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THE QUIETEST AND BEST CHRISTMAS IN YEARS

The quietest Christmas in years, and the best, will come very near describing the annual holiday here. No fights, no drunks to be recorded, but instead a spirit of good will and cheer prevailed.

UNABLE TO HIRE HEALTH OFFICER

It is with regret that we learn that the county board of commissioners were unable to hire a full-time health officer. And though there are many features we desire, we must not forget the reasons back of the board's decision. It is a case of uphill with our board of commissioners, and though we don't like its decision, we have faith and hope that the matter will not be lost from sight.

THE RECORDER'S PROBLEM

The loud yell made by many people about the sentences that are dishied out by various judges on various ones connected with liquor has no cause to be, according to Judge Smith, of the recorder's court. Judge Smith stated that as a whole it was almost impossible to bring a clear case against a liquor dealer. We agree with him, and should you have been present at the last Tuesday's session of the court we are sure you would agree also. During the session a case came up where an automobile was wrecked and a gallon of whisky was found, form-

ing a basis for a warrant of recommitment driving and transporting liquor. The wrecking part was readily cleared, but how, where, and when the liquor got into the car was most vague. Three of the five occupants knew nothing about the liquor being there, and the other two knew so little about it that they were unable to tell of whom it was purchased. The judge picked and asked, and finally one stated that he bought it from a fellow but did not know his name.

This is not a rare case, you'll find some men who will even serve sentences on the roads of Edgecombe County in preference of telling secrets that will lead to the cause of the whole trouble. It might not be from brotherly love that they do not tell, but the "ole liquor love" combined with the other sure does form a strong defense.

Speaking about Judge Smith's court, one can say that every trifle imaginable is threshed out there, and it is interesting to hear the cases and note the proceedings. Some are comical, some boring and tiresome, and some are really pitiful. Taking the cases collectively, they form a very important court, and one that would seem impossible to get along without now.

"THIS PROHIBITION FARCE"

"This prohibition farce," is the subject of the Washington Daily News' leading editorial of December 28. The article says "If everybody with common sense would get together and a-

gree to forget Demon Rum and his satellites and make those without common sense do likewise, we would say the eighteenth amendment is a good thing and we are with it."

It seems that the eighteenth amendment is seeking to do just what the Daily News editor desires. It says "Away with demon rum" to both those with and without common sense.

The idea of some people seems to be that when a statute is passed that all people will obey it promptly; yet it has never been so. The traffic laws are disobeyed everywhere every day, and people are being killed on account of it. Still they will not obey.

The theory that a law should be passed only when everybody is willing to obey it is nothing more than a farce. There has never been a law made by God nor man that has not undergone violation of every kind.

The law of Moses, written amid the lightning flashes and thunder peals on Sinai, directed by the voice of God Himself, have all been violated in every age for thousands of years.

The commands, "Thou shalt not kill thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not lie, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife" are being violated just as flagrantly today as they were when God sent Moses to the mountain top to write them in order and to the end that men and nations might be better. God has not seen fit to repeal these laws, though unpopular and so frequently violated, but is sending people to hell every day, hour, and minute for violating them.

It is just a little peculiar to liquor folks do all they can to violate a law and make it unpopular and the cry "Failure."

We do not need to repeal any liquor laws, but we do need to make them stronger and execute them.

The Volstead act was not born soon enough nor has it grown strong enough yet to be called perfect.

THE AUDITOR'S REPORT

A look at the balance sheet of the recent audit made for Martin County shows a lot of big figures. Yet we have to confess we don't know very

much about auditor's language.

This audit seems to give the exact condition of our county affairs up to June 30th, 1925, showing the amount in the hands of the treasurer, the amount of uncollected taxes—most of which have since been collected—a few accounts and mortgages due, and the county assets in various forms, those two principal items being school houses, \$389,434.62, and roads, \$560,344.46. These items of fixed properties aggregate \$1,032,858.63. The total assets amount to \$1,231,687.42.

The county liabilities show notes of \$216,600.00; warrants, \$886.73; due State on school buildings and roads, \$194,953.33; due township roads, \$2,214.15; bonded debts for schools \$173,000; for roads and bridges, \$523,000.

The best thing in the whole statement is the surplus account, divided into current, \$28,043.77, and capital, \$90,889.44. We can't explain just what that means, except it is something you haven't got but hope to have, and you lack just that much of owing more than you are worth, which amount deducted from the item of total liabilities would indicate that the whole indebtedness of the county, including schools, is \$1,112,754.21.

This indicates that we do not own our courthouse, our famous jail, our bridges, roads, any of our school houses, and even our disgraceful county home is not our own, but belongs to bondholders. Yet, if our surplus is really good, then we have an equity in these properties of 10 per cent of their inventoried values.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATRIX

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of Eliza Moore, deceased late of Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at her home in Williamston, N. C., on or before the 27th day of November, 1925, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment This 27th day of November, 1925
JANIE ORE,
Administratrix.
Hugh G. Horton, attorney.
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having this day qualified as the

administrator of the estate of Joel Bennett, deceased, all persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present same for payment on or before the 19th day of December, 1925, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and make immediate settlement of same.
This December 19, 1925.

R. F. BENNETT,
Administrator.
Robert L. Coburn, attorney.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, that under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed by W. Jackson Holliday and wife, Lucy Holliday, on the fourth day of September, 1923, and of record in book H-2, at page 296, in the Martin County Registry, said deed of trust having been given to secure the payment of certain notes of even date therewith, default having been made in the payment of said notes and the stipulations contained in said deed of trust not having been complied with, and at the request of the holder of said notes, and by court order, the undersigned commissioner, appointed by the court, will on Friday, the 15th day of January, 1926, at twelve o'clock p. m., in front of the courthouse door of Martin County, at Williamston, N. C., offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described lands, to wit:

First tract: Bounded on the north by the lands of S. D. Jones, on the east by the lands of Lawrence Pierce, on the south by the lands of Gilbert Boston and on the west by the lands of Charles Davis, containing 66 acres, more or less.

Second tract: Beginning at a cedar in Melvina James corner, thence north with Melvina James line to S. D. Jones line, thence west with said Jones line to John A. Pierce corner, thence south with John A. Pierce land to Gilbert Boston corner, thence east with the Gilbert Boston land to the beginning, a cedar, containing 20 acres, more or less.

Third tract: Situate in the old Norman Mill Pond, adjoining the lands of Melvina James, Gilbert Boston, and others, and being a portion of the Lawrence Pierce, sr., tract of land, containing 10 acres, more or less.

Fourth tract: Beginning at a pine stump, C. T. Mizelle's corner, on the southwest side of Jordan Thick Road,

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F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

and opposite Stewart Ange's house lot and well, thence running up said road S. 34 E. 64 poles to a stake, thence S. 63 W. 135 1-2 poles to a point on the run of Horse Pen Branch a center of several trees, chopped as pointers, thence down the various courses of said branch to S. T. Mizelle's corner, thence along his line

N. 53 E. to the beginning, containing 50 acres, more or less.
For a further and more accurate description see mortgage recorded in book Q-1, page 474, in the public registry of Martin County.
This the 14 day of December, 1925.
HUGH G. HORTON,
Commissioner.

PENDER'S YELLOW FRONT STORES

3 OUTSTANDING SUCCESSES OF THE YELLOW FRONT STORES

Without same no meal can be enjoyed
D. P. COFFEE OUR PRIDE BREAD

LAND O'LAKES BUTTER

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Made only from strictly fresh cream. The only butter in the United States carrying a Government certificate as to quality.

Tub, pound, 58c 1-4 lb. prints, pound, 62c

LARD, best pure, pound 19c

LARD, good cooking, pound 15c

TOMATOES, medium can 8 1-3c large can 14c

D. P. Oats, pkg. 9c Post Toasties, pkg. 10c

Quakers or Mothers Oats, pkg. 10c

Kelloggs Corn Flakes, pkg. 10c

Blackeye peas, pound 10c

Navy Beans, pound 8c

Red Kidney Beans, pound 17c

Van Camps Beans, 3 large cans for 25c

Comet Rice, 3 packages for 25c

OUR PRIDE BREAD, 20 oz. machine wrapped loaf 10c

Truly the best bread it is possible to make

D. P. COFFEE, Steel Cut, The World's Best Drink, 1 lb. sealed package 47c

The wonderful increase in sales of this coffee for the year just closing has been most gratifying. Quality Will Tell!

Yellow Front Coffee Golden Blend Coffee

Lb. sealed pkg. 40c Lb. sealed pkg. 35c

Delightfully Good! The Old Reliable!

Martin County, North Carolina

Consolidated Balance Sheet

June 30, 1925

ASSETS

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Treasurer's balance | \$ 119,240.02 |
| Due from H. T. Roberson, sheriff | |
| 1921 taxes | \$ 561.73 |
| 1923 taxes | 100.02 |
| 1924 taxes | 43,918.13 |
| Taxes receivable | 44,579.88 |
| 1919 to 1923, inclusive—land sales | 2,200.19 |
| Accounts receivable | 237.48 |
| R. A. Pope, rent | \$ 100.03 |
| H. M. Burras, tax collections | 137.45 |
| Notes receivable | 32,571.22 |
| Mrs. Fannie C. Staton | \$ 25,857.22 |
| J. L. Holliday and wife | 8,357.00 |
| W. W. Griffin and wife | 3,357.00 |
| Fixed properties | |
| Courthouse and jail | \$ 10,000.00 |
| County home | 3,500.00 |
| County bridges | 54,579.55 |
| Tenant house—Main Street | 5,000.00 |
| School buildings, land, and equipment | 389,434.62 |
| Equity in State Highway projects | 560,344.46 |
| Total Assets | \$1,231,687.42 |

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Notes payable | \$ 216,600.00 |
| Warrants payable | 886.73 |
| Due State of North Carolina | |
| Loans for erecting school buildings | \$119,200.00 |
| For roads constructed by highway commission | 75,753.33 |
| Current account | 194,953.33 |
| Due township road districts | 2,214.15 |
| Bonded indebtedness | |
| County issues | \$525,000.00 |
| School issues | 173,000.00 |
| Surplus | 698,000.00 |
| Current | \$ 28,043.77 |
| Capital | 90,889.44 |
| Total Liabilities and surplus | \$1,231,687.42 |

CERTIFICATE

We hereby certify that we have made an audit of the financial records of Martin County, North Carolina, for the period from July 1, 1923, to June 30, 1925, and that, in our opinion, the foregoing balance sheet reflects the true financial condition of Martin County as at the close of business June 30, 1925. A detailed report of audit, together with comments pertinent thereto, has been filed with the Register of Deeds of Martin County, North Carolina.

Rocky Mount, North Carolina.
December 19, 1925.

FREDERICK B. HILL AND COMPANY
Certified Public Accountants (Va.)