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## BOARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HOLD REGULAR MEETING FOR MARCH HERE MONDAY; MANY MATTERS CONSIDERED

### VOTE APPROPRIATION TO BE USED IN TUBERCULAR ERADICATION IN CATTLE. CONSIDER ABOLITION OF POPLAR POINT TOWNSHIP.

The board of commissioners of Martin County met Monday, March 2, at 10 o'clock. Those present were Henry C. Green, chairman; T. B. Slade, Jr., H. M. Burras, Jno N. Hopkins, and J. G. Barnhill.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, after which the following matters were disposed of:

Upon motion the sum of \$800 was appropriated to be used in the tubercular eradication campaign in cattle. T. B. Slade, Jr., J. N. Hopkins, and J. G. Barnhill voted for this measure and H. M. Burras against; H. C. Green, chairman, not voting.

Mrs. Isabel Hardison was released from the payment of taxes on \$1,250 solvent credits listed in Griffins Township by error in 1924.

Calvin Slade was released from the payment of taxes on \$1,400 improperly listed in Williamston Township for the year 1925.

H. M. Burras was ordered to give notice of application for tax deeds.

Eli Bell was released from payment of taxes on \$850 worth of land improperly listed.

J. H. Purvis was released from the payment of \$2 poll tax in Griffins Township for the year 1925.

Alfred Ellis was released from the payment of \$2 poll tax in Griffins Township, the tax having been paid in Jamesville Township.

Stanley Hollis was released from the payment of \$2 poll tax in Williamston Township, the same having been paid in Cross Roads Township.

A petition was presented from the citizens of Poplar Point asking the abolition of Poplar Point Township, and annexing all of that portion of the township not heretofore transferred to Hamilton to Cross Roads Township. The board asked for more time to study the case.

W. H. Winston of Jamesville Township was released from the payment of poll tax on account of physical disability.

On account of indigence Amanda Ewell was allowed \$2 per month.

Mrs. Millie Ward was allowed the sum of \$2.50 per month.

L. G. Leggett was released from the payment of \$2 dog tax, listed by error.

John S. Ayers, of Hamilton, was allowed the sum of \$25 for two calves killed by poison.

A resolution requesting the legislature to pass a bill authorizing the board to place the county officers of Martin County on salaries, beginning at any time after the expiration of the present terms was passed.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

## INVEST IN BONDS

### Man Who Sends Money Away Is a Business and Industrial Slacker

If everyone in North Carolina who has money to invest in stocks or bonds would take on at least some of the securities of a public-service corporation, such as railroads and telephone companies, serving his community it would accomplish two great ends: It would give the companies capital and confidence for adequate extension and service and develop the country enormously so that all values would increase, and further it would pay the investor at least as good rates as outside securities, besides all the collateral benefits of building up one's own neighborhood.

The man who has no faith in his country, but must send all of his investment money away for safety is a business and industrial slacker. Also he is a fool to expect outsiders to put up all the money to develop his community in which he has not sufficient faith to invest part of his savings.

## PAYS TO ADVERTISE

### As Pope & Purvis Find Out By Error in Their Advertisement

Pope & Purvis are making special rates on cleaning and pressing several articles of women's and men's wearing apparel this week. Through an error their advertisement in Friday's paper stated that the special rate would begin last Saturday, and we have both Mr. Pope's and Mr. Purvis's word for it that people certainly do read the Enterprise. They had better get their members to come in on the special rate Saturday.

## BIG FIGHT OVER BRASWELL BILL

### Agricultural Committee Voted 23 to 11 Against Bill to Permit Coop Members to Withdraw

The agricultural committee of the North Carolina legislature voted 23 to 11 last Friday against the Braswell bill to permit members of the cooperative marketing associations to withdraw by filing notice.

Commenting on the result of the public hearing which was attended by a great crowd of farmers the News and Observer, of Raleigh, states "As a matter of fact the legislature could not, if it would, impair the validity of a contract, and it would not if it could."

The most dramatic event of the hearing occurred when Mrs. M. O. Winstead, a member of the association from Nash County, rose and asked Representative Braswell, who introduced the bill, why he had chosen to stick a dagger in their neighbors.

Winstead said she was a country woman not given to speaking, not much on parading knowledge, but she came to Raleigh to learn why her representative had introduced this bill without the consent of a majority of the members of the association in her county. Stating that she might not know much about law or the ways of legislatures Mrs. Winstead said "But I know I signed a contract, and I have too much honor and too much self-respect to get out of it."

Representative H. G. Connor, of Wilson County, who was among the group of lawyers from eastern North Carolina who have been repeatedly defeated in the courts in attempts to break down our contract, argued for 40 minutes in an attempt to prove that it was constitutional for the legislature to authorize members of the cooperative marketing associations in North Carolina to withdraw from their contracts upon their request.

In reply to Representative Connor George Ross, head of the division of markets, declared that 40 marketing associations in North Carolina would be injured by the passage of the bill. Bayard Clark, an attorney who is a member of the North Carolina Cotton Association, in answering Mr. Connor stated that he saw no possible way to break the contracts voluntarily made. The association contract, he declared, is as binding as the signature to a note. He pointed out that with his note he owes only the bank the duty to pay—but that in signing the association contract he owes the thousands of fellowmembers the duty to live up to his agreement with him.

Representative Braswell, from Nash County, after defending the bill which he had introduced, was asked pointedly by Mrs. Winstead at whose request he introduced the bill, and replied "Not by anybody east of Raleigh."

Commenting on the outcome of the hearing in the House committee the Raleigh News and Observer stated in an editorial "Our advice to farmers who are dissatisfied today is: Abide in the ship. Stick by your contract. Try to make the organization a success. Prices are higher than when you joined. What assurance have you, if the cooperative movement dissolves, that the monopolies which buy your tobacco will not return to the old methods of paying prices one year below the cost of production and the next year putting it up until a big crop is made and then sending the price to the bottom again? That was the policy for many years.

"If farmers lack cohesion and ability to stand together and work for better prices, who do they think will try to help them lift agriculture from its unproductive state?"

## DR. POTEAT HERE

### Secretary of Alumni and President of Wake Forest Visitors Here

President and Mrs. W. L. Potent and Mr. R. L. McMillan, secretary of the alumni of Wake Forest College arrived last night and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Martin.

Doctor Potent and Mr. McMillan are spending today in Murfreesboro, where Doctor Potent is making a lecture.

## Reading Circles Here Saturday

The Martin County reading circles will meet at the Williamston Graded School Building Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. All the teachers of the county are members and are expected to be present at these sessions.

## COLORED BOY DIES OF INJURIES

### Injuries Prove Fatal to Malachi Sutton, 11 Years Old, Who Fell From Truck Friday

Malachi Sutton, the 11-year-old colored boy who fell from the truck of the Lindsley Ice & Coal Co. Friday afternoon died early Saturday morning.

The boy was struck by a barrel which was thrown out of the truck while he was in it, striking him on the front part of his head and crushing the skull. He never regained consciousness.

The county coroner, F. L. Edwards, was called to determine the cause of death. After summoning a jury and hearing the testimony of all the witnesses of the accident, his verdict was that death was caused by the victim falling from a truck and that the driver of the truck or the owner were neither responsible in any way for the accident.

The boy had climbed into the truck after being forbidden to do so and was standing in an empty barrel. The barrel which held the barrel in came out and when the truck rounded a corner the barrel and boy both tumbled out, resulting in the boy's death.

## DR. COREY MAKES FINE TALK HERE

### Addresses Federations at Methodist Church Friday Night; Lives up to Reputation

Dr. A. E. Corey, pastor of the Gordon Street Christian church, of Kinston, preached for the federations at the Methodist church last Friday night.

He is reputed to be among the ablest preachers of our country and his coming was a treat to local people. He gave no text, but preached the "Sovereignty of God," as shown in the Old Testament, and the "Love of God," as it is portrayed through Christ in the New Testament. The eloquent way in which he handled this all-embracing subject kept his hearers thoroughly interested.

At this service the federations decided to call Mr. Scoville, of Greenville, to hold a revival in Williamston at an early date, probably in May.

## LETTER FROM NATIVE SON

### Now in Eopqrstki Islands; Expects to Return Latter Part of Spring

The letter appearing below was received today from one of the designers in our art department. Owing to overwork before he left on his vacation this valuable member will be unable to return as soon as expected. Work goes on rapidly on the fair book, however, and we are sure that he will be here in ample time to complete his part.

We note, with great pleasure, that his typewriting is greatly improved. The letter follows:

Mr. William Manning, Jr., general superintendent "Art Division," 3d floor Enterprise Bldg., Williamston, N. C.

Dear sir: Received your letter in regard to designing a suitable cover for your "Premium list of Martin County Fair." I regret to say that I cannot give this matter my immediate attention, as my vacation has been prolonged through the months of March and April.

I hope to attend to this matter as soon as I return to the "grand and glorious States."

Respectively,  
JOHN ANTIDPOE PHILPOT.  
Eopqrstki Islands, South America, January 20, 1925.

(Editor's note.—We refuse to vouch for the spelling of "January" as he spelled it, and we are also at a loss to understand the "respectively" in closing the above letter. However, the idiosyncrasies of true artists must be respected, and we are therefore passing the letter on for what it is worth.)

## PRAISES SCHOOL

### State Education Officer Says Its Best-Regulated School He Has Visited

Yesterday Mr. Lohr, of the State Board of Education, high school department, was in town and visited the local high school. He thoroughly inspected the building and equipment and complimented Principal Seymour on the school, stating that it was the best-regulated school that he has visited. Mr. Lohr had just returned from a trip in the western part of the State.

## Williamston Bank Closes Doors Monday

The Martin County Savings & Trust Co. was the victim of a run Saturday, which soon absorbed all the cash on hand, and the bank officers thought it unwise to open Monday for fear the run would be continued.

No definite statement has been issued as to what steps the bank will take. While the suspension means inconvenience to depositors there is no reason whatever to suspect any loss.

## WASHINGTON GIRLS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

### Largest Crowd That Ever Attended Basketball Game in East Carolina Sees Washington Win

Last Friday night the largest crowd that ever witnessed a basketball game in this section was present at the Dixie Warehouse at 8 o'clock to witness the Washington High School girls battle with the Robersonville girls for the northeastern Carolina championship. It is estimated that 800 people saw the game here. Sam Harrell got there late and either had to sit on a rafter or miss the game, so sit on a rafter he did. Everybody anticipated a great game and no one was disappointed.

For the first three quarters Robersonville was constantly in the lead, and if her center had not been taken out for personal fouls she would have won out easily. There was a tip-and-tack contest for the first few moments of the fourth quarter, but Washington had a run of luck during the last few seconds which brought the score to 22 and 18 in her favor when the whistle blew.

The Robersonville girls' team has won the admiration of the entire section of the State during the past basketball season. It is very unusual for a team to develop so rapidly in one year, and much credit is due Miss Hunt, its able coach.

Washington has also a very wonderful girl's team. For the past two or three years she has sent out one of the pluckiest teams that has been seen in our section, and it seems to get better and better.

## REGULAR SESSION RECORDERS COURT

### The Four Cases Before Martin County Court Proved of Little Interest

The recorder's court today had little of interest to offer.

The following cases were disposed of:

State against Luke Jackson, for manufacturing liquor. The defendant failed to appear and forfeited his cash bond in the sum of \$200.

State against Ida Thomas and Zeke Brown. The case was continued under the same bond.

The case of State against Julia Everett, charging her with having liquor for sale, was discharged.

State against Beaman Silverthorn. Nonsupport. Continued under \$200 bond.

## MEETING ROTARY CLUB THURSDAY

### Washington Rotarians to Meet Here in Effort to Organize Local Branch

The Rotary Club, of Washington, will hold one of its regular meetings at the Atlantic Hotel at 7 o'clock Thursday night, March 5, 1925.

Hon. M. Eugene Newsome, Rotary Governor of North Carolina, will be present and will make a short address. An effort is being made to organize a Rotary Club in Williamston and toward this end representative men from the places of business and professions have been invited to be the guests of the Washington club at the dinner which they will give here Thursday night.

## COLD WAVE

### Comes As Surprise Yesterday; Mercury Down to 18

A cold wave struck somewhat unexpectedly yesterday. March is the month of treacherous weather, but it exceeded its own record last night when it drove the mercury down to 15 and froze water pipes and radiators.

Peach blossoms beginning to peep out were also brought to sorrow.

Visitors From Oak City. Mesdames Ross and Rawls, of Oak City, were shoppers here yesterday.

## WARREN WHIP OF N. C. DELEGATION

### Also Indorsed for Membership on Committees on Roads and Irrigation and Reclamation

Congressman-elect Lindsay C. Warren has returned from Washington, where on Saturday night he attended the Democratic caucus. Mr. Warren spent four days in the Capitol getting his office and affairs in shape for the next session of Congress.

At a meeting of the North Carolina delegation Mr. Warren was unanimously elected as "whip" of the delegation, and was indorsed for membership on the committees on roads and irrigation and reclamation, and for some third committee to be later decided upon. Democrats will get their committee assignments from the Democratic members of the committee on Ways and Means, and as North Carolina will have a member on that committee, in the person of Congressman Doughton, Mr. Warren will probably receive next December the committees he has been indorsed for. He was most anxious to get on the committee on roads, and after talking with Senator Simmons he asked for assignment on the reclamation committee, feeling that service on it may eventually mean something for his district and eastern North Carolina.

Congressman Warren announced that he had selected as his secretary, Mr. Herbert C. Bonner. Mr. Bonner, traveling salesman, is wide and favorably known throughout the district and has a host of friends. He is a former post commander of the American Legion and saw active service in France.

Mr. Warren, like other members of Congress, will spend his time in the district practicing law between now and the session of Congress next December, except when he may be called to Washington on the business of the district.

## NEW MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

### Licenses Issued to White People Show Increase While Colored Marriages Decline

The following marriage licenses were issued during the month of February:

White  
Reubin J. Whitehurst, 29; Virginia Whitman, 18.  
Henry D. Griffin, Julia Roberson, 21; Jeffrey L. Taylor, 21; Gladys Guinn, 17.

Hubert Gardner, 22; Gladys P. Fisher, 18.  
A. Wilson Griffin, Wayne County, 26; Essie M. Brown, 23.  
Walter Todd, Bertie County, 34; Jessie Williford, Bertie County, 18.  
Joseph Gray Corey, 25; Mary E. Coltrain, 19.  
Elmer Edmondson, Halifax County, 26; Margaret L. Cox, 20.  
Adron R. Ange, 19; Emma V. Mizell, 19.  
Dennis H. Padgett, 21; Lela Estell Warren, 19.  
James R. Harrison, 39; Mary Stokes, 18.  
William Ira Jones, 19; Rose Lee Wells, 18.  
James F. Winborne, 50; Lucinda Norris, 35.

Colored  
Roy Ford, 21; Daisy Lanier, 21.  
Cynthia Wiggins, 22; Gertrude Williams, 21.  
Raleigh Sherrod, 22; Effie Spruill, 19.  
William Roulhoe, 19; Eula Cooper, 18.  
Who said conditions were growing worse? We have the facts to prove otherwise. Not for many years have so few cases been brought before Recorder Smith of Martin County court, and so many marriage licenses been issued for white people by the register of deeds.

## SILVER TEA

### Christian Church Philatheas to Entertain Tomorrow Afternoon

The Philatheas class of the Christian church will give a silver tea at the home of Mrs. George H. Harrison tomorrow afternoon from 3:30 to 6 o'clock. Everybody has a very cordial invitation to attend.

## CLASS MEETING

### Philatheas of Baptist Church to Meet Friday With Mrs. Cone

The Philatheas class of the Baptist church will meet with Mrs. P. B. Cone at her home on Church Street Friday evening at 8 o'clock. All members will please take notice and attend.

## Parents-Teachers To Meet Thursday

### The parents-teachers association will hold its regular meeting on Thursday night at 7.45 in the graded-school auditorium. The feature of the program will be an address by Dr. A. A. Husman, of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry. Doctor Husman has been in our county for several days getting the people interested in tubercular examination of their cattle, and his work was rewarded yesterday when the board of county commissioners voted the necessary appropriation.

Doctor Husman is a very able man and will make an address that should be vitally interesting to both teachers and parents.

## MEET TO PREPARE FOR BOLL WEEVIL

### County Meeting Will Be Held at Robersonville on Tuesday, March 10

To bring to the attention of cotton farmers in eastern Carolina the importance of preparing in advance to the boll weevil this year the agricultural extension service of State College has arranged a series of public meetings to be held during the week of March 9. As now planned two series of speakers will be sent into the field. The meetings will be held under the auspices of the local county agent in each county. In arranging these meetings the extension service is cooperating with the soil improvement committee of Atlanta, which organization will have two experts helping with the work.

There are two parties holding meetings, and the second party, consisting of E. C. Blair, extension agronomist, and C. A. Whittle, of the soil improvement committee, will hold meetings in eastern Carolina during March. At the first meeting, to be held at Tarboro Monday, March 9, Franklin Sherman, chief of the division of entomology for the North Carolina experiment station, will be the chief speaker. He will be assisted by R. L. Curran, superintendent of the branch station farm in Edgecombe County. This meeting will be held under the auspices of Zeno Moore, county agent.

The remaining meetings for party No. 2 will be held at Robersonville March 10, with County Agent T. B. Brandon; Scotland Neck March 11, with County Agent C. E. Littlejohn; Rich Square March 12, with County Agent E. P. Gullledge; Windsor, March 13, with County Agent B. E. Grant; and Kinston March 14, with County Agent C. M. Brickhouse.

Each of the meetings will begin at 10:30 on the morning scheduled. The extension service workers state that they have secured the services of two valuable experts to assist in bringing to North Carolina farmers the message of growing cotton under weevil conditions, and all farmers living near the points where meetings are to be held are urged to take advantage of them.

## FISHING TIME AGAIN

### Culpepper Hardware Co.'s Window a Veritable Fisherman's Paradise

The display window of Culpepper Hardware Company, showing reels and rods, hooks and line, baits and nets, is a veritable feast for fishermen's eyes.

Even though the wind do blow, the spring frogs have begun a nightly chorus and "the more they holler, the more fish there are in the waters that spring," an old-time adage, would mean there are plenty of fish this year. And no matter what it is the angler wants he can find it at Culpepper's, the place where they guarantee to sell as cheaply as anyone, anywhere.

Watch their ads during this month, and you will find what you want at the right price.

## DEMONSTRATION

### Mrs. Donovan to Demonstrate White House Coffee at Harrison Bros.

Mrs. Donovan, the White House coffee demonstrator, will be at Harrison Bros. & Co. to demonstrate this coffee on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of this week, March 5, 6, and 7. Everyone is invited to visit the store and have a cup of coffee with Mrs. Donovan.

## Visiting in Richmond

Misses Clyde Hassell and Sallie Harris will return tomorrow from Richmond, where they have been visiting Mrs. A. M. Clapp and Mrs. S. S. Lawrence.

## REGULAR REPORT OF COUNTY AGENT

### Plans to Assist Beaufort Agent in Shipping Two Cars of Poultry About March 20th

County Agent T. B. Brandon's report of his activities for the month of February to the Martin County Board of Commissioners is as follows:

20 days spent in field work.

4 days spent in office work.

201 conferences with farmers.

142 letters written.

826 miles traveled in performing duties.

10 people assisted with orchard work.

136 hogs treated against cholera.

4 articles prepared for the local papers.

This month I completed taking orders for a car of Pyratol (dynamite), which will contain 20,200 pounds of explosive. This will be delivered at less than \$9 per 100 pounds, with caps. Bertie will get part of the car, Martin taking 12,300 pounds, which will be a saving to the farmers of Martin County of about \$12,000 or \$13,000.

I have ordered a car of farm tile for a number of farmers. The car will contain about 7,000 feet. On this car of tile I saved the farmers about \$270. I am now planning to load with the county agent at Washington, Va. March 20, two cars of poultry and a car of eggs. My aim in loading the car of poultry is to get the farmers to get rid of the old roosters and old hens that are not profitable on the farm, and also the local markets to not like old fowls. We think the price for old hens and roosters will be as good as they were last year.

I also have plans under way to make a cotton variety test, testing all the varieties and seeing which variety will make the most cotton in Martin County. Then we will know which to recommend for this county.

T. B. BRANDON,  
County Agent.

## ATTACK ON CO-OPS VERY BENEFICIAL

### Local Man Discredits Himself With Farmers by Attacks on Co-op Marketing Associations

James H. Wilson, of Danville, president of the Carolina-Virginia Warehouse Corporation and the Danville Warehouse Corporation, has so thoroughly discredited himself with the farmers by his wild and unscrupulous statements against our association, appearing on thousands of hand bills and as paid advertisements in the newspapers that a reply from association employees has never been necessary.

The thousands of dollars which Mr. Wilson has paid or passed on from others, for circulating this misinformation among the farmers has benefited our association and the cause of cooperative marketing by showing our members in Virginia and North Carolina the kind of men and methods by which a desperate fight is being carried on against them.

As an example of the manner in which the avowed leader of the auction warehouse interests attempts to deceive the farmers we call the attention of our members to his recent issue of the sworn statement of the association's secretary as applied to the operations of the Tobacco Growers-Cooperative Association in Virginia alone. This statement, dated January 11, 1924, showed that in Virginia the association had 36,611 members and a value of business for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1923, of \$19,002,429.43 in that State. This statement clearly and specifically applied to Virginia alone. The attempt of the president of the Virginia Warehouse Association to make the farmers believe that these figures regarding the operation of this association in Virginia applied to our membership and business in three States is such a desperate and malicious effort to deceive that we wish to call it to the attention of our members as the latest example of the desperate tactics upon which the opposition are spending thousands of dollars.

## ENTERTAINMENT

### Mr. and Mrs. D. Bailey Entertain Young Folks of Bear Grass

Mr. and Mrs. D. Bailey entertained a number of the young people of Bear Grass at their home Thursday night. Cards and other games were played. Music was enjoyed throughout the evening. More than twenty-five guests were present.

Delightful refreshments were served, and a very enjoyable evening.