

IF YOU WANT QUICK RESULTS USE A WANT AD IN THIS PAPER

THE ENTERPRISE

Advertisers Will Find Out Columns a Latch Key to 1200 of Martin County's Homes

VOLUME XXII—NUMBER 23

Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Friday, April 8, 1921

ESTABLISHED 1898

AGRICULTURE LEADERS TO SPEAK HERE 14TH

Dr. B. W. Kilgore, Director of extension, and Dr. Clarence Poe, Editor of the Progressive Farmer, will address a meeting of peanut growers to be held in Williamston April 14 at 3 p. m. in the City Hall. These agricultural leaders recently spoke in Jamesville, but on account of the heavy rain that afternoon the attendance was not large.

Dr. Kilgore and Dr. Poe are to address meetings in Edgecombe and Halifax to-day and next week after their meeting here in Williamston they will address the farmers of Bertie and Hertford counties.

All peanut growers in Martin County are especially urged to attend the meeting here in Williamston. While this meeting is especially for peanut growers, all farmers and business men are urged to attend also. The cooperative marketing plan which is presented to the peanut growers is one that vitally concerns every business interest in this community. Not only are Dr. Kilgore and Dr. Poe giving this movement for the organization of the peanut growers into a strong central exchange for the handling of peanuts on a merchandising basis, their full endorsement but they are urging the growers to sign the growers contract, which they designate as the farmer's Declaration of Independence.

The fact that these agricultural leaders are behind this movement for the peanut growers to organize should remove all doubt as to the soundness and the safety of the plan that is being presented. Just as they are backing the growers in this state in their efforts to form cooperative marketing associations, the agricultural leaders of other Southern states are doing likewise for the commodity marketing organizations now being formed among their growers.

The Fire Department Holds Demonstration

The Williamston Fire Department, under the direction of Chief K. B. Crawford, assisted by Mr. W. C. Manning and Theo. Johnson, held a fire demonstration in front of Carstarphen's store on Wednesday afternoon, cooperating with the municipal water works authorities, and a number of out of town hose men.

The normal pressure was found to be equal to caring for any building in town in case of fire, and the special fire pressure was equal to that of such larger cities than Williamston. Mr. Crawford is enthusiastic over the possibility of a real up to date fire department here, and will use his best efforts to organize such a company.

With a first class fire company, the town will get a new and lower insurance rate, which will be a great saving to the people and will also enable us to better control any fires which might break out. The Kader B. Crawford hose company No. 1, will be composed of a picked number of Williamston suitable men, uniforms will be furnished, and a minimum amount of pay will be given each month to the members by the town.

Everybody should be enthusiastic over this proposed fire company, and with the purchase of a fire engine, Williamston will then have fire protection equal to any of the larger cities nearby.—J. S. P.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method to express to our good friends our sincere thanks for the many kindnesses extended to us during the illness and death of our husband and father.
MRS. R. D. WOOLARD and FAMILY
Everetts, N. C.

STRAND THEATRE

—MONDAY—

BRYANT WASHBURN in "The Sins of St. Anthony"

—TUESDAY—

Cecil B. DeMille's Super-Special "DON'T CHANGE YOUR HUSBAND"

—WEDNESDAY—

Fox-Sunshine Comedy "A Waiter's Wasted Life."
"BRIDE 13"—Episode No. 11

FARMERS SEE VICTORY FOR ORGANIZATION

The peanut growers of Virginia and North Carolina now see victory in sight for their organization. Now that they have about 4,000 signers to the contract they are bending all efforts to getting the additional thousands of signers which will be necessary to complete their organization.

At no time since they began their organization work has there been more general interest in perfecting Exchange than there is at present. This increased interest is being shown especially in the organization of county associations for the purpose of securing additional signers.

In this county organization work Surry county, Va., has taken the lead. Then came Washington county, N. C. where the growers took an active part in swinging that county into the Exchange. Sussex county, Va., perfected a working organization on April 2, Southampton county, Va., is to meet for the same purpose this week.

Friday, April 8th, meetings will be held in Edgecombe and Halifax for the purpose of lining up the growers in these two counties. The meeting for Edgecombe will be at Speed in the morning. Immediately thereafter the citizens of that community will serve a free barbecue dinner to the growers present. The meeting for Halifax will be that afternoon at Scotland Neck. Both these meetings will be addressed by Dr. B. W. Kilgore, Director of Extension, and Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, who are fully backing this movement of the peanut growers to perfect their Exchange.

Arrangements will be made for meetings in other counties in quick succession and the work of perfecting the Exchange will be pushed to an early completion.

FATS' AND LEANS' BASEBALL GAME

Williamston's Fats and Leans will meet on the local baseball diamond at the Fair Ground next Thursday afternoon at four o'clock. The Leans under the dignified and stately leadership of Dr. J. S. Rhodes. His battery at present promises to be a feature of strong interest, John L. Hassell and Warren H. Biggs have been given this honor. Mr. Kader B. Crawford as Captain of the Fats has chosen Joe Taylor and P. B. Cone for his leading positions and assures us that the remaining lineup will be equally good. There is considerable interest aroused over the outcome of the game and a wide range of speculation is open.

This game is being organized by Circle No. 1 of the Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church and admission including in the grandstand will be twenty-five cents. The entire cast will be given in Tuesday's paper. Watch for the Fats and the Leans.

SCHOOL TEACHER COMMITS SUICIDE

Greenville, April 6.—Miss Neta Harris who has been teaching at House Station about four miles from this city for the past several months committed suicide yesterday afternoon by hanging herself from a tree. The body was found about 4:30 and was still limp. The surmise is that ill health was the direct cause of her rash act.

For the past several weeks she had been despondent over her condition. On last Monday she came to Greenville to consult Supt. S. B. Underwood and the County Health Officer, Dr. Chester. They both advised her to go to her home and rest up which she said she would do. In consequence of her decision a substitute teacher was placed in the school.

Yesterday afternoon Miss Harris went to the store of W. L. Rice at House Station and stated she wanted to buy a piece of rope to tie around her trunk as she intended to go to her home for a few days. After purchasing the rope she went directly to the woods and found a tree which was bent over. Walking up to the tree she tied the rope around her neck with seven knots in it.

After doing this she fastened the rope to the tree and jumped off. Her neck was dislocated by the fall. Later in the afternoon the body was found hanging from the tree about two hundred yards from the road.

It is the opinion of the county physician that Miss Harris was suffering from melancholia. Miss Harris is thought to be about 24 years old and is the daughter of T. J. Harris of Pungo, Beaufort County.

The remains were shipped to Pungo today via the Norfolk Southern.

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be an examination of Martin County teachers held in Williamston on the 13th and 14th of April. For further information see Asa J. Manning, Supt. Public Instruction.

MOTHER'S CLUB HOLDS IMPORTANT MEETING

The Parent-Teacher's Association and Mothers' Club held its regular meeting in the school auditorium Thursday night and the attendance was very good. After the regular business and the program of readings and music the question of electing new members for the School board was taken up and discussed, also the proposed bond issue came up.

The last legislature passed an act authorizing the School Board to issue \$30,000 in bonds or such part of same as may be needed to complete the present graded school plant. To complete the payment on it, and to build a dormitory for teachers and boarding pupils. The amount, \$8,000 now due on the school building and property should be issued at once but the question of building the dormitory will be a matter for further discussion. The mothers of the school will give every phase of the subject consideration and will no doubt settle down to a fair conclusion as to whether or now or a little later will be the best time to construct more buildings.

Many towns are finding it necessary to do this, among them Washington, where they have had the same trouble the last two have.

Another important matter discussed was the length of the school term, which cannot be longer than eight months for lack of funds and the standard of an accredited High School require nine months. A committee was appointed to canvass the parents of the school for contributions or donations to make up the extra month. The teachers have very kindly agreed to make a reasonable cut if this arrangement can be made.

REGULAR SESSION RECORDERS COURT

The Recorder's Court convened Tuesday, April 6, with Judge Calvin Smith presiding and Attorney B. D. Critcher prosecuting in behalf of the state.

1. State vs. J. E. Mizell—Driving an automobile while intoxicated. The Sci fa in this case is discharge upon the payment of cost of the case. Defendant fined \$50.00 and cost. Case continued till Tuesday, April 12, 1921 upon the defendant entering into bond in the sum of \$100.00 for his appearance on that date.

2. State vs. Calvin Gregory—Disposal of Mortgaged property. Guilty. Judgment suspended upon payment of cost and case continued until April 19, 1921 upon defendant entering bond of \$100.00.

3. State vs. J. W. Gurganus, Oscar Jones—Affray.

6. State vs. J. F. Jones—Assault. The two cases were consolidated. J. W. Gurganus found guilty of assault with deadly weapon and fined \$25.00 and one third of the cost. Oscar and J. F. Jones found guilty of simple assault and each charged to pay one third of cost of the two actions.

5. State vs. Jay Warner, Assault. Guilty Fined \$40.00 and cost.

3. State vs. Reddick Mizelle, Isaac Mizelle, Arthur Mizelle, Jim G. Mizelle, shooting house. Not Guilty with leave.

TWO NEGRO MEN WERE MURDERED

Washington, N. C. April 6.—That the two negroes, who were found last week in a canal in Hyde County were murdered, was revealed as the result of an investigation which took place after the recovery of the bodies.

An autopsy showed that the skull of both men had been fractured. Officers took up a trail from the canal bank and located another negro who lived a short distance away. Blood was found on the man's clothing. A single tree, located in the yard, showed signs of negro hair and was marked with blood. The man, protesting that he was innocent, has been arrested.

HOLDS JUVENILE COURT

The Martin County Juvenile Court convened Thursday afternoon with Judge R. J. Peel, Clerk of the Superior Court, presiding. The one case on docket was against Harvey Bryant and Joe Hardison, both colored, for breaking into the office of Dr. J. B. H. Knight and looting about \$50.00 worth of supplies. The boys were hired to Bessie Ben Ward and Joe Griffin, respectively and the length of their apprenticeship on the farms will depend upon their behavior while there.

WATER WORKS TO BE TURNED OVER TO TOWN TODAY

The Williamston Water works plant is expected to be taken over by the town from the McGehee Construction Company today. The final tests of water and operations are being made and management of the town will begin as soon as the work is officially approved and accepted by the town commissioners.

Local News and Personal Mention

Miss Saly Moore of Elm City has accepted a position with Attorneys-at-Law B. A. and E. Duke Critcher as stenographer. Miss Moore is making her home at present with Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Critcher.

Mr. H. T. Barnhill and family of Conetoe spent Wednesday in town with Mr. Barnhill's brother, Mr. B. R. Barnhill.

Miss Sylvia Upton returned Wednesday night from Rocky Mount after having her tonsils removed in Park View Hospital in that city last week.

A large party of baseball fans drove to Rocky Mount this morning to attend the game between the Philadelphia Nationals and the Philadelphia Americans.

At Margolis' store, now on display, the newest in Ladies spring suits, coats and dresses and very reasonably priced.

Miss Josephine Davis who has been spending several months with her aunt, Mr. Caroline Martin returned to her home in Norfolk Monday.

Mr. Jame Riddle, the Engineer in charge of installing the Williamston Water Works left Saturday for South Boston, Va., where he has another position along the same line. Mr. Riddle has made a large number of friends while in our city and we regret to see him leave.

Miss Carrie Dell White entertained the Social Hour Club last night at the home of her mother, Mrs. W. R. White on Main street and Miss Mary White will be hostess to the Philheta Class of the Sunday School tonight.

Dr. Ernest W. Dunn of Newbern will be at the Atlantic Hotel next week beginning on Monday for the purpose of treating ruptures, etc. Dr. Dunn has made quite a reputation for himself in his own section and will doubtless have considerable work in our town. His office hours will be 10:30 A. M. to 3:00 P. M.

Messrs. D. D. Taylor of Tarboro, H. J. Vellenis of Norfolk, T. H. Williams of Greensboro and W. H. Nelson of Richmond were registered at the Hotel Britt yesterday.

Mrs. J. G. Stator and Father Clark returned yesterday from the Conference of the Eastern Carolina Diocese of the Episcopal Church in Edenenton. Mr. Richard Smith returned from the Conference Wednesday.

The latest prices on 8-3-3 guano delivered at our station is \$26.00. Compared with last year's prices that looks pretty cheap but last year we were getting 30c for cotton, now we are getting 10c. On this basis guano should sell for about \$18.00, so farmers should not buy yet, in fact too much fertilizer is not safe this year at any price.

SINGING CLASS TO BE HERE

The singing class of the Oxford Orphan Asylum will pay its annual visit to Williamston on Thursday the 14th of April. The class consists of ten girls and four boys and the entertainment which they will give is of unusually high character.

Everybody is urged to be present and enjoy the hour of fun and amusement and thus contribute to the support of three hundred and seventy five orphan children that these fourteen boys and girls represent.

BAPTISTS TO HAVE REVIVAL

Beginning Monday, May 9, Rev. L. R. Pruette of Charlotte will hold special services at the Baptist Church. Mr. Pruette is not an evangelist but a pastor who has been remarkably successful during his long stay in Charlotte. He is a man of fine, affable personality, and a strong, earnest preacher. All the people of Williamston are cordially invited to hear him.

BASEBALL GAME

The second baseball game of the season was played Tuesday afternoon between Robersonville and Williamston on the local diamond at the Fair Grounds. A large number of left over fans of last summer found their way out and enjoyed the game. The final score was 6-3 favor of the visitors. Every point on both sides was made through errors. The Williamston lineup was: Jones, pitcher; H. C. West catcher; Booker 1st b. Biggs 2nd b. Edwards, s.s.; Taylor 3rd b. Burrell, r. f.; Anderson, c. f.; James 1. f.

STOVE WOOD

\$4.50 for large wagon load. \$4.00 if paid for on delivery. WHITLEY BROTHERS' MILL Phone 171.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR BOYS-KILLED OVERSEAS

The funeral services of the returned bodies from France of W. T. Savage and J. E. Hyman were conducted near Oak City on Sunday afternoon, April 3rd, the former at 2:30 o'clock and the latter at 4:30. The remains of Mr. Savage were interred at Conoho church while Mr. Hyman was buried at the old homestead. Each of the young men saw active service in France and gave his life nobly for the country whose cause he championed. Young Hyman won a medal for exceptional bravery.

Two young men enlisted at Warrington, N. C. in July, 1917, and after being in training there for a short time they were transferred and sent to France in May, 1918. They were then sent with the 30th Division to Belgium and went over the front lines for the first time in Flanders near Ypres on July 16th and stayed there until September 4th. That was where Mr. Hyman distinguished himself.

Their next move was to St. Paul, France, on September 5th. On September 29th the Battle of Belle Court took place in which the 30th Division was victorious in breaking the Hindenburg line at the strongest point. It was in this battle, the turning point of the war that W. T. Savage and J. E. Hyman lost their lives. Savage, a member of Company H, 120th Infantry, the company that went in with two hundred and ten men and came out with twenty-one. Hyman was with Machine Gun Company, 120th Infantry and both were buried at St. Quinton.

James A. Rawls, Charlie Price and Dennis Bunting buried Mr. Savage in France and James A. Rawls and Charlie Price helped to bury him here. The following is taken from a letter sent to Mr. Hyman's mother by a comrade in France, "Hyman was a number one runner in this gun team, and it was at the gun that he was put out. But he did his work well. He saved one of our officer's lives, as a Jerry (German) was fixing to throw a hand grenade at this officer, Hyman cut him down with his 45 gun. He also cut down or killed four more the same night with his pistol. He picked the whole team off—which was very good work and also got a big number by firing his gun into a squad. He was a very good soldier and well thought of in the Company."

We regret that we haven't more information in regard to Mr. Savage's work.

Harding's Cabinet To Meet Next Week

Mr. Harding's Cabinet will meet in extra session next week and the first thing it will fasten on the country will be a high protective tariff. It will mean that the great manufacturing interests will have no competition and their products will be high.

The second accomplishment of the new Congress will be to pass a sales tax and repeal the excess profit and income taxes. This of course means that the half dozen persons in Martin County who are paying an excess profit tax and the hundred who are paying an income tax will be benefited. The tax to take the place of these two items will come from the sales tax which means that every man and woman, rich or poor will pay a tax on what they eat and wear, hence we all pay alike and the burden of taxation is laid on the person instead of the property. This is the tax plan always advocated by the rich and which is generally supported by the Republican Party.

Our present panic was caused in part in order that the country might be whipped in line on the tax question and they are now flooding the country with propaganda in behalf of the sales tax, the big companies everywhere are pushing it, in many ways trying to get the folks to demand it.

NOTICE
Good Milk Cow for sale. Now fresh. Price \$75.00. R 41
JAMES D. BOWEN

Found: A Reading Hardware Co's. key, No. 1-49639 has been found and can be claimed at this office by the owner for this ad.

FOUND: A SMALL ROUND GOLD locket with chain. Owner apply to Sam Harrell, Jr., for same and pay for this ad.

ANNOUNCEMENT
I wish to announce that I am now located in the Carrow-Crawford building where I will do general repair work on all makes of cars. Buick work a specialty. Give me a trial.
W. M. JONES.

NOTICE OF SALE
Under and by virtue of the authority conferred in the power of sale, contained in a certain deed of trust executed to me, the undersigned trustee, by H. S. Fulford and wife Bettie Fulford, on the 31st day of December, 1919. Said deed of trust being of record in Martin County Registry in Book A-2, page 414, and the stipulations therein not having been complied with and at the request of the parties interested, I will expose to public auction in front of the court house door in Williamston, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock M., on the 21st day of April, 1921, the following described tract of land:

Beginning in the Drunkard road and adjoining the lands of E. A. Roberson on the north, W. A. Leggett on the south, lands of C. L. Leggett on the west and the lands of J. B. Ayers, containing 60 acres, more or less.

This the 21st day of March, 1921.
B. DUKE CRITCHER, Trustee.

Taylor and Peel sell right fertilizers right.
See Leslie, Fowden before buying your fertilizer.

PRESENT MAYOR WILL NOT AGAIN BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE

HAS SERVED THE TOWN PAST FIFTEEN YEARS

Mayor B. F. Godwin states positively that he will not again accept re-election to his present position. Mr. Godwin wishes to retire to private life, and devote his time exclusively to personal affairs, and he feels that his present municipal position should be turned over to a younger and more active citizen.

Mr. Godwin has been mayor of Williamston for over fifteen years, and his entire incumbency has been practically without opposition at each election, which speaks well for his official life, and judging from his long tenure of office, the people of the town seemed to take it for granted that Mr. Godwin was specially created to be mayor of Williamston and the Mayor's job was especially created for Mr. Godwin.

This municipal honor is the greatest public honor that the citizens of Williamston can exclusively offer to one of its citizens, and to fill this office for over fifteen years, with practically no criticism, certainly shows the high esteem in public eye which Mr. Godwin holds.

However, this is the day of the younger men, when they should begin to give their services to the town, and grow up with a familiarity of public affairs. No doubt there will be a number of youthful candidates for the mayor's position, and they will bring to the city the enthusiasm of youth, and the experience of modern training and adaptability.—J.S.P.

Commissioners Cut the Tax Rate One-Third

The Board of County Commissioners met with the old board of County Assessors, H. M. Burras, H. C. Jackson and R. A. Bailey at the court house Tuesday and went over the question of valuation of real estate. After much discussion they made a flat reduction of 33 1-3 per cent on all real estate in the county. The present value of our land is now \$44.72 per acre, the reduction will bring it down to \$29.81 per acre.

The tax question is perhaps the oldest row we have on record and every age and generation in every civilized land has had it. It is strange that people will kick so hard against taxes unless they have the idea that the taxes aren't properly expended. There are several countries where people don't have to pay any taxes whatever and in those countries they don't have to wear and clothes, not even the men, but they do eat each other and sometimes friends who may be passing their way, so it is almost as bad as paying taxes.

RECORDERS COURT TO HAVE CIVIL JURISDICTION
It was ordered by the Board of County Commissioners at their month meeting Monday, April 4th to confer in the Recorder's Court of Martin County civil jurisdiction. This authority is granted under Chapter No. 27 of the Consolidated Statutes and Amendments enacted by the General Assembly of North Carolina, Session of 1921. This jurisdiction holds up to a \$1000.00 contract and to \$500.00 on tort and all appeals from the magistrates courts must go before the Recorder's Court before reaching the Superior Court. This will clear the court calendar considerably and enable the people of the County to get a case tried in a reasonable period of time.

SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH
A. V. Joyner, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.—Dr. P. B. Cone, Superintendent. All classes well organized and taught by good teachers. If you are not connected with any other Sunday school we give you a cordial invitation to join one of our classes.

Sermon by the pastor, 11 A. M.—Subject: "The Stewardship of Life."
Sermon by the pastor, 7:45 P. M.—Subject: "The Meaning of the Cross."
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday evening, 7:45 P. M.
You will enjoy the music, and the pastor hopes to bring messages in which you will find comfort and strength.

SEVERAL CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE IS LIKELY

It comes to the notice of this paper, that since Mr. Godwin no longer cares for his present office, there will be a number of candidates for mayor of Williamston, subject to the pleasure of the people next month.

Nothing is definite thus far in regard to who's who, but we are authorized to state that Elbert Peel, Leslie Fowden and Julius Peel are possible candidates for this municipal position, and each of these young men have a decided following who wish to see them elected.

Dr. John D. Biggs stated to the writer that he was willing to serve as Mayor or town commissioner, subject to the wishes of the people, but that he was not an active candidate, and that he would not take an active part in trying to get elected.

No doubt there are a number of other candidates for mayor and also town commissioners who have not yet announced themselves, and this paper is ready at any time to publish such information or give space to any of the aspirants.

We are not yet authorized to publish the names of the female aspirants for this municipal honor, but this will be forthcoming, unless such candidates withdraw from the race.

There are only a few more weeks to election, and the primary will be held shortly.—J. S. P.

HAVE A PICNIC AT CAMP POINT

The entire day of Thursday was devoted by an enthusiastic crowd of Williamstonians to an excursion to Camp Point Fishery, an elegant fish dinner, and several hours at the fishery watching the great seine being "brought in."

The weather was ideal, the good ship "Doris" made the trip without mishap and everybody on board reported a good time.

Mr. K. B. Crawford, the ship's captain, was ably assisted by Jesse T. Price, first mate, with Tom Cook, chief engineer, Drs. Warren and York the ship's doctors, with special and invited guests including Messrs. W. H. Crawford, C. B. Hassell, B. Duke Critcher, Joseph Taylor, John D. Ward and Julius Peel.

The Camp Point Fishery was catching a number of Rock, Herring and Buck Shad, with few roe shad and a number of white perch. Mr. Crawford brought home the largest white perch ever having been caught in the Ronnoke river, and was larger than a Hickory Shad. Every member of the party left the boat on the return to Williamston with a large string of choice fish, purchased at Camp Point, and no doubt Friday being a fish day anyway, there will be a number of delightful "planked" dinners in various parts of the City.—J. S. P.

SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH
A. V. Joyner, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.—Dr. P. B. Cone, Superintendent. All classes well organized and taught by good teachers. If you are not connected with any other Sunday school we give you a cordial invitation to join one of our classes.

Sermon by the pastor, 11 A. M.—Subject: "The Stewardship of Life."
Sermon by the pastor, 7:45 P. M.—Subject: "The Meaning of the Cross."
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday evening, 7:45 P. M.
You will enjoy the music, and the pastor hopes to bring messages in which you will find comfort and strength.

STRAND THEATRE
—TUESDAY—
April 12
Cecil B. DeMille's Super-Special
"DON'T CHANGE YOUR HUSBAND"

STRAND THEATRE
—TUESDAY—
April 12
Cecil B. DeMille's Super-Special
"DON'T CHANGE YOUR HUSBAND"