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130,000 POUNDS TOBACCO ON MARKET TODAY

MEMBER OF FARM BOARD TO BE AT TOBACCO MEET

Strengthens Possibility of Reorganizing Tobacco Growers

MEETING IN RALEIGH

James C. Stone To Attend Meeting of Former Members of Tri-State Association Tomorrow

Raleigh, Sept. 6.—James C. Stone, tobacco growers' representative on the Farm Relief Board, will attend the meeting of former members of the Tri-State Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association here Saturday.

Word was received here yesterday by Dr. Clarence Poe and George Ross, former public directors of the association, who, with the president, George A. Norwood of Goldsboro, sent out the call for the meeting that Mr. Stone and the three directors of agricultural extension work in the two Carolinas and Virginia would attend the meeting. Indications are that the meeting will be widely attended by representative growers.

The presence of Mr. Stone at the gathering is expected to strengthen the possibilities of the tobacco growers getting together in some kind of an organization. Only through an organization can farmers deal with the Federal board and this plus the general dissatisfaction with low tobacco prices will constitute two of the most immediate reasons for organization.

Mr. Stone was formerly a large tobacco planter and has also served as manager of the Kentucky Co-operative Association of tobacco growers. Hence, he is considered qualified to speak from the standpoint of the farmer, the co-operative association and of the Federal board.

The presence of the three extension heads is considered significant in that they direct the work of farm and extension agents who come directly in contact with farmers over the three States. They are John R. Hutcheson, director of agricultural extension work in Virginia; Dr. W. W. Long, director of agricultural extension work in South Carolina and Dr. I. O. Schaub in charge of extension work in this State.

M. L. Corey of Richmond, James H. Pou, of Raleigh and Hallet Ward of Washington, receivers for the co-operative association, will also attend the meeting which will be held at 11 o'clock in the hall of the House of Representatives.

Other matters which will come before the meeting of former members will be the disposition of a relatively small surplus and an expression of the sentiment of members in regard to the \$75,000 in fees requested by three attorneys who were instrumental in throwing the cooperative association into the hands of receivers.

"The Pace That Kills" At Wats Next Week

"The Pace That Kills," a striking drama with startling truths, will be shown at the Wats Theatre here next Thursday, according to an announcement made yesterday by the management.

It is a simply told story, though it points out devious paths. It is the life recital of a boy and a girl—her fresh from the country, she with the veneer of sophistication that knows nothing about the dangers below the surface. Together they start out to live life at top speed and one by one discover that it is the pace that kills.

The girl in the story is quite a discovery, because she has charm and ability, an unusual combination. She is Virginia Royce.

WATTS THEATRE

Saturday Sept. 7
WM S. HART

"SAND" Also Comedy and Serial "TARZAN THE MIGHTY"

Mon.-Tues. Sept. 9-10
BILLIE DOVE

"THE MAN AND THE MOMENT"

Also NEWS AND FABLES
MUSIC BY PHOTOTONE

School Enrollment Climbs; Another Teacher Necessary

Addition of 15 Pupils in High School Department Since Opening Monday; Several Changes to be Made in Arrangements Within Few Days

With an increase resulting in the record-breaking enrollment here last Monday, school officials announced yesterday that several changes would be made today and tomorrow in handling the pupils. The sixth and seventh grades will be moved to the high school building, making it possible for the second-grade children, now in the basement of the old building, to occupy a room on the second floor. An additional teacher made necessary by the unusually large enrollment will be employed, it was stated. Professor B. E. Hood will join the high school faculty and the new

teacher will teach in the elementary school, according to present plans. "While we have settled down to work and have had a successful week, we hope to be permanently settled by next Monday," Principal W. R. Watson stated this morning.

The enrollment had reached the 665 mark yesterday, according to an official announcement coming from the principal's office this morning. In the high school there were 198 students, an increase of 15 over the opening-day registration. The enrollment in the primary and elementary school was increased from 462 to 467.

CAPTURE STILLS AND EQUIPMENT

Sheriff and Deputies Make Raid in Williams Township

Two stills and operating equipment were captured by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and deputies in Williams Township last Wednesday afternoon. The plant, from all appearances, had been operated the day before for the first time. No liquor was found. The stills 100-gallon capacity each, carried the Free Union earmarks, the 20 tierces being the same used in the Garrett Winery at Plymouth years ago.

The equipment consisted of three worms, three cooling barrels, one 50-gallon doubler, two 50-gallon barrels, two 5-gallon kegs, one 5-gallon jug, thirty-six one-half gallon fruit jars, 3 buckets, 1 axe, a cross-cut saw, twenty 300-gallon fermenters, 4,800 gallons of beer. The saw found was recognized by one of the officers as one left in the hands of a colored man by Prohibition Agent C. F. Alexander last fall.

No arrests were made.

DRY AGENTS GET 2 MEN AND STILL

Still Was Cold; Men Arrested for Having Liquor in Possession

Agents King, Street and Roebuck, in a raid yesterday afternoon, between Everetts and Robersonville, arrested Buck Terry and his son, Chester Terry, and captured a small liquor still.

The officers, upon reaching the plant found the kettle cold, but saw signs of recent operation. Very little equipment was found at the plant and after puncturing the kettle, the officers left the woods. When they reached the Terry home, the man and his son were preparing to leave in a Ford roadster. They were detained and searched, the agents finding three pints of whiskey in the car. Both men denied ownership in the still, and stated that they had started on a fishing trip down to Conine creek.

The men were brought here where a temporary bond was arranged for the father, the son going to jail. The two will be given a hearing before the U. S. commissioner here tomorrow morning at 10:00 o'clock. The bond arranged was fixed at \$500.

Negro Pool Room Here Is Closed

Opening a pool room here without permission of the town board of commissioners, Bruce Payton, colored of Washington, closed the doors and moved out when he learned that the officials frowned upon the action and started an investigation.

Payton, through two attorneys, asked permission of the commissioners to open a pool room here, but the officials refused after investigating the crowded conditions near the Spellar store on Washington street.

Studio of Fine Arts to Open September 10th

The "Studio of Fine Arts," Miss Zella Russ, instructor of piano, voice, speech and expression, Ballet rhythm and choir directing will open for the fall term on September 10 in Washington. The term is for the season 1929-30, and will end on May 23. The studio was conducted the past season, but was opened in October and ended in June.

Any one desiring any information is asked to write Miss Russ at Washington for booklet.

4 VIOLATORS OF GAME LAW FINED

Squirrel Hunters Fined \$5 And Costs Each By Justices of Peace

Four squirrel hunters were given fines in justice of the peace courts in this county this week for violating the game laws, according to a report made by County Game Warden J. W. Hines, of Oak City, yesterday.

The Goose Nest Township warden, Robert Price, caught Love Williams and L. C. Williams hunting squirrels in that township last Tuesday. The two men plead guilty before Justice of the Peace J. E. Edmondson, of Hamilton, and were required to pay a fine of \$5 each and the costs, which amounted to \$14.75 in each case.

Jack Spruill and Henry Speight were carried into court, facing similar charges by Warden W. E. Baker, of Poplar Point. Spruill was tried by Justice Edmondson and was fined \$5, the costs attached. Speight was brought before A. T. Crawford, justice of the peace here, and was found guilty. He appealed to the recorder's court when the court fined him \$5 and the costs. His case will be heard in the county court here next Tuesday, it was stated. The open season for squirrel is more than a month away, but there are a few hunters taking chances, it is believed.

Jack Norman Players Here All Next Week

The Jack Norman Players, a traveling theatrical company of 32 people, will open here next Monday for a week's play in their tent to be located on the Crawford lot at the corner of Smithwick and Church Streets.

While the company comes here for its first engagement, it is well known in this State, having played Sanford, Tarboro, and other larger towns for the past nine years. The players stage "Fifty Ann" opening night, according to the program scheduled for the week. It was pointed out that the play ran for twenty-one nights in Asheville and fourteen days in Atlanta.

The company carries one of the best orchestras on the road today, it was stated. During the past three winters, the orchestra, headed by Ike Norman, has broadcasted over the Clearwater station in Florida. Free tickets are being distributed this week to the women for the opening performance next Monday evening.

Martin-Bertie Team Plays at Bailey Today

Winning over Bailey 5 to 4 here last Tuesday afternoon, the Martin-Bertie baseball aggregation left today to play two games at Bailey to determine the champions of the two leagues. Rain halted the play in Wednesday afternoon in the fourth inning, neither team having scored.

Program of Services At Christian Church

Sunday school, 9:45; preaching at 11 in the morning and 8 o'clock in the evening.

A cordial welcome awaits you at each of the services, a special invitation being extended visitors and newcomers.

Program of Services At Methodist Church

Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, Pastor Preaching, 11 a. m., subject: "Wanted—A New Emphasis on Worship." Evening service, 7:30, subject: "The Tragedy of Waste."

Sunday school, 9:45. Senior Epworth League Monday, 7:30 p. m. Bible study class Wednesday evening 7:30.

Hi-League Thursday evening, 7:30. A friendly welcome will greet all attendants to our worship.

Local News of Interest To People of Oak City

The highway force on number 125, between Hamilton and Oak City, is held up for a few days on account of the heavy rain Thursday morning. Farmers are talking tobacco sales and the low market prices. Almost everybody is busy grading tobacco.

The Detroit intelligence test and the Stanford achievement test have been given the Oak City pupils this week. Mr. Ira C. Ainsley, who has been holding a position aboard the "Leviathan," for the summer, has returned to Oak City to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Ainsley, before returning to his school at Stedman, where he has charge of science and is basketball coach.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Harrell, former residents of Oak City, have moved into the W. J. Johnson residence and opened a boarding house.

Price Average Continues To Hover Around 12-Cent Mark

JOHN THOMAS BROWN DIES

73-Year-Old Citizen of Robersonville Dies After 3-Weeks Illness

John Thomas Brown, 73 years old, of Robersonville died here early Tuesday following a several weeks' illness. The funeral was conducted by Rev. W. B. Harrington, interment following in the new cemetery at Robersonville.

The son of the late James Z. Brown and wife, he was born on a farm near Jamesville where he lived for a number of years. For the past few years he resided in Pitt county, near Robersonville.

He was first married to Miss Lydia Spruill, one daughter, Mrs. Henry Grimes, now surviving. His second marriage was to Miss Lulla Robersonville, of Robersonville, and she with four children, one daughter and three sons, survive. He also leaves four brothers, S. S. Brown, of this place, Lawrence C. and L. M. Brown, of Jamesville and Henry Brown, of Washington and one sister, Mrs. Mamie Langley, of Wilson.

8 PERMITS TO MARRY ISSUED

Only One Issued to Colored Couples, Smallest on Record Here

Eight marriage licenses were issued by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger here during the month of August, a decrease of one as compared with the number issued in July. The increase in the number of licenses issued to white couples over those for colored was greater by far during the past month than in years, seven going to the whites as to one for the colored. The names of the applicants follow:

White

W. S. Satterthwaite, Ethel Lane, of Tarboro.

Paul Vernon Jones, Sallie Elizabeth Harris.

Wilson E. Ambrose, Sudie Williams. James Daniel, Lethia Harrell.

John H. Cowin, Motie Bell Rogers. Edgar R. Chesson (Washington County), Ruth Darden.

Joseph P. Cowen, Magnolia Glisson. Colored

Brinkley Bonds, Bell Gray.

Presbyterian Services In County Sunday

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.

The members of the Presbyterian Church will worship with the members of the other denominations this Sunday, due to the absence of the Presbyterian minister. Regular services will be resumed Sunday, September 15.

Winston-Salem Journal Lauds Tobacco Edition

Editor Sanford Martin, of the Winston-Salem Journal, was very complimentary to Williamston and The Enterprise in his lead editorial last Monday morning about our special edition of last Friday. The editorial in full follows:

"The Enterprise, published in Williamston, the hustling capital of Martin County, came out last week with a special edition that deserves special comment because of its unique color scheme. The regular edition consists of six pages of regular size and printed in 'black and white.' The special edition contains thirty-two pages of half-size. This edition is made up of four sections, each of eight pages, and each printed on a different color of paper. Section 2 is printed on pink paper, while Section 3 appears on green paper. Section 4 is orange in color, while the last section is of lemon complexion.

"Every page of the special edition is chock full of good tobacco, industrial, commercial, and general business news. Advertisers patronized the edition with considerable enthusiasm, as the number of advertisements indicate. The edition will enter practically every home in the neighborhood of Williamston. The edition is doing its part in the common task of developing North Carolina."

The Enterprise particularly wishes to thank Editor Martin for not referring to that last section as a "yellow sheet." "Lemon complexion" sounds decidedly better to us, even though it does mean yellow. Jonathan Daniels, in his column, "Looking Both Ways," in the News and Observer Monday, became somewhat facetious at the expense of the yellow section by saying that we had proved "yellow journalism" was old-fashioned by our edition. However, the colored sections attracted the attention of many readers, which was the reason colors were used.

Kiwanis to Entertain Teachers Next Week

The local Kiwanis Club will entertain the teachers and principal of the schools here next Friday evening, it was announced by the organization's president, following a meeting of the club heads last Wednesday. Each year since its establishment here the club has been host to the teachers. The club held its meeting last Wednesday for the first time since July.

TWELVE PEOPLE IN COUNTY JAIL

For First Time in Several Years Whites Outnumber Negro Inmates

For the first time in several years, the white inmates in the Martin County jail outnumber the colored ones, and as a climax to the unusual situation there are two women included with the whites. The colored people number five, all men, while there are five white men and two white women serving sentences or awaiting trial.

The charges preferred against several of the prisoners vary greatly and are considered of minor importance, yet there are one or two cases coming under a major classification.

Since their confinement in the jail, several of the prisoners are said to have broken down under the strain of the charges that they will face in the superior court here week after next.

AUGUST REPORT OF HOME AGENT

Travels 694 Miles, Conducts 21 Meetings With An Attendance of 126

During the month of August, Miss Lora E. Sleeper, Martin County home demonstration agent, traveled 694 miles in the county, conducting 21 meetings with an attendance of 126. Twenty-one and a half days were spent in the field and five and one-half days in the office. There were eight conferences, and ten homes were visited.

One of the women who joined in the kitchen contest in February did not have time to fix her kitchen during the allotted time. This last week Miss Sleeper checked the work, finding she had put in two more windows to give sufficient light, and had a new sink and shelves put in. She reported her kitchen rearranged had saved her much time already. This same woman walked six miles in her kitchen one day, according to the pedometer loaned her. This mileage was before her kitchen was rearranged, the agent stated.

Approximately 100 jars of fruit and vegetables have been canned by girls and women in the county this month in meetings conducted by the agent. For two months the women have had food preservation as their subject.

SALES ARE LIGHT ON ALL MARKETS FIRST FEW DAYS

Price Range on Market Here Today From 4 to 37 Cents a Pound

QUALITY ONLY FAIR

Many Farmers Are Holding Weeds in Hopes That Better Prices Will Prevail

With little or no change noticed in the prices paid as compared by those received by growers earlier in the week, the local market had approximately 130,000 pounds of tobacco on its floors today.

Prices varied as to range, some being as low as four cents while a few piles of the golden weed sold for as much as thirty-seven cents a pound.

While the growers are greatly disheartened, not only here but throughout the section, many are optimistic, believing that the price will advance soon.

Believing that prices can go no lower than the present low level, thousands of Eastern Carolina farmers are holding their tobacco in their packhouses with a hope that an upward turn in price will follow soon, and as a result of this anticipation, sales on all the eastern markets have been light since the opening, many warehouses reporting their smallest sales in years considering the time for marketing the crop. The sales have been large enough, however, to show that there has been no appreciable change in the market price since the opening day.

Sales on the local market from Tuesday through yesterday reached the 202,601 mark, and brought \$23,445.53, giving an average price of \$11.58 per hundred pounds. A majority of that amount was placed on the floors the first day, the 150,804 pounds selling for \$17,415.24, an average of \$11.55 the one hundred pounds. Wednesday, the sales dropped to 36,221 pounds and brought \$4,211.42, an average of \$11.62. Yesterday the market was five points stronger, the 15,576 pounds offered selling for \$1,818.87, an average of \$11.67 per hundred pounds.

The quality of the offerings here has been reported as poor to fair, many people stating that the crop is decidedly of a poorer quality than that offered last year, while others state that it is about the same. That the poundage per acre is less by far than was the case last season is unanimously agreed.

The Williamston market is striving to offer its customers every consideration when tobacco is placed on the floors here, and it is a guarantee backed by every tobacco man and citizen here that the prices will run just as high as they do on any market.

AUGUST REPORT OF FARM AGENT

Orders Car of Drain Tile; Now Taking Orders for Car Dynamite

Submitted to the county commissioners at their regular meeting held here this week, the county farm agent's report points to activities common on the farm during the late summer and fall. A car of drain tile was ordered during the month, indicating that the farmers are planning a marked land improvement program. Plans were furnished for the construction of a sweet potato curing barn.

Mr. Brandon stated in his report that much time was devoted to the Roanoke Fair to be held here in November. During the past several years, farmers of this county have ordered cars of dynamite for blasting stumps. The orders have been placed in September and October in the past, and the agent is asking all farmers who are interested in another shipment to see him at their earliest convenience.

The detailed report:
9 days spent in office work.
18 days spent in field work.
125 office conferences during the month.
102 telephone calls, 155 letters written.
48 farms visited.
746 miles traveled during the month on official duties.
248 hogs treated.