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URGE DECREASE IN ACREAGE OF TOBACCO IN 1929

Mass Meeting To Be Held Here Next Wednesday Morning

COURTHOUSE, 11 A. M.

Meetings Being Sponsored by Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce; Hope To Raise Prices

In an effort to effect a reduction in the tobacco acreage in this section, the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce is conducting meetings in many towns of this belt where the problem is presented and where ideas are advanced with the expressed motive of curtailing the 1929 tobacco production. A first mass meeting was held in Greenville last Friday where more than 100 farmers expressed their willingness to cooperate with the move for an acreage decrease. The next meeting will be held in Kinston next Tuesday morning, and many farmers have already stated they would attend the meeting, according to a report received here today.

The problem will be brought to the people of this section for their views next Wednesday morning at 11:00 o'clock when a mass meeting will be held in the courthouse here. This will be the third of the series of meetings, and it is hoped that the farmers and other people interested in better prices for the 1929 crop will attend in large numbers.

"Over-production of almost all commodities is ruining the producers financially," officials of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce believe, and it is they who are leading in the move to curtail production and bring about reasonable prices for farm commodities.

In sponsoring the meetings, the organization believes that something can be done to improve farm commodity prices, and that any action toward that end is timely.

All tobacco farmers, and the public at large, are urged and requested to make their plans now to attend the meeting here next Wednesday morning at 11:00 o'clock in the courthouse.

Monthly Report of County Home Agent

The county home demonstration agent Miss Lora E. Sleeper, traveled 795 miles in the county last month in the 19 days spent in field work. Forty-three homes were visited, forty-one different letters written, and two circular letters written with a total circulation of 120 copies. Six schools were visited and short meetings held with former club members, making plans for the work this year and the fair the past month.

The circular letters, sent out last month asked all women interested in a kitchen contest to notify Miss Sleeper immediately, giving their names. Letters have been checked and returned to Miss Sleeper without names attached. The contest will be limited to 50 and open to all women in the county. If any woman is interested in this, please call Miss Sleeper very soon so that real work may be started.

Capture Two Stills and Equipment in Bear Grass

Officers Alexander and Manning found and destroyed two stills and a quantity of supplies in Bear Grass township yesterday.

The officers first found a still of the steam process type with 500 gallons of beer, all of which were destroyed. Going from this plant to another less than a mile away they found a well-equipped copper plant of about 80-gallon capacity. Here they destroyed 14 barrels and two large vats of beer.

No one was present at either plant and the kettles were cold. The output had been removed.

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY
TOM TYLER

in
"THE DESERT PIRATE"

Added
COMEDY AND SERIAL

"The Yellow Cameo"

Harry W. Stubbs to Speak Here Tuesday

MANY EXPECTED TO HEAR NOTED LOCAL SPEAKER

Is Former Majority Leader in State Senate; Has Wide Reputation

VERY ABLE SPEAKER

Is Second Speech of Democratic Campaign in County; Others Are Being Arranged

The next gun in the Democratic campaign in this county will be set off next Tuesday night, at 8 o'clock, when Mr. H. W. Stubbs, local attorney, makes an address in the courthouse here. Mr. Stubbs, an able and ardent supporter of democracy's cause, follows Editor Josephus Daniels in the campaign here, and his speech will be heard by many.

In searching for a speaker, campaign heads in this county decided that no better and more amicable speaker could be found anywhere than in the person of the Hon. H. W. Stubbs, right here at home. Many of the younger people of the section have never had the opportunity to hear Mr. Stubbs in one of his noted speeches, but they will literally flock to the courthouse auditorium next Tuesday night to hear his plea for democracy and for what she stands. Throughout his life the former senator has ever adhered and lived by the principles laid down in the name of democracy, and his speech next Tuesday night is looked forward to by both old and young throughout the section.

Other speaking are being arranged for the county, but at present interest is centering around the one to be delivered by one of Martin County's own sons.

LOCALS DEFEAT WINDSOR, 70 TO 0

Windsor Team Is Inexperienced But Game; Their First Game

The locals added a third to their list of football victories here last Tuesday when they defeated Windsor 70 to 0. Coach Hood's boys scored at will and baffled their inexperienced opponents in practically every play. On their first play, the locals got away with a long end run for the first touchdown. And as they added to the score, the visitors continued a game fight to the end. With Holding clearing the way, practically every member of the backfield and one or two in the line went over for one or more touchdowns.

It was the first game for many of the Windsor boys, but they put up a game fight and their team has some promising material. Ulysses Johnson played like a real veteran and made most of his team's gains.

The locals are in Ahoskie today playing a return game with the high school team there.

The local team has scored 143 points to its opponents' none in the three games played so far this season.

Offer Prize for Highest Average Next Tuesday

Watts, Morton and Griffin, owners and proprietors of the Brick Warehouse here, are offering a prize of \$25.00 for the best barn of tobacco weighing 500 pounds or more sold on their floor next Tuesday.

The Brick has first sale that day, and many farmers are planning to try for the prize.

Backfield Star Hurt in Scrimmage Yesterday

C. B. Clark, Jr. was rendered unconscious when he ran together with several players on the high school football team in a practice game here yesterday afternoon. While his injury is not serious, he is unable to take part in the game with Ahoskie this afternoon.

Installing Equipment at Fertilizer Plant

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett and little son, of Baltimore, are at home here while Mr. Bennett superintends the electrical work in the new unit of the Standard Fertilizer factory. They expect to be here several weeks.

Dance at Woman's Club Rooms Tonight

Instead of the individual charge of 50 cents, as announced, the admission to the Woman's Club dance will be 50 cents for each couple, it was announced by a member of the club's dance committee. The dance will start at 10 o'clock and continue until 1.

PARKING SYSTEM HERE CHANGED

Park at 45-Degree Angle on One Side and Parallel on Other Side Main Street

"And how do you like the town's new parking system?" asked one citizen of another here yesterday afternoon soon after the change was effected from the right angle way to the 45-degree angle and the parallel way on Main Street. "It might be better, but I don't like it for some reason or another," was the second party's reply. Aside from our friend's dislike for the new parking system, it is generally agreed that Mayor Coburn's streets have been made safer and that the new way will prove popular to motorists.

The change from the "straight-in" way of parking to the broken angle on the south side of the street and to the parallel way on the north side was ordered at a meeting of the town commissioners here last Monday night. Many people have backed their cars into others in an attempt to leave their parking places, and it is thought that the present way will make it less dangerous for all. The new method will little affect the parking space, as far as the number of cars is concerned.

16 PERMITS TO MARRY ISSUED

15 Issued in Same Month Last Year; Twelve Go to White Couples

Sixteen marriage licenses were issued by the office of the register of deeds here during the month just closed, according to the records kept there. The number issued was greater by one than the number issued for the same month last year and is two more than the number sold here in August.

The applicants were from all parts of the county, one of the contracting parties being from St. Petersburg, Fla. Several were from adjoining counties and two were from Virginia. Twelve of the licenses sold went to white couples and four to colored people. It was the largest gain for the whites recorded in several years, the number generally running about the same, with the greater number often being issued to colored people.

White
Melvin T. Bailey, 23; Selma Dail, of Beaufort County, 18; Frank M. George, of New Bern, 25; Elizabeth Johnson, of New Bern, 21; Larry J. Bullock, 21; Naomi Harrell, 19; James R. McNeil, Petersburg, Va., 27; Ida Statesburg, 18; Lillian Long, 21; Beatrice Cherry, 19; Johnnie G. Robinson, Jr., Pitt County, 22; Mary Whitfield, 19; Charles L. Edwards, 22; Vada Peed, 18; Davis Purvis, 22; Carrie Dell Grimes, 18; Walter L. Leggett, Pitt County, 25; Rosa Lee Purvis, 21; Noah C. Coltrain, 21; Anna Lilley, 18; Henry Sauls Coley, St. Petersburg, Fla., 26; Grace Blades Sanderlin, 28; Gaston L. Andrews, 21; Hilda Christin Keel, 18.

Colored
Arthur Jones, 21; Maggie Spruill, 18; Milton Barnes, 21; Beatrice Latham, 18; Harold A. Wilson, 27; Carrie Williams, 46; Herman West Burnett, 20; Mary Lou Jones, 20.

New Record by Swiss Flier

Flies Upside Down 18 Minutes; Beats Previous Record 4 Minutes

Kassel, Germany, Sept. 29.—Pilot Clardon, young Swiss flier, achieved what was described as a world record for flying upside down today, but on landing he was taken out of his machine more dead than alive. He flew upside down for 18 minutes and 56 seconds, beating the record set by the German Fieseler by nearly four minutes.

Clardon is stated to have turned his machine over at an altitude of about 450 feet, rising to an altitude of about 2,100 feet, when the blood pressure in his head became so severe and his legs became so cramped that only by a last desperate effort was he able to right the machine and to glide to earth. "It was the worst quarter of an hour of my life," he said later.

Sheriff and Deputy Get Still Near County Line

Sheriff Roebuck and Deputy J. H. Roebuck captured a 200-gallon copper still on the Powell place near the Beaufort County line yesterday. They also found and destroyed 12 barrels of beer, a large vat filled with beer, several kegs, jugs, and two gallons of liquor. The still was not in operation, and no one was seen near it.

RECORDER HAD BIGGEST DAY HERE TUESDAY

Thirty-Two Cases Called and Fines Totalling \$500 Imposed

13 CASES CONTINUED

Several Convicted of Driving Automobile While Drunk Are Fined \$100 and Up

The Martin County recorder's court broke all records here last Tuesday when Judge Bailey called 32 cases and imposed fines totalling almost \$500. The session lasted all day, and just about dark the judge found it necessary to allow one case to go over until next Tuesday without its being called.

And there were changes made in the workings of the court. Once it was all the go for a drunken automobile driver to go before the court and get out with a \$50 fine and costs and probably stay away from a steering wheel for a few months. Now when one is brought before the court a \$100 fine greets him and the extra requirements continue as before. Judging from the number of cases having to do with drunken drivers on the docket that day, the change was made just in time to add a considerable sum to the school funds.

On the first count Pete Dixon pleaded guilty of driving an automobile while he was drunk. The judge favored him with a \$100 fine, the costs, and insisted that he remain away from a car's steering wheel during the next six months.

W. C. Whitehurst faced a similar charge as did Dixon, but he pleaded not guilty. The judge ordered a \$125 fine, added the costs of the action, and revoked his license to drive a car during the next six months when the court adjudged Whitehurst guilty of the charge.

Charged with obtaining a marriage license falsely, R. C. Coltrain pled not guilty. The evidence pointed to his guilt, and judgment was suspended upon his paying the cost of the action.

The only case thrown out of court was that of Johnson Rogers, in which he was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon. The fine for drunken automobile drivers was bucked when Dennis Everett filed an appeal in open court. He was fined \$100 and charged with the cost. His appeal bond was fixed at \$250, and his case will be held at the next term of Martin County Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases.

James O'Brien Winborne pled not guilty when he was called for being cruel to animals but his plea fell down when the court examined the witnesses. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost. A brother, Alfred Winborne, facing a similar charge, pled not guilty and the court accepted his plea after hearing the evidence.

While the judge was firm in announcing \$100 fines, he gained favor in the eyes of many defendants when he allowed their cases to be continued one week, two weeks, three weeks, and even four weeks. Thirteen cases were continued, and the judge is looking for another busy day next Tuesday, when most of the cases are expected to be called again. Cases continued were:

Robert A. Taylor, embezzlement, continued one week.
Roy Beacham, operating car while he was intoxicated, continued one week.
John R. Wynn and Edgar Ayers, assault with a deadly weapon; continued one week.
Wiley Lanier, assault with a deadly weapon, continued two weeks.
Charles Blalock, operating car while he was drunk, continued one week.
Kelly Ayers, assault with a deadly weapon; continued one week.
Lee Furrington, assault with a deadly weapon, continued one week.
Cecil Modlin, operating car while he was drunk, continued three weeks.
Roy Lilley and Clarence Wynne, larceny and receiving, continued one week. These are the two boys who are thought to have raised many smokehouses in this section recently.
Deon Purvis, gambling; continued one week.
James Peels, assault with a deadly weapon; continued one week.
Hezekiah Briley, carrying concealed weapon and assault with a deadly weapon; continued one week.

More than one thing happened in the case charging Sam Roberson with driving an automobile while he was intoxicated. He pled guilty. Judge Bailey ordered a fine of \$100. The cost of the case was added to the fine, and the defendant was ordered to pay for repairs to the prosecuting witness's car. An appeal was made in open court. Appeal bond was fixed at \$250. The case was continued one week for further consideration.

Joe Rawls pled guilty to an assault with a deadly weapon charge and the court suspended the judgment.

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Local Market Makes Average Of Nearly 23 Cents Thursday

HEALTH SURVEY GOES FORWARD

Two State Board Nurses Conducting Work in County

Mrs. H. P. Guffy and Miss Lucille Pegram who are making a health survey of all the school children in the county, both white and colored, between the ages of 5 1-2 and 12 years say they are making good progress and have already completed the work in several schools.

The health survey is being preparatory to a tonsil and adenoid clinic to be held within the next few months.

The State Department of Health representatives say they are finding the health conditions among the children equally as good as those in other places. Mrs. Guffy and Miss Pegram are requesting all teachers to assist in the work by having the names, ages, and weight of all children, also the names of the parents ready upon their arrival to make the examinations. The cooperation on the part of the teachers in the work will be of great help in making the survey, it was stated by the examiners.

WESLEYAN BIBLE CLASS IS FORMED

Meeting Held at Home of Mrs. W. C. Liverman; Elect Officers

The organization of a Wesleyan Bible class was effected here this week when a large number of the town's young women met at the home of Mrs. W. C. Liverman, on Church Street, and discussed the aims of such a class and elected officers and special committees. Plans for the class were first advanced when a number of scholars in class No. 10 of the Methodist church collectively discussed the organization several days ago.

Mrs. Raleigh Bradley was made president, and Miss Serena Peacock was elected as vice president. Miss Lucy Claire Ivey will serve as secretary-treasurer. The class committees include: Visiting committee, Mrs. W. C. Liverman, chairman; Misses Mildred Darden and Estelle Crawford; membership committee, Miss Bonner Gurganus, chairman; Miss Lillian Sample, social committee; Miss Katherine Cole, chairman; Misses Elizabeth Gurganus, Mary Fletcher, Miss Henrietta Price.

Regular Services At Baptist Church

With the return of the pastor tonight, regular services will be held in the Baptist church here Sunday morning and evening, it was announced yesterday. Topics for the services had not been given out due to the absence of the pastor, Rev. C. H. Dickey, who has been at his home in Murphy for several days during the illness and death of his mother.

Sunday school will be held at the regular hour, 9:45. The public is invited to each of the services.

Services at County Home Sunday, 3:00

The local Christian Federation will conduct a special service at the county home here Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Mr. Chas. Daniel, of the Holly Springs Church, will make a short talk during the service. The public is invited and urged to attend and take a part in the service.

Home Agent At Pitt County Fair Two Days

Miss Sleeper, county home demonstration agent, spent Wednesday and Thursday at the Pitt County Fair acting as judge of the home economics, 4-H Club, Community, and Arts and Crafts booths. The exhibits were very good and it was difficult in many instances to make what seemed to be the fairest decision.

Eastern Carolina Firemen To Meet in Robersonville

Eastern North Carolina Firemen will meet next Tuesday in their regular quarterly meeting at Robersonville. The meeting will be opened at 7:30 p.m. by the association's president in the school auditorium, it was announced yesterday. "This meeting is very important," stated W. H. Gray, secretary, in a letter to fire companies in all the towns of this section, "and a large representation of members is urged." Robersonville is planning to welcome the visitors there next Tuesday night and a large assemblage is expected.

PREVENT FIRES AIM NEXT WEEK

Mayor Issues Proclamation Asking Observance of Fire Prevention Week

In an effort to prevent the loss of human lives and property, next week has been declared fire prevention week throughout the country. Mayor R. L. Coburn has issued the following proclamation:

"October 7 to 13 inclusive has been designated as Fire Prevention Week throughout the United States, and I call upon the citizenship of our town to cooperate in this great work of conserving both life and property by ridding their premises of all useless and worthless inflammable material during this week.

In order to make the work thorough the town will remove all such material, free of cost, if placed on the street on the days already scheduled for the removal of garbage in your respective streets.

Carefully compiled figures show that in 1927 \$1,515,000 worth of property was destroyed by fire in our town. Our firemen answered 12 calls. While no lives were lost by fire in Williamston, several people in the county and more than 256 in the State were burned to death.

I, therefore, set aside the week of October 7 to 13 as Fire Prevention Week in accordance with the Proclamation of our President and our Governor and to that end I ask your cooperation with our State Insurance Department and our town officials to see to it that all schools, churches, theatres, public buildings, factories, stores and hotels be inspected to see that every safeguard against fire is provided, and that exit facilities are sufficient, in case of fire.

I, therefore, issue this my proclamation and do set aside and designate October 7 to 13 as Fire Prevention Week in the Town of Williamston, and do urge our people to observe it in obedience to our National and State laws.

This October 4, 1928.
ROBERT L. COBURN, Mayor.

REGISTRATION BOOKS OPENED

For Election on November 6th; List of County Registrars

Registration books for the national, state, county and township elections will be opened throughout the State tomorrow morning. The new registration will be for only those who have become 21 years of age since the last election and those who have changed their place of residence since that time. If you have ever voted in a county, state or national election, it will not be necessary to register but as has been pointed out, it will be no bad idea to visit the place of registration in your precinct and be sure that your name is on the books.

The registrars for this county appointed by the Martin County Board of Elections, will open the books in their precincts tomorrow as follows: Jamesville township, A. Corey; Williams township, L. D. Hardison; Griffins township, Ephraim Peel; Bear Grass township, Javan Rogers; Williamson township, J. L. Hassell; Cross Roads township, J. S. Ayers; Poplar Point township, W. S. White; Hamilton township, R. A. Edmondson; Robersonville township, J. L. Roberson; Gold Point precinct, J. I. Croom; Goose Nest township, T. H. Johnson.

Make Splendid Progress In Paving Windsor Road

With favorable weather prevailing, the Roberts Paving Company is making splendid progress on the paving project between here and Windsor. The company is pouring one side of the river fill at the present time, and with the continuation of clear weather the road will be completed within the next several weeks.

Eleven People Are Now in Jail Here

Following their trials in recorder's court here last Tuesday, four men were released from the county jail, but Sheriff Roebuck's number of guests was made to remain about the same when Judge Meekins sent three prisoners here this week. The number there stands at eleven now.

While many of the guests are only temporary boarders, several will remain over until the next term of criminal court.

Mrs. P. A. Ballard left this week for Rocky Mount where she will receive medical treatment in a hospital.

NEARLY MILLION POUNDS ON SALE HERE THIS WEEK

Market Has Its Best Week Since Opening Early in September

LARGE BREAK TODAY

Several Individuals Make Averages of 50 Cents; Good Tobacco Is Selling Well

With a big break on the floors today, the Williamston Tobacco market has probably had its best week since the opening. Old-time prices have been evident throughout the week and yesterday the market made its highest average this season.

During the week, the average price paid for the farmer's offerings has jumped daily, sometimes as much as three and four dollars a hundred, and yesterday was said to be the best day yet. In spite of common breaks in two of the houses and right much damaged tobacco, the market averaged around twenty-three cents. The sales this week, including those of today, will total close to the million mark, and each day there has been a decided increase in poundage and average price.

Prices paid for the bright and bodied tobaccos are said to be higher than those paid last year for the same types, and where you have this kind, tobaccoists assure you a price equal to the one paid last season. The local warehousemen think it best to sell your best tobacco now, but if it is possible to do so, they are of the opinion that now is a good time to sell any all types. However, it is quite evident that the demand for the lower grades is not as great as it was last season, but many farmers state that even the lower types have advanced considerably since the market opened.

While individual averages count for no great deal, many farmers have averaged in the neighborhood of 50 cents right along, and 40-cent averages are found every now and then. The running of a steady and level sale is what counts, and the warehousemen here are doing that in so far as it is humanly possible.

In spite of the peanut and cotton picking season, hundreds of farmers are finding time to market their crop, for the sales are mounting in leaps and bounds on the market here, and with prices steadily climbing large sales are expected to continue.

Presbyterian Services at Woman's Club Sunday

Rev. A. J. Crane, Presbyterian Mission worker, will preach here Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock in the Woman's club, it was announced yesterday by a member of that congregation. There will be no evening service.

Everetts Woodmen To Meet Monday

Meeting next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at the regular meeting place, members of the Everetts Modern Woodmen Camp will initiate a candidate and elect delegates to the district convention to be held in Farmville, October 10. Five members of the camp will be elected to attend the Farmville convention which was postponed the 20th of last month on account of flood waters.

The officers of the order are urging a large attendance upon the meeting next Monday.

Two Automobile Wrecks In County This Week

A big decrease in the number of automobile wrecks was reported this week in the county. Only two wrecks have been reported and each of the two was of no great consequence. Damage to the cars was great in both cases, but no one was badly hurt.

S. L. Dlykan, cafe proprietor here, and a Washington Negro ran their cars together on No. 30 near Corey's store. A Rocky Mount car and another belonging to and driven by a Negro ran together on the Jamesville road near here early this morning.

Robersonville Eleven Plays Plymouth Today

Robersonville's high school football team is playing its fourth game of the season today with Plymouth's high school eleven at Robersonville. The boys there registered a win of 6 to 0 over Tarboro last Tuesday, and are entering the game today with splendid chances of winning over Plymouth.