

COUNTY AGENT BUSY TREATING TOBACCO SEED

Seed for Over 300,000 Square Yards of Beds Treated Up To Yesterday

PREVENTS DISEASES

Formula and Instructions for Making and Using Formaldehyde Solution

County Agent T. B. Brandon has had a busy week treating tobacco seed for farmers all over the county. Up until late yesterday afternoon, Mr. Brandon had treated seed for over 300,000 square yards of tobacco beds, and he continues at the task in his office. It was stated that the treatment of seed is of great importance, and Mr. Brandon is anxious that all farmers in the county prepare their seed or bring them to him for treatment.

"Angular leaf spot and wildfire of tobacco are of common occurrence in Martin County," Mr. Brandon stated, "and it is safe to say that there are few fields entirely free of these diseases. Angular leaf spot in particular occurs with much prevalence and does serious damage from year to year. The following preventative, if carried out properly," Mr. Brandon declared, "will greatly reduce the occurrence of both the angular leaf spot and wildfire diseases."

1. Selection of location for plant beds. Select a new location for the plant bed as often as possible on land that is well drained.

Seed treatment. Tobacco seed should be treated with a formaldehyde solution prepared by mixing one tablespoon full of formaldehyde with one pint of water. Place the treating solution in a fruit jar and put the seed in a cloth sack (the sack should not be filled more than half full of seed); then dip seed in solution in fruit jar, for exactly ten minutes. Precaution should be taken to stir the seed, so that all seed within the sack are wet with the solution. At the end of ten minutes remove and wash seed thoroughly in several changes of water, until the odor of formaldehyde is gone, then spread out in a warm room to dry.

The seed may be left in the sack for washing out the formaldehyde, providing the seed are worked about with the hands, in order to insure water reaching all parts. Use several changes of water. The drying is best done by spreading the seed out on a paper in a warm room.

Plant bed covers. Old plant bed covers which are to be used again this year should be disinfected by boiling them in water for forty minutes or longer.

Plants for setting in the field. Select the most vigorous plants and those that are free from mosaic ("wallow" or "calico"), and leaf spots, when drawing plants from the bed.

Removal of Diseased Plants. Remove from the field and burn the first plants showing signs of mosaic or leaf spots, in order to prevent spread.

Crop Rotation. Several of the more common tobacco diseases are known to live over in the soil from one season to the next. The rotation of crops on tobacco soils is of importance, therefore, from the standpoint of disease control, as well as that of soil fertility.

W. T. Stone Shows Are Booked for Roanoke Fair

The W. T. Stone shows were booked for the 1928 Roanoke Fair by Manager John L. Rodgers at a meeting of fair secretaries held in Richmond the early part of this week.

Mr. Rodgers stated that there were many fairs and amusement companies represented at the meeting. While in Richmond Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers were the guests of Mr. Rodgers' sister, Mrs. M. B. Dawes.

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY

Buddy Roosevelt

in

"ACTION GA-LORE"

Also

Two-Reel Comedy

And Serial

"SCARLET BRAND"

Theatre Well Heated

TEACHERS AND PARENTS MEET

Field Worker for State Association Is Principal Speaker

At a regular meeting of the parents-teachers' association here yesterday afternoon, Mrs. W. W. Martin, field worker for the State Parents-Teachers' organization, addressed fifty members on the subject of "Higher Purposes of Parents-Teachers' Work." The purposes mentioned and explained were parental education and the relation of local units to national organization in formulating policies and setting up standards in schools.

Mrs. Martin is connected with the North Carolina College for Women and has covered the entire State, making speeches in behalf of parents-teachers' work and effecting organizations. Finding the association here a member of the State Federation of Parents-Teachers' organization, she dismissed the idea of having to persuade her audience to organize and chose to speak on the "higher and finer phases of the work."

In speaking of educating for parenthood, she quoted figures to show that due to our lack of knowledge in the fundamentals of child training and health protecting we were losing in health of children from birth to the age of six. Children are born at the per cent. of 94 perfect; that is, 94 out of every hundred born are pronounced by physicians to be in perfect condition. At the age of six, the number of the same hundred children enjoying perfect health and sound minds is 49. "Why not," asked the speaker, "preserve what nature has given us instead of letting it decay and be dissipated through ignorance of nature's laws?" She advocates a more thorough training on the part of parents in both the physiology and the psychology of children. Not only may the frets and tantrums of children be changed into sleep and playfulness by proper attention, but, according to Mrs. Martin, the wanderings of adolescence can be anticipated by wise and thoughtful parents who have an understanding about the human instincts and impulses and what they demand.

The speaker gave no little praise to G. Stanley Hall and others who blazed the trail of scientific child training.

The way to get the ends for which local organizations strive is to function as a unit in the National organization, for law makers and those in authority to listen only to the expressed wishes of the large organized group. Instead of giving all time, money and interest to local problems, it was urged upon the local club to back the Federation as the best means of relief. With a solid front, backed by the organized motherhood, the work of the Parents-Teachers' Association of America will be effective. And the speaker assured the audience that as those principles and policies fostered by such an organization were given respect and importance, citizenship through the training of children would be raised. Strong and well-balanced minds would be the priceless possession of active and vigorous bodies of both men and women. The enlightenment of parents would assure this more than any other thing available believed Mrs. Martin.

START COUNTY SERIES PRELIMS

Williamston and Everetts Win First Round of Tournament

The preliminary games in the county basketball championship series were played this week, Everetts winning over Robersonville 38 to 6 and Williamston nosing out ahead of Farm Life, 11 to 9. Bear Grass hasn't a team this season, so the schedule with that school and Jamesville was called off. Reports of other games were not obtainable this morning.

Next week the same teams will meet again, and if the winners of this week win again next, the first set of games will be completed. Should Farm Life, for example, win over Williamston, then another game will be played. The following week the two teams winning in the two territorial sections of the county will meet, and then the winners in each section will meet to decide the county champions.

Hog-Raising Contest in Jamesville Township

Mr. Hoyt B. Barber is contesting the hog-raising championship in Jamesville township with his neighbor, Mr. Bob Sexton. Mr. Barber killed 25 one-year old hogs this week, averaging 245 pounds each. He also killed several smaller ones, making his total hog killing 6,986 pounds. Previously he killed several pigs weighing 500 pounds and during the season he had sold \$300 worth of meat on the hoof.

FERTILIZER TEST ON PEANUTS TO BE MADE IN MAY

Expert of Holland Firm Here Yesterday Making Arrangements

NOW STUDYING SOILS

Making Experiments All Over East Carolina; Definite Plans Not Yet Completed

Mr. A. H. Harris, of the Agricultural and Scientific Bureau of the Potash Export Company, Ltd., Amsterdam, Holland, was here yesterday making arrangements with County Agent T. B. Brandon for holding a demonstration in peanut growing in this county the early part of May. Mr. Harris, for a number of years a county agent in this State, is particularly interested in the raising of peanuts, and is preparing demonstrations for the entire eastern part of North Carolina this year.

While the plans for the demonstration in this county were not made complete yesterday, it is understood that Mr. Harris with County Agent T. B. Brandon will make a study of certain soils in the county, and apply certain fertilizer formulas in the test. Between one and two acres will be used in testing the fertilizer formula in this county.

Mr. Harris stated that similar tests have caused noticeable results in many of the peanut growing sections of Virginia, and that he sees no reason why the experiments should not prove highly beneficial to farmers in this State and county.

PLEAD GUILTY OF MAKING LIQUOR

Two Men Caught at Still Admit Charge; One Other Freed

Caught in the act, there was nothing else for Alexander Williams and David Cooper to do but plead guilty before Judge Bailey here last Tuesday of manufacturing liquor. Levi Rogers, in the same case, plead not guilty and the court dismissed him when it was learned that he was only a visitor at the plant. Williams was released under a \$500 bond until next Tuesday when judgment will be pronounced by Recorder Bailey. Cooper, a Bertie county Negro, and bootlegger, failed in his bond and is now awaiting sentence which will be handed down next Tuesday.

Officers S. H. Grimes and H. O. Daniel answered the call from Cross Roads township the early part of last week, and making their visit in a very quiet way, they were able to reach the scene of action unnoticed. They watched the operations for a while, and just before they started to make known their presence, the operators made the discovery and started for the woods. Cooper was caught by officer Grimes, and a warrant brought the other two men into court. The 65-gallon capacity still, ten gallons of liquor and about 600 gallons of beer were destroyed.

"Cotton," As Seen By An Enterprise Reader

Cotton, as viewed by one of our readers:

"Cotton is the overcoat of a seed that is planted and grown in the Southern States to keep the producer broke and the buyer crazy. The fibre varies in color and weight, and the man who can guess nearest its length is called a cotton buyer by the public, a fool by the farmer and a poor business man by the banker. The price of cotton is determined in New York and goes up when you have sold and down when you have bought. A buyer working for a group of mills was sent to New York to watch the cotton market and after a few days' deliberation he wired his firm to this effect: Some think it will go up and some think it will go down, I do too. What ever you do will be wrong, act at once."

"Cotton is planted in the spring, mortgaged in the summer, and left in the field in winter.

"You can and you can't; you will and you won't. Be damned careful if you do, and be damned if you don't."

Rocky Mount Airplane Remains Here Today

Representatives of Hinnant-Nash Company, fliers of Rocky Mount, are "looking the town over" today and are taking up passengers. The machine is piloted by Walter Becker, veteran flier. The representatives will be here during the day only, leaving for Rocky Mount and Selma early tomorrow morning. During the past several months they have been carrying passengers up in the various towns in this State. Mr. Becker is originally from Pennsylvania, and has been in active service in the American Air Forces.

School Site Problem Tabled At Board Meet Wednesday

The question of selecting a site for the proposed new school building was tabled by the Board of Education in its meeting here last Wednesday. Unsatisfactory prices prevented a selection, it was unofficially stated yesterday.

Recommendations from the local school committee were placed before the county body, and were regarded as favorable. However, the recommendations failed to be of value in the face of the price element entering into the matter.

The recommendations going from the office of the local committee to the County Board favored the Rhodes site and the Martin property. Ideas entertained in regards to where the building should be placed are as many as there are citizens in the town, and we have quite a few of them, but the latest trend of thought centers upon a spot of land adjoining the lot of Mr. Claud Griffin in New Town as a possible site. The site there faces William street.

DIVIDEND 8 PER CENT DECLARED

Roanoke Warehouse Stockholders Hold Annual Meet Thursday

A dividend of eight per cent. was declared at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Roanoke Tobacco Warehouse Company held in the courthouse here yesterday.

The report of the officers to the stockholders was very favorable and besides the 8 per cent dividend, 3 per cent was carried to the surplus fund. This makes just 100 per cent that the company has paid in dividends since its organization.

All officers were reelected for the ensuing year, Henry D. Peel, president; S. C. Griffin, vice president and Roy T. Griffin, secretary and treasurer.

The warehouse property has been leased to Meadows, Meador, Griffin and Taylor for the coming year.

FACE TRIAL IN BERTIE COURT

Five Martin Men Being Tried for Violating Game Laws

Five Martin county men faced trial in Windsor today for violating the State game laws.

Warrants were sworn out by Deputy Game Warden Paul Ballard before Phillip Perry, justice of the peace, against J. B. Barnhill, L. J. Mills and Herman Moore for hunting without permits from the landowners. They had hunting licenses either for Bertie county or the State at large. Warrants, charging Joe Johnson and Sam Taylor with hunting without permits or licenses, were also obtained.

All the defendants admitted the facts as charged against them. The three with licenses were required to pay the costs amounting to \$8.00, the other two were released upon paying the cost and procuring Bertie county hunting licenses.

Many people have hunted the Bertie low grounds this season, but this is the first violation of the game law to reach the courts in that section. Officers say that a number of dogs have been killed according to circulating reports but no arrests have been made in such cases.

J. Lawrence Peel Moves Store To New Location

Mr. J. Lawrence Peel has moved his jewelry store from the building next to the Farmers Supply company to the building adjoining P. P. Peel's soda and cigar store. The location is only a few doors from the old one, and is much better arranged for Mr. Peel's jewelry business.

Federation To Meet At Baptist Church Tonight

Rev. Stanley Rogers, of Bethel, will preach to the Federation in the Baptist church here tonight at 7:30. The Poplar Chapel quartette will appear on the program. The public is invited and urged to attend.

East Carolina Warehouses To Close Friday, Jan. 27

All Eastern Carolina tobacco warehouses are closing the season on January 27th, giving the farmers only one more week to bring in the last loads. The warehousemen think all farmers will be able to finish grading and get their tobacco on the market by that time.

The post-holiday sales have fell far below the expectations of the warehousemen throughout this part of the State, and it is believed that the crop report of December 31st, will be changed but very little by January sales.

Timber may be worked as a paying crop on the farm. Thin out the weak and undesirable trees so that the better trees may grow and be harvested for timber as they mature, is the method now being used by many progressive farmers.

DOUBLE-HEADER THURSDAY NIGHT

Jamesville Defeats Maysville While Town Team Loses Its Opener

Jamesville basketball team turned back Maysville's undefeated five last night 16 to 14, in one of the best games played here this season. The county lads were leading at the half, but from then to the end of the regular game, first one team and then the other was in the lead. A large number of spectators urged the Martin boys on, and the team's members did heed the commands, but the end of the regular period found the score tied 14 all. An extra period was called.

One minute passed and the score remained the same; each team continued to hold to its defense until Brown, for Jamesville, tore away to carry the ball the distance of the court and add two points to his team's score. The visitors staged a healthy comeback, but Jamesville's defense strengthened, and Maysville's attempts to score were futile.

The two teams will meet here again tomorrow night it was announced by Professor J. L. Jones this morning. The defeat last night was Maysville's first this season, and the game tomorrow night, while it can be no better than the one last night, is expected to be equally as good.

Following the Jamesville-Maysville game, the local town team faced an all-star five from Washington and was turned back 35 to 15. While this was the first game of the season for the locals, the score of the game upset all previous hope, and will cause a more strenuous practice schedule during the next few days to be followed.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS TO MEET SUNDAY

Township Convention To Be Held at Reddicks Grove Church

The next township Sunday school convention scheduled in the county will be held next Sunday in the Reddicks Grove church, it was announced this morning by Mr. John N. Hopkins, chairman. The program for the convention which opens at three o'clock in the afternoon has been arranged, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Following the opening song, Mr. C. L. Daniel will make the address of welcome. Special music has been arranged and following Mr. Daniel's address, a duet appears on the program. County Superintendent R. A. Pope and Editor W. C. Manning will make short talks. The children in the community have been practicing several songs and they will sing during the program.

Baptists To Have But One Service Sunday

Two unusually large congregations greeted the pastor last Sunday upon his return from an absence of several days.

Sunday night the congregation of this church will go to the Christian church when, with the other churches of Williamston, the new pastor will be formally welcomed. Sunday school and the morning preaching service will, therefore, be the only services held in our church Sunday.

The pastor will have for his morning subject, "Is it Nothing to You?" Last Sunday we welcomed three new members into our fellowship. Quite a number of visitors were in the audience; and we especially welcome the people who have recently come to town.

Everetts Woodmen To Meet Monday

An important meeting of members of the Everetts Modern Woodmen camp is scheduled for next Monday when officers will be installed and other business matters are presented before the membership for settlement. A large attendance is urged by the present officers.

INSTITUTE FOR PARENTS TO BE HELD IN STATE

Will Take Up Consideration of All Phases of Child Life

FEBRUARY 14, 15, 16

To Be Held in Raleigh; Number Prominent Speakers On Program

An Institute on Parental Education for the consideration of all phases of child life by parents and representatives of the agencies in the State concerned with child development will be held in Raleigh, February 14, 15, and 16, in Raleigh, it was announced yesterday in a letter to Mrs. Wheeler, Martin, president of the Williamston Woman's club.

According to the letter received by the club's president here, the Institute will be featured by addresses by Dr. George E. Vincent, President of the Rockefeller Foundation, Dr. Francis Pendleton Gaines, President of Wake Forest College, Dr. Ernest R. Groves, of the faculty of the University of North Carolina, Dr. Ruth Andrus, of the faculty of Teachers' College, Columbia University, and others.

Every one interested in the problem of parental education is most cordially invited to attend. All sessions of the Institute will be open to the public, without charge.

The Institute is being fostered by North Carolina College for Women, State Department of Public Instruction, University of North Carolina, State Board of Health, State College of Agriculture and Engineering, North Carolina branch of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, East Carolina Teachers' College and North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

MANY CASES / CONTINUED

Seven of Eleven Cases Held Over By Recorder Until Next Tuesday

The Martin County Recorder's court entered the realm of conservatism last Tuesday when it saved seven out of eleven cases on the docket until next Tuesday. Besides continuing seven cases, prayer for judgment was continued in one case until next Tuesday and in another, judgment was continued until March 1.

The seven cases continued: Gus Knight, assault with deadly weapon, Jesse Killebrew, reckless driving, Floyd Moore, securing marriage license falsely.

J. W. Bailey, Melvin Bailey and Jas. T. Bailey, trespass, Peter Spruill, attempted assault, Enley Speller, assault with deadly weapon and carrying concealed weapon, Joe Henry Gilmore, assault with deadly weapon.

Jim Chance plead not guilty when he was charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated. The findings of the court led to a \$75. fine and the revoking for four months, the defendant's license to operate a car. Chance decided to take a chance in the superior court, and his appeal bond was fixed at \$200.

A plea of guilty of simple assault was accepted by the court from James Ruffin, and a fine of \$5. was imposed besides requiring the defendant to pay the cost.

William Seasons plead guilty when charged with violating the liquor laws, and was given a six months jail sentence. Upon good behavior, the sentence was suspended for two years.

The case, charging W. G. Anthony with disposing of mortgaged property, went one step nearer completion when he plead guilty to the charge. The case had been called several times before, but in one instance it was continued when the defendant failed to appear; and in another when the defendant's attorney called for a jury trial. A jury was summoned last Tuesday, the defendant plead guilty, and prayer for judgment was continued until March 1.

Mrs. Laura Wells Dies In Williams Township

Mrs. Laura Wells, who lived near Ray's camp, in Williams township, died in a Washington hospital immediately following an operation for goiter last Tuesday. Mrs. Wells had suffered for some time with the goiter before deciding to go to the hospital for an operation.

She was 38 year old and leaves her husband, W. H. Wells, and eight children. She was the daughter of Samuel J. Parrisher and wife, of Williams township. Interment was in the Siloam church yard Wednesday, Rev. Mr. Edwards, of Plymouth, conducting the services.

SPECIAL SERVICE LOCAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH SUNDAY

New Pastor, Rev. James H. Hale Will Be Formally Installed

ANNOUNCE PROGRAM

Other Churches of Town Call Off Evening Services and Will Take Part in Ceremony

A special service in which the several churches in the town will take part, is announced for the Christian church next Sunday evening at 7:30 when formal installation of the new pastor, Rev. James H. Hale, will be made. The several other churches in the town have kindly called off their evening services and will take part in the installation of the new pastor.

The following program has been arranged: Hymn—How Firm a Foundation, Invocation by Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, Song—Jesus Shall Reign, Scripture, H. Tim. Chap. 2, Rev. C. H. Dickey, Special selection by Mrs. Holliday, Introduction of the Pastor by R. J. Peel.

Welcome to the City by Mayor Curburn, Welcome to the City by Mr. Davis for the Schools, Welcome to the City by Civic Organizations by Clayton Moore, Response by the Pastor, Song—I Love to Tell the Story, Charge to the Pastor by Rev. C. H. Dickey, Charge to the Church by Dr. Fitzgerald, Hymn—O Zion, Haste, Benediction by the Pastor.

The church will hold its regular Sunday school and morning services. The public is cordially invited to attend any of the services.

Judge Winston Again Is Candidate for Legislature

Hon. Francis D. Winston, the veteran Bertie legislator, has stepped to the ring again and is offering his past record coupled with a strong platform of good Democratic doctrine as a good reason for the Bertie Democrats to return him as their representative to the State Assembly.

Judge Winston recommends a reduction of expense of government by the consolidation of departments, by a uniform State support of schools, by lowering taxes on agricultural land. An overhauling of the courts, both criminal and civil is badly needed according to the Judge and something should be done to lower the costs and quicken the process of the courts.

Mc. G. Roberson Dies At Everetts Wednesday

Mc. G. Roberson, of Everetts, died of pneumonia Wednesday, afternoon after a week's illness. Mr. Roberson had lived in the Everetts section all his life and at the time of his death he was 56 years old. His wife died three months ago, leaving three grown sons.

Interment was made at the Rogers burying ground near Bear Grass yesterday afternoon, the funeral rites being conducted by Elder J. N. Roberson. The Modern Woodmen of the Everetts Camp, of which he was a member, buried him with the ceremonies and honors of that order.

Seize 10-Gallon Still In Raid Wednesday

The idea generally entertained in this and other sections that Martin county manufactures liquor on a large scale was exploded last Wednesday by Sheriff A. L. Roebuck and Federal Officer C. F. Alexander when they captured a copper still of ten gallon capacity and of unique design. Continuing the raid in Williamston and Cross Roads townships, the officers picked up a 75-gallon still and its equipment. The still had been run a short time prior to the officers' arrival, but its operators had repaired to their homes.

Home Agent Returns From New Hampshire

Miss Lora Sleeper, the new home demonstrator for this county, returned Wednesday from Concord, New Hampshire, where she had been to attend the funeral and burial of her only brother, who died very suddenly there last week. Mr. Sleeper had been teaching in New England where he married and made his home in New Hampshire.

Miss Sleeper who had been here only a week when she received the news of the death of her brother, has expressed much gratification at the fine spirit of sympathy extended her by the Williamston people. She wishes to especially thank those who were so kind in assisting her to make proper connections for the trip.