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Local Chamber of Commerce to Meet Thursday

Tobacco Market Is Most Important Subject to be Considered

Next Thursday night the chamber of commerce will have one of the most important meetings in its history. Williamston has one of the greatest opportunities to become a good town of any one in this immediate section; or, in fact, in eastern North Carolina, and there are several subjects to be discussed in addition to the major one—the tobacco market. This is, of course, one of the greatest opportunities of Williamston, but there are other propositions being submitted to the town; some from power companies, for instance; and the chamber of commerce is the only place where our citizens can get together and discuss things fully.

The reason people don't favor what some others are doing often is because they have not looked at the propositions from every angle. They criticize because they don't understand. Let us enlighten ourselves at the meetings we have—the chamber of commerce and the woman's club.

Sermon Subjects at Memorial Baptist

"Rebuilding the Wall of a Nation," will be the theme Sunday morning. "Steps in Christian Growth" will be the subject Sunday night.

The Glorious Fourth of July comes on Sunday this year. It is always a great day with Americans, and more especially so when it falls on Sunday. The day is unusually important this year, since the sesqui-centennial celebration is being emphasized at Philadelphia. We shall do well Sunday morning to spend some time in thought about our country.

"Steps in Christian Growth" derives its importance from the fact that it is a growth; for we do not spring all at once "unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." The Scriptures themselves, together with the accumulated experience of Christianity teaches that the way of attainment is through growth.

Christianity is not static, it is a growth, a development, a progression. There is as certain provision for growth in grace as there is for the growth of a flower or a child.

It was Paul's testimony that he had not attained, but that he was pressing on.

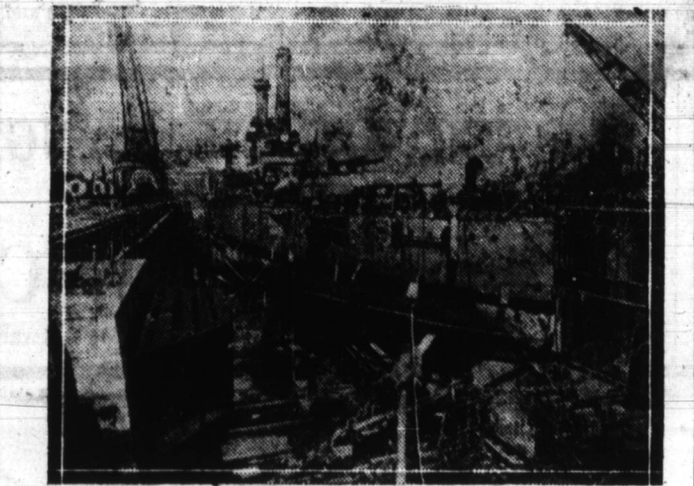
Attends Appraisers' Meeting in Columbia

Mr. Z. Hardy Rose left yesterday for Columbia, S. C., where he will attend an appraisers' meeting. Appraisers from the North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank, Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank, the Federal Land Bank, and other organizations in the eastern district will be in attendance. Mr. Rose represents the North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank, and he is considered one of their best appraisers. He not only does work in this immediate section but throughout eastern Carolina and some sections of Virginia.

Child of Mr. and Mrs. Wells Died Thursday

Eileen, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wells, who live on South Washington Street, died Thursday morning and was buried on the W. J. Redick burial grounds today. The child was only a week old.

Making 1926 Model Out of Battleship Built in 1914



Millions of dollars are being expended by the government in the remodeling and modernization of the battleship Texas shown above in one of the big dry docks at the Norfolk Navy Yard. Congress provided \$2,884,050 to make a practically new seafighter of the first line out of a 1914 model.

PART OF GOODS STOLEN FROM PERRY'S STORE IS LOCATED IN NEW BERN

Carolina Power Co. May Come Here

Mr. Radcliffe, of Raleigh, a representative of the Carolina Power & Light Co., was in town Thursday looking over the field and figuring with the town on a proposition to purchase a franchise and furnish light and power from their plants at Goldsboro, Raleigh, Mconure, Buckhorn Falls, and Blewett Falls.

His company now has lines as near as Fremont and Zebulon. They have contracted with the A. C. L. to supply its shops at Rocky Mount with power. The Virginia Electric Power Co. has entered into contracts with certain Tarboro cotton mills, which means that company will build from Roanoke Rapids. They have also visited Williamston in looking over the field.

Farmers Relief Before Senate

Washington Post Says Sentors Have Chance To Do Something

The following editorial from the Washington Post, of June 29, will be of general interest to farmers of this section, as well as throughout the country:

"Both parties in the Senate have played politics to their hearts' content at the expense of the farmers. Everybody who cares to go on record as the only simon-pure friend of the farmer has had his say. The farmer can rest assured on the authority of 96 Senators that they are collectively and individually his friends.

Now it is time to vote. The proposal before the Senate is one which, if adopted, would really benefit agriculture by exploring the field of cooperative effort, facilitating the organization of cooperative organizations, setting up machinery for bringing about better marketing methods, and providing \$100,000,000 for the expenses of this effort.

This plan ought to develop practical methods for bringing the producer and consumer closer together, so that each would share in the benefits resulting from elimination of part of the exorbitant cost of distributing and marketing farm products. The consumers are willing to pay their share of the taxes that will be required to make up the \$100,000,000 proposed to be expended. No doubt the farmers are willing to pay their share also. The plan will be worked out by experienced men, representing agriculture. The producer, rather than the consumer, is primarily to be benefited.

If Senators are really anxious to help the farmer they will support this bill, push it through conference, and adjourn this week. The House no doubt would concur. The President would sign the bill. The good work could be undertaken immediately.

But if there is any more political advantage to be gained by quarreling over this bill, the farmer will have to wait. There is a political campaign on, and control of the Senate is the prize. The farmer will be lucky indeed if his friends in the Senate do not find that political ex-

Several Negroes Implicated; Almost Third Goods Recovered

B. F. Perry this week recovered a portion of the goods stolen from his store last Sunday, when the glass in the front door was broken and the store entered. The goods were found in New Bern by city and county officers who they raided a negro gambling game Monday.

John Lee Hadley, a negro, was caught and a car was located in which was found several articles of the stolen goods. Hadley claimed that he knew nothing whatever of the stealing and that he had no connection whatever with the car. Hadley was tried for gambling and is now serving a 30-day term on the Craven County roads.

It now develops that he had sold one suit of clothes to a colored man and a dress to a colored woman, both of whom say that they bought the goods from him. The goods were identified by Mr. Perry and turned over to him. Most of the six suits of clothes and the eight dresses which have been recovered still have the cost mark of Mr. Perry.

One of the gang of poker players named Alexander Harris escaped from the police in the raid and is said to have gone to Washington and given the key of the car containing the stolen goods to a colored man named Thomas Johnson, who lives in Washington. Johnson went to New Bern and claimed the car, saying he had loaned it to the negro Harris. The car was turned over to him by the New Bern authorities.

All indications now are that Harris, Hadley, and some other accomplices were the men who broke in the store. Several clues are now being followed by officers at both New Bern and Washington, where suspicion points to others in those towns who were parties to the robbery, and who now have about two-thirds of the goods taken, only about one-third having been recovered.

In the round-up several dresses were found which did not belong to Mr. Perry. These have been identified by a Mr. Spivey, a Windsor merchant, whose store was robbed a week before the Perry store was entered. These goods had not all been disposed of and had been put with the Perry goods.

Hadley is a native of New Orleans, but has lived in Eastern Carolina since he was a small boy. He says he is a professional gambler. He is wanted in Lenoir County to finish a road sentence, from which he escaped. The Lenoir County authorities say they will not demand his return to complete his sentence if the Craven County officials will turn him over to Martin County at the end of his 60-day term, which he is now serving, and he will be brought to Martin County for trial at the September term of superior court.

Miss Miriam Courtney is visiting relatives in Portsmouth.

Mr. P. J. Carlton and Col. Ballou, prominent officials of the Imperial Tobacco Co., Richmond, were visitors in town this week.

Joe Clark, of Norfolk, is visiting Francis Barnes.

Agencies make it impossible to demonstrate in all its warmth and cordiality the friendship they feel for him and which they would express without hesitation in an off year.

Local Stores Will Be Closed Monday

The stores of Williamston will be closed Monday, July 5, to celebrate Independence Day. The fourth comes on Sunday this year, and as in former years when this occurs, the subsequent day is observed.

Many Williamston people are planning to spend the fourth and fifth at Pamlico Beach, others are going to Virginia Beach and Morehead City, while there are a number of baseball fans who are planning to see the Virginia League games at Wilson and Kinston.

Following the custom adopted last year, the Enterprise will not appear Tuesday, in order to give the "force" Monday off.

The Enterprise Sunday School Lesson in Brief

July 4.—"Israel Enslaved in Egypt."—Ex. 1:1-14.

By C. H. DICKEY

The last quarter ended our lessons in Genesis. There, God had been dealing with a family. Now, He begins to deal with a nation.

Joseph's going into Egypt resulted eventually in the coming down hither of his old father and his family. Those of this family who came down into Egypt were 70 souls. After 400 years, they start back, a nation of more than 2,000,000.

After Joseph died and his family and all of that generation, a gap occurs here in the history—a gap of about 300 years. Throughout this period of 300 years, the Jewish people lived a quiet life in this foreign land which had become their home. They lived and multiplied and waxed stronger and stronger. Until a political revolution took place in Egypt and a new dynasty came to the throne. This new king knew not Joseph, and the close ties which bound the two people together under Joseph's regime were entirely gone.

This new king saw that these Jewish people were foreigners, that they were not becoming naturalized, that they were multiplying rapidly; and it began to be a source of trouble with him to have this alien nation thus settled in the midst of his own people. The race problem bobbed up once more. The king was afraid that these people would become masters of Goshen; and that in case of war they might go over to the enemy.

This led to the devising of plans to keep these people in subjection. The eventual solution offered was to put them to work as slaves. This was done. Their backs were exposed to the sun, to the lash, and they became the servants of the king; building for him store cities, making bricks and slave work in general. Thus, they were to be kept in submission by oppression. The proud race of Hebrews, then, are now base servants in a foreign land. See them toil.

But God has not forgot them. Pharaoh's plan didn't work, just as the oppression, long hours, short wages, and segregation will not always work in America—even in North Carolina. Oppression always "creates its own defeat." The more they were oppressed, the more they grew and multiplied. It knit them together; it solidified them; it compacted them, until the multiplication of these oppressive measures generated the idea of freedom. "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." Oppression will not eventually work. That which alienates a people from one group may weld them to another or to themselves more closely.

So, contrary to the purpose of the Pharaoh, a nation is being born. He thought to destroy a people; when, lo, a whole nation springs up.

And this servitude was not without its compensation to the people themselves. They were learning, learning, learning. And what were they learning? Why, they were learning to write, learning the art and sciences, finding out something of the literature about them, something of the social customs, something of laws—and they were learning how to make brick, make houses; in other words, they were getting their first lessons in how to make a tabernacle, a city, a nation, a civilization.

Pharaoh was trying to stamp out a people; they were, consciously or unconsciously, getting ready to multiply as the sands of the seashore. One of these days they will leave Pharaoh, and go out to establish a

Car Owners Have Until July 10th to Secure New Licenses; Bureau Is Busy

More Than 2,000 Licenses Issued During June At Local Bureau; One a Minute Issued Last Wednesday, June 30; Rush Continues

The auto license bureau here issued one license per minute on Wednesday, June 30.

More than 2,000 licenses were issued during June. The rush still continues, and there were a large number issued yesterday and today.

The State permits 10 days grace in procuring licenses, which will expire next Saturday, July 10.

The new law requiring each license to be classified will apparently save the State much money. Under the old law all licenses were the same, so far as appear-

ances went, but sold at different prices. For that reason a \$12.50 Ford license was sometimes used on cars requiring a \$40 license, and no one could tell the difference unless they referred to the records at the auto license office in Raleigh. Now, each different priced license is represented by letters A, B, C, D, and E, and any official seeing an E grade license on a Cadillac or other high-powered car will know that the proper license has not been procured and the State has lost the difference.

Foil Attempt to Rob Bank

Bethel Bank Officials Warded in Time to Frustrate Plans

Robbers were foiled in their efforts Thursday night to blow the safe of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Bethel.

They had entered the bank building through a rear window. Information had been received from Wilson that "suspicious parties believed to be a band of safe crackers were headed this way, and bank officials of Bethel hurried to the banks.

It is supposed that the commotion around the homes frightened the robbers' guard and the bunch fled.

Other banks in this section were warned by telephone and some of them were guarded the balance of the night.

New York to Have 3 A. M. Curfew Law

New York, July 1.—Mayor Walker is weary of out-of-towner besmirching the big city's reputation. He gave this as his reason Tuesday for insisting upon a 3 a. m. curfew ordinance for night clubs. People from all over the world patronize the places affected by the order, he said; and then go away to criticize the conditions they enjoyed.

"There's no other city in the United States where citizens stay in night clubs until 3 o'clock in the morning," the mayor told the "Dusk-to-Dawn Club" representatives. "They come to New York to do that sort of thing, and then they go home and tell everyone they meet what a wicked place New York is."

Baptist Philatheas Meeting Thursday

Miss Sallie Harris entertained the Philatheas class of the Memorial Baptist Church Thursday evening at her home on Haughton Street.

The meeting was opened with a Scripture reading by Mrs. Anna Harrison. The roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Instead of having an entertainment to raise money for the class, each member brought in \$1.00. Other business of importance was discussed.

After a very enjoyable evening, the hosts, assisted by Mrs. A. M. Clapp, served a delicious frozen ice course. The meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Claud Keith the first Friday night in August.

Methodist Program For The Next Week

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.—E. P. Cunningham, superintendent.

Preaching, 11 a. m., and 8 p. m.—Junior Epworth league, 2:30 p. m.—Mrs. J. F. Thigpen, superintendent.

Services Holly Springs, 3:30 p. m.—Sacrament of the Lord's Supper following.

Senior Epworth League Monday night, 8 p. m.—Martha Leggett, superintendent.

Intermediate Epworth League on Thursday night, 8 p. m.—Mrs. W. H. Booker, superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. Vance Bunting and children, of Bethel, visited relatives here Thursday.

Watch out for this people which you now see serving as slaves!

Thanks Bible School Pupils For Box Gifts

Superintendent of Hospital Writes Thanks For Children

Rev. C. H. Dickey, who was director of the Daily Vacation Bible School held here a few weeks ago, recently received the following letter:

My dear Rev. Dickey:—It was indeed a great pleasure when the express was delivered yesterday to find a package from the children of Williamston's Vacation Bible School. We thoroughly appreciate the kind and unselfish motive that prompted the teachers and children in making these scrap books, marble bags, dolls, gowns, as well as we did the toys and beads. They will all come in very nicely this summer while the school teacher and the occupational therapist are away for vacation. The children use quantities of scrap books and stocking dolls, those will be particularly appropriate. We have never had a baby here who was not fond of colored beads, and I must say I was delighted when I saw the beads in your box yesterday. I am sure it is not possible for the children of the Bible School to have any conception of the joy that comes into the lives of the crippled children when they are given such nice playthings as you have sent us. This letter is written to show in a small way that we feel very grateful to you.

Sincerely,
I. A. M. ALEXANDER,
Superintendent.
Gastonia, N. C., June 28, 1926.

To Pave Road From Windsor to Chowan

Nello L. Teer, of Durham, was the lowest bidder for the 14.22 miles of road on Route No. 342, from Windsor to the Chowan River at the site of the new bridge. The bid was \$125,168.50, which was about \$9,000 per mile.

Mr. Teer was also the lowest bidder on that part of the same highway extending from the eastern edge of the Chowan to the town of Edenton, the distance being only a fraction over four miles. The bid on this project was \$113,900, which is about \$28,000 per mile. This cost is heavy for a graded road; yet it means a large fill through a soft river bottom and will take a large quantity of dirt. Mr. Teer built the Williamston-Plymouth road and is considered a very efficient road builder.

Marriage Licenses Issued During June

The following marriage licenses were issued by the register of deeds of Martin County during the month of June:

White.
L. E. Wellons, Pitt County, 38; Mary E. Dixon, 28.
Marshall D. Corey, 28; Mary A. Coltrin, 20.
R. W. Daniel, 20; Ida V. Hines, 19.
Ralph J. Parker, Dunn, N. C., 33; Essie Louise Harrison, 22.
Arthur H. Smith, Beaufort County, 29; Alice B. Whitley, Beaufort County, 24.
Frank Earl Wynn, 26; Vella Morton Andrews, 24.
Lester Bryant, 21; Susie G. Andrews, 15.
Robert Lee Lovett, Pitt County, 18; Frances M. Stevenson, 16.
Henry Perry, 49; Mollie Williams, 45.

Colored.
Howard Williams, 30; Martha Wiggins, 23.
Wilmer A. Bryant; Lennie N. James Oscar Clemmons, 20; Hanna Price, 18.

2,000 Homes Destroyed By Quake in Sumatra

A great earthquake struck central Sumatra Sunday. More than 2,000 homes were totally wrecked. Many of the islands along the Grecian coast were badly shaken and much damage done. The whole Mediterranean area was disturbed, reaching as far as Jerusalem and Damascus, both of which cities were badly

The first shock gave the inhabitants warning, and they rushed out of their houses to places of safety, before the houses were shaken down. Only three shocks occurred, all of short duration, less than a minute each.

The activity of a volcano near the island of Crete was supposed to have been the cause of the disturbance.

Mesdames W. H. Biggs, Percy and Roger A. Critcher, and J. W. Watts, Jr., are spending today in Norfolk.

STRAND THEATRE

TONIGHT
A Genuine
CHARLESTON
CONTEST

Between Four of the
Local Colored Boys

Also
An 8-Reel Special
Picture Program