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SMALLER CROP TOBACCO SHOWN BY FARM CENSUS

Expected Increase in Acreage Disproved by Early Census Figures

5 TOWNSHIPS REPORT

First Returns Also Indicate Decrease in Acreage of Cotton; Peanuts About Same As Last Year

While only five townships have reported, many interesting facts have been brought out through the farm census taken by each list taker. The five townships report are Bear Grass, Williams, Cross Roads, Griffins, and Williamston. It might be that these townships will represent a little less or a fraction more than half the county, but for a rough comparison they will probably do.

This year the census report shows that the farmers in these five townships have planted 6,310 acres of tobacco, as compared with 16,329 acres planted by all 10 townships last year. Figuring the five townships at half, it is readily seen that there is a decrease in the tobacco acreage in this county this year. However, it is the general opinion that there is an increase in acreage, but turning to the figures there is a decrease in the acreage.

That there will be a decrease in the crop is very evident, since farmers generally state that the crop is behind by two weeks or more of the one last year at the same time. According to the North Carolina Farm Forecaster, an official publication of the State Department of Agriculture, there was an increase of 2,870 acres last year over the 1926 acreage.

Judging from the returns from the five townships, which show 1,720 acres of cotton, the biggest decrease will be found in that crop this year in any other one. There were 11,281 acres planted to cotton last year in the entire county, according to the State Farm Forecaster. The expected decrease this year will be in line with the decrease last year, when 3,662 less acres were planted to that crop than the year before.

The peanut crop of 7,771 acres in the five townships promises to top the list again this year. Last year there were 22,723 acres of the goobers, and when the other five townships are heard from, it is the opinion of many that the crop will compare in acres very closely to the one of last year.

In 1927 there were 857 acres of Irish potatoes in the county. The five townships report this year only 292, but it must be remembered that the five townships reporting are not given over to Irish potatoes as much as do the other five townships.

Four hundred and thirty-seven acres of sweet potatoes have been planted in the five townships, as compared with 882 acs. for the entire county last year.

The plantings of other crops will be given with the complete returns of the ones mentioned as soon as the list-takers turn their books over to Mr. John D. Lilley, county tax supervisor.

Colored Boy Drowned While in Swimming

Theophilus Stallings, an 18-year-old colored boy, was drowned late Saturday evening near the home of H. U. Peel. He went in an old mill race, where two other colored boys were swimming, and was warned by them not to go to certain places, on account of deep water, but failed to heed their warning and was soon over his head and went down with no help in reach. The small boys ran for help but before the body was found and recovered by Mr. Heber Peel an hour had elapsed and he was past resuscitating. The water was from 8 to 10 feet deep where the drowning occurred.

Stallings was the son of Kader Stallings, a farmer who lives near Smithwicks Creek Church.

Petition Tobacco Association For Earlier Market Opening

Thousands of Business Men and Farmers Sign Petition To Be Presented at Meeting of Association in Old Point Comfort, Va., Tomorrow

Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce officials will carry a petition signed by thousands of farmers and business men of this section before the meeting of the United States Tobacco Association tomorrow at Old Point Comfort, Va., urging an earlier opening of the leaf tobacco markets in eastern Carolina. The petition asking that the markets be opened August 21 this year has been circulated during the past several weeks in practically every section of eastern Carolina and thousands of names have been placed on the list.

Since the price for Irish potatoes has been so low and other truck crops selling for practically nothing, the petitioners state that it is imperative that the opening date for the markets be moved up from September 4 to August 21. Such a small price has not been received by 'spud' growers in

years, making it vitally necessary that the markets be opened earlier than in other years. It is the estimation of commerce officials, that approximately \$6,000,000 will be put in circulation two weeks earlier in eastern Carolina than usual if the markets of the belt are opened August 21.

"If \$6,000,000 can be turned into the channels of trade in August, one of the dullest months in the year, Eastern Carolina will be greatly benefited," Mr. N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, said yesterday. "The minute the tobacco markets open, the 'big season' starts in this section."

It is the general opinion that the markets in the belt will open as soon as the South Carolina crop is out of the way and that the petition will be of little value as far as securing an earlier opening is concerned.

NOBILE RESCUED FROM ICE FLOE

Swedish Airplane Manages To Rescue Leader of Arctic Expedition

General Umberto Nobile, whose Arctic dirigible Italia was wrecked in a gale May 25, was rescued from a drifting ice floe today by the Swedish airplane Upland. He was brought to Kings Bay with a broken leg and in serious condition.

Nobile's leg was broken just before the Upland landed at his encampment, which was being threatened by warm weather and melting ice. He had been struck by a piece of ice in the confusion which occurred before the Upland arrived.

The explorer was rushed aboard the steamship Quest for treatment after he arrived there.

The Upland brought only Nobile from his precarious position on the shifting ice, but will return for other members of the crew.

Many tons of ice were being tossed like pieces of cork about Nobile's camp, and one of these, while he was waiting for the Upland to come down, struck him and broke his leg.

The other members of the Nobile party had not been rescued yesterday, but attempts were being made by airplanes to reach the men. The Upland, after carrying General Nobile to safety, returned to the camp, but was wrecked when its pilot attempted to land.

WORK RETARDED ON NEW THEATER

Began Pouring of Concrete Foundation Yesterday; Weather Is Hindrance

In spite of unfavorable weather, the first of the foundation for Williamston's new \$30,000 theater was laid yesterday afternoon. For the past several weeks, workmen have been busy excavating the lot, and with favorable weather it will require a week or more to complete the foundation, which ranges in depth from 3 to 10 feet.

About half the material has been placed on the lot by the contractor, E. F. Taylor, of Goldsboro, and once the foundation is completed work will be advanced rapidly on the brick work. Approximately one-half the brick, or 125,000, have been unloaded, and the remaining 125,000 are arriving here in carload quantities.

Mr. J. W. Watts, jr., builder, stated yesterday that while he could offer no certain time when the structure would be completed, he thought the building would be ready for occupancy by early fall.

Skewarkee Masons Will Install Officers Tonight

At the regular communication of Skewarkee Lodge No. 90, A. F. and A. M., tonight at 8 o'clock, the officers elected at the last meeting will be installed. The officers elect are: N. C. Green, Master; L. H. Gurganus, senior warden; N. K. Harrison, junior warden; C. D. Carstarphen, treasurer and C. D. Carstarphen, jr., secretary. The officers appointed by the Master-elect, who will be installed at the same time are: W. H. Booker, senior deacon; J. C. Anderson, junior deacon; H. D. Harrison, tiler; M. J. Moye and R. L. Perry, stewards. Luther Peel is the retiring Master. It has not been announced who will have charge of the installation ceremony.

All members of the lodge are urged to attend and visiting masons are cordially invited.

BOY RUN DOWN IN JAMESVILLE

Hit and Run Driver Later Caught on Account of Tire Trouble

John Leary, the 10 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Hassell, of Jamesville suffered a broken shoulder and hand, a deep gash in his head and a badly mashed heel last Sunday afternoon when he was run down and hit by an automobile driven by a negro, thought to be a resident of Williamston.

With a dark cloud coming up, the little Hassell boy was hurrying to his home on his wheel when he was struck in front of the Martin home on Highway No. 90. The boy's wheel was smashed and his body was hurled several feet. The negro was caught a short distance down the road when he failed to stop and offer the child aid. There were no eye witnesses to the accident except a younger brother who stated that the negro was driving his car, an Essex sedan, on the wrong side of the road when the boy was hit.

The negro tried to make his escape but a flat tire stopped him a short distance down the road. He agreed to replace the wheel with a new one and pay the doctor's bill.

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Mrs. Willie Wynn Dies At Home Near Here

Mrs. Willie Wynn died at the home of her son, George D. Wynn, near Williamston Saturday.

She broke her leg a few weeks ago attempting to get into an automobile and developed pneumonia, from which she died.

She was 63 years old, the widow of the late Rome Wynn. She leaves three sons, George D., Herbert, and Bonnie Wynn. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Mary Manning and Nancy Wynn.

The funeral rites were conducted by Rev. C. H. Dickey, pastor of the local Baptist church, and the burial took place at the Williamston cemetery on Sunday afternoon.

Several local people failed to catch the bus for Norfolk this morning when the schedule on the McPherson Bus lines was changed. The change is only temporary, and was made to ease for the time lost on detours between Edenton and Windsor.

SMITH ALMOST HAS NOMINATION WITHIN GRASP

Opponents of New York Governor Almost Ready To Give Up Hope

WANT DRY PLATFORM

Prohibition Forces Now Fighting for Strong Enforcement Plan in Platform

Houston, Texas, June 25.—Fully prepared to nominate Governor Alfred E. Smith, son of Tammany Hall, thousands of Democrats arrived here today and tonight for the opening of their national convention at noon tomorrow.

A few dry irreconcilables were hoping some unexpected break would prevent the apparent inevitable nomination of the New Yorker, but their expectations were meager. Practically all of them felt they were to go down to defeat. However, they intended to fight to the end.

In fact, their fight had become largely a maneuver to get as dry a platform declaration as possible. They were inspired not so much by any hope of victory as by the feeling they were honor-bound to wage the contest.

More than twenty trains, packed to the vestibules, unloaded thousands of delegates and visitors today. Houston streets became choked with hot, bedraggled, trampled Democrats. Hotel lobbies and elevators were jammed like New York subway entrances, with almost immovable crowds. Thousands climbed 10 to 14 flights of stairs. Campaign bands blew their tunes almost vainly against the noise of the crowds.

The convention program probably will be changed Tuesday so that there will be a brief routine session at noon and then a recess until 7 p. m., Central time. The keynote speech of Claude V. Bowers of New York, will be the main evening event. This change is designed to accommodate the great radio audience so that the party's keynote message to the country will be heard by the maximum number.

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Defer Letting of Schoolhouse Contracts Until Next Monday

BOZEMAN FREED AT COURT TODAY

Charged With Abandonment of His Two Small Children

The recorder's court here this morning, after lawyers' juggling, succeeded in turning D. D. Bozeman loose. He was charged with abandonment. Leaving his two small boys in the care of Mrs. O. T. Newton here in May, Bozeman travelled around, but failed to call for his boys June 1 or pay for their care during that time as he had promised to do. He had failed to make known his plans, and it was upon the goodness of Mrs. Newton that the two motherless boys were not turned into the streets.

Instead of caring for his children, he was travelling up and down the country, petting a woman of ill repute, finally returning here with a plot to lift money off a local man under a false white slave charge. He failed. At the trial this morning, it was pointed out that Bozeman worked in Washington the early part of this month, and paid his board bill and that of his alleged wife. It was there that he was called out of bed by officers to answer the warrant issued by O. T. Newton and charging abandonment.

Freed of the charge brought against him here, it is understood that Bozeman is wanted in Beaufort county on certain charges. But whether he will be tried there is a matter of doubt; for the last time the man was seen, he was running across Mr. M. D. Wilson's field in New Town.

DEATH OF MISS ALICE GIBSON

Died Last Night at Home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Getsinger

Miss Alice Gibson died last night at 11:30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Getsinger at Darden, this county. For months, she had suffered with cancer, and had received treatment from specialists, but only temporary relief had been given. Although her death had been expected, the end came suddenly after an attack of extreme nausea.

For years Miss Gibson had made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Getsinger and was the aunt of Mrs. Getsinger. The oldest daughter of the late Henry P. Gibson and wife, she was born in Martin county and is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Dorcas Williams, Jamesville; Mrs. Bettie Darden, Darden; Mrs. Latham Thrower, Williamston, and Mrs. W. A. Ellison, Belhaven.

Although Miss Gibson had never connected herself with any church, she was a firm believer in the Primitive Baptist Faith. She lived an exemplary life among her relatives and friends, and was greatly beloved.

The funeral services will be held this afternoon at 3:30 and the interment will be in the cemetery at the Methodist church in Darden.

Keel's District Votes For School Consolidation

By a vote of twelve to one, Keel's school district was annexed to the Robersonville school yesterday in a special election held in the Keel's section.

The annexation of the Keel's district adds approximately thirty pupils to the Robersonville school's enrollment. The consolidation, it is understood, is to become effective next fall when the 1928-29 school term begins.

School consolidation in Robersonville township has almost been perfected, excepting the Smith district where there are estimated to be around fifty pupils.

Messrs. "Crack" Taylor and Chas. Mobley are in Norfolk today purchasing new Fords.

Daniels will offer a plank pledging the party to "sacred and honest" enforcement but likewise not going in to the question of modification over which fundamental division exists.

"If the Smith people attempt to put through a moist or damp plank, we will fight to the last ditch, both in the committee and on the convention floor," he stated. "The South would go Republican if Smith should run on a wet plank."

But the responsible leaders in the Smith group realize the situation and are not disposed to press for anything more than a single law enforcement declaration.

NEED \$63 MORE FOR BOY SCOUTS

Fifty-Two Citizens Have Contributed Total of \$237 So Far

According to the latest report made by Mr. G. H. Harrison, chairman of the finance committee, there is a balance of \$63 due to the Scout movement launched here a few weeks ago. While part of this amount has been pledged, Mr. Harrison stated that the greater part was open to unsolicited donations, and that it was necessary to have the balance cleared by the latter part of this week, the final date for remittance to the Scout headquarters.

Fifty-two citizens have paid in \$237 and with a few more small donations the fund will be complete. Dr. John D. Biggs, treasurer, or Mr. Harrison will acknowledge any donation, and it is hoped that the citizens who have not yet made their donation will do so within the next day or so that the district fee might be paid by Saturday.

The local Scouts are now at Camp Leach, and according to reports coming from the camp, they are thoroughly enjoying themselves.

The names of those who have already donated to the fund, follow, with the amounts given:

T. B. Brandon, \$5; Judge Clayton Moore, \$5; R. A. Pope, \$5; J. E. Pope, \$5; W. C. Manning, jr., \$2.50; C. D. Carstarphen, jr., \$2.50; B. S. Courtney, \$5; R. W. Salsbury, \$5; Dr. J. H. Saunders, \$10; Dr. J. S. Rhodes, \$5; Dr. P. B. Cone, \$5; F. U. Barnes, \$5; J. D. Woodard, \$5; Harrison Bros. & Co., \$5; H. H. Cowen, \$5; N. K. Harrison, \$5; Gus Harrison, \$10; Geo. Harrison, \$10; E. P. Cunningham, \$10; Margolis Brothers, \$10; R. L. Coburn, \$5; W. H. Carstarphen, \$5; Jesse T. Price, \$5; D. D. Stalls, \$10; N. C. Green, \$5; B. A. Critcher, \$5; E. S. Peel, \$5; A. R. Dunning, \$5; John A. Manning, \$5; J. Sam Getsinger, \$5; W. G. Peale, \$5; J. E. King, \$5; H. G. Horton, \$5; H. B. Anderson, \$5; Miss Eva Peel, \$5; L. P. Lindsley, \$5; Wig Watts, jr., \$2.50; Dr. W. E. Warren, \$1; E. S. McCabe, \$2; Miss Hattie Thrower, \$5; Herman Bowen, \$1; John L. Rodgers, \$1; Vernon Godwin, \$5; Joe David Thrower, \$1; C. E. Jenkins, 25c; Exum Ward, \$1; Roy Coburn, 50c; Harry Vaughan, 25c; Jack Biggs, \$2.50; W. B. Daniel, \$5; Titus Critcher, \$2; F. M. Manning, \$2.

SCHEDULE OF HOME AGENT

Williams Chapel Woman's Club Has Very Good Meeting

The women of Williams Chapel held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Don Hyman with a large attendance. Miss Sleeper urged the members to have a delegate attend Farmers' Week in Raleigh the third week in July. The women had "light bread" as the topic for their demonstration, each woman having an opportunity to learn how to knead bread. After this demonstration, a poster contest was held. The posters showing "bone building foods" were exhibited by nine ladies and judged by three ladies outside the club. Mrs. Don Hyman received first award in a mayonnaise mixing set; Miss Hattie Everett received a jar of jam for the second award.

The Jamesville girls held a successful ice cream supper Friday night. All cakes and sandwiches were disposed of easily and the girls had \$10 to their credit toward paying expenses of their delegates to Raleigh.

Today, Miss Sleeper is demonstrating cream puffs and popovers at Robersonville.

Tomorrow the girls of Everetts and Robersonville will hold meetings. Thursday, the local girls meet and in the afternoon, a demonstration of pressure cooking will be held for the women of Holly Springs. The Jamesville women meet Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Everetts Woodmen in Regular Meet Last Night

The regular meeting of the Everetts Modern Woodmen Camp was held last night with a large number of members attending. The order initiated a candidate.

The next meeting of the camp will be held Monday night, July 9, when all members are urged to attend. Tomorrow night (Wednesday) the members of the camp will attend, in a body, the revival services now in progress at the Everetts Baptist church.

BIDS WILL HAVE TO BE REDUCED

Low Bids Monday Exceed Maximum Allowed By \$4,000

14 BIDS CONSIDERED

Brook & Arnold, of New Bern, Are Low Bidders for Buildings at \$84,457.06 for Both

The letting of the contract for two new school buildings in this county, one here and a second at Robersonville, was held up here yesterday by the county board of education until next Monday, when the members of the board will meet again to consider the bids offered by 14 contractors.

While the bids submitted here yesterday centered around that of Messrs. Brook and Arnold, of New Bern, the letting of the contract was held up when the contract prices were considered to high by the educational body. At the meeting here next Monday a detailed study of the plans will be made, and where possible cuts will be made so as to bring the cost within the funds allotted to the projects by the State building fund and county. As it now stands, approximately \$8,000 have been spent for sites, and the contracts, including all features, amount to \$96,000, causing the cost price to run \$4,000 above the sum stipulated for the two projects. The final disposition of the matter will be made Monday, it was stated. Just how the two projects will be handled so as to effect the needed saving is not known, but after figuring over the matter until late yesterday, the members of the educational body deferred the matter until Monday when they will again tackle the problem.

The bids submitted yesterday ranged from \$103,000 down to \$84,457.06, but they did not take into consideration plumbing and heating, which with one or two more items, would bring the cost of the building up to around \$90,000, an amount declared prohibitive by school officials.

Approximately 50 contractors were here yesterday to enter their bids for the building, heating and plumbing. The bids for the buildings alone, that is, exclusive of the heating and plumbing, follow:

Smoot & Forest, Robersonville, \$47,800.00; Williamston, \$48,250.00; Both, \$96,050.00. Kidd & Williams, Robersonville, \$48,700.00; Williamston, \$48,700.00; Both buildings, \$97,400.00. L. Wheeden, Robersonville, \$48,250.00; Williamston, \$48,400.00; Both buildings, \$96,650.00. S. S. Toler & Son, Robersonville, \$46,900.00; Williamston, \$47,119.00; Both buildings, \$94,019.00. Jones Bros. & Co., Robersonville, \$45,740.00; Williamston, \$45,480.00; J. N. Bryan & Son, Robersonville, \$44,618.00; Williamston, \$44,618.00; Both buildings, \$89,236.00. Rogers & Larrimore, Robersonville, \$50,200.00; Williamston, \$47,000.00; Both buildings, \$97,200.00. E. F. Taylor, Robersonville, \$47,980.00; Williamston, \$44,500.00; No bid for both buildings. T. A. Mitchell, Robersonville, \$49,950.00; Williamston, \$46,700.00; No bid for both buildings. Godwin Construction Co., Robersonville, \$43,994.00; No other bids. E. C. Denby, Robersonville, \$46,346.00; Williamston, \$46,546.00; Both buildings, \$92,892.00. J. W. Stout & Co., Inc., Robersonville, \$51,700.00; Williamston, \$51,485.00; Both buildings, \$103,185.00. Jewell-Riddle Co., Robersonville, \$44,250.00; Williamston, \$44,500.00; Both buildings, \$88,750.00. Brock & Arnold, Robersonville, \$42,428.53; Williamston, \$42,428.53; Both buildings, \$84,857.06.

MULE KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Bolt Strikes One End of Barn and Kills Animal At Other End

A farm mule belonging to Dr. James S. Rhodes was killed last week when lightning struck the stables near the home of Mr. John Daniel Rogerson, who lives a few miles from here on the Hamilton highway.

Shortly after 11 o'clock, Mr. Rogerson heard the bolt, and after investigating, he found that the lightning had struck one end of the barn and killed the mule at the other end, leaving three mules in adjacent stalls, unhurt. Even more peculiar was the fact that the barn was not fired.

Mr. Rogerson stated that he had just retired when the bolt struck, and while it jarred his home no one was hurt.

STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY

JACK HOXIE

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Added

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