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EX-SLAVE TELLS OF LIFE BEFORE THE CIVIL WAR

Auction Block Stood Where The New Presbyterian Church Now Stands

Slavery in the States before the War has been frowned upon and there is no doubt but what the conditions were deplorable ones. For Emmanuel Andrews, 88 years old, life in those times was very acceptable. Very active for his four score and eight years and possessing a good memory, the old man recalled many of his slave experiences while visiting here last Saturday.

Born in Williams township, he was numbered among the forty slaves owned by Otis Andrews. The ex-slave praised his master and mistress for their kindness, referring to the slave market, however, as a demon. On an old platform erected on a lot near where the Presbyterian church now stands, slaves were sold or hired at auction, Emmanuel stating that a very few minutes were required to complete a sale. He went on the auction block several times, but in each case he was hired out to county people. For seven years he worked with Henry Fones, Joseph Biggs, William Thigpen and W. J. Hardison. He was well-treated by all his masters and never went to the whipping post but once and then his mistress took him away from her husband, a late sheriff of the county.

During the early part of the war, Emmanuel stated he left the duties on the farm to go with his master's son, Ben, and Samuel Andrews. Following the battle near Kinston, Emmanuel returned to his old home, after serving with his master's sons at Sherrod Grove, near Hamilton and near Goldsboro, and in a part of the Virginia campaign.

It was a sad day for him he said when his mistress, Mrs. Bettie Andrews, called him and said, "Manuel, you are as free as I is." He hated to leave and agree to work for twelve and a half cents per day for the remainder of the year.

Emmanuel says that of the forty slaves owned by his master, he and his brother, Aaron of Robersonville, are the only ones now living. It has been several years since he saw his brother.

Since then, Emmanuel has made his own living by cultivating two acres of land, and doing odd jobs as they presented themselves. Although various ones have given him aid, he does not rely on charity.

SEAPLANE OVER HERE SATURDAY

Local People Turn Eyes to Sky To See Latest Type of Aircraft

Local people turned their eyes skyward last Saturday afternoon when an airplane, of the latest amphibian type, circled the town and continued southward, probably to New Bern.

Although the ship flew low enough so that her type could be easily determined by the large pontoons under her fuselage and the unusual type of "tail" the numbers on the underwings were not visible.

Local citizens who saw the plane as it passed over, expressed the opinion that the flying machine was probably from Hampton Roads, and was on a scouting flight. The ship was of a considerably larger size than the ordinary land plane.

Slight Decrease in Poultry Prices for Current Loadings

Poultry prices offered for loadings in Martin county this week are slightly lower than they were last month, the drop being limited to one cent on colored hens. This type of fowl is commanding 16 cents per pound this week.

Even though the prevailing prices are low, a fair-sized shipment is expected from the county this week. The car will be placed on the siding here tomorrow. Thursday, loadings will be made at Robersonville, the car making a last drop in Oak City Friday.

Warehouse Company To Hold Meeting March 5th

The Martin County Warehouse company will hold its annual stockholders' meeting in the courthouse here Thursday of next week, March 5, at 2:30 p. m. when a new board of directors will be elected and other business matters are scheduled for discussion before the owners.

Notices of the meeting have been mailed to the several stockholders, urging a large attendance and requesting appointment of representatives by proxy where necessary.

Jamesville Farmers Plan For Permanent Pastures

Permanent pasturing, so long neglected in Martin County, was substantially advanced last week when a group of Jamesville township farmers met in the old Cooper's schoolhouse and ordered 650 pounds of seed. Thirty or more farmers gathered there at the direction of Professor W. T. Overby, of the Jamesville Schools, to discuss permanent pastures in connection with the 'live-at-home' program. Following a thorough discussion of their subject, sixteen of the farmers agreed to order cooperatively sufficient seed to sow 26 acres of pasture lands.

Reporting the work of the meeting here yesterday, Professor Overby was very much pleased with the interest shown by the farmers. "They have selected portions of their best land, and they are going into the pasture business in no half-hazard way," he said.

Rural Letter Carriers Hold District Meet Here Yesterday

Auxiliary to Carriers' Association Advanced by Women Present

The annual meeting of the rural mail carriers of the Eastern Carolina district was held here yesterday morning with fifty carriers and fourteen women, auxiliary members of the association, in attendance. In the absence of James E. Harrell, president of the association, John A. Ward, secretary of the organization, called upon S. A. Barnes, of Wilson, to preside. Rev. C. H. Dickey led the devotional services for the group.

Following a short introductory talk by Mr. Barnes of Wilson, Carl H. Howard, one of the first carriers in the county to assist in organizing the county, state and national associations, addressed the body. President of the national organization for two years, Mr. Howard stressed the need for a better understanding between the carriers and the public whom they serve and between the department officials and the carriers themselves. He explained the work of the Board of Control in its recommendations to the department at Washington and praised its efficient work. To do his duty was advanced as the main business of the carrier, Mr. Howard said in conclusion.

The organization of the carriers' wives as an auxiliary to the association was ably advanced by Mrs. O. H. Jackson, of Pitt county. Through this auxiliary, Mrs. Jackson explained efforts could be made to induce Congress to extend the benefits of disabled or retired carriers to their families. Turning her attention to the carrier, Mrs. Jackson stressed the educational importance and opportunities of the employee. Collectively, they have an opportunity to come in close touch with a large majority of the country's population daily. She urged the carriers to appreciate their jobs more fully because their work embraced a noble service. In bringing her address to a close, Mrs. Jackson mentioned the regularity of the pay check. She stated that it was once that death and taxes were the only two sure things, that now there are three sure things, death, taxes and rural carriers' checks.

Holding a session of their own, the women planned a drive to add a hundred to its membership in this district.

After a short address by Clerk of the Court R. J. Peel, the carriers informally discussed various problems confronted by them. The need for joining the State association was stressed, and a large number of the group present joined the carriers' insurance association.

The following were in attendance upon the meeting: J. T. Ross, Kelly Rawls, Robersonville; W. M. Mizelle, Jamesville; D. J. Spruill, J. T. Combs, Columbia; L. R. Thorne, J. R. Winstead, G. H. Winstead, Elm City; Harry Parker, Eure; S. L. Miller, J. M. Britt, Colerain; A. J. Tuggell, F. D. Turnage, Fountain; O. A. Chitty, Murfreesboro; J. Ray Freeman, Gates; O. W. Mumford, W. C. Chancey, Grifton; B. E. Copeland; Haley Copeland, Ahoskie; Thomas M. Davis, Durants Neck; E. W. Kennedy, H. C. Raynor, Kinston; J. A. Pruden, Margarettsville; Chas. W. Bowen, Bath; W. B. Boone, Potocasi; J. W. Brown, C. L. Dupree, Greenville; G. A. Owsen, M. H. McGowan, Washington; R. W. Stallings, E. T. Pittman, Whitakers; E. Tripp, Edwards; W. J. Griffin, Woodland; Guy C. Hill, Como; T. H. Whitley, Pantego; J. D. Parker, Aulander; W. R. Hardison, Stokes; J. T. Cale, Windsor; J. C. Watson, Fairfield; S. A. Barnes, Wilson; Carl H. Howard, of Wilson.

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ROBERSONVILLE SCHOOL'S LIVE AT HOME WEEK

Follows, In Detail, Suggestions Made by Governor O. Max Gardner

The Robersonville High School followed out in detail the suggestions of Governor Gardner relative to the "Live-At-Home Week". Each day the topics were enthusiastically discussed by teachers and students. Classes in oral composition gave the entire time to talks, the students gaining first-hand information from home experiences and valuable material from bulletins ordered previously from the State College Extension Division and placed on reference in the school library. Some wrote themes and poems, prepared charts in which they showed the amounts of food stuffs, milk, etc. produced, actually used, and needed for the individual families and for the class at large. Others made menus that they could follow and yet "live-at-home." Still others sought out suitable material and prepared posters indicating the values to be derived from such a program as urged by the governor. The French and Latin classes used French and Latin captions in their work.

Perhaps more characteristic of the general trend of the week than verbal description can give was the public program given on Friday morning by the Literary Society group directed by Misses Carrie T. Smith and Lynette Warren. The program was a representation of the creative work of the school. Songs, poems, themes, posters, and a pageant—all of original nature—were presented.

Program
Scripture Reading—Mary Wildman; Lord's Prayer—School; Song: "Old North State"—School; Radio Announcement—Stuart Ward; Song: "Live-At-Home," Composed by Frances Ross—Annie Louise Taylor, Ellen Rhea Taylor, Roberta Harris, Hattie Mae Bullock, Lula Mae Roebuck; Morning Tonic—Lillie Carson; Theme: "Importance of the Cow"—Elizabeth Keel, 9th; Theme: "Importance of the Daily Food for the Family"—Delores James, 9th; Summary of Crop Facts in North Carolina—Selma Gurganus, 11th; Poem—Frances Warren, 11th; Poem—Bertie Poole, 8th; Poem—Hoke Roberson, 8th; Poem—Zelma Page, 11th; Pageant: "The Home Garden"; Song composed by Lula Mae Bullock and Hattie Mae Roebuck; Farmer—Charlie Forbes, 10th; Farmer's Son—Fernando Bland, 9th; Symbolism of Farmer—Elmer Strickland, 11th; Vegetables—Students; Poster Parade—Representatives of French, Latin, and English classes; Song: "Live-At-Home," composed by Magnolia White—Annie Louise Taylor, Ellen Rhea Taylor, Roberta Harris, Hattie Mae Bullock, Lula Mae Roebuck.

Fire, believed to have started when a clothes rack and a few clothes fell on a heater, threatened the home of J. D. Harrison on Haughton Street here last Friday night. Damage to the structure was limited to about a hundred and fifty dollars, the heaviest loss resulting to furniture and clothing in the room where the blaze started.

Starting near the stove, the fire burned a rug and continued to the base board. Once in the wall, the blaze burned rapidly, but was not discovered until it had burned through the weather boarding. The fire company was called out, the fireman finding the house enveloped in smoke. Two lines of hose were laid out but only was necessary to check the blaze.

No one was in the home when the fire started, Mrs. C. B. Coltrain, Mr. Harrison's sister having left earlier in the evening to visit relatives a short distance from the home.

Car Stolen From Streets Here Late Saturday Night
Stolen from the streets here late Saturday night, the Ford sedan of Mr. W. G. Peele was found parked several miles from here on the Hamilton road. Residents in that section found the car Sunday, and identifying it by papers found, they returned it to Mr. Peel Sunday afternoon. The owner was unable to determine how many miles the car had been driven or discover any material damage to the machine.

ANSWER BOX

Q. What was Martin County's death rate in 1920?
A. 16.9 per 1,000 of population.
Q. How many dollars did Martin County receive from the State school fund last term?
A. \$55,069.05.
Q. What rate would have been necessary to support the Martin County schools last year under the same program had no State aid been received?
A. \$1.26 per \$100 property valuation.
Q. Who are the members of the Martin County Board of Commissioners?
A. T. C. Griffin, chairman, of Griffins; J. E. Pope, Williamston; H. S. Everett, Robersonville; Joshua L. Coltrain, Williams; V. G. Taylor, Cross Roads.
Q. Who serves as ex-officio clerk to the Martin County Board of Commissioners?
A. The register of deeds, J. Sam Getzinger.

Large Truck Turns Over On Main Street Today

A truck with a trailer attached carrying 104 bags of peanuts turned over at the Atlantic Hotel corner on Main Street here early this morning, damage resulting being very limited.

Driven by John Clements, the truck was travelling at a very low rate of speed at the time, the wreck occurring when a tire on the trailer blew out just as the truck started to turn the corner. The driver escaped injury.

Service at Local Holiness Church Wednesday Night

Rev. Jerome Hodges, North Carolina Conference superintendent of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, of Goldsboro, will preach in the local Holiness church tomorrow night.

The public is cordially invited to hear him.

House Passes Gardner's Road Measure by Vote of 89 to 18

FARM WORK IN MARTIN COUNTY

Preliminary Work on 1931 Tobacco Crop Practically Completed

Preliminary work on what is expected to be another bumper tobacco crop in this section is practically completed the farmers having finished sowing their plant beds. County Agent T. B. Brandon cleaned and treated a last lot of seed last Saturday, bringing to a close a work that has met with a marked favor among Martin County farmers during the past two years.

Very few tobacco barns are being erected in the county this year, but no additional barns are necessary in handling another big crop of tobacco. With one or two exceptions, new barns are replacing old ones.

Irish potato planting is underway in the county this week, the plantings being about the same as they were last year. The crop comes in for very little attention in this county, only one or two sections growing potatoes on a commercial scale. However, reports indicate that plantings will be large in the potato sections of Tyrrell and Currituck counties this year.

Agent Brandon, working on poultry loadings this week, stated yesterday that farmers in Martin are making a concerted drive against cholera among their hogs, that he continues to treat large numbers of the swine almost daily.

ATTENDANCE IN LOCAL SCHOOLS

Increased Percentage Reported by Principal Last Month

With weather better prevailing a greater part of time, attendance in the local schools was slightly increased during the last month, Principal Wm. E. Watson reported last week. The increase was mainly recorded in the primary and grammar grades, although the average for those grades continues to trail the high school average.

Comparative figures show that the average attendance this year is several points below the average for the last term, the loss being confined to the lower grades almost entirely. However, the percentage of attendance during the 5th month was greater than for the previous period.

Last month there were 657 children enrolled in all the grades, 606 of the number, or 92.22 per cent, attending regularly. There were 169 enrolled in the high school, 160 of the number attending regularly. In the primary and grammar grades there were 488 enrolled, 446 or 91.09 per cent attending regularly.

The average daily attendance in the school is expected to gradually increase when the weather gets better. A goodly number of children has been held at home, it is understood, because they did not have sufficient clothing to wear.

Regular Meeting Masons Here This Evening at 8

First degree work will feature the regular meeting of the Skewarkey lodge here this evening, it was announced this morning. All masons are urged to attend.

Urgent Need for Clothes; Bundle Day Here Tomorrow

With the supply exhausted and the need continuing for clothing, the charity committee of the Williamston Woman's Club has arranged a bundle day with Scoutmaster Wheeler Martin and his Scouts. The boys will canvass the town tomorrow afternoon.

Although the winter is most spent, the need for clothing continues, especially among children of school age and many aged people. Attendance figures in many of the schools have been lowered because many children did not and do not have adequate clothing to wear. The appeal is an urgent one, the chairman of the welfare committee and the need calls for a liberal response.

A good response to the present appeal will probably make another call this season unnecessary, and those in charge of the work are especially urging the cooperation of the people to that end. Have your bundles ready for the Scouts when they call at your home tomorrow afternoon.

Child Fatally Burned In Tub of Hot Water

Fatally burned last Saturday morning when she fell into a tub of scalding water, Emily Blanch Porter, three years old, died early yesterday morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Porter on the Everett farm near here. The child was burned from its neck to the knees, separating the skin from the meat.

Making preparations to scour the floor, Mrs. Porter placed a tub of scalding water on the floor. She left the room to go to another part of the house for something, and while out she heard the child scream. Apparently the child backed up to the tub lost its balance and toppled over backwards into the hot water.

The family recently moved to the Everett farm from Pitt county. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon and interment was made in Pitt county.

SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 5TH MONTH

One Hundred Twenty-two Names Appear on Roll Here Last Month

The names of 122 pupils appear on the local school honor rolls for the past month, it was announced by Principal Watson yesterday. Every grade in the elementary and high schools was represented by two or more pupils with one exception, grade 4-B having no pupils to meet the roll requirements. The list follows:

Honor Roll For Month Ending Feb. 13, 1931—Fifth School Month
Grade 1-A—Reg Griffin, S. C. Griffin, Berry Howell, Anne Fowden, Mary C. Godwin, Bina Jackson, Connie Nicholson, Elizabeth Parker, William Lilly.
Grade 1-B—Kathleen Nicholson, William Pate, Garland Wynne, Etta Mae Wynne, Martha Whitley, Nina Mae Bunch.

Grade 2-A—Stuart Critcher, Ben Barnhill, Jr., Jerry Manning, Emory McCabe, Raymond Rawls, Jack Sullivan, Joseph Thigpen, Nina Bland, Nancy Biggs, Eleanor Brown, Marjorie Dunn, Dorothy Harrison, Katherine Morton, Katherine Manning, Madeline Pope, Sallie Faye Thomas, Sarah Keel Taylor, Mary Ruth Ward, Alice Belle Jenkins, Ray Leggett.

Grade 2-B—Leslie Coltrain, Arna Wallace, Doris Bullock, Lillie C. Coltrain, Dorothy Jones, Emma Lou Daniels, McDonald Sarvis.
Grade 3-A—Rachel Keel, Julia Watts, Virgil Ward, Susie Whitley, Eleanor Taylor, Pearl M. Roberson, Louise Nelson, Doris Moore, Sallie C. Gurkin, Minnie Chesson, Bernice Cowen, James W. Ward, Elbert Peeler, jr., Gordon Manning, Julius Edwards, Jack Edmondson, Dick Dunn, Jerry Clark, Bill Ballard.

Grade 3-B—Irene Perry, Virginia Williams, Charles Pate, jr., Bennie Godwin.
Grade 4-A—Mary Barnhill, Grace Barnhill, Ronald Williams, John Ward jr., Jack Saunders, Reg Manning.
Grade 5-A—E. G. Wynne, Nellie G. Rogerson, Addie L. Meador, Julia Everett, Melrose Bonds.

Grade 5-B—Dether Daniels, Annie M. Leggett, Nellie G. Hopkins.
Grade 6-A—Ella W. Critcher, Ruby Harrison, Marjorie Lindsley, Kathleen Price, Gwen Watts, Jean Watts, Brinkley Lilley, Ben Manning, Ellis Wynne.
Grade 6-B—Carrie Williams, Elec Nicholson.

Grade 7—J. D. Bowen, Billy Griffin, Horace Ray, Emmett Whitley, Exum Ward, Frances Barnhill, Patie Bennett, Mary Edmondson, Alice Harrison, Blanche Harrison, Grace Manning, Irene Rogerson, Marjorie Taylor.
Grade 8-B—Edna Coats, Olive McCabe, Mattie Gurganus, Jessie M. Anderson.

Grade 9—Jennie G. Taylor, Russell Roebuck.
Grade 10—Lala Griffin, Pearl Griffin.

Grade 11—Joseph Griffin, Raymond Gurkin, Wheeler Manning, Reginald Simpson, Mary Clyde Williams, Frances Bowen, Mary Grady Gurkin, Nell Ingram, Edith Peeler, Veropa Lilley.

Kiwanis To Hold Their Regular Meet Tomorrow

Members of the local Kiwanis club are earnestly requested by the secretary, M. J. Moye, to attend the regular meeting of the organization tomorrow noon.

SMITH MAKES A MOTION TO GIVE BILL ATTENTION

Connor Defends Measure In Debate Lasting More Than Three Hours

"ROUND ROBIN" DIES

No More Taxes To Be Levied After July, 1931 for Road Maintenance
Chairman Connor Says

In one of the most dramatic sessions so far recorded in the present General Assembly and following a three-hour debate, the House last night passed Governor Gardner's road measure by a vote of 89 to 18, killing all amendments and side issues in the vote.

The "Round Robin" a type of coalition to postpone all legislative action except the school bill, was short-lived, Representative J. Calvin Smith, of this county, making the following motion allowing the road bills to take their course:

"That it is the sense of this caucus that the road bills be allowed to take their regular course, notwithstanding the same can be delayed, if that course had been deemed desirable. It being at the same time the understanding of this caucus that the six months' school bill already passed is mandatory in its provisions and requirements that the schools be supported by sources of taxation other than ad valorem."

Following adoption of a gentleman's agreement not to raise a point of order against consideration of both administration and minority bills at the same time, Mr. Connor, Chairman of the House Road Committee, launched into an explanation of the bill, bearing his name, which would abolish the present highway commission, and vest the entire administration of roads of the State with a central board of seven members.

Mr. Connor said that the State taking over the roads represented no yielding of county sovereignty, as they never possessed any in the first place. He attacked an opposition move of distributing figures labeled as the amounts each county would receive under the bill, stating that no human being could tell from the bill how much money would be allocated to the individual counties.

"It is endeavored to make this a comprehensive bill," he said, referring to the extensive machinery set up in the bill for utilizing convict labor, providing that all county prisoners be taken over on July 1, and henceforth be sentenced to district camps instead of county jails.

Provisions for utilization of the State's prisoners were copied from the present law, Mr. Connor said.

After July 1, 1931, he pointed out, no more local taxes shall be levied for road maintenance, leaving the only levy that for paying off bonds and interest on bonds issued for road building purposes. These bonds, amounting to more than \$100,000,000, cannot be taken over because of the Constitutional limitation of the State debt.

He answered criticism directed at the bill because it abolished the present highway commission, stating that the commission, which "existed on the dead ashes of a commission abolished before it was created" as a "construction commission" and had now overtaken its function and should yield to the proposed "maintenance commission."

Everetts School Honor Roll for Fifth Month

First Grade—Fabian Barnhill, Rudolph Hardy, Louise Mobley.
Second Grade—Ruby Cherry, Hattie Leggett, William Revpe, Irvin Cullipher, Ruth Forbes, Melba Keel.
Third Grade—Andrew Bullock, George Wynne, Norma Hardy, Rachel Mobley, Mary Mallory.
Fourth Grade—Mattie Louise Keel.
Fifth Grade—Joseph Barnhill, Loraine Bailey, Jennie Williams.
Seventh Grade—Alfonzo Cox, Ruth Cullipher.
Eighth Grade—Hilton Forbes, Evelyn Hardy.
Ninth Grade—Elba Cherry, Heben Keel, Hazel Faulkner, Mary Virginia Daniels.
Tenth Grade—Sidney Mallory.

Women To Hold Club Meeting Thursday 3:30

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club will be held at the club rooms Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The annual election of officers will be held and all members are urged to be present.