

FARM AGENT FOR MARTIN IS AGAIN IN THE LIMELIGHT

MARTIN CITIZEN APPEALS TO COMMISSIONERS TO EMPLOY DEMONSTRATOR

June 30, 1923.

To The Board of County Commissioners.

Gentlemen:

As a woman citizen who has adopted Martin county as her home and one who feels a vital interest in the prosperity and progress of her county, I desire to appeal to you gentlemen who have the financial affairs of the county in charge, to employ an expert county farm demonstrator for Martin, who is familiar with boll weevil conditions and the best methods of control. I am aware of the fact that this question has come before this board before; that there is a strong opposition to the employment of a farm demonstrator; and that probably the majority of the farmers do not think the county needs one. But I cannot read such progressive papers as "the Weekly Herald," "the Williamston Enterprise," "the Progressive Farmer" and "the Country Gentleman," without feeling that the judgment of the majority (if the majority do oppose it) is in error in opposing the employment of some competent leader to direct the fight against the boll weevil.

In the opinion of this writer, it is just as unwise to attempt to fight the weevil without expert advice as it would be for a man unjustly accused of crime to refuse to employ a lawyer; for a sick man to refuse to have a doctor; or for a number of passengers to attempt to cross the ocean in a ship without a captain. We people of Martin county are facing a crisis. The boll weevil has already commenced to take his toll out of this year's crop. A farm demonstrator cannot prevent all the damage the weevil will do, of course; but beyond a doubt the right man could save this county many times his salary each year by demonstrating to our farmers the best methods of controlling the weevil.

I have no candidate to suggest. However I do not think there is a man in Martin county at present who could direct the fight as well as some one who has lived in weevil territory and had special training for the work. Therefore I make this suggestion, that should this board decide to reconsider this question and employ an expert, that you ask the State Board of Agriculture to assist you in selecting a good man to fill the place.

Why should I, a woman, be interested in this matter? First of all, I was reared on the farm. My father is a farmer. My husband is a farmer and also a physician. Not only the success of his business, but the success of every business of every kind in Martin county is directly dependent on successfully combating the weevil in the county.

Gentlemen, remember this: If one man kills weevils, and his neighbor raises them, it is almost as bad as if no one did any fighting at all. This county has seen how the failure of business firms has affected whole communities; but the failure of the farmers to make a profit on cotton will wreak untold damage to the whole county.

For the above named reasons, I do most earnestly appeal to you gentlemen to re-consider this question, and to risk the criticism of those (their criticism would be short-lived) who are counting the cost in taxes without considering the great saving which would be made in the long run. I do most earnestly beseech and implore you to employ an expert to assist the county in this crisis.

(Signed) Mrs. Vernon A. Ward.

PHILTHEAS OF BAPTIST CHURCH TO MEET FRIDAY

The Philtheas of the Baptist Church will meet Friday evening at 8:15 at the home of Miss Sallie Harris. All members are urged to attend.

R. J. WORKS TO SPEAK ASSOCIATIONS MEETING

Mr. R. J. Works, field representative of the Tobacco Growers Association will speak at the court house, Saturday, July 7th, at 2:30 p. m. The public is invited to attend.

Misses Pat Harris and Margaret Manning left this morning for Richmond where they will visit Mrs. S. S. Lawrence for some time.

Chicago's Former Boss Is Being Tried



After many weeks spent in the selection of a jury, Fred Lundin, noted political boss of Chicago under the Thompson regime, has been put on trial on charges of conspiracy in connection with alleged corrupt practices of former members of the city school board. He is here shown, at left, with his attorney, Charles Erbstein.

BIG ATTENDANCE AT REVIVAL SUNDAY

KU KLUX KLAN CALL ON EVANGELISTIC MEETING AT JAMESVILLE

Sunday night just as the last song was sung by Evangelist Stine and as Rev. A. Corey was beginning the announcing of his text six hooded men walked in the front door and marched down the aisle to the pulpit and handed Elder Corey a letter containing a letter and a small donation, the amount, however was not announced, but the note was read which was an expression of regard for the Christian Religion, the protection of the weak and the upbuilding of good government.

The coming of the klan had leaked out and there were many present who were looking forward to its member's coming. No excitement was caused by the appearance of the strange visitors who passed out just mysteriously as they had entered. After all the folks just got the impression that they were only folks after all, and were assured of the fact that the klan is a means of protection and that it is especially for the good rather than a danger and a menace.

THE ICE BOX HAS PROVEN TO BA A WISE INVESTMENT

When the United States bought Alaska from Russia in 1867 for the sum of 7,200,000 many wise Americans were very mad and wanted to know what we wanted with that ice box.

Wegot 591,000 square miles territory, about 375,000,000 acres of land. We have already gotten \$200,000,000 in gold and \$125,000,000 in copper. Beside gold and copper there are many other very valuable minerals there also fish in unestimable number and enough of far to decrease the price of them greatly. These last two are great items in commerce and together amount to an annual income of about \$40,000,000.

The supply of both minerals and other supplies found in Alaska will last for ages to come. The investment was good after all, even tho, there then existed the "wise objector."

CONDUCTING REVIVAL SERVICES AT JAMESVILLE

1. Some member of the family must be a member of the Sunday school.

2. The whole family must be present that day.

3. Others may join before that date and enter the contest.

4. Those joining that day will be included in the contest.

A special musical program will be arranged along with the Sunday school lesson.

An important announcement will be made.

Remember the date, July 15th, 9:30 to 10:30 a. m.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Leon Malone, Supt.

LADIES AID TO HAVE SILVER TEA THURSDAY

The ladies of the Aid Society of the Methodist Church will have a silver tea, Thursday evening from eight-thirty until eleven at Mrs. Henry Crawford's. Every lady is invited to come and bring their husband.

Rev. A. Corey

GLORIOUS FOURTH IS NOT PROPERLY OBSERVED BY MANY

(By Julius S. Peck)

Exalting the Goddess of Liberty to such a height and spending so much money on pageantry to celebrate the birth of our nation, she stands, the glory of America, the admiration of the world.

On the 4th of July, our nation is often decorated by ballyhoo and empty political promises who take advantage of such holiday gatherings to bore their auditors with long speeches and fake outbreaks of patriotism.

The writer has been invited to deliver an address on this day, but he refused thru consideration of the people in July weather, the song of an electric fan and the small stream of the soda fountain is more grateful to the soul than the grandest eloquence that ever burned on a Calhoun's lips of gold.

The Enterprise has asked me to write a few lines for their holiday edition but I shall make it brief.

It is customary on this day to blow, to "make the eagle scream", to fight over again all the battles of the Republic, but I had at any time rather write of the beauties of nature than the alarums of war.

I address you as "fellow Americans", for in this land no man because of blood can be an alien. Whether he was born on the banks of the blue Danube or by Killarney's lovely lakes, mid Scotia's rugged hills or on the sunny vales of France, he is bound to us with ties of blood; he hath a claim upon our country counterpoised by those brave souls who in the western wilds gave to Liberty a habitation and a name—who declared that America should ever be the refuge of the world's oppressed—that all men in whatever country born, should be equal before the law whenever falls the shadow of our flag.

There has of late arisen a propaganda that we should forget the rest of the world—forsake struggling Europe and ignore the Orient with its teeming millions; that America should live for itself alone. This is unpatriotic, damnable, and biased. It was born in the minds of Republican politicians and nurtured through the ignorance of the multitudes. And I say to you that such a policy is to betray a sacred trust confided to us by our forefathers—that every honest man beneath high heaven, ever worshipped at Liberty's shrine hath an inheritance here, and when with uplifted hand he pledges his life, his fortune and his sacred honor to the defense of freedom's flag he becomes as such an American as though to the manner born.

On these big July 4th occasions we Americans are apt to glorify ourselves too much—to overlook the origin of those elements that made us great. When exalting over our victories in war and our still more glorious triumphs in peace, our progress and our prosperity, we should not forget that had there been no Europe there would be no great American nation!

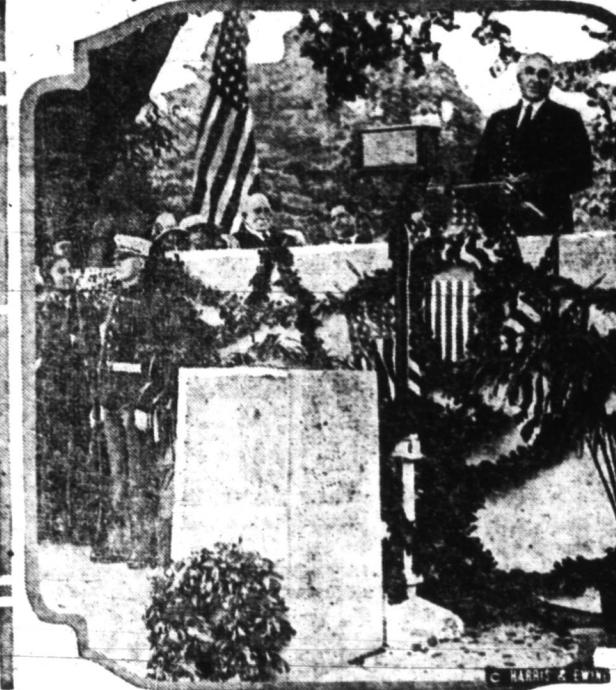
It is all the courage that beats in the blood of Uncle Sam's sons, and all the wondrous beauty of his daughters; all the nation's tireless energy of which it boasts, and all the genius that gilds its name with glory were nurtured for a thousand years at white bosoms beyond the ocean's brine.

The American nation is the fair flower of European civilization, the petted child of the world's old age. The great heart of the people of every land and clime is here; to her they turn their faces as the helmsman to the rising sun—she is their beacon light, their star of hope, guiding them to the glories of a grander day.

It is natural, it is right, that on this our natal day, we should felicitate ourselves on the sacred privilege we enjoy—should pay the tribute of respect to those whose courage crowned us with sovereignty, and made us masters of our fate; but we should not, as too often happens, make the occasion for senseless bravado and foolish bluster. We should rather employ it to promote good will among the nations of the earth, to link together in kindlier brotherhood the various families of the great Caucasian race, to beat the barbarous sword into peaceful plowshare and forever banish strife.

In tracing the rise and fall of nations down thru the corridors of time, we find in the farthest east appeared the first faint light of civilization's dawn, and westward, ever since the star of empire hath taken its way, while each succeeding nation that rose in its luminous path like flowers

President Accepts Zero Milestone



President Harding making his address at the dedication of the Zero milestone, shown in the foreground, when he accepted this marker of the hub of America's highway system. The great crowd assembled included cabinet officers, Shrine officials and thousands of Shrine visitors to the national capital.

STREET PAVING TO BEGIN HERE SOON

UNION PAVING COMPANY TO BEGIN WORK ON MAIN ST. IMMEDIATELY

The paving of the streets is now about to be a reality. The Union Paving company which is to do the work will finish the Williamston-Washington road in a few days and will proceed at once on the street paving.

The engineers are now driving stakes on the job and the rattle and hum of machinery will soon break the one-horse town silence, which has had full sway here for the last few days. Well we are all glad, and what a change, old Williamston a hundred and fifty years old changing from sand bed to hard surface, actual pavement. See what a long time hath wrought.

BEAVER DAM LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. A. U. Raynor and son went to Norfolk Saturday.

Miss Jessie Peel returned home Saturday from Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Strawbridge and family of Durham are spending a few days with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Wynn of Bear Grass spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Wynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Leamon Hopkins of Bear Grass spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Burroughs.

Mr. Minga Rogers spent Sunday with his parents.

Mr. W. F. Allen went to Williamston Saturday on business.

have yet to learn the true significance of life. We have made the dollar the god of our idolatry, the Alpha and Omega of our existence, and bow the knee to it with a servility as abject as that of courtiers kissing the hands of kings. As the old pagans sometimes incorporated their lesser in their greater deities that they might worship all at once, so have we put the Goddess of Liberty and Saving Grace on the silver dollar that we may not forget them.

But I believe the day will come when we'll no longer place the badge party servitude above the crown of American sovereignty, the ridiculous oriflame of foolish division above Old Glory's star-gemmed promise of everlasting unity; when Americans will in spirit and in truth a band of brothers, the wrongs of one the concern of all; when brains and patriotism will take precedence of money and partisanship in our national politics.

Change is the order of the Universe and nothing stands. We must go forward or we must go backward, we must press press on to grander heights, to greater glories, or see the laurels already won turn to ashes on our brow. We may sometimes slip, shadows may obscure our path; the boulders may bruise our feet; there may be months of mourning and days of agony; but however dark the night, Hope, a poising eagle will ever burn above the unrisen tomorrow. Trials we may have, but I believe that while God reigns and the human race endures, this nation, born of our father's blood and sanctified by our mother's tears shall never pass away.

As far back as history's dawn, the rise of the plutocrat and the impoverishment of the farmer has heralded the downfall of the Country. Thus fell imperial Rome; that once did rule the world, and Need and Greed are the ballistae and battering-rams that are pounding today with tremendous power upon America itself, and rocking the civilization of the world from tur to foundation stone.

We have achieved liberty, but we

COMMISSIONERS OF MARTIN COUNTY POSTPONE ACTION

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MARTIN COUNTY, JULY 2.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session yesterday in its respective room in the court house. The following members were present: H. C. Green, Chairman, C. A. Askew, V. R. Taylor, J. G. Barnhill and W. B. Harrington.

The main problem for the commissioners was that of a county farm demonstrator. After a long debate with no immediate results this problem was postponed until July 11th at 10 a. m. There were many other minor questions were disposed of.

Henry L. Williams was released from payment of taxes improperly listed in Williamston's ownership.

Ordered that J. C. Sanders be paid \$100.00 for coffin for Mary Frances Jenkins.

Ordered that the J. Z. Brown estate be released from the payment of \$1800 tax listed by mistake.

Ordered that R. S. Critcher and Sons be released from the payment of taxes on \$2,000 worth of property improperly listed.

By unanimous vote of the Board a special school tax election was ordered to be held in Hamilton school district.

The question of roads in Griffins township was postponed for 60 days.

The people of old Martin are eagerly awaiting the outcome of the county demonstrator, and if right be the case and the need of the county be considered a demonstrator will, no doubt be elected at the Board's next meeting on July 11th.

CROSS ROADS LOCAL ITEMS

Miss Gussie Mobley spent Saturday night with Miss Viola Roebuck.

Mrs. E. S. Roberson spent Sunday with Mrs. T. H. Wynne.

Miss Margaret Wynne spent Saturday night with Miss Helen Britton.

Miss Beulah Wynne spent Sunday with Miss Lela Roebuck.

Miss Viola Roebuck spent Sunday with Miss Gussie Mobley.

Mrs. Will Britton spent some time Sunday afternoon with Mrs. J. A. Wynne.

Miss Mamie Mobley spent Saturday night with Miss Marie Roberson.

Miss Helen Britton spent Sunday with Miss Margaret Wynne.

Mrs. A. L. Roebuck spent Sunday with Mrs. H. L. Roebuck.

Messrs. Archie Roebuck and Fred McDaniel spent a while Sunday with Mr. Judicious Roberson.

Services at Christian Chapel Saturday morning and evening and Sunday night. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Mrs. J. C. Wynne and daughter Delia Wynne spent a while Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Harriett Mobley.

Mrs. R. L. Whitehurst spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. John Mobley.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Everett spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Leonie Wynne.

Mr. and Mrs. John Leggett spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Peel spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Mobley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bailey and Mrs. J. A. Wynne spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Clark.

MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED FOR MONTH OF JUNE

WHITE

William A. Everett, 24—Levise Taylor, 18; Edgar J. Wallace, of Norfolk, 22—Agnes G. Williams, of Norfolk, 22; Floyd Lynch, 21—Gertrude Roberson, 21; W. W. W. Casper, 32—Virginia D. Daniel, 21; Komulus Rogerson, 44—Louella Cowan, 31; Andrew J. Holliday, 25—Susan Effie Brown 25; John David Hines, of Pitt county, 25—Ruth A. Miles, of Pitt county, 18.

COLORED

Edward Spruill, 24—Elnora Pitt, 18; Levi Purvis, 21—Mary Bullock, 18; Henry C. Spruill, 29—Minnie Latham 31; Henry Nicholson, 31—Annie Jones, 26; Lester Rollins, 19—Hester Dickens, 18; Robert Williams, 19—Lottie Purvis, 18; Edward Thompson of Bertie, 23—Sabella White, of Bertie, 21; William Augustus Rogers, 26—Ida Sheppard, 24.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Booker, of Tarboro spent the week end in town with relatives.