

Trade and Pay-Up Campaign Continues Until Tuesday, February 15th

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Trade In Williamston Be One of the Lucky Ones. \$500 Given Free!

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TOBACCO CO-OP ONE YEAR OLD

TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY OF LARGEST COOPERATIVE IN AMERICA FEB. 9TH.

The thousands of tobacco growers in three states who are members of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association are asked to celebrate the birthday of their association next Friday, February 9th, just one year after its incorporation.

The Carolinians and Virginians who formed their marketing association for tobacco one year ago have seen it forge to the front as the largest of all cooperative marketing associations in America.

Next Friday they will celebrate its growth within a year from 65,000 to over 85,000 tobacco farmers; the acquisition of the majority of warehouses in three states, the marketing of close to 140,000,000 pounds of tobacco, cash payment to its members of close to \$20,000,000 and the assurance of future cash payment, which begins this month in South Carolina.

Organized tobacco growers of the South Carolina belt, who are now engaged in a successful campaign for new members, are being urged to make a special birthday present to the association, which many claim has doubled their receipts within a year, in the form of a new member.

George A. Norwood, president of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association, in a special birthday message to its members this week, says: "Millions of dollars added to the incomes of farmers this past year is your work. Let there be some question as to who gets the most of the benefits. I believe there is no one who questions the fact that the price of tobacco is higher and that you make it higher. Business may in the main be done for gain to the doer, but we must take a broader view and see that the gain is the gain of each."

"Your directors feel that the acquisition of the warehouse for you on easy terms, the financing and sale of a large part of the crop already is a success. More uniform and profitable prices are now sure. Nearly everybody will get more good out of their income if it is in installment rather than all at once."

"Cooperative marketing makes for thrift."

HAYS CRITICIZED BY SCREEN STAR

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS SAYS HAYS NOT "UPLIFTER"; JOSEPH "FIXER" OF FILMS

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 27.—Will H. Hays, titular head of the motion picture industry, is the "official fixer of the films" and draws his yearly salary of \$150,000 in that capacity and is not the "uplifter of the movies," Douglas Fairbanks, motion picture star, declared, the Los Angeles Times, stated today.

Mr. Fairbanks made the declaration the Times said, in an interview in which he commented upon his hope of banding together the stars of film under a "gentleman's agreement" that "would give the photoplay patrons art" instead of what he termed the "parasites of the industry," as he termed them, "think is art."

He made public several weeks ago his plans for grouping the leading actors and actresses of the screen in a combination designed to assure them a free hand in making and distributing their products.

The group includes himself, his wife Mary Pickford; Charlie Chaplin; Pola Negri, to whom Charlie Chaplin is said to be engaged to marry, and Harold Lloyd. It plans to deal with the production of distribution of its films, but to transact its affairs more directly with the exhibitors throughout the country.

A direct and flatfooted defiance of Mr. Hays and the motion picture producers and distributors was said by the Times to be Mr. Fairbanks' plan.

There are a few things in and around Williamston that should be investigated by the town officers. It is current news that there are gambling dens and liquor dives in the community. Some of them may be found in a building on three of the prominent high ways leading in town. Some are black and some are white, and some are mixed, and it is told by those who have seen them.

Mrs. A. P. Heymond spent a few days in Rocky Mount last week.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS GOOD ORGANIZATION

By-Laws and Committees of Organization Made Public Showing Business-Like Organization of Local Association

ARTICLE 1 Name and Object

Section 1. This organization shall be called the Williamston Chamber of Commerce.

Section 2. The object of this organization shall be the promotion of the general welfare of Williamston and tributary territory.

ARTICLE 2 Membership and Dues

Section 1. Any white person, firm or corporation or association interested in the general advancement of Williamston and Martin county may become a member of this Chamber of Commerce.

Section 2. Election to membership shall be by majority vote of the directors present at any regular or called meeting. Application must be made in writing.

Section 3. The membership of the Chamber of Commerce shall be: minimum \$5.00; maximum \$50.00, and to be graduated according to the business of the firm or individual, and the board of directors are authorized to fix the sum the individual or business shall pay for membership. The dues are to be paid semi-annually in advance. The membership is entitled to one vote for each \$5.00 paid.

Section 4. No person shall have the right to vote, to serve on any division, or to enjoy any rights or privileges of membership if he is in arrears in his dues.

Section 5. Every and any member desiring to resign his membership in the Chamber of Commerce, shall address a letter of resignation to the board, which resignation shall be accepted, provided dues are paid to the end of the term.

ARTICLE 3

Section 1. The annual meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday in December. Special meetings may be called by the directors when they deem necessary; and shall be called upon the request of ten members made in writing. All members shall be notified of meetings through the mails or through the papers.

ARTICLE 4

Section 1. The work of this Chamber of Commerce shall be organized and conducted on the commission plan with five departments and two divisions in charge of each department. The majority vote of the directors and after ten days notice has been given to all members of the Chamber of Commerce, one or more new departments may be created.

DEPARTMENTS

Section 2. For present purposes the departments shall be as follows: Department A—Organization affairs.

Department B—Public Affairs, Department C—Publicity, Department D—Business development.

Department E—Agriculture.

DIVISIONS

Section 3. For immediate purposes the following divisions are created:

DEPARTMENT A

Organization Affairs

Division 1. Ways and means, 12 directors.

Division 2. Membership, P. B. Cone, chairman.

Division 3. House and permanent

LAST ISSUE OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SECTION

In December The Enterprise contracted with the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants association of Williamston to publish four paper sections in three issues of the paper before February 15, in which the merchants of Williamston would debate to the public the wisdom of purchasing their goods and wares in Williamston, and give publicity to the Pay Up and Trade campaign which these big and wide awake merchants have put on giving the people of Martin and adjoining counties greater inducements to get the habit of coming to Williamston for their merchandise. We have already published two of these sections, and the one in this issue completes the series.

The merchants have been well pleased with the response to their efforts shown to the present date by the people of this section, and are in honor of having a large crowd here on February 15th, to participate in the prize drawing contest. All the prizes given away will be worth the expense of traveling miles to get, and they want to deliver the prizes in a bulk as drawn on that day if possible.

exhibit, H. C. Green, chairman.

Division 4. Entertainment, K. B. Crawford, chairman.

DEPARTMENT B

Public Affairs

Division A. City and county beautification, Henry Gurkin, chairman.

Division B. Legislation, Clayton Moore, chairman.

Division C. Health and sanitation, Dr. Wm. E. Warren, chairman.

DEPARTMENT C

Publicity

Division 1. Statistics and education, A. J. Manning, chairman.

Division 2. Community Advertising, Warren H. Biggs, chairman.

Division 3. Special events, O. S. Anderson, chairman.

DEPARTMENT D

Business Development

Division 1. New Industries, Dr. Jno. Biggs, chairman.

Division 2. Taxes and insurance, G. W. Blount, chairman.

Division 3. Trade extension, Geo. Harrison, chairman.

Division 4. Transportation, W. C. Manning, chairman.

DEPARTMENT E

Division 1. Farm development, J. L. Holliday, chairman.

Division 2. Markets and prices, J. G. Stator, chairman.

Division 3. Highways and drainage, A. K. Haxton, chairman.

Division 4. Home seekers, R. C. Harrison, chairman.

Each division shall be presided over by a chairman who may select and add as many members as will properly constitute a working division.

Section 4. A member may serve on more than one division, and in more than one department, but all members shall be given a place, as first choice on some division.

ARTICLE 5

Section 1. The authority and general policy of the association shall be vested in a board of directors and officers who shall have full authority in all matters of the association.

Section 2. The board of directors shall be twelve (12) in number. The director shall elect one of their number as the chairman, or president, who shall also be chairman of the Ways and Means division.

The board of directors shall formulate and adopt such rules, regulations or by laws as may be needed.

Section 3. The Ways and Means division of the department of organization affairs, shall be composed of twelve (12) directors. This body shall act as advisory board on the important problems coming before the board.

Section 4. The chairman of the membership division shall be the treasurer of this association, and the membership division shall be charged with the usual duties of a finance committee.

Section 5. The directors may employ a salaried secretary-manager for the Chamber of Commerce, who shall give his entire time to the work of the association, and who shall work under the direction of the board of directors. He shall, in fact, be in general charge of the work of the Chamber of Commerce and shall assume all the duties usually assigned to a secretary-manager. The directors may employ such other salaried help as may be deemed necessary.

Section 6. The directors shall meet at least twice each month in the office of the Chamber of Commerce at a date most convenient to all.

The Ways and Means division shall meet once each month on the date decided upon.

Each division shall meet at least once each month for consultation concerning the affairs of the division.

The members of the Chamber of Commerce shall meet once each month on the date decided upon.

ARTICLE 6

Section 1. All elections shall be held in accordance with the ballot system, or some other form which has received unanimous consent at a regular meeting of the Chamber.

ARTICLE 7

Section 1. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the association by a two-thirds majority of all the voters present, and at any special meeting, by a similar vote, provided that such proposed amendment has been given to every member of the Chamber of Commerce at least one week prior to such special meeting.

AGE-OLD TAX KICK IS MADE BY LOCAL CITIZEN

Taxes Are Low In Comparison to Benefits Now Derived

We have read with unusual care the article of our townsman, Mr. H. M. Burras, in Monday's *Enterprise* and Observer, entitled, "Whither Are We Drifting." We admit we are not capable of looking through the thought expressed by the article. We are unable to keep up with the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde in the article. No, Hughsey, we cannot tell whether you are cold or hot nor can we tell "whither" you are coming or going. You admit, some things we know are so, you prophesy some things that we are sure are not so. We admit we are not a doctor, and don't claim to be able to diagnose your case. We believe, however, from the symptoms you are suffering from a chronic case of political bellyache.

You talk very "wisely" about taxes, roads, boat lines; also democratic bonds and radical bonds, and you also know enough about human nature to appeal to the partisan. But if you are going to curse taxes, then don't praise roads they build. Don't curse taxes and praise the schools they built and don't curse taxes and praise the improvements they are making possible. Just be man enough to curse them and hush or generous enough to praise the benefits and blessings that we are deriving from them and also praise the government that gives them. You only have to look at the great educational institutions that have been made possible and put in the reach of our own children. We of middle ages were well-grown before the state ever spent a cent for the higher schooling that our daughters are receiving, with tuition free.

Again in your tirade against the money powers in North Carolina and in your appeal to those whom you must think can not understand take in your "political Greek," you are only voicing the sentiment and wishes of the greatest financial powers in North Carolina, the railroads. And if you have not already been, you will soon be visited by a selected committee who will pat you on the back and say, "Well done, good and faithful servant," and say step into the plush seated car.

And may we ask you how you got so much important information about the cost of boats, the kinds of boat, and the water ways, etc. You must have figured in Gardner's creeks in your cost of establishment of the steamboat lines on the waters of North Carolina, but you must remember that the United States is spending millions on the water ways of our state and they have been greatly improved and somebody should use them. Would you have the big shipping companies and the railroads or the people enjoy them?

If your predictions had been in song or poetry, no doubt they would have wet more eyes with democratic tears.

In one statement of your strong article you state that you were ordered to lie. Why did you not resist it more strongly? It was certainly an unfair thing for them to do and you should expose them publicly. Reveal their names.

You also mention the "rawest deal." The public must not think that it was a raw deal as they sent a great majority of the legislators back to the legislature this year. If our diagnosis is correct, you must have had a night mare.

Coming down to the real facts in the case, we must admit that we see no superlative democracy in your argument, nor do we see any dry bones or tombstones in the pathway you are so solemnly warning us against.

Another whiskey still was captured today

Tuesday morning Sheriff Roberson answered a call to the Robersonville section and in company with Officer C. James and a deputy succeeded in finding several barrels of beer. Going to another place on the Hassell-Parrale railroad they found a large still. There were about ten barrels of beer and a large plant. The still was hidden a good distance away from the beer. There were found grape hulls, orange peelings, meal mash, and in fact anything that would sour and produce drunkenness. No arrests were made and no one was seen at any of the places.

Mr. Edgar Boney left this afternoon for Asheville where he will be employed by the State Highway commission as resident engineer for a district containing twenty counties.

THE LEGISLATIVE WORKS AT RALEIGH IS STILL ACTIVE

Governor's Water Transportation Bill Is Still In the Limelight; Other Legislation of Importance Passed By the Legislature

RALEIGH, Jan. 29.—The fifth week of the legislature is in full swing with most of the more interesting subjects of legislative action as yet undisposed of and some of them not yet broached.

The governor's plan looking to the creation of a system of water transportation in North Carolina as the one available means of affording relief to our people from the high and discriminatory rail freight rates, after receiving an unanimously favorable report from the senate special committee to which it was referred, has been turned over to the senate committee on appropriations and there are suggestions that the committee make certain changes in the provision of the measure. It is understood that Senator Giles, a new man from McDowell county, "is opposed to the governor's bill." The statement is made by a Raleigh newspaper. But even if true, that does not mean that

STILL IS CAPTURED IN CROSS ROADS

Sheriff Roberson and Revenue Officer E. R. Jackson went out into the Cross Roads section Monday and found a still but it was not running. They destroyed about ten barrels of beer and several other things thereabout, and a mile away they found another batch of seven barrels of beer, but no still.

The beer was on the land of Dudley Edwards, a negro, but no conclusive evidence could be gotten against him.

The reason that the officers were called to this section was that they had information that the schools, the churches, homes and in fact, the whole neighborhood were all being ruined by the rum making and drinking. The officers should try to break it up.

Organized Gang of Automobile Thieves

KINSTON AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THEY HAVE HEADQUARTERS IN TIDEWATER DISTRICT

KINSTON, Jan. 27.—An organized gang of automobile thieves is operating in this part of North Carolina, in the opinion of local authorities, and a "receiving station" for stolen cars is maintained at some point in the Tidewater country, according to their belief. The police today had no evidence to connect any person with the frequent disappearance of small cars from local parking areas and garages, but admitted that they had suspicions.

Cars have disappeared with systematic regularity in recent weeks. Half a dozen have been stolen since the holidays, including one owned by a county department. One was recovered several miles from the city, abandoned for some reason by the thieves. Many automobiles disappeared last year. The thieves maintain no established headquarters in the opinion of the police.

NOTICE OF RE-SALE

Under and by virtue of an order of the clerk of the superior court of Martin county, N. C., ordering a resale of the Fred Cox tract of land, the former bid having been raised to a manner prescribed by law, the undersigned trustee will again sell the property hereinafter described at the court house door of Martin county, at Williamston, N. C., on the 14th day of February, 1923, between the hours of 12 m. and 2 p. m., to the highest bidder for cash:

Said tract of land lying, being and situate in the County of Martin, state of North Carolina, and near the town of Everett, and being tract number seven, seven (17), formerly owned by Wynn and Barnhill and known as "The Barnhill Farm" as surveyed and platted by C. M. Credle, C. E., plat of which is of record in the office of the register of deeds in and for Martin county in book one at page 487, to which said plat reference is hereby made for a more perfect description of said land. Said tract containing 95-62 acres.

This, the 29th day of January, 1923.

A. R. DUNNING, Trustee.

Mrs. J. E. Cromer and little daughters, Catherine, Margaret, and Elizabeth of Wilmington arrived Sunday night to join Mr. Cromer, who is foreman of The Enterprise composing room.

a majority of the appropriations committee is "opposed" to it and that the measure will be materially changed.

The garnishment amendment to the State Constitution, asked for by the secretary of the State Merchants' association, is already dead as a salt mackerel—but it doesn't know it. The last sad rites will be formally administered the last of this week or early next.

The druggists' measure to prohibit the sale of drugs, medicines and patent medicines, etc., in general stores or by merchants of any class, except druggists, where there are drug stores will be materially amended and then passed.

Representative Parker has presented two local measures for Alamance county that will probably be amended almost to the point of becoming state wide laws. The first provides that no board of county commissioners may go beyond the county's income in the expenditure of public money, and that all financial transactions of the board must be published in such form as to be easily intelligible.

Hearing on the substitute for the Gies \$2,500,000 farm loan fund bill, prepared by a group of fifteen agricultural experts, resulted in the senate committee ordering the substitute reported favorably for the purpose of having it printed, with the understanding that the bill will be referred for another hearing before the committee with the house committee sitting in jointly.

The bill was repeatedly described by the experts who appeared before the committee as the most important legislation that will be presented to this general assembly, and one, the enactment of which will raise this session above the level attained for that of 1921 by the \$50,000,000 road bill and the large appropriations for educational and charitable institutions. All of the speakers, however, discussed the need and effect of the bill rather than the provisions of the measure itself.

All of the speakers stressed the fact of 22,000,000 acres of idle farm land and that 45 per cent of those living on farm lands are tenants. The state aid was declared to be necessary to relieve the situation, and the speakers described their measure as desirable in form because it seeks to take advantage of settlement plans that have worked out in California, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed by John D. Lilley and wife, Lucy Lilley, to the undersigned trustee, and bearing date of February 6th, 1917, and of record in the public registry of Martin county in book O-1 at page 162, said deed of trust having been given to secure the payment of certain notes of even date therewith, and the terms and conditions therein contained not having been complied with and at the request of the holder of the said notes, the undersigned trustee will on the 28th day of February, 1923, between the hours of 12 m. and 2 p. m., in front of the court house door of Martin county in Williamston, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property to wit:

That certain tract or parcel of land in Martin county bounded on the north by the Walton road; on the east by the Jamesville and Washington Railroad company; on the south by the A. Fisher land and on the west by the said Fisher land and the B. F. Barber land, containing one hundred and twenty five (125) acres, more or less, the same being the Thomas Fisher tract of land with the following exceptions of fifty three (53) acres, and bounded as follows: Beginning at an iron stake, B. F. Barber's corner; and thence along said B. F. Barber's line to C. D. and R. L. Stallings', the A. Fisher line; thence a southeasterly course along said Stallings' line to J. C. Sexton's line; thence along said Sexton's line to an iron stake in Wilber Barber's line; thence along Wilber Barber's line to the beginning. Containing fifty three (53) acres.

This, the 29th day of January, 1923.

A. R. DUNNING, Trustee.

Mrs. C. F. Vandeberry of Oak City spent the week end in town with friends.

A. C. L. PAYS ITS BACK TAX

MARTIN COUNTY RECEIVES A CHECK FOR \$20,665.81 FROM ATLANTIC COAST LINE

The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company sent a check to Martin county today for \$20,665.81, which is back taxes for the years 1921 and 1922, and which they refused to pay and were forced to pay by the United States supreme court. This money goes to several road and special school tax districts as well as the county.

Mrs. W. H. Biggs Will Entertain Philatheas On Friday Night

The Philatheas class will be entertained by Mrs. W. H. Biggs on Friday evening at eight o'clock at her home on Smithwick street. This is the regular monthly social meeting, and all members are invited to be present.

AHOSKIE COUPLE WERE MARRIED HERE TODAY

The office of the register of deeds was the scene of an interesting wedding today. Mr. Walter F. Thomas of Ahoskie came in and asked for license to marry Miss Vera Lee Alexander, also of Ahoskie.

Some suspicion as to ages caused Mr. Sam. Getsinger, deputy register, to make diligent inquiries and it looked for a while that they would have to go further before they could enter the happy door of matrimony. But a number of friends of the couple vouched for their ages, and the license was issued.

Mr. A. T. Crawford, J. P., was telephoned for and he went down immediately and passed the job off like an old veteran. The happy couple by this time were beginning to show signs of a more steady nerve and after receiving congratulations from the witnessing company went back to Ahoskie to greet and surprise their 'pas and 'mas. They were fine looking people; the young man good looking and the young lady handsome.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION FROM A MARTIN COUNTY BOY IN WEST VIRGINIA

We are always glad to hear from old friends and especially so when they send us a word of appreciation.

We have just received an expression of his appreciation of his home paper, from Mr. A. H. Knox, of Elkins, W. Va., saying: "I appreciate receiving The Enterprise; it gives the current news and keeps me posted as to what is going on in and around my old home."

Mr. Knox is a Poplar Point boy, who went to West Virginia a few years ago and is now president of a brokerage concern in Elkins, West Virginia.

It is a real pleasure to find that our boys are doing well, and it was also a pleasure to receive a note of gratitude from one of them.

If you have a friend who has gone away, send him The Enterprise for a year; he will appreciate it.

REPRESENTATIVE MOORE HOME FOR THE WEEK END

Clayton Moore was home for the week end to visit his family. Clayton's many friends are glad to note the prominent part he is taking in legislative matters. He is chairman of the committee on public roads, which is one of the most important committees in the legislature.

His picture appeared in the Sunday edition of the News and Observer as the man who introduced the bill for issuing more bonds for the construction and maintenance of public highways in our state. The bill has been passed in the house with a big majority and will come up in the senate soon.

PASSENGERS SAVED AS TUG GOES DOWN

WILMINGTON, Jan. 26.—The passenger tug Kinston, owned by the Navassa Guano company, sank in 30 feet of water here this morning, with 40 persons on board. All on board were rescued.

The Kinston fouled a submerged piling when the pilot lost his way in a fog.

Mr. Ray Coburn of Dardens and Norfolk, was here yesterday.