

## Old Landmark Gives Way To The March Of Progress Here

### Site for New Postoffice Has Interesting Historical Background

The old Bagley home, the last of the old historical landmarks on Williamston's main street, will bow to the march of progress within the next few days when workmen will clear the site for a new \$78,000 post office building. A deed to the property has been transferred to the government by Frederick Hoyt, the late owner, who has thirty days to clear the old structure from the lot. Mr. Hoyt plans to move the house within a short time and locate it on the Knight property on Watts street.

The transfer of the property recalls to record many historical events of wide purport that transpired during the greater part of the nineteenth century.

Coming here from one of the counties across the sound at the turn of the eighteenth century, Doctor W. Bagley entered into the various phases of community life. About 1820 he built the old home, and it was the center of progress for a long number of years. Mr. Bagley, a great churchman and business leader, operated one of the largest mercantile establishments in the county for some time near the old home. He was a pillar of strength in the Methodist church, and was one of the founders of the old Williamston Academy about the year 1818.

A son, William Bagley, was an intelligence officer in the Confederate army, and a greater part of the spy records were brought here by him and packed away in a small out-house. About 1902, the late W. T. Ward had some tobacco stored in the small building and unofficial reports maintain that the structure was fired, destroying the building and all the contents including the spy records. Walter L. Main's circus was showing here that night and the fire almost broke up the show, according to Warren H. Biggs, the county's present unofficial historian. Mr. Bagley later moved to Tarboro. He died about 1897.

A daughter, Helen Bagley, married Captain Clements, and two children were born to that union, the late Walter Clements who left here and located in Battle Creek, Mich., and the late Mrs. Bettie Clements Simpson, widow of John Simpson. Mrs. Simpson died at the old home just a few years ago, breaking the continued occupancy by members of the Bagley family.

About 1880, Henry B. Short bought the property, but the heirs continued to live there, and when Mr. Simpson married Bettie Clements, he purchased the property. Following Mrs. Simpson's death the heirs sold the property to Frederick Hoyt just before or during the Civil War, Margaret Hopkins came from Arkansas to visit the Bagleys, Mr. Warren H. Biggs, recalling the story of the unusual visit, stating that she planned to remain only a few days, but at the end of forty years she was still a guest in the house. When she died she was buried in the family plot near the railroad adjoining the property on the rear.

## Elect Leaders In Methodist Church

The following were elected to leadership in the local Methodist church at the session of the fourth quarterly conference Thursday:

Mrs. D. N. Hix, general superintendent of the church school; Mr. Wheeler Manning, superintendent of the adult division; Mr. D. V. Clayton, superintendent of the young people's division; Miss Martha Leggett, superintendent of the children's division. The trustees of the church property are composed of the following: Mr. J. S. Whitley, Mr. J. E. Pope, Mr. R. A. Critcher and Mrs. L. B. Harrison. The stewards are as follows: Mr. R. S. Critcher, Mr. J. E. Pope, Mr. J. E. Boykin, Mr. D. V. Clayton, Mrs. Tom Brandan, Miss Martha Leggett, Mr. Wheeler Manning, Mr. J. H. Dixon, Mr. Wheeler Gardner, Mr. D. N. Hix and Mr. William Harrison.

The missionary committee is comprised of the following: Mrs. L. B. Harrison, Mrs. W. J. Watts, Mrs. Marvin Britton and Mrs. J. H. Dixon. The local board of christian education is composed of the following in addition to all superintendents in the various departments of the Sunday school: Wheeler Gardner, J. E. Boykin and W. A. Daniels. Miss Martha Leggett was re-elected director of the Golden Cross hospitalization work. Mr. Wheeler Manning was elected recording steward and Mr. D. V. Clayton was elected district steward for the ensuing year.

## Plan Extensive Tuberculosis Survey in the County Schools

Approved by the county board of health and the Martin County Medical Society, an extensive study of school children for tuberculosis will get underway in the high schools next week, county health authorities announced today.

Children above 12 years of age and those who have had tuberculosis in their families and those who have suspicious symptoms will be eligible for examination. All such children except those whose parents or guardians make written request that their children be exempted are studied as follows:

First the tuberculin test (which is entirely harmless) is given to each child to be studied. Nothing further is done to those children whose tests are negative. On those who give a positive tuberculin reaction, a family and personal history is obtained and an x-ray picture of the chest is taken. This will be made possible through the extension department of the North Carolina Sanatorium in cooperation with the local doctors.

The tuberculin tests will be made in the schools. After all the x-ray pictures are read a report on each child will be furnished to the health officer, who will send a notice of the finds to the parents as to the presence or absence of tuberculosis. The parents are urged to take the child to the family physician for a general examination and for final advice.

All parents who are able to do so will be asked to pay \$1.00 for their child's x-ray. This will help pay for the film, the use of the x-ray machine and other incidental expenses.

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## Local Employment Agency Finds Jobs for 1,187 People

Since opening last fall the local office of the N. C. State Employment service has placed 1,187 people in jobs, both public and private. These figures represent job placements in a wide variety of occupations, including men and woman and young people, of both races.

During the past three weeks the Williamston office has placed approximately 140 people in jobs, mostly in regular employment. These placements are distributed over the five-county area served by this office, including Martin, Beaufort, Washington, Tyrrell and Hyde. Total registrations, or applications, taken in the Williamston office, have been about 2,900 in its period of operation since opening the office in the Town Hall building last October. With a considerable number of

public works projects now in operation, together with some school buildings, improvements and municipal improvement program, particularly in Beaufort County, soon to get underway the local employment office is expecting a large increase in applicants for jobs being placed in employment in the near future.

Registration service is given at regular intervals at the designated public places in each of the main community centers over the five-county area, and on these days applicants for work, and claimants for unemployment compensation appear to register and to file their claims. Increasing demands from private business, resulting in many applicants being placed in private employment, have featured the work of the Williamston office in recent weeks.

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Increase in County Liquor Traffic Is Nipped In The Bud

An all-time record for the enforcement of the liquor laws in this county was established by officers and special agents during the month of August, a review of the report released this week by Special Enforcement Officer J. H. Roebuck for the period shows.

The apparent attempt to reestablish the illicit liquor traffic on a large scale in the county met with almost complete failure before the concerted drive conducted by officers in nearly everyone of the ten townships. Reliable reports maintain that activities in the illicit liquor trade are almost at a standstill at the present time. Enforcement officers, while reporting no public activities, are still on the job, and plans are well underway to supplement the present group of officers with federal agents.

During the past month, the officers captured and wrecked twenty liquor plants. The previous record for any one month was fifteen stills. Nearly 6,000 gallons of beer, 56 gallons of bootleg liquor and fifteen gallons of legal liquor were confiscated.

Nine arrests were effected, most of them coming at the retail end of the business. Five of the nine defendants have been convicted in the courts, three are awaiting trial and one was adjudged not guilty.

Since the first of the month, the officers have wrecked two liquor plants, one in Hamilton and one in Jamesville Township. Several hundred gallons of beer were poured out.

Handling the extensive raids during the hot month of August required the services of all county officers, the special representative of the Martin County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board and an assistant and a federal agent.

Four-year-old Jerry Savage, son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Savage, of near here, lost two of his fingers yesterday morning when he struck a dynamite cap with a hammer on the door steps of the Savage home.

The palm of the little fellow's left hand was badly torn also. The fingers were amputated at the first joint. He was reported to be getting along very well today.

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## State Tobacco Quota Is Slightly Raised To Remove Inequalities

### Total of Nine Millions Is Added to Allotments In Three States

The farm administration announced this week adjustments had been made in the flue-cured tobacco marketing quotas of Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia, adding an aggregate of 9,011,000 pounds of tobacco on which no penalty tax will have to be paid in those states.

Georgia, where the crop already has been marketed, received an adjustment of 3,449,000 pounds; Virginia, 3,406,000 pounds, and North Carolina, 2,156,000 pounds.

The adjustments were ordered by Secretary Wallace because minimum marketing allotments for small farms absorbed too great a portion of the state quota and caused inequities to some larger farms.

Quotas in other flue-cured states—South Carolina, Florida and Alabama—were not changed.

The adjustments in Virginia, North Carolina, and Georgia raised the national flue-cured tobacco marketing allotment, invoked under the new farm act, from 739,068,000 pounds to 748,079,000 pounds.

All tobacco sold in excess of quotas is subject to a penalty tax of 50 cents.

Quota adjustments in the three states were for farms on which tobacco previously had been grown, as the national allotment of 21,150,000 pounds for new farms in all states was not disturbed.

The increases raised Virginia's quota for all farms from 65,458,000 pounds to 68,864,000 pounds; North Carolina's from 485,678,000 to 487,834,000 and Georgia's from 71,052,000 to 74,502,000.

In addition, Virginia has an estimated quota allotment of 2,257,000 pounds for farms on which flue-cured tobacco is being grown for the first time and North Carolina has approximately 9,256,000. The Georgia allotment for new farms approximated 5,266,000.

## Tobacco Sales Pass Two Million Mark

With large offerings today, the local tobacco market passed the two-million-pound mark, reports from the warehouses at noon indicating that the sales would continue late into the afternoon. When the sales were halted for lunch, several rows awaited the buyers on first sale. The third sale house was more than one-third full and farmers continued to unload.

While some exceptionally good averages have been made on the local market this week, the price average has not yet reached a fancy figure, and while the farmers are not at all pleased, comparatively few of them are turning tags. Large quantities of inferior tobacco are being offered, but in most cases where the price is not over five or six cents a pound, the growers are withdrawing the leaf and carrying it home for fertilizer. The surplus poundage, gained by removing such inferior quality, can be sold for five cents a pound.

Reports from other markets clearly indicate that the price range is about the same throughout the belt, farmers declaring that the general average is disappointing for the most part.

Increased prices are expected and farmers are eagerly awaiting them, but most growers are selling at a rapid pace. Quite a few have already disposed of their crops.

## Martin Farmers To Vote On Control

Martin County tobacco and cotton farmers will voice their approval or disapproval of the program for production control at a referendum to be held on or about December 15, it was announced this week by Henry A. Wallace, secretary of agriculture.

Anticipating an increased surplus of both commodities this year, the secretary of agriculture ordered the referendum held. Two-thirds of the farmers are to favor the program if it is to continue next year.

Unofficial reports maintain that acreage and poundage quotas will possibly be released to the farmers before the vote is taken next December. Last year, Martin farmers voted 3071 to 40 for tobacco control and 1718 to 16 for the cotton program.

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