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## FIRE DEPARTMENT IS ORGANIZED AND CITY DIVIDED INTO WARDS

On Tuesday night at the room of the Lotus Club, Hon. Clayton Moore, chairman of the meeting, called for attention and order, and Julius Peel, as Secretary, the meeting of the citizens assembled was in full swing, with the result that a very creditable fire department, consisting of a chemical engine company, a hose company, and a hook and ladder company, were organized.

Mr. Kader B. Crawford was unanimously elected chief, with Mr. Jesse F. Price, as secretary and treasurer. The following officers and men with each outfit were appointed and elected:

Hook and ladder company: Kader B. Crawford, captain; J. W. Ward, lieutenant. Henry Harrison, Jim Leggett, S. Collins Peel, S. R. Biggs, John L. Rodgers, John A. Manning, J. C. Anderson, D. E. Gurganus, Richard Smith, Titus Critcher, Thomas Cox. Chemical engine company: John S. Cook, Captain, Leslie Fowden, Lieutenant. Joseph L. Godard, Jr., Herbert Ward, Louis C. Bennett, Jack W. Biggs, Charles R. Mobley, Noah S. Godard, John D. Ward, Jr.

Hose company: John W. Manning, captain; C. A. Harrison, lieutenant. Dr. P. B. Cone, Roy T. Griffin, George N. Gurganus, Wheeler Martin, George H. Harrison, W. C. Manning, Sr., C. D. Carstarphen, Jr., Warren H. Biggs, Jack W. Hunter, Theo. Robertson, Octavius Manning, John R. Browning, E. S. Peel, N. C. Green.

The City was divided into wards, as follows: Ward No. 1: North side Main street, east side Smithwick street. Ward No. 2: South of Main, east Smithwick streets. Ward No. 3: North of Main between Smithwick and Elm streets. Ward No. 4: South of Main, between Smithwick and Elm streets. Ward No. 5: North of Main, west of Elm streets. Ward No. 6: South of Main, west of Elm streets.

### STANDARD THEATRE

—MONDAY—  
A Maurice Tourneur Production  
"THE WHITE CIRCLE"  
20c and 40c

—TUESDAY—  
BRYANT WASHBURN in  
WHAT HAPPENED TO JONES  
and  
30c

—WEDNESDAY—  
BIG "V" COMEDY—  
"FLIPS AND FLOPS"  
"SUNSHINE COMEDY"  
"HIS WIFE'S CALLER"  
"BRIDE 13"—Episode No. 15  
20c and 30c

## CIVIC LEAGUE WOULD BE A GREAT SUCCESS

Everybody in Williamston is interested in the new Civic League, and at the request of many ladies and men in the town more detailed information is offered to the public.

At an early date a general meeting of all the citizens of the town will be held to formally launch this great progressive organization, and to appoint officers, committees and sub-committees.

Our platform will include making Williamston a modern and well-governed city, its municipal affairs run on a business basis, and the community a place of delight to visitors and a comfort to ourselves, who compose its citizenship. We want to the public welfare of the town first, and our own welfare next.

A successful, clean, happy community make a prosperous and contented citizen, and without the first requisite, it is impossible to have the second. No one enjoys living in a sluggish, contentious and backward community, and no business man or woman is at his or her best amid such environment.

The Civic League will put Williamston on the map, advertise it to the world, invite new capital and new people within its borders; the League will resurrect the Chamber of Commerce, Fire Department; assist the mayor and the town commissioners of enforcing the law, and keeping the town clean, healthy and inviting.

Williamston at one time held an envied reputation as a place of unusual hospitality, general prosperity, and energetic citizenship. We want to get back on this basis, and with the opening up of the new highway through here, when thousands of people will be passing within our gates every week, we want to create with them a favorable impression of our town and our people in general. Join the Civic League, and become a booster.

**JULIUS PEEL, President.**

## RECORDER'S COURT IN REGULAR SESSION

The regular session of the Recorder's Court was held Tuesday, May 3, 1921, with Recorder J. C. Smith, presiding and B. Duke Critcher, prosecuting for the state. The following criminal cases were disposed of:

1. State vs. James Biggs. Assault upon a female. Not guilty. The court found as a fact that the prosecution was frivolous and malicious and the prosecutrix, Hattie Hyman, was taxed with the costs.

4. State vs. Sam Moore. Operating auto while intoxicated. Guilty. Fined \$50.00 and the costs.

3. State vs. John Simmons. Larceny and receiving. Guilty. Fined \$25.00 and the costs. The defendant entered into bond in the sum of \$100 to pay fine and costs.

There were no more criminal cases and the court took up the trial of civil cases. The recent legislative gave to the board of county commissioners the right to grant to the recorder's court jurisdiction up to \$1,000 in contract and up to \$500.00 in tort. Tuesday was the first time that our Recorder's court has met for the trial of civil cases. There were two cases on docket and both were disposed of.

2. T. W. Holliday vs. U. S. Hassell. The following jury was empaneled: T. H. Ange, R. N. Griffin, J. W. Rogers, W. A. Perry, J. E. Edmondson, Roy T. Griffin, A. Anderson, J. F. Britton, Henry Daniel, W. J. Hunter, J. W. Green, Jesse Leggett. The jury answered the issues in favor of the defendant, and the judge set the verdict aside and ordered a new trial.

The next case was Orion Knitting Mills vs. Jas. S. Peel. By consent of jury of six men were empaneled to try the case. They were J. G. Godard, Jr., W. C. Purvis, J. P. Pender, J. T. James, Aug Johnson and Johnson Modlin. The jury found in favor of the defendant.

## Local News and Personal Mention

Mrs. Charles H. Hassell left this morning for Washington, D. C., where she will join Mr. Hassell who has been reinstated in the Internal Revenue Department. Mrs. Hassell was accompanied by Mrs. Cushing Biggs Hassell, who will visit her during the month of May.

Mr. Robert E. Robertson left yesterday for Richmond where he will receive medical treatment at St. Luke's Hospital. He was accompanied by Mr. T. F. Harrison.

Dr. John D. Biggs made a business trip to Norfolk this week.

Mr. John Lamb of Wilson is visiting his father, Col. Wilson Lamb.

Mr. Hubert Morton of Goldboro is the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. W. Andrews this week.

Mrs. George Robertson and children of Norfolk are visiting Mrs. J. W. Andrews.

Miss Laurie Ellison of Washington spent several days in town this week, visiting friends and relatives.

Holeproof in name and wear are the hose with the elastic tops, at Margolis' store, and how they do wear. Ask those who have tried them. Best values in town.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Dillon Simpson will spend next week in Wilson, N. C., visiting with friends and relatives.

If you want a real strenuous day of walking exercises, then follow chief engineer Haxton around on one of his busy days. He has all speed records elapsed in walking on the stretch between the Atlantic Hotel and bridge landing.

Prof. Henry West expects to travel over the hot sands of the Sudan, at the coming Shriner's convention in Raleigh. Private information is that a large number of the candidates will have their rooms and bath at the State Penitentiary, if the Ceremonial Committee is correctly quoted.

For an economical breakfast, we recommend freshly corned herring; this valuable sea food may be purchased at prices unusually reasonable.

Dr. Percy Cone is not only the best dentist in town, but he ranks high in rock honors at the "Every Afternoon" parties now being held at the Lotus Club.

The new municipal officers are due to take the oath and begin functioning at an early date. All those having complaints to make also suggestions on "How to Run a Town" are cordially invited to attend the weekly meetings of the Commissioners. Reserved seats free.

Williamston does not have to take a back seat for any city when dressers are concerned and W. R. Orleans is the leader of styles this season.

Be sure and attend the Good roads convention next week—a big crowd—a big time—a big speech in every thing.

## QUANTITY OF LIQUOR IN THE UNITED STATES

A very recent report shows there are several million gallons of bottled in bond, rye and bourbon liquor on hand at the various distilleries in the United States.

The report goes on to say that after this liquor is disposed of then automatically more stringent liquor laws, a la Volstead, will be in force.

However, there is not one word in regard as to how this beverage is to be handled. It is not contraband, and the owners have certain rights under existing laws for its disposition, and no doubt were the fact advertised that such merchandise is for sale there would be no trouble in making a quick disposal.

A number of Martin County's commission-ers have pronounced the local product as a superior brand of intoxicant, and otherwise slandered the old familiar rye, however, it is needless to state that whenever a toddy of the red spirits is offered, it always takes preference over anything that has yet come under local notice.

A recent statistic shows that Martin county manufactured and consumed far less contraband beverage for the first three months of 1921 than any time within the past four years for the same period, J.S.P.

Drive on the right side of the road, it's just as good as the left. Slow down when approaching a cross road; it is nearly as dangerous as a railroad crossing.

Look out for children. You never can tell what they will do, and you are always in the wrong if you hit one.

Try to help instead of hinder the traffic officer, he's there for your good and he's got a tough job.

Be sure that your dimmers really dim; it's no joke driving into a blinding glare, as you probably know.

Read and obey the warning signs; they're not put up as ornaments.

If you feel you've GOT to speed, do it where you won't kill anybody but yourself.

When making minor repairs stop where your car may be seen from both directions; otherwise you may stop longer than you anticipate.

Speeding round corners is a straight route to the hospital. Don't race past a stopped street car. Some day the jury may call it manslaughter.

Use discretion. The fact that you had the right of way won't bring anybody back to life—least of all, yourself.—Lenoir News Topic.

**HARRISON—MEEKS**  
Last week in the home of Mr. Henry Harrison on Simmons avenue, Mr. J. E. Harrison, Jr., and Miss Maud Meeks of Conetoe were quietly married by Mr. A. J. Manning. Immediately after the ceremony they left for the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harrison, Sr., about three miles from town, where they expect to reside.

**SMITH—BARNES**  
Mrs. Alexander Hall Smith announces the approaching marriage of her daughter Irene Augusta to Mr. Davis Collin Barnes. The announcement above will be of keen interest to the many friends of Miss Smith in Martin County and Eastern Carolina. The wedding will take place sometime in June. Mr. Barnes is a native of Murfreesboro and is an attorney at law known throughout the state.

## GENERAL REVIEW OF MARKET CONDITIONS

The general agricultural market conditions do not show any material change from the past week.

There is a general weakness in the actual cotton market, although futures for the fall months have recently developed new strength.

The people throughout the county are urged to get in closer touch with the Peanut Exchange, as this means of marketing should under proper handling prove a great thing for the peanut grower. Most any organization's success depends to a large extent upon the directors of such an organization and the peanut exchange has a number of the best known and leading men of the state on its board of directors.

Cheap grades of tobacco are likely to be still cheaper as the opening of the fall markets, but the better grades will possibly show a clean cut demand for same. Farmers are repeatedly urged to devote their best efforts to a quality crop this year.

There is always a market for beef cattle, poultry, milk, eggs, and pigs, and a certain amount of time devoted to this line of industry will always enable the farmer to bring along some cash with him to town when he has such produce for sale.

The Irish potato farmers are feeling some better over their prospects than a couple of weeks back. We have already on display at this office an Irish potato big enough for eating purposes and picked at random from a thirty-acre field.

A certain amount of early truck will always sell in Williamston, and if the farmer should bring along some of this produce with him, he can always figure on disposing of same at a good profit.

Fertilizer now has reached about bottom, at \$25.00 cash and \$30.00 on time for standard grades, J.S.P.

**H. S. WARD'S NEW BILL**  
Congressman H. S. Ward has introduced a bill in Congress requiring all railroads to settle freight claims within sixty days from the time of filing under a penalty of \$100.00 in each case. The people generally approve this measure but at this particular juncture the people are small and the railroads are large and it is doubtful about its passage. Then if it does pass there is much doubt about its enforcement as the railroads have a lot to do with interpreting the law and dispensing the Constitution. But "Hot Stuff" will put it through if he can.

**SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH**  
A. V. Joynes, Pastor  
Sunday school, 9:45 A. M.—Dr. P. B. Cone, Supt.  
Sermon by the pastor, 11 A. M.—Subject: "The Life That Lifts."  
Sunday is Mother's Day and the pastor's message at the evening service will be a tribute to mothers.  
Rev. L. R. Pruette will reach here Monday and will preach Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Services will continue throughout the week at 3:30 and 8:00 P. M. Those who are interested in their own eternal welfare and that of others will do well to attend these services and pray for their success.

**FUNERAL OF WAR HERO**  
Wednesday, May 4, the remains of James H. Mobley were interred at Everetts, N. C. Rev. A. V. Joynes of the Memorial Baptist church of Williamston conducted the simple and appropriate services.

Private Mobley was one of the first to volunteer to serve his country and the cause of world liberty in the late war. He belonged to Company H, 120th Infantry, in the immortal 20th Division that first penetrated the Hindenburg line. Officers accompanied the body from Washington, D. C., thus paying their tribute to his bravery and worth.

His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mobley, mourn their loss, but rejoice in the nobility of their son, who met God's call as he had his country's, calm and unafraid.

**BASEBALL GAME POSTPONED**  
The baseball game to have been played this week for charity has been postponed until next week owing to the extreme cold and damp weather. Watch for announcement of the date.

**WANTED: KNITTERS WANTED**  
on 160 needle half hose, also a few loopers. Good opportunity for the right kind of families. Cheap rents, church, school and store on property. Good well water and garden at each house. Address Rynnyede Mills No. 2, Tarboro, N. C. A 29 4w

Black male hog about year old with nick in left ear, has been at my house for some time, owner will please come for him and pay cost.  
Joe Purvis, Williamston, N. C.

## GOVERNMENT GETTING SIX AND SEVEN PER CENT FOR ITS MONEY

How any sane set of public officials who have the best interests of the country at heart can allow the government Federal Reserve Banks to collect six and seven per cent, wholesale, for money, is more than this writer can figure out.

The only thing that will possibly stimulate business in this country today is a lowering of the general discount rate for borrowed money.

Eight and ten per cent money will strangle the life out of any individual and any firm or business in their efforts to exist, and that is what the local bankers have to charge in order to break even.

There seems to be a ray of hope that the Federal Reserve rates will take a decided slump in the near future, and as this article is being written information is at hand that the Boston bank has dropped one per cent.

It seems that when we send Representatives to Washington it is more their duty to other constituents to try to better local conditions than to shout over the premises about matters of no direct concern to us.

Why not write your Congressman or Senator a personal letter and ask him a few direct questions? Find out why the government is choking the people and continuing a panic by exorbitant money rates—find out why the most vital questions affecting the people are shoved to one side—and treaties with Columbia or some other two-by-four country occupies the center of the stage.

After writing your representative all these questions, you would probably get an answer if he should tell you the absolute truth direct, THAT THE COUNTRY IS CONTROLLED BY A GROUP OF WILLFUL MALFEACTORS OF WEALTH.—J.S.P.

**BAPTIST CHURCH MEETING WAS WELL ATTENDED**  
The meeting of the Martin county unit of women of the Roanoke Association of the Missionary Baptist church Wednesday was well attended and thoroughly successful. Mrs. L. T. Vaughan of Nashville, Miss Nina Collins, also of Nashville and Mrs. George Parker of Rocky Mount were the speakers at the two sessions. Representatives from Everetts and Robertsonville were present. A buffet lunch was served in the Masonic Hall by the ladies of the Williamston church.

**Notice of Summons and Warrant of Attachment**  
North Carolina, Martin county.—In the Superior Court before the clerk. J. S. Peel vs. The Farmers and Merchants Bank and G. W. Huntley and Company.

The defendant, G. W. Huntley and Co., above named will take notice that a summons in the above entitled action was issued against him and his co-defendant on the 5th day of May, 1921, by the undersigned clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County, which summons is returnable before the clerk on the 20th day of May, 1921. The defendant will also take notice that a warrant of attachment was issued on the same day wherein the plaintiff alleged that \$325.00 was due him by reason of the fact that the said defendant failed to refund a certain percentage of the purchase price of certain goods as they contracted to do, which warrant of attachment is returnable before the said clerk on the 7th day of June, 1921. That the said warrant of attachment was issued against the property of the said defendant and he is hereby notified and required to appear before said clerk in his office on the 7th day of June, 1921 and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff or the relief will be granted.

This the 5th day of May, 1921  
R. J. PEEL  
Clerk of the Superior Court.

**FOR SALE CHEAP: HOUSE AND**  
lot, desirable, good 4 room house, nice front yard, back yard, deep well, tiled, garage and big garden. All for \$2,000.00. Small cash payment, easy terms balance. First come, first served. See Julius Peel at once.

**ROOMERS WANTED: MEN ONLY.**  
Telephone No. 48.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE**  
Having qualified as administrator of the estate of John R. Harrison, late of Martin County, N. C., all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to come forward and settle same at once. All persons holding claims against said estate will present same for payment on or before April 16th, 1922, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.  
This April 16th, 1921.  
G. H. HARRISON,  
Administrator.