

## Human Interest Stories; "The Vast Unknown"

**By BROWNLEE FRIX**

One night I went to a moving picture show with some friends, a married couple. A mutual acquaintance of our was sick, and the lady, who was sitting between her husband and me, suddenly whispered that the sick friend was dead. The husband said that he could not explain it but he was satisfied that his wife was right. We went around and found that the woman had died about the time this Methodist friend had "felt" the sad news in a crowded theatre several blocks away.

A real estate booster says that if Columbus and his little band had visited Pinhurst and Southern Pines the world no doubt have settled in that section and lived happily ever afterwards. Columbus did not see much of America. He did not visit New York, or Chicago or Denver or Los Angeles or Williamston. It took fifty or seventy-five million people to discover America. Not all of it is yet discovered. There are iron mines and oil wells and phosphate mines and a thousand other secrets yet undiscovered.

Our scientists have just penetrated a little way into a vast, unexplored continent. Just as Daniel Boone and a few other heroic spirits with him, crossed the mountains and settled away out West in Kentucky and Missouri, have a few scientists penetrated into the vastness of science. They are entirely surrounded by mystery.

Our most learned men and women know next to nothing about so common a thing as fire. What is fire? Where does it come from? When you "put it out" what becomes of it? You may rub two sticks together until they blaze, beat on an iron and get it hot. Strike a stone and a spark of fire will flash from it. Is the fire in the wood, the stone and the stone? What is the substance of combustion? Our great scientists do not know.

Mr. Edison, who has done miraculous things with electricity, does not know what electricity is. One day I asked a friend of mine, a farmer, what it is and he said "I don't know, but you just let the lightning hit you and you'll find out!" I had rather stay ignorant on the subject than to find out in that way. But would I find out then? We know as little about gravitation as we do about fire and electricity. We are strangers, surrounded by strange things.

Our astronomers have discovered that the earth swings around the sun, they have weighed and measured some of the stars, the sun and the moon; they have discovered that Halley's Comet plunges through space twenty times faster than a cannon ball and comes unerringly back over the same route in sight of the earth every seventy-five years, but where it goes and how it goes and why it goes and what the vast universe is for, they do not understand.

There is a comet which shone very brightly over the earth about the time that Caesar was assassinated, 44 B. C. It again appeared in the year 531 and again in 1106 and again in 1408. It takes 576 years to complete its circle! It has only come in sight of the earth three times since Christ was crucified. Astronomy is a stupendous mystery. Our education is very limited. We are babes in the woods. But we are learning!

### TAX NOTICE

Your town taxes for year 1921 are long past due. Please pay same and save cost of advertising.

C. F. PAGE,  
Tax Collector.

### HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

DEYS LAUGHIN' BOUT ME  
GWINE T' SLEEP SUNDAY  
MAWNIN' IN CHUCH, BUT  
AH WANT ER-SLEEP--AH'S  
JES' PLAYIN' POSSUM ON  
CUNT DE WAY DE PAHSON  
WUNT TECHIN' UP WE-ALL  
CONNUHS!



## SMILE AND HELP MAKE EVERYTHING BETTER

What will help business? Nothing more than a few smiles and a few words of cheer. Raise up and smooth out the odd flopped corners of the mouth. Stop the grumbling and complaining. Things will soon look better and we will all feel better if we follow this course.

Suppose every business house in town would pull for community progress and work as hard as some do, how different things would be. Some people will not to some towns because things are blue and there are so many groans and moans they are uncomfortable. Then after the waiting come the fear of the people in those towns if they have a dollar that they are going to lose it and their certainty that it is the last dollar in the world makes them bury it. Now if the merchants will straighten up, advertise, get the folks to come in to see them, please them with reasonable prices and prices that they can get in neighboring towns and sprinkle a little good cheer, their customers will not only come again but they will tell their neighbors about it and they will come.

The bankers might give a little more cheerful greeting to their depositors and friends. Their assurance that all is well and that they are doing what they can for us will make everybody think and say that things aren't so bad after all. Watch those fellows who advertise every day. None of them are broke and they are better off financially than anybody you see.

### WILLIAMSTON, 34; AYDEN 12

The Williamston Basketball team played a fine game Friday night in the brick warehouse with the Ayden team. Even though it was cold and the weather had a large number of fans were on hand to furnish the pep for the game. Our team is exceptionally good this year and is out for the championship in this district. It is up to us to help them. They are playing tonight on the home court and it is hoped that an unusually large crowd will attend.

The line up and score follows:

Ayden	Williamston
	R. F.
Worthington, E.	Purvis
	L. F.
Worthington, H.	Britt
	C.
Hooks	Orleans
	R. G.
Burney	Margolis
	L. G.
Harrington	Taylor

Ayden scoring: Field goals, Worthington, E. 1; Hooks 3; Harrington 1; foul goals, Hooks 2. Williamston scoring: Purvis 2; Britt 10; Orleans 1; Margolis 2; Taylor, 1; foul goals, none. Score by halves, 4-16; 8-18. Referee: E. S. Peel. Time 2 20 halves.

### CONTENTION

Martin and Beaufort county citizens are contending over the question of bad roads, each county claiming to have the worst and many people are confirming what they say with bitter oaths. Our impression is that Beaufort take the cake (and that means something) as a Martin county man was recently driving along one of Beaufort's leading highways and his mule mired so deep he could not get out and died in the mud. Now we are charitable enough to our neighboring county to say that they have some roads when a Martin county mule of good standing and experience on Martin county roads has to give up the ghost.

### NEW WORLD RECORD FOR COURT JUDGMENT

San Jose, Cal., March 2.—When George Jones borrowed \$100 for three months at 10 per cent interest monthly on January 18, 1837, from Henry R. Stuart; he did not figure perhaps that the loan would lead up to a judgment against him for \$304,840,332,912,685.16 yesterday in the Superior court here. Compound interest is the explanation. Stuart charged that Jones disappeared after the loan. He reappeared recently and Stuart brought suit. The court found for Stuart, named the figure and announced that it was the "only judgment it could return under the circumstances." It took the court and two accountants two hours to figure the amount of the judgment.

PORTO RICO AND HAYMAN POTATO slips for sale. 75c per bushel. Phelps Hardison.

## COMMISSIONERS IN REGULAR SESSION

Proceedings of the Board of Martin County Commissioners at its regular meeting, March 6th, 1922, was as follows:

N. R. Manning was released from payment of \$2.00 poll tax, improperly listed.

C. B. Clark released from payment of \$26.00 tax improperly listed, Williamston township.

John T. Jones released from the payment of \$5.68 tax, improperly listed in Williams township.

Fannie Parker, estate, released from payment of \$6.75 tax on land listed twice in Jamesville township.

Ordered that William Thompson be required to list land in Williamston township at \$575.00.

P. W. Wright released from payment of tax on \$575.00 land which belonged to William Thompson.

Ordered that road supervisors in Poplar Point township be required to put roads in that township in passable condition.

Jim Nicholson of Poplar Point township was allowed \$6.00 per month.

The W. A. Haislip estate in Goose Nest township was released from payment of taxes on land valued at \$3,440 listed twice.

The Board adjourned to meet Wednesday, March 15th. The following members were present: John L. Haislip, chairman; Henry D. Peel; Henry C. Green; Joshua L. Coltrain and Dr. B. L. Long.

## BETTER LEAVE THE COUNTIES ALONE

Governor Morrison seems to be getting things in line to tell the counties how to run their affairs now and no doubt much can be done to make county government more efficient as there is much laxity in handling these affairs. But the governor might be able to improve it even if he was put in personal charge.

The management of county matters is by a board of commissioners, elected from the body of the county and composed generally of good, sound men. Perhaps the greatest defect in the system is in not keeping men in long enough to give the public the value of their experience. One thing that can be said of county government is that while errors may creep in they are usually business mistakes rather than corrupt acts. The governor may help by suggesting certain plans but it is advisable for him to keep his hands off.

### HALF MILLION SAVED

More than one-half million dollars has been saved and invested in United States Treasury Savings Certificates in the Fifth Federal Reserve District during the month of January, according to a statement made by Postmaster Jesse T. Price of the Williamston Post Office. The postmaster just received a letter from Howard T. Crag government director of Savings at Richmond, Va., in which he states that "sales for January have so far surpassed expectations. From 226 post offices reporting and mail orders received at the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond, the sales total \$562,650."

This new offering of certificates has proved very popular in that they are issued in denominations of \$25, \$100 and \$1,000 and may be purchased at a flat discount price of twenty per cent off their maturity value. People seek a safe investment, with a guarantee as to both principal and interest, have been quick to take advantage of this attractive issue of "baby bonds" and have bought them in large numbers.

Mr. Price says: "For those seeking investment of funds, nothing is more attractive than these new savings certificates which yield four and one-half per cent interest on purchase price, compounded semi-annually, if held to maturity, five years from the date of issue."

### WATCH YOUR ACREAGE!

The suggestion comes from every quarter that a big average of tobacco will mean low prices for this fall. The carry over from the past crop was larger than any in several years. Tobacco has been higher than any other of the big crops for five years and when the farmers rush to the high side of the boat they usually capsize it so the year is not distant when the price of tobacco will burst just as the peanut price has done and the cause will be all large crop. A fair crop of good tobacco will pay any year. Farmers don't plant the world in any one crop unless you want low prices.

### NOTICE

On and after March 1st, we will sell all groceries strictly for cash. Positively nothing charged to ANYONE.  
J. O. MANNING & BRO.

## Local News and Personal Mention

Miss Louise Harrison of Atlantic Christian College spent the weekend at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Harrison.

Mr. C. A. Benedict of the American Issue Publishing Company of Westerville, Ohio, has been in town this week.

Mr. James Manning of Wilson spent the weekend at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa J. Manning.

Mr. R. G. Harrison returned Friday noon from a business trip to New York and Philadelphia. Mr. Harrison is very optimistic since talking to the northern bankers as they not only say that there is plenty of money in the country but are willing to produce the coin itself which means of course that conditions in the South will ease up.

Dr. John D. Biggs went to Suffolk yesterday to attend a meeting of the directors of the Cooperative Peanut Exchange.

Income tax men are numerous, more numerous than incomes these days.

Mr. Frank Margolis returns tonight from New York where he has purchased a full stock of spring clothes for men, women and children.

Mr. Harry A. Biggs went to Richmond this morning to attend the Pavlov performance given there tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitzhugh Robertson an ababy spent several days this week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Robertson in New Town. Mr. Robertson has been agent for the W. and P. railroad at Windsor for the past year. He has now been promoted to the position of auditor of that road and will be located at Ahoskie beginning March 8th. We are always glad to see Martin County boys promoted.

Mr. Edgar Robinson of Philadelphia spent the weekend here with Mrs. Robinson who is visiting her mother, Mrs. Augustus Johnson.

Mr. C. R. Fleming spent last night in Washington.

Mrs. S. R. Biggs, Jr., and baby have returned from Edenton where they have been visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Fagan, for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Robertson and children of Suffolk spent the weekend here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Robertson. Mr. Robertson left for Suffolk Monday and Mrs. Robertson and the children went to visit Mrs. Susan F. Peel in the county.

Mrs. Fred Bullock and son, John Bullock returned to their home in New York this morning after attending the funeral of the former's father, Col. Wilson G. Lamb. They were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. H. Knight while in town.

Mr. V. G. Taylor, Cashier of the Planters and Merchants Bank in Everett was a business visitor in town yesterday.

Mrs. True Page Pierce returned to her home in New York this morning after spending the winter months with her sister, Mrs. J. B. H. Knight.

Mrs. Rena Little returned to her home in Pictouls yesterday after attending the funeral here of her sister, Mrs. William E. Warren.

Mrs. Martha Davidson of Rocky Mount will arrive tonight to visit her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Anderson at her home on Haughton street.

Mrs. Marion Inge has returned from Raleigh where she had been visiting her parents, Capt. and Mrs. C. J. Rhem. Friends of Captain Rhem will be pleased to learn that he is much improved from the serious illness he was recently afflicted with.

Mr. F. L. Haislip of Hamilton paid us a pleasant visit Monday.

Mr. Wilson G. Bullock went to Wilson yesterday.

Messrs. B. F. Meyers, P. H. Davenport and Frank L. Gladstone of Hamilton were business visitors in town yesterday.

Mr. Frank Hassell of Wilson spent Sunday with his father, Elder Sylvester Hassell.

ROOMS FOR RENT: FURNISHED and unfurnished. Apply "E" care Enterprise.

## RURAL NEWSPAPER GREAT INFLUENCE

Columbus, Ohio.—Country newspapers were classed with the schools and the church and were stamped as one of the three great influences for good by A. D. Robinson, publisher of the Ravenna Republican, president of the Buckeye Press Association, in his annual address to publishers of weekly papers in Ohio. He spoke at a dinner tendered the conventioners by the editor and publishers of the Association of Columbus. "It is going to fall more and more upon country newspapers to maintain high ideals that inculcate good citizenship," he declared.

G. W. C. ("Commodore") Perry, president of the Associated Ohio Dailies and superintendent of the state board of pardons and paroles, received a round of applause when he told of the absence of newspaper men in the Ohio Penitentiary and Mansfield reformatory. "I haven't found a newspaper man in either place," he declared. "One man I have met was once a reporter on a Cincinnati paper," he continued, but he was in the banking business when he was arrested. I haven't found a printer among the convicts," he added.

The above article from the Publishers Auxiliary seems to place newspapers in the right column when it comes to honor but the writer did not say how many newspaper people he had seen in the county home but from self experience we would guess it a right high per centage.

## HAMILTON MURDER CASE IS CLEARED UP

The mystery of the Hamilton murder on the Milburn road near Raleigh, late in December has been cleared in the confession of Red Bryant, negro. Bryant says that he and John Richmond, another negro were together, and that Richmond fired at the automobile for devilment apparently not knowing or caring who was in it. This confirms the statement of Miss Guess who was with Hamilton at the time, as she testified that the shooting was done by two negroes. All circumstances at the inquest indicated that Miss Guess was not giving the facts as they happened and much stress was laid on immorality and a rival attack.

Richmond is still at large but Bryant is in jail, having been caught at a still late in February and since confessed the murder. He says Richmond was drunk when the murder was committed.

## SUCCEEDS COLONEL LAMB

Colonel P. M. Pearsall has been appointed chairman of the State Board of Elections to succeed Hon. Wilson G. Lamb, deceased. Colonel Pearsall has had wide experience in public matters, knows the State and its interests and will no doubt make a splendid official, though the State cannot hope to have in Col. Pearsall a more faithful competent and fair chairman than Colonel Lamb was.

## HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS ARE STARVING

Washington March 6.—Hundreds of thousands of men, women and children in Austria are "at the door of starvation and will perish of hunger and diseases that accompany starvation unless early relief is obtained." Edward A. Filene, prominent Boston merchant, warned in a letter to Senator Walsh, of Massachusetts, which the latter read in the Senate.

## Food Held Up

Washington, March 6.—Enormous quantities of food sent by the United States to relieve the hunger pangs of Russia's starving millions are tied up in European ports because of the breakdown of Russia's transportation system, Secretary of Commerce Hoover announced today.

American relief officials who are supervising the distribution of the relief supplies in Russia are encountering great difficulties in getting the food stocks to the famine stricken areas owing to the chaotic state of the transportation system in Russia, Hoover said.

Within the last 30 days Hoover asserted, 100,000 tons of American relief shipments have been landed at seven Russian ports, Reval, Riga, Libau, Danzig, Theodosia, Odessa and Novosisk. Seventy-five thousand tons of relief supplies are already on hand at these ports, Hoover said, and 140,000 tons more will be landed there within another month.

LOST OR "BORROWED". ONE 23x4 Usco Tread U. S. Tire on rim. Finder will please return to J. W. Watts, Jr.

GOOD MILCH COW FOR SALE. Will be fresh in about two weeks. Has given 6 gallons of milk and made two pounds of butter per day. N. R. Robertson, Williamston, R. F. D. 4.

## Co-Op Marketing Is Biggest Thing The In South Today

### WIN \$5; GET IN ON THE PRIZE CONTEST

A prize of \$5.00 will be given by one of our subscribers to the person giving the best answers to the following questions: What are morals? Where did morals originate? Did morals come from revelation or evolution.

The party offering this prize asks all who will to send answers to The Enterprise and they will be handed over to three judges. The best answers will be published under the name of the winner announced. Remember this offer is open to grown people as well as children.

### SADDEST SCENE IN LIFE

About the saddest scene in life is to see the old things pass away to give place to the new. Such an event in our own country within recent years was the running away of the rabble from Woodrow Wilson in a vain clamor for something new. Perhaps there are millions of good Americans who now see their mistake. They are realizing that they threw down statesmanship and picked up puny politics.

There are indications now that the English people are turning away from the little Welshman and that the great David Lloyd George will have to go. It is doubtful if the British Empire has ever produced a great man than the present humble, George. They have had their Gladstone, Pitts and many others but Lloyd George is not only the great statesman but the commoner as well. He has held up first the principles of right and then made the people conform to them. No political clique could make the politics for his people. Such men are rare in the history of nations and it will be a world calamity the day Lloyd George is removed from the leadership of Great Britain just as it was when Woodrow Wilson was removed from American leadership.

### BETTER THINGS AHEAD

From every business center comes the statement that things are getting better and while it may be some time before it reaches the remote places, yet it is safe to say that good times are soon coming. Our country is full of money and it is hidden and locked up rather than out at work. If those who have it would loosen up things would greatly improve. Folks are strange things. Only a few years ago we all thought we were rich, now some of us think we are poor which is right. But it is more in the thought than it is in the fact. We have the same property we had then and owe less money on an average. We are perhaps looking on the darkest side of things.

### IMPROVE FINANCIAL STANDING

That tobacco growers who have joined the marketing association have improved their financial standing is made clear by a statement of the presidents of the Tobacco and Cotton Marketing Associations as follows:

Dear Sir: The association desires to inform bankers, merchants and member-growers that there is no reason that any conflict of interests should come between the associations and any one interested in the crops.

The member-grower can execute mortgage in good faith on his crop. In that even the Associations can issue all certificate and checks to joint order of member-grower and mortgagee.

We believe that mortgage or lien will be better paper if maker is a member of the associations, as every other member will be interested in his delivering his crop to the Association.

W. H. Austin, Pres., North Carolina Cotton Growers Association.

G. A. NORWOOD, President, Tobacco Growers Cooperative Assn. Raleigh N. C. Feb. 25th, 1922.

### NOTICE

To Fernando Little and all other persons: You will take notice that I purchased 42 acres of land known as the Robert or Huck old Homeplace listed by Fernando Little in Cross Roads township at a sheriff's sale for taxes at the court house door in Williamston, Martin County North Carolina, on Monday June 6th, 1921. You will further take notice that unless redemption is made I will demand a deed for said land under the said tax sale at the expiration of one year from June 6th, 1921.

This March 3rd, 1922. E. S. PEEL.

### NOTICE

To Laura Moore and all other persons: You will take notice that I purchased 2 acres of land listed to Laura Moore in Williams township at a sheriff's sale for tax at the court house door of Martin county on Monday, June 6th, 1921. You will further take notice that unless redemption is made I will demand a deed for said land under the said tax sale at the expiration of one year from June 6th, 1921.

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## Announcement that more than 60,000 tobacco farmers from the Carolinas and Virginia are now members of the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association, establishes this organization as the largest Cooperative Marketing Organization in the United States.

The first step towards the establishment of warehouses and redrying plants for the Association was taken by the directors when a committee was appointed to make a survey of the tobacco marketing equipment in the three states, at the recent meeting of directors in Raleigh. This committee composed of Dr. J. Y. Joyner of North Carolina, chairman; N. H. Williams of Virginia and T. B. Young of South Carolina, will determine those properties in the three states which seem essential to the furtherance of the plans of the Association.

Because of the large number of applications which have reached the directors of the Growers' Association from warehousemen, Boards of trade and marketing centers expressing the wish to do business with the Association—no difficulty is anticipated in securing all properties needed for the marketing of the hundreds of millions of pounds now under contract in the Association.

The appointment of the committee to prepare for the lease or purchase of such warehouses as are needed for marketing the 1922 crop of all Association members, was made after the report of those directors who returned from Kentucky as eye witnesses of the successful operation of the Kentucky Burley Growers Marketing Association which controls and operates over 100 warehouses in Kentucky, Indiana, West Virginia, and Ohio.

First hand study of the successful methods of finance and marketing used by the organization of 55,000 Kentucky Growers who have made profitable sales of millions of pounds of their crop of 1921 is aiding the directors of the Virginia-Carolina Association in preparing to market the crop of 1922.

While praising the operation of the Kentucky Burley Association, the Virginia-Carolina directors say that the foundation of success for the Kentucky growers lies in their ability to make tobacco pay by raising sufficient grain, hay and live stock to support their families and improve their land. The directors of the organized growers of Virginia and the Carolinas are earnestly urging their members to lay the same foundation for success as the Kentucky Burley Growers by raising their food, feed and meat at home.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator upon the estate of Wilson G. Lamb, Sr., late of Martin county, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present them for payment before the 28th day of February, 1923 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 28th day of February, 1922. WILSON G. LAMB, JR., Administrator.

### NOTICE OF SALE

We will sell to the highest bidder for cash at public auction in front of the Planters and Merchants Bank, at Everett, N. C., at 2:00 P. M. on Saturday, April 8th: one Ford touring car to satisfy a lien of labor and repairs. This car belongs to W. O. Council.

This the 6th day of March, 1922. CHAMPION AUTO CO.

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### FIGARO CONDENSED LIQUID Hickory smoke. The best smoke for your hams and bacon. Come to see me. M. B. McGowan.

### BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCK EGGS

for setting, from the range \$1.50 per fifteen; from special mated pens, either light or dark, \$2.50 per fifteen. Our roosters came from the best in the U. S. We introduce new blood every year. J. J. Robertson & Sons, Route 1, Jamesville, N. C.