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## CLOSER ATTENTION TO CHILDREN IS NEEDED

Are we teaching our children the right lessons? A careful study of the acts and deeds of the children now being brought up makes us wonder if we are doing as good as our fathers did in the way of teaching their children.

There seems to be a general lack of manly and womanly self-respect in the present youth. In fact that splendid virtue seems to have been laid aside and a wanton substitute of it has taken its place which manifests itself in impudence and pride. The virtue that was once the preachment of our fathers and mothers is now considered entirely unnecessary and we are of the opinion that the present generation hasn't half of it respect and interest in keeping promises as did in the past.

There seems to be so many giddy heights for children to climb that they forget their obligations and let them slip by unnoticed. Certain observation recently made proves to our satisfaction that old people who were brought up to honor their own promises with all their strength and being. Pay small attention with much more certainty than the young, giddy, pleasure seeking generation of the day. Certainly the people of today are as good as never lived, the trouble lies upon the shoulders of the old. We have shovelled our sons and daughters to the front in such a mad rush with the hope that they would become perfect beings that we have missed every mark that we have shot at. It is utterly impossible to raise a boy to be a real man without a long grind of duty. It is the hard work and study which he does that makes his mettle shine and the girl that is raised without duties and cares will be as far behind a real woman when she grows up as an artificial flower is behind a flower that grows in the garden of nature where the chilling breeze of spring and the scorching sun of summer with the drenching storms give it strength, color and sweetness—all these and much more must be borne by every generation if it is to possess all of those noble qualities that we so admire in men and women.

Truly pride and vanity hath deceived us, they are not love. Do not let them spoil our children in the guise and under the name of love for our children. Do children love and respect the home as of yore or is it a dull monotonous den, where they are caged for a few hours while asleep only to be deserted as soon as the morning breaks and they are permitted to run at large for the whole day, partly to escape duties and partly to have the opportunity to do as he pleases. Many mothers would take deeper thought if their eyes could only follow that boy or girl through the various events of the day. We are wondering just when the time will return when we will again come in touch with our children, not in giving them more money, more privileges, more pleasures, more opportunities, but in the spirit of care, come to them in love, stay with them, let them know of our interest in their welfare and knowledge, teach them respect for the little and good things of life, the things that make men loved and honored for their deeds.

There are too many boys in this age who seem to think it is smart to make money gambling and shotcutting in every way. They should be taught that the only pound of any value is the sixteen ounce pound, that the only dollar of any value is the one hundred cents dollar and that those procured otherwise will prove a curse. We must be more careful with our boys or very soon there will be too few men worthy of the matrimonial hand of a good woman. It is some time noticed that some mothers seem to think it perfectly all right to strip their daughters and dash them into society, for into society they must go. Now too much progressiveness along this line is possibly dangerous and perhaps a school of modesty would be a help to modern society. Before this nation and world can get back to what we all seem to want it to be, we must bring about many reforms. Not so many in the other fellow but in our own lives and activities. We must make ourselves more acceptable citizens in the sight of God, our Creator and Preserver. It must be done, the question is, when will we do it?

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## Meeting of the Commissioners

At the meeting of the county commissioners on Monday, Feb. 7th, 1921, there were present J. L. Hassell, chairman, Dr. B. L. Long, Henry D. Peel, Henry C. Green and Joshua L. Coltrain.

The board refused to cooperate and make appropriations for an anti-epidemic campaign.

It was ordered by the board that an election be called in Bear Grass township upon the question of Stock Law for said township. Nathan Rogers was appointed Registrar, and A. B. Ayers and Hyman Cowan were appointed judges of election.

T. A. Bunting was released from payment of taxes on \$6,000.00 worth of property improperly listed in Robersonville township.

H. S. Everett was released from payment of taxes on \$6,000.00 worth of property improperly listed in Goose Nest township.

J. Alexander Roebuck was released from the payment of \$2.67 tax in Robersonville township.

J. Hyman Wynn was released from payment of taxes on \$1,800.00 worth of property in Bear Grass township.

J. S. Ayers and Company were released from payment of taxes on \$6,300.00 worth of personal property improperly listed in Cross Roads township.

It was ordered that the Board place on sale the road bonds which have been voted by Cross Roads township.

J. Alexander Roebuck and son were released from payment of taxes on \$10,500.00 of property improperly listed in Cross Roads township.

It was ordered that the Register of Deeds be allowed an assistant clerk at each meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

## HONOR ROLL FOR THE SANDY RIDGE SCHOOL

Following is the honor roll for the Sandy Ridge School for the month of January, 1921.

- Grade 2—Elton Andrews.
- Grade 3—Carrie L. Coltrain.
- Grade 4—Beatrice Cherry, Inez Griffin, Blanche Hopkins, Marie Riddick, Johnnie Hardison, Joe Hopkins.
- Grade 5—Eliza Coltrain, Louise Goddard, Lillian Griffin, Luvenia Hopkins.
- Grade 9—R. J. Hardison.

## NOTICE OF ELECTION

Under and by virtue of an order by the Board of Commissioners held at their regular session on the 7th day of February, 1921, notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the usual voting place in Bear Grass township, Martin county, on the 12th day of March, 1921, for the purpose of taking sense of the qualified voters of said township, on the question of whether said township shall vote "Stock Law or no Stock Law."

At said election those qualified voters who are in favor of said proposition, shall vote a ballot on which shall be written or printed the words "For Stock Law," and those opposed to the proposition, shall vote a ballot on which shall be printed or written the words, "Against Stock Law."

Said election to be held at the time and place aforesaid by Nathan Rogers registrar, A. B. Ayers and Hyman Cowan as judges of election, and under the rules and regulations as are provided for the election of the General Assembly, under the general election laws of the State.

By order of the Board of Commissioners of Martin county at their regular session held on the 7th day of Feb., 1921.

S. S. BROWN, Clerk to the Board

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## ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of George W. Martin late of Martin county, North Carolina all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby notified to pay same immediately and all persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present same for payment within one year from this date or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This 26th day of December, 1920. R. O. MARTIN, Administrator

## FIFTY MILLIONS FOR STATE GOOD ROADS

(By Maxwell Gorman)

Raleigh, Feb. 7.—The hard surfaced State system of good roads is the leading issue with the Legislature this week and after the hearings the last few days of the various and sundry delegations from all parts of the State before the committee, the indications today point to fifty millions for roads without any ad valorem tax, with a system of State maintenance and control. Governor Morrison states that the measure that has come to be known as the Doughton-Connor bill will be satisfactory to him (and presumably to Hon. Heriot Clarkson who has, as chairman of the State association, done most of the engineering and hard work on the subject for months in preparing the way for the enactment of a satisfactory and effective law), with some minor alterations which can be made on the floor of the two Houses when the bill is taken up. In short, all the contending forces appear to have reached a common agreement and are standing together and that means the enactment of the law—notwithstanding the bad news of high rates for money as brought back from New York by State Treasurer Lacy, who got a good bargain after all in his sale of bonds at six and a quarter percent, considering the conditions in the financial market just now.

## More Power to the Law Enforcement Arm

Within a few days there will be presented to the Legislature a most important measure to provide for the better enforcement of State prohibition laws. It will provide for State wide control. Some of its provisions include the following:

For a chief officer to be named by a department of special law enforcement which the bill would create, consisting of the Governor as chairman, the Attorney General and three other citizens of the State to be appointed by the Governor, and the assistants to have all the authority now in force and effect in the matter of enforcing dry laws "regardless of counties through the State."

## Legislative Notes

Senator Elmer Long, of Alamance, who is one of the most effective and energetic members of the "Upper House," has put through the steel law measure which he has been nursing for some time, and did so with an overwhelming majority. By the terms of this measure the entire eastern section of the state comes under the law.

The kindergarten bill has been set as the special order for Wednesday in both houses, and there promises to be a long-winded debate. Some of the eastern Senators and Representatives are greatly opposed to the bill and will fight it ferociously.

Burgwyn, of Northampton, has introduced a bill to reduce the amount of household property exempt from taxation from \$300 to \$25. But it has no chance of passing.

## NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred in the power of sale, contained in a certain deed of trust executed to me, the undersigned trustee, by J. H. Ravender and wife, Georgia Ann Ravender and W. A. Ravender, on the 9th day of December 1918. Said deed of trust being of record in Martin county registry in book O-1, page 452, and the stipulations there in not having been complied with and at the request of the parties interested, I will expose to public auction in front of the Court house door, in Williamston, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock M. on the 28th day of February, 1921, the following described tract of land:

Commencing at Spencer Wynne's corner on the road leading from Jamesville to Williamston; running up said road 105 yards to an oak, a stake; thence a north course along the line of marked trees to a birch on the Devils Gut; thence down said to Spencer Wynne's corner, thence along the line of Wynne's second tract to the ditch and road; thence along the line to the beginning, containing 30 acres more or less.

This the 26th day of January, 1921 B. A. CRITCHER, Trustee.

## LOST: NEAR OAK CITY, WHITE

Setter dog, one black ear and few black spots on body. Disappeared about two weeks ago. Reward of \$10 for information leading to recovery. E. T. Forbes, Greenville, N. C. F 8 4t

## SALESMEN WANTED TO SOLICIT

orders for lubricating oils, greases and paints. Salary or commission. Address The Lennox Oil & Paint Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

Plant a permanent pasture but don't expect it to grow on worn out, sour worthless land.

## Local News and Personal Mention

Miss Essie Peel, Mrs. Elbert Peel and Mr. Francis Manning went to Wilson yesterday where Miss Peel and Mr. Manning will have their tonsils removed today by Dr. Johnson.

Mr. Charlie Hassell left this morning by motor for Washington, D. C. He was accompanied as far as Richmond by Mrs. A. R. Dunning, Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, Miss Mary Cook and Mr. Dick Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ward of Rocky Mount are in town today.

Col. Wilson G. Lamb went to Baltimore Monday where he will resume his work with Daniel and Miller Co. for two months.

Mr. Wilson G. Lamb, Jr. went to Scotland Neck and Wilson Monday.

## NOTICE

Presiding Elder E. N. Snipes of Weldon will hold services at the M. E. Church Friday night at seven-thirty o'clock. The service will be followed by the quarterly conference. The public is invited.

## TO ENTERTAIN MARTIN COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

The Washington Hospital Staff will entertain complimentary to the Martin County Medical Society at 8:30 o'clock Thursday, February 10th, 1921, at the Washington Hospital, Washington, N. C. All members are cordially invited to attend.

## MEETING OF DIRECTORS

The Directors of the Farmers and Merchants Bank held their monthly meeting Thursday night. Eighteen of the twenty members were present, and the meeting was entirely satisfactory: A resume of the month's work was received with gratification and plans for future extension. Messrs R. W. Salsbury and B. B. Everett of Palmyra were the out of town members attending.

## FELL THROUGH TRENTLE

Saturday night Mr. Tom Wells and nephew were walking down the railroad to their home on the Rebeck arm and when passing over the high trestle at the Biggs farm, Mr. Wells fell through. He fell about 25 or 30 feet and was so badly broken up that his condition is now very critical with the chances seemingly against him. The young man who was with him says that it was so dark that he was striking matches and Wells, who was 30 or 40 feet ahead of him, said he could see better without the light. The first thing he knew of the fall was when he heard groaning on the ground below.

## TAYLOR-TAYLOR

Sunday night a the Methodist parsonage Mr. L. C. Larkin married Miss Mamie Taylor and Mr. Leamon Taylor. Mrs. Larkin, Mr. West, Mrs. Lucy Roberson and Mr. Charlie Mobley were the only witnesses present. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor drove to the home of the groom's father, Mr. V. G. Taylor in Poplar Point township. Mrs. Taylor is well remembered in Williamston, where she visited and also worked in her capacity as a trained nurse. Her home is in Everetts. Mr. Taylor is a prosperous young farmer and is well liked in his community.

## Mortgagee's Sale of Farm Land

North Carolina, Martin county. By virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain mortgage executed by William Sykes and wife to S. J. Everett of date December 5th 1917, and recorded in Book V-1, page 207-208 of the public registry of Martin county, I will sell to the highest bidder at public auction before the court house door in Williamston, N. C. at 12:00 o'clock noon on Monday, February 28th, 1921, for cash the following described tracts of lands:

1st tract: Containing seventeen (17) acres and being the land bought by William Sykes and Alice Sykes from Manning Belle in about 1908 and adjoining the lands bought of John Gaskins, adjoining J. G. Griffin and going to Cullins run or Moore's Mill pond, on the north side of Mill Neck Public road, it being more fully described in the above referred deed.

2nd tract: Being the lands bought by William Sykes and Alice Sykes from esse N. Stubbs, attorney for John Gaskins, deceased, adjoining the Sykes land, Ellen Daniel land and Moore's Mill Pond containing seven-tenths of an acre more or less.

Terms of sale: cash. This 28th day of January, 1921. S. J. EVERETT, Mortgagee.

J. C. Lanier, attorney, Greenville. Two Carloads Wire Fencing at C. D. Carstarphen's cheap for cash.

## DEDUCTIONS FOR EXCHANGE NOT ALLOWED

The following bill prepared by the Association allowing all State banks to charge exchange for remitting checks drawn on them, has been passed by both branches of the General Assembly and is now a law of the State of North Carolina.

Section 1. That for the purpose of providing for the solvency, protection and safety of banking institutions and trust companies chartered by this State and having their principal offices in this State, it shall be lawful for all banks and trust companies in this state to charge a fee, not in excess of one-eighth of one per cent, on remittances covering checks, the minimum fee on any remittance therefor to be ten cents.

Section 2. That, in order to prevent accumulation of unnecessary amounts of currency in vaults of the banks and trust companies chartered by this State, all checks drawn on said banks and trust companies shall, unless specified on the face thereof to the contrary of the maker of makers thereof, be payable at the option of the drawee bank in exchange drawn on the reserve deposits of said drawee bank when any such check is presented or by through any Federal Reserve Bank, post office, or express company or any respective agents thereof.

Section 3. That it shall be unlawful for any person, or persons, other than the maker thereof, to make, by rubber stamp or otherwise, any notation on any check drawn on any bank or trust company chartered in this State, the effect of which notation shall change or affect any condition or provision thereof as created by this Act. That any person or persons violating this section shall be guilty of misdemeanor and upon conviction shall pay a fine of not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), or be imprisoned not more than thirty days.

Section 4. That all checks drawn on the banks and trust companies in this State in payment of obligations due the State of North Carolina or the Federal Government shall be exempt from the provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this Act.

Section 5. That no officer in this State shall protest for non-payment any check or checks drawn on any bank or trust company chartered by this State when payment is refused by the drawee bank solely on account of failure or refusal of the holder or owner thereof to pay exchange charges herein authorized, and there shall be no right of action either in state for refusal to pay any such check when such action is based alone on the ground of refusal to pay exchange or collection charges herein authorized.

Section 6. That all laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Section 7. That this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

Local banks have already received a message from the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond in regard to this law which affects the small town banks greatly. And since the Federal Reserve still insists that our banks cannot charge exchange on all items at the rate of one-eighth of one per cent, the local institution will have to adopt the policy advocated by Mr. V. G. Taylor, cashier of The Planters and Merchants Bank in Everetts. Have our merchants and business men advise their creditors to draw a draft upon the amount involved, thereby eliminating checks and the Federal Reserve. Unless the Federal Reserve law is changed beneficially for the little banks, hundreds of them will be crushed. Small banks are required by law to carry only some \$10,000 or \$15,000 in cash and cash demands for weekly checks will not only take the surplus but actually the needed cash in our community.

We enclose herewith a copy of an amended Bill, introduced in the Legislature of the State of North Carolina, which may shortly become law. You will see by its terms that the Bill authorizes non-member State banks to deduct an exchange charge when remitting for checks sent them; and, if the checks are presented through an express company, a post office, or a Federal Reserve bank, to refuse payment in cash and tender exchange in settlement; even though the check is presented by an agent in person at the counter of the drawee bank. The Act also prohibits any notary from protesting any check if the drawee bank refuses to pay cash and tenders exchange.

Counsel for this bank is of the opinion that such a law would be unconstitutional; and that, therefore, in accordance with the decision of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in an injunction suit brought by the State banks of Georgia against the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, if this bill becomes law, it will still be the duty of the Federal Reserve Bank

## List of the Jurors for March Term

Following is the jury list for the March term of the Superior court. First week, third Monday in March: Jamesville: A. T. Lilley, T. W. Holaday, W. B. Gaylord.

Williams: A. W. Hardison, O. S. Green.

Griffins: Vance L. Peel, L. F. Roberson, N. S. Roberson.

Bear Grass: Will J. Taylor, W. R. Roebuck, W. O. Peel, H. Gomer-Harrison, Sam H. Mobley.

Williamston: J. Lass Wynne, W. T. Cullifer, W. J. Hodges, J. O. Manning, R. H. Smith.

Cross Roads: R. F. Crawford, Jos. R. Burnhill, Biscoe Biggs, Jas. F. Wynn, Chas. B. Roebuck.

Robersonville: W. W. Keel, W. A. Van Deford, I. F. Andrews, Jas. H. Grey, Marcellus Roberson, Timothy Roberson.

Poplar Point: F. E. Edwards.

Hamilton: R. W. Salsbury, Joe B. Purvis, H. L. Everett.

Second Week:

Jamesville: Jas. Rook, C. W. Gurkin.

Williams: L. D. Hardison.

Griffins: Ruesck Roberson.

Bear Grass: R. C. Bailey, H. U. Peel, D. C. Cowan.

Williamston: F. C. Bennett, O. S. Anderson, B. S. Courtney.

Cross Roads: Jas. R. Keel, L. C. James.

Robersonville: Jack Taylor, Spier Cochran.

Hamilton: R. W. White, J. F. Purvis.

Goose Nest: Z. V. Whitehurst, F. W. Harrell.

## INCOME TAX PRIMER

The following statement has been issued by Collector of Internal Revenue, J. W. Bailey:

"Copies of the Income Tax Primer, recently issued by the Bureau of Internal Revenue, which contains questions and answers relative to the filing of income tax returns, are now available at the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue, Raleigh, N. C. Copies may be obtained only through collectors' offices, and are not being mailed from Washington."

of Richmond, under the Federal Reserve Act and the Regulations of the Board, to accept for collection checks drawn upon non-member State banks in North Carolina, sent to it by its member banks and other Federal Reserve banks, and to collect these checks at par, if possible, since under the above decision of the United States Circuit Court and the opinion of the Attorney General of the United States, Federal Reserve banks cannot agree to permit a deduction for exchange.

If this Bill is enacted and any non-member State banks (relying upon it) refuse to remit at par for checks sent them by us, we will decline to permit any deduction for exchange, and will, as soon as it is practicable to do in lawful money. If payment in cash is refused, we will decline to accept an exchange draft, and will return all checks upon which payment is refused with a proper notice of dishonor in lieu of formal protest. The proposed law does not make it obligatory upon non-member banks to deduct exchange in remitting, or to tender exchange drafts in payment of checks when presented by a Federal Reserve bank, express company, or the post office, but simply authorizes them to take that action.

It is impossible to foresee how many State banks in North Carolina may attempt to take advantage of this law, if and when enacted. To provide for that contingency and for the fullest protection of our member banks, we deem it advisable to notify them in advance of the course we shall feel called upon to pursue, and to advise them that there may be some unusual delay in presenting checks by agents at the counters of those banks which refuse to remit at par. Consequently we wish to notify all our correspondents that while we will continue to receive, if sent to us for collection, all checks upon member State banks listed upon our par list, and will present such checks as soon as practicable we cannot be responsible for the delays occasioned by our inability to procure agents to make presentation at the counters of the drawee banks within the usual time nor can we be responsible for the failure to procure a formal protest of such checks if payment in cash is refused.

Respectfully, FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF RICHMOND.

I. HAVE SEVERAL HUNDRED pounds of meat for sale at once. Hogs weighing from 75 to 150 pounds. J. HAWOOD ROGERS. Route 2 2-1-4d

## MARTIN COUNTY MAN HURT IN GREENVILLE

Last night Mr. John Leggett, who had carried tobacco to Greenville was crossing the street in that town near the Center Brick Warehouse, just as the night watchman was driving by and Leggett was run over by the passing car. At an early hour this morning Mr. Leggett was just able to speak but his condition is so serious that his recovery is not expected. He is the son of Mrs. Jenny Leggett of Cross Roads and lived and farmed with his mother. He went to France with the Expeditionary Forces and was badly wounded so that he has been forced to use crutches when walking. The fault or cause of the accident has not been learned and whether it was because Mr. Leggett was crippled and unable to get out of the way in the usual course expected or whether the driver was too careless we are not yet able to say.

## CONGRESS DOES ITS SPRING PLANTING

It is estimated that the appropriation necessary to supply members of Congress with free seeds this year will total \$360,000, or \$120,000 more than the last distribution.

Just why these should be known as "free" seeds is a nice question and will bear considerable explaining, but in view of the larger question of why Congressmen should distribute seeds at all, it will probably be well to pass up a debate over this matter of terminology and get down to the more important one of taxes.

The facts are that the distribution of seeds by members of Congress is a wasteful and needless practice. The seeds go to hundreds of thousands of persons who do not want them, will not use them and who merely throw them away. Like the seeds of the sowar of the parable, some fall by the wayside and are eaten by the fowls, some fall on stony places and wither away and some fall among thorns and are choked.

Some Congressmen refuse to have anything to do with this travesty. They will send seeds upon request, but not otherwise. The majority, however, consider seeds excellent campaign propaganda and use all they can get.

The public, which hears a great deal about economy and listen to a great many promises that public funds will be wisely administered, cannot but wonder why the distribution of seeds is not turned over to the Department of Agriculture where it can be handled intelligently.

Is it because these seeds are for votes and not for crops?

## NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the authority contained in a certain deed of trust executed on the 15th day of Nov. 1917 by W. A. Hilliard and wife, and registered in the public registry of Martin County in Book N-1 at page 471, to secure the payment of a certain bond of even date therewith, and the stipulations in said deed of trust not having been complied with, at the request of the parties interested the undersigned trustee will on Monday, the 21st day of February, 1921 at the Courthouse door in the town of Williamston at 12 o'clock M. offer at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate:

Adjoining Simon E. Hardison on the north; N. S. Peel on the east; south, the Road leading from Williamston and Jamesville on the west, containing 160 acres more or less more commonly known as the Groom place and being the same land purchased by us from said U. P. Hadley.

This the 19th day of Jan. 1921. WHEELER MARTIN Trustee.

## LAUGH AND GROW FAT

SEE "FATTY" ARBUCKLE

—IN— "THE LIFE OF THE PARTY"

**STRAND THEATRE**

—THURSDAY— ENID BENNETT in "THE FALSE ROAD"

—FRIDAY— Al St. John in "SHIP AHOY!" "Bungalow Troubles"—Sennett Episode No. 9—"Velvet Fingers"

—SATURDAY— DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS in "AMERICAN ABSTOCRACY" Snub Pollard Comedy "FLAT BROKE" Don't forget—Wm. S. Hart in "The Toll Gate," Tuesday.