

YOUNG BOY PREFERS TO REMAIN AT FATHER'S HOME

After roaming for four months he learns the value of Dad.

Dear Editor:

Please allow me space for a few lines in your paper so I can tell my friends that I have been lost but am now found. I listened to four people two of them were from Bear Grass and two from Williamston, in case they see this they will know that the cap fits. I am a boy of sixteen years and at times my mind leaves me entirely which I can't help, of course. I went to these friends as I took them to be to help me get a job and they began telling me what to do immediately. The next thing I knew I found myself walking ten miles in the night to catch a train at Hassells on the nineteenth day of August to go to Hopewell, Va. I tried to get a job there, but soon found out that papa had to sign his name to a paper in order for me to get it, so I was handicapped to start with. In two weeks papa had forbidden anyone to feed or shelter me. I was scared to go home, but had to do something so my brother in-law and sister carried me there on the second day of September and at six thirty I ran off again.

The same four people urged me to go on and I took their advice. I went back to Hopewell and still failing to get a job I went to Rocky Mount, where I landed one. I found that I was not qualified to hold it which made matters worse. After trying to get something to do in Tarboro I went to a home near Speed where I stayed two months. After working there that long I didn't get a cent of money for my labor and the next home I worked in it was the same. I wish to say to all boys, take warning and listen to your parents first. A home may be ever so poor and lowly, but there is no place like it. I wanted to go back for a long time but was ashamed until my father came for me. Now I am happy and appreciating what it took so long for me to learn to the first place I was to blame to listen to the ones I did and then they are to blame for leading me astray.

JOHN SAM JOLLY,
Williamston, N. C. R. F. D. 2.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE SAYS:

"He (the farmer) must have organization. His customer with whom he exchanges products of the farm for those of industry, is organized. Labor is organized, business is organized. And THERE IS NO WAY for agriculture to meet this unless it, too, is organized."—In his message to Congress delivered Dec. 6, 1923.

WILLIAMSTON SCHOOLS TO REOPEN THURSDAY MORNING

The Williamston schools will reopen for the winter term Thursday morning. Every student, after a long rest, should be on time and prepare to put out some real work this term.

STUDENT GONE 2 MONTHS. SAYS SHE WAS WORKING

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 31.—Miss Virginia Booser, seventeen-year-old University of South Carolina student, for who a nation-wide search has been conducted for two months, returned to the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. Earl Booser, here early today. She said she had been in Jacksonville, Fla. working in a department store.

Miss Booser disappeared early in November. She left her home here ostensibly to visit friends in Spartanburg, S. C., but never arrived there.

Police departments, theatrical agencies and fraternal organizations joined in a search for the girl, but no trace of her was found, nor was any word received from her until she appeared at home today.

A desire to learn where she could make her own way in the world prompted her to disappear, Miss Booser said.

MRS. HARDISON SERIOUSLY ILL LIN ROCKY MOUNT

Mrs. Arthur Anderson was called to Rocky Mount yesterday afternoon to be at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Martha Hardison. Mrs. Hardison was stricken with paralysis yesterday and this morning her condition is considered very serious. She has many friends here who will be very sorry to hear of her illness.

Mr. George Williams, of Farmville, was a pleasant visitor here today.

Mr. T. C. Cook, of Rocky Mount, is spending several days here with his family.

AUTOMOBILES AND A 1920 DEBT

A recent visitor to our town after noting the great number of automobiles in and around Williamston asked the question "Are people paying their 1920 debts or buying automobiles?" He was told by practically every merchant he asked the question that there were some few people in the county trying to pay up their back debts but the majority of them considered their 1920 and 1921 obligations as bad dreams and were dispelling them as quickly and as finally as such. It is indeed distressing to one interested in the welfare and future of our fair city to learn this for the town will never prosper so long as that condition prevails and its inhabitants possess that spirit of dishonesty. A debt made in 1920 is as binding morally as one made yesterday and we can't understand how people who have these pledges and duties upon them can deliberately live in ease and luxury on the money they are making now instead of paying it to those to whom it rightfully belongs.

MISS WYNNE HOSTESS AT NEW YEAR PARTY

Miss Myrtle Wynne was hostess at a New Year's Eve party last night at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wynne, on Main street.

The home was attractively decorated for the occasion, everything being suggestive of the Christmas season.

Dancing was enjoyed until a late hour. Music was furnished by the local orchestra which is composed of the following local artists, Miss Elizabeth Hassell, and Messrs. A. Hassell, Jr., John Philpott and William J. Hodges, Jr.

A salad course with sandwiches and hot coffee was served by Misses Melba Wynne, Lucille Hassell, and Frances Williams.

Those enjoying Miss Wynne's hospitality were, Misses Martha and Esther Harrison, Thelma Brown, Geneva Cook, Ann Elizabeth Nowell, Elizabeth Hassell, Bonner Gurganus and Annie Louise Crawford, and Messrs. James Griffin, Robert Gilliam, Chas. Sawyer, Howell Wadsworth, A. Hassell, Jr., Lyman Britt, Bonner and Milton Jefferson, of Washington and Raymond Taylor.

SOMETHING UNUSUAL

Not so many years ago it was a great sight to behold to see a train running in this part of the state, but its strangeness soon disappeared and finally reached the place where it is noticed but little. But the other day, Saturday to be exact, the noon train from Tarboro made its way down in an awkward manner. It was seen up the road making its way at full speed backing instead of going forward. We first thought it was due to the reason that it could not run forward, for the trains that make their way through our city are those dating back into early railroad history. It was learned later, however, that the train was backing down in order to return in its usual manner there being a freight rack just below Jamestown which prevented its reaching Plymouth where it turns around.

BLAND-SAMPSON

Mr. John D. Bland of Martin county and Miss Irene Sampson, of Clay county were married here last Friday by Rev. A. J. Manning.

Mr. Bland is a young progressive farmer of Cross Roads and is well known in his community. Mrs. Bland is a school teacher, she having taught in the Martin county schools last year and is now teaching in the Pitt county schools.

WOULDN'T OPEN HIS SAFE;

BANDIT SHOT JEWELER

New York, Dec. 31.—Bernard Brown a Bronx jeweler, today was shot and probably fatally wounded by a bandit when he refused to open his safe. Brown had just opened his store when an automobile containing three men drew up and one bandit, armed with a pistol, entered the shop.

Instead of obeying the bandit's command to open the safe, the jeweler grappled with the robber, who fired two shots. Brown dropped with a wound in the abdomen. The intruder and his confederates fled in the car.

Misses Helen Holly and Carmen Holloman were visitors here yesterday.

Mrs. E. L. Fountain, of Tarboro, returned to her home yesterday after visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mowler for several days.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We wish to announce that we have taken over the management of The Enterprise, beginning with this issue, and we hope to acquire the support of the citizens of Williamston, Martin and surrounding counties.

We have chosen the newspaper business as our life's work because we feel that we can serve our fellowman as well in that way as in any profession or business open to young men. It should serve the best interests of the community and be a medium of expression of the sentiments of the people, and we hope to have the support of them in making it that.

We want to increase the usefulness of The Enterprise by making it a bigger and better paper and we pledge ourselves to do our best toward this end. We ask for your patronage and support which have been given in the past. We are,

Respectfully,
W. C. MANNING, JR.
F. M. MANNING.

AMONG THE OLD INSTITUTIONS

The Enterprise is now among the oldest institutions in the town and comes to both old and new friends in the spirit of good cheer and good wishes for the New Year. Our desire is to help in every way that becometh an individual or a business concern. We ask the friendship of all the people and pledge our best endeavors to help make 1924 a good year.

MALCOLM SIMPSON RUN DOWN BY RECKLESS AUTO DRIVER

Little Mack Simpson, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Fowden was knocked down and painfully hurt Saturday by a careless automobile driver. The driver failed to stop but went his way and is unknown.

COPPER STILL CAPTURED AND SEVERAL HUNDRED GALLONS OF RUM DESTROYED

Sheriff Robertson with Deputy Luther Peel was looking over the Ashely Cromwell farm a few days ago and captured a copper still with several hundred gallons of rum. Three men were operating the still at the time, and they had just finished running one batch of beer and were cooling off when the officers arrived. News of their approach was given by the sentinel and all three made good their escape. Sheriff Robertson says the sentry was a white man, but he could not tell about the other two. The Sheriff figures that their greatest loss was in the loss of their ten gallons of liquor.

NEGRO BOY SERIOUSLY SHOT SATURDAY NIGHT

Saturday night a crowd of colored people had a Christmas tree near Dardens. After breaking up about 12 o'clock, a car load of young "bucks" drove past several children and Dennis Biggs fired into the bunch, hitting a ten year old boy in the abdomen. The boy was taken to Park View hospital at Rocky Mount, where it was found that his intestines had been punctured in several places and his condition is considered very serious. Biggs is still at large.

THE POWERFUL VOICE OF SENATOR-ELECT MANGUS JOHNSON CAN BE HEARD A LONG DISTANCE

When the committee on rules assigned him to suite 125 in the Senate Office Building they had this in mind: The partitions between the rooms are very thin and any loud expression can be heard in rooms adjoining. The question was solved by arranging for a "buffer room" between his suite and those adjoining—that is to say, extra rooms were added to the adjoining suites which may or may not be used.

Mr. F. S. Fagan, of Dardens, one of the best farmers of that section, was a caller at our office yesterday.

Miss Jessie Walton Grimes, of Robersonville is visiting Miss Alice Dunning.

Mr. R. F. Heydenreich will return tonight from Staunton, Va. where he visited his parents during the holidays.

Mr. Robert Bogart, of Washington, was in town today visiting relatives. He was accompanied home by Mrs. Bogart who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Sallie Biggs during the holidays.

LOCAL NEWS OF BEAR GRASS

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Keel motored to Everett Friday morning. Mr. Henry Allen spent Christmas in Plymouth with his aunt, Mrs. Frank Broughton.

Messrs. Walter Oakley and Thomas Oakley went to Everett Friday on business.

Mrs. Sylvester Raynor spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. J. H. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Strawbridge of Durham spent the weekend with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Peel and son, Robert attended church in Williamston Sunday morning.

Mr. Lester Rogers, Mrs. W. H. Rogers and Mrs. E. C. Ray of Williamston spent today afternoon with Mrs. Corbin Robinson, of Robersonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Chesson spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Cherry.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Burroughs and family returned home Friday after spending several months near Oxford, N. C.

SON OF KING MAY WED MAY LEITER'S DAUGHTER

London, Dec. 31.—It was rumored in well informed social circles today that announcement soon would be made of the engagement of Prince George, the youngest son of King George, and Lady Alexandra Curzon, daughter of Marquis Curzon, present foreign secretary of England. Lady Alexandra's mother, now dead, was Miss Mary Leiter of Washington, before her marriage.

Visit the Martin County Savings and Trust Company and get an almanac. They are free for the asking.

Wages of plasterers who receive \$104 and more a week are causing ministers and members of other professions to take up the trowel in Evanston, Illinois, where work on a new hotel is in progress. Graduates of universities holding several degrees turn down offers of professors to join the plasterers. Other graduates who stick to their chosen professions receive but \$200 a month while the plasterers receive between \$400 and \$500 monthly.

Mr. W. C. Manning, Jr. spent the Christmas holidays in Four Oaks.

Mr. F. L. Gladstone, of Hamilton, was a business visitor in town yesterday.

Messrs. Albert and Howell Wadsworth, of Cove City, were in town Sunday visiting their mother, Mrs. Albert Wadsworth, who is ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Watts, Jr.

Miss Estelle Crawford is visiting friends and relatives in Belhaven this week.

Mrs. W. T. Hunter will leave tomorrow for Carteret, New Jersey to spend the winter with Mr. Hunter, who is employed there.

Mr. S. S. Lawrence spent the weekend in town with Mrs. Lawrence at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Manning.

Dr. and Mrs. P. B. Cone and children have returned from Richmond, where they have been visiting the Doctor's family.

MANY LICENSES ISSUED BY THE REGISTER OF DEEDS

DAN CUPID WAS INDEED BUSY DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

December has proven itself a month of love harvest in Martin county the Register of Deeds reports. There were thirty-four licenses issued, fourteen to whites and twenty to negroes. This is more than one a day and a population of two thousand makes a good average and means that if the rate is continued the disappearance of the old maid state will soon disappear.

The following is a list of licenses issued by Mr. S. S. Brown, Register of Deeds for Martin county:

WHITE
Johnnie Holliday and Carrie Dell Bennett; Icrabod Mayo Little and Ethel Bailey; John W. Warren and Bettie Bowen; Joseph H. Stallings and Lillian Williams; Woolie Harrell and Mamie Boyd; Daniel Roe Felton and Maggie Wooten, of Edgecombe county; Ernest Boyd and Mamie Harris of Beaufort County; Jarvis Waters of Piretown and Marcia Holliday of Martin county; Dewey Copeland of Elizabeth City and Amanda Simpson; J. K. Woodbriest of Warren county and Mamie Cooke of Halifax county; J. W. Strawbridge of Chowan county and Cora Whitfield of Pitt county; Abner Everett and Johnnie Bullock; John D. Bland and Irene Sampson, of Clay county and Archie Wynne and Hattie D. Harrison.

COLORED
Shady Langley and Carrie Moore; Lafayette Williams and Maude Collier; Alexander Redlick and Melissa Marrow; Alfred Simmons and Bessie Thompson; Winfield Pierce and Delilah Bryant; Charles Godard and Alice Coffield; Lloyd Flowers and Julia Barnett; John Dugger and Susan Price; Dewey Shaw and Nanny Locke; Henry Robert Short and Ethel Brown; Ernest Boston and Fannie James; James Taylor and Flossie Williams; Lee Dual and Cora Johnson; Wiley Robertson and Addie Lloyd; Willie Thompson and Mary Eliza Brown; Frank Johnson and Mattie Goss; Julius Latham and Roberts Purvis; Augustus Pitts and Pecora Moore; Jonas Moore and Annie Rodgers; and Walter Corbitt and Pauline Williams.

RACE FOR GOVERNORSHIP IN NORTH CAROLINA GETTING OFF WITH GOOD START

The real fight has opened between A. W. McLean and J. W. Bailey for Governor.

The Roxboro Courier has published a long article against McLean. The paper does not make any suggestion leading to the good in Mr. McLean, but only seems to destroy.

It looks like the work of a slick hand to prepare such a learned article against a citizen of the state.

The leopard spots, the hairy hand of Eaw and the cunning voice of Jacob are all mixed up in the same article.

Demagogy and deception are about the most unfair method practiced in politics, and unless we are in error Josiah William Bailey is a past grand master at the trade. Of course anyone can criticize and disatisfy, but it is never right unless something better is offered.

Does the Roxboro paper offer Bailey as a better and safer man than A. W. McLean?

Mr. Hubert Johnson, of Mebane is visiting friends here.

Mr. Luther Bass, of Sea Board, visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Simon Lilley made a business trip to Washington yesterday.

Mr. Julius Purvis has returned to Asheville where he is in the employ of a realty company.

Dr. and Mrs. Sampson Hadley of Norfolk spent a few days during the Christmas holidays with the former's father, Mr. Sam Hadley.

Mr. and Mrs. Atwood Newell and children, of Louisburg, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John D. Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hardison and the Misses Katherine and Mary Davis Hardison returned Sunday from Petersburg, where they spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Mingo.

Mr. Jack Hunter returned to Greensboro Sunday after spending a couple of days here with his mother, Mrs. W. T. Hunter. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter will leave Greensboro today for Melbourne, Fla. where they expect to spend the winter.

Mr. S. S. Lawrence spent the weekend in town with Mrs. Lawrence at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Manning.

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SUBSCRIBE TO THE ENTERPRISE

MRS. WILLIAMS TO GIVE A NEW YEAR'S PARTY

MRS. WILLIAMS TO ENTERTAIN WITH FOUR TABLES OF BRIDGE TONIGHT

Mrs. Carrie Biggs Williams will entertain with four tables of bridge tonight at her home in New Town.

The house will be decorated carrying out the Christmas idea, holly mistletoe and red flowers will be used. Those invited are Mrs. B. W. Hardy, Mrs. W. J. Hodges, Miss Anna Pope, Mrs. C. A. Harrison, Mrs. Oscar Anderson, Mrs. J. G. Godard, Mrs. Elbert Peel, Mrs. S. S. Lawrence, Mrs. P. B. Cone, Miss Carrie Dell White, Mrs. Walter Orlean, Mrs. F. W. Graves, Mrs. John A. Manning, Mrs. John W. Manning and Mrs. P. H. Brown.

THE COUNTY AGENT AN ASSET

One of the best known class of men throughout the agricultural sections of New York State is undoubtedly the county agent, or agricultural extension worker. This county leader is responsible for various crop projects and a great part of the advancement in the field of agriculture. Thru his Farm Bureau News redimminates information in regard to the agricultural activities of the counties. In his visits to the individual farm he makes a personal contact with the tiller of the soil.

At the annual conference just held at the State Agricultural College, these men were asked to cooperate with the various marketing associations of the state in an endeavor to get education information to the man on the farm. This is a great step in the right direction, and from the interest shown by the extension workers in the agricultural movement, there is no question but what this move will prove beneficial.

Through the educational committee of the New York Cooperative Council these men will be able to secure information in regard to any and all co-operatives for the benefit of the farm population of their separate counties. In furthering agriculture, the county agent must further the marketing movement, and the new educational committee is a great step which will make it easier for him to shoulder this responsibility.—Dairyman News.

NEW LAW FIRM

Wheeler Martin and Elbert S. Peel have formed a partnership for the general practice of law.

Mr. Peel goes from his present office in the Godard building to the offices now occupied by Mr. Martin, adjoining the City Hall.

Amy A. Jackson, mayor of Fairport, Ohio, returned recently after a bitter fight of nineteen months with bootleggers. She clamped the lid on and beat the bootleggers to a finish and then resigned. At a mass meeting of citizens her administration was declared to be the best in years, and all her predecessors were men.

Good paper can be made from banana refuse. The trash or refuse, consisting of the stems of banana trees from which fruit has been cut, is run through crushing rolls, which produces a mash in which the moisture has been reduced from 90 to 55-75, or even. A pulping machine reduces the mixture to pulp and the pulp and juice are bailed and beaten. The removal of the fibrous material from the process, in which no chemical is used.

Mrs. H. D. Long has returned after spending the holidays with relatives in Virginia.

Start the new year right by renewing your subscription to The Enterprise.

We are doing this to remind you to do something you have had in mind for some time.

Mr. Edmund C. Holland, of Norfolk, spent some time in town last week. He was down for a few days hunt. Mr. Holland's father is the owner of the Norfolk Post, one of the leading daily papers of that city.

Mr. Frank Margolis, motored to Rocky Mount Sunday.

Mr. Sam Mangum has returned here after spending the holidays in Durham with relatives.

Mr. Charles Sawyer, of Windsor was a visitor here Sunday.

Messrs. Robert Peel and Harold Everett visited friends in Creswell Sunday.

NEW FIRM TO BEGIN BUSINESS AT EARLY DATE

The Firm will Cater to Farmers and Carry Gen. Merchandise

The Farmers Supply Company will begin business in a few days in the store formerly occupied by C. O. Moore on Washington street.

The firm will cater to the needs of the farmer and will also carry a general line of merchandise, but they expect to carry everything the farmers need in the way of staple groceries and merchandise and mill feeds for the stock. They also expect to put in a bakery in connection with the store in the early spring.

The firm is composed of Messrs. Joseph S. Griffin, W. O. Griffin and Noah Peel, all good citizens of this town and community.

COAST LINE PROVES TO BE A LARGE COAL CONSUMER

IN THE REPORT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE ATLANTIC COAST LINE

If you have ever had the job of feeding a family furnace, stove or grate, or of paying the fuel bills, you know how much coal one of these little pets consumes in a winter. Ordinarily you will use anywhere from 4 to 8 tons, depending on the part of the country you live in and how long the cold weather hangs on.

Consider now the coal used each year by the 900 or more locomotives owned by the Atlantic Coast Line. Picture a solid train of coal cars reaching from New York, past Philadelphia Baltimore and Washington to a point 5 miles north of Quantico, Va., a matter of 257 miles; or to bring it closer home, say roughly from Charleston, S. C. to Wilson, N. C. Every car in the train contains 50 tons of coal. Assuming that 8 tons is a liberal winter's supply for the average family, each car therefore holds more than enough for 6 families. There are 24,000 cars in a train of the length we're considering; an ample supply for 204,000 families. If the average family has 5 members, it is plain that the train contains coal enough to keep about 1,020,000 people comfortably warm this winter and leave them plenty for fires on cold spring nights. That is almost as many people as the combined population of New Orleans, Atlanta, Birmingham, Savannah and Richmond; and our mythical train would contain just about the amount of coal the Coast Line will use this year.

Take a look at the fire box of a Coast Line engine and you will be able to realize why so much coal is needed. In the run between Richmond and Rocky Mount the big locomotives that pull the heavy steel trains, like the Everglades Limited, eat up more than our average family requires for an entire winter. From Rocky Mount to Florence S. C., each of them uses about 12 tons. The locomotives of freight trains require about one fourth as much more. Even the lowly switch engines have to have 104 pounds of coal for every mile they run.

WILLIAMSTON TOWN TEAM TO PLAY AYDEN TOWN TEAM AT BASKET BALL

There will be a basket ball game between the local town team and that of Ayden next Friday night in the Dixie Warehouse. The game to be called at 8:00 o'clock.

The local team has a good standing as far as the record is concerned, but it will have to continue to show a good record to overcome the strong Ayden five. A good game is expected.

3,000 DEATHS IN YEAR FROM BAD LIQUOR IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—Poison liquor was responsible for 3,000 deaths in Philadelphia during the year ending today, instead of 875 deaths, as vital statistics show, according to Dr. G. Harlan Wells, professor of clinical medicine at Hahnemann Medical College.

Probably 65 per cent of the deaths today from malarial fever and Bright's disease are the result of continued use over a period of months and when the victims die, the death is recorded as due to various organic disorders.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Harrison and daughters, Beck, Katherine and Blanche spent Sunday with Mrs. Anderson in Leggett.

Mr. Pot Froden, of Windsor was a visitor here yesterday.