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## Warehouses Sold

Monday the property of the Martin County Tobacco Company was sold at auction. At a previous meeting the sale of the property was ordered by a vote of the stockholders, this action being deemed best for the future of the market here. N. S. Peel, Wheeler Martin and J. G. Staton were the bidders, and it was knocked down to the latter for \$10,700.

Mr. Staton has been managing the Dixie Warehouse for several years, and has done more for the market than any individual stockholder. The market has splendid prospects for large sales at high prices this season. Three warehouses open August 19th.

## Jury List September Term

First week  
Jamesville Township  
C. T. Mizell, C. W. Gurganus, C. C. Fagan, J. A. Getsinger, J. F. Jackson, J. L. Brown, Williams  
A. M. Griffin, R. B. Gardner, Griffins  
P. E. Getsinger, Geo. W. Griffin, Simon D. Roberson, H. J. Manning.  
Bear Grass  
S. P. Harrison, J. S. Griffin, Ben Ward, H. C. Green.  
Cross Roads  
B. F. Perry, D. J. Meeks, J. I. Britton, J. B. Leggett.  
Williamston  
F. C. Bennett, W. J. Whitaker, L. B. Wynn, W. L. Stalls, A. T. Crawford, A. F. Taylor.  
Hamilton  
J. A. Davenport.  
Goose Nest  
T. H. Council, H. L. Cherry, T. W. Davenport.  
Robersonville  
D. C. Mooring, J. R. Daniel, J. A. Ross, A. R. Roberson, W. H. Roberson, W. J. Roebuck.

## Prof. Jerome as Joe Daniels

In the News & Observer of Monday appears an interesting account of a "stunt" pulled off by the Tar Heel members of the Southern Club at Columbia University, New York City. Williamston people will be pleased to know that Prof. J. T. Jerome with Misses Eleanor Watson and Katherine Jeffries arranged the presentation of "Joseph Daniels and the Navy." This consisted of tableaux, pinafore dancing and singing. Prof. Jerome impersonated the Secretary of the Navy, wearing the same style of suit, bow tie and carried a cane. Though North Carolina failed to carry off the prize (surprising, too) the showing was fine and the appreciation marked.

## County Primary

The first Primary that Martin County has ever had for County officers was held in the various precincts Thursday. The vote was very light, only about 400 votes having been cast. The present incumbents in the various offices were reelected and there was no opposition. The County Commissioners have, without doubt, changed, but the vote has not been fully determined and will not be decided until the convention on the 13th. The interest in the primary was small owing to the fact that there were no opposing candidates and then people were too busy curing tobacco to get away from home. It was so quiet that no one would have suspected that an election was being held.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Harrison, of Palmyra, spent Thursday here.

## LOCAL

Joseph Godard, Jr., lost a barn of tobacco by fire on Sunday on the Mizell farm.

The Farmers Warehouse is now open for business bring us your tobacco, James & Gurganus Prop.

Try James & Gurganus at the Farmers Warehouse with your tobacco. They are the farmer's friends.

The storm on Sunday was sudden and brought wind, rain and hail. Crops on the farm of Editor Manning were injured, but not a large percent.

Joshua Griffin, one of the most prominent colored preachers in the County, has just returned from a visit to the East Coast of North Carolina and to Hampton and Newport News in Virginia. He gives an interesting account of his trip, and gathered many attractive souvenirs during his trip, which he desires to dispose of to help along the cause in which he is enlisted.

H. D. Evanson will be in town next week to arrange a date for the Cosmos Quintette Club, which gave such an excellent concert here some weeks ago. Prof. Evanson is an expert piano tuner, and will remain in town several days if work is secured for him. Any one wishing to have work done, may give his name to W. T. Meadows.

FOR SALE—Lilliston Peanut Picker and 6 H. P. International Engine. Good as new, has only picked about 1000 bags. Reason for selling no time to operate it. Mrs. G. R. L. Roebuck, Williamston, No. 3.

The Gaiety is giving some splendid features twice each week now. It is a good place to spend an hour or so on Tuesday and Friday nights.

Don't forget the opening of the Williamston tobacco market on the 19th. Bring a good load of the yellow stuff.

The Baraca Class of the Baptist Church meets every Sunday morning at 9:45. Men from 16 to 35 are especially invited.

## Progressive Rook Party

One of the most pleasant of the mid-summer entertainments here was given by Mesdames C. W. Keith and P. F. Apfel, on Friday evening from 8:00 to 11:00 o'clock, in the reception rooms at the Atlantic Hotel. The rooms were attractively arranged, the folding doors being opened making one large room into which seven tables were placed for Progressive Rook. Attractive cards were drawn by the guests and these assigned each one to a table, and the game commenced. The interest in the progress of the game was very manifest from the beginning, and many high scores were made. It was decided that Mrs. J. P. Simpson and Mrs. C. B. Hassell had tied for the score. They drew for the prize and Mrs. Hassell won first prize, which was a beautiful cut glass bon bon dish, and a hand-painted china tray was given Mrs. Simpson. Miss Annie Kate Throver received the consolation.

After the game and the awarding of prizes, delicious ice cream and cake were served, fruit punch having been served out on the balcony throughout the evening by Miss Harriet Simmons Davis, of Norfolk. The gracious hospitality of the hostesses made the hours most delightful ones to each guest, and added another successful entertainment to those of Williamston's social affairs.

## GOD OF WAR IS ENTHRONED

Reported Naval Battle in the North Sea Gives England Victory Over Germany—No News From the German Empire in Two Days  
---Russian and German Cruisers Are Destroyed

## THE WHOLE WORLD TREMBLING

Press dispatches last night reported that a great naval battle had been fought in the North Sea by England and Germany and the former was victor. Both nations have big fleets on the sea and the battle has been expected since Tuesday.

Off the coast of China, a Russian and a German cruiser engaged in a death struggle and both went down.

The whole world is trembling with fear, and the result cannot be determined. There has been no news from Germany in two days, as the strictest censorship has been placed over all means of communication.

## Enthusiastic Meeting

Several citizens of Griffins Township met at the Township house on Saturday the first day of August, for the purpose of devising some plan for the improvement of the public roads of the township. After a lively discussion of both sides of the question it was unanimously decided that the old way is the cheaper way to improve and keep up the roads, if the people would turn out and work the roads; but that day had passed, when men would forsake their farms and give their valuable time working the public roads.

It was unanimously agreed to have a petition circulated among the citizens, so they can ask the County Commissioners to call a special election to let the voters vote on a bond issue of \$10,000 for the improvement of the public roads of the township.

I wish to state here that we cannot borrow money from the State on the plan argued in the meeting as that bill did not become a law, authorizing the State to borrow money at 4 per cent and loaning it to the counties at 5 per cent.

S. Peel.

## Entertained Wednesday Afternoon

Mrs. J. Wiggins Watts was hostess to a large number of guests on Wednesday afternoon at her home in East Williamston, from 4:30 to 6:30 o'clock. Despite the unpleasant weather, those invited motored to the residence and were greeted cordially by the hostess and her sister, Mrs. W. H. Crawford. Attractive arrangements were made for the enjoyment of the guests, and Rook was played at seven tables. During the game lemonade, mints, chocolate almonds and salted peanuts were enjoyed. At the close of two games, plates with two-color ice cream, cake and a bunch of grapes were placed before the guests. Roses with a large Elberta peach tied with ribbons were presented as favors and these formed a delightful finale to the number of pleasant things provided for the enjoyment of those present.

## PERSONAL

Mrs. W. L. Poteat, of Wake Forest, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr.

W. S. Bailey, of Nashville, is visiting relatives near town.

Col. W. G. Lamb is in Raleigh attending a meeting of the Board of Elections.

F. G. Hines was here from Robersonville to spend Sunday with his family.

S. S. Bailey was here from Everetts Monday.

W. T. Teel, of Everetts, was in town on business.

Miss Alice Nichol, of Windsor, is the guest of Miss Irma Woodhouse this week.

Miss Ethel Hardison, of Kenly, is the guest of Miss Eva Peel.

Misses Susie and Anna Beth Purvis are the guests of Mrs. Roger Critcher this week.

Mrs. John Patrick and children are visiting relatives in Tyrrell County.

Mrs. Fannie Biggs and Mrs. S. F. Williams and little Miss Frances Williams are guests of Edgemere Cottage at Virginia Beach.

A. R. Dunning has been at Virginia Beach this week.

Mrs. J. H. Page and mother spent Sunday in Robersonville.

W. P. McCraw, of Tarboro, spent Sunday here with Mrs. McCraw.

A. Corey, postmaster of Jamesville, was here Monday on business.

Mrs. C. W. Keith went to Rocky Mount Monday with her brother, Capt. John Hodges, who has been visiting here.

John C. Lamb and family spent the week-end here with relatives.

W. L. Stalls went to Rocky Mount Monday.

Mrs. W. H. Harrell and daughter have returned from Greensboro.

F. U. Barnes is at home after a visit to Maryland.

Misses Speed and Josey, of Scotland Neck, are the guests of Mrs. John D. Biggs.

Mrs. James Elmore spent Monday in town.

Misses Alma and Johnnie Sparks are visiting relatives in Goldsboro.

Mrs. Asa T. Crawford and Mrs. John D. Biggs went to Virginia Beach on Wednesday.

Miss Fannie Murt Manning left Wednesday for LaGrange to visit friends.

Miss May Warren Coburn, who has been visiting relatives here, left for her home on Wednesday.

Mrs. J. G. Staton has returned from Virginia Beach.

Dr. J. W. Williams was here Wednesday from Everetts.

J. H. Purvis and Miss Mildred Purvis spent Tuesday in town.

N. S. Peel left Thursday for the mountains of Western North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hardison and little child went to Norfolk Thursday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cobb, of Tarboro, were the guests of Mrs. W. P. McCraw on Thursday.

L. B. Harrison went to Wilmington Wednesday on business.

Miss Myra Haerberle left last week for Farmville to visit friends.

Mrs. F. L. Minga is visiting her mother here.

## Crap Shooters

Saturday night, Chief Sawyer and Sheriff Crawford while looking after a man who was beating his wife at his home on the Watts farm, found a vacant house occupied for the time by colored crap shooters. There were six of them, but two escaped. They were bound over for a hearing before Mayor Godwin on Monday morning. All were present for the trial save one, who had hiked away to Kinston. A fine of \$3.50 and cost was placed on the men, and the other boy will have to go up before court.

## Clean Up

The Board of Town Commissioners has instructed Chief of Police Sawyer to rigidly enforce the sanitary laws, which relate especially to closets and back lots. The citizens of the town can help largely in the crusade against disease by observing these laws as far as possible. The town to date has been unusually free from disease, but it is not too late to let in sickness and every precautionary measure should be taken. August is a good month to clean up.

## Laboratory Swamped

The State Laboratory of Hygiene is up to its neck with orders for anti-typhoid vaccine. Everybody seems to want to be immunized against typhoid. The laboratory people haven't time just now to even count up the number of treatments sent out, but they estimate that it averages about 9,000 doses a week, or enough to immunize about 3,000 people every week. Within another week they hope to catch up with their orders, and after that they will be able to fill all requests the same day or the day after they are received. The vaccine is sent out free of charge. The only condition being that people who want to be immunized have their family physician or health officer order the vaccine. The laboratory will not send the vaccine to a layman, because it has to be injected under the skin and the layman has no means of administering it.

## Resolutions

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to call up higher our beloved, devoted and faithful brother and co-worker and fellow-officer of the Town, William H. Martin, who yielded to the great summons of our Lord on Friday July 24th, 1914, having finished his work here has gone to receive his reward.

Resolved, That we bow to the will of God. While we have sustained a great loss in the going of our brother and fellow-worker, we realize that our loss is his gain.

Resolved, That we tender his bereaved wife and family our love and sympathy, praying that we may emulate his example.

Resolved, That as the Board of Commissioners of which he was a member, we will renew our interest and energies as a memorial of his faithfulness. His fidelity and counsel were always an inspiration to us.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent his wife, a copy spread upon the town records and a copy sent THE ENTERPRISE for publication.

A Corey, Mayor.  
Jno. L. Lilley, Clerk.  
Lewis W. Mizell,  
E. H. Ange,  
Luther Hardison,  
Commissioners.

## A Loss to the County

No State, county or nation has so many good men that it can spare one at any time. But in the providences of God, the summons comes either early or late in life, and the useful citizen has to answer the call as well as those whose lives seem not in accord with the great purposes of life.

So it was that when the summons came to our friend and fellow-citizen, William H. Martin, at his home in Jamesville, a man good and true answered; though his years were not so many, his life had been full, and so in usefulness to his family and community, he had lived long. His was a career carved alone, and honesty and uprightness of living made him a leader in those things which count for the uplift of men and women. His death means a great loss to his town and county, and to our finite minds it seems untimely, but who can understand the great mysterious touch of the hand of God?

## Commissioners Versus Bonds

Under the administration of the present Board of County Commissioners, Cross Roads Township considers that she is getting a raw deal. One year ago, they voted for and carried by a good majority, an election for good roads. They did this under the hardest election a community is called upon to carry, that is, the majority of a township had to vote for it.

For a long time nothing was done. Then they had a proposition from a firm to take the bonds at 5 per cent provided \$500 were given for fees. Any business man would have jumped at this chance. They let it go. Another proposition: If they would date bonds from election. Any business man would have accepted this offer.

Now comes a man who would take the bonds provided they gave him \$2,400. This seems a lot of money, but the difference in 5 per cent and 6 per cent (the other townships pay) for \$30,000 in 30 years amounts to about \$9,000 even at simple interest. The Chairman gives as his excuse that Mr. S. F. Everett does not see the fitness of it. The township considers this no excuse.

Under the law the County Board of Commissioners are the ones and the only ones to transact this business. Messrs. Everett, Peel and Roebuck were only recommended by the voters as a committee of three to see that their money was honestly spent. It is up to the Commissioners to get it first.

Now the commissioners have been shown that the township wants them and they know that she is perfectly able to do so.

Why not stop trying to place the blame on any one person, and get together and do something? The people are not working the roads, and they are not to blame. They should be worked under the act voted for and carried.

A Voter.