

THE COMMONWEALTH.

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Publisher's Announcement.

It is a settled point in newspaper ethics that editors and publishers are not responsible for the views of correspondents, and the publication of a communication does not mean that the editor or publisher endorses the communication. The COMMONWEALTH adheres to these general principles.

MR. HARVEY EXONERATED.

On Dec. 19, 1907, this paper printed an editorial concerning the Pender-Sjotesdt affair in this county, in which reference was made to Mr. J. H. Harvey, the reference being based on what appeared in the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot of Dec. 12, 1907. A friend of Mr. Harvey's has informed us that he (Harvey) thinks an injustice was done him, as he had no connection with the affair except through courtesy to ride to Pender's with officer Broderick who went to take Miss Sjotesdt away to New Jersey.

At the time the editorial was written the editor of THE COMMONWEALTH was out of the office convalescing from a long illness, and was not responsible for it, Mr. W. L. Vaughan being acting editor. We take this means of disclaiming the paper's intention of injuring Mr. Harvey, the writer of the article stating that he did not know him, but only hypothesized his observations upon what appeared in the Virginian-Pilot. For whatever the paper has injured Mr. Harvey we gladly make amends.

PRESIDENT MOORE'S RELIEF.

Mr. C. C. Moore, president of the North Carolina Division of the Southern Cotton Association, has done a great work for the cotton farmers of North Carolina, but they seem to be either oblivious to it or ungrateful for it.

The Charlotte Observer, in Mr. Moore's home town, over the heading, "An Emphatic Case of Duty," makes the following timely editorial comments concerning Mr. Moore and his work:

"The movement now on foot in the North Carolina branch of the Southern Cotton Association to raise an assessment with the primary object of wiping out the Association's indebtedness toward its president, Mr. C. C. Moore, should by all means meet with prompt success. There is now owing Mr. Moore about \$3,000 in salary and expenses, and it has become known that solely for lack of this money his financial affairs are now embarrassed. Members of the Association should feel such default on their part as a ground for reproach to be wiped out at the earliest possible moment. Mr. Moore has traveled over the State, advanced his expenses from his own pocket, organizing the cotton growers and showing them how they could exert a tremendous influence over the price of cotton—an influence which was their right and which they were almost alone among sellers in not exerting. Over and above the useful work done as an organizer and special propagandist, his energies in spreading general information about cotton marketing have been of very great service. The cotton growers might well present him with more than they owe, as a token of gratitude and esteem. Instead, is there to be downright ingratitude and failure in simple duty? We strongly hope not."

H. A. Pittman.

Dear Editor: We feel it our duty to write a few words in remembrance of our dear neighbor, Mr. H. A. Pittman, who was buried last Saturday. We know a notice of his death has been published, but we desire to say what we know to be truth. We never knew a better neighbor. It seemed more pleasure to him to accommodate others than any one we ever knew. He was industrious and agreeable, a good provider, and a help to all near him. He was more help to widows and helpless children than any man of his situation we ever knew. He never united with any church, but his walk and conversation were far more Christian-like than many members of the church. We all have our faults, we know what his was. Oh could that evil be put where it would never hurt any one! Our hearts are made sad to part with him. We have lived by him 23 years, surely we know he was a good neighbor. May the Lord bless each one of his family.

W. H. LEGGETT AND WIFE.

COUNTY COTTON ASSOCIATION.

Met in Halifax January 6th.

The Halifax County branch of the Southern Cotton Association met in Halifax Monday January 6, 1908.

President E. E. Hilliard called the meeting to order and called the roll of townships. The following townships were represented:

Butterwood—W. T. Jenkins, A. E. Carter, R. W. Brewer and Allen Spence.

Faucetts—William Morecock, Walter Morecock and W. J. B. Smith.

Enfield—M. Shields, W. T. Whitehead, J. G. Powell and J. T. Ryan.

Halifax—W. T. Eure and J. L. Fleming.

Scotland Neck—K. Edmonds and C. J. Shields.

The President read a letter from Mr. A. J. McKinnon of the Executive Committee of the State Association, urging Halifax county to raise its part of the amount due Mr. C. C. Moore for his services as State president. Mr. McKinnon's letter stated that Halifax county's proportion of the amount to be raised is \$200. The following officers were elected for ensuing year: President, E. E. Hilliard; Vice-president, Montgomery Shields; Secretary, C. J. Shields; Treasurer, Dr. K. Leggett.

FUNDS PAID IN.

The following amounts were paid in and ordered to be turned over to the treasurer:

ANNUAL DUES.

W. T. Jenkins	\$5.00
J. G. Powell	1.00
K. Edmonds	1.00
A. A. White	1.00
W. T. Eure	1.00
Allen Spence	1.00
BALE LEVY.	
Allen Spence	.30
J. G. Powell	3.00
Total	\$13.30

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The old executive committee were elected by townships as follows: Brinkleyville—J. H. Norman. Butterwood—A. E. Carter. Conoconara—J. H. Pope. Enfield—W. T. Whitehead. Faucetts—W. J. B. Smith. Halifax—G. W. Shearin. Littleton—W. A. Johnson. Palmyra—L. J. Baker. Roanoke Rapids—Hannibal Shearin.

Roseneath—W. C. Allsbrook. Scotland Neck—G. W. Bryan. Weldon—L. T. Garner.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTORS.

The following township collectors were appointed: Brinkleyville—W. J. Collier. Butterwood—Junius Crawley. Conoconara—J. H. Pope. Enfield—Montgomery Shields. Faucetts—W. J. B. Smith. Halifax—W. T. Eure. Littleton—T. W. Myrick. Roseneath—R. P. Bradley. Palmyra—W. P. White. Scotland Neck—G. K. Moore and F. P. Shields. Roanoke Rapids—Hannibal Shearin. Weldon—L. T. Garner.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Mr. Montgomery Shields offered some interesting remarks on the labor question. He said the farmers should plant a smaller number of acres, make what land they cultivate more fertile and the labor question will be largely solved. Work less land and make larger crop yield.

Mr. J. G. Powell thought that in some cases it would be wise to hold back a part of a laborer's wages until the crop is made. Many times hands will draw on their employer for support through the winter and spring and then in mid summer walk off and leave the farmer in the grass. Holding back part of the wages will obviate this trouble.

Mr. J. W. Bobbitt also spoke to the same subject and agreed with Mr. Powell.

Mr. W. T. Whitehead said that the average negro laborer does not regard a contract at all.

Capt. W. T. Jenkins read an interesting paper, which appears below.

The following were elected delegates to the State Convention of the Southern Cotton Association in Charlotte January 21-22: W. T. Jenkins, W. P. White, J. W. Bobbitt, L. J. Baker, W. C. Allsbrook and E. E. Hilliard.

A motion prevailed instructing the secretary to write to the township executive committee members urging them to reorganize their township at once, get a new enlistment and send the names to the secretary, and also to write to the township collectors urging them to collect the bale levy of 10 cents and the annual membership fee at \$1.00.

The Association adjourned to meet in Halifax first Monday in March.

CAPT. W. T. JENKINS' PAPER.

FARM STATISTICS.—According to

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the Government Report the year 1907 was the most prosperous the farmers of this country have seen in many years. The products amounted to \$6,794,000,000, half billion more than in 1906 and one billion more than the year before. The exports for the year were the largest ever known amounting to \$976,000,000. In addition to this the farms have increased in value 50 per cent. while there has been corresponding increase in farm animals and implements.

The great and permanent wealth of North Carolina lies in her soil, and her strength in the development of her farms and factories. The most valuable crop grown in our country is the corn crop, reaching one billion one hundred million dollars, and the cotton crop is next, amounting to \$640,000,000. Let it be remembered that no place in the country is better adapted to the raising of corn than Halifax county. It is simply folly for farmers to raise cotton with which to buy corn and meat, when both can be raised at home with little expense.

The most important question for us is the best method of raising our home supplies, and at the same time improve our farms. No success with any crop will pay the farmer if he allows his lands to deteriorate and run down.

We wish to urge the farmers of Halifax county this year to raise corn, bacon, hay, peas and other crops to supply their every home need, and then some cotton, tobacco and peanuts for a market crop. The day has come when we should stop making all cotton and make only enough to supply the factories.

Death in Halifax.

(Cor. to The Commonwealth.)
HALIFAX, N. C., Jan. 7, '08.
Mrs. Alice Bottorff, (Nee Miss Alice Coppedge) of this place, died Sunday morning, after a long and painful illness, at the residence of her brother, W. F. Coppedge.

Mrs. Bottorff was married and went to Dayton, Ohio, in July, 1907. She came back to Halifax in September saying the climate in Ohio was too cold, and upon the advice of physicians.

Deceased was just 20 years of age. She had many sweet attributes of character, and had gained many friends in North Carolina and Virginia. She went to Norfolk, Va. about three years ago and worked for the Southern Bell Telephone Co. for some time. She contracted cold in December, 1906, and went into lagrippe, from which she never recovered.

She is survived by her husband, Walter I. Bottorff, of Dayton, O., and the following brothers: W. F. Coppedge, of Halifax, N. C.; J. T. Coppedge, of Scotland Neck, N. C.; Jas. Coppedge, of Berkley, Va.; Lonny and Berry Coppedge, of Weldon, N. C., and one sister, Mrs. Geo. Kirk, of Portsmouth, Va.

The interment took place at 4 o'clock Sunday in the Methodist cemetery, the services being conducted by Revs. L. G. Grady and A. G. Wilcox.

The acting pall bearers were, J. C. Butts, D. C. Fenner, Joseph McMahon, Samuel Richards, Jos. L. Miller, F. Frolich, Z. E. Stephenson, J. H. Batts.

Homicide Near Aurelian Springs.

(Cor. to The Commonwealth.)
Aurelian Springs, Dec. 30, 1907.
Near Aurelian Springs, N. C., on Saturday evening December 21st, 1907, there was a homicide. Daniel Peebles shot and fatally wounded Alex. Francis with a shot gun. Both parties were colored. Peebles was arrested Saturday night about one o'clock by Deputy Sheriff, C. M. Hawkins and taken to Weldon Sunday evening where he had a hearing before Justice of the peace, B. A. Pope, and was taken to jail Sunday night. He failed to give three hundred dollar bond that was required. The shooting is said to be accidental. Mr. Geo. C. Green appeared for the State and Senator W. E. Daniel for defendant. Francis died the following day. Dr. I. E. Green went to see him but he was past human aid. [This was intended for last week but arrived too late.—Editor.]

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Notice.

By virtue of authority vested in me by an order entered in the Special Proceedings in the Superior Court of Martin county, entitled Hyman, Ausborn et al., Vs. Stamper, Allsbrook et al., I shall on Monday February 3rd, 1908, at 12 o'clock M., at the court-house door in Williamson, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described tract of land, known as the John Frosty Hyman tract lying on and near the line between Halifax and Martin counties near the road leading from Palmyra to Hobgood adjoining the lands of E. P. Hyman, Wade Mizell and others, containing 250 acres more or less. The entire tract is well covered with young pines and oaks, the older lumber was cut fifteen years ago.

This December 30th, 1907.
S. J. EVERETT,
Commissioner.
Williamston, N. C.
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Two Deaths Near Aurelian Springs.

(Correspondence to The Commonwealth.)

MRS. MARTHA GREEN.

Aurelian Springs, Dec. 30, 1907.—Near Aurelian Springs, N. C., on the 15th of December, 1907, our Lord in His infinite mercy saw fit to call from this world, Mrs. Martha Green, wife of Mr. A. G. Green. Mrs. Green was 62 years old, had been married 12 years. Her funeral was preached on the 16th of December by her pastor, Rev. M. Bobbitt, and she was quietly laid to rest in the burying ground at her home in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. Mrs. Green was a consistent member of the Baptist church. During her long illness of the much dreaded disease, cancer, she never murmured or complained. She knew for some time death was near, and expressed her willingness a number of times to go. She said all that she regretted leaving was that she had to leave her dear husband. She has fought a good fight and is resting from her labors. We shall not forget her, and when we get home to the Father's house she will be waiting for us—yes, we shall see her by and by. May the God of all comfort sustain her sorely bereaved husband in this sharp trial through which He has called him to pass.
A FRIEND.

DEATH OF AN INFANT.

Near Aurelian Springs, N. C., on the 26th of November, 1907, the infant girl of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Green, was born and died December 27th. Her body now lies in the family burying ground, but her sweet child spirit has gone to be with Jesus, who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." To the parents we would say look up beyond the dark cloud to Him who hath the little one safe in His arms, and through her departure is saying to you that if you are true to Him unto death, "Where I am there ye may be also." He offers to guide you to the home of the blessed, where your darling is safely waiting for papa and mama.
A RELATIVE.

New Year Card Party.

(Reported to The Commonwealth.)

Among the gayeties of the merry holiday season there was none more enjoyable than the card party given by Dr. and Mrs. H. I. Clark on the last night of the year.

The parlors and hall were beautifully decorated with Christmas greens, in which a profusion of the graceful trailing cedar was noticeable, while the Chinese lilies and American Beauty roses gave an unwonted beauty to the decorations. There was a suggestion of the New Year and the Old in the unique gong for the head table, composed of seven tiny bells strung together, and the bell-shaped cards which marked each table.

Progressive whist was played until eleven when a delicious salad course was served by Misses Anna and Reba Clark and Bessie Smith.

The lady's prize, a sweet-toned tea bell, was won by Mrs. E. W. Hall, while Mr. Herbert McDowell won the lovely bell-shaped calendar, the gentleman's prize.

The merriment reached its height when Mr. G. S. White, our Mayor, was presented with the booby, a tiny pair of jingling driving reins with instructions to "Catch Up."

While church bells were still ringing a glad welcome to nineteen hundred and eight, the guests took their departure, after wishing their gracious hosts all good things for a Happy New Year.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Herring, G. S. White, E. W. Hall, J. B. Hall, G. H. Johnson, A. P. Kitchin, C. W. Albertson; Misses Lizzie Hyman, Mary Weldon Smith, Blanch, Nannie and Rebecca Smith, Alice Powell, Margaret Bowers, Kate Whitaker, Mary Herbert Smith, Eleanor, Lizzie and Bessie Smith, Anna Clark, Reba Clark, Cam Hoke, Anne Norfleet; Messdames Butterworth, C. L. McDowell and W. T. Smith; Messrs. Jim Smith, Charlie Smith, Dr. Shields, A. B. Hill, Herbert McDowell, Henry Clark, Dr. Thurman Kitchin, J. E. Bowers, S. J. Stern, J. W. Cotten.



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Notice!

Public Sale of Stock of the Farmers' Storage Warehouse Company.

By virtue of authority in me vested by the board of directors of the Farmers' Storage Warehouse Company, and in pursuance of Sections 1170 and 1171 of The Revised of 1905, I shall sell for cash in the town of Scotland Neck on the 28th day of January, 1908, at 12 o'clock noon, in front of the Scotland Neck Bank, the following shares of common stock in the Farmers' Storage Warehouse Company, the same being sold to pay assessment duly made and now due and payable, and belonging to the following named delinquent owners, to-wit:

NAME	AM'T STOCK	PAR VALUE	AM'T DUE
J. S. DeBrule, Jr.	1 share	\$10.00	\$10.00 & int.
H. I. Clark	2 1-2 shares	10.00	25.00 & "
W. W. Pope	2 1-2 "	10.00	25.00 & "
D. M. Prince	2 1-2 "	10.00	25.00 & "
E. W. Hyman	5 "	10.00	50.00 & "
E. J. Madry	5 "	10.00	50.00 & "
Dr. K. Leggett	5 "	10.00	50.00 & "
J. W. Whitehead	10 "	10.00	100.00 & "
J. H. Hopkins	5 "	10.00	50.00 & "
C. J. Stacia	1 "	10.00	10.00 & "
Willie Hale	1 "	10.00	10.00 & "
Geo. Hopkins	1 1/2 "	10.00	5.00 & "
Forest Vaughan	5 "	10.00	50.00 & "
F. T. House	2 1-2 "	10.00	19.00 & "
I. N. Minshaw	5 "	10.00	38.00 & "
J. T. DeBrule	2 1-2 "	10.00	25.00 & "
C. L. Minshaw	5 "	10.00	38.00 & "
B. T. Parker	2 1-2 "	10.00	25.00 & "

This the 6th day of January, 1908.

R. C. JOSEY,
Treasurer Farmers' Storage Warehouse Co.

ALBION DUNN, Attorney.

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Lumber Notice.

All persons are hereby warned against taking any lumber at all from my saw mill near the cemetery and from my mill in town, unless I am present or some authorized agent of mine to make note of the lumber taken away.

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We find ourselves writing "1908". This reminds us that by reason of the loyalty of all our friends we enjoyed a good business during 1907, and for this we thank each and every one of you. Now in the very beginning we bespeak the continued patronage of all our 1907 customers. As heretofore we are going to please you, and to new customers we beg of you a trial. We guarantee good goods and good treatment. We still have the agency for the

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