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When the present road system was established, it was based on automobile and gasoline tax for support, and so far it has been fully sustained from that source.

The road system did not reach all the people, however, and those living a long way from the present State road asked for 1 cent extra on gasoline in order that the lateral road might be improved so the whole system would be better; but, behold, the other cent goes exactly where the first four went—out on the main highways, and the fellow who pays 5 cents out in the backwoods remains in the mud just the same.

Our present roads cost Martin County over a half million dollars, all of which was spent in Williamston, Bear Grass, Poplar Point, Hamilton, and Goose Nest Townships. Now, it is proposed to apply this 1 cent gas tax on the present road debt of the county. The State, of course, supplemented the county's expenditure on Highway No. 30 and built No. 90 through Robersonville, Cross Roads, Williamston, Williams, and Jamesville Townships, and pretends to maintain No. 125, which the county built.

The net result of the new law means that a Williamston taxpayer will have lower taxes and the use of the roads, with 1 more cent to pay for gasoline, with good roads going four ways, while a Griffins Township taxpayer will have a lower debt tax with no roads. He will have to pay the same extra 1 cent gasoline tax, together with the 4 that he is already paying. All this goes to keep up and pay for the main highways, and there is no road for himself.

If the rural citizen gets any road, he will have to build it out of his own pockets, and his extra 1 cent gasoline tax will go for the payment of his favored neighbors' road.

In this county we have one township that has never received a penny from State road funds, nor from county funds yet has to pay to build and keep our State roads.

Should Be Allowed to Serve Terms Here

A number of Martin County people who have recently been sentenced to short jail terms are complaining because they can not serve their terms in the prison of their own county, where they will be near their friends and kinspeople.

It does seem rather peculiar that when the government goes to the trouble and expense of detecting and punishing crime that the county authorities will not cooperate enough with the government to receive her prisoners. And, too, when the Martin County jail belongs to every citizen in the county and the man who is so unfortunate as to have to go to prison deserves some consideration, regardless of what crime he has committed.

It is understood that a few of those who are to serve terms given them at the last session of the Federal court at Washington are going to pay the difference in cost from their own pockets. It seems that would be a hardship on the prisoner, and the people of Martin County should not demand it.

When Martin County gets to the point where it can not afford to give a prisoner a little water to drink and a little light to cheer him up when confined behind prison bars, it seems to us that it is getting pretty tight.

When a man is down, the county should help him. We do not condone crime, but we do admire a heart of sympathy, and the fellow in jail needs sympathy.

An opportunity for a prisoner to see his father, mother, wife, and children and friends occasionally will help some.

But to make the prisoner pay for the water he drinks is the unkindest cut of all.

Should Go Through High School

Martin County has 535 pupils in high schools for the white race, which represents 15.6 per cent of the total school attendance. This is gratifying when we compare it with some counties and some States.

While it looks like the school system may be weakened in a way by the recent law, yet there is one idea that should stand out in the mind of every parent and pupil. That is to go through high school.

It is a sad thing to see a young man or woman launch out on the sea of life these days with less than a high school education. There was a time when it could be done with reasonable safety. But that day is past.

According to our school population, Martin County should have no less than 1,100 boys and girls in high school. The fact that about half the children fall by the wayside between the first and the eleventh grades is because about one-half are unwilling to do the work necessary to pass the grades.

The number of young people who drop out of school because it is hard generally find things of life harder later on. Dropping out of school just because we think we can make the grade without it is almost equivalent to writing the word "failure" across the record of the fellow who does it.

With the approaching season for school closings, one of the essential things to impress on the mind of every child entitled to high school is to take all he or she can get.

New Road Law Unfair to Many

The rural communities asked for bread and received a stone.

Perhaps the most popular bill passed by the last legislature was the 1-cent gasoline tax added to the old 4-cent tax law. The reason for the popularity of the measure was the hope that the rural population of North Carolina would have a little money to improve the bad roads in the rural sections, but now the situation changes, and the money is to go on the roads already built, and the outlying districts do not get a smell. It is really a raw deal, unfair and unjust.

WANTS

FOR SALE: 1 MEDIUM SIZE iron safe and one Burroughs Adding Machine. Reasonable price. Harrison Oil Co. a2 2t

FOR SALE: THURSDAY, MARCH 28: 600 Rhode Island Baby chicks. Will be able to deliver every Thursday. Write or call for your wants. We do custom hatching, \$4 per 100. Eggs taken Tuesdays or Wednesdays. Griffins Hatchery, Robersonville, N. C. mr26 4t

ONE NEW ATWATER-KENT radio for sale. See W. G. Peel. a2 2t

TWO ROOMS FOR RENT: MODERN conveniences. Mrs. F. K. Hodges. mr29 4t

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WE ARE NOW PREPARED TO do altering and sewing of all kinds. Superior hemstitching on special Singer power machine promptly done at Singer Service Shop. All work guaranteed. Mrs. W. R. White, operator. John A. Ward, manager.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of a judgment of the superior court of Martin County in an action entitled "D. G. Matthews vs. Mrs. Bettie C. Gurganus, et al," the undersigned commissioners will, on the 29th day of April, 1929, in front of the courthouse door of Martin County, at 12 o'clock noon, offer for public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described land: Being a building occupied as a garage in the town of Williamston, N. C., on highway No. 30, and adjoining said highway, Melson lot, and the lands of Mrs. Bettie C. Gurganus, and being the same house which was built and occupied by the defendant Hollingsworth, and which was listed for the taxes for years 1924 and 1925. This 20th day of March, 1929. B. A. CRITCHER, H. G. HORTON, Commissioners. mr29 4tw

NOTICE OF REAL ESTATE SALE

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon me by a deed of trust executed by H. A. Cullipher, W. S. Moore, Clifton Hunter, trustees for Everetts Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on the 8th day of February, 1927, and recorded in book S-2, page 141, of Martin County public registry, I will on Saturday, the 27th day of April, 1929, at 12 o'clock m., in front of the Planters & Merchants Bank, Everetts, N. C., Martin County, sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the following lands, to wit: Beginning at an iron stob on Church Street, being on E. A. Clark corner,

thence running a westerly course along said street to Mrs. Sudie E. Lanier line, about 70 yards to a proposed stob at a corner of Everetts Baptist Church line and Mrs. Sudie E. Lanier line, thence an easterly course along Everetts Baptist Church line to a stob on E. A. Clark's line, or Paul Bailey line, thence a southern course along E. A. Clark line, the old school property, to the beginning, and being one-half of the Everetts Baptist Church property and not over and being the same land where the old church is now situated. This the 26th day of March, 1929. V. G. TAYLOR, Trustee. mr29 4tw

NOTICE OF SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the power conferred upon me by law the undersigned will, on Friday, the 12th day of April, 1929, at 11 o'clock m., in front of the premises of the late J. J. Long, near Oak City, in Goose Nest Township, Martin County, and State of North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described personal property belonging to the estate of the late J. J. Long, deceased, to wit: Six mules, all wagons, carts, buggies, cultivators, stalk cutters, mowing machines, rakes, transplanters, and all other farming implements of every kind, nature and description belonging to the said estate of the late J. J. Long. This 1st day of April, 1929. E. S. PEEL, Trustee. a2 4tw

45 hogs, 50 barrels of corn, 400 bales of hay, and all other personal property belonging to said estate. Also all household and kitchen furniture belonging to the said estate. This the 21st day of March, 1929. B. A. LONG, Administrator of Mrs. J. J. Long, administratrix of the estate of J. J. Long, deceased. mr26 3tw

TRUSTEE'S SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale in a certain deed of trust made to me on the 3rd day of May, 1927, by J. R. Ruffin and wife, Jennie Ruffin, which is duly recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Martin County in book Y-2, page 249, the notes secured thereby not having been paid, and at the request of the holder thereof, I shall offer the land described therein, for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, on Wednesday, May 1st, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon, at the courthouse door of Martin County. Said land described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of W. M. Wilson's lot on Elm Street, thence running about a northwest course 210 feet, thence parallel with Elm Street 52 1-2 feet to W. M. Wilson's line, thence along said Wilson's line to the beginning, containing 1-4 acre, and being the same described in a deed for same in book K-1, page 12. This 1st day of April, 1929. E. S. PEEL, Trustee. a2 4tw

Pocket Billiards
Carl A. Vaughn
 One of America's leading players, will be matched against one of Eastern North Carolina's best players Wednesday, April 10th, 4 and 8 p. m. Everybody Free. Welcome.

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STATEMENT OF THE CONIDTION OF THE
Farmers & Merchants Bank
 WILLIAMSTON, N. C.
 AT THE CALL OF THE CORPORATION COMMISSION MARCH 27, 1929

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and discounts	\$421,128.01	Capital	\$100,000.00
Trade acceptances	8,171.47	Surplus	5,000.00
Liberty Bonds	82,850.00	Undivided profits	2,862.58
Other stocks and bonds	79,298.70	DEPOSITS	642,414.37
Banking house, furniture & fixtures	16,240.51		
Other real estate	24,074.54		
Cash and due from banks	118,513.72		
Total	\$750,276.95	Total	\$750,276.95

WE APPRECIATE ALL BUSINESS INTRUSTED TO US. WE RENDER EVERY SERVICE WITH AN EYE TO THE ABSOLUTE SAFETY OF OUR DEPOSITORS.

Jno. D. Biggs PRESIDENT
C. D. Carstarphen, Jr. CASHIER
H. A. Bowen ASST. CASHIER

LAST CALL
Pay Your Taxes Now

The list of all delinquent taxpayers will be advertised May 1st, 1929. Advertising involves additional cost, and no exceptions will be made when the list is made.

Please attend to this at once and save all unnecessary trouble and embarrassment.

W. B. DANIEL
 TOWN TAX COLLECTOR