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## MISUNDERSTANDING AS TO WHO IS ENTITLED TO PENSIONS BY NEW LAW

There seems to be much misunderstanding as to the amendments to the pension laws of the state, passed by our recent legislature, and as I am today in receipt of a copy of the amendments I desire to give a few explanations that the people may be better advised.

The general public has been advised that all Confederate soldiers and sailors and the widows of all Confederate soldiers and sailors are entitled, under the law as it now stands, to a pension irrespective of their financial standing or the condition of their health and ability to make a living which seems to be an error.

It appears that every Confederate soldier and sailor who has been a bona fide resident of the state for the twelve months immediately preceding his application, and who is not physically able to perform manual labor and who has not disposed of his property since the 11th day of March, 1885 by gift or voluntary conveyance to his wife, child or next kin who does not own in his own right property in excess of \$2000.00 and the widows of all Confederate soldiers who were married prior to the 1st day of January, 1875 are entitled to a pension.

All those who are entitled to a pension are required to file this application, stating in detail, the Company and Regiment or Battalion, in which he served with the Clerk of the Superior Court on or before the 1st Monday in July.

And as there are possibly some soldiers and widows now on the pension roll who have since their application become blind or otherwise totally unable to perform any labor, it is earnestly desired that they communicate with us and come before the Pension Board on the 1st Monday in July that they may be advanced to their proper grade.

I sincerely hope that the citizens of each community in the County will do it that every soldier and widow of the County who is entitled to a pension shall be apprised of his right and helped to come and make his application.

R. J. PEEL

Superior Court.

## PERSON BURIED IN THE COUNTY BURIED SATURDAY

Perhaps the oldest person ever buried in Williamston was Rosetta Rhodes, who died in Norfolk last week and was buried Saturday.

Her age was not known exactly, but she claimed to be a hundred and four years old and others have evidence that she was as much as one hundred and three.

She was born in Washington County and belonged to Andrew Chesson. Her grandmother was a full-blooded Indian. Aunt Rosetta moved to Williamston about the year 1850 and for many years lived with the late Joseph J. Martin, after he went to Tabor she then moved to Hamilton and lived in the home of the late D. C. Jones.

In 1903 she went to Boston and lived with her people for ten years, finally going to the McDermott Old Folks Home in Norfolk to die. She was sick only a short time with a slight attack of brights and a serious complication of old age. She raised two children, both of whom died many years ago. There are several grandchildren and great grandchildren surviving her. It is said of her that she was always kind and good to everyone and was of the strictest school of honor.

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—SATURDAY—  
ROY STEWART in  
"PAYING HIS DEBT"  
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## SUGGESTS 24-HOUR ELECTRIC SERVICE

Many people in town are urging for day current, and such a convenience is almost necessary to a large number of people here, in order that they may best operate their business places at their homes.

We have already spent so much money for public works that we are at least entitled to some convenience more than heretofore—even though it should not at first exactly make a profit for the town.

It will cost around \$500.00 per month to operate a day electric current in Williamston, possibly not too much, according to amount of juice used.

Many people are in favor absolutely of turning on the electricity for 24 hours of each day, and a number of other equally prominent citizens are against it.

It is up to the Board of Commissioners to decide this matter, and in order to make it possible for them to do the right thing—a petition should be gotten up by some leading woman in town, an taken to every housewife in Williamston and find out her idea of day current, and how much she would possibly use during the month; then let some representative man in town visit all the business firms, lawyers, doctors, factories, garages, etc., and get their opinions, and also a amount of juice they will possibly consume.

This in concrete form properly presented to the Board of Commissioners should decide the matter—one and for awhile at least.—J.S.P.

## ATHLETIC CARNIVAL ALL SUMMER IN WILLIAMSTON

There are a certain amount of sport and pleasures necessary in any community to keep it healthy, happy and contented. Of course too much of this method of variation is abusive but in this article we are not dealing with excesses.

The writer suggests an athletic committee to supervise the town's summer sports, to be composed of Dr. P. B. Cone, K. B. Crawford, Gus Harrison and Jack Biggs. And let such committee invent ways and means of having some amusements in town during the hot summer months.

To begin with, why not induce the Eastern Carolina League, which is possibly being reorganized with Kingston, Greenville, Newbern and Kinston to play two games a week in Williamston—we could assure them of liberal gate receipts, and make the burden less on the league towns and be performing a good turn all round. Then, on the fourth of July, we could have some automobile races, also some motorcycle races—making a number of entries of both. There are all ways throughout the State amateur automobile racers who would be glad to participate.

We have our own home-town baseball team, which with the proper management and encouragement might be whipped into shape enough to furnish a fair exhibition of this great national pastime.

Then again arrangements could be made with Messrs. Daniels & Staton to rent their Damsite for swimming purposes—put up a temporary dressing room, and serve also refreshments during the afternoon, and have an open-air pavilion cheaply erected for dancing and picnics.

We don't suggest the committee do this without remuneration, but the above suggestions properly handled would leave a tidy amount of surplus at the end of the year, besides allowing for the Committee's rate of pay.—J.S.P.

## REVIVAL AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. L. R. Pruette, of Charlotte opened his series of services at the Memorial Baptist church last night. Mr. Pruette is a strong preacher and has a pleasing personality. Hear him he can give you something to think about. Services at 3:30 and 8:00 P. M. The public is cordially invited.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mother's Club will meet in the School Auditorium Thursday afternoon, May 26th at four-thirty P. M. All the ladies of the town are invited.

## EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of the estate of Eliza Porter, late of the county of Martin, 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 March 16, 1922, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

This March 16th, 1921.

JOHN L. HASSELL, Executor.

ROOMERS WANTED: MEN ONLY. Telephone No. 48.

## GENERAL REVIEW OF SPRING FARM WORK

Weather: Moderately warm weather with frequent showers prevailed over the state during the early part of the Spring. Thus allowing farmers to begin work two to three weeks earlier than usual; early truck, corn, cotton and tobacco planted in the eastern part of the state.

Fruit and Truck: This condition was followed by very cold spells, causing much damage to truck, and prospect for a very small fruit crop. The early strawberry crop was but slightly damaged, as was the peach crop in the Sandhill region, which is expected to be the largest in several seasons. The dewberry, huckleberry and apple crops show prospects for light crops.

Wheat: The condition of wheat is from fair to very good. The milk winter has been quite favorable to its growth. However, the recent unfavorable weather has retarded growth to some extent. Some damage is reported in important wheat counties due to the Hessian fly. Rust has appeared in other sections.

Potatoes: Early Irish potatoes are recovering in some sections from the frost damages and seed maggot, as some of the more important sections the crop had to be planted again.

Cotton and Tobacco: Unfavorable weather has retarded the planting of cotton and tobacco from a week to ten days. Indications show that these crops will be reduced considerably. However, recent drops in fertilizer and the influences caused more to be planted than reported.

## SCHOOL CLOSED FRIDAY

The Williamston school closed Friday, except the higher grades which will continue for two weeks. The entire school was in session yesterday when certificates and promotions were given from the first to the sixth grades. Rev. A. V. Joyner made an elegant short talk and led in prayer. W. C. Manning announced the prize winners in each grade. Prizes were given for truth, honesty, politeness, promptness, attendance, recitation and examinations.

The first grade was divided into sections and two prizes were given. As the teacher had been called away before announcing the winners, the children voted Mary Clyde Williams and Geneva Jenkins the honors and they were awarded the prizes with the understanding that when the teacher's report was received the designated by her would be added to the list and upon receipt of same the name of Charles Manning as best section A and Susie Teel in section I were added.

Second Grade: Josephine Harris Third Grade: Edwin Peel. Fourth Grade: William Gurgan. Fifth Grade: Carmelle Jones. Sixth Grade: Trulah Ward Paige. Prof. West delivered certificate for excellent work to many in each grade and twelve certificates for perfect attendance were given.

## WHY DO PEOPLE CRITICISE?

There must be many reasons why people criticise each other for if man is good he is criticised and if he is bad he suffers in the same way. The man who does nothing, neither good nor bad, comes nearer escaping than any other fellow. And criticism is not always a true guide to move men to do things for only just criticism should prevail.

No class of people escape the harsh tongue of the critic. The preacher is snarled at, the merchant is called a profiteer, the lawyer is termed a necessary evil, the doctor is considered a fake, officers are called humbugs and newspaper men are accused of never having any money, but that is the folk's fault, because they do not pay their subscriptions.

## SYLVESTER STALLINGS

Mr. Sylvester Stallings of Jamesville died in Norfolk, Friday and was buried in the Stallings cemetery near Cedar Branch Church Sunday.

Mr. Stallings, son of Stanley and Penina Stallings was born and reared in Griffins Township, moving to Jamesville in early manhood and living there until two years ago when he went to Wilson. He left Wilson only a few weeks ago and was engaged in the automobile business in Norfolk when he was stricken with apoplexy Friday afternoon, living only an hour after he was taken. The funeral was conducted by Elder W. B. Harrington and A. E. Corey. Mr. Stallings was fifty five years old and unmarried. He leaves two brothers, Messrs. A. F. and B. D. Stallings and four sisters. Mrs. Simon D. Griffin, Mrs. Sylvester Peel, Mrs. Sarah Lilley and Mrs. J. A. Lilley.

When you give your plumbing work to outsiders—what future guarantee have you? Everybody knows the Alphin-Dunn Company are dependable and reliable.—Adv.

## Local News and Personal Mention

Mrs. J. L. Wynne is visiting her sister, Mrs. Bowers near Bethel.

Mr. S. S. Lawrence of Raleigh spent Saturday in town.

Lieut. W. H. Harrell of Hampton Roads spent the weekend in town with his mother, Mrs. W. H. Harrell.

Mr. T. F. Harrison returned Saturday from Richmond.

Mr. J. L. Wynne went to Nashville yesterday on a business trip.

Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., Mrs. F. S. Peel, Mrs. J. S. Rhodes and Miss Esie Peel motored to Washington yesterday.

Messrs. Walter Carstaphen and Clyde Owens of Plymouth were business visitors here yesterday.

Miss Martha Simmons Mizelle spent Sunday in Rocky Mount.

Mr. Harry W. Stubbs is attending court in Bertie County this week.

Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Larkin will return tomorrow from Hamilton where Mr. Larkin has been conducting a revival.

Mrs. R. J. Peel and son, Frank Peel, spent last night in Oak City.

Mr. T. J. Smith who has been working on the Roanoke Highway for seven months left Monday to visit his family in Florida.

Mr. J. L. Dunn, now stationed in Scotland Neck and acting as Demon Station agent for the Dupont Powder Co., was in town yesterday conferring with Mr. A. K. Haxton, engineer in charge of the highway.

Mrs. James Grist Station left Tuesday morning for Clinton to attend the meeting of the Bishop and executive council of East Carolina, of which she is a member and the Church Service League, of which she is the chair.

The earliest record we have of the 921 crop of snap beans is April 25. Can you beat that?

It is rumored that an up-to-date hotel will soon be erected in our town. Shall we have the swimming pool in this hotel or in a separate building?

When will the City Fathers have our sidewalks paved? Oh, let it be soon!

Where is that street sprinkler that was to lay the dust with the installation of water? Man is made of dust and to it shall return, but in the mean time, we object to having it come to us.

Knox straw in Knox and shapes now on display at Marshall's. In the same pattern, as you see Fifth Avenue in New York.

Today, May 10th, is Southern Memorial Day and all local banking institutions are closed in honor thereof.

The Martin County Fair will be held the last week in September. Everybody should compete for a prize this year. Now is the time to start.

Chautauqua begins May 21st and closes May 26th. Season tickets \$2.50. The Chautauqua will be better year than ever before. Don't fail to buy a season ticket. The people who are standing behind this enterprise are doing so to enable those who do not have the opportunity to go to the big places to see and hear the best to have it at home at a very low figure. Remember the price \$2.50 for ten entertainments.

The store of Margolis, Rose and Brooks is becoming more popular each day for its displays of Chickadee and its popular prices.

## "CUPID AT VASSAR"

The play, "Cupid at Vassar" given by the High School students Friday evening in the school auditorium was a success. Minus a plot the character made themselves strong and attractive enough to hold the interest of the audience. Misses Mary Clyde Legett, Mary Gladys Watts and Ruth Barnhill took the leading parts in the female cast and Francis Manning made a fine villain. Solomon Orlean in his usual suave manner distinguished himself as the hero, Jim Cook made a better negro than he does a white man, and Jay Griffin was good all round. The parts were so well suited to the persons taking them that it made the play one of the best amateur shows ever given in Williamston.

## FINE PROGRESS BEING MADE ON HIGHWAY

The State Highway Commission's great Roanoke river bridge project and master engineering feat of road building over in Comee Swamp is making splendid progress and before the year has fully passed, it is likely that we will have direct communication with our friends and neighbors across the river in Bertie County.

It is a further fact that after the State Highway Commission spend these several hundred thousand dollars down here they are not going to let this bridge remain isolated from the great paths of commerce and trade, and no doubt Martin County will be the 921st hand-in-fact highway built by the State.

Williamston directly on the main highway between Raleigh and Norfolk and the Coastal Plain highway join here at Williamston and the great Roanoke river bridge opens up to each of these great roads a direct route to Norfolk and the North.

Our geographical location makes it the gateway of Eastern North Carolina, and Williamston as due to become the center of a great and prosperous community.

The people associated with Williamston through business, or personal affiliations have all the reasons for believing in the future of the immediate section, and one of the best ways of showing such faith is to continually boost for old Martin County, and take a new lease on life yourself, individually and let the result of your work become a lasting monument after you have returned to the dust.

What have you ever done that you should be remembered and revered by your fellow citizens after you have passed on? J.S.P.

## Personal Sidelights By J. S. P.

Did you know that our popular fellow townsman, Felix Graves, Esq., spent a number of years in far off India, and while there made an extensive study of Hindu mysticism and oriental occultism?

Wheeler Martin's "no hat fad" met with disaster last week during the cold rainy spell, but no doubt the week will see a recovery of this popular style, and a number of new recruits.

The Virginia League wants Gus Harrison as official roofer for their weaker teams. Don't you remember last summer how Williamston often won in the ninth inning when C. Augustus started things off in the grand stand?

We mentioned last week that it was a "sure thing" one could not borrow any money from the bank—this information does not seem to be generally correct, as the writer is informed it applied more particularly to him self. Good joke, eh?

"Royalty has nothing on our neighbor, Harry Biggs, for even when a mere child he was christened, His Royal Highness, 'The Duke of Astoria'."

Brother Henry Crawford may yet be persuaded to get in the All Star Minutel to be given at an early date benefit baseball fund.

Have a heart-to-heart talk with Commissioner A. H. Hall if you want to get some real worth while upon the county in general and Williamston in particular.

Have you read Lawrence Peel's latest poem, entitled "Maggie." We would publish same but it is copyrighted, and Bill advises it has been sold to New York publishers.

The many friends of Editor W. C. Manning are going to recommend him to the forthcoming Chautauqua for a place on their platform as lecturer and talker extraordinary.

Jodie Woolard up at the F. & M. Bank, sometimes acts as Teller during the day—but most every night Jodie is a persistent "Teller Her" further down the Main boulevard.

A number of fair young Williamstonians are already planning some advanced "bathing styles" to be displayed at the grand opening of the Reservoir at Station & Daniels' Park and Scenic Gardens.

We have no trouble copying Dr. Warren's government title, but surely he don't expect anyone to pronounce it.

A colored excursionist last summer on the Seaboard Line, mistook the water tank for the nearby station, and it being very dark and rainy, and him-

## FREIGHT RATES TO BE REVIEWED IN CHICAGO

The Virginia-North Carolina rate controversy may enter into discussion of the traffic meeting in Chicago next Tuesday, in addition to the matter of export and import freight rates.

Members of the State Corporation Commission are interested in the controversy and are following the various developments that are taking place.

If the original decision of the Commerce Commission on North Carolina rate is allowed to stand, Virginia cities may have a good part of the trade they have hitherto enjoyed with North Carolina customers.

We point the above clipping from a leading Virginia paper which, however, the attitude of the Virginians toward our state. What is referred to as the "original decision" is that ruling that gave North Carolina point the same freight rates that other states with the same mileage have. The inference is that the Virginia Corporation Commission is interested in dis-olying the present ruling and restoring the old law which made the freight on a car load of hay, corn, flour or any other product three times as much from a western state to Weldon, N. C., as it was to Petersburg, Va. Freight was more on goods from New York to Rocky Mount, than it was to Columbia, S. C., and rather were higher from South Carolina to North Carolina points than they were to points in Virginia. Naturally they want the old ruling restored in order that they might regain the trade they have hitherto enjoyed with North Carolina customers.

What have you ever done that you should be remembered and revered by your fellow citizens after you have passed on? J.S.P.

## KU KLUX KLAN HAVE BIG CONVENTION

Down in Atlanta, Ga., a few days ago, the reorganized Ku Klux held a big meeting in commemoration of the establishment of the new order, and nearly five thousand members were present, and over a thousand new members were initiated during the Convention.

The Ku Klux held a parade through the principal streets of the city, and were attired in white robe emblazoned with flaming crosses.

The present Ku Klux is rapidly growing throughout the South, and although it has met with some prominent criticism from unbelievers, yet this order properly functioning, will no doubt prove beneficial in many ways, and with the uncertain conditions now existing throughout the country, and especially the north, there is no telling when the spread of Bolshevism may creep upon the South, and the old Ku Klux can combat such an Americanism with effective result.

The negro question will always remain with us to some extent, and the Ku Klux will prove a dominant factor in keeping down active race disturbances.

Charters throughout the South are becoming more popular each day, and since the order has for its platform the purest Anglo-Saxon American doctrines, white supremacy, South ern Chivalry and respect of Woman hood, then why should we not at least be impartial towards this great order which did so much for the South after the Civil War.—J.S.P.

## DEFINITIONS

When a negro takes a pig or chicken, the property of another, the folk call that stealing.

When some fellow comes along and swipes all you've got, the judge calls that larceny.

When a cashier grabs the money in a bank and makes off with it, the law calls that embezzlement.

When one newspaper man gets all that he puts in his paper from another newspaper without giving credit, new-paper folks call that pilfering. Stealing, larceny, embezzling and pilfering. So you see we have dictionary aries, too.

## TO OPEN REAL ESTATE OFFICE

Julius Peel, who has so willingly assisted in the make-up of the Enterprise, will open up a general real estate and investment office on the Moore property this week and devote his time exclusively to such business.

We trust Mr. Peel will again find time to make contributions to this paper, in the near future.

self well inebriated, he stepped off into the creek, upon coming to the surface he remarked: "It shore has rained in dis here town since I ben gone."—(Original—J. S. P.)

We forbid Jesse T. Price to make the new fire department, of which he is secretary and treasurer, a Republican organization. You know treasury these days wield lots of influence—provided their treasury is properly attuned.—J. S. P.

Be sensible and have Alphin-Dunn Co., do your plumbing and heating and guarantee it.—adv.

## WORST FAULT TO BE ELIMINATED HERE IS "MALICIOUS GOSSIP"

Williamston very soon now will make her debut in the "Big Town" class, and in order to live according to this class, there is a great sacrifice that the citizen will have to make.

This sacrifice will not affect your bank account nor your personal time, but it will affect that pernicious habit so prevalent in Williamston and known as a "malicious gossip."

A town the size of Williamston is very much akin to a large family, intimate associations familiarity of each other's affairs, and family histories, and always there will remain a certain amount of gossip, but even this gossip should be turned into the friendly kind.

Why isn't it just as easy to think good of people as to think bad, and why isn't it just as well to treat your neighbor and friends with respect as it is to enjoy your neighbor's shortcomings or mistakes?

People around town spend a valuable part of their time in gossip, and as any little bit of gossip spreads it becomes distorted, and by the time it has made the usual route and covered entirely the utmost corners of the community, and gone well into the country, this same bit of gossip becomes unrecognizable from its source.

Often some small bit of criticism or reflection against a neighbor or friend, and half in jest, will lead to lasting enmities and bitter personal and business antagonism, and will spread to the entire family, immediate and distant.

Williamston people have got to overcome this love of "malicious gossip" before they can be worthy of a larger, more prosperous and cosmic community, and the sooner they start on this new resolution the sooner will be the time when we will all become more friendly and more eager to aid each other, and automatically enable us to have more time for business and pleasure for our own families' prosperity, an unhappiness.

Williamston is possibly not unlike any other town of this size, but why not prove an exception here?—J.S.P.

## HEALTH DIRECTOR HERE

Dr. J. S. Mitchener, Director of the Bureau of Preventable Diseases was in the city Monday to confer with Mr. John L. Haxell, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners regarding the campaign this summer to give free treatment to prevent typhoid fever and diphtheria.

Martin County has a higher typhoid fever death rate than the average counties of the state. Successful campaigns have been finished in Perquimans, Camden and Pasquotank counties. About twenty per cent of the population of these counties took the three treatments. This is the first time the State Board of Health has conducted campaigns to prevent diphtheria and it is of great importance to children, especially between six months and six years of age.

## CYCLOSE MAC AT ROBERSONVILLE

McLendon is holding an evangelist meeting at the Farmers Warehouse in Robersonville and will continue through the week.

## ROAD MEETING POSTPONED

The Good Roads Meeting which was advertised for today, was postponed because Mr. Hart, the road commissioner could not be present, his sister having died Saturday. Mr. Hart will come some time in his near future and he hopes to have a good attendance. Notice will be given.

## FOR DRESSMAKING, SEE MRS.

Nannie Moore, 212 Washington St.

## INFORMATION WANTED—LOST BOOK

Some person borrowed from the library of the late Samuel N. Yarnell, a book entitled "The Early Life and Writings of Elder Reuben Ross."

This book gave the history of this immediate section from one to two hundred years ago, and more particularly the family history of the Yarnell, Riddick, and Smithwick families, before and after their pilgrimage from England and Scotland, and who, in former days, occupied most of the land lying between Poplar Point, Williamston and Jamesville.

This synopsis, in order possibly some one remembers such a book but might have forgotten the title.

Any information as to the recovery of this book will be highly appreciated.

Mrs. Jennie Calhoun Yarnell, or Julius S. Peel, Williamston, N. C. 21

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