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DO NOT TAKE MARTIN COUNTY STATE PRIMARY

In our article Friday on Representative Moore's Bill to exempt Martin from the State Wide Primary Law, we followed the publication of the bill by the state papers which proved to be an error and the bill should have been captioned "Fattening Martin County under the State Wide Primary Law."

We are glad to make this correction and to commend Mr. Moore for his effort to so clarify the law governing Martin County Primaries. And that our readers may be fully informed we are printing the bill in full as follows:

A bill to be enacted as to repeal chapter eight public local laws 1917 and amend section 6064 of the consolidated statutes, placing Martin County under the State Wide Primary Election Law.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That chapter eight of the Public Local Laws of one thousand nine hundred and seventeen entitled "An act relative to the Primary Election Law of the County of Martin, State of North Carolina," be and the same is hereby repealed.

Section 2. That section six thousand fifty-four of the Consolidated Statutes be amended by striking out the word "Martin" in line seven thereof.

Section 3. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Section 4. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

COTTON MARKETING CAMPAIGN IS ON

The sign up campaign for the Cotton Growers' Cooperative Marketing Association is now on, and according to A. W. Swain, Sec-Treas. of the N. C. Division of the American Cotton Association, will continue until 100 per cent of the cotton growers have signed the marketing contract.

A number of Wake County farmers were waiting to sign the new cooperative association contracts when they came from the press, and Clarence Poe, of the Progressive Farmer, signed the first one before the printer's ink was dry.

A life-long advocate of cooperative marketing for farm products, Mr. Poe is acknowledged to be one of the best informed men on cooperative among producers in the United States. He has made a study of the subject in Denmark and other parts of Europe, as well as having followed the growth of the movement in the United States. He has every confidence in the success of the present, or commodity plan of cooperative marketing of cotton which is based upon the experience of successful cooperative marketing association of growers of the Pacific Coast.

Dr. B. W. Kilgore, Director of the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service and Experiment Station, signed the second contract, while Dr. Joyner, President of the N. C. Tobacco Growers' Association, signed the third contract and the campaign is to be launched in all counties within the next few weeks.

The stock law is effective March 15th, prepared. We have just received two car loads of wire fencing, also 1 carload of No. 1 Timothy hay, and 500 bushels of Burt's 90-day seed oats. To be sold cheap, for cash. C. D. Carstarphen & Co.

LOST: TWO NEW FORD TIRES between Williamston and Robertsonville. Return to Atlantic Hotel and receive \$40.00 reward. 2-22-21

"Cooperative marketing" sounds a lot better than "economic slavery."

STRAND THEATRE

—THURSDAY—
DOROTHY DALTON in
"THE DARK MIRROR"
and 30c

—FRIDAY—
Lazy Samson in "The Fly Cop"
BENNETT COMEDY—
"UP IN ALP'S PLACE"
"Velvet Fingers," Episode No. 12
and 30c

—SATURDAY—
ROY STEWART in
"CACTUS CRANDALL"
SNUB POLLARD COMEDY
and 30c

N. C. Has Highest Birth-Rate in U. S.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 22—North Carolina now leads the entire United States with the highest birth rate in the Union according to statistics for 1920 just compiled by the state Board of Health. At the same time this state has one of the lowest death rates.

Reports during the past year show a total of 83,966 births in the state, a rate of 32.8 per thousand. These figures do not include the stillbirths, which amounted to 4,171 for the year.

During 1920 every six minutes a new life was born into the world; every fifteen minutes another life was mapped off. That the births increase in the population of the state during the last decade as shown by the last census figures, for the state has had little increase by reason of immigration.

A comparison for the past three years shows the following; 1918 total births 76,176 or rate of 30.8, and total deaths 42,411 or rate of 17.6; 1919 total births 69,791 or rate of 29.3, and total deaths 30,114 or rate of 12.4. The very high death rate for 1918 was caused by the epidemic of influenza, and this probably also accounts for the lessened rate of both births and deaths during the following year of 1919. In 1920 the birth rate went forward considerably while the death rate shows a difference of only five per hundred thousand.

North Carolina has exceeded in birth rate heretofore only Utah which in 1916 had a rate of 31.9. The rate for the entire registration area of the country the same year was 24.4. For the same year the death rate for the same area was 18.2.

THE NO FENCE OR STOCK LAW

Many questions are being asked about the operation of the Stock Law. The law as it now stands places Cross Roads, Goose Nest Hamilton and Williamston Townships under the No Fence Law after March 15, 1921. This was done by a vote of the townships except Williamston which was placed in the Stock Law territory by a special act of the Legislature. The state wide No fence Law takes in all other parts of Martin County but will not go in effect until January 1, 1922. This means that all the five townships named above will have to take in all stock after March 15th and all other parts of the county will have to do so after January 1, 1922. No line fences will be required and those people living near the townships mentioned will not be permitted to let their stock run at large in the said townships.

MRS. KING EXONERATED

In the investigation of the killing of C. S. King of Belhaven last week by his wife, the jury found that Mrs. King killed her husband in self-defense. According to the testimony, King was pursuing his wife with a club and she was retreating and pleading with him to stop but he continued to rush on her, when she shot him striking him in the knee. He still pursued her, again she shot him, hitting him in the thigh this time, he continued to rush on her and she fired the shot that penetrated his ear, killing him instantly. King was said to be drinking. He was considered cruel and dangerous and also had a wife living in a western state.

Trustee's Sale of Land

Under the power of sale contained in a deed of trust executed to me by J. A. Powell and wife, recorded in book V-1, page 246, Martin County Registry, I will sell at the court house door in Williamston, N. C., at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, on Tuesday, April 6th, 1921, at 12 o'clock, noon, the following described real estate, to wit:

First tract: Adjoining the lands of Moses Harrell, deceased, Joseph Harrell and others, containing 50 acres, more or less, being the tract of land conveyed to T. H. Combs by Alex. H. Smith and Wheeler Martin, Commissioners, by deed recorded in book FFF, page 300.

Second tract: Adjoining the lands of T. H. Combs, Margaret Staton and others, containing 50 acres, more or less, being the identical tract of land conveyed to T. H. Combs by B. B. Howell and others, by deed recorded in Book MMM, page 198.

Said two tracts of land being the identical lands this day, (January 1, 1918), by T. H. Combs and Annie Combs, his wife to the said J. A. Powell, and reference is hereby made to all said deeds for a further and more particular description of said lands.

February 28th, 1921.

W. A. HART, Trustee.

Just received two carloads wire fencing. Be prepared for the stock law when it goes into effect on the 15th. Cheap for cash. C. D. Carstarphen & Co.

TOO MUCH PROSPERITY IS NOT GOOD FOR US

Times of piping prosperity are often had for business. Strange as it may sound, this statement will appear very plain and true upon a little consideration. We may say what we please about the business conditions which have hit the country during the last two months, but the real damage was done when everybody said that everything was lovely and the goose hung high.

By the same token, this period of depression through which we have been going has been good for business. The best thing that could have happened—it did not happen to soon. Business is on a better basis today than it was three months ago; it will be on a better basis next month than it would have been had not a hal been called.

These are simple ideas, but they are worth turning over.

You can see the good effects of poor business by just looking at the stores, the corner stores and the big downtown concerns. It was not long ago that the ordinary frugal buyer was somewhat in contempt. Clerks caught the contagion of the profiteers, and it was "Buy it or leave it," almost wherever you went. The morale of salespeople slumped at a terrific rate, and that is a pretty serious thing for business.

Not so very long ago the coal merchant sat in his office with the air of a king dispensing favors. His attitude in many cases was, "I don't know whether I will sell you or not—I'll think it over." It was bad for him and his customers. When any business man in any line of business becomes independent of the public, or even thinks he is, it is a calamity for his business.

In some industries all that has remained for salesmen and managers to do during the last few years has been to take orders and deposits, and adopt that air of, "We may let you have it in about six months—if you deposit enough now." Orders came without effort. Customers were doing all the "clamoring" and worrying. Whereas once it was the customer who favored the merchant by dealing with him, conditions have changed until it was the merchant who favored the customer by selling to him.

Now all that is bad for business. Monopoly is bad for business. Profiteering is bad for business. The lack of necessity to hustle is bad for business. Business is never so good as sound and healthy as when, like a chicken, it must do a certain amount of scratching for what it gets.

This is coming to easily. There was a let down of the principle that as honest relation ought to obtain between values and prices. The public no longer had to be "catered to." There was even a "public be damned" attitude in many places.

It was intensely bad for business, all that kind of prosperity.

But there has come a change. The era of rampant prosperity so-called died down. The reckoning-up time came. Customers no longer besieged the doors. Indeed, customers have a memory and they remembered that in the heyday of trade they were treated rather cavalierly. Many merchants are discovering today that he was a wise man who was just an anxious to serve and please his customers when trade was brisk, as he is now when trade is a little slower.

The best point of all I think that period of slackness is showing up the damage which false prosperity did to business ethics and efficiency. A good business is one that can sell along comfortably in the face of adverse sales. Since 1914 almost no fool could do business. There was more business to be done than there were business devices with which to do it.—Dearborn Independent.

Mortgagee's Sale of Land

North Carolina, Martin county. By virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain mortgage made by William Sykes and wife, Alice Sykes to S. J. Everett, of date December 16th, 1917, and recorded in book V-1, page 192 of the public registry of Martin county, I will sell at the court house door in Williamston, N. C., at 12 o'clock noon on Monday, February 22, 1921, to the highest bidder at public auction, for cash, the following described tract of land:

Fifty (50) acres, known as the Lightfoot land, adjoining the lands of T. P. Moore on west, Cedar Branch on South and South east, and the land of R. D. Davis on east and the public road on north known as the Mill Neck road, it being the land bought of T. Stallings in 1903.

Terms of sale: Cash.
The January 28th, 1921.
S. J. EVERETT, Mortgagee.
J. C. Lester, Attorney-Williamston, N. C.

Local News and Personal Mention

Mr. W. M. Sitterson, Cashier of the Bank of Colrain was in town Sunday.

Rev. L. C. Larkin is indisposed this week with LaGrippe.

Messrs. Frank Haislip, T. B. Slade, Jr., and Frank Gladstone of Hamilton were in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Bunting and baby of Bethel are visiting Mrs. Albert Perry this week.

Messrs. Marriott Britt and Louis Horton of Plymouth spent Sunday in town.

Mr. Robert Everett of Palmyra spent Saturday night in town.

The two months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. George Jenkins of Rocky Mount was buried here Friday afternoon. The child had been ill with pneumonia for several days before its decease. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins lived in Williamston before moving to Rocky Mount.

WADE MOBLEY

Sunday morning, Wade Mobley, the eight-year-old son of Mrs. Lena Mobley of Bear Grass township, died after a six days' illness with influenza and pneumonia. The child was apparently strong and in good health until the ravages of the disease, which took his father, Mr. Mack Mobley, from him two years and a half ago bore down upon him. The funeral and burial services were held yesterday afternoon by Elder B. S. Cowing and very tight a thought.

GIVES BIRTHDAY PARTY

Virginia Harrison, the ten year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Harrison was hostess to about fifty of the children of the town Friday afternoon from four to five thirty o'clock. Her birthday was the occasion for the festive Washington Birthday favors were given to all the guests and the birthday cake wore ten lovely red white and blue candles. Ice cream and cake, peanuts and candies were served during the afternoon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKER HERE

Mr. J. T. Jerome, of Durham, Sunday School Field Secretary of the North Carolina Conference gave two very interesting and instructive lectures at the Methodist-Episcopal church Sunday. Mr. Jerome emphasized the great need of the Sunday School and the broad service it might render the growing generation by graded work. There was special music at both services. Mrs. J. S. Rhodes sang a solo in the morning and Mr. Jordan Ward and Mrs. Rhodes gave a duet at the evening service.

Mr. Jerome taught school in Williamston for three years and he has a large number of friends who were delighted to see him again. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Larkin while in town.

KEEP WELL!

1. Ventilate every room you occupy.
2. Wear loose, porous clothing, suited to season, weather and occupation.
3. If you are an indoor worker, be sure to get recreation in the outdoors.
4. Sleep in fresh air always, in the open if you can.
5. Hold a handkerchief before your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, and insist upon others doing so, too.
6. Always wash your hands before eating.
7. Do not overeat. This applies especially to meat and eggs.
8. Eat some hard and bulky food; some fruits.
9. Eat slowly, chew thoroughly.
10. Drink sufficient water daily.
11. Evacuate thoroughly regularly.
12. Stand, sit and walk erect.
13. Do not allow poisons and infections to enter the body.
14. Keep the teeth, gums and tongue clean.
15. Work, play, rest and sleep in moderation.
16. Keep serene, worry is the foe of health. Cultivate the companionship of your fellow men.
17. Avoid self-dragging. Beware the plausible humbug of the patent medicine faker.
18. Have your doctor examine you carefully once a year. Also consult your dentist at regular intervals.
19. U. S. Public Health Service, Poster series No. 8.

WANT TO BUY CORN. State how much for sale and lowest price. HAYWOOD ROGERS, Williamston, N. C. M. 1, 4pp

Carload No. 1 Timothy hay just received. Cheap for cash. C. D. Carstarphen & Co.

BUILDING OF HIGHWAY IS A BIG UNDERTAKING

Saturday, Mr. A. K. Haxton, Engineer in charge of the Bertie-Martin County Highway and Assistant Engineer J. W. Starr took us in a gas boat four miles up the river and about a mile through Little Creek to the Bertie highland. Here we found a mile and a quarter of finished dirt road, ranging anywhere from eight to twenty-five feet high and about twenty-one feet wide. A narrow gauge railroad covers this entire road and is prepared to haul dirt in the remaining bit as soon as the high water subsides. There are three active dirt trains and two more waiting to be put on.

Mr. Haxton has prepared himself splendidly for the work on hand. The camp consists of a blacksmith shop, pumping house, eating and sleeping quarters. About a dozen white men are on the ground all the time. It is impossible to appreciate the enormity of the project undertaken until one sees the results obtained and realizes the task of getting equipment and supplies for operation to the scene. Everything, including coal, is carried up the river by boat to Spellar's Ferry and hauled by truck to the camp. The Roanoke has been high since November, delaying seriously the work on the road but it is estimated that when operations begin in full, the highway will be completed within three months. The trip was an enjoyable one and the dinner served by the hosts was an important detail after footing it over Conine Swamp.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED IN FEBRUARY

WHITE
Willie Rogers 23—Becca Ausbon 20, L. T. Winberry 23—Bertha Manning 18; Leamon Taylor 26—Mamie Taylor 29, Benjamin F. Lilly—Ruth Robertson 18, Luther Nicholson 35—Emma Rogers 38, Albert Coltrin 35—Annie Rogers 25, Bernard Boulton 21—Susie Rawls 18, Ernest Bunting 21—Willie Rawls 16, Frank M. Sexton 26—Lillie B. Hardison 25, Carl Bulcock 22—Geneva Edmondson 19, Biscoe Biggs 32—Eula Manning 28, C. Simon Corey 18—Ethel Mae Cox 18, Thomas U. Rawls 46—Lydia Wilson 39, Willie Taylor Stinnett 26—Virginia Dare Casper 31, Clarence Wallace 23—Allen Sexton 21.

COLORS

William Adkins Cross 21—Idell Wiggins 18, John Bell Boston 22—Lottie Outbridge 21, Willie Bonds 22—Nancy Moore 20, Dennis L. Anthony 22—Lillian Wilks 18, Willie Moore 21—Elsie Savage 22, Jesse Everett 27—Rosa Bonner 22, Robert Danniell 29—Fannie Felton 24, Alonzo Grimes 25—Henrietta Yarrall 19, Joseph Station 22—Mary Hill Everett 18, Richard Smith 53—Phyllis Williams 41, Haywood Bond 29—Mary Eliza Mabry 19, John Roberts 20—Stodie Grimes 18, Lee Davis—Minnie Jones 17, Johnnie Rhodes 22—Magnolia Bonner 20, Lester Dawson 23—Beulah Fleetwood 16.

LITERARY SOCIETY

The Athenian Literary Society met Wednesday night, February 23, 1921, in the school auditorium. The president called the meeting to order. The secretary called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved. The chaplain then read the scripture and led the society in prayer. As the various committees had no reports to make the business part of the meeting was taken up. It was suggested and decided that the society should have a fine for those not attending the society without a sufficient excuse and for those not participating in the programme when they are on the programme. Misses Margaret Everett, Elizabeth Burras, Lyda Cooke, and Sarah Harrell were appointed as a committee to attend to the excused and unexcused absences. Mrs. White, Mrs. Harrell, Miss Martha C. Crawford, Miss Elizabeth Burras, and Miss Johnson were appointed to draw up a new constitution for the society by the next meeting. The following programme was rendered and enjoyed:
Song Star Spangled Banner—Society
Sketch of Longfellow—Pattie Harris
Recitation—Longfellow—Minnie Robertson
Quartet—All through the night.
Soldiers Chorus—High School Chorus
Local Happenings—Louise Crawford
Aloha—High School Chorus.
As there was no further business the society adjourned to meet again, March 15, 1921.

ESTHER HARRISON, Secretary.

Cotton Seed Fertilizer and Meal also car of Ray at Carstarphen's, cheap

This Year to be "Quality Year"

(By Julius Peel)

One of the brightest hopes for a return of prosperity to the people of Martin county is the new attitude towards farming taken by the planters. Heretofore, we have been careless in our production, with a mad scramble for quantity, regardless of cost. Tobacco has been overproduced in quantity and under produced in quality, the same is true of peanuts and cotton. Such large crops have been raised that the harvesting has been decidedly mismanaged. Peanuts have been allowed to decay after being dug; cotton has been exposed to the weather and deteriorated considerably after being ginned; tobacco was left untopped and allowed to grow rampant, without regard to body thickness or purity. But all this will soon be a dull memory, for every farmer whom I have talked with says they are going to plant less money crop this year and devote more time to better crops; and also raise plenty of hog and hominy.

With this resolution carried out, there is no reason why the Martin County farmer should not be the most prosperous cultivator there is. Nature has provided us with much more aids to living than in most parts of the United States, and good farmland today in Martin county at \$200 per acre is a great deal cheaper than in the entire Western states comparing same by production value.

All aboard for a quality year, and then next Fall we can put aside some money for a savings account. Poor fertilizers are not worth hauling out of town; poor crop seed the same; so how can the farmer expect poor grades of peanuts or tobacco or cotton to be worth anything. Don't plant so much you can't properly harvest it and don't plant so much you can't properly cultivate it. There is one section of Martin county where personal attention to farming has been their motto, and today this section of the County is supporting financially then entire other part. A little more book farming would not hurt the grower. Figure up the interest on your land, the cost of fertilizer, the cost of labor, the cost of harvesting, and try to stay within your cost estimate and if you find you cannot raise your cotton to sell at a profit for three or fourteen cents a pound, your tobacco for a profit at an average of twenty-five cents a pound, and peanuts at an average of 5 cents a pound then you had better do some more figuring, or else put your quality of efforts away up high, and turn back your lower grades onto your farm fertilizer.

A BRUTAL MURDER

Saturday morning about eight o'clock, Mr. E. G. Worthington, a merchant of Washington was found with his skull crushed and badly beaten and bruised otherwise, from which he died in the late afternoon of the same day.

Mr. Worthington had not long been in business in Washington, having gone there from Greenville, where his family still lives. He slept in his store, had built a fire, placed this in order for the morning's trade, had several customers and soon after eight o'clock a small boy who was taking his breakfast to him found the front door barred and had to go to the back door to enter. He found Mr. Worthington behind the counter in a pool and it was found that money drawers were broken open and things all about the store ransacked. It is thought that he had about \$600.00 in cash in the store and there is no doubt but that robbery was the cause of the tragedy. No clue has been discovered connecting anyone with the crime and the police are still investigating. It is thought that the Beaufort County authorities and the Governor will each offer a suitable reward for the murderer-robber.

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Watch the label on your paper and send in your renewal before it expires

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE FOR FARMER

The Peanut Growers' Association has sent Mr. J. Frank Fossie to organize Martin County for the purpose of taking care of its peanut crop.

Mr. Fossie now Secretary-manager of the Exchange was for a number of years connected with the Progressive Farmer of Raleigh but at the time of taking up this work in 1919 was Director of the Virginia Division of Markets. Others helping in the Martin County canvass are T. E. Waldrey who for several years was an officer of the Farm Loan Bank, Messrs A. C. Lyon and F. V. Shelton both of whom have been County Demonstration Agents and connected with other farm work, are thoroughly aware of the disadvantages the farmers have in marketing their crops and are in a position to render much valuable assistance to the farmers.

Mr. O. F. McCreary and E. W. Gaither, District Agents are also assisting in the work as representatives of the Extension Division.

The Exchange has the unrestricted endorsement of the Agricultural Departments of both Virginia and North Carolina. The farmers have for many years realized that they are slaves. It is hard to find one who has ever heard one word to say about the price of his peanuts, tobacco, cotton. All the farmer does is to say "what will you give me?" And yet it would be the easiest thing in the world for them to say "I will take such a price for these commodities" if they will just organize. The farmer does not know who eats his peanuts nor does the fellow who eats them know the farmer who raises them but one fact remains, the man who eats them pays a high price and the farmer who raises them gets a low price. The speculator has always been smart enough to know the farmer and hold him with one hand, and at the same time know the consumer and hold him with the other, so if the organization is completed it will mean a complete emancipation for the farmer and the speculator is the principal fighter of the work.

About thirty-seven hundred farmers have already signed up and if Martin County comes across as she should it assures the success of the organization and will mean more for the peanut industry than anything ever undertaken by the peanut growers. Our farmers have been "bit" so many times by sharks they are hard to move and because of the number of years for which they have to sign up they are a little cautious but if they will remember that the contract they are called on to sign only goes over a period of seven years and that it is with their own fellow men they are dealing, men with the same interest as themselves, when the farmer remembers that he has been in the hands of the speculator all his life, can he see any danger in lining up with his neighbors and friends for a period? Or will it be better for him to go on in the same old way and be pilfered and gouged by the speculator all his days. Remember it is the speculator who is fighting the farmers organization. We would not for a moment fight the speculator and many of them are just as good people as ever lived but why should the farmer feed him when he can get better prices without him if they will organize.

This method of organization originated with farmers in California and has proven so satisfactory to them that they would not think of abandoning it. The cotton and tobacco farmers are now undertaking just such an organization each of which is being led by the best people of the South. Farmers! You cannot afford to pass by the opportunity to organize and when organized you fix the price on your tobacco, cotton and peanuts.

Under and by virtue of the authority contained in a certain deed of trust executed on the 10th day of December 1919, to the undersigned trustees by John Respass, Jr., and wife, Lulia Respass, and of record in the public registry of Martin county in book U-1 at page 376, to secure the payment of certain bonds of even date and tenor therewith, and the stipulations in said deed of trust not having been complied with, and at the request of the parties interested the undersigned trustee will on Monday the 4th day of April, 1921, at the court house door in the town of Williamston, N. C., at 12 o'clock, M., offer at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate:

Being the same tract units on West Elm street, N. C., that was conveyed by W. H. Williams and recently conveyed under December 10th, 1921, to and others to John W. Mann.

This the 1st day of

JOHN W. MANN