

PROSPECTS FOR 1923 APPEAR GOOD FOR MARTIN COUNTY

Business Outlook Is Brighter Than In Several With Everything Looking Toward a Rival for War Time Business

(By JAVELYN) Martin county, like the thousands of other counties in the United States, enjoyed during the latter part of the recent war, and immediately thereafter, an orgy of wild, reckless prosperity, the like of which has never before been experienced in America.

INVENT A FOAM TO CUT THE OIL EVAPORATION

Tests Carried On for a Year Show Reduction of Waste

The problem of evaporation losses in oil storage tanks has assumed such serious proportions that leading in the industry have recently redoubled their efforts to eliminate it, according to information in local quarters.

The new method is based on the principle of holding the lighter vapors thrown off by petroleum and its products while in storage, with an airtight on the surface of the stored product, it is explained by officials who have watched the experiments.

and just as surely as there came a panic, then just as surely there came a recovery which brought about conditions better than previous. The United States statistics show a great advance in conditions during the year just passed, and indications strongly point to the financial outlook of 1923 being a year of great prosperity.

Our variety of crops can insure us prosperity when other sections of the country suffer failure on account of having practically only one marketable farm product. We are having built at the expense of only a few thousand dollars, two million dollars of good roads, bridges and aqueducts, which will lead to our real estate prospering to the great amount of four or five million dollars.

However, one of the surest signs of a prosperous and happy New Year of 1923 in Martin county is the people here again turned their eyes to the east, and are looking with confidence and courage in the future. The Bible tells us in very specific terms that as a man thinketh in his heart so is he, and the good people of Martin county, backed up by a God-blessed environment, are beginning to think again that everything happens for the best and that the days of the future will bring back to us that peace, that prosperity, and that happiness which every person craves and which is one of our inalienable rights.

With a return to cleaner living, greater energy, confidence and courage in our hearts, all mixed up with a reasonable amount of good business judgement, the great future of the good people of Martin county is incomparable.

Edison worries about the time when electric driven machinery will do everything and there'll be no work to do. But it is not alarming this generation.

ROOK AND BRIDGE ENTERTAINMENT

Mesdames Dunning and Peel Entertain Large Number Friends

Last Thursday, Mrs. A. R. Dunning and Mrs. Elbert S. Peel entertained at the home of Mrs. Dunning on Main street. Rook was played in the afternoon and bridge in the evening.

The entire lower floor of Mrs. Dunning's luxuriant home was thrown open to the guests and it was attractively decorated in holly and mistletoe, suggestive of the Christmas season. Lovely bowis of narcissus and hyacinths perfumed the air and in the center of the dining table was a pretty basket of fruit and flowers.

Those present in the afternoon were: Mrs. John Henry Thruwer, Mrs. E. P. Cunningham, Mrs. Arthur White, Mrs. Jas. A. Leggett, Mrs. Maunsel Wilson, Mrs. Asa T. Crawford, Mrs. J. W. Andrews, Miss Emma Robertson, Miss Clyde Hassell, Miss Ethel Griffin, Mrs. Joe Pender, Mrs. Louise Bennett, Mrs. Scroggs, Mrs. Z. H. Rose, Mrs. Sam Getzinger, Mrs. Fred Shute, Mrs. Charles James, Mrs. Lawrence Peel, Mrs. Myrtle Brown, Mrs. Walter Orreus, Mrs. W. J. Hodges, Mrs. A. Anderson, Mrs. B. W. Hardy, Mrs. Harold Clark of Behaven, Miss Anna Pope, Mrs. J. E. Vaggen, Mrs. W. C. Liberman, Mrs. A. V. Joyner, Mrs. Maurice Moore, Mrs. Jno. A. Ward, Mrs. Myrtle Harris, Miss Eva Peel, and Mrs. Harry Meador, Mrs. Clyde Anderson of Tarboro.

Those playing bridge in the evening were: Dr. and Mrs. P. B. Cone, Mr. and Mrs. F. U. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Mrs. Collin Barnes of Murfreesboro, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice D. Watts, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Godard, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Anderson, Mrs. K. B. Crawford, Miss Anna Crawford, Mrs. Harlan, Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. Biggs, Mr. and Mrs. Titus Critcher, Miss Vella Andrews, Miss Carrie Dell White, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hardison, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Hoyt, Mr. Julius Peel, Mr. J. D. Woolard, Mr. R. D. Critcher, Mr. A. K. Haxton, Mr. Jack W. Biggs and Mr. Ambrose Maree.

Some families just will spend their money for food when there isn't a single pair of silk stockings on the premises.

An Irishman, not familiar with horses, joined the cavalry and immediately found himself prostrate on the ground. His officer seeing him on the ground, shouted: "From what quarters did you receive orders to dismount?"

The Irishman replied: "From the hind quarters, sir."—Watchman Examiner.

MARTIN COUNTY'S REPRESENTATIVE WAS THE FIRST MAN ON THE JOB

Clayton Moore, representative from Martin county had the distinction of being the first member of the 1923 legislature to tread Raleigh soil. Well, Clayton, the people cannot complain. They elected you to get on the job and stay there and they are glad that you have set hard to the task. Two things you should do, do right, and please the folks; but if you can do only one, do right.

Charges Secretary Mellon With Tax Dodging, Is Said

Claims for more than half a million dollars said to be due the government as income taxes on a stock dividend which the Gulf Oil corporation declared in 1913 have been filed against Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon and his brother, K. B. Mellon, in the United States district court in Pittsburgh. The amount which the government seeks to collect from Secretary Mellon is \$231,666.

The Gulf company is one of the concerns which would receive subsidies from the government for carrying its own products in its own vessels if President Harding's ship bonus bill is passed in the form in which he is reported to desire its enactment. Secretary Mellon, in the course of correspondence with Representative Frear, (rep. Wis.), has contended, that stock dividends are not taxable and has announced that he will not accept the view that the present income tax laws subject them to taxation.

The suits against Secretary Mellon, his brother, and sixteen other wealthy men of Pittsburgh were instituted during the Wilson administration.

Mrs. Ewell Entertains New Young Friends

On last Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Sue Ewell entertained a few of her young friends from three until five o'clock. The guests were received by Miss Bonner Gurganus, who ushered them into the living room where the color scheme of green and red prevailed.

Mrs. Ewell proved a very charming hostess by relating some very thrilling stories. Miss Minnie Robertson entertained with a piano solo. After much fun and laughter the hostess, assisted by Miss Josephine Sykes, served delicious cream and ambrosia.

Those enjoying Mrs. Ewell's hospitality were: Misses Bonner Gurganus, Josephine Sykes, Mary and Martha Leggett, Myrtle Wynne, Minnie Robertson, Louise Crawford, Evelyn Harrison and Mr. Bryant Carstarphen, who was the guest of honor.

DEMOCRATS ARE MUCH IN POWER AT CAPITAL CITY

Republicans Have Lost the Little Strength They Have Had

RALEIGH, Jan. 2.—Members of the new legislature have been arriving in Raleigh for several days and at this writing there is a "quorum" ready to begin work in the two branches, with Lieutenant Governor Cooper presiding in the senate and with Speaker Dawson handling the reins in the house.

With only three republican senators and a dozen republican members of the house, not much interest attaches to the formality of a show at "organization" of the minority in the general assembly. Hoymore and Cowles are the two outstanding figures among the republicans, but the republican representation (small as on record) is so insignificant that its opposition or advocacy of any particular line of legislation will cut scarcely any figure in the enactment of legislation this year.

Senator Varner of Robeson and Representative Doughton, who figured so successfully in the last legislature as chairmen of the finance committees of the two branches, are at the head of the same committees again, the most important of all, although announcement of all the committee chairmanships are not made formally, as yet.

The session promises to be the most important and interesting one of many years, and the work which will be unfolded at the session advances will verify the prediction. There is not much of a rush for "jobs" as in former years, and one reason for this is that few people can come to Raleigh and live respectably (not to say comfortably) on the small pay allowed by law—the old pay, but with the cost of living in this city increased anywhere from fifty to seventy five per cent over that of a few years ago. Still, there are not a few who (perhaps from force of habit) cling to old places they have held for years, and some new applicants who want to try it out on "starvation wages." Those who land the "jobs" will have a fat chance to "reduce" their avoidupois while here.

Another race horse has been found doped. Give the race track promoters halteres enough and they'll hang themselves.

But just think how long Methusalem might have lived had there been some body to remove his tonsils and his appendix.

To a little girl a handkerchief is a necessity; to a little boy it is just a nuisance wished upon him by a fussy mother.

BEAUTIFUL WILLIAMSTON SHOULD BE THE AMBITION OF EVERYONE

Chamber of Commerce Will Use Every Effort to Help Make the Town More Beautiful; Help of Citizens Needed

At the end of each year of three hundred and sixty five days, every good business man or firm takes stock of liabilities and assets so that the work of the New Year may be planned more carefully than the previous ones. To fail to do this, is to begin the work with a handicap which in the end may wreck the business and throw away all the efforts of a lifetime.

What is true of the individual or firm is also true of each municipality in this glorious land of ours. There are great moving forces in each town that properly engineered, will make for growth along every line, and render the place habitable for those who like the best in everything.

Coming to that nearest to us, we will state that one of these forces in Williamston is the recently formed Chamber of Commerce, that has organized different departments out of which must and will come results, perhaps, unthought of before. This tremendous force is not moving solely for the "almighty dollar," to come and take up its everlasting abode in Williamston, but it is looking beyond that and is seeing more beautiful and expressive things, indicative of the spirit of the splendid manhood and womanhood of the town, situated on a hill on the right bank of the Roanoke, and having for its egress the most wonderful state in the Union. The assets are ours, now what are we to do with them?

First of all, we should invest our interests and efforts in making an already beautiful town into a "dream spot" for visitors as well as the citizens thereof. With long and wide streets already shaded by stately elms and beautiful maples, there is no much to say, about trees except in certain places where they have been cut down, and a few spots in which none have been placed. The main issue is the beautifying of homes and lots on every street of the town and even the vacant places, and there are several very unsightly ones. This can be done often by just cleaning up—getting rid of all the trash, pruning the shrubbery, keeping the grass free from any accumulation, taking away the dilapidated fences, if any, or having them thoroughly repaired. If one will walk up Houghton street he will be struck by improvements made by the removal of several of the fences, and the care of lawns around which these fences stood. This is only one thing to be done. Plant a tree or shrub, sow grass and keep it in perfect condition. All southern farm journals urge the planting of the Crape Myrtle tree; it is truly a southern tree, and visitors from north

of the Mason and Dixon line are enraptured by its beauty—a magnificent bouquet in the summer and a riot of colors in the autumn. There are numbers of trees in Williamston, and the planting of more would surely be an investment in beauty. If one would see the force of our argument for this special variety, he should visit the yard of the Episcopal church this summer and autumn and behold, not a vision, but a reality.

The Chamber of Commerce through the regular department, will inaugurate a "clean up day," and will ask for the hearty cooperation of the housekeepers throughout the length and breadth of the town. Williamston can and must be made into a more attractive town and we feel that the help of the people is already assured. Let's take this as a New Year resolution: "Resolved, That the year of 1923 will mean for Williamston, more than any year in its life."

W. H. Gurkin, Chairman, City Beautification, Chamber of Commerce.

School Boys and Girls Leaving This Week

Bright Faces and Happy Smiles That Helped to Brighten the Holidays Return to Schools

Among the boys and girls who will leave this week for school, are:

- Miss Martha Louise Anderson, to Greensboro college. Miss Martha Gladys Watts will go to Salem college for the spring term. Messrs. Francis Manning, Jay Griffin and Howard Herrick will return to the University of North Carolina. Mr. Francis Barnes will leave Friday for Augusta Military academy, Staunton, Va. Messrs. Bruce Wynne and William H. Carstarphen left this morning for Trinity college, Durham. Messrs. Frank and Hugh Burras will return to Arden the last of this week. Miss Louise Harrison and Messrs. W. C. Manning, Jr., and James Manning left yesterday for Atlantic Christian college, Wilson. Miss Ethel Harris left today for Oxford college, Oxford. Miss Elizabeth Burras left Monday for North Carolina college, at Greensboro. Misses Sarah Harrell, Nell Wynne and Thelma Brown returned to St. Mary's school, Raleigh, on Tuesday.

Unfortunates 100 Per Cent Colored In the Mayor's Crt Monday

Mayor Continues to Give Guilty Ones the Limit Who Come Before Him

The following cases were disposed of in mayor's court Monday, with their respective fines: William Crew, colored, charged with being drunk and disorderly conduct, fined \$7.20. Arrested by Policeman Paul Ballard. Ben Brown, colored, charged with disorderly conduct, found guilty and fined \$4.15. Arrested by W. F. Gurganus, policeman. James Roscoe, colored, charged with being disorderly, found guilty and fined \$4.15. Arrested by Policeman W. F. Gurganus. Wes' Wollard, colored, charged with being disorderly, found guilty and fined \$7.10. Arrested by Policeman W. F. Gurganus. Gus Biggs, colored, charged with being disorderly, found guilty and fined \$7.10. W. F. Gurganus, policeman. Edmon Slade, colored, charged with being disorderly, found guilty and fined \$7.10. Arrested by Policeman W. F. Gurganus.

The man who thinks his business can't get along without him soon begins to share the profits with a nerve specialist.

Old Masher: "Is the pleasure of the next dance to be mine?" Flapper: "Yes, all of it."—California Pelican.

In writing of "Permanence of a Alluding to any change we ever had. Change." Dr. Frank Crane is not —Toledo Blade.

MAY 1923 BE A YEAR OF HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY FOR YOU. THE ENTERPRISE

Williamston Boy Accidentally Shot At Robersonville

Bisco Rogerson was shot in the left breast Christmas day at Robersonville by Linwood Bland. The boys were fooling with the pistol, Rogerson having fired it, and while they were standing near together, Bland, in some way fired it off. The ball, a .32 calibre, striking Rogerson just over the heart, but the ball only went in the flesh and was cut out by Dr. Ward, and Rogerson was not much hurt.

It is likely that the lapel of his coat took up much of the force of the bullet. Pistols are dangerous whether used for earnestness or in a prank.

Martin County Boy Wins Distinction

We are always glad to hear of the success of any person, but are especially delighted when we hear of the success of Martin county folks. We are printing an article from the New York Times which credits Geo. Howard Kent with a very valuable invention, which prevents evaporation from oil and gasoline.

George Howard had some assistance, but it was his own work largely, that gave us the invention. This will save many millions of dollars worth of gasoline and oils annually, which has heretofore been a complete waste, evaporating to the forewinds. George Howard is young and with much marked success he has the promise of a prominent place with the great oil companies.