

**Mr. John W. Mayo** State Library

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**A Good Proposition**

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**The 1915 Tobacco Crop**

After months of ill health, Jno. W. Mayo died at his home in Clayton, on January 23rd., 1915. He was a native of Beaufort County and was reared near Aurora, where his parents died several years ago. He married Miss Joe Smithwick, sister of Dr. J. E. Smithwick, of Jamesville. To them were born three children, who with the wife, survives. About two years ago, he with his family moved to Clayton, where he built an attractive home, and engaged in the mercantile business.

Mr. Mayo was a splendid type of a man, a Christian, reined, and a devoted husband and father. Sunday the funeral services were conducted at Clayton, where the interment was, though it was intended to bring the body to Aurora, but circumstances changed the arrangements.

**Peel-Midyette**

On Monday, January 25th, 1915, Miss Loula Rosemond Midyette became the bride of Mr. Staton J. Peel, at the Methodist Church, Belhaven N. C. The Martin County people present were: Misses Sarah and Hattie Green, and Mr. Claude Green, of Robersonville, and G. A. Peel, of Williamston, brother of the groom.

The groom is the son of the late Daniel Peel and the brother of Mrs. J. B. Hardison and Mrs. Henry Taylor. He has been in Belhaven for several years, where he is engaged in the mercantile business. Martin County friends congratulate him on winning such a splendid young woman as Miss Midyette.

**A Few Hints**

Remember the Farmers Institute at Williamston on Feb. 4th. Who said that cotton would not reach 8 cents?

The gardening fever will soon be here.

Plant plenty of tobacco seed and watch the beds.

Prepare the soil for something else besides cotton.

Select the best hens and sell the rest.

Read some good farm journal, the Bible and the County paper.

Look carefully after the fruit trees and grape vines.

Plant sweet peas now for pleasure later on.

Plan to have flowers in the home this year.

Buy a few gallons of good paint and brighten up.

Bring your wife to the Farmers Institute on February 4th.

**Farmers Institute**

Thursday, February 4th, is the day for the Farmers Institute to be held in Williamston. The one at Oak City was held on the 15th of January. These Institutes form the groundwork upon which is based much of the agricultural improvement, which marks Martin County among the others of North Carolina. Good soil with proper climatic conditions together with scientific principles of fertilization, seed selection, etc., and close application to cultivation, will make successful harvests. All this has made the County noted within the past few years. Further knowledge is necessary; the successful man never ceases to learn, whether he is in the office or on the farm. Every farmer who can should attend these Institutes and bring his wife and daughters.

Full moon. Row at 11:27 p. m.

The weather forecast for the Cotton States appeared in these columns last week.

Rook (carvus frugilegus) is a European bird resembling the crow. Society rook has all the noise but more color.

**WANTED.**—To employ a good man to work on farm, either as tenant or for hire.—Address Lock Box 227, Williamston, N. C.

The storm Sunday morning kept many indoors during Sunday School and Church hours. After that people walked around in the rain.

**FOR SALE.**—100 tons good hay 300 barrels corn, two good Milk cows, all farming utensils including four Studebaker wagons, all on time.—J. W. Watts.

The Valentine season is approaching and red paint will be at a premium. Then it will be George Washington's birthday, when hatchets and cherry trees will be at the head.

**WANTED.**—A good white tenant. See Jas. S. Rhodes or John D. Biggs, Williamston.

The roof of the Buggy Factory is being covered with tin, the roofing having become full of leaks. The job is somewhat "ticklish" and Messrs. Philpot and Perry protect themselves by ladders.

**BANK STOCK FOR SALE.**—I have for sale, five shares Capital Stock, Bank of Jamesville. Prefer not selling more than two shares to any one person.

John D. Lilley, Jamesville, N. C.

Messrs. J. G. Staton, K. B., and W. H. Crawford and C. B. Hassell with Mesdames Staton and Hassell left Saturday morning for Currituck Sound to shoot ducks. Local hunters have become very much interested in this sport within the past several years.

Chas. Cobb of the A. C. L. railroad Co., was in town Saturday looking over the depot situation here. Transfer boats could have been used with ease during the recent rains. Some work has been done, however, and the train will not unload passengers at night between box cars.

Saturday, Thomas Harris, who lives over the creek, brought to town the stuffed skin of a white coon. It was quite a curiosity and very large and beautiful. The animal was knocked in the head with an axe, when it was found in a tree which Harris felled.

**The Twentieth Century Club**

The regular meeting of the Twentieth Century Book Club was held with Mrs. Leslie Fowden on Wednesday, Jan., 20th.

In the absence of the president, the meeting was gracefully presided over by the vice-president, Mrs. F. W. Hoyt. The subject of study for the afternoon was Edmund Spenser. Mrs. Bettie Harrell read an interesting sketch on Spenser's Life. Miss Penelope Biggs gave an extract from the Faere Queene. Mrs. Hoyt read an excellently prepared and interesting paper on "Spenser's Influence on the Literature of His Times."

A special feature of the program was a lecture on "England" given by Mr. Ford, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the club.

At the conclusion of the program the hostess served a salad course.

Ex-Governor David R. Francis, of Missouri, once said the following of Newspapers:

"Each year the local paper gives from \$500 to \$1,000 in free lines to the community in which it is located. No other man can or will do this. The editor, in proportion to his means, does more for his town than any ten men, and in fairness he ought to be supported—not because you like him or admire his writings, but because the local paper is the best investment a community can make. It may not be brilliantly edited or crowded with thought, but financially it is of more benefit to the community than the preacher or teacher. Understand me, I do not mean mentally, and yet on moral questions you will find most of the papers on the right side. Today the editor of the local papers do the most for the least money of any people on earth."

**Alarm of Fire**

Wednesday morning, the fire bell rang a few times and people rushed to see where the flames were. After a few minutes it was found that the house known as the Peter Hassell house on the Houghton Street extension, was on fire. The chemical engine was carried out, and soon the flames were under control. The house is occupied by Mr. Wynne and is the property of Dr. Rhodes. The fire was caused by a defective flue.

**Bills Introduced**

Representative Dunning has introduced a bill in the Legislature to appropriate \$444 to the Parmele Industrial School for Negroes. The trustees are erecting a new building for the better facilities of the school.

Mr. Dunning has also introduced a bill to provide for good roads in Cross Roads Township. This township voted bonds for the working of the roads, but there was some disagreement about the sale of same. The Dunning bill will make the way clear for the sale of the bonds and other workings of the act.

**Want Ford Cars**

One among the the many beligerants in Europe has ordered 40,000 cars from the Ford Company. This number if shipped before September will help largely in selling the proposed 300,000 cars, which will gain for any purchaser \$60 or \$40 on the purchase price. John W. Green, the Martin County Agent, is selling his share and every purchaser will have a chance of securing a machine at the proposed reduction.

**Women as Notaries**

The Legislature has passed an act allowing the appointment of women as notaries. This in many cases will prove a convenience to lawyers and other business men. It must not be taken as a step toward suffrage, any more than the fact that women have entered every avenue of business and many trades. Many women in the State assist in the management of men's business, and in a number of cases, they conduct a business independently. The work of a Notary Public is along business lines, and a woman can serve as efficiently as a man. The law will be contested before the Supreme Court to establish its constitutionality.

The building and Loan Association was organized here in May last, the first series beginning on May 30th. There has been a steady increase in the number of shares issued, and the Association is in splendid shape. Already there are evidences of what it means to the town, and it is expected that the history of the Association here will be that of the more prosperous towns and cities in the State. Another Series will be open soon. Now is the right time to invest in a few shares. It helps a man save, and this helps him and other people, too. There are very few who cannot take a share or two. It is only 25 cents per week for each share. Who is it that does not foolishly spend many times that?

**Teachers Meeting**

The Martin County Teachers Association met for the first time in the new year on last Friday night and Saturday. Supt. Asa J. Manning had prepared a most helpful and interesting programme, and a large number of teachers were in attendance.

Friday evening, the teachers with friends and many pupils of the Graded School, assembled in the reading room of the Lotus Club and spent several hours in a pleasant manner. There were recitations and music, and a debate on Ship Subsidies by four pupils of the High School here. Misses Daisy Manning and Leona Page took the negative side of the question, and Pearl Perry and Jack Edwards, the affirmative. All the papers were good, but the girls won out, the judges giving them the greater number of points. The judges were: Messrs. Bethea, Cone and Martin.

Saturday there was a morning and an afternoon session of the Association at the Graded School building. There were very valuable papers read at both sessions, which must prove helpful in the preparation of teachers for their class room work, and as citizens of the community.

The meeting was one of the most instructive which has been held within the life of the Association. The teachers from the Robersonville School and the other High Schools in the county, are forward in their movement to make Martin better educationally, and in this way build for a higher citizenship. Supt. Manning is studying very closely, and is endeavoring to get the best for the schools in the county.

**Will Repeal**

The Martin County Primary Law, under which the County election was held last year, will be repealed at this session of the Legislature. This action is taken not because the law in itself is not sound, but the people were not satisfied and failed to properly vote under it. The old system of conventions where every man can come and spend the day with his respective candidate, is the more popular. If there is to be a State-wide law, the Democrats will have to accept it in Martin County or lose out in the end. The manner of holding elections must improve and the old primitive styles done away with, or else there will be little progress in government. What is needed is the best, not only in politics but in every avenue of life.

At the Opera House Friday night February 5th, the "Shepherd Of The Hills."

Miss Mary Bell Ellison left for Dunn Monday.

Mr. W. A. Ellison and family went to Suffolk Monday.

Miss Josephine Robertson has been in Robersonville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shute returned to Roanoke Rapids Sunday. Clayton More went to Raleigh on business Tuesday.

C. H. Godwin has been in Norfolk on business this week.

Island, in Mexican waters for several months.

Mrs. C. B. Clark and children with Mrs. W. R. Fowden left for Durham today.

See the Dear Girls Reign supreme at the Gaiety tonight and tomorrow night.

Mrs. Chas. Cobb and children, of Mildred, spent last week in town.

Rev. Morrison Bethea will preach in Jamesville on next Wednesday night. The public is invited.

Mrs. Geo. W. Young, accompanied by Hazel and Edward Bethea, left yesterday for Clinton, S. C.

Capt. W. R. Fowden left for Jamesville Wednesday to resume his duties with the Dennis Simmons Lumber Co., at Astoria Mills.

Mrs. Louis C. Harrison and Master William Belk left Saturday for South Carolina.

Julius S. Peel, who has for the past two years been living in Kelford, has closed out his varied business interests there and returned to Williamston.

Mesdames C. D. Carstarphen and James S. Rhodes visited in Plymouth this week.

C. P. McClure, of Tarboro, and C. C. Schoen, of Richmond, spent Wednesday in town on business.

Hon. J. A. Whitley and Mrs. E. P. Whitley were here from near Everetts Wednesday.

Ensign and Mrs. Donald C. Godwin spent several days here last week with Mayor and Mrs. Godwin. Ensign Godwin has been with his ship, the Rhode

Mr. and Mrs. Robb Jones with Mrs. K. B. Crawford and Master Asa left Monday for Seaford Del., to visit relatives.

**Social Affairs**

Last week, there were several card parties given in honor of the visitors in town. Miss Fannie Biggs Martin entertained in honor of Miss Annie Mae Freeman, of Windsor, who was also honored with Mrs. Rome Biggs, Jr., hostess and with Mrs. C. B. Hassell. Miss Irma Woodhouse entertained on Wednesday evening at her home on Main Street.

Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Grover W. Hardison entertained the Embroidery Club at her home on Houghton Street. The hostess arranged to make the hours go merrily as a marriage bell, and the guests were delighted with her hospitality, which is ever noted for its graciousness.

Thursday afternoon, Mrs. J. H. Saunders was at home in honor of her cousin, Miss Lizzie Smith, of Scotland Neck and Mr. and Mrs. Robb Jones, of Detroit. Cards were played and luncheon served.

Friday afternoon, Mrs. J. G. Staton had a number of friends at her home, who played cards until 7:30 o'clock.

The year of 1914, demonstrated the fact that tobacco was the balance wheel in Martin County, especially to the small farmer, who, perhaps has to get his supplies from the merchant from year to year. The low price of cotton and the enormous crop (and farmers will plant plenty of it), demoralized conditions in the beginning of the season; peanuts later, made their appearance and helped things greatly. But those who had raised tobacco had already sold a portion if not all of their crop, and had the coin in their pockets or had paid some debts with it. So it was that the yellow weed brought back some of the lost confidence.

But farmers must not place too much confidence in tobacco this or any year and overplant. Six acres well cultivated, cured and carefully graded are worth twice the number of acres improperly handled. The plant bed is the first important thing; good seed and careful attention to every detail will furnish plenty of strong plants for early setting. Diversification of crops is the only thing for continued success. Raise home supplies, a reasonable acreage of money crops and conditions will be more favorable when the fall of 1915 comes. Martin County has the reputation for being at the head of the table in prosperity. To further sustain this record, there must be careful planting for 1915.

**Shepherd Of The Hills Coming**

"The woods and the hills are a part of God's handiwork. From this play you may, in some measure feel their influence—My play is the story of a man who took the trail that leads to the lower ground, and a woman, and how she found her way to the higher sunlit fields."

These are Harold Bell Wright's preliminary remarks regarding his dramatization of his celebrated novel, "The Shepherd of the Hills," which comes to the Opera House on Friday night Feb. 5th, for its second annual engagement.

He has written a story of rough times in the Ozarks, days before the coming of the railroad, the period of husking, house-raising, rough and ready settlement of disputes with the fists, laborious farming highway robberies and so on. It is a "red-blood" virile play, yet that has a deep message. It is filled with unique characters and incidents. The fact that the novel, from which the play was made has held the record for five years as the leading "best seller" is ample proof that it is what the public wants; and the play has proven to be one of the most successful dramatic offerings of last season.

**Depot Assured**

A letter has been received here from Supt. B. J. Hughes, of the A. C. L. railroad Co., in which he wishes to assure the people of Williamston and community that material is now being gathered to bring here and build another depot. The conditions at the present are known to the railroad officials, and they have done some things to make it less uncomfortable for the public. The erection of the depot is being urged by every citizen in the town—it is a great necessity.

**The County's Formost Citizen Dead**

Mr. Stephen W. Outerbridge died at his home in Robersonville yesterday. A true citizen, an honest man, a gentleman, a Christian gone.

We will give an appropriate mention of his life and work next week.