commissioned Captain, First Lieutenant and Second Lieutenant, respectively in the Martin County Guards. Lieut. Gray was here from Robersonville on that day.

### Hurt By Auto.

Tuesday, John C. Chitty was struck by his own car and at first it was thought that his ankles were broken. He was on the way to rescue a hunting party that had gone down the river in a boat, and the ice closing, they had difficulty in getting out. It seems that the car started before he realized it and his leg was caught beneath the wheel. Other than bruises, he has suffered no hurt.

### Notice To Readers.

Following the usual custom, the Enterprise force will take a holiday next week, and there will be no issue of the paper until January 4th, 1918. The foreman will spend the holidays with relatives near New Bern, the manager in the country, the two compositors with friends in neighboring towns and the office clerk at home with a broken arm. The editor will be in town, however, to see any friend of the paper who may desire an to attend to any business.

We will greet you again in 1918 and will continue to serve our readers another year. A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

### Sugar

Never before has so large a crop of cane sugar been made. Cuba's crop alone exceeds 3,000,000 tons. American refiners control not only Cuba's production of sugar, but practically all the other cane sugar of the New World, and the Sandwich and the Philippine islands. The total is large enough to supply the most extravagant demand in the United States and leave 365,000 tons for the export—more than exported heretofore. Outside of England the demand will be less. France has a larger crop of beet sugar than usual. The new crop is already arriving at our refineries and will be ready for distribution in a few days. Along with the more plentiful supply is promised a decrease of two or three cents a pound in price. We shall have cake and candy at Christmas as usual.—Ex.

### Beekeeping Survey of Martin County

Those who think that the beekeeping industry in North Carolina is a trivial thing may well give heed to the following summary of the beekeeping operations of Martin County season of 1917, compiled by Mr. C. L. Sams, specialist in beekeeping, after several visits to the county.

Forty-five persons in the county were found to keep bees, owning a total of 2,406 hives, an average of 53 hives each. Those who keep their bees in the improved hives made an average of thirty-four and three-fourths pounds of honey per hive, while those who kept them in crude boxes and hollow logs made an average of only four and one-fourth pounds per hive. The highest average yield was 80 lbs. per hive from a yard of 35 hives. This honey sold for over \$400, largely an incidental income as the care of bees interfered little if at all with the usual duties of the family. The total honey production of Martin County was 70,140 pounds, or a little more than thirty-five tons!

Martin is not a large county, and Mr. Sams says that he feels sure that ten or a dozen other eastern counties might produce just as much honey, but Martin has some wide awake beekeepers who are utilizing this recourse, which in most counties goes to waste. The beekeepers of Martin know that there is yet opportunity for gathering of more honey, and several have bought more bees; and otherwise increased their number.

Martin County has 17 paid up members of the State Beekeepers' Association, these owning an average of over 100 hives apiece.

Miss Frances Knight is at home for the holidays.

### Christmas Gifts

She needed pots and a new floor broom,  
And window shades for the children's room;  
Her sheets were down to a threadbare three,  
And her table cloths were a sight to see.  
She wanted scarfs and a towel rack,  
And a good, plain, dressing sack,  
Some kitchen spoons and a box for bread,  
A pair of scissors and sewing thread.  
She hoped some practical friend would stop  
And figure out that she'd like a mop.  
Or bathroom rug or a lacquered tray,  
Or a few plain plates for every day.  
She hoped and hoped and she wished a lot;  
But these, of course, were the things she got:

A cut glass vase and a bonboniere,  
A china thing for receiving hair,  
Some oyster forks, a manicure set,  
A chafing dish and a cellaret;  
A boudoir cap and drawn-work mat,  
And a sterling this and a sterling that;  
A gilt-edged book of lofty theme,  
And fancy bags till she longed to scream;  
Some curling tongs and a powder puff,  
And a bunch of other useless stuff.

### Only A Volunteer

Written for THE ENTERPRISE by Corporal James M. Jones, Co. A., 7th, Infantry Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C.

Why didn't I wait to be drafted,  
And be led to the train by a band,  
Or put in a claim for exemption,  
Oh why did I hold up my hand?  
Why didn't I wait to be cheered,  
For the drafted man gets the credit,  
While I merely volunteered.

And nobody gave me a banquet,  
Nobody said a kind word,  
The puff of an engine, the grind of the wheels  
Was all the goodbye I heard;  
Then off to a training camp hustled,  
To be drilled for the next half year,  
And all in the shuffle forgotten,  
For I'm only a volunteer.

And, perhaps, some day in the future,  
When a little child sits upon my knee,  
And asks what I did in the great war,  
And his little eyes look up at me,  
I will have to look back in those eyes,  
Of the little one whom I adore,  
And confess that I wasn't drafted,  
I was only a volunteer.

### C. B. H. Meets

Will you allow space in The Enterprise for a few lines in regards to District Council of The Charitable Brotherhood which met with Dardens No. 2 local on the 12th. Although the weather was cold a good representation was present, after the business was transacted a dinner was given by Dardens lodge. All enjoyed the occasion; now I wish I could find language to express my feelings towards this organization. It has done more in caring for the widows and orphans, owing to its financial strength, than any other society in our country. Its principles and foundation are as pure as the Gospel itself. Yes it has taken up many duties that the Church passed by unnoticed.

Its the smaller things as well as the greater ones that should have our prayerful consideration. There should be no better theme in life than caring for those who are destitute. I long to know that Martin County shall have a powerful membership, who will do its duty in caring for The Widows and Orphans.

Humbly submitted,  
Warren Waters, Co. Secty.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYBODY.

### Oak City Items

Mr. J. T. Daniel and Miss Beatrice went to Robersonville Monday p. m.

Messrs. Hugh Fields and Quartermus spent Saturday night in Greenville.

Miss Gladys Ross left for her home in Washington Thursday.

Miss Jennie Ried left last Friday for her home in the Western part of the state to spend Christmas.

Prof. and Mrs. J. B. Bowers left for their home near Parmele Saturday.

Miss Carrie Hyman and Wm. Johnson were married Sunday December 9th.

The youngest child of Mrs. Tommy Bell died last Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, of Typhoid Pneumonia at the home of J. W. Hines. The little girl was about two years old, and was buried near Scotland Neck beside its father who died a few weeks ago.

Christmas night (the weather permitting) there will be a community Christmas tree for all the little folks around here.

The force at Watts Garage were overcome by gas on Thursday. It is presumed that the gas came from coal, which had been put in the store a few minutes before. Medical aid was secured at once.

### Mrs. Bettie E. Wynne.

Mrs. Bettie E. Wynne, of Cross Road Township, died at her home Saturday about 6 p. m., after only a few minutes illness. She was supposed to have had a stroke of apoplexy, and though a physician was immediately summoned, she died before he arrived. She leaves a husband and five children, and was 46 years old.

### Help The Starving.

The heart of the people should be open at this season, and the cry of little children in Armenia and Syria be heard and answered. While the children of this land are happy, feasting and with comfortable homes, the helpless over there are feeding on grass, their parents dead and they out in the world.

The Committee here is asking for contributions to help raise the thirty millions needed to save the starving.

Elder Sylvester Hassell will receive and receipt for any amount sent to him. Don't delay, but send something today, and Christmas will have a deeper meaning to you.

### Red Cross Campaign.

Messrs. Luke Lamb and Duke Critcher with a corps of women helpers, are vigorously waging a campaign for members of the Red Cross Society. The drive commenced the 16th all over the United States, and without doubt, the 10,000,000 new members will be enrolled. That will mean that number of dollars, which will be used in the work for the alleviation of suffering among the boys in camp and trench.

The scope of the work of the Society is world-wide, and one of its buttons is a badge of honor anywhere.

Williamston and other parts of the County are doing a worthy amount of work, but still it must go on and on, increasing in volume while the call for help sounds over the war-ridden world.

Attractive booths are in both Drug Stores and Mesdames J. S. Rhodes, F. U. Barnes and S. R. Biggs, Misses Annie Lamb, Daisy Manning and Virginia Herrick are in charge of them, the last three workers wearing the Red Cross Cap and insignia on the arms. Several hundred members have been secured.

### Services Sunday.

On account of repairs being made on St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Hamilton, there will be no services there on the fourth Sunday. On the fifth Sunday, services will be held at Hamilton.

On Christmas Day, there will be a celebration of the holy communion with sermon and special music at 11 o'clock here.

### Armenian-Syrian Relief Fund.

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I have thus far received the following contributions for the Armenian and Syrian Relief Fund:

Dr. John D. Biggs, Williamston,	\$10.00
Asa T. Crawford,	2.00
S. B. Hardison,	2.00
Mrs. J. L. Hassell,	1.00
Mrs. S. D. Ward,	5.00
R. T. Griffin,	2.50
Mrs. Mollie Peel,	1.00
J. S. Peel, Sr.,	1.00
Mrs. J. S. Peel,	1.00
Mrs. Nancy J. Cherry,	1.00
Total	\$20.50
Sylvester Hassell, Treas.	

### Recognize The Value Of Dipping Cattle.

One of the most progressive movements that Martin County has made, is that of tick eradication. The Board of Commissioners readily took up the work in connection with the government, and the value of the same is clearly acknowledged by some of the leading cattle raisers in the county. But there are not enough vats yet; the citizens in every section need to enter heartily into the work, which means saving of thousands of dollars each year. Never have we needed an increase in meat production more than at the present time, beef is one of the staple products. It is interesting to note what others say about tick eradication, and we are publishing several statements below.

Statement of Mr. Ben Mc. Manning:

"This is the first fall in many years that we have had cattle free from ticks. I believe that it is a great thing for live stock."

Statement of Mr. Joshua L. Coltrain:

"After two dippings the cattle are clean. I would not be without a vat. It is worth three times what it cost."

Statement of Mr. J. H. D. Peel:

"I have had no personal experience in the dipping of cattle, but am of the opinion it is the best method for getting rid of the ticks."

Statement of Mr. John L. Hassell, Chmn., County Com.:

"The vats are a very good thing. I would be glad to see the county and the whole South free from ticks."

The Government inspector informs us that 14 vats have been constructed in the county. About 500 cattle have been dipped this year. Considering the fact that there are over 2500 cattle in Martin County, only one-fifth are being dipped. This means that it will be necessary to construct 40 additional dipping vats, and it is desired that these be built as soon as possible.

Tick eradication work is progressing favorably in the South. On December, 1, 1917, more territory was released from quarantine than has ever occurred before in the history of the work. The Department of Agriculture is making every effort to lift the quarantine from all of the southern states by the fall of 1921.

Dr. J. S. O'Hare, in charge of the work in this county, states he is ready at any time to assist live stock owners in building vats, and believes that several should be built this winter, weather permitting.

### Peel-Lilley

Wednesday morning at 7:30 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dawson Lilley near Williamston, their daughter, Miss Fannie Belle Lilley, wedded Mr. Gilbert Peel, Rev. Asa J. Manning performing the impressive ceremony. The marriage was very quiet, only a few friends being present.

The bride is an attractive young woman and is popular among a host of friends in the County.

Mr. Peel has been in the banking business here for several years, and has recently accepted a position as Asst. Cashier of the F. & M. Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Peel left on the 8:17 train for Richmond and other points.