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MR. CUSHION BIGGS HARRISON IS DEAD

ONE OF MARTIN COUNTIES OLDEST AND BEST CITIZENS DIED WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock the earthly life of Mr. Cushion Biggs Harrison was ended and his spirit passed into the Great Beyond to be with His Maker whom he has served faithfully for almost eighty years.

Mr. Harrison was born in 1843, on May 30th, the fifteenth child born to the union of Henry Davis Harrison and Nicie Biggs, at the home of his father which was his home all during his life until a few years ago when he moved to Williamston so that he could be near his children, all of whom reside here excepting one. On the 14th day of February, 1867 he married Miss Martha Taylor, the late sister of Dr. Eli Taylor and the daughter of Theodore Taylor and Emily Taylor, and they lived happily together until the angel of death took her away the 28th day of August, 1898.

To them were born ten sons and one daughter, three sons, Louis Cushion, Henry Davis and Jesse Walter, preceded him to the grave, and his daughter, Mrs. Delia Green and seven sons, Robert G., Lovett Biggs, Thad. F., James E., Donnie B., Geo. H., and C. Augustus Harrison are left to mourn the loss of a noble father and a true friend.

One of his greatest works was the rearing of his sons and daughter, all of whom are splendid citizens with the influence of their good father reflected in them.

He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Bettie Whithard of Beaufort county, she being the only member of his father's family living.

Mr. Harrison was a man of the true type of citizenship. He was always giving aid to the needy, nursing the sick and burying the dead, and befriending the down-trodden whenever they were suffering in his midst. His meek and humble manner before his God and fellow-men is worthy of emulation by the multitudes. He never was seen by those nearest him in a fit of rage when things went wrong but always took things quietly and calmly and Christ-like giving his fellowman the benefit of all doubts.

About thirty years ago he joined the Primitive Baptist church at Bear Grass and to his church he has always been faithful. One of his greatest sorrows on earth to him was not being able to attend the services since he has been in failing health.

During the Civil war he served his country as a member of Company A, 17th regiment. He fulfilled all the duties of a soldier well and was always interested in the Old Confederacy. He has attended all the Confederate reunions for many years; his last trip being the one held at Richmond last summer. They were always a source of great joy to him until he became infirm in body which made the physical strain rather hard on him.

He has been failing in health for about five years and for the past year and a half he has not seen a well day, and suffering some days very much. But he never lost sight of his duty to his God and we may say truthfully that his last days were his best for as he neared the verge of the grave he also neared the paradise of Heaven and it can be said: "He lived the life of the righteous and surely there is rest for the people of God."

He was buried at his old homestead near Bear Grass Thursday afternoon in the presence of a host of sorrowing friends, with Elders Hassell, John N. Rogerson and Ben S. Cowing officiating.

Mr. Ronald Wynne arrived yesterday from Oteen where he has been in the government hospital for some time. He will spend the holidays in town.

The Williamston Chamber of Commerce is nothing except Williamston folks at work together.

Several county agents, experts in their line, have refreshed their minds with new facts about agriculture at the State college. They can serve our farmers better on their return to the different counties.

Anyone familiar with the facts will agree that the press of rural North Carolina was never more needed, and that its opportunity was never any greater.

The gladdest words of tongue or pen, are just those four, "Now, you say when."

THE CO-OPS END A RECORD YEAR

FIRST YEAR OF ORDERLY MARKETING RAISES TOBACCO AND COTTON PRICES

Cooperative marketing rides to the close of 1922 on the flood tide of success.

Nation wide recognition of the benefits or cooperative associations include a half million farmers was voiced last week in the Washington conference of cooperatives from all sections of the United States. Carl Wilson growers exchange, declared this time, president of the American conference the most important move in American history for the benefit of the farmer.

President Harding, Secretary Herbert Hoover, Senator Capper and Eugene Meyer, director of the War Finance corporation, paid tribute to the work of the cooperative associations.

Following last week's second payment by the North Carolina Cotton association, the members of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative association throughout eastern North Carolina, doubled their cash receipts Wednesday on all tobacco delivered by December first to the association. A second payment to all members of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative association in the old belt will be made up to December 20th as soon as checks can be made out and distributed.

A third cash payment to the organized growers of South Carolina will be distributed after the association members in Virginia and western North Carolina have doubled their money on all deliveries for 1922.

With larger crops this year than last, tobacco farmers in three states have received more for their tobacco than in 1921. In North Carolina and Virginia November sales have shown a gain of three dollars per hundred, while the South Carolina growers have practically doubled last year's prices.

With the orderly marketing of both tobacco and cotton by thousands of associations in the Carolinas and Virginians through their cooperative agencies, the tide of prosperity is rising in the growers' ranks and the methods of big business to successfully sell their products.

A MAN MISSING SINCE DEC. 14 APPREHENDED

AUTHORITIES BELIEVE W. F. OUTLAND IS MENTALLY UNBALANCED

Kinston, Dec. 20.—W. F. Outland, a collector missing from his home here since noon, of December 14, was in the Lenoir county jail here today, the police stating that a number of charges would be lodged against him. It was said a physician would examine Outland. Authorities indicated that the prisoner was suspected of being unbalanced.

Kinston policemen apprehended Outland at a point in Jones county. They said he had spent several days at the home of a negro several miles south of here. He was compelled by whites to leave after the negro had once endeavored to get rid of him. Outland apparently had been "roughing it." He was shabbily attired and had been drinking, the police said.

At the mercantile establishment, here, where Outland was employed his books were stated to be perfectly balanced. Complaints came to the police, however, of a number of collections made by Outland in a "cotton and grain futures" scheme. Negroes claiming to have been victimized said they had been promised certain profits and these had not been forthcoming.

INFLUENZA IS RAGING AT TRAINING SCHOOL

Kinston, Dec. 20.—Influenza epidemic raged at the Caswell Training school, state institute for the feeble minded here, today. The superintendent issued an appeal for volunteer nurses. Scores were ill, including faculty members. No serious cases were reported.

An Emporia man who went hunting lost his shoe in a mud puddle, and it was a half hour before he missed it. This reminds us of a story they tell about a family in Arkansas. A half grown girl stood by the fire place one cold evening. Her mother said, "Sd, ye'll burn yer foot in a minute; yer a standin' right on a hot coal." "Which foot maw?" said Sad, without batting an eye.—Kinsley Graphic.

The Spirit of Christmas

(By JAVELYN)

Peace on earth, good will to men. This divine expression is synonymous with the birth of Christ, and carries us back for more than two thousand years at the time when God made one of His greatest gifts to mankind.

Christmas should make us conscious of the great blessings we have, more than any other day, and we should lay aside our personal animosities, differences of opinion, and other frictions and try to have in our hearts nothing but good will towards each other.

The only Christmas spirit is the Christmas spirit, which shows us the way to the higher life, and is mainly our greatest support of civilization.

When peace on earth and good will between man exists every day in the year the millenium will have arrived, and will be the preparation on earth for the second coming of Christ.

This Yuletide season can also mean more than the merely good wishes. Doing a little extra good will bring the doer much happiness. There is always some destitute family, some one afflicted, some earthly soul in distress whose existence you could brighten by some act of charity, the giving of which you would be also enriched thereby.

Like your faith in Christ—remember the little child's faith in Santa Claus. If you know of any child whose happiness on Christmas morning might be marred by Uncle Santa's failing to arrive, then hurry and make arrangements to have this visit assured. Reverend Mr. Joyner, of the Baptist church, and Mrs. Asa T. Crawford, have a list of those whose little lives and older lives can be made happy by the donation of a few simple gifts. Everybody can help to make this Christmas one of universal happiness in the neighborhood by a small offering to a worthy cause.

Remember, it is more blessed to give than to receive. Christmas should be the time of year when the very essence of unselfishness and love is manifested the most. Remember, that Christ came and gave His own life that we might have happiness through time eternal.

The writer's Christmas greeting to you all is one of hearty good wishes, optimism, and good cheer.

MRS. LOUIS BENNETT IS CHARMING HOSTESS

Wednesday evening at her attractive home on Houghton street, Mrs. Louis Bennett entertained at a complimentary to her aunt, Mrs. Ben Aiken, of Enid, Oklahoma, the houseguest of Mrs. W. T. Meadows.

Tables were arranged for twelve guests and the beautiful home was made bright and cheerful with decorations of holly and mistletoe emphasizing the spirit of the Yuletide.

During the game salted peanuts were enjoyed by those playing and at the conclusion Mrs. Bennett served a salad course with coffee and cream. The high seats was made by the guest of honor and she received a lovely box of toilet water and perfume.

Those present included: Mrs. Carrie Biggs Williams, Mrs. Oscar Anderson, Mrs. Joe Pender, Mrs. Robert Critcher, Mrs. C. H. Godwin, Mrs. Roy Gurganus, Mrs. J. A. R. Dunning, Mrs. W. H. Biggs, Mrs. Sam Getzinger, and Mrs. Elbert Peel.

Line and vitamins are needed in the best development of the child. Fruit, vegetables, milk and butter supply these elements says Dr. J. O. Alverson, nutrition specialist for the agricultural experiment station.

Mud-My-Tim, An Antipile.

SHORT COURSE AT STATE COLLEGE TO BE A GOOD THING

FARMERS OF NORTH CAROLINA HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY OF THEIR LIVES.

Giant circulars, beautifully printed, and copiously illustrated, are this week being sent out to all parts of North Carolina calling farmers and their sons to State college for the short course given by the institution from January 8 to 19 inclusive.

The course in agriculture designed for busy farmers has five major appeals. There is a special training for cotton, tobacco and small grain farmers; a second for fruit and vegetable growers; a third for farm dairymen; a fourth for poultry raising, and a final course in cotton classing. All are free.

The college is asking that all who expect to enter the short course to come January 8 and be ready for the classes the following day. In giving free tuition the institution makes the work the right of every person. The principal cost of attending will be board and room rent, which for the term will be barely \$10. The college has a limited number of rooms at \$3 a week and it supplies board

at 75 cents a day. The visitors will have the special privilege of taking their meals in the dining hall. The college laundry will serve the visitors at \$2 to \$3 a month rate. Private families will furnish rooms in the college vicinity from \$4 to \$7 a week, two in a room.

The short course comes in the early days of the general assembly, that will be in session when the special students come to Raleigh. By attending this time many farmers who would hardly see the capital in a decade and perhaps the legislative body never, will have an opportunity to observe how the law making branch of the government responds to the needs of those back home.

In entering the college no examination to any one of the courses will be required.

The purpose of this short course in agriculture is to stimulate farmers into the practice of more modern methods and into the more businesslike running of their farms. The specialists of the college, the experiment station and of the extension service are the farmers' associates during those 12 important days.

Winter is the time to study the farm business. Remember the short course offered free to farmers by the State college at Raleigh. The dates are January 8 to 19.

666 Cures Dengue Fever.

MEET AT HAMILTON OF BROTHERHOOD

COUNCIL MEETING OF C. B. OF MARTIN COUNTY HELD DECEMBER 13TH

The council meeting of the Charitable Brotherhood of the Martin County Division met in regular session with Hamilton Lodge, Wednesday, December 13th, 1922.

The meeting was called to order by District Marshall W. J. Ward and the devotional exercises were conducted by Chaplin J. T. Lee. The other officers present were: Secretary E. L. Ward, Treasurer W. H. Roebuck and Warden J. R. Beach. The delegates present were: J. F. Jackson and C. L. Hinson of Dardens, No. 2, W. F. Blank and D. T. Ward of Robersonville No. 6; J. N. Taylor and J. T. Lee of Star No. 9; J. H. Bell and J. J. Weaver of Gold Point No. 11 and J. C. Daniel and I. B. Pritchard of Hamilton No. 12.

An interesting talk was made by Mr. J. F. Jackson of Dardens, Lodge No. 2. There being no business of special importance this council adjourned to meet with the Robersonville Lodge No. 6, on the second Wednesday in March, 1923. Every member is requested to be present and to be on time.

POISONED LIQUOR KILLS TWO MEN

TWO DEAD MEN FOUND FLOATING DOWN THE RIVER IN A GAS BOAT

Tuesday afternoon last a gas boat with two men sitting in it was seen drifting down the river by a colored man who was on the river. Thinking there must be something wrong for the boat to be drifting as it was, he went up close enough to find that a white man and a colored man were in it and they were apparently lifeless. He was then about two hundred yards below Quitsna Landing where he tied up the boat and examined it closely. He found Mr. Bill Shaw crumpled up beside the wheel and a colored man fallen over with his back to the engine. They were stiff and it was evident that they had been dead for several hours.

The negro who is a resident of Bertie notified the Bertie authorities at Windsor and they appointed a jury yesterday, who after an inquest by the coroner, decided that the two men came to their death as a result of drinking poisoned liquor from Coziare.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Spruill and two colored men coming down from Palmyra towed the boat to Williamston, where it was anchored for the night and Thursday morning Mr. M. J. Norton of the National Handle company of Plymouth to whom the boat belonged and the men were employed by, came up here and took the boat laden with the dead bodies of the two unfortunates to Plymouth from where he shipped the bodies of the men to their homes.

Mr. Shaw has worked on the river for about thirty five years and has made Hamilton his headquarters. His family are residing at Edenton and his body was sent there.

The colored man was formerly a flagman on the Plymouth-Rocky Mount train, but has been working for the National Handle company for some time.

Have also heard of a certain local merchant who has become so prosperous he washes his windows with Gold Dust. Oh, gee!

When is a holiday not a holiday? Any old holiday around the register of deeds' office.

Under a picture exhibited by Jones hangs the following notice: "Do not touch with canes or umbrellas."

A small boy added the following: "Take an axe."—Goblin.

If you consider your time, money and land worth anything, don't waste it by using poor seed next spring.

A ten year old boy beat his daddy in the show ring at the Pinehurst fair and won \$85 as the best showman at the fair. He had been trained in club work.

We have heard of a man who had a wife who was so slim she used to hide in the gas pipe and when she slid down the pipe sweet Papa used to run down stairs to the meter.

Miss Mary Leggett spent Wednesday night with Miss Emma Belle Harris.

A REVIEW OF THE MARKET CONDITION

COOPERATIVE MARKETING IS A GOOD STIMULANT TO PRICES

(By JAVELYN)
Houseman and company state in one of their periodicals that the southern darkey is one of the most sociable creatures in the world. He is a fluent talker, a good listener and a lover of human companionship. He is always willing to attend a barbecue, a baptizing or a circus, and he attends less from hunger, desire for spiritual grace or to see the lion, than from a desire to be in a crowd and rub elbows with his fellow man.

This herding instinct, which up to the time of the world's war was satisfied by camp meetings and other local gatherings, now promises to play a part in the history of cotton cultivation, second in economic importance to the boll weevil alone. The darkey loves the lights and crowds, and the recent restriction on immigration will create a new demand for southern negro labor. Already a great many are leaving the southern farms to work in the great industrial centers, and largely from the cotton plantations of the far south. With the exodus of the negro and the increased destruction from the boll weevil, the production and marketing of cotton promises to be such that until the present outlook, without foreign implication, this fleecy staple should go on up along ways from its present standing.

The prices of peanuts are very satisfactory to the farmer, and indications point to still larger prices after the new year. Tobacco is bringing a good price, and cotton is still king.

Some ridicule and a great deal of criticism has been made of the cooperative marketing idea, but there is no doubt in the writer's mind that the prices we have today are largely due to the efforts of the cooperatives to prevent the big blood-sucking corporations and gamblers from stealing the crops as so often happened heretofore. Every member of cooperative marketing associations should be proud of the fact that he has already greatly helped his fellow man in raising the selling price of farm produce. Cooperative marketing is here, and it is here to stay, and it is the only ideal way of selling country produce. Those farmers who have stayed out owe much already to the cooperatives for the prices they got in the open market, and it behooves every planter, however large or small to join in this great movement for greater financial freedom. Let the people rule.

MRS. F. W. HOYT ENTERTAINED THE 20TH CENTURY BOOK CLUB

Mrs. Fred W. Hoyt was hostess to the Twentieth Century Book club on Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock. One beautiful old southern home was festooned with its Christmas decorations radiating the spirit of the Yuletide which made a favorable setting for the hostess who is one of the most charming of hostesses.

The program was very interesting, the first number being a paper prepared and read by Mrs. Warren Biggs. Her subject was "Tacknor and Thompson," and it was handled, and the paper was very interesting. Mr. J. S. Rhodes read "Better Than Gold" by Ryan and Mrs. J. G. Staton read a selection from Wm. Gilmore Simms. Mrs. Harrell read "Spring" and Miss Vella Andrews gave current events that were prepared by Mrs. Titus Critcher.

The Christmas idea was carried out in the refreshments; the ice cream was made in attractive Santa Claus molds and pink and green iced cakes. They were served by Misses Frances and Eugenia Hoyt and Miss Mary Melissa Andrews.

Besides the club members, the following guests were present: Mrs. Robert Bogart of Washington, who is a former member of the club, and Mrs. A. T. Crawford, Mrs. Carrie Biggs Williams, Mrs. Oscar Anderson, Mrs. A. V. Joyner, Miss Clyde Hassell, Mrs. Ambrose Maree, Mrs. Hamon and Miss Millie Spruill.

Well, cheer up. Once again you can buy a nickel cigar that doesn't smell like a piece of rope.

Messrs. Louis Roberson, Albert Gurkin, Henry Williams, Emmet Hines, and Eddie Manning of Williamston R. F. D., were in town on Wednesday attending to business.

Furthermore, some one with a bright mind has suggested that a lot of ripe tomatoes be put on the track of the Coast Line railroad so that when the train is late it can "ketch up."