

Yankees In Martin County During the Civil War In 1862

Richmond Examiner Tells of Foster's Raid 75 Years Ago

We have some interesting accounts of the recent Yankee concentration in North Carolina. The forces of the enemy, forming about 7,000 men under the command of Major-General Foster, made a raid on Martin County last week. The destruction done by the enemy is said to be frightful. The county, from one end to the other, is said to be a complete scene of decolation and ruin. The Yankee army left Washington on Sunday the second inst. (November, 1862) on its march for Williamston, and arrived at Raw's Mill at sundown, where it was engaged by the 26th North Carolina Regiment, which boldly contested its advance, but which was forced to give way on account of the great inferiority of its numbers. The enemy was temporarily delayed at the mill by the burning of the bridge, which they repaired during the night, and on Monday morning came to Williamston. It is impossible to give a full description of the various acts and outrages committed by them.

Not a single house was respected—mattered not whether the owner was in or absent. Doors were broken open and houses entered by the soldiers who took everything they saw, and what they were unable to carry away they broke and destroyed. Furniture of every description was committed to the flames and the citizens who dared to remonstrate with them were threatened, cursed, and buffeted about by the Yankee villains. Cattle, hogs and poultry were shot down and in many instances left untouched. Our informant saw as many as fifty head of stock of all kinds lying dead about the streets.

On Sunday morning Williamston was fired and no effort made to arrest the flames until several houses were burned. It appears, indeed, that everything that the most savage nature could suggest was done by the enemy. No attempt was made by their officers, from General Foster down, to prevent the destruction of property. On the contrary, they connived at it and privates did not hesitate to say that they were instructed to do as they had done. It appears that Foster was in every respect the equal of Butler or Pope for inhumanity. He is represented as a type of Yankee monster. The gentleman who has given us the many items of information noted above, says that two ladies at Wil-

Items Of Interest To People Of Parrale

It must be Christmas. Firecrackers have been sounding in the night for some time, and we have a special brand of pretty girls here that enjoy firecrackers same as the boys.

A man named Gardner has rented the Martha Carson filling station on the highway and has taken possession and is ready to serve his friends.

Martha Carson has rented the Julia War house and Henry Gray helped her move in.

Edna Carson married Joe Manning several days ago. I think she tried to keep it secret, but she just looks so happy that we know something nice has come her way. I'll bet he will be hen pecked and he will like it as well as I do.

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We are going to break a lot of good resolutions next week just like we did last New Year's.

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We would like to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to each and all, not only in Martin county, but to far away Herr Hitler and the Japs and Chinese and Spaniards. How foolish it looks to us at this distance to be killing each other. And why do we hate? Let the Prince of Peace have His way.

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Bailey Tells Why He Is Opposed to Farm Bill

At the close of the session, Senator Bailey comes forward with his excuses for opposing the farm bill. "I voted against the measure in the Senate because I am sure it is unconstitutional," the Senator explains in a special letter to North Carolina farmers this week.

Williamston went to him to beseech protection from his soldiers, and were rudely and arrogantly ordered from his presence.

JUST BEGINNING?

According to the calendar, winter officially begins at 1:22 p. m. Wednesday, December 22. Probably the weather man is not paying much attention to the calendar makers, for he has been doing pretty good at getting winter here a few weeks ahead of time.

The 22nd is also generally supposed to be the shortest day of the year, but according to the World Almanac, there are ten days in the period from December 17 to December 26 that are exactly the same length, although there is a variance of 4 minutes in time for sunrise and sunset, the rising and setting being one minute later every two days during the period.

Cotton Ginnings In County 3,342 Bales

Nearly 2,000 bales of cotton were ginned in this county last month to bring the total number of bales handled by the several gins up to the first of December to 3,342. During the 1936 season up to December 1, farmers in this county had ginned 3,603 bales of cotton, according to a report released a few days ago by Luther Hardison, special agent for the Department of Commerce.

The harvesting of the current cotton crop was delayed in the county by farmers who devoted most of their attention first to tobacco marketing and then to peanut harvesting. Completing work on those two crops, farmers started picking and marketing their cotton, and it now looks as if the production in the county this season will surpass that of a year ago. During the past few weeks ginnings have been showing a marked increase over those of a year ago, and the next report is likely to reflect a gain of a few hundred bales over the 1936 production.

The country just a few days ago reported a record-breaking cotton crop, the production approximating nineteen million bales.

Many Marriages In This County

There may be a business recession in the county, but "good" times are reflected in the number of marriage licenses issued in this county so far this month. Already more licenses have been issued to colored couples than were issued in all of December a year ago. Sixteen licenses have been issued to white couples, or just four under the total issuance of last December. And reports indicate there'll be a rush on the license bureau before the holiday season is spent in its entirety.

Within the past week, licenses were issued to the following white couples:

- Benjamin Earl Allen and Edna Mae Adams, both of Washington.
- Charlie Moore Mills, of Williamston, and Eula Faye Bailey, of Cross Roads.
- William Harden and Mary Florence Stalls, both of Dardens.
- Richard Everett and Louise Matthews, both of this county.
- Wm. Alton Rogers and Ora Bell Warren, both of Martin County.
- Thos. J. Taylor, of Bethel, and Sarah Edmondson, of Hamilton.
- LeRoy Beach, of Hamilton, and Mary Eunice Harrel, of Edenton.

WANTED—WHITE RAGS—MUST be free of buttons and clean—Will pay 6¢ per pound. Bring to the Enterprise.

Mrs. Alice V. Stallings Honored on 75th Birthday

Mrs. Alice V. Stallings, Jamesville, N. C., was given a surprise birthday party Saturday evening at the residence of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Simpson, on West 19th street, Norfolk, Va., in honor of her 75th birthday. Following congratulations, the many friends present were ushered into the dining room where refreshments were served. The table was beautifully decorated in colors of red and green, a large birthday cake forming a centerpiece, with favors and other confections adding to the setting.

Mrs. Stallings was the recipient of many beautiful gifts, and left several days later for her home in Jamesville.

Club Boys Report Yield Of Corn Above Average

Cultivating sixteen acres, sixteen Martin county 4-H club boys raised 824.5 bushels of corn or an average of 51.5 bushels per acre. Assistant County Agent J. P. Woodard said this week. Carlyle Manning, of the Farm Life Club, led with the highest average. The general corn yield in this county is about 22 bushels per acre, the club boys adding 29.5 bushels to that average.

"With corn selling at 78 cents a bushel in 1936, the average acre of corn grown in Martin County was worth only \$16.76," County Agent Woodard explained. It was pointed out that an acre of corn grown by the club boys was valued at \$33.47 this year when corn sold for 65 cents a bushel. It was also pointed out that the average cost to the club boys was less than the amount sent by the average farmer in producing an acre of corn.

Western Auto Plans To Open Store Here

Western Auto, represented in many towns and cities throughout the county, is planning to open an accessory store here the early part of next year, according to reliable information received here this week. The firm is looking for a building, a representative this week stating that other arrangements had been completed for opening a store here.

Offers Solution

A kind providence will provide for most little children. The Cheer Fund will provide for most of the less fortunate tots. That there will be no disappointment for those older guys, and that they will find something in their socks Christmas morning, Pete Fowden again advises sleeping in them Christmas Eve night. And if one does that, he can be certain there'll be something in them on Christmas morning.

Oscar Smith of Rich Square, Northampton County, says his 593 hens paid him a profit of \$58.74 above feed costs during the month of November.

WANTS

WE REPAIR OLD STOVES: ALL kinds repaired and most any kind of other work. To find a handy man come to the Little Quick Service Tin Shop. We wish you a merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Shephard Rice, Prop.

ECONOMY AUTO SUPPLY
Williamston
Easy Terms on Goodrich Tires and Batteries

Central Sisters Lose Lifelong Occupation

(By C. W. BAZEMORE)

A total of sixty-six years at the same job, in the same building—that is the record of the "Central Sisters" of Swanquarter, in Hyde county. The two sisters, Mrs. Clyde Overton and Mrs. Ebbie Cherry, natives of the Hyde county village, have worked side by side in the house where they were born, which also housed the Swanquarter telephone exchange, for much over a quarter century—33 years to be exact, and have in recent weeks experienced the first rest they have ever had from their duties.

The coming of the dial system in Hyde county's principal town, to serve that area, in recent weeks, brought to the two sisters the realization that their jobs of a generation had gone—vanished as completely as one of the vagrant breezes that bend and sway the marsh grasses of the Hyde lowlands and outlying sections served by the lines of the company they worked for so long.

When a body plugs in a switchboard, handling mostly long distance calls for the same folks for 33 years, a body learns things. The "Central Sisters" long years ago lost all count of the times they went "out of their way" to see that messages were delivered to folk living far from telephones; to transmit tidings of joy or sorrow; to accommodate the people they knew, and of hundreds of little services and good turns to be done, such as folk learn to do for each other who live in spots of the earth where neighborliness means more than a too-strict business efficiency.

Swanquarter, lovely village of friendly folks down in Hyde county, now has dial system, and no longer do the "Central Sisters" have their lifelong opportunity, so often used, of bestowing a certain friendly grace and dignity upon each call, and doing the many little extra human touches to see that every message got through, and every customer was served. After thirty-three years of service each, all they have to do now is watch the mechanical click-click of the dials do what they so willingly and faithfully did for so long.

After an experienced "pin hooker" told him that he often made as high as 16 cents a pound buying tobacco and regrading it, Max Higgins of Yancey County decided to do some grading himself.

IN MEMORIAM
In sad remembrance of our father and husband, Noah A. Cherry, who passed one year ago, December 23, 1936. We miss you dear loved one. It's a vacant chair that cannot be refilled.
Anielessa Cherry and Family.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Having this day qualified as administrator of the Estate of Mrs. Della M. Smithwick, deceased, late of Jamesville, Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to exhibit same for payment on or before the 22nd day of December, 1937, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and make immediate settlement.
This the 22nd day of December, 1937.
Mrs. Joel Smithwick Mayo, of Clayton; Mrs. Della Hooten, of Jamesville, N. C., and Dr. N. B. Mariner, of Belhaven, N. C., Administrators of the Estate of Mrs. Della Smithwick, deceased.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Having this day qualified as administrator of the Estate of J. E. Congleton, deceased, late of Robersonville, Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons

having claims against said estate to exhibit same for payment on or before the 21st day of December, 1938, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
This the 21st day of December, 1937.
Z. D. F. White, Administrator of the Estate of Mrs. Martha A. White, deceased.
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of Charles M. Peel, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present same to the undersigned, or her attorney, on or before the 7th day of December, 1938, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
ANNIE PEEL, Administratrix of Charles M. Peel, deceased.
ELBERT S. PEEL, Attorney.
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Having this day qualified as administrator of the Estate of Mrs. Martha A. White, deceased, late of Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit same for payment at my home in Robersonville, on or before the 21st day of December, 1938, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
ANNIE PEEL, Administratrix of Charles M. Peel, deceased.
ELBERT S. PEEL, Attorney.
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Folks, it's great to realize that another year has rolled around, knowing your old friends are true as ever... that you have made new ones.

In lieu of a Personal Message, we send you our Greetings.

HARRISON OIL COMPANY

Pints 85¢
Quarts \$1.60

Also distillers of Mint Springs KENTUCKY BOURBON WHISKEY, 90 PROOF
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It is next to impossible to see all our friends and customers so we take this means to express to you—Season's Greetings.

SINCLAIR OIL COMPANY



Now, listen, old friends,
It's Christmas today,
And it doesn't matter
What other folks say—
To us it is jolly
And merry and gay,
Because folks like you
Have made it that way!

W. G. PEELE

WATCH FOR CIRCULAR ANNOUNCING

BELK-TYLER'S

13th MONTH SALE

Sale Begins Monday, December 27th

WE'RE CLEANING HOUSE OF ALL ODD LOTS... BROKEN SIZES... GIFT ITEMS, ETC. BEFORE INVENTORY. OUT THEY GO—REGARDLESS OF LOSS. DON'T MISS IT!

Genuine Old Fashion Bargain Sale