

## ANOTHER PAYMENT FOR THE TOBACCO GROWERS COMING

**TOBACCO ASSOCIATION MAKES SECOND PAYMENT ON DELIVERIES AFTER DEC. 1**

The second payment has already been made on all tobacco delivered prior to December 1st, 1922. All members of the association who have not already received their second payments, should be sure to go to the warehouse at which they delivered, on Saturday, March 17, where they will be paid for deliveries since December 1st.

The third payment will be made to all growers some time about the last of April.

These payments should stimulate trade considerably. The usual method of selling all in a pile in the fall, usually causes the farmer to have no ready cash during the spring and summer months. With this payment, the third payment for both tobacco and cotton in 30 or 40 days, and the fourth payment some time in the summer will help and then two co-payments to members of the peanut association during the summer should prevent the summer months from being the "dead ones" for business in general.

Certainly, it is a bit hard not to get all the money at once, but we will soon learn that it will be much better for all, not to do so.

## SUNDAY SERVICES AT METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Mr. Chambers, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., Mr. J. E. Pope, superintendent. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject: "Agabus, a Character Study." Evening subject: "Are We Scrapping the Commandments?" Services at Holly Springs 3 p. m., subject: "Scriptural Holiness." Epworth league Monday 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

## SANDY RIDGE LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. J. N. Hopkins made a business trip to Plymouth Tuesday.

Mrs. G. A. Williams returned from Rocky Mount Monday where she has been with her daughter, Miss Fannie Myrt Williams, who is ill in the hospital there.

Mr. J. H. Riddick has been in Everett this week attending to business.

Mrs. Dan Jones is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Riddick.

Mr. R. J. Hardison returned from Rocky Mount Monday night where he visited Miss Fannie Myrt Williams.

Friends of Mrs. Hubert Taylor will be glad to know that she is improving fast.

Miss Lillian Griffin spent Saturday night with Miss May Belle Jenkins.

Misses Rowland Godard, Katie Mae Chery and Mrs. H. C. Roberson and Mr. H. C. Roberson were the guests of Mrs. J. H. Riddick Monday afternoon.

Mrs. W. L. Jones entertained a number of friends to a quilting last Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Inez Griffin spent Tuesday night with Miss Coralie Peel.

Miss Katie Mae Chery entertained a host of her friends Sunday night.

Sunday school at Holly Springs, 10:30 a. m., C. L. Daniel, superintendent. Sunday school at Riddick's Grove, 2:30 p. m., H. B. Holloman, superintendent. You are invited to come.

Dr. John D. Biggs spent some time in Rocky Mount this week on business.

Montapha Kernal Parks, at a mass meeting in Smyrna, said, "The project of the allies is unacceptable for a nation which wants complete independence, because we possess both the title to independence and the power to attain it. If we must expire as a nation in the course of 40 years, we had better die now with an open heart and conscience. History will then remember us with honor and esteem."

## DISAPPROVE THE BRITISH INACTION IN RUHR DISTRICT

**LIBERAL LABOR MEMBERS OF HOUSE OF COMMONS AGAINST DRIFTING POLICY**

LONDON, Mar. 14.—Affairs in the Ruhr occupied the attention of the house of commons during the greater part of today's sitting, but beyond revealing a growing sense of disapproval of the government's inaction among the liberal and labor members, the session left matters unchanged.

Ronald McNeill, under secretary of state for foreign affairs, was the only spokesman for the government. He merely reiterated, in reply to strong criticism that the ministers' policy remained as outlined by Prime Minister Bonar Law in his last statement, and the house supported the ministry by rejecting 240 to 201 a motion by Sir John Simon, liberal, designed to call attention to the recent events in the Ruhr.

It is noteworthy, however, that this majority, of 48 is far below the government's normal majority in the house. Sir John and his supporters complained bitterly of the government's proposal to wait on events, while the British forces on the Rhine were completely surrounded and British trade was suffering.

The savage outbreak at Buer, he declared, constituted a warning of the danger of allowing the policy of drift to go too far. He urged an appeal to the League of Nations.

## EX-SERVICE MEN CAN REINSTATE THEIR POLICIES

**DISABLED VETERANS CAN REINSTATE AS WELL AS THOSE IN GOOD HEALTH**

The U. S. Veterans' bureau desires to bring to the attention of all ex-service men the liberal features of the amended war risk insurance act, relative to the reinstatement of government insurance. Insurance policies may be reinstated regardless of physical condition, provided:

1. Applicant's disability is result of an injury or disease, or an aggravation thereof, suffered or contracted in the active military or naval service during the World War.

2. That at the time of reinstatement, the applicant's disability is not of a permanent and total nature. Ex-service men suffering from a disability at the time of his reinstatement, if over three months from date of lapse of policy, must pay all monthly premiums which would have become payable if the insurance hadn't lapsed, together with interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum on each premium from the date said premium was due. The ability of the disabled to reinstate their insurance policies should be of particular interest to ex-service men suffering from tuberculosis and other diseases creating a risk as to longevity-of-life. A pertinent feature of all government policies is the maturity of the insurance upon permanent and total disability of the insured, regardless of the age at which this occurs.

Out of the four and a half million persons who were actively engaged in the military and naval forces of the United States during the World War, less than one eighth have kept their insurance policies in force. In its act of August 9, 1921, the United States congress sought to give every ex-service man, suffering from service incurred disability, the opportunity to reinstate their insurance policy as a matter of public policy, the requirement of payment of back premiums being merely the cost of the risk during the period premiums on the policy remained unpaid. Persons in good health may reinstate without the payment of back premiums other than that of the grace month.

Medical blanks for the statement of physical condition and full information relative to the reinstatement of insurance, the relative values and advantages of various forms of government policies which ex-service men are at liberty to take out, will be furnished by the Veterans' Bureau upon request. Letters pertaining to these matters should be addressed to the local office of the U. S. Veterans' Bureau, Allen Building, Raleigh, N. C.

If your label shows you are behind in your subscription, please send us a small check, some currency, or a little coin. We are so badly in need that we have passed the point of humility—we are in pain. Remember us in the next mail, or give us a call.

## Miss Nina R. Upton Elected to Be Queen of Williamston at Exposition

**OFFICER ARRESTS OWN BROTHER WITH LIQUOR**

LENIOR, Mar. 14.—Chief of Police John Walsh intercepted and arrested his own brother, Roy Walsh, with two and one half gallons of whiskey in his possession Saturday night. Walsh waived examination before the mayor and was bound over to the next term of superior court.

## FUEL ALCOHOL IF GASOLINE GOES UP

**BUT CONSUMER WILL BENEFIT LITTLE IF STANDARD OIL CONTROLS SUBSTITUTES**

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—The suggestion that alcohol might eventually be utilized as a substitute for gasoline was characterized in a statement today by Senator LaFollette, chairman of the senate oil investigating committee, as bringing no comfort to motorists unless there also is assurance that the "Standard Oil" will not monopolize the patents and processes for the manufacture of alcohol for motor purposes.

In a reply to statements of President Teague, of the Standard, of New Jersey, President Kingsbury, of the California company, and others, Mr. LaFollette said the report of the investigating committee, covering many months of arduous labor and returned by a unanimous vote, required neither "explanation" nor "defense."

"It is all important," said Mr. LaFollette, "that neither interviews on the possibilities of dollar gasoline nor any other future contingency should be permitted to divert the public attention from the present dominant fact and established by the sworn testimony in this investigation that:

"The Standard companies completely control the oil industry of the United States. They have partitioned the territory of the United States among the members of the companies of the Standard group as spoils, and acting in perfect accord, they (1) fix the price which the producer of crude oil receives at the well, (2) the price which the refiner receives for gasoline and kerosene, and (3) the retail price which is paid by the consumer.

Through the control of pipe lines connecting the great producing fields of the west with the consuming territory of the middle west and the east, the Standard companies monopolize the transportation of oil, nullify the law declaring pipe lines common carriers, render the possibility of effective competition by independent producers and refiners, utterly futile and constantly menace their very existence, or cripple and destroy many of the more troublesome of them.

"The reference by the committee to the possibility of dollar gasoline seems to be the principal point of Standard Oil attack and the Standard officials hasten to assure the public that there is no danger of dollar gasoline but the reason they give for this assurance (and herein lies the significance of their statement) is that before gasoline reaches a dollar a gallon, some substitute for it will be found.

"The Standard does not deny either the fall to make the price of gasoline a dollar a gallon or the power to do it under the conditions described in the report, but its answer simply is that before gasoline reaches a dollar a gallon, a substitute will be found for it. And alcohol is the substitute suggested. If this is to be regarded merely as another evidence of that grim humor for which the Standard Oil is noted, it is understandable. But until there is some suggestion as to the product of which the alcohol is to be manufactured in quantities of hundreds of millions and billions of gallons to take the place of motor gasoline, and a reasonable certainty that Standard Oil will not monopolize the patents and processes of the manufacture of alcohol for motor purposes, the suggestion to the motorists that he can use alcohol in stead of gasoline as a motor fuel will not bring much comfort."

**ELLIS-MIZELLE**  
On Sunday at five thirty p. m., at the home of Miss Mizelle near Jamesville, Miss Elizabeth Mizelle became the bride of Mr. Alford Ellis of Griffith township.

Miss Mizelle is a young lady of near Jamesville and is very popular in her community, and Mr. Ellis is a plaster of Griffith township, and an industrious and highly respected citizen of his community. They will be at home with Mrs. Mizelle Ellis.

**RACE WAS HARD FOUGHT BETWEEN THE TWO LEADING CANDIDATES**

## MISS PATTIE HARRIS 2ND WITH BIG VOTE

**INTENSE INTEREST SHOWN IN CONTEST FROM FIRST TO LAST MINUTE**

With the closing of the voting contest today at 12 o'clock, Miss Nina Upton was elected "Miss Williamston" with 934 votes, and the nearest following her being Miss Pattie Harris with 593 votes. Other candidates ranged all the way down to one vote. The voting for a queen to represent the Williamston Chamber of Commerce at Wilson next week has caused considerable interest. Nearly every youngster seemed to think his girl the prettiest and some of boys fought as vigorously as if at war.

Every person having the right to judge for himself and so many various opinions as to beauty naturally put a pretty large number of candidates in the field.

The count showed the following votes:

Nina Upton	934
Pattie Harris	593
Elizabeth Hassell	135
Mrs. Z. H. Rose	45
Martha Hassell	43
Martha Cotton Crawford	16
Miss J. W. Watts, Jr.	11
Mary Gladys Watts	9
Mrs. Jno. D. Biggs	6
Carrie Delle White	5
Lyda Cook	3
Mrs. J. S. Rhodes	2
Frances Gurganus	2
Mittie Brown	1
Louise Crawford	1
Carrie Bell Manning	1

## ARE WE ABLE?

When it comes to enthusiasm, Williamston has got it.

The time never comes that there is not a striking, pressing demand for all modern advantages which the cities afford. This is not so strange as people have frequently in the past demanded more than they were able to afford. Many nations, states, cities and individuals have gone bankrupt because they were trying to have more than they were able.

Our own town is tottering under tax burdens. Most of us demanded water and lights, and we got them. Somebody, somewhere, holds our obligations for \$300,000 and more. The youngest babies in town will wrestle with these debts when they are old men and women. We would not be understood to be complaining at the things which have already been done, that many now regret. But, our ignorance is not inexcusable if we do not profit from our past experience.

It is reported that there is a movement on foot to put on day current in the early spring. This will add much to the burden already on the people. There can be no hope to do anything but lose several thousand dollars each year. The question of need for day current is mostly "enthusiasm." Towns as good as ours, both in size and wealth, have found it impractical and been forced to discontinue it. Some use the argument that day current will bring the folks to town, but high taxes will probably run more away than day current will bring in. We can't figure just what the next score of years will bring, but we note the fact that Williamston is now collecting twice as much taxes for town purposes as the whole of Martin county collected 20 years ago. It would seem wise to sit up and take notice and call a halt.

No generation has a right to enjoy special blessings at the expense of the next. If it is in schools, good roads and permanent uplift, it is both wise and safe to make debts, but if it is for the purpose of gaudy pleasures, bright lights and things that pass away, after a flash of momentary pleasure and delight, then the debt is disaster.

For this town, we think a full and frank admission that we are proud but poor would not be amiss. That we are depending more than we are earning is undeniable. And just where the present road will lead us nobody can tell. No business can stand long that multiplies its debts as fast as Williamston has during the last five years, and why add \$5,000 a year to our saddest roll?

## HIGHWAY MEET PROMISES TO BE VERY ATTRACTIVE

**ENTHUSIASTS TO ATTEND FROM ALL STATES IN THIS SECTION**

GREENVILLE, S. C., Mar. 15.—The outlook for the coming meeting of the United States Good Roads association, Bankhead National Highway association and United States Good Roads show that meet in Greenville, S. C., during the week of April 16-21, promises to be the greatest gathering of enthusiastic crowds that have ever assembled in America, judging from the correspondence that is pouring into the headquarters of these organizations, which are in charge of Director General J. A. Rountree.

Every mail brings inquiries about hotel rates, hotel accommodations and rooms, railroad rates and exhibit space at the show. Already the assurances have been received from large delegations from Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, Florida, Texas, Tennessee, Maryland and North Carolina, as well as the state of South Carolina, which will furnish large crowds of enthusiastic good roads boosters who are anxious to show the wonderful country to the visitors from other states and to receive inspiration in regard to road building.

The Greenville Chamber of Commerce is appointing the various committees and are perfecting plans to give the members, delegates and visitors a royal time when the convention meets. Many unique entertainments and automobile drives are being planned.

## ONLY FEW MORE DAYS TO DELIVER CO-OP. COTTON

**POOLS WILL CLOSE TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH FOR THIS CROP YEAR**

RALEIGH, Mar. 15.—All pools will be closed next Tuesday for delivery of cotton by members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative association; according to announcement from headquarters here. This does not mean that all cotton will be sold by that time as the association officers state that orderly marketing will be adhered to as a definite policy.

The North Carolina cooperatives have led the entire south in securing deliveries of short staple cotton by members, and the record for the season shows receipts of more than 135,000 bales. The Mississippi long staple growers' association received a larger number of bales from their members, but no other southern state has equalled it, South Carolina being the next nearest.

Officers of the cotton association were in Atlanta this week conferring with General Sales Manager C. B. Howard, and with officers of other southern cooperatives relative to the methods of operation of the various associations.

Another membership drive will be put on in the early spring by the North Carolina association when it is planned to double the membership, which would place this state ahead of any other state in that respect also. "Every member get a member," will be the slogan.

With the closing of the pools next week, preparations will begin for making another distribution to members.

## BIG BOY FROM ARGENTINE KNOCKS OUT BILL BRENNAN

**Only Other Fighter Who Ever Slipped Brennan the K. O. Was Champ**

NEW YORK, Mar. 13.—Louis Angel Firpo, South American heavyweight, knocked out Bill Brennan, of Chicago in the twelfth round of a sensational 15 round bout tonight in the Madison Square garden. The end came with dramatic swiftness when Firpo sent the Chicagoan down for the count of ten with a terrific right to the head.

Firpo earned his spurs as a contender for Jack Dempsey's title by unloading a terrific attack in the final round, after trailing his opponent on points for a number of the rounds. Smashing rights and lefts to Brennan's head with terrific force he drove Brennan about the ring until a right that landed behind the ear sent him to the canvas. Brennan lay inert for several seconds after the count and had to be assisted to his corner. The victor was accorded a tremendous ovation.

## DEFER ROAD VOTE UNTIL NEXT WEEK BY THE VICTIMS

**CHANCE FOR CONSIDERABLE IS SEEN IN DELAY OF SENATE ACTION TILL WEDNESDAY**

RICHMOND, Va., March 14.—No vote will be taken in the state senate on pending road measures to provide finances for the state highway system for which the extraordinary session was called until next Wednesday at 1 p. m.

The senate this afternoon, on motion of Senator Epes, leader of the gasoline tax forces, voted to make all road measures, the gasoline tax first, a special and continuing order beginning on Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

Senate bill No. 63 would authorize the sale of six million dollars worth of certificates of indebtedness to raise money to construct and repair public roads now or hereafter embraced in the state highway system and to provide for payment of interest of same.

Bill No. 64, offered by bond issue advocates, would levy a tax not in excess of two cents a gallon on gasoline to take care of any bond issue.

Bill No. 77, already passed by the house, provides for a tax on gasoline to finance the road program.

The senate will likely take up the house gasoline tax bill, providing a two cent tax to this year, passed yesterday afternoon 53 to 35 in the house. It is possible that the tax and aid for the "feeder" roads will be cut out.

## SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

A. V. Joyner, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a. m., J. C. Anderson, superintendent. Sermon by the pastor at 11 a. m. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the pastor will preach at Barras school. Regular meeting of the B. Y. P. U. 6:45 p. m. Sermon by the pastor 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:30 p. m. Sr. B. Y. P. U. Wednesday evening, 8:15.

"Come thou with us and we will do thee good." We most cordially invite you to all the services of this church.

## HARDISON MILL LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Roberson will leave in the morning for Washington where Mrs. Roberson will undergo an operation for appendicitis. Her many friends hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. Joe Gray Corey was a business visitor in Williamston yesterday.

Miss Phelps of the faculty of Farm Life school returned last night from Creswell, where she attended the marriage of her cousin, Miss Alice Phelps to Mr. J. W. Starr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Coltraine and children attended the funeral of Mrs. Coltraine's father, Mr. Noah Jackson in Washington Thursday afternoon.

Mr. George W. Smith invited a few friends to a dinner party on Wednesday of this week. Those so honored were: Messrs. J. E. Manning, Joe Gray Corey and James Edwin Harrell.

Miss Kathleen Hodges is able to resume her work at the Farm Life school after an illness at her home near Washington.

Elder W. B. Harrington will leave today for Mackey's Ferry where he will conduct services on Sunday at the Primitive Baptist church.

Messrs. A. I. and B. F. Roberson went to Williamston yesterday.

Miss Gladys Peel and Messrs. J. E. Corey and George Roberson went to Washington yesterday.

Almost all the sufferers from influenza in this community are able to be up and out again, we are glad to note.

Williamston is on the map in the orange business, with a car load on the A. C. L. tracks being sold as fast as they can be handed out at 75 cents a peck. The people of Williamston welcome Mr. W. E. Beatty, who has for some time been selling oranges at Washington, and now is branching out to Williamston, offering Florida fruit here at the same price it is being sold in the larger cities.