

ASSOCIATION IS ORGANIZED TO MARKET CROPS

Friday afternoon a good representation of farmers from every section of the county met at the City Hall and heard a good speech by Dr. B. W. Kilgore, of the proposed plan of organization of cotton and tobacco growers associations. The talk was clear and to the point.

In explanation of his reason for appearing before Martin County farmers on this mission Dr. Kilgore stated that for many years he had endeavored to give his best thoughts and efforts to help the farmers of the state to produce more and better crops and that he was glad to say that much progress has been made along that line, but that he felt the work of teaching the farmer the best plan for marketing his crop was equally as important as producing it. The general details of the contract were explained, and from all indications to the entire satisfaction to at least 95 per cent of the farmers present as that many showed a determined desire to go forward with the work.

At the close of the address J. G. Godard was asked to preside over the meeting and J. L. Holliday to act as secretary. A motion was made to elect Mr. C. Abram Roberson of Robersonville, President of the county association was carried. A complete county organization was perfected by electing three committeemen for each township as follows:

- Jamesville: C. A. Askew, Jno. A. Getzinger, C. W. Mizelle.
- Griffins: Chas. M. Peel, W. A. Manning and Z. T. Griffin.
- Williams: Simon E. Hardison, C. L. Daniel and P. E. Manning.
- Bear Grass: J. L. Holliday, R. L. Perry, Geo. A. Peel.
- Williamston: J. G. Godard, J. S. Whitley and W. H. Edwards.
- Cross Roads: Jesse Keel, A. L. Roebuck and J. A. Wynne.
- Robersonville: Aug. Williams, H. M. Warren, S. T. Everett.
- Poplar Point: Claud Roebuck, Jesse A. Leggett and Slade White.
- Hamilton: J. M. Moseley, T. B. Slade, Jr., Harry Waldo.
- Goose Nest: W. O. Daniel, T. H. Johnson, J. T. Bennett.

It was the sense of the meeting that these committeemen should thoroughly organize their respective townships, hold meetings in central places and that if a reasonable canvass is made Martin county will go well over her expected quota. The tobacco organization concerns the states of Virginia, North and South Carolina. This organization will not be effective unless more than half of the 1920 crop is signed up and it is not expected that any attempt will be made to handle the 1921 crop.

The Cotton Association covers all the southern states but is so based that when North Carolina farmers sign up 200,000 bales it is effective in this state. The membership fee to join either the tobacco or cotton association is \$3.00 but if a farmer will sign both the cost is only \$5.00. This cost covers five years, which is very cheap. There has never been a better time for the fellows who feed and clothe the world to get together and do something for their own interest today. Proper organization and cooperation by farmers will help more every year than all the politicians in Washington will in five years. Farmers should study this weighty question and choose the side that seems best for their interest. The Doubting Thomases will be found and the man who makes his fortune out of the farmers will also be heard from. He will advise the farmer to be very

A FAMOUS INTERVIEW WITH LOCAL CELEBRITY

(By Julius S. Peel.)

"I shall continue to live in Williamston," said J. Lawrence Peel, better known to his friends and admirers as Bill, when interviewed by a representative of the Enterprise this morning. "I should move to New York in order to be in closer touch with my connections," he continued, "but it is a hard matter to pull away from the old town where I have spent so many happy years."

The writer surprised Mr. Peel by an early morning call at his jewelry establishment on Main street, and between a rush of customers spent a delightful few minutes with our newest celebrity. Being in a reminiscence mood, he told me a number of interesting incidents of his boyhood days, and he had always wanted to write a song.

"I was born near Bear Grass, in this county," he said, "but the most of my life has been spent in Williamston. I have been continuously in the jewelry business, except for a short time spent in Virginia, handling pills, however, my talents have always been strongest for poetry and song-writing and to this I have devoted my spare moments."

"Song writing is no easy work, and unless one has a natural bent towards composing, failure is almost certain. And then again, there are always a number of unbelievers who offer you discouragement and make light of your efforts towards any unusual occupation such as this."

"I have been writing short poems and catchy lines of verse for some time now, more for my own amusement than for the public, however, at the request of a number of friends, I recently sent to a publishing house a bit of jazz melody, entitled 'The Everday Knocker,' and I just have it back set to music. It seems very much worth while to me, and by special request of the New York firm, very likely I shall release it for sale during the next few weeks."

"The 'Blues' song which is just composed is the one which particularly meets my satisfaction. I expect to have it out at all the music stores by early September. It should sweep the country by storm, as it is much superior to any 'Blues' heretofore published, and the music time is sure to satisfy the jazz lizards."

When asked by the writer where he secured material for his many wonderful poems, and other compositions, Bill confided that local environment furnished amply his wants, but that a knowledge of human nature was absolutely necessary to insure success along this line.

The Enterprise offers every encouragement to our fellow townsman in his new line of endeavor, and no doubt it is only a matter of time when his efforts will bring to him both fame and fortune.

A number of Williamstonians have heretofore lightly jested with Bill concerning his productions, but this paper takes to task such local spirit, and it is to be hoped that these citizens will assume a more encouraging attitude towards budding genius.

Ever since the world began, genius has met with an uphill fight and unfriendly remarks and criticisms, and long and tedious is the road to the top, but once at the head of the ladder, the gaping populace is quick to acclaim genius a hero, and there is a great chance that soon Williamston will be parading the fact that J. Lawrence Peel, internationally famous, is a friend and local citizen.

cautious and will plant distrust. But they can't kill it, the farmers see for themselves that if they don't hang together they will hang separately.

BIG DAY ON THE FOURTH

The colored people of Martin and adjoining counties are going to have a great day at the Fair grounds on Monday, July 4th.

Good horse racing; Chautauqua lecture by Prof. N. S. Hargrave, subject: "This Way Up."

Athletic Contests: Bicycle races, foot races, climbing the greasy pole. Baseball: Greenville vs. Williamston. All accommodations and pleasures—plenty yto eat. All the exercises will be under the management of a number of the county's leading colored citizens. Henry F. Everett is chairman of the general committee.

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COMMISSIONERS' ROAD MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners met at the Court house Monday, presided by J. L. Hassell, J. L. Coltrane, H. C. Green, Henry D. Peel with the road trustees of all the townships of the county.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the road work of the county, which was done at considerable length. The legal phase of road work was explained by Clayton Moore, county attorney. He explained the advantages of the county unit over the township system. That the county unit was recognized by the state and federal road systems and received proper recognition and assistance from them, while the township systems are so numerous and local in their nature that cooperation is practically impossible.

Martin county has five townships: Williamston, Cross Roads, Robersonville, Hamilton and Goose Nest. He has issued bonds and have done some constructive road improvement and are now operating under the tax system for upkeep. Four townships—Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, and Bear Grass, are now working under a road tax system for upkeep. Only one township in the county: Poplar Point has not yet emerged from its lethargy. They sweetly sleep and dream of how good it is to use other township roads and pay nothing themselves.

Of course it is to be regretted that the county was not made the unit for road work in the beginning but would have been impossible to have carried it as such. Things of the nature of road improvement are always fought to the bitter end and have to be carried step by step as the people gain light and knowledge. This is the reason why the progressive states, counties and towns always take up the big public questions first.

Need is thrust upon them and they have to think. Increased traffic renders the old type of roads impossible. The roads around Williamston have been worked for ten years and are still not good roads, but if the effort had been continued they would now be impassable.

The discussion was continued at length and as several of township length have just commenced their work under the supervision of local trustees it was thought better to continue to continue the work for a while under the township plan. While there are many disadvantages there are also some advantages. Local people and farmers who know what work is, will get at least 50 per cent more work done than people of the road building squads do. They are on the ground, they know the road, they know the people, they have the personal interest. In a word they are working for themselves.

The sooner our people make up their minds that if they ever get roads they have got to build them themselves, the better it will be for them. We have looked too long already for someone to come from afar and do this work for us and if we get a general system of good roads we must build them ourselves.

RAILROADS TREATED BETTER THAN FARMERS

Last year the railroads of the United States asked the government for a loan of \$700,000,000, to enable them promptly granted and in addition a guarantee by the government that they, the railroads, should make a per cent net on their investments which are based on their own valuation of \$19,000,000,000. These special privileges were granted in May, 1920, when the roads claimed that they were in distress.

The farmers have recently asked for aid and on the 17th day of May 1921, a bill was introduced in the Senate authorizing the loaning of \$50,000,000.00 to the 12 Federal Land Banks that they might in turn loan the money to needy farmers. From every standpoint of logical reasoning and good thinking the farmers are as much entitled to help as the railroads. Indeed, a few political thinkers are of the opinion that the farmers are in reality more important than the railroads. Yet the House of Representatives granted the Railroads 22 times as much help as it did the farmers.

Perhaps one of the chief reasons for this favoritism is that Congress comes in touch with the farmers one day in two years and comes in touch with the railroads 729 days in two years. The farmers of the country, however, should thank the Democratic representation of the South for standing squarely for their interest and if the Democratic party were in favor of Washington things would be different

Local News and Personal Mention

Dr. W. S. Hadley leaves tomorrow morning for Norfolk where he will enter St. Vincent's Hospital as intern.

Mr. S. S. Lawrence of Raleigh spent the weekend in town.

Misses Emma Bell Harris and Corina Leggett left this week for Ocean View where they will visit relatives for several weeks.

Mr. R. J. Peel, Jr., is spending some time at home with his parents after having worked in the tobacco business in Vanceboro for several months.

Mr. J. W. Watts is spending the weekend at home. Mr. Watts is spending the summer at Willoughby Beach.

Mr. Settle Graham of Greensboro has been in town this week visiting friends.

Miss Elizabeth Wadsworth has returned to her home near New Bern after spending some time here with relatives.

Mr. James Manning spent the weekend in Ayden.

Mrs. Warren Figgs has returned from Lexington where she has been visiting her brother Mr. Percy Figgs.

In the baseball game between Williamston and Plymouth Monday afternoon, played in Plymouth, resulted in a score of 7-4 in favor of Plymouth.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church will give an ice cream supper at the Masonic Thursday night beginning at 6:30 o'clock. Ice cream, cake, salads and sandwiches will be sold.

A large crowd of Williamston and Martin county people have accepted the invitation extended them by Windsor and are in that town today making merry.

Attorney Elbert S. Peel has been appointed Mayor of Williamston by the board of commissioners and was sworn in office Saturday night.

Dr. W. S. Hadley returned last night from Raleigh where he has been taking the State Board Examination.

SMITH—BARNES

Mrs. Alexander Hall Smith requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter Augusta Irene to

Mr. David Collin Barnes on Wednesday morning the twenty-ninth of June, at eleven o'clock at the Church of the Advent, Williamston, North Carolina. No cards in town.

MRS. C. B. HASSELL HOSTESS

Mrs. Cushing Biggs Hassell entertained at her home on East Main street Friday afternoon in her usual charming manner in honor of Miss Irene Smith, bride-elect, and Mrs. Henry D. Cook of Petersburg, the house guest of Mrs. J. H. Saunders. Attractive little rice birds placed on the punch glasses helped the guests find their places at the card tables.

At the conclusion of the game Miss Smith was presented with a lovely hand painted plate, a gift from Miss Lucille Hassell and Mrs. Cook was given a lovely corsage of sweet peas. Mrs. Hassell served her guests with delicious frozen fruit salad and dainty wafers.

MISS WARD ENTERTAINS

Miss Stella Ward entertained a large number of her friends Friday night at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Ward, in honor of her house guests, Misses Harriet Brown and Mabel Pippin of Washington. Dancing and music were enjoyed by the guests until a late hour when Miss Ward served ice cream, cake and fruit.

MRS. MARY CASSELL

Mrs. Mary Cassell, wife of James D. Cassell, died Saturday morning after suffering for a long time from a stroke of apoplexy. Mrs. Cassell, a native of Hertford county, was about seventy-one years old. She had been married about fifty-two years and was the mother of nine children, only three of which survive her, they are Mrs. Lula Lilley, Jno. A. and W. E. Cassell. The funeral was held by Rev. L. C. Larkin Sunday afternoon and interment was in the Short burying ground in Williams township.

A WORLD WAR HERO BURIED

The body of Mr. Wiley Luther Bailey, another hero of the World War was brought to Williamston Saturday and met by a large number of his friends who took him to the home of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bailey, of Bear Grass, where he was buried beside his kindred in the graveyard of his boyhood recollection. This young man was in the first large draft that left Martin County leaving with a bunch of volunteers, numbering more than twenty in September, 1917, and was sent to Camp Jackson and then to Sevier where he trained until June, 1918, when he was granted a furlough to visit his home. Upon his return to Camp he was put in Company K, 322nd Infantry and immediately went to France. He was struck by a piece of shell on November 10th, 1918, and died on the battlefield well to the front unattended, sometime during the night of the 10th, or early in the morning of the 11th. On Armistice Day he was buried in the same grave with Captain Cowles of Washington, the were taken up and sent to their native land together, reaching New York about the 15th of June. Mr. Bailey was an industrious and honorable young man. The funeral was conducted by Elder B. S. Cowan.

Why Farmers Cooperate

Farmers in Limestone county, Alabama, built up a fine hog-raising industry, but they were far from any central market to sell their animals to professional buyers. The returns to the farmers were very disappointing. The organized the Better Farming Association and marketed their hogs cooperatively. On twenty car loads sold this way they received four cents more than was offered by the local buyers. Their saving in one car was around \$12,000. Farmers around Orchard, Nebraska, organized a cooperative and marketed \$147,850 worth of their products. When they assembled in Orchard a short time ago one of the local merchants furnished an orchestra for their entertainment. His trade had increased fourfold since the cooperative association began operations, he said. The town had become a popular trading point with farmers who had patronized it but little before. Moreover, those who had been steady patrons had more money to spend because they were no longer dividing their profits with several sets of buyers and sellers.

MAYOR'S COURT

The following cases were tried in Mayor's Court during the week ending June 25th, 1921:

State vs. Baker Purvis, violating automobile law. Fined \$1.00 and the costs.

State vs. Dr. W. E. Warren, V. A. L.—Fined \$1.00 and cost.

State vs. W. C. Liverman, V. A. L.—Fined \$1.00 and cost.

State vs. Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, V. A. L.—Fined \$1.00 and cost.

State vs. W. K. Parker, V. A. L.—Fined \$1.00 and cost.

State vs. Robert Manning, V. A. L.—Fined \$1.00 and cost.

State vs. W. H. Williams, V. A. L.—Fined \$1.00 and cost.

State vs. Waverly Johnson, V. A. L.—Fined \$1.00 and cost.

State vs. Leon Stalls, V. A. L.—Fined \$1.00 and cost.

State vs. Garland Anderson, V. A. L.—Fined \$1.00 and cost.

State vs. Titus Critcher, V. A. L.—Fined \$1.00 and cost.

State vs. H. D. Peel, V. A. L.—Fined \$1.00 and cost.

NOTICE

If you want a nice tombstone or monument as a memorial to some departed friend or relative see LEON E. STALLS Agent for the famous Georgia Marble Monuments

PEACE BY JULY 4TH, REPUBLICANS' AIM

Washington, June 26.—To have the United States technically at peace by July 4, Independence Day, appeared to be the aim of Republican leaders in Congress in charge of the Knox-Porter peace resolutions.

Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, chairman of the Senate and House conferees on the resolutions, returned tonight from Massachusetts, prepared to renew negotiations early this week, probably Tuesday.

Early agreement on differences between the Senate and House resolutions is predicted by Republican conferees, who are expected to reach a compromise basis before calling in the Democratic conferees for formal action. The compromise most widely discussed would mould a part of each of the Knox and Porter resolutions into a new conferees' draft, taking the Porter plan for declaring a state of peace instead of repealing the war resolutions, as proposed by the Knox resolutions. It is believed that the conferees will adopt the Knox resolutions as to American property rights and other features of the Knox plan.

LARGE SUM PAID OUT

The Government has to date made a total disbursement of \$226,486,891.34 in meeting both the compensation claims of former service men disabled by reason of wounds, injuries or disease incurred in the world war, and the death claims of the dependent of those who made the supreme sacrifice, according to an announcement of Director C. R. Forbes of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance. The disbursements for disability have aggregated \$192,677,589.48 and the death disbursements \$33,809,301.86.

For the month of May alone the total amount disbursed by the Bureau for compensation purposes was \$10,575,416, the monthly payments on disability compensation claims for that period amounting to \$9,145,288 and the monthly payments to the dependents of deceased soldiers amounting to \$1,430,128.00. Between June 1 and June 15 the Bureau mailed 221,612 checks to cover this disbursement to former service men.

The increase in the number of claim filed with the Bureau has exceeded any estimate. The number of claims filed from the inception of the Bureau to May 1919 was 208,700 while on June 1, 1921, the number in file was 631,980 showing an increase during that period of 422,280. The number of awards for death and disability for the first period was 41,073; the number of awards at the end of the second period was 323,415, an increase during the second period of 282,342. For the first period the ratio was one claim pending for every two filed; for the second period, the ratio was one claim pending to every eight claims filed.

H. S. WARD'S SPEECH

The speech of Congressman H. S. Ward on June 23rd, advocating the aid the farm loan banks was full of plain terms and showed up the special interests just about as they are. Space forbids our printing the speech in full but we assure the farmers that it is good reading.

ROAD DISTRICTS CONDITION

Chapter No. 189, Laws of 1917: Requires all road districts to publish and file annual itemized statements of receipts and disbursements and of the financial condition of such road district for the calendar year, on or before the first day in February of each year, at the Court house doo- and file a copy with the Register of deeds of the county.

13 CAR LOADS OF POTATOES

Mr. W. H. Holliday who bought and received potatoes on this market for M. O. Blount shipped 2,700 barrels or 13 car loads from Williamston, which were very fine. The farmers, however, have not gotten more than half of the cost of production for them.

DRY WEATHER CAUSES LOSS OF HOGS

It is rumored that since the dry weather has caused so many of the creeks and branches to go dry that a large number of hogs have been drowned while trying to get water in old wells dug in the woods to furnish water for moonshine stills.

I am directed by the Secretary of State to notify all persons who operate motor cars or trucks of any kind that new license must be had after June 30th. The law makes it a misdemeanor to operate with an old license and applications should go in soon in order to get license on time. Respectfully, H. T. ROBERSON, Sheriff.

PEANUT GROWERS TO HOLD ELECTION TUESDAY, JULY 5

July 5th will be a great day for the peanut growers of Virginia and North Carolina, for on that day the directors of the new Exchange will be nominated for their respective districts.

19 Directors will be nominated that day. Martin county is to have one director, and the meeting at which his director will be nominated will be held at the court house at Williamston, N. C., at 3:00 P. M.

On account of the great importance of choosing suitable men as directors, every grower in this county who has signed the contract, is urged to attend this meeting. A special invitation is extended to those growers who have not yet signed the contract to sign this week, so that they can have a part in the choice of the director from this county. Those growers who sign between now and the time of meeting next Tuesday, July 5th, will have the same right to vote for a director as those growers who have already signed the contract.

The director chosen in next Tuesday meeting will be elected at a general meeting of the members of the Exchange to be held later. There is special significance in the fact that the day for holding these district meetings is July 5th. Following so closely as it does, the day of our national independence, it will serve especially to emphasize the fact that the organization of the exchange will mean a new independence for the peanut growers, who have designated their grower's contract their declaration of independence.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed by W. S. Cherry to the undersigned trustee and bearing date of January 16th, 1918, and of record in Book U-1 at page 26 of the Martin County Public Registry, said deed of trust having been given to secure the payment of certain notes of even date therewith and the stipulations therein contained not having been complied with, and at the request of the owners of said notes, the undersigned trustee will on Monday, the 26th day of July, 1921, at 12 M., at the Court house door at Williamston, N. C., Martin County, sell to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described lands to wit:

Adjoining the lands of Hugh Pitts, John Rawles and others, and being lot No. 4 in the division of the lands of the late John Purvis, and being the share in the said division allotted to May J. Worsley and beginning at a stake between two small oaks the N. W. Corner of lot No. 3, running thence nearly north about 21 poles to an oak stump and stake; the late John W. Purvis corner; thence along said Purvis line its various courses to a stake and pine near the Tarboro road, said Purvis corner in the land known as the "L. N. Lawrence" line to a maple in Pear Tree Branch; thence due South along said branch to the bridge over the ditch in said branch; thence its various courses to the short leaf pine, the corner of lot No. 3 North 73 1/2 West to the beginning containing ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-ONE (131 5/8) and five-eighths Acres more or less, and being the same premises deeded to W. S. Cherry by R. W. House and wife, and the same premises as described in a deed of record in Book L-1 at page 440 in the Martin County Public Registry.

This the 23rd day of June 1921. CLAYTON MOORE Commissioner.

STRAND THEATRE

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Beginning this week a series of Goldwyn Specials and Super Specials will be shown on each Saturday night in addition to the serial. There will be no additional charge for these pictures in spite of the fact that they will compare favorably with any of our other Specials.

SATURDAY—PAULINE FREDERICK in "THE WOMAN IN ROOM 13" 20c and 30c

STRAND THEATRE

FRIDAY—WALLACE REID in "WHAT'S YOUR HURRY" 20c and 40c

FRIDAY—Larry Semon in "The Sportsman's SUNSHINE COMEDY—VIRTUOUS HUSBANDS" "Thunderbolt Jack"—Episode 11 and 30c

SATURDAY—PAULINE FREDERICK in "THE WOMAN IN ROOM 13" RUTH ROLAND in "Ruth of the Rockies"—No. 1 20c and 30c