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## Martin County Fair Stockholders in Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Martin County Fair Association was held in the Administration Building on the Fair Grounds on Wednesday, October 6th.

A large majority of the stockholders were present. The meeting was called to order by the president and John L. Hassell, the secretary and treasurer made his report showing that there had been 588 shares of stock sold and owing to the failure to sell the full amount of stock there was still an indebtedness of \$14,000.00 outstanding.

The association decided to sell sufficient preferred stock to pay off all indebtedness. This stock will carry with it a 7 per cent guaranteed dividend, and will make a very attractive investment. It looks as if the 94 standing debts will be taken care of and that everything will make for a better fair than ever. Our people are justly proud of the results of the first two fairs held in this county and they propose to make the next better than those already held. All we need is a little cooperation and every cent spent on the fair will prove to be a good investment. Every stockholder and every citizen should be a good investor.

Nothing builds up the spirit of good farming, good housekeeping, good education, good stock raising more than a good fair. Everybody buy a little preferred stock. Mr. L. T. Fowden was appointed to sell the stock.

The election of officers was as follows: J. G. Stator, President; Dr. J. E. Smithwick, W. W. Griffin, Louis B. Peel, Joseph L. Holliday, J. H. Purvis, Henry D. Peel, J. H. Roberson, J. V. R. Taylor, R. W. Salisbury, and Oscar Council, vice-presidents; John L. Hassell, Secretary and Treasurer; Dr. P. B. Cone, A. R. Dunning, K. B. Crawford, C. D. Christopher, L. T. Fowden, F. W. Hoyt, F. W. Graves, R. G. Harrison, J. L. Hassell, W. C. Mingoing, Wheeler Martin, Clayton Moore, J. H. Purvis, J. T. Price and J. G. Stator, were elected directors.

After adjournment all present marched to the tables spread with barbecue, where all partook heartily. It was fixed good just like Simon Lilly always has it. All left in fine mood and mess all signs for the 1922 fair will be the best yet.

### GIVE US A HAND

For a long season things have been gloomy in the business world and practically every business and everybody has suffered from it. No business has had a harder struggle than the newspaper business. We have borne it with pain and grief in the spirit of trying to make things better. We hope that the influence of the Enterprise among the people has been for good. We have sacrificed willingly and gladly and now that things have brightened up so much we hope to have our family of subscribers to send in their renewals. We assure you that we need it and will appreciate it.

### SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

A. V. Joyner, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.—Dr. P. B. Cone, Supt. Come and bring the children and enjoy the hour with us.  
Sermon by the pastor, 11:00 A. M.  
Sermon by the pastor, 7:30 P. M.—Subject: "A Discontented Young Man."  
Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening, 7:30 P. M.  
You are cordially invited to attend all these services.

Car load wire fencing and nails also carload No. 1 Timothy Hay just received. Cheap for the cash. C. D. CARSTARPHEN and CO.

## STRAND THEATRE

—MONDAY—

ELAINE HAMMERSTEIN in "THE GIRL FROM NOWHERE" 20c and 30c

—TUESDAY—

Dorothy Dickson, George Fawcett and Alma Tell in "PAYING THE PIPER" 25c and 50c

—WEDNESDAY—

VIOLA DANA in "DANGEROUS TO MEN" 20c and 30c

## SEVEN BILLIONS BEHIND COMING BOOM

With money easier all over the country and bankers once more beginning to cooperate with business men and extending credit, many investors are anxious to know exactly how rich the country is in "frozen" cash.

There has been much complaint that a large share of the hard times we have suffered was due to the bankers' unwillingness to go behind business with loans and credit. That is true, but it is also true that much of the business activity entailing from the post-war boom was of such an unsustained and undesirable character that banking support was not the question.

We have had quite a number of business failures as a result of other words, the unstable and badly managed business enterprise have been broken out, and there is left a residue of sound business, steady as the school of hard knocks, which is now beginning to receive the attention of bankers.

The funds at the disposal of business enterprise, through the already now visible era of expansion, are enormous. What the banks can do in the way of going behind sound revival of business is largely indicated by the funds in the hands of the Federal Reserve Bank.

Taking the consolidated statement of the twelve Federal Reserve Banks as a basis we arrive at the following approximate figures as representing the money wealth of United States down to date:

Gold stocks on hand	\$3,250,000,000,000
Notes and bills	1,450,000,000,000
U.S. bonds notes and certificates of indebtedness	1,650,000,000,000
Uncollected and outstanding	625,000,000,000
Total	\$6,975,000,000,000

The round sum of seven thousand million dollars in gold—or more than twice our war loan to France—may be relied upon to supply backbone and stamina to the epoch of prosperity which is already now beginning to dawn.

## TWO BIG SQUABBLES BEFORE CONGRESS

There are two great squabbles before Congress now, one the new Tariff Bill, and the other the proposed German Treaty. Both of the questions are tormenting the Republican leaders. They don't know just which horn of the dilemma to grab hold of but they do know that both of these subjects are too hot to risk around such combustible as voters. The old Republican honored protective tariff principles do not suit bankers whose chief hopes of collecting from foreign customer sit a good wholesome line of imports. If they are barred the cannot be expected to pay. It will be the same thing as having a cow too poor to milk or a hen too poor to lay. Well, the German treaty sticks as being one of the most dangerous things that our country has done hereafter when we are called upon we will have to hang our heads and take it.

## WHAT OF THE YOUNG GIRL, RACHIE?

To the Editor: We have noticed that several preachers lately have asked "What of the young man Absalom?" referring to the sins and crimes committed today, the responsibility of them and laying stress on the fact that our boys are not looked after properly.

They could ask, "What of the young girl, Rachie?" She certainly is leading her father's flock when she is out at 17 miles a clock at 100 miles an hour.

What this country needs today is a few old-fashioned virtues that know no class partitions, than politics, sex, and color. We need more than divorce, meat, houses, and motion picture shows.

Yes, we need the old-fashioned mother and father, who believe in looking after the bringing up of their children instead of leaving it to some organization like the Y. M. C. A., Boy Scouts, welfare officer, etc. Some think it they pay into the organizations they have done their duty. These organizations are a power for good for children whose parents are unfitted to raise them, but nothing can take the place of the counsel and guidance of Christian parents.

If the world is ever going to be better, it must commence with the individual home. The world will never be saved by drives. If the Bible were written as things are today one of the commands would be, "Parents obey your children, seek first society and all things else will be added."

Parents are willing today to sacrifice the souls of their children to get them into what is known as society.—James Dempsey Bullock, of Wilson, in the News & Observer.

## HAMILTON SCHOOL OPENS

The Hamilton High School opened on Monday, September the twenty-sixth with a very large enrollment. The faculty this year is composed of Mr. Frank B. Avecock, principal, and Miss Effie Waldo and Miss Annie Mizelle teachers. A very successful year is expected.

## Local News and Personal Mention

Mrs. R. A. Bryan of Stoddard, Arizona, was the guest of Mrs. H. L. Meador on Thursday of this week.

Sheriff Roberson, Theo. Roberson, A. T. Perry, J. W. Browning attended the Richmond Fair this week, returning last night and reporting a great time.

Mr. W. S. Rhodes of Hamilton was in town yesterday.

Mr. Henry Gray, the blind pianist, has been in town this week taking a piano down from his store very quickly and put it back in first class shape, and is considered a very fine tuner.

Mrs. A. R. Dunning, Mrs. Elbert S. Peel, Miss Daisy Manning, Messrs. Julius Peel and B. Duke Critcher went to Norfolk and Washington yesterday where they will spend a few days.

## TOBACCO HIGH—EVERYBODY SMILING

It is a refreshing sight to walk through the tobacco warehouses these days and see the high prices being paid for all grades. Looks something like 1919, except the people seem to be cool. They are not wild like they were then. But they are wearing substantial sober smiles and in a short time the Robbery Fair of 1921 will be past history.

## VISITING IN TOWN

Rev. A. C. Wentz, of Roper, is spending the week-end with his daughter Mrs. B. E. Godwin. Mr. Wentz is now 88 years old and is hale and vigorous. He is very clear and bright, both on present topics and past events and bears every mark of the typical old Southern gentleman. For many years he was an active member of the Christian church but for the past several years he has given up the active ministry.

## ANOTHER STILL RAIDED

C. H. Jenkins, Sheriff Roberson and Deputy Sheriff Edmondson raided a corn liquor still near Bethel Saturday. The plant was located in Martin county but from all indications was operated from Pitt County. The plant consisted of a 100 gallon copper still complete about a dozen fermenters, about 200 gallons of beer about 4 gallons of corn liquor and a heat 50 pounds of sugar. From all appearances the plant had been operated for a long period of time.

The plant was hot but a signal had been given and the goods had been hidden around and a negro was being held on the lookout but when the sheriff's party arrived upon the scene of action he by the trail a soon disappeared among the tall timbers.

## HOW ABOUT A PAY-UP WEEK?

Suppose the county at large should have a pay-up week? Wouldn't it be fine? Perhaps at least half of the peoples debts could be paid by a process of cancellation. Everybody could pay a large part of what they owe if the people who owe them would settle up. Debt is a peculiar thing. It is an oppressive thing and we could eliminate a large part of it if we would get down to business. It is very likely that our county does not owe as much as our investments amounts to. If A pays B and B pays C and so on down the line one net debt would not owe so much. Now is a good time to pay debts and for those who do not owe anything to save.

## TWO STORES ROBBED IN ROPEL

Last week two men broke into the store of Mr. Hassell in Rope and stole a considerable amount of merchandise. They were soon apprehended and taken into custody when they were bound over to the Superior Court. It also developed that a watchman was on guard for them and he was sentenced to the roads for one year.

Later in the week the store of William Blount was broken into and about three hundred dollars worth of goods were stolen. There has been no clue to the persons penetrating the robbery as yet.

For some reason there seems to be a growing and even an alarming amount of robbery going on. This condition seems to obtain practically everywhere. It must be that there are too many boys permitted to congregate on the streets and smoke cigarettes and run automobiles and low around gambling.

FOR SALE: 15 SHARE OF STOCK in the Bank of Robersonville. Mrs. Cottie N. Sherrod, Enfield, N. C. 2c

## ONE DAY'S INCOME FOR THE ORPHANS

To the Editor:

Dear Sir: At a recent meeting of the North Carolina Orphan Association a resolution was unanimously adopted expressing to the newspapers of the State the grateful appreciation of the organization "for their liberality in presenting the needs of the fatherless ones to the public." This was not simply a formality, but expressive of the actual feeling of the Association.

Another Thanksgiving season is approaching, and the association earnestly desires that it shall be a fruitful period for every child-bearing institution in the State. The Association expressed the wish that the usual campaign for voluntary contributions be conducted, and designated the undersigned as members of the Publicity Committee.

You are doubtless familiar with the plans hitherto employed in the conduct of this movement, the success of which must be measured largely by the extent of the cooperation shown by the daily and weekly newspapers of the State. The Committee appreciates the fact that the editor of our papers are frequently imposed upon with propaganda for various and sundry objects, but feel that they will not object to again entering into the effort to safeguard the interests of the State's orphaned children through this approaching winter.

The Committee is a king for one day's income from every citizen of the State on or near Thanksgiving Day. The income of one day out of 365 is reasonable, and not one person in a hundred is unable to contribute of their income to that extent and all can aid in bringing the matter to the attention of the people. Those who respond are asked to forward the amount direct to the orphanage of his or her choice. Or this may be done through church, Sunday school, community organization or fraternal order. The Publicity Committee handles no funds. Its labor is "a labor of love."

The Publicity Committee make its first appeal to the newspapers, for it is through their columns it must reach the people, if they to be reached at all. The Committee will appreciate any occasional kindly mention of the movement in your paper. The call is urgent, and it is our hope that few, if any, will this year hear it in vain. Thousands of big-hearted North Carolinians have been generously responding to the call. We believe they will again do so at the appointed time.

Please carry this message to your readers at the earliest convenience by so doing you will render a service to society and aid a class of little folks who are unable to take care of themselves.

Very respectfully,  
(Signed by Committee: M. I. Spaulding, chairman; Stacey W. Wason, W. E. Evans, J. D. Berry, Annie Travis, Livingston Johnson, Daisy Denison.)

## AD FOR THE RAILROADS AND "BIG BUSINESS"

With only two months of the year's session of Congress yet to run it is predicted that the tax revision bill and the separate peace treaty will occupy about six weeks of the time of the session. For the balance of the Administration's program, meaning the so-called Railroad Funding bill, came a shaggy title for a bill for the railroads \$500,000,000 in addition to the \$731,000,000 they now owe to the Government.

The administration programme also includes the bill for funding the foreign war loans, giving the Secretary of the Treasury blanket authority to do this in any way he may see fit.

There is little opposition to the railroad bill compared with this measure for the handling of \$11,000,000,000 by one man without restrictions of any kind.

Senator Underwood, the Democratic leader, and Senator McKellar (Dem., Tenn.), one of the most brilliant debaters in the Senate, have already exposed the sinister and dangerous character of such a measure which will have practically unanimous opposition of Democratic Senators and strong opposition from the Republican side.

Under this bill Congress is asked to relinquish all authority over the funding of these loans, and to transfer it to the Secretary of the Treasury. Some who favor this transfer of authority accompany it with the impudent assertion that it is only necessary for the funding methods to have the approval of the great financial interests.

LOST  
Childs blue hand knitted woolen cap. Found Spring Knit Church ground and Mr. Luther Leggett's. Finder please return to Mrs. George C. Jenkins, R. F. D. 5. 2c Pd.

## Weekly Review of Cotton Crop and Market Condition

### Two Big Issues Before Congress

Washington, D. C., Oct. 7.—A separate peace treaty with Germany which Senator Lodge said "would brand us with everlasting dishonor" a tax revision bill which Herbert Hoover's paper said was so "preposterous as to make its construction more the work of a Philadelphia lawyer and impossible to the average business man" are dividing the attention of the Senate at this writing. Meanwhile the Foreign Tariff bill, the economic joke of the age, is in a state of suspended animation.

The House continued to keep its feet on its desk under a three-day adjournment plan until October 11th.

In the matter of tax revision the Democrats will agitate to be helped by introducing sweeping constructive amendments designed to remove class discriminations from the bill, and particularly its favoritism of large corporations. Notice to this effect was served by Senator Simmons (N. C.) the ranking Democratic member of the Finance Committee, whose judgment it was "to strike out boldly on new line instead of tinkering with and trying to repair a machine that was created to meet other circumstances and conditions." He denounced the bill in its present form as "the most horrible and unjust proposition of taxation that has ever been presented in this chamber."

Opposition to the bill in its present form is by no means confined to Democratic Senators. It is opposed by Republicans of the agricultural bloc, who includes many prominent western Senators, just as it was opposed by many western Representatives in the House.

### EASTERN CAROLINA SECRETARIES MEET

The secretaries of the various Chambers of Commerce and representatives of the varied interests in Eastern Carolina including Boards of Trade, Merchants Associations, Bankers, Landowners and Manufacturers, will hold a meeting in the Chamber of Commerce rooms in Goldsboro October 11, for the purpose of perfecting a permanent organization which shall be known as the Eastern North Carolina Chamber of Commerce.

W. A. McGirt, manager of the N. C. Landowners Association, who endorsed the movement at the initial meeting which was held in Goldsboro a short time ago will be present. He has done a wonderful piece of work along the lines which the new organization intends to pursue. It is an organization which will fill a long felt need and will prove of great value to the farmers and manufacturers, merchant and bankers of the coastal plain region.

The State Agricultural Department will have men present who have endorsed the movement and who will give their time in aiding in the organization work. They realize what it will mean to this section of the State.

Practically all the secretaries of the Eastern part of the State have called the organizations together and explained the matter in full with very satisfactory results, and they are to be present in the meeting with their presidents and boards of directors.

Mr. Kenneth Royal, president of the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce is acting chairman for the proposed organization. Mr. Royal is very anxious over the new organization and having realized its value has kept in constant touch with the movement, and progress made by those who have in charge the publicity end.

Every business man, manufacturer, farmer and banker in eastern North Carolina is invited to attend this meeting. All county farm demonstrators are urged to come and bring the farmers of this section.

### NOTICE OF SALE

I will sell at public auction, for cash on Friday, September 16th, at 12 o'clock M., in front of the Post Office in Everetts, one 5 passenger Ford car, known as the Louis Brown car, to satisfy a lien for labor and repairs made on said car in January, 1921, in the sum of \$60.88.

This August 23rd, 1921.  
C. H. CLARK.

LOST  
Between Williamston and Everetts—Black Handbag with handle broken. Finder notify and receive reward. H. G. SIEGLE, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Watch the label on your paper, be sure it renews before your subscription expires.

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 1.—The cotton crop has experienced record conditions this year in drought, heat, reduced acreage, boll weevil damage, decreased usage of fertilizer, early maturity and shortage late and top crop.

Although conditions were favorable for the early harvesting of the crop there has resulted the shortest yield and lowest production in history. Grades should be good however. This followed the largest carry over of cotton stocks perhaps ever known.

The crop report released on the 3rd, covering North Carolina, shows a total production of 489,000 bales forecasted from a 54 per cent condition based on 1,186,000 acres at 192 pounds per acre. If the price averages 21 cents and it should average more for this crop, the total value will be \$49,100,000 as against last year's crop reckoned at 16.2c per pound, \$41.50 per acre value, this year, is less than last year's and only 40 per cent of two years ago.

The acreage is found to be about 70 per cent of last year, the condition 79 per cent in comparison; the yield 70 per cent; production 53 per cent and total apparent value of the crop, 70 per cent compared with last year. The decline in condition of cotton within the past month was 8 per cent and 14 per cent in the past two months. Last year there was an increase condition of 5 per cent in the same period.

In 1920, the yield per acre of lint was 275 pounds, and this year, 192 pounds. The late reports show that there is perhaps 5 per cent less acreage than the earlier or preliminary reports showed, which means that there is almost a third reduction from last year's harvested area.

### 61 Per Cent Picked

The latest reports indicate 61 per cent of the crop is picked, with perhaps 95 per cent of the bolls open to date. The average picking wages of seed cotton is 76 cents per 100 baled pounds. Reports show 13.4 per cent of last year's crop still in the hands of farmers.

The United States report show Virginia with 53 per cent condition and 10,900 bales forecasted crop; South Carolina 40 per cent and 644,000 bales; Georgia 33 per cent condition and 52,000 bales; Texas 38 per cent and 1,862,000 bales; with the national average 42.2 per cent forecasting 6,537,000 bales as compared with a final condition last year of 49.1 per cent, forecasting 13,439,000 bales crop.

The Sandhill section of Moore and Montgomery and the area to Gaston counties have conditions about 65 per cent of normal, as have the northern coastal counties. The counties where the best conditions are found, the best condition areas are in Brunswick and northern Piedmont counties, where the average is below 10 per cent. The reporters' estimates to the North Carolina Cooperative Crop Reporting Service for October first are based on reported observations of over 19,000 farms.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator, C. T. A., upon the estate of Samuel Whitley, deceased, late of Martin county, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned for payment on or before the 13th day of September, 1922, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 13th day of September, 1921.

J. H. D. PEEL,

Administrator, C. T. A., estate of Samuel Whitley.

### SUBSCRIBE TO THE ENTERPRISE

## STRAND THEATRE

Tuesday, Oct. 11th

### "Paying The Piper"

A gorgeous drama of life and the lights of New York. As if the very soul of Broadway danced, laughing across the screen.

Alluring, shimmering, flushed with the pleasures that drive away care.

with

DOROTHY DICKSON, ALMA TELL, GEORGE FAWCETT, and ROD LA ROQUE