

THE TOBACCO COOPS TO HAVE ALL DAY PICNIC AT ROBERSONVILLE

Fifty Pigs and Numerous Baskets Filled With Eats Will Make Up The Menu

The Farmers Cooperative Marketing Association of Martin county will give a barbecue picnic at Robersonville Thursday, August 16th. Fifty pigs will be barbecued and these with numerous baskets filled with chickens, cakes, etc. will furnish food for all.

The day will be a big day for everybody. Several good speakers will be present and the main features of the day will be: meeting friends from everywhere, good eating and good speaking.

All people are invited; so take your family and engage in a day of recreation and rejoicing. Certainly we owe it to ourselves to come together and express our appreciation for the bountiful crops given us by the Heavenly Father.

MRS. HELEN RICHARD, DEAD

Mrs. Helen Elizabeth Richard died at the home of her brother, D. H. Martin at Tillery Monday August 6th, at 1 p. m. after an illness of three and a half years with diabetes. Mrs. Richard was born in Hamilton in September 1876. She was the daughter of John Martin and wife, Helen. She first married J. C. Ewell, of Halifax. By this marriage were four children, Mrs. Fannie Howard, Mrs. A. M. Dewes, of Cottersport, Pa., and Margaret Ewell, who survive her. After the death of Mr. Ewell about 3 years ago she married Mr. C. S. Richard, of Charlotte, and he with her two brothers, D. H. Martin and John Martin, of Tillery, survive her.

Mrs. Richard was a fine type of woman and well beloved by all who knew her. She was a member of the Episcopal church at Hamilton and was a member of the choir of that church for 20 years. She was buried at Hamilton, Tuesday. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Meredith, of Scotland Neck.

COUNTIES CANNOT AFFORD NOT TO MAKE A GOOD EXHIBIT AT STATE FAIR

This year, the state fair, which will be held during the week beginning October 15, is offering very liberal premiums for county, community, individual crop and crop products exhibits. The occasion will afford a rare opportunity for those interested in the advancement of the state to set forth the Agricultural resources of the different counties. To those who send excellent exhibits carrying valuable lessons in profitable farming an unusual opportunity will be offered to win premiums, varying from \$500.00 downwards.

As something near ninety per cent of the income of farmers of the state is from the growth of crops, directly or indirectly, if a display of the agricultural resources of the state is to be made, farmers and others interested in farming of the different sections of the state should see to it, if their counties are to be properly represented, that the best from their counties is sent to the state fair in October. It will pay you and your community to do so. If all will heartily join in the 1923 fair will stand out as the greatest exposition of Agricultural resources of the state ever seen in Raleigh.

As North Carolina ranks high in total value of crops produced among the states of the Union, let's show, to people of the state and of the world generally what we have and can do in the growth of crops of excellent qualities. Effort put into sending worthwhile exhibits to the fair will be in the interest of the public good. No county or community can afford not to have a good exhibit of the best products of its soil at the state fair this fall.

More than \$4,000.00 is being offered North Carolina farmers for county community, farm and individual crop exhibits. Bring some of the very best of the tobacco, cotton, corn, clover, soybean, cowpeas, hay and other crops you may be producing, have a good and profitable time, and secure cash prizes that will be well worth your effort. Exhibitions are that the fair is going to be a big one. Everybody connected with the fair is bending his efforts as never before to have it surpass all previous records.

MANY NEW RESIDENCES NEARING COMPLETION

The finishing touches are now being put on the Tar Heel building, and apartments will soon be ready for occupants.

The new residence of Hon. Clayton Moore, Mr. E. J. Peel and Mr. Geo. Harrison are being pushed toward completion.

LOCAL SCHOOL IS NOW READY FOR 1923-24 SESSION

ALL TEACHERS SECURED FOR THE SESSION OF 1923-24

Vacation time is fast going and soon will be time to take down the old worn book sack and hasten to bid the teacher a hearty good morning. It seems no longer than yesterday that the renowned orator of some big university gave the interested and uninterested pupils a lot of advice, but the days have decreased until just on month separates the ambitious student from the school room.

Mr. Martin J. Davis, superintendent for the past two years and for the coming year, has been in town this week and he says all the teachers have been secured and that they are the best to be had. The repairs on the building have been made and every thing is in readiness for the opening next month. Without the slightest doubt, the Williamston schools this year will be the best ever, and there is no reason why a good year's progress shouldn't be accomplished.

Following is a list of the teachers for the coming session: Miss Mata Mitchell, of Oxford, first grade; Miss Nina Hartsfield, of Wake Forest, first grade; Mrs. J. L. Williams, of Williamston, second grade; Mrs. A. R. Dunning, of Williamston, third grade; Miss Gladys Benjamin, of Williamston but formerly of Newark, N. J., fourth grade; Miss Ethel Griffin, of Williamston, fifth grade; Miss Amelia Clarke, of Woodville, N. C., sixth grade; Mrs. C. B. Hassell, of Williamston, seventh grade; Mrs. W. H. Harrell, of Williamston, eighth and ninth grades; Mrs. A. V. Joyner, of Williamston, tenth and eleventh grades; Mr. H. M. Wolfe of Concord, N. C., will also be in the high school faculty as well as Mr. Harrell and Mrs. Joyner and Mr. Davis.

HARDISON MILL LOCAL ITEMS

Miss Naomi Hardison entertained a lot of friends Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. W. O. Griffin, of Williamston, spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Fannie D. Hardison.

Miss Chloë Roberson entertained a number of friends Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Daniel were visited by many friends and relatives Sunday.

Mr. Crisp filled his regular appointment at Piney Grove church Saturday night and Sunday. He was the guest of Mrs. Martha Roberson and family while here.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Smith and Mrs. James D. Mizelle were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Manning Monday afternoon.

Friends of Miss Mary E. Hardison regret to learn that her condition is growing worse each day.

Farm life ball team met the Washington ball team on their ground to give them a game Wednesday, but on account of a heavy rain the game was postponed.

Mr. H. P. Leggett attended Jake's show in Jameville one night this week.

Messrs. W. T. Roberson, Simon P. Roberson and John A. Hardison were in Williamston yesterday attending to business.

Mrs. W. T. Roberson and Mrs. J. A. Roberson visited relatives in Williamston yesterday.

Misses Mary Ward and Ethel Chadwick, of Kinston are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Roberson.

Mr. I. T. Hardison went to Washington yesterday on business.

Miss Selma Mizelle is in Jamesville this week visiting friends.

Miss Rosa Griffin, of Litley's Hall, passed here yesterday in route to Jamesville, where she will spend the remainder of the week with her aunt, Mrs. J. D. Litley.

Roberson and Roberson have started to grinding again, but on account of scarcity of corn they will only grind Tuesdays and Fridays.

Where was John Hardison during the heavy rain Tuesday some one asked, Joe Gray can tell any one who desires to know.

Any one wishing to know anything about how to catch an opossum this season will be able to get the information from Mr. Ira T. Hardison.

The last time any body saw Mr. L. E. Corey, he was on a Ford car enroute to parts unknown.

Messrs. Albert Clark and W. H. Clark, of Durham were in town yesterday visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Clark.

EASTERN CAROLINA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS LETTER

By N. G. Bartlett
Possibly no organization is doing more right now to attract the attention of the outside territory to the advantages of Eastern North Carolina, than the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce. A nation wide publicity campaign is being planned now, and soon definite announcement will be made as to just when the big gun will be let loose. "Oh, aren't the roads of North Carolina simply grand," is the common expression made by those who come into our state from another section. "I wish we had such roads. If we did travel, would be a thing of beauty and a joy forever" is what they all say.

Too Few Really Come to See.
The great difficulty now, though, is getting enough visitors to come and see what we have. The publicity which will be launched at an early date, unless the plans go astray, will have for its purpose bringing more people to see Eastern North Carolina. If they once come, the chances are they will come again, is the opinion of the student of North Carolina, and especially Eastern North Carolina.

Big Business Men Backing Project
For the benefit of those who are not acquainted with the personnel of the official staff of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, we wish to take time to enumerate each with his business title. George C. Royall, the President, who lives in Goldsboro, is the senior member of the firm of Royall and Borden, with three large furniture stores; Goldsboro, Durham and Raleigh. Mr. Royall is also President of the Royall and Borden Mfg. Co. of Goldsboro; member of the Board of Directors of the Wayne National Bank and the National Bank of Goldsboro; trustee of St. Mary's College at Raleigh, and member of several other organizations of lesser importance. Mr. Royall is giving his time without pay to the progress of this work. He believes in Eastern North Carolina and he believes that the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce is the right channel through which this great section can be developed and should be developed.

Mr. H. H. Taylor, first Vice President of the National Bank of Kinston and one of the largest banks of Eastern Carolina. Mr. Taylor is a man of excellent business judgment and is devoting a large portion of his time to the welfare of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, without any compensation whatsoever.

Dr. John D. Biggs, of Williamston 2nd Vice President, is President of the North Carolina State Bankers Association; President of the Farmer and Merchants Bank, Williamston, and is extensively engaged in other business in Martin County. Dr. Biggs, believes in the future of Eastern Carolina and is willing to add his bit to make the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce a real factor in the development of this great section.

Mr. Paul Clodfelter, our third Vice President, is cashier and active Vice President of the Farmers Bank of Greenville, and is actively identified with the Rotary movement in Eastern Carolina. There is not a livelier young business man in Eastern Carolina than Paul Clodfelter, and he too, like all the others know that Eastern Carolina is bound to come if given the proper push, and he is willing to do his part of the pushing. Mr. L. J. Newborn, our Treasurer is the active President of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Kinston, one of the strong banks of Eastern Carolina.

The Executive Committee, in addition to Messrs. Taylor and Royal above is made up of G. A. Barefoot of Wilson, active real estate man and real booster for Eastern Carolina. C. I. Blount, cashier of the Snow Hill Bank and Trust Company, who is putting Green county on the map and W. H. Austin, of Smithfield, department store operator, cotton buyer, banker, etc. The Board of Directors is made up of about thirty more business men of the type these are, of whom we will have something to say later. No organization in the state has ever begun operation with a stronger set of business men than the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, and there isn't a single member of the official staff that is there because of his position and that alone. Every one of them is a paying member. There are no honorary members attached for the look of the thing. One of the rules of the organization, is that no person can be an official unless he or she is a member. Every business firm in Eastern North Carolina ought to be an active member of this great organization and should send in his application headquarters at Kinston without having to be asked to join. It is your organization and you should take an active part in its procedure.

Mr. W. C. Manning spent yesterday in Norfolk.

CAROLINA CO-OPS MAKE LARGE GAIN

Increased Deliveries, High Advances And Record Meetings Mark Second Year

Enthusiasm for cooperative marketing reached a new high level among tobacco farmers throughout South Carolina last week when deliveries to the cooperative markets increased at almost every point and thousands of organized growers left their urgent harvesting to attend the great mass meetings and barbecues at which a United States senator, a congressman, a state senator from North Carolina and a college president urged the members of the tobacco and cotton cooperatives to continue steadfast in their successful marketing through their own associations.

United States senator, N. B. Dial, at the meetings of tobacco farmers from Florence, Darlington and Dillon counties urged his hearers to see it that the prices of their cotton and tobacco are not fixed by a British monopoly.

Congressman J. J. McSwain declared, "This is a fight in peace time by the farmers for their liberty and the welfare of their children and grandchildren. Zeal akin to missionary fervor stirs our farmers today but we must have the endurance to fight for the five years of the contract. On his deathbed the man who has fought this good fight can leave his children the great legacy of economic freedom."

Senator J. A. Bryan, of Columbia county, North Carolina in a bitter denunciation of those who fight the marketing association for selfish reasons declared, "The man who asks that he can suck all the cream out of the milk to leave the skim milk to his neighbor hasn't got sense enough to be a good citizen in any community." Approaching his hearers for their short memories, Senator Bryan asked the farmers to compare the 1 cent tobacco of 1921 with the 17 cent tobacco of 1922, and pointed to cooperative marketing as the reason for the increased prices which have brought prosperity back to this section.

President H. N. Snyder, of Wofford College, South Carolina declared, "Under the old system the cards have been stacked against the individual grower. It seems to me I would join anything which would save me from the humiliation of having somebody else always tell me what I must do." Stating that the farmers have become the most dissatisfied class of people in America, President Snyder described the contract of the tobacco and cotton associations as a new declaration of independence by the farmers of South Carolina.

At a meeting of the delegates from Florence, Marion, Dillon and other tobacco producing counties representing District No. 21 they declared it a resolution that, "We believe if the association is a good thing for the landlord it is also a good thing for the tenant and that any member wishing to divide his crop is only aiding and abetting the enemy to our cause and that every member should be accorded the same treatment and required to deliver every pound of tobacco grown for or by him directly or indirectly."

"Therefore we call upon every good citizen and loyal member not only to deliver all of his tobacco grown for or by him, directly or indirectly, but also to aid the officers and employees of the association to enforce to the letter the delivery of every pound of tobacco that is justly ours."

Among the high average advances paid by the association for early tobacco last week were those of J. B. Buie, of Lamar, who received \$22.50, \$20.00 and \$17.00 on three grades respectively, and an average of \$19.7 for approximately 500 pounds delivered to the association warehouse, also those of A. J. Sawyer, of Marion, who received \$91.15 for 390 pounds of tobacco and an average of \$22.50 for 270 pounds of his load. Many new members are joining the association throughout the South Carolina belt, and from present indications a good majority of the 1923 crop in South Carolina will pass over the cooperative floors.

Every member of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association from Pitt County, North Carolina, who has sought to avoid delivering his 1923 crop by using his own association for shipment of his contract, now finds his crop tied up by injunctive proceedings and facing the hearing set by Judge Calvert of Wake county for August 29th in Raleigh.

The beginning of its second year of marketing finds the association of 90,000 tobacco farmers in a stronger position than ever before.—S. D. Friessell.

Mrs. Louise Perry is visiting her son, Arthur, in Emporia this week.

IMPROVEMENT OF SERVICE TO BE RENDERED COOPS

Raleigh, August 9.—With the approach of a second season, General Manager U. B. Blalock of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association announces plans for the improvement of the service rendered the membership. A competent corps of field representatives, limited in number, but thoroughly prepared for the work will represent the association in the various cotton counties. The warehouse system, found inadequate last season will be enlarged. Some new warehouses are being erected and old warehouses are being enlarged. Arrangements are being made for warehousing cotton at the ports of Wilmington and Norfolk in order that sales can be made to better advantage. The association begins the season with a competent corps of classifiers and warehouse receipts can be completed with the proper grades promptly. The sales department has been strengthened and it is the purpose of the management to have a regular representative whose duty will be to call on the manufacturers of the two carolinas and advise them of the plans and purpose of the cooperative association.

COTTON GROWSERS OF N. C. END THEIR FIRST YEAR OF MARKETING

Raleigh, August 7.—The close of the first year of operation shows that the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association has received 135,420 bales of cotton, approximately eighteen percent of the total crop of the State—a fairly good showing for the first year and a larger percentage than is shown in the reports of any cooperative cotton association in the South.

To the members, the association has advanced a total of 2 cents a pound, basis middling, on all short, staple cotton. The bulk of this cotton has been sold and General Blalock hopes to close out the remainder and make a final settlement before the new crop begins to move. It is impossible, said Mr. Blalock, to give an exact statement but I believe that members of the association will receive between \$15.00 and \$20.00 a bale more for their cotton than the average received by non-members.

Long staple cotton has not been so marketable and advances of 19 cents a pound have been made on all cotton of this character received. Further settlements will be made as soon as more sales can be made. In this connection, Mr. Blalock states that North Carolina cotton farmers would be better off if they abandoned long staple and standardized on varieties of a uniform staple of a heavy bodied type.

LADY INJURED WHEN CAR RAN OVER ROUGH PLACE IN LOCAL DETOUR

Thursday afternoon a party of tourists from Philadelphia were detouring around the street work in town, and the driver having on too much speed when he ran in to a very rough place in the detour bounced one of the lady passengers to the top of the car, and before she landed back in the seat her face and head came in contact with the wind shield and frame of the car, which resulted in her receiving several bruises and cuts that were very painful, but were not serious. The names of the party could not be secured.

NEW MANAGER APPOINTED FOR COOP WAREHOUSE

Raleigh, August 8.—General Manager U. B. Blalock, of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association announces the appointment of D. D. Traywick of Charlotte as Warehouse manager for the Association. Mr. Traywick is well and favorably known as a "cotton man" of highest standing and has for years connected with the C. B. Bryant, cotton merchant of Charlotte. Mr. Traywick has accepted the work and is on the job.

THIRTEENTH SERIES NOW OPEN

The thirteenth series of the Martin County Building and Loan Association is now open. Everyone owning shares in the association knows the value of owning stock in this organization, and they will not hesitate to advise those who own no stock to join this series which will remain open until September 1st. This association has greatly helped in the building up of Martin county and especially that of Williamston. We are indebted to it, and we owe it our best support. A high rate of interest is realized, and the taxes are paid, not by you, but by the association.

Mr. A. K. Haston, engineer for the State highway commission at Edenton was here yesterday and today.

MRS. DANEEY HOLLIS AND 7 YEAR CHILD KILLED BY LIGHTNING

SECOND HORRIBLE MISFORTUNE TO HAPPEN IN MARTIN IN SHORT WHILE

Tuesday about 4 o'clock during the thunder storm lightning struck the home of Mr. Laney Hollis, on Cross Roads, and took for its toll Mrs. Hollis and a seven year old child, the son of Mr. J. H. Whitaker, of that neighborhood. The lightning, attracted by the chimney, ran to the mantle of the living room, tearing it to splinters, and then forging its way as if it were going to leave a track through the entire house, to the back entrance, Mrs. Hollis and the little Whitaker child were standing in the door way when they were struck by the bolt, death resulting instantly.

Mr. Hollis was putting in tobacco, and on the sign of the approaching storm, Mrs. Hollis and the boy left the tobacco barn to go to the house to lower the windows. They had lowered the windows and were waiting for the storm to cease when they were struck.

A similar incident happened just one month and a day before this horrible misfortune befell the home of Mr. Hollis when the two children, Myra and David Hardison, near Jamesville, were killed in the same manner, in a tobacco field. It was a little after 2 o'clock when the Hardison children were killed and this horrible shock occurred about the same time.

Mrs. Hollis was a Miss Wynne before her marriage just a short while ago, and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. She is survived by her husband, a child six months old and many relatives.

The body of the Whitaker child was interred Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Whitaker grave yard with many of his former playmates and friends attending. Immediately after this funeral, that of Mrs. Hollis was held and the body was placed at rest in the old Wynne grave yard in Cross Roads township. The services were conducted by Elder Rogerson, of Bear Grass.

Much sympathy is expressed for those left behind, and while all death carry a spirit of sadness with them, we can't help but to bear sound a cry of sympathy never sounded before.

Mr. Daneey Hollis is the son of Mr. Joe Hollis of Poplar Point township.

NORTH CAROLINA TRUCK SHIPPED VIA WATER ROUTE

Norfolk, Va., August 9.—North Carolina watermelons played a prominent part in traffic along the Norfolk-Beaufort waterway last month, a total of 35,410 passing Great Bridge, Va., for the period, according to figures just given out at a harbor engineer. This amount represented 354 tons.

General cargo for the month continued on the steady increase evidenced the first of the year. Tonnage attained a figure of 48,799, compared with 32,000 for July last year. The number of boats for the period was 364, and for last year 600. Increase in carrying facilities is not so marked, but from reports received it is evident that the craft are more fully loaded than formerly.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that the completion of the waterway will mean a much greater export of farm produce from North Carolina through Norfolk in the coastwise trade. A heavy tonnage of watermelons and green peas is coming from the waterway along the Atlantic coast. In the latter commodity more than 200 bushels went to New York last month. Many of the farmers of North Carolina own and operate their own launches and schooners in this trade and their products are also made available for Norfolk housewives in the city markets. In former years the chief difficulty for the planters has been a proper method of transportation, many of their farms being at considerable distances from rail facilities.

Capt. E. C. Kelton, acting district engineer in the absence of Maj. D. D. Pullen, has called attention of Norfolk fishermen to the necessity of removing immediately their fishing stakes from harbors waters. The Rivers and Harbors bill of 1899 provides that in Virginia waters these must be pulled by June 1, which is the end of the shad season.

RURAL CARRIERS HAVE TODAY AS HOLIDAY

The local rural carriers, as well as those all over the United States are having a holiday today in respect to President Harding.

MERCHANTS TO CLOSE STORES DURING HOUR OF PRESIDENT'S FUNERAL

Practically All of Business Firms to Close This Afternoon In Reverence to President

Business men and business men seen by the President of the United States, the Governor of North Carolina, the Merchants Association of North Carolina and the Honorable J. L. Hasell, Mayor of the City of Williamston.

We, the undersigned merchants of the city of Williamston, N. C. agree to close our places of business on Friday, August 10th, from four to five o'clock p. m. out of respect to the twenty-ninth President of the United States, Warren G. Harding, whose funeral will be conducted at that hour.

Wheeler Martin, J. B. Andrews, L. C. Roberson, C. D. Carstarphen and Co., Williamston Tel. Co., F. B. Cone, H. D. Peele, Critcher and Critcher, Harrison Wholesale Co., G. W. Blount, M. B. McGowan, Clark Bennett Drug Co., Anderson Crawford and Co., B. S. Courtney, F. W. Hoyt, J. L. Snell, S. C. Ray, W. D. Ambers, W. R. Orleans, Theo. Roberson, R. G. Harrison, Dunning, Moore and Horton, J. S. Peel, W. L. Stalls, B. R. Barnhill, H. B. York, C. O. Moore, J. D. Manning, Margolis Brothers and Brooks, S. R. Biggs, Harrison Brothers and Co., and The Enterprise.

WARREN HARDING LEAVE WASHINGTON FOREVER GUNS SHOUT THE FAREWELL

Washington, Aug. 9.—Warren G. Harding left Washington tonight, forever. His short, eventful moment of power and heavy care was ended; his eternity of rest begun.

Yesterday, the flooding tide of destiny bore him eastward to take up the challenge of leadership the millions of his countrymen had thrown to him. Today, that tide ebbed westward again under the setting sun. The singing rails bore him back to the quiet town in Ohio whence he came.

Grim voiced distant guns spoke the nation's farewell as the funeral train drew out. A legion of armed men stood with rifles and sabers at salute. Great folk and small, in their thousands, stood silent and with heads bared in the fading light of evening, and the dead President was gone.

LOCAL TELEPHONE OFFICE TO BE CLOSED FROM 4 TO 5

There will be no connections made between 4 and 5 o'clock this afternoon at the local telephone company's office.

WILLIAMSTON NOW HAS UP-TO-DATE MACHINE SHOP

Williamston now has an up-to-date machine shop. Mr. Marshall Rogerson has rented the rear of the York's garage, and is now operating a machine shop worthy of recognition. Mr. Rogerson is an experienced mechanic, having been in the employ of the Ford Garage at Robersonville for the past several years. All kinds of repair work will be done and turned out in a decent manner.

STORE BEING CONSTRUCTED ON WASHINGTON AND HAUGHTON STREETS

Mr. C. G. Moore is constructing a modern brick store, extending from Washington to Haughton street with an entrance to each street.

Mr. Moore expects rush the building so that he will be able to occupy it in the early fall.

Mr. Moore's business has so increased that he finds the double store now occupied by him on Washington street too small.

KEYS ARE COMING IN FAST, BUT THE RIGHT KEY HAS NOT ARRIVED

The keys given by Margolis Bros. and Brooks during their campaign for the graphophone, are coming in fast, but the one which unlocks the lock, and claims the musical instrument has not been presented.

Thirty days from the date of the delivering of the last key by Margolis Brothers and Brooks, if the right key has not been presented, the names of all those who have presented their keys will be placed in a container and the lucky owner of the machine decided by drawing a name from the container by some disinterested person.

Those who have keys should come forward at once with them as no one knows who has the key that will unlock the lock and declare the rightful owner of the machine.