

## PROGRESS IS SEEN ON EVERY SIDE IN OUR LITTLE CITY

WILLIAMSTON GROWING MORE LIKE A CITY DAY BY DAY IN EVERY WAY

From early morn till late at night high priced cars, high powered cars, and rumbling little Fords may be seen lining the streets with their noses smelling the side walks.

Then again about as early as town folks get up may be seen men and women leading shaggy dogs with little walking sticks twirling and twisting in every angle and then may be heard an occasional word of gossip, and a few shrieks of exclamation at this good looking hat or that horrid bonnet worn by some visitor. All this would imply that we are getting to be a real proud little city. But, lo, none of the above mentioned attainments make a city, and the real city builders are on the job, they will be found at the wheel, the desk, the bench, behind the counter, or some other place where something may be accomplished that adds something to the town.

Williamston today is doing less loafing than has been done at any time in ten years and we do not mean by this statement that there are too many people at work; we would not be misunderstood; but the thing we will say is that the old bunch of loafers are gradually, one by one, passing away, either by starvation, or from shame, disgrace or some other weight of mind they are thinning out. Of course when they go, it is cause for rejoicing, and it usually purifies the moral atmosphere as well as physical.

Williamston is offering better opportunities than ever before as a trade center. The several stores on Washington street are prepared to feed the family; and garages to repair your old car or sell you a new one; then on Main street, we have a variety of business establishments that is not excelled in much larger towns than Williamston, and they are all doing good business and hustling for more; additions being made in almost all of them as the necessity arises to give the people of Martin and adjoining counties the service they justly expect and deserve.

A new and large capacity ice plant now being established here will add much to the life of Williamston and also all nearby towns, as they will manufacture enough ice to keep many towns the size of Williamston supplied with ice made from the purest water in the south, and will make a special effort to see that all our neighbors are supplied with ice as well as our own home folks.

The new department store that is now being erected as fast as possible on Main street will add a great deal to the business of Williamston, both in appearance and in convenience of its customers who come from out of town to make their purchases, and will draw new ones who have not heretofore given us a visit, as the more business establishments a town has, the more patrons it gets from the surrounding country.

## CLARENCE POE NOT TO BE IN THE STATE RACE

Declares That He Will Not Offer As Candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture

RALEIGH, Mar. 28.—Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, will not be a candidate for commissioner of agriculture of North Carolina and is not considering running, "for any other office," he stated today.

Dr. Poe gave out this statement in reply to questions following reports at the capitol that he would be a candidate to succeed W. A. Graham, the present commissioner of agriculture, in the democratic primary of 1924. Several years ago the editor was prominently mentioned as a probable candidate for governor.

When asked if he would run for re-nomination, Mr. Graham said, "it is too early to give out any definite statement as to my intentions." He was elected commissioner of agriculture in 1908 and has held the office continuously since then. He is 84 years of age and has been a state representative, state senator, a member of the board of agriculture, a captain in the Confederate army and assistant adjutant general of North Carolina.

W. A. Graham, Jr., son of the present commissioner, F. Parker, North Carolina and United States agricultural statistician, and T. L. Gwyn, Haywood county, are among those being discussed as possible candidates for the office.

## PEANUT ASSOCIATION MEETINGS APRIL 25

DISTRICT MEETINGS OF ENTIRE ASSOCIATION TO BE HELD ON THAT DATE

The district meetings for the nomination of the members of the board of directors of the Peanut Growers' Cooperative association for the ensuing year will be held on Wednesday, April 25th according to the schedule sent out from headquarters, which is reproduced in part as follows:

District No. 8, Bertie, Windsor, N. C., court house, 3 p. m., 1 director. District 11, Edgecombe, Tarboro, N. C., court house, 3 p. m., 1 director.

District 12, Halifax, Scotland Neck, N. C., opera house, 3 p. m., 1 director. District 13, Hertford, Winton, N. C., court house, 3 p. m., 1 director.

District 14, Martin, Williamston, N. C., court house, 3 p. m., 1 director. District 17, Perquimans, Hertford, N. C., court house, 3 p. m., 1 director.

District 18, Washington, Plymouth, N. C., court house, 3 p. m., 1 director.

Nineteen directors are to be nominated in these district meetings, one for each district, with the exception of district 5, which according to the by laws has two directors. The directors nominated at these district meetings will be the nominees of the respective districts and their nominations will have to be confirmed by the members of the association at their annual meeting, May 9th, in Suffolk, Va.

All members of the Peanut Growers' association are urged to attend their respective district meetings or to send in their votes for directors by mail. While the by laws do not require any fixed percentage of the members to constitute a quorum at these district meetings for the purpose of nominating the directors, the members will find it decidedly to their interest to be present and take a part in the proceedings.

Any member of the association who does not live in any one of the counties listed in the districts will be permitted to vote in the adjoining county or district. Members of the association residing in Beaufort county will vote at the district meeting in Washington county. Members of the association residing in Pitt county will vote at the district meeting in Martin county.

By order of the board of directors. J. H. Alexander, Jr., President.

## MARCH BUSINESS IS GOOD SAYS REPORT

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD BELIEVES THERE WILL BE NO IMMEDIATE SLUMP

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28.—Business in March thus far gives reason to believe that there will be no slackening in activity in the immediate future, according to a survey of conditions made public tonight by the federal reserve board. The high rate of industrial production, and increase in freight traffic and employment, together with the large volume of the wholesale and retail sales, warrant the assumption, the statement said, that the business activity will be maintained.

A number of industries have allotted increases in wages in offsetting shortages of skilled labor, the survey showed, shortage of women workers have been reported in textile, rubber and garment industries with the need of skilled labor great in many industrial centers.

Recent increases in industrial and commercial activity have been reflected in a larger volume of loans by banks which are members of the reserve system. Most of the loans were for commercial purposes, according to the survey, which showed that commercial loans of the member banks are approximately \$300,000,000 larger now than at the end of December. Bank investments, however, have decreased so that aggregate of the loans and investments combined is only slightly larger.

Contrary to expectations, despite the larger demand for funds for commercial purposes, there has been little if any increase in the total volume of credit extended by the reserve banks. The total of earning assets and loans by the twelve banks was approximately the same on March the 24th as four weeks earlier, the survey disclosed.

## FOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIALISTS TO BE AT THE CONVENTION

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION TO MEET AT WINSTON-SALEM

Announcement is made from the office of the North Carolina Sunday School association that four of America's most noted Sunday school specialists have been secured to take a part on the program of the State Sunday School convention in Winston-Salem, April 10-11-12.

Dr. LeRoy Dakin, Brooklyn, N. Y., pastor of the Baptist Temple, and chairman of the adult committee of the International Sunday School council of religious education, is an authority on the work of the Organized Adult Bible class, and will do some work along that line.

The services of Mr. E. R. Stanford, Nashville, Tenn., an expert in work with teenage boys and girls in the Sunday school, have been secured. Miss Wilhelmina Stoker, Auburn, N. Y., professor of religious education in Auburn School of Religious education, Auburn Theological seminary, will be the specialist for the work in the children's division. Dr. Marion Lawrence, consulting general secretary, International Sunday School Council of Religious education, will be one of the convention speakers.

Besides the four out of state speakers, it is announced that 56 of the best Sunday school workers in North Carolina will take part in different sessions of the convention. These workers will come from many parts of the state, and will represent practically every denomination in the state.

Delegates to the convention will be entertained free of lodging and breakfast in private homes of Winston-Salem. It has been announced by the committee on arrangements that not necessary for the names of the delegates to be sent in advance as homes will not be assigned until the delegates arrive.

The railroads have granted a round trip rate of one and one half fares.

## VERDICT FOR DEFENSE IN LOVE DIVORCE CASE

ELIZABETH CITY, Mar. 28.—A verdict for the defendant in the suit for divorce instigated by Mrs. Helen Love Stone Love against W. T. Love, Sr., today ended one of the most sensational trials that has ever taken place in this county. Both the parties to the suit were of old and highly respected families. The trial has taken nearly a week, and was heard by Judge G. W. Connor.

## BAPTIST CHURCH REVIVAL CREATES MUCH INTEREST

ATTENDANTS HEARING FINEST SERMONS EVER DELIVERED IN WILLIAMSTON

Williamston is witnessing one of the most interesting revivals and is listening to one of the finest series of sermons that it has ever known.

Dr. J. W. Kincheloe of the First Baptist church of Rocky Mount is preaching with great power and earnestness and is attracting large and growing congregations. A man of strong personality, a speaker of unusual power, a preacher of deep spirituality, Dr. Kincheloe uplifts and inspires all who hear him.

The attendance, prayers, and cooperation of all Christians are desired in this meeting, to the end that it may be the greatest possible blessing to our community.

certificate plan, for the convention, provided as many as 250 people travel to the convention over the railroads, and present certificates for validation in Winston-Salem.

State Superintendent D. W. Sims, reports that a number of counties are endeavoring to work up large delegations to the convention. It is expected that this will be the largest and most representative Sunday School convention held in North Carolina in recent years.

## COTTON CO-OPS TO PUT ASSOCIATION ON SMOOTHER BASIS

EXPECT TO ELIMINATE DELAY OF 1922 BY CLOSER AFFILIATION OF ITS MEMBERS

RALEIGH, Mar. 28.—Community and county units are being rapidly perfected in the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative association, according to an announcement from the headquarters here.

Organization of local units of the association started in real earnest the first of the year, and will be continued until all members are affiliated with some community group. This work is considered essential for many reasons, one of the big ones being that it will make for efficiency in conducting marketing operations.

Greatly handicapped by the lack of knowledge among its members as to what was expected of them, the Cotton association has had hard sledding but has come through some trying experiences with flying colors, largely because of the loyal support inspired through local organizations, officials and state.

Educational work in cooperative methods will be one of the big features of this year's program, and it is believed that before another selling season rolls around, the association will be in a position to handle its operations with a minimum of delay. An efficient and smooth working organization from top to bottom is the aim.

Community spirit and action is declared to be the basic principle of cooperative effort, and the North Carolina Cotton cooperative is trying to build on a firm foundation by keeping this in mind, according to its head officials.

Japan will soon be independent for its supply of quick silver. A rich vein, said to extend seven miles on the surface and said to vary in width from two to six feet, has been discovered. The ore assays 18 per cent and the vein increases in thickness the deeper it is followed.

## GERALD CHAPMAN GOES BACK TO FEDERAL PEN

DARING ROBBER WHO ESCAPED TUESDAY, IS CAPTURED AFTER GUN BATTLE

ATLANTA, Ga., Mar. 28.—Gerald Chapman, who engineered the \$1,000,000 Leonard street mail robbery in New York in 1921, will again don a prison uniform at the federal penitentiary here.

Frank Gray, who with Chapman, made a sensational escape from the big institution in a cell at the penitentiary. Chapman was rapidly recovering from wounds at a hospital in Athens, Ga., and authorities there said early tonight he will be able to leave the hospital in two days.

Chapman was serving a 25 year sentence, while Gray was serving five years. Yesterday morning they overpowered a guard in a hospital ward of the prison, sawed through a steel grating window, made rope ladders from bed sheets, and slid to the ground some 30 feet below. Two high walls failed to stop them and they soon were off the government reservation.

Early today a conductor on a north bound freight train put the two men off his train near Colbert, Ga., and on reaching the town he notified W. P. Butler, town marshal. The policeman went out to meet the men.

As he approached the men and commanded them to halt they immediately opened fire on the officer which was returned and a gun battle was on. The officer was joined by men residing in the neighborhood as the battle continued from the railroad tracks to a nearby woods. The posse's ammunition became exhausted and the prisoners mad their way into a cotton patch.

The battle was renewed and Chapman, fighting desperately, fell with three bullet wounds. Gray surrendered after his pistol "hung" and refused to fire. None of the members of the posse was wounded.

Chapman was convicted of being the leader of a gang that halted a mail truck leaving the city half station of the New York postoffice and made off with bags of registered mail. Approximately \$400,000 of the money was recovered in a wooden box under a tree in Long Island, following the arrest of members of the gang.

Gray is serving a sentence on a forgery charge. This made his second attempt to escape from the penitentiary.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS HAS FUNCTIONED SAYS ROBERT CECIL

BUT WORLD WOULD BE MUCH BETTER OFF IF AMERICA WOULD JOIN

NEW YORK, Mar. 28.—The cause of the league of nations is the cause of world peace, declared Lord Robert Cecil, foremost British exponent of the league, who arrived here today on the Majestic for a month's visit to the United States and Canada.

Lord Roberts, who will deliver a score of lectures, said he came to popularize and promote the cause of the league and to smooth out misunderstandings of its functions and work held by the greatest nation which has not yet joined the international body.

"I should like to see America join the league," he said, "but I am just as strong an advocate of Germany's entrance. In my opinion, Germany would be admitted if she applied. I also would be glad to see Russia come in. It is my impression she would also be admitted if she applied properly and it would be better for her and for the rest of the world if she were a member."

Lord Robert said he would begin his lecture tour in New York tomorrow, speaking first at a private luncheon and later at a dinner at which he will meet owners and editors of national weekly and monthly publications. Later he will speak in other cities including Louisville, Ky., Richmond, Va., and Washington, returning to England, April 27.

"The movement in favor of the league," Sir Robert asserted, "is now growing rapidly abroad. The league has functioned without America and can function without her but it would be a great thing for America and for the rest of the world to have America a member."

The British statesman, who is making his first visit here, said he came at the invitation of the foreign policy association, and that he would attempt to study America's attitude towards the league.

## CAMPAIGN TO KILL WILLIAMSTON RATS BE STARTED SOON

MISS ANNIE MAE WRIGHT, NOTED SPECIALIST HERE TO LEAD THE FIGHT

Most all of you no doubt, are familiar with the legend of the "Pied Piper," and what business man is there in Williamston who has not wished that there was a "Pied Piper" here to lure the rats from their places of business? Well, folks, the "Pied Piper" is in Williamston for that very purpose.

This "Pied Piper" comes in the person of a pretty young girl, who is not afraid of rats—one who earns her living by poisoning rats—Miss Annie Mae Wright. Miss Wright hails from Portsmouth, Va., and for the past four years has been putting on rat killing campaigns in different parts of the country, having so far visited 22 states in her work of destroying rats.

Miss Wright has recommendations from the United States Health service, the State Board of health and various other organizations, commending and praising her work and the results obtained. Miss Wright admits that she rarely ever sees a rat in her work, but she exterminates them by the use of barium carbonate, which can be purchased at almost any drug store. This poison is mixed with delicate morsels of food, which are displayed in an inviting manner where the rats can get them. The powder is tasteless, but deadly in effect upon rats.

The rat population in Williamston totals at least 4,000, according to Miss Wright. She says that the government figures that it requires food valued at \$1.82 to feed each rat for a year. If these figures are correct, then it costs the people of Williamston \$7,280 each year to feed their rats.

**Directions for Poisoning Rats**  
To one teaspoonful of barium carbonate powder mix with 3 or 4 spoonfuls of any kind of food a rat will eat, meat, fish, cheese, cereal, apples, potatoes, bananas, etc. For absolute results use the kinds of bait mixed separately and continue with which ever they eat several nights or until the rats disappear.

**Miss Wright Very Successful**  
Miss Wright has been in the leading towns of Halifax county during the past few days where she put on very successful campaigns in Roanoke Rapids, Scotland Neck, and Weldon, at which places she received the hearty cooperation of the women's clubs, business men's associations and has practically exterminated rats in all those towns.

Miss Wright is in Williamston today, and will remain through Saturday. She will supply the barium carbonate at the lowest market price and it can also be procured at drug stores and hardware stores.

## R. M. MILLER IS HEAD OF STATE SHIP BOARD

LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATING COMMISSION MEETS AND BEGINS ITS WORK

RALEIGH, Mar. 28.—R. M. Miller, Charlotte, was elected chairman, and Dr. D. D. Carroll, secretary of the legislative investigating committee to study Gov. Cameron Morrison's proposal for the state owned shipping line, designed to lower freight rates and to develop North Carolina ports, in session here yesterday. The commission decided to start its investigation immediately.

The commission has \$25,000.00 with which to study the proposition, and it was stated before the members went into session that expert would be retained and an attempt made to complete a thorough investigation during the next few months. Governor Morrison again gave his argument in favor of the boat line.

After remaining in session with the governor almost three hours, the commission withdrew and resumed its deliberations in the house of representatives in order that the fisheries commission might hold its scheduled conference with the chief executive.

W. A. Hart, highway commissioner, and a member of the shipping line investigating body, said no definite plans for the study of the proposal had been decided upon, but that arrangements will be completed during the session and an announcement to be made of them.

Fox farming in Alaska utilizes material from salmon canneries that otherwise would be wasted.

## Clean-Up Week Slogan Make Back Yards Look Like Front Yards!

When the first breath of spring comes we all feel the urge to go out and plant something. But cleaning-up comes before planting and beautifying.

Let all good housekeepers have thorough cleaning of houses and premises, front and back yards.

Health, safety from fire, and beauty of surroundings all demand that the winter's accumulation of waste, rubbish and filth and dirt be cleaned up and removed.

Clean streets, alleys and houses, prevent fires and disease, and are a source of civic pride, while dirt and filth speak ill of the citizenship and home pride.

Now is the time to clean up all waste and rubbish, in basements, attics, closets, yards, barns, streets, alleys and sheds.

We must caution against burning rubbish on windy days or near any buildings or leaving rubbish fires unattended. Children must be watched, as their dresses catch fire easily.

Now is the time to repair that moss-covered shingle roof, the ragged chimney top, and broken foundations. Apply the paint brush freely. Then plant flowers and shrubs.

## Let the Children Help