

Copy of Bill to Put Certain County Officers on Salary

To the editor:

At the request of the Board of County commissioners, and at the suggestion of a number of the citizens of Martin county, I introduced a bill at the Special session of the legislature permitting the commissioners of Martin county to place certain officers on a salary. As this bill has never been published in the county, and the citizens of the county will be called upon at the primary in June to select candidates for the various offices, I think the enclosed bill should be published for the information of the citizens.

I also introduced a bill at the general session of the legislature to place Martin county under the state wide primary law, and in my opinion, attention should be called to the same, as this method will now be used to select candidates for county offices.

The state wide primary law is published in the Consolidated Statutes and information regarding requirements may be obtained by seeing same in any law office in Martin county, as well as the clerk's or registers' office.

Thanking you for your courtesy in publishing the enclosed bill, I am,

Respectfully yours,
CLAYTON MOORE,
Williamston, N. C., March 11, 1922.

Copy of the Bill

A Bill to be entitled, "An Act to Authorize the Commissioners of the County of Martin to Place Certain Officers on Salaries."

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the sheriff, clerk of the superior court and register of deeds of the county of Martin, and their respective deputies shall collect and receive and account for all the fees, commissions, emoluments and other compensation for their services to which they are entitled by virtue of their respective offices, and pay same on the first Monday of every calendar month, or within three days thereafter, into the treasury of Martin County, and they shall be responsible for and chargeable with all the monies of every kind which are to be, or by law should be paid into their respective offices, and shall be held to strict account therefor.

Section 2. That officers shall faithfully collect all fees, commissions, profits and emoluments of all kinds now belonging or appertaining to, or which may hereafter by any law be long or appertain to their respective offices and they shall receive as compensation for their services only such salaries and compensation as is hereinafter provided; and for any abstraction, concealment or misapplication of any of the monies payable into their respective offices which any of them have collected, any one of them so abstracting, concealing or misapplying the same will be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall forfeit their said office or offices and be punished as is now provided by law in cases of embezzlement by public officers.

Section 3. That each and all of said officers shall open and keep a separate set of books in which shall be promptly, correctly, truly and accurately entered itemized accounts of all monies collected or receivable by said officers, or which by law, are or may be payable into their respective offices, and all the said books shall at all times be open to the inspection of the public upon demand, and said books shall be safely and securely kept so as to prevent loss or destruction by theft, fire or accident.

Section 4. That on the first Monday of each and every calendar month a true and accurate transcript shall be

transmitted by each of the officers of Martin county to the Board of Commissioners of said county, said transcript of contain and show in detail all of the entries made upon said books during the preceding calendar month, which shall be sworn to and duly verified by the officer whose duty it is to make said entries and keep the books and accounts pertaining to his respective office. The various deputies or clerks shall make their reports to their respective officers as herein provided and said reports shall form a part of the report of the officer whose deputy or clerk he is.

Section 5. The said books shall be open and kept in a manner to be prescribed and authorized by the Board of Commissioners of Martin county, who shall have constant supervision of the same.

Section 6: That any officer failing to keep said books and make his report as provided for in this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined or imprisoned, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 7. That the sheriff of Martin county shall receive a salary of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) nor more than seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) per annum as full compensation for his service and the services of such assistants, deputies and clerks as he may appoint, and jailor. The sheriff shall receive no other compensation whatever hereafter be allowed by law to the sheriff for the seizure and destruction of illicit liquors, and for actual necessary expenses for conveying prisoners to jail in counties other than their own and to the States prison, and insane persons to the State Hospital. It is expressly provided by the terms of this act to be the duty of the sheriff to furnish the necessary court attendants in the superior court and in the Recorder's court of Martin county, and convey all prisoners to the place of their imprisonment in Martin county without extra compensation, but where it is necessary to bring prisoners on the train to the county jail, the Board of Commissioners shall pay the actual railroad fare of the deputy and prisoner. The Sheriff shall pay over to the county treasurer all fees, mileage, and other allowances paid to him by the State of North Carolina, or by any State institution for performing any duty required of him by law.

Section 8. That the Clerk of the Superior court of Martin county shall receive a salary of not less than three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) nor more than four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) per annum for his services and the services of assistants, deputies and clerks, and he shall be allowed nothing in addition thereto for performing the duties of his office.

Section 9. That the Register of deeds of Martin county shall receive a salary of not less than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) nor more than three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) per annum as full compensation for his services and the services of assistants, deputies and clerks, and he shall be allowed nothing in addition thereto for performing the duties of his office. It shall be the duty of the register of deeds to make up the tax books of Martin county each year. The Board of County commissioners may allow the register of deeds a sum not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) per annum for the payment of deputies or clerical help.

Section 10. That the Board of county commissioners may require the officers herein named to give the bonds required by law for their respective offices in some solvent bonding or surety company and the said board may, in its discretion order the payment of the premiums on said bond out of the general fund. Should the Board of County Commissioners decide to accept personal bonds from the officers herein named, said bonds, before being accepted shall be approved by the Board and the county attorney.

Section 11. That the salaries herein provided for shall be paid by the treasurer of said county out of the general fund, to all persons entitled to receive the same in monthly installments upon warrants drawn by the Board of County commissioners of said county and countersigned by the chairman and clerk of said board.

Section 12. That the Board of County Commissioners of the county of Martin to be elected in the county election of 1922 shall on the first Monday in December, 1922, decide whether or not this act shall apply to the officers of Martin county herein named. In the event of their decision to place said officers on a salary in lieu of their

MRS. MACHERTY SPEAKS HERE TOMORROW NIGHT

On account of the delightful free program to be rendered at the Strand Theatre on Wednesday night under the auspices of the Twentieth Century Club, Mrs. Harry M. Stubbs, President there is expected to be an overflow crowd and it is wise to come early in order to get a choice seat. The show starts at 8:15 P. M. and there will be an uninterrupted entertainment for two hours or more.

Mrs. Macherty, in person, will give an illustrated lecture on beautifying of yards, streets and public grounds; and this lecture will prove of great interest to the entire audience for it has something to do with the general improvement of the whole neighborhood including private as well as public grounds.

The municipal authorities of Williamston have evidenced their strong support of a City Beautifying Movement, and no doubt they will start this good work going, beginning at the City power plant and extending to the School grounds, the City Hall, and numerous streets in the city. The court house grounds will no doubt have some special attention this spring and with all these anticipated improvements Mrs. Macherty will no doubt receive a genuine warm welcome from both the Twentieth Century Club and the many private individuals as well as the county and City authorities.

A number of young ladies, prominent in the social life of the town will render musical selections, both vocal and instrumental, and this with in itself should prove an unusually attractive drawing card. Mrs. Carrie Rhodes is assisting Mrs. Stubbs with the general programme, and a very pleasant surprise is in store for the audience.

COBURN—GREENE

A pretty home wedding was solemnized Tuesday morning at 7:30 o'clock when Miss Hattie Lee Greene and Mr. Jesse Norman Coburn were married.

The entire lower floor was tastefully decorated with potted plants, cut flowers and lighted candles, and the ceremony was performed before an improvised altar by Rev. J. M. Perry, pastor of the First Christian church.

Miss Myrtle Greene played the wedding music, "To a Wild Rose" and "Venetian Love Song," being used during the ceremony.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother Mr. Claude L. Greene, of Oak City, wore a stylish traveling suit of navy-blue pique with accessories to match, and her flowers were a shower bouquet of bride's roses and valley lilies.

Miss Lela Greene sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a frock of navy-blue satin with a black picture hat and carried an arm bouquet of roses.

The dame of honor, Mrs. David Grimes, also sister of the bride, wore a frock of blue canton crepe, with trimmings of jade green and a black picture hat. Her flowers were an arm bouquet of roses.

Little Miss Nettie Ferrell Meadow, niece of the groom, carried the ring in the heart of a lily. She wore a dainty little frock of white organdy.

The groom had as his best man Mr. Ashley Spiro, of Tarboro.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Coburn left for a tour in the north, visiting Baltimore, Washington and other cities.

Mrs. Coburn is the fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Greene and a popular and charming young woman.

Mr. Coburn is a promising young man of sterling qualities and is cashier of the Farmers Banking and Trust company.

The out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Harry Meadow and daughter, Nettie Ferrell; Mrs. Annie Belle Greene; Mrs. Whit Purvis, Mrs. Henry Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Taylor of Williamston; Miss Neva Holliday of Jamesville; Mr. Ashley Spiro of Tarboro; Mr. and Mrs. Staton J. Peele, of Belhaven.—Robersonville Herald.

present fees, a resolution to that effect shall be spread upon the minutes of the meeting of the board, and a fixed salary, within the limits of the amounts herein designated, shall be made and the said salary, when so fixed shall not be changed during the term of office of any officer herein provided for. In the event the Board of Commissioners shall refuse to place said officers on salary as provided for in this act, then this act shall be null and void.

Section 13. That all law and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Section 14. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Local News and Personal Mention

Miss Geneva James of Robersonville is the guest of Mrs. W. A. James and Mrs. Whit Purvis this week.

Miss Mary O. Smith spent Sunday in Bethel, the guest of Miss Fannie Cahoon.

Mrs. Larry Chapman and Miss Marie Chapman of Griffon were the guests of the former's daughter, Mrs. J. L. Williams for the weekend.

Mr. V. G. Taylor of Everetts was a business visitor in town yesterday.

Miss Mary Alice Dunning spent Sunday in Robersonville with relatives.

Mr. J. Ayers of Everetts spent yesterday in town.

Deputy Marshall J. R. SManning of Raleigh was in town yesterday on business relating to his office.

Mr. John Henry Thrower went to Raleigh Monday.

Mr. R. E. Grimes of Robersonville was a business visitor in town yesterday.

Mr. Z. Hardy Rose has returned from his farms near Raleigh.

MRS. SALLIE A. PEAKS

Mrs. Sallie A. Peaks died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry White in Bear Grass township Sunday after a short attack of pneumonia. She was a Miss Williams, born at Amesville sixty-three years ago and was married four times, first to a Mr. Harris, then to Maurice Gardner, to a Mr. Murphy and to Mr. P. R. Peaks, who also preceded her to the grave. She leaves five children, Wheeler Peaks, Mrs. Lossie White, Mrs. Kate Gibson, Mrs. Sallie Parrisher and Mrs. Hattie Parrisher.

The burial was at the M. Bowen burying ground and the funeral service was conducted by Elder Sylvester Hassell.

CELEBRATES 90th BIRTHDAY

Mr. Thomas Whitley of Griffins township celebrated his ninetyeth birthday Saturday. He is one of the old type of citizens to some extent passing away. He has always had time to fulfill obligations, help a friend in need, always cheerful and while he has done an immense amount of work yet he has always had the real pleasures of life which can only be enjoyed by those who did their full duty in life. He has lived by his own labor and may many more pleasant years be numbered in his life.

TO MARTIN COUNTY TEACHERS

Let me again remind you that the books published below are those adopted by the Martin county Teachers Association for the 1921-1922 reading circle course.

"Story Telling for Upper Grade Teachers," by Cross and Statler. Primary and Elementary Grade Teachers are required to get credit on this book. It is published by Row, Peterson and Co., Chicago Ills.

"The Redirection of High School Instruction," by Lull and Wilson. All High School teachers must read this book. It is published by J. B. Lillingsworth Co., Philadelphia, Pa.


"Administration of Rural and Village Schools" by Finney and Shafer. This is the book for all principals and superintendents and is published by the McMillan company, New York City.

Please govern yourselves according to this schedule

EVA IRENE PEEL, Sec.

BAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

A MULE KICKED ME SO HARD TOTHER DAY, DOCTUH SAY AN LOS' MAH CONSCIENCE BUT JEDGIN' FUM DE BILL HE SONT ME DAT MULE MUS' ER DONE KICK HIM TOO!



CAPT. WILLIAM BISSELL DIED FRIDAY MARCH 10

Captain William Bissell died Friday March 10th after an illness of ten days with pneumonia. Captain Bissell was born in Birmingham, England, September 18th 1847. He came to America about fifty three years ago as an engineer for the Warrings, Prestmans and others forming the syndicate which built the old Jamesville and Washington railroad. After they had operated the road for several years it and all of its holdings went into the hands of a new company and Captain Bissell was in charge of the entire transportation service until he leased the road and equipment and operated it for himself. Competition by the bigger railroad systems rendered the operating of the road unprofitable and the period of financial depression which struck the country in 1892 made it impossible to procure capital to rebuild and equip the road so in 1902 the charter was surrendered and the road was taken away.

For a number of years thereafter Captain Bissell engaged in farming and stock raising. When the Greenleaf John Lumber Company was operating railroads in Martin and Pitt counties he was employed as their chief machinist and engineer. About fifteen years ago he suffered from heat and sun stroke and for a long time was seriously ill never fully recovering but regaining enough of his vigor and health to work in the Dennis Simmons Lumber Co. After they closed their mills he again gave such of his attention as he was able to farming. HHIS was the last family to leave Dymond City, which at one time a village of about fifty people. He has lived with his daughter Mrs. W. D. Daniel, since 1920. In July of that year he became a confirmed invalid, scarcely able to get around, but not until about ten days before his death was he seriously ill.

The burial was at the Daniel burying ground in Griffins township Sunday afternoon and the service was conducted by W. B. Harrington and Asa J. Manning. In 1880 Captain Bissell married Miss Sarah Ellis of Edenton, N. C. She, with one son, Matthew, and one daughter Mrs. Bertie Daniel, survive him.

He leaves besides these two nieces in New York and one brother in England. Captain Bissell was exceptionally quiet and always pleasing in disposition. He was well educated and a fine engineer. He leaves no enemies, all who knew him are his friends. He had been a member of Skewarkey Lodge of Masons for many years.

LAND VALUES DECREASING

The reported value of the different types of farm lands in North Carolina shows a marked decline since last year, when everything was adjusting itself under the new valuation system. On March 1st, 1921, the average value per acre of poor plow lands was about \$36.00. This year the same is valued at about \$33.00 and good plow lands, which in 1921 averaged \$76.00 per acre, this year are valued at about \$67.00. The average value of all the plow lands in the state this year is \$49.00 per acre.

In 1921, \$59.00 per acre for all farm lands with improvements, etc., was considered a reasonable price by farmers. This year the same land, with improvements is valued at \$56.00 per acre while the value of all farm lands without improvements is about \$41.00 per acre.

Farms seldom rent for cash in North Carolina, but, as reported, a cash rent of \$6.00 per acre for farms is considered a fair return where the value per acre of the land averages \$46.00. Plow land averages \$46.00. Plow lands, valued at about \$52 an acre rent for about \$8.00. The usual rental for all farm lands however is a proportional share of the crop produced.

Where cash rent is paid for pasture or grazing lands, \$2.25 an acre is considered a reasonable price in this state and pasture land is valued at about \$30.00 per acre.

CAN IT BE TRUE?

In a recent affidavit filed in the case of The Southern Railway Co. vs. A. D. Watts and others, showing sales of lands in ninety-eight of the one hundred North Carolina counties, it is stated that Martin county sold during the first six months of 1921 \$623,064.03 worth of land and that the same land was assessed for taxes at \$238,679.00 or only 38.81 per cent of the sale value. If these figures are true then our people should not complain at values. These sales were all above \$1,000 as no sale in which the consideration is less than \$1,000 is taken into account. There must be some error in the figures somewhere.

Luke Lamb Succeeds Father on State Executive Committee

W. C. I. 17; WILLIAMSTON 25

The locals beat the Washington Collegiate Institute in what was probably the best all round basket ball game ever played on the Brick Warehouse floor here Friday night. The final score was twenty-five to seventeen and never at any time have the Williamston boys displayed greater skill with the ball than when matched against these heavy weight fellows of the Washington team. The local team started off with a rush and simply played the larger boys off their feet in the first two quarters. They set such a fast pace, however, that they couldn't hold it up, and the visitors were making up for lost time when the final whistle blew. Irving Margolis was the best individual star of the game, playing all over the floor, breaking up the opposing passes, and guarding his man like a whirlwind. While Irving put up the best individual game the whole Williamston team played exceptionally well and put up an exhibition of fine passing and team work seldom seen in this section of the state.

Scotland Neck was scheduled to play here tonight but for some reason backed down almost at the last moment and the game has been called off.

The line up and score of Friday night's game:

W. C. I.	Williamston
Eubanks	Purvis
Satchwell	L. F. Britt
Williams	C. Orleans
Smithwick	R. G. Margolis
Gray	L. G. Taylor

W. C. I. scoring: field goals: Satchwell, 2; Williams, 3; Randall 2. Foul goals: Satchwell, 2 out of 3; Randall 1 out of 1.

Williamston scoring: field goals: Purvis 3; Britt 3; Orleans 3; Margolis 2. Foul goals: Orleans 3 out of 10; Britt 0 out of 1.

Substitutions: Randall for Eubanks. Time 4 10 minute quarters. Score by quarters: 1-9; 4-11; 3-1; 9-4. Referee Peel of Williamston.

Raleigh, March 9.—The Democratic state executive committee meeting here tonight selected Raleigh as the meeting place for the state convention and April 20 as the date.

The committee also called upon democratic voters to meet in their various precincts at 2 o'clock Saturday, April 8, for the election of a precinct executive committee and delegates to the county conventions.

County conventions are ordered held Saturday, April 15, at 11 o'clock for the election of delegates to the state convention.

The meeting developed into a sort of memorial gathering in honor of the late Col. Wilson G. Lamb, of Williamston, who for 46 years was a member of the committee. Resolutions in his honor were unanimously adopted, and speeches in eulogy of his life were made by Governor Morrison, Tax Commissioner A. D. Watts, Charles Whidby and others.

Luke Lamb, chief deputy commissioner of revenue for the state, and the youngest son of Colonel Lamb, was elected as his fathers successor on the committee.

A resolution offered by Sol Gallert, of Rutherford county, was adopted, calling upon democratic county executive committees of counties affected by the change of senatorial districts to meet March 21 for the purpose of determining from which counties in their several districts democratic nominations of candidates for rotation of candidates for the future. Districts affected by the changes made by the last general assembly, are the eighth; ninth; tenth; twelfth, thirteenth; eighteenth; nineteenth; twenty-fifth and twenty-seventh.

The agreements reached are to be certified to the state board of elections on March 25th, the date of the board's meeting.

The committee was in session only 45 minutes. It was the first gathering over which the newly-elected chairman, J. D. Norwood of Salisbury, presided. About 50 committeemen were present.

The resolutions and the speeches, by the governor and others reviewed the work of Colonel Lamb as a democratic patriot and worker.

His death leaves Col. A. D. Watts the oldest member of the committee in point of years of service. On the other hand, Luke Lamb is the youngest committeeman.

CANNOT TAX THE JUDGES

The Supreme Court by unanimous ruling has sustained Judge Long in his decision against the ruling of tax Commissioner A. D. Watts demanding state income tax from the judges just as is charged against private citizens.

This came as a surprise to many people who claimed to know the law but the Supreme court did not see it that way. As to our opinion we will not venture in competition with a court of last resort but in view of all the circumstances we would like to see the next general assembly reduce the salaries of judges at least as much as a good decent income tax would amount to.—We are always glad to see people paid for their services and register no kick when everybody is pulling along on one level but it has only been a short time since the judges in our state were given a very handsome raise in salaries and in addition have been put on retired pension lists. They are favored with increased salaries, payment for life of half salaries and yet are so favored as to not have to bear any of the ordinary burdens of the state.

We like the law that lays the same burden on every man and gives the same blessings to every man.

RAISE THE NECESSITIES FIRST!

Raleigh, March 13.—"Unless our people in the cotton growing sections of North Carolina produce at home the things they need to eat and sufficient feed for their live stock, they face bankruptcy, ruin and hunger." This was the emphatic statement here today of Senator Joe Brown of Chadbourne in speaking of the farming conditions in eastern Carolina and the "Live-At-Home" campaign which was recently inaugurated.

"In my section and in soe other sections of North Carolina, there is already considerable distress as a result of the depredations of the boll weevil. Conditions in every section which has been even slightly infested by the boll-weevil will be much worse during the coming year and if our people will not profit by the experience of others, they have a dark and gloomy period ahead of them.—In some sections of South Carolina and Georgia, where the farmers were as big fools as some of ours and grew cotton to the exclusion of all food and feed crops there has been much suffering even for the very food necessary to sustain life and for adequate clothing.

"When one considers how simple the remedy is in so far as actual living is concerned, he cannot help but lose patience with the farmer who, in the face of boll weevil infestation, continues to neglect to have a year around garden and keep one or more cows a good flock of chickens and sufficient hogs to provide his supply of meats. If he doesn't do this, he doesn't deserve much sympathy, and even at that, sympathy is not going to keep his wife and children from suffering."

— STRAND —

— THEATRE —

—THURSDAY—

GLORIA SWANSON

—in—

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— STRAND —

— THEATRE —

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20c and 30c

—SATURDAY—

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"A VIRGINIA COURTESHIP"—Fighting Fate—Episode No. 3

30c and 40c