

# Farmer Tells of Methods Used in 1856

## Ads in Old Paper Printed in County Of Interest Locally

In the Democratic Banner, a newspaper published in Williamston back in 1856, appeared an advertisement for Mrs. J. N. Bell, Hamilton milliner. It is quite apparent that Hamilton was a leading shopping center for the county at that time, its shop operators being very well posted on styles. The advertisement reads as follows:

"To the Ladies of Hamilton and Vicinity:

"Mrs. J. N. Bell has just returned from the North with a complete assortment of Millinery Goods, where she has selected, in person, the best assortment ever offered in this market. Her stock comprises every article usually found in an establishment of the kind.

"As for beauty, style and price, none can equal.

"Particular attention paid to mantua making.

"To prevent regret the Ladies are most respectfully invited to call and examine her stock before purchasing elsewhere.

"Ann Bell, Hamilton, N. C."

Waldo and Bell, Hamilton jewelers, and large-scale advertisers in the Banner, had just returned from New York with a big stock of goods, including razors and pistols, according to the following advertisement appearing in the paper 80 years ago this month

"Razors: A few Jacques La-

## SCHOOL PUPILS 26 YEARS AGO



Taken about 26 years ago, the above picture shows the pupils in the local school eighth grade. The picture was made on the back steps of the old building that was torn down about 18 years ago. The names of the pupils and professor are: Front row, left to right, Professor Z. Hardy Rose, teacher now in the Nash County schools; Dr. W. H. Harrell, of Norfolk; J. C. Anderson, local hardware merchant; Maurice D. Watts, deceased; Mrs. Vance Bunting, of Bethel; Elbert S. Peel, local attorney and president of the second district bar association; second row: Tom Smith, tobacco buyer; Mrs. Penelope Biggs Bogart, of Washington; Mrs. Lala Wynne Russell, deceased; Mrs. Ida Jenkins Bussell, of Durham; J. W. Manning, local electrical contractor; back row, Dr. G. C. Godwin, of Hines, Ill.; Russell Teel, of Boston; Roland Robertson, Suffolk railroad man; and Bruce Whitley.

coule's single and double-bladed razors. A No. 1 article for gentlemen's use. Call in you that's troubled with old razors.

"A lot of Colt's repeating pistols, some of the latest patents. Also some self-cocking single barrel. Waldo and Bell."

## RATHER A PUZZLE

During the last thirty years a Washington man has been arrested and jailed 117 times for being drunk. We leave it for you to say whether the fellow's love for jail cause him to drink or his love for drink causes him to get in jail.

## Wife Outlives Her Husband As Rule Cotton, Corn, Peas And Wheat Were Main Crops Then

The chance of a wife becoming a widow is slightly greater today than it was in 1920, despite the fact that the average length of life has steadily increased, according to a report issued recently by statisticians of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. This, the report explained, is because the mortality improvement has been greater for women than for men.

For a couple of the same age, the chances that a wife will eventually be left a widow are about 55 in 100, according to the mortality in the United States in 1929-31, while the corresponding chances were about 52 in 100, according to the mortality of 1920.

The chances of a husband becoming widowed have diminished since 1920. Where a man is five years older than his wife the chances of his becoming a widower are 35 in 100; if ten years older, the chances are 27 in 100, and if 15 years older the chances decrease to 20 to 100.

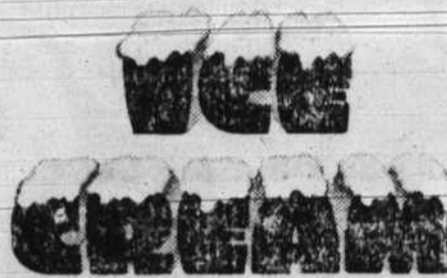
In signing the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act on March 1, 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said that "sound farming is of direct interest not only to farmers but to consumers," and that "the history of every nation is eventually written in the way in which it cares for its soil."

Writing in a Martin County newspaper 80 years ago, a farmer was explaining how farming was done. The main secret for success, according to the writer, was explained, as follows: "First, it will be seen the cotton succeeds the grain stubble and pea crop plowed in; this then must suffice each year for cotton. On our wheat, etc., we sow all the cotton seed we can save, if it should be 50 bushels per acre. And to the corn in the drill we apply all the manure we can make, fresh from the stable, sowhouse, or anywhere we can get it. This manuring aided the next year by cotton seed, annually increases the wheat crop, and consequently we have annually a heavier crop of peas and peavines to bury in, in the fall for the next year's crop of cotton. In the corn, we plant peas for seed and food for milch cows and negroes in winter."

The general rule in this county now is to buy fertilizer in a bag, feed the tenant from the store and grow cash crops at a loss most of the time.

It is seen by the comparison that the government's soil conservation program was in effect 80 years ago, but without bounty for the farmer at that time.

### We Make Our



### Sold in Any Quantities

Gallons, half gallons, quart or pints—made to order and according to your specifications and wishes. If it's ice cream we make it. We deliver. We use pure cream, flavors, and fresh fruits to make our ice cream. Our machinery is modern and sanitary.

We also sell candy, cigars, cigarettes, bottle and can beer, sandwiches, and a large stock of toilet articles and patent medicines.

SELL YOUR TOBACCO IN WILLIAMSTON

# J. C. LEGGETT

