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## Gave Himself Up

Monday night Sheriff Crawford and Deputy Manning went to Hamilton to secure Bill Boyle, the negro who several weeks ago killed his wife there. Boyle had been in hiding and defied the officers, but finally concluded to surrender to the Sheriff. Having no sympathizers among his own race, he could not get food and was afraid to try to leave the vicinity. He will be tried at the March term of court and without doubt will go to the electric chair.

## Miss Lamb Hostess

Miss Mayo Lamb was hostess at a very delightful supper party at her residence after the dance and reception at the Lotus Club last week when she entertained for her house guests who were present in Williamston for the social functions just after Christmas. Miss Lamb who possesses such remarkable charm as a hostess, delighted all who were so fortunate as to be present, and the hours passed quickly into the early dawn before the guests were aware of the time.

Those present were: Miss May Bell Small, of Washington and Harry Biggs; Miss Christine McIntosh, of Chapel Hill and Dr. James S. Rhodes; Miss Catherine Small, of Washington and Luke Lamb; Miss Isabel Parker, of Pine Town and Charles H. Godwin; Miss Fannie Lamb Haughton, of Blowing Rock and Wilson G. Lamb, Jr.

## Howard-Ewell

Miss Rena Ewell and Mr. Fer Howard were married at the Harmon Hotel in Tarboro on December 23rd, 1913. They left here on the early train, but failing to carry the written permission of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. C. Ewell, a delay occurred until parties here communicated with Register Brown. They spent the night in Rocky Mount with the mother of the groom, and arrived home the next day. They are making their home with the bride's mother in East Williamston.

## "Beverly" is Coming

Beverly of Graustark! The very name stirs the imagination to flights of fancy. It is suggestive of romance, indicative of scenes and situations far removed from the everyday world. A believing into a land of promise.

When you see the dramatization of the famous story from the pen of George Barr McCutcheon at Williamston, January 21st., do not repudiate the child in you. The play is free from impossible magic, yet it is a fairy tale for children of a larger growth. It has no fables tho' it possesses a witch in the person of Beverly Calhoun of Washington, D. C., an American girl of the highest type, the kind of girl who makes you glad of America and American women. She is a brave girl and a witty girl, and she dares to stand alone with a courage born of her confidence in herself and the comforting knowledge that she has an energetic champion in her colored mammy. This mammy will do much to put you in humor. Rarely has a character been written with greaterunities for funmaking.

The company has attended to its local color. The scenery is excellent as is the acting of a carefully selected company. Especially satisfying is Miss Dorothy Decker as Beverly.

## PERSONAL

Jack Biggs went to Weldon Monday.

A. C. Jones and son spent several days here during the holidays.

Miss Daisy Jones visited Miss Martha Ward at Christmas.

Miss Hattie Lou Ward spent the holidays at home.

Rev. and Mrs. Standford spent the holidays at Rich Square.

W. H. Biggs spent several days in Norfolk last week.

B. T. Cowper, of Raleigh, spent Christmas here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baker left Sunday for New York City.

Gideon Lamb spent Sunday night here with relatives.

Dr. J. A. White has been in town this week.

P. P. Apfel spent the holidays at his home in Buffalo, N. Y.

Duke Critcher left for Wake Forest on Monday.

W. E. Davenport, of Hamilton, was here Monday on business.

John H. Martin and son, of Hamilton, spent Sunday in town.

Dr. Reed Boyd, of Petersburg, visited friends here last week.

G. C. Godwin returned to school in Richmond on Monday.

Miss Annie Lamb, accompanied by Mac and Betsy Lamb, left for Wilson Monday.

Mrs. C. M. Lanier with Richard Smith and Charles Biggs left Monday for Christ School Arden.

W. J. Francis, of Emporia, Va., spent Christmas here with his family.

Dr. and Mrs. P. B. Cone spent the holidays at Middlesex with relatives.

Misses Fannie Myrt Manning and Sallie Hadley returned to Wilson on Monday.

Dr. W. E. Robertson, of Suffolk, spent the holidays here with his parents.

John W. Hassell, who spent the holidays here with his mother, left Monday for Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hoyt and children spent Sunday in Washington with relatives.

Miss Delzelle Woodard spent Christmas with Mrs. C. B. Hassell.

Misses Irma Woodhouse and Louise B. Upton left Monday for Carolina College at Maxton.

Misses Emma Robertson and Mary Brown returned to Greenville Monday afternoon.

Robert Biggs left Monday for Warrenton where he will enter school.

Misses Lettie and Emma Critcher were in Norfolk several days last week.

Mrs. M. E. Bethea and children are visiting relatives in South Carolina.

Mrs. J. G. Station spent Saturday in Tarboro as the guest of Miss Kate Cheshire.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Carper and little daughter, of Greenville, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dunning last week.

F. S. Hassell, of Wilson, came down Saturday to see his father, who has been suffering with erysipelas in the ear and face.

Mrs. Walter Hassell and little Miss Frances Hoyt spent the holidays with Mrs. C. A. Jeffress in Kinston.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robertson and little daughter, of Kelford, spent Christmas here with their parents.

# MARTIN COUNTY IN YEAR OF 1913

### Robersonville The Greatest Builder—Farm Values Largely Increased—Splendid Tobacco Sales—Bank Deposits Over Three Quarters Of A Million

## GENERAL PROSPERITY REIGNED

A retrospective view of the material progress of Martin County during year of 1913, will bring to mind first of all crops and farm lands, the raising of the former and the greatly increased value of the latter. The seed was planted for a splendid harvest and prior to the storm of September 3rd., the fields were running riot with corn, cotton, peanuts and other crops. The devastation was so great that only about one-half of the cotton crop matured and everything else save peanuts was damaged greatly. The tobacco crop had been harvested and many thousands of pounds had already been sold at high prices when the storm came. Notwithstanding the destructive winds, farmers have realized goodly sums and those who planted tobacco have builded for greater things for the year of 1914.

The increase in land values is unprecedented. The desire for farms on which to cultivate the crops which are making Martin County a Mecca for many, has put acres far above any price heretofore dreamed of. Better and bigger farming was undertaken in 1913 than ever before in the history of this people, and the desire for land is growing mightily. Timber lands have reached a high margin during the year, and the industry in the county received an impetus that has made for profit and progress in that line.

While the rural districts have been on the upward tendency, the towns have caught the spirit of progress—for the country must build the towns—and a steady growth has made wondrous changes in every corner of the county. Perhaps, Robersonville has built more than any town in the county. During the year it built a bank building to cost \$10,000, four brick stores, one tobacco warehouse, a ginny, fifteen residences, Christian Church to cost \$10,000, opened two streets, erected one church for the colored population, sold 1,750,000 pounds of tobacco, population increased 200 and real estate advanced seventy-five per cent in value. The town is estimating for an electric light plant to be run by private parties. Bank of Robersonville made twenty-six per cent in nine months and the deposits at the close of business on January 3rd., 1914, amounted to \$173,613.13. The township voted for good roads and is building them.

Hamilton, Oak City and Hassell situated in the upper end of the county are in the midst of a magnificent section for the cultivation of any crop to be grown in the East. Each of these towns has had an increase of business, as can be shown by the banks in that section. Some of the largest and most modernly equipped farms in the county are situated around those towns thus furnishing farm products to stimulate a larger financial activity, the local markets. The Bank of Hamilton had at the close of the year over \$50,000 in deposits and made thirty-two per cent, or

\$1,620. The earnings of the Bank of Oak City were twenty per cent with deposits of \$52,251.46.

Cross Roads Township with Everetts as the central trading point caught the spirit of the county, voted bonds for road improvement, built better and bigger farm houses and mills and raised its financial standing. The business in the town made a satisfactory increase, and a larger market for the sale of farm products has been created.

Bear Grass and Griffins Townships have kept pace easily with the progress of the whole county, the recently incorporated village of Bear Grass having built much during the year in the mercantile and other departments of business.

The lower end of the county containing the town of Jamesville and the station of Dardens is not behind in the general improvement for the year just closed. Much of the development is noted in the farm lands and the increased value of same. Several new buildings have been erected and business reached a larger per cent. The immense plant of the Dennis Simmons Lumber Company is situated just one mile from town at Astoria landing and the greater number of people in and around the town are employed there. There are other timber industries, which were operated successfully. The fishery is one of the most important of industries, and for years has brought in a handsome income. The Bank of Jamesville founded two years ago, made a splendid gain last year, the deposits amounting to \$43,300.03.

The year of 1913 gave to Williamston, the county seat of Martin, handsome returns in every avenue of business in the town and community. Taking the banks as the mercury which indicates the temperature of the financial growth of any community, it can be readily seen that Williamston's growth has been great without being boom-like. Just the steady move forward, planting the fertile seeds of sound business to bring forth more fruit in the future. The Farmers and Merchants bank earned thirty per cent last year over all expenses, and the deposits at the close of business on Dec. 31st. were, \$307,846.32. The Bank of Martin County shows deposits to be \$240,000 and an earning of over thirty percent over expenses. So 1913 brought greater prosperity than ever to these institutions, and they handled the money of the farmers and business men of this community. The year was no building year for the town, but several handsome residences were erected and many improved and enlarged. The Cooperage Company completed its immense plant putting in larger and more improved machinery. It brought many new residents to the town and is one of the big assets of the community. The Hamilton Pants Mfg. Co., had the most successful year in its history. The sales took the entire output with demands for more. A report of the

## Died in Raleigh

Mrs. Lillian Askew, who has been an inmate of the State Hospital for several years, died there on the morning of Dec. 29th. after several weeks of sickness. She was born in Martin County fifty-one years ago, being the youngest daughter of the late Robert and Henrietta Rogers, and the grandchild of Elder C. B. Hassell. She married Sylvester Askew, who died several years ago, and she is survived only by one brother and sister, W. H. Rogers and Mrs. Mary E. Peel.

The body was brought here on Tuesday of last week and interred in the family cemetery after the last sad rites of the church had been said, there to await the Resurrection Morn.

## Mrs. Barnes Entertains

One of the most delightful social affairs of the Christmas season, was the reception tendered Mrs. Gilbert Chase by Mrs. Francis U. Barnes at her residence on Smithwick Street on the afternoon of December 26th. Miss Virginia Herrick received the guests at the door and they were presented to the honoree by Miss Mary Hassell, who with the hostess received in the parlor. From there the guests were ushered into the dining room and were served delicious refreshments. The house was prettily decorated and the pleasure of the guests was manifest throughout the time spent with the hostess, who is always happy in her manner of entertaining.

merchants and other business men of the town showed a large percent of increase in returns, some reporting seventy-five percent gain. The S. R. Biggs Motor and Iron Company with authorized capital of \$25,000 and \$12,000 paid in was incorporated to build the Woolard harrows and other iron work, sell and repair automobiles, etc. One of the best reports for the year was that of the Martin County Buggy Co., which employed a small number of workers and the business amounted to \$25,000. J. P. Simpson, Agent, sold a number of car loads of farm machinery and automobiles, which added greatly to the business in the town. It was a most profitable year for stock dealers, who carry the finest mules in the East. Real estate advanced and houses were in demand. Perhaps, the tobacco market sounded more clearly the stability of the community. For the year marked the highest prices and the strongest in its history. The number of pounds sold was 1,672,875. These figures represent that sold at first hand, no resales being taken into the amount. Freight receipts at the A. C. L. station increased thirty-three and one-third percent, and the river lines did a profitable business. Postoffice receipts amounted to \$5,177.16, a gain of \$518.63. The Telephone Company built largely, making a big increase in the number of subscribers and putting in copper lines to several points. The force of operators and linesmen was doubled and business gained a big percent. The Electric Co., made splendid gains also and makes for greater brightness.

This summary is just a part of the great advancement in Martin County for 1913, but will serve to show that the county is in line with the progress of the State of North Carolina, which always sits at the head of the table.

## Gave Tokens

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Taylor, who for seventeen years have lived on the Speight Farm owned by Mr. and Mrs. Asa T. Crawford, are moving this year to their own farm near Hamilton. Before they left Mr. and Mrs. Taylor presented to Mr. Crawford a signet ring marked "T. to C." and to Mrs. Crawford a pair of gold cuff buttons, as emblems of their appreciation of the many kindnesses tendered to them during their long stay at the Speight Farm. Such evidences of esteem between landlord and tenant are very admirable.

## A Splendid Report

The fiscal year of the Farmers and Merchants Bank closed December 31st, 1913. In this issue appears the report of the year's work, which places the bank on a high plane of activity and soundness in the financial world. The bank declared a dividend of ten per cent and earned thirty per cent over all expenses. On January the first, statements of the condition of the bank with dividend checks were mailed to the stockholders, showing quick and careful work of Cashier Fagan and Assistant Cashier Rodgers. The statement of this bank is another evidence of the material advancement of the town, community and county. Persistent advertising and sound business principles have made the Farmers and Merchants Bank one of the institutions of which Martin County should be proud.

## Biggs-Critcher

The following invitation has been issued:

Mr and Mrs. Roger Samuel Critcher request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Lettie

to Mr. Warren Biggs on the morning of Wednesday, January the fourteenth at half after seven o'clock Baptist Church Williamston, North Carolina

## A Family Re-Union

Mr. Wheeler Martin was made unusually happy at the Christmas season by the presence of every living member of the Martin family at his home on December 27th, 1913. He and Mrs. Martin kept open house, and a dinner prepared and served in Southern style was eaten amidst joy and gladness. It is rare to witness a more pleasant occasion and Mr. Martin was most happy in the midst of his kinfolks. Later in the afternoon, the entire party posed for pictures, which will be treasured souvenirs of the occasion. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Martin and little child, of Norfolk; Mrs. Frank Martin and children, of Tarboro; Mr. Watts Martin, of Norfolk; Mrs. J. K. Carstarphen and children, of Williamston; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Carstarphen, of Tarboro; Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., of Williamston; Miss Fannie Biggs Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Sr. There were eighteen in the party and they made a most interesting group.

Dr. J. S. Rhodes left Tuesday for Atlanta where he wedded Miss Carrie Alexander on Thursday. They will return here and reside at the Rhodes home at the West end of Smithwick Street.