

**Vacation Season Affects Labor Day In New York**

Another indication of the importance of holidays as a business factor is seen in Albany, N. Y., where the legislature has passed a bill moving Labor Day back to the second Monday in September. Reason is to extend by one week the vacation season, which is pretty big business in upstate New York, but traditionally ends on Labor Day.

**Greene Growers Improve Quality Of Sweet Potatoes**

Many sweet potato growers of Greene County are buying certified potato slips to improve the quality of their crop, says J. W. Grant, assistant farm agent of the Extension Service.

**Thirty-Nine Years Ago As Recorded In The Enterprise**

AUGUST 16, 1901.

Read the Academy announcement. Read the ad of R. L. Roberson's sale in this issue.

The Roanoke has been rising at this place for nearly a week.

The Williamston Academy will begin its fall term, Monday, Sept. 9th. See ad.

A handsome clock free, see ad, G. D. and J. C. Roberson, Robersonville, N. C.

The Haven-Belle passed this place last Sunday with quite a crowd for Nags Head.

Littleton Female College is doing a great work for the church and the state.

Little Jesse Wynn, son of Mr. R. L. Wynne, had a congestive chill last Friday night, and has been very sick since, but is now getting better and hopes to be out again soon.

Your attention is called to the ad of Messrs. G. D. and J. C. Roberson, Robersonville, N. C. They advertise a handsome clock free. Its retail price is \$45.

Over 12,000 acres of swamp lands in Beaufort and Craven Counties have been sold to a Mr. Narvin, of Ohio, who intends to open a plant for cypress and veneering purposes.

Don't miss Hatch Bros.' Big Annual excursion from Williamston to Wilmington and Ocean View Beach. Without cost of cars, August 28th. For round trip to sea only \$2.00. Last chance for white people, only can accommodate 1,000 people. Everybody go. Hatch Bros., Managers.

Mr. Joseph Roberson, of Beaufort, was in town Wednesday. Mr. Roberson is a native of Martin County, but for 35 years or more has resided in Beaufort. He reports the crops are doing very nicely in his section, and that sweet potatoes will soon be going to market.

The entire sale of tobacco at the Carolina Warehouse on Friday last



**Carolina's Colonial Agriculture Was Wasteful**

"In many respects the Indian was a more scientific farmer than the average white farmer of that day." These are the words of one of North Carolina's leading historians and he was referring to the extravagant and wasteful agriculture in general practice before the colonial period ended in 1776.

When North Carolina was young, there was too much land and too little labor, and farm agents were too few in number, for that governmental activity is a more recent development. There were rumors abroad concerning "soil exhaustion" and "land butchery." Such phrases as these were the tragic cries that told the ill effect of the planters' careless system of extensive farming.

Colonial agriculture was not very progressive nor scientific. The plantations were large and fertile. The same crop was planted on a plot of ground every year. Most crops were "hard" on the land, and in a few years the soil was "exhausted." The problem was simple at first, for the planter would abandon the depleted acreage, and new plots would be cultivated. Today the rotation idea of including scrap and everything on the floor, averaged 8 1-2 cents. We challenge any market or any house to beat this on sand lugs and scraps. Farmers, be not deceived by what others may tell you but look to your interest and sell your tobacco at Robersonville, with the Carolina Warehouse.

Quite an excitement on our streets Wednesday. Abner Bennett and Jarrett-Skyles, both colored, were engaged in a street fight, one using weights and the other a stick. There were some 30 or 40 people in the crowd that gathered, but the constable was not on hand. Both parties were arrested later, however, and tried before Mayor Ewell, who placed them under a \$50 bond for appearance at the September term of court.

We are glad to see our esteemed friend, Geo. W. Newell, back again. Mr. Newell has been very sick while at his old home and is showing the effects of it in his looks. We hope to see him well and strong again soon.

Miss Sophie Morton, who has been visiting Mrs. W. H. Crawford for a few days returned to her home in Robersonville Sunday morning.

Mrs. Dr. J. B. H. Knight and children have gone to Wilmington, Southport and vicinity to spend several days.

**To Serve Yugoslavs**



Mrs. Ruth Mitchell Knowles, sister of the late General Billy Mitchell of the U. S. Air Corps, was reported in Belgrade to have been sworn in as a member of the Revolutionary Comitati, Yugoslavian guerilla soldier organization. Mrs. Knowles is qualified as a full-fledged sea captain.

planting a different crop on each plot of land every year helps save the farmers' acres from devastation. The use of fertilizer and systematic methods of culture are necessary, for today a farmer plants the same field every year. There is no longer an unlimited abundance of unsettled land available.

Many European crops were unsuccessful experiments in North Carolina, and finally many Indian crops and methods were adopted.

One of the best accounts written about agriculture in the American colonies in the late eighteenth century stated that the "products of North Carolina are rice, tobacco, indigo, cotton, wheat, peas, beans, Indian corn, and all sorts of roots, especially potatoes." That writer observed that rice was "not so much cultivated" in the north colony as it was in South Carolina. Nevertheless, there are today large abandoned rice fields in the vicinity of Wilmington. These fields remain uncultivated since the last rice crop was harvested.

As the colonial author continued, he stated that in North Carolina to-

**4-H Club Member Makes Profit From Beef Calf**

Carlton Blalock, a member of the Lucama 4-H club in Wilson County and also a member of one of North Carolina's Master Farm Families, recently made a net profit of \$70 from the sale of a beef calf.

**Cotton**

This marks the fourth consecutive year that the world supply of American cotton has been close to 25,000,000 bales and the world supply of all kinds of cotton near 50,000,000 bales.

**Strawberries**

The production of early strawberries is indicated to total 2,470,000 crates as compared with 1,982,000 last year, and the ten-year (1930-39) average of 2,340,000 crates.

tobacco was "one of their chief articles." Concerning other crops, he said, "Cotton does very well," and "Indigo grows very well in the province, particularly in the southern parts, and proves a most profitable branch of culture."

The plantation system would have failed without the Civil War, for it was too wasteful. With today's dense population, there is not enough land for farmers to "exhaust" their fields, clear new wood lands, and later abandon them for other new fields.

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court.

Roberta Purvis Latham vs. Elizabeth Purvis and others.

Under and by virtue of an order of sale and judgment signed in the above entitled proceeding by W. C. Harris, judge holding the March, 1941, Term of Superior Court in Martin County, the undersigned commissioners will, on Monday, the



Service at Sweet Home Church of Christ Sunday, and each third Sunday. Bible School at 10:00. Hubert Williams, supt. Church service at 11:00. Subject, The Prodigal's Father. Afternoon service at Swainland Christian Church. Evening service at 7:30. You are invited to come to Sweet Home, or go some place to worship. Your church needs you, and you need the church. You children need the Bible school. We welcome you and all.

5th day of May, 1941, at twelve o'clock noon, in front of the courthouse door in the town of Williamston, offer for sale for cash to the highest bidder the following described tract or parcel of land, to wit:

Adjoining the lands of J. L. Wynne, Frank Everett, Mollie E. Moore, and others, and being the same tract of land that Alex Thompson purchased from J. A. Whitley, containing 17 acres, more or less, and being the same tract of land that said Alex Thompson owned at the time of his death.

This the 1st day of April, 1941. ELBERT S. PEEL, HUGH G. HORTON, B. A. CRITCHER, Commissioners.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court.

George F. Cordon and others vs. Rosannah Cordon and others.

Under and by virtue of an order and judgment signed in the above entitled proceeding by L. B. Wynne, Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County, on Monday, the 31st day of March, 1941, the undersigned commissioner will, on Monday, the 5th day of May, 1941, at twelve o'clock noon, in front of the courthouse door in the town of Williamston, offer for sale for cash to the highest bidder the following described tract or parcel of land, to wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Jamesville Town-

ship, Martin County, described as follows, to wit: Beginning one perch East of the West line of the right of way of the one time Jamesville and Washington Railroad, and in the line of land conveyed to Francis Light by John Baker, thence along the said railroad, one perch, east of and parallel to the right of way of said railroad about 87 1-2 perches to the run of gum swamp to its confluence with Kenneth Lanier's swamp, thence along the run of Kenneth Lanier's swamp to the line of John Baker's land, thence South 83° East about 37 3-10 perches to the place of beginning and containing 13 acres, more or less, same being a tract of land conveyed by J. G. Long and wife to George F. Cordon, Sr., and George F. Cordon, Jr., on Sept. 16, 1916, and recorded in the public registry of Martin County in Book L-1 at page 201.

This the 31st day of March, 1941. CHAS. H. MANNING, Commissioner.

**DR. V. H. MEWBORN OP-TOM-E-TRIST**

Please Note Date Changes  
Robersonville office, Scott's Jewelry Store, Tuesday, April 15th.  
Williamston office, Peele's Jewelry Store, every Wed., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Plymouth office, Womble Drug Store, every Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Eyes Examined—Glasses Fitted  
Tarboro Every Saturday

## Condensed Statement of Condition of

# Branch Banking & Trust Co.

WILLIAMSTON, NORTH CAROLINA

### At the Close of Business April 4, 1941

Resources	Liabilities
Cash and Due from Banks .....	\$12,837,020.21
Obligations of the United States .....	5,895,204.04
Fed. Intermediate Credit Bank Debentures .....	130,000.00
Federal Land Bank Bonds .....	113,867.91
North Carolina Bonds .....	112,805.75
Municipal and Other Marketable Bonds .....	1,454,536.44
Loans and Discounts .....	20,543,434.35
Accrued Interest and Accounts Receivable .....	2,867,529.09
Banking Houses, Furniture and Fixtures, and Real Estate, Less Depreciation Reserve (Tax Value \$334,288.00) .....	78,986.38
	232,563.60
	\$23,722,513.42
	Capital Stock—Common .....
	\$ 400,000.00
	Capital Stock—Preferred .....
	100,000.00
	Surplus .....
	750,000.00
	Undivided Profits .....
	449,870.60
	Reserves .....
	306,500.00
	Unearned disc. & other liabilities .....
	61,970.49
	Deposits .....
	21,654,172.33
	\$23,722,513.42

(Estimated value of assets charged off not included above—\$63,204.78)

Upon the Strength of the Above Statement and the Backing of Our Directors, We Solicit your Business, Promising Every Accommodation Consistent With Sound Banking.

## Sound Banking and Trust Service for Eastern Carolina