

## LITTLE PROFIT IN PEPPER RAISING IN THIS COUNTY

Martin Farmers Apparently Waited Too Long To Go In New Business

TOO MUCH ACREAGE

First Shipment Made by Luther Peel Nets Him 35 Cents Basket; Big Peppers On Display

Judging from the sale price and the cost of production, Martin County farmers were, apparently, too late in going into the business of growing peppers.

Last year several farmers in the Everetts section, as an experiment, planted a limited quantity and received a big price for their new product. As is usually the case the acreage was increased this year, but the price has dropped in a much larger proportion.

Luther Peel, one of the largest growers in this locality, is experimenting with the sweet peppers, and his first shipment to New York netted him 35 cents per bushel basket. Mr. Peel claims that he can produce 600 crates per acre, but after paying 5 cents per basket for picking, and with the cost of the crate at 12 cents, there is only a small net cash income left for the grower.

The express company gets the lion's share of the proceeds, collecting 47 cents per basket for transportation to New York.

Frank Weaver, city farmer and dairyman, says that Luther Peel can raise sweet peppers in large quantities, but when it comes to quality and size he had the market sewed up. Mr. Weaver presented the Enterprise two large pods, one measuring 1.4 inches around, four and one-quarter inches long and weighing 9 1-2 ounces.

EDITOR PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE TO TOWN

Frank Smethurst, of News & Observer, Says Town Must Have Spirit "Very Distinctive"

In a letter recently received here, Frank Smethurst, managing editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, singles Williamston out for very complimentary notice.

Referring to an article written by Rev. C. H. Dickey, he said, "I have been interested in Williamston for a long time, and the story increased that interest. I think that the town must have a spirit very distinctive in this time of North Carolina's concern over material things."

Speaking of the Enterprise, he had this to say, "I don't know of any better editorials that are being written than those that appear in the Williamston Enterprise. They are always thoughtful and very pertinent."

## CLEVELANDERS BRAG ABOUT 13-POUND CARP

Many Roanoke Fishermen Catch Carp Weighing From 20 to 40 Pounds; And Then Won't Eat Them

Governor O. Max Gardner, Clyde Hoey, Judge E. Yates Webb, Lee Weathers, and others may be able to substantiate their claims that Cleveland leads all counties in the State in cotton growing, and they may be right when they say Shelby is the best town in the State, but when they start boasting about a 13-pound carp they ought to be called down. Fishermen on both banks of the Roanoke River, in both Bertie and Martin Counties are pulling in bigger ones than that every day. They get up to 20 and 40 pounds frequently.

The story of the great 13-pounder of Cleveland, emanating from Shelby, says that after 25 people had eaten of the fish, plenty of it was left. Which is not so strange, since lots of people will not eat carp at all.

## BOY SCOUTS' COURT OF HONOR TUESDAY

Rev. Z. T. Piephoff and J. T. Hallman To Be in Charge of Program; Will Be Held in Courthouse

On Tuesday night, August 5th, a Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held at the courthouse here at 8 o'clock, with Rev. Z. T. Piephoff and Mr. J. T. Hallman in charge of the program.

At the court, the local scouts will present credentials for new badges and advances made in the various scouting tests.

The public is cordially invited to attend the exercises.

## BAPTIST SERVICES

Bryce Little, Wilson lawyer, will speak in the pulpit of the Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Little is one of the most prominent of Eastern Carolina's young lawyers. He is prominent in religious work as well as in his profession.

The union evening service will be held at the Christian church Sunday evening with the Rev. Mr. Petty preaching the sermon.

Sunday school, Young People's unions, and the mid-week service will be held as usual.

## LOWLY "HOP-TOAD" PRAISED AS DESTROYER OF INSECTS

A good supply of "toad frogs" about the place is an insurance policy against heavy insect and bug infestation, since about 90 per cent of the food eaten by the toads consists of insects of all kinds.

This is the information sent out in a special news letter from State College, by Z. P. Metcalf. He states that the ordinary toad that hops about our yards and gardens will eat an almost unbelievable number of insects and that it especially destroys cut worms, many kinds of beetles, and other harmful bugs and insects.

Dr. Metcalf suggests that the little "hoppers" be given a chance to live and increase by providing some sort of cheap pool where they could breed, and also by leaving some loose boards lying around the pool to find a retreat in the heat of the summer days.

"Now, if toad frogs can be trained to go out and hunt down boll weevils, I'll begin raisin' the little varmints tomorrow," said a man from down Askewville way one day this week when we told him about the usefulness of the little animal.

## All Budget Estimates To Be Submitted at Regular Meet County Board Here Monday

### EXPECT TOTALS WILL BE ABOUT SAME AS IN 1929

Commissioners Have Biggest Job of Year Just Ahead of Them

VALUATION IS LOWER

School Budget About \$8,000 Higher, Due to Addition of Sixteen New Teachers

Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger has been busy this week preparing the annual budget estimates for the various departments of the county government. It is understood that they will be submitted to the board of county commissioners at their regular session here next Monday morning, but whether or not the commissioners will have time to give the figures any consideration at that time is problematical, as the routine business is expected to consume considerable time.

The commissioners are faced with a difficult task, and regardless of what is done everybody is not going to be pleased. The valuation of property is the county this year is \$369,000 less than it was last year, and all other things being equal this will require a small increase in the tax rate. The budgets have been cut practically to the bone, as is evidenced by the fact that there was a deficit last year, some of the departments being unable to live within the amounts allotted them. It now looks as if the budgets for the operation of general county affairs will be about the same as it was last year, but there is a possibility that the commissioners will find places where it will be possible to make reductions in the estimates.

## COUNTY TO GET LARGER SHARE

Allotment For Extended Term in Martin \$846.36 Larger Than in 1929

Martin County's share in the \$1,250,000 tax reduction fund allotted by the State Board of Equalization will be \$10,378.51 for the 1930-31 school term, according to announcement made yesterday from the office of Leroy Martin, of Raleigh, secretary to the board. This amount is larger by \$846.36 than that received last year.

This fund is allotted to special tax districts that maintain eight-months schools, and none of the money is to be used in connection with the constitutional six-month term, equalization fund allotments for that purpose having been made over a month ago. According to the announcements from the secretary's office the State board will insist that districts participating in this fund actually apply the money received to tax reduction, and it was said that allotments would be withheld where special district levies are greater than required to carry out State standards in school work.

The increased allotment for Martin County is principally accounted for by the fact that since last year Bear Grass has voted for the extended two months term, and small schools have been consolidated in the Jamesville and Everetts districts. Bertie County's allotment for this year is nearly \$900 less than for the 1929-30 term, and it is understood that other counties in this section received reduced amounts.

## RATTLER KILLED

Reptile With Four Rattles Killed Near Here This Week

The killing of rattlesnakes, which is usually confined to Griffins Township in this county, embraced more territory this week when a rattlesnake with four rattles and one button was killed on the Williamston-Everetts road near here.

The reptile was killed by Joe Belcher near the Silver Slipper filling station, and, according to a report by Mr. Godard, the owner of the station, this is the second rattler that has been killed near that place in the last few days.

## PROGRAM SERVICES FOR PRESBYTERIANS

Rev. Z. T. Piephoff Makes Announcement of Various Services In This Section

The following announcements of Presbyterian services were made yesterday by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff: Williamston

"The church with an open door." Our motto: "A warm welcome in a cool church."

True sayings: "A man's character is what he is on his vacation."

Church school, 9:45 a. m. Department classes.

Worship service and sermon, 11 a. m. Subject: "Prayer."

Since God is all-knowing, benevolent, and unchangeable, is it right for us to pray? What is prayer? Why do we pray? These are some of the thoughts upon which we will meditate Sunday morning. Come and worship with us.

## WATCH FOR THIS FEATURE

In this, the fourth installment of the autobiography of Judge Asa Biggs, we learn of the beginning of his religious experience, which culminated in his becoming a member of the Primitive Baptist church. In the next installment, to appear in Tuesday's Enterprise, Judge Biggs describes his feelings prior to and after his baptism. These two installments, comprising one chapter, are considered the most remarkable parts of the entire autobiography, and will undoubtedly be received with great interest by readers.

## MUCH MATERIAL FOR FERTILIZERS BEING RECEIVED

Local Plant Expects to Mix And Store 40,000 Tons By Next Spring

BUSINESS INCREASING

Williamston Factory Is Now Second Largest in State; Firm Sold 40,000 Tons During Past Season

While the rush season for the Standard Fertilizer Company is now a thing of the past for this year, operations at the big plant on the Roanoke River here have by no means been brought to a standstill. Barge load after barge load of fertilizer materials in bulk are being shipped here weekly from Baltimore and other northern points.

Captain William Bramble, of Baltimore, Md., barge master, arrived this week with a cargo of acid phosphate for the local plant. In his one barge around 40 carloads were delivered to the factory here.

Official of the Standard Fertilizer Company stated yesterday that the firm expects to mix and store about 40,000 tons of fertilizers this summer and fall and have it ready for bagging and shipping next spring. Fertilizers mixed and kept in storage in bulk for several months before being used are considered much better than when used immediately after being manufactured.

During the spring season approximately 40,000 tons of fertilizer were shipped from the Williamston plant. This is the largest amount yet sold in a single year by the factory here. The company's sales from this point have shown large increases each year, and plans are being made to take care of another increase in business expected next year. The Williamston factory is now the second largest in the State, it is understood, its capacity being exceeded by a plant in Wilmington.

PEANUT MARKET REMAINS QUIET

Hot Weather Restricts Activity; Much Stock Held In Warehouses

The extremely hot weather of the past few days has restricted activity in farmers' stock, although making allowance for the weather the movement from the farms has been relatively good. Holders in warehouses continue to retain most of their peanuts in anticipation of better prices. Prevailing prices on country shipping point basis, per pound, follow: Jumbos, best, 4 1-2c, medium, 3 1-2 to 4, few at 4 1-4; Bunch, best, 3 to 3 1-4; medium, 2 1-2 to 3; Runners, 2 1-2 to 3; shelling stock, 2 to 3c, according to size, weight, and condition. Spanish farmers' goods are now very scarce and firm at \$1.10 per 30-pound bushel.

The growing crop is suffering from lack of rain and curtailed production is indicated by the poor stands in many fields. Yet this area is probably in better general condition than any other peanut growing section.

The market for finished goods is quiet but firm, with fair demand, especially for jumbos and No. 2 Virginias. The intense heat throughout the entire country during the past few days has caused many candy manufacturers to close down completely, thereby retarding the consumption of shelled peanuts, but inquiry is now developing for fall needs in both shelled and cleaned goods.

## Street Paving Program Gets Under Way Here This Week

### WARREN URGES THAT ROANOKE RIVER WORK BE GIVEN PRIORITY

The rivers and harbors bill, passed by the last session of Congress, on July 3, 1930, includes an appropriation providing for the deepening of the mouth of the Roanoke River.

Realizing the immediate need of this work, Congressman Lindsay C. Warren has asked the Army engineers in charge of work in the Southeastern Division, which embraces this project, to speed up the Roanoke River work, giving it priority over the others in the first congressional district.

The citizens of this section will gladly receive this news and are hopeful that Congressman Warren may succeed in getting immediate action on this project. The deepening of the Roanoke's mouth will eliminate many of the hazards now encountered by boats entering the Roanoke because of the shallow channel, which has been rapidly filling up with sand within the last few years.

When the work is completed, the channel will be sufficiently deep to admit larger craft into the Roanoke.

## DRY OFFICERS ARE KEPT BUSY DURING MONTH

Two Officers Stationed Here Raided Twenty-Five Plants in July

15 ARE MEN ARRESTED

Destroy 10,200 Gallons of Beer, Pour Out 46 Gallons of Whisky and 200 Gallons of Cider

The volume of business of almost all enterprises in this section usually undergoes a decided decrease during the month of July, but a compilation of the results of Federal prohibition work for the district does not show the effects of the usual summer slump experienced in other lines of endeavor.

Federal Prohibition Agents C. S. Coats and J. H. Roebuck, working out of Williamston, during the past month, destroyed 25 liquor plants with a total capacity of 2,310 gallons. Fifteen men were arrested and warrants issued for the arrest of five others. The agents also destroyed 10,200 gallons of beer, which would have made over 500 gallons of whisky. They poured out 46 gallons of liquor and 200 gallons of apple cider.

The raiders covered Martin, Bertie, Hertford, Halifax, Washington, Tyrrell, Beaufort, Pitt, Lenoir, Wayne and Jones Counties, traveling over 2,000 miles during the month.

Those arrested were Warner A. Bailey, W. Clarence Bailey, Lawrence J. Lilley, Archie Mizelle, Robert S. Hodges, Fred Baggett, Henry Fwing, Herbert Parker, and James Smith, all white; and Alexander Hill, Augustus Pitt, James Gedding, Allen Hill, Andrew Pierce, and Herbert Keyes, colored.

## COLLEGE STUDENTS PAID \$10 FOR BOARD IN 1908

Costs of higher education in State institutions have gone up somewhat since 1907. In that year a student could attend State College at Raleigh for a tuition rate of \$45 for the entire year, and board was \$10 a month.

An advertisement that appeared in the Windsor Ledger in the fall of 1908 read this way: "North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts. Practical education in Agriculture; in Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering; in Cotton Manufacturing, Dyeing and Industrial Chemistry. Tuition \$45 a year. Board \$10 a month. 120 Scholarships." Examination was necessary for admission to the college.

## 8 LICENSES TO MARRY ISSUED

Is Same Number As Was Issued in June; 4 White, 4 Colored Couples

July was just as good a month for Dan Cupid in Martin County as June was, but neither of them was worth bragging about from the standpoint of quantity. Eight licenses were issued by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger during the past month, which is exactly the same as the number issued in June. In July, four were issued to white couples and four went to colored, while in the previous month the count was five to three, with the colored couples leading.

Licenses were issued to the following in July:

White

Alec A. Page and Allie E. Beach.

Herbert T. Taylor, of Roanoke Rapids, and Pattie A. Edmondson.

Marvin D. Dunn and Ruth S. Whitfield.

Jodie Williams and Verna Bryant, both of Edgecombe County.

Colored

Rouse Mooreing, of Conetoe, and Kate Grimes, of Bethel.

Norman Williams and Annie M. Coffield.

John E. Hassell and Ivilla Ore.

David Barrow and Annie B. Whitmore.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Pastor Asks Sunday School Members To Help Hold Attendance Up During Summer

The Sunday school of the Christian Church will be held at its regular hour, 9:45, Sunday morning. Last week the attendance slipped a little, and we are urging that every one make an effort to bring it up to par and keep up the morale for the summer.

Wednesday night the conference program put on by the young people was well received by over forty interested people. They went away feeling that the week spent at the conference by these young people was worth while.

We are happy to have the union service at our church Sunday night, Rev. D. W. Petty, pastor of the Methodist church, preaching. Every one is given a cordial welcome and urged to attend this service.—F. W. Weigman, pastor.

## ELDER N. H. HARRISON IS VISITOR THURSDAY

Washington County Confederate Veteran and Minister, 84 Years Old, Interesting Personage

Elder Newsome H. Harrison, minister of the Primitive Baptist faith, and a Confederate veteran of Washington County, was a visitor here yesterday, stopping off while on his way to Wilson to visit friends and relatives.

Mr. Harrison is a Washington County resident, but is well known in Martin, preaching regularly in some sections of the county. Although he has recently lost his wife, he, at the age of 84, is fleet and strong in body and mind.

He has been pastor of the church at Moratock, Washington County, for 64 years, making this possibly the longest pastorate held by any preacher in North Carolina. Elder Harrison is a man of wonderful memory, quoting poetry fluently that he learned 60 years ago.

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## PREPARATIONS MADE TO FINISH WORK RAPIDLY

Curb and Gutter Forms on Houghton Street Poured Wednesday

WATTS STREET NEXT

Curb and Gutter Are Poured First; Actual Pouring of Streets To Begin Next Week

Williamston's much-discussed paving program actually got under way here this week, with the first concrete forms for curb and gutter being poured Wednesday morning. The work is being done by the Clark Paving Company, of Greenville, the same firm that paved the sidewalks of the town last year.

The first forms were set up and concrete poured on the southern end of Houghton Street, and it was stated that as soon as the work on that street was completed operations would be begun on North Watts Street, and from there the crew will go on to Smithwick.

The streets vary in width, South Houghton being made 26 feet wide, from curb to curb; North Houghton will be 36 feet wide, while Watts and Smithwick will each be 24 feet. Contrary to general expectations, there will be no asphalt top, the contract calling for a plain concrete finish.

The curb and gutter will be put down first, following which the graders will take the work over before the actual pouring of the street itself can be started. Mr. Clark stated yesterday that grading will be started on South Houghton next Monday morning and pouring of concrete for the streets will probably begin Thursday morning, according to present plans. Rain yesterday afternoon caused cessation of the work, but the crews were back on the job this morning, and with favorable weather, some of the streets will be ready for use in about 25 days.

The grading will be done by Messrs. Luther Hardison, of Jamesville, and Coy Roberson, of this city, they having sub-contracted this feature of the project from the paving company.

Several carloads of material have already been received and are being distributed over the town. A large portable concrete mixer and a heavy roller arrived Wednesday, and according to present indications the several streets which are scheduled to be paved will be rapidly completed.

## BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

E. P. Cunningham Chokes Poplar Leaf Moccasin To Death

A brand new snake story is going the rounds here, and E. P. Cunningham is the hero. According to the tale, Mr. Cunningham was at one of his farms assisting in housing tobacco. One day this week, and picked up an arm full of tobacco sticks to take to the scaffold. He felt something moving in his hand, and casting his eyes downward, he saw a poplar leaf moccasin attempting to extricate itself from the bundle of sticks. The snake's head was sticking up between Mr. Cunningham's shoulder and chin; and he, being a brave and fearless man, simply grabbed the reptile by the throat and gently choked it to death, without dropping a single tobacco stick.

Of course, a woman or a more timid man would have been obsessed with a chilly "snaky" feeling and would have dropped sticks, snake, and all.

## METHODIST SERVICES AT METHODIST CHURCH

Methodist Pastor To Preach at Union Service in Christian Church Sunday night

Dwight A. Petty, pastor.

J. Ernest Yountz, assistant pastor.

Sunday school at 9:55; Wm. H. Harrison supervising. Classes for all ages. You are invited.

Morning worship and communion at 11 o'clock hour. Sermon theme, "One is your master, and all ye are brethren."

Evening service: We join in the union service at the Christian church. The pastor of the Methodist church preaches on, "The Power of the Cross."

Holly Springs Church

Sunday school, 10:30, Charles Daniels, superintendent.

Services in the afternoon at 3:30. Sermon by Rev. J. Ernest Yountz.

## INFANT SON DIES

Two-Year-Old Child of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Griffin Buried This Week

William Earl, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Griffin, of Greenville, N. C., died this week at the home of his parents, from an attack of whooping cough followed by meningitis.

Interment was made at the burial ground of Mr. Asa Griffin, in Griffins Township, this county, the former home of Mr. and Mrs. Griffin.

## AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ASA BIGGS

Former Congressman, United States District Court Judge, and United States Senator; Material Used Herein Was First Published in 1915 By The North Carolina Historical Commission

## WATCH FOR THIS FEATURE

I will now before I proceed further supply an omission at the proper place. I have stated that I persistently declined engaging in politics until 1840. But in 1835 I was elected and served as a member from the County of Martin in the State Convention called to amend the Constitution of the State. I was then only 24 years old and I considered myself highly honored by this position of distinction. This body was composed of the most experienced and talented men in the State, "grave and revered seigniors"; and my association with such a dignified and noble convention was an admirable and useful school for me, being nearly the youngest member of the body. I did not participate in the Debates, but was an attentive and careful learner, and always feel gratified that my native county thought me worthy to represent them in such an important assembly.

Religious Experiences

And now I approach a period in my history of a deeply interesting character. Surrounded as I had ever been by religious influences and associations my mind had often been drawn to a consideration of my latter end, but no decided impression had ever been made. I had generally been guided by moral principles, and had never indulged to excess, or to any great extent, in pleasures and amusements.