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VITAL STATISTICS FOR PAST MONTH ARE REPORTED

Fifty-six Births Reported For New High Record During Year

Seven townships in this county reported 17 deaths and 56 births during the month of September, giving the districts a gain of 167 per cent over the number of births reported in August and proving that the period is a popular one for the stork in these parts. The number of deaths last month was two greater than the number for August. Williams, Cross Roads, and Poplar Point Townships filed no reports for the month.

Five of the newcomers were listed without legal papers, Williamston reporting one, Robersonville 1, Hamilton 1, and Goose Nest 2. Each of the illegitimates was colored.

The seven townships reported as follows:

	Deaths	Births
	White	Col.
Jamesville	4	1
Griffins	0	1
Bear Grass	0	2
Williamston	1	3
Robersonville	3	0
Hamilton	1	0
Goose Nest	1	2
Totals	10	7

While the month was an unusual one as far as statistics in this county are concerned, the trend was the same for births, the colored leading the white by a wide margin. The margin last month was larger than in recent months. It was the first time that white deaths outnumbered those among the colored race. Even though the statistics were unusual for the month, the yearly reports will show about an even break, the colored having more births and more deaths, and the whites having fewer births and fewer deaths.

SPORTSMEN TO MEET IN RALEIGH

Meeting To Be Held Here Saturday, Nov. 5 To Name Delegates

In 1930 there were held throughout the State meetings of licensed hunters and fishermen by counties for the purpose of making recommendations to the Department of Conservation and Development relative to changes in the hunting and fishing laws. These meetings were very successful and gave the department and legislature valuable information regarding the game laws, according to J. W. Hines, Martin County game warden.

The Department of Conservation and Development desires to repeat these meetings this year. Sportsmen of this county are requested to meet at 2 p. m. Saturday, November 5th, in the county courthouse for the purpose of discussing changes now needed in the game laws and for the selection of delegates to attend a State-wide meeting of sportsmen which will be held in the House of Representatives at Raleigh at 2 p. m. Tuesday, November 15th.

In the county meetings changes in the game and fish laws should be discussed, recommendations relative to these changes drawn and approved, and at least two representatives selected for the State meeting.

Mr. Hines stated that this is an earnest appeal to the licensed hunters and fishermen in North Carolina. The department tries in every way to administer the fish and game laws for the benefit of those who buy licenses, and the department feels that those who do buy the licenses are the ones who have the right to recommend adjustments in the game and fish laws.

PLAN TO HOLD TEACHER MEETS

Will Probably Hold First Meeting of Term Early Part Next Month

According to unofficial information received here yesterday a series of county-wide teachers' meetings will be held in this county during the remainder of the 1932-33 term. While no arrangements have been made at this time, it is understood that the first meeting will be held the early part of next month.

Only one county-wide meeting was held in this county last term, and no arrangements had been made to hold a series of meetings; this term until educational authorities here were advised by State school folks this week to make plans for the gatherings.

Usually six meetings are held during the term. More definite announcements will be made later, it is understood.

TOBACCO MARKET

Following the light sales of yesterday caused by the rain, a large break of tobacco was reported on the warehouse floors here today. It was estimated that more than 140,000 pounds were on sale today with prices showing added strength, especially for the better quality grades.

Fair-sized sales are expected during the remainder of the week with an unusually large break anticipated about Friday.

FURTHER DROP IN CROP YIELDS NOW INDICATED

October Report by State Department Shows 8 Per Cent Drop in Peanuts

The reduced production of farm products reported by the State Department of Agriculture in its August 31 report was still greater as of October 1, the date the last report was prepared. Still further reductions in several of the main crops in this section were indicated in the report, peanut production dropping 8 percent during the month.

The report, in part, follows: North Carolina was extremely dry during July, August and September. As a result, crops like hays, fruits, corn and potatoes have shown considerable distress this year. The remarkable thing is that crops have made even fair yields this year. General rains occurred early in October, however, along with cool weather.

Corn: The lowest condition is reported in the southeastern third of the State. The average condition is about 51 percent as compared with 57 for the entire State, indicating 15 bushels per acre. This compares with 85 percent of a full crop last year with 23 bushels yield. While the yield in North Carolina is extremely low, the main corn belt of the West is showing one of the highest yields for many years. The State prices there are reported to be as low as 18 cents per bushel as compared with 46 cents, the September average for North Carolina.

Sweet Potatoes: With 63 percent of a full crop promise of sweet potatoes reported, we have an indicated yield of 80 bushels. The vines of the plants are good, although the dry weather prevented the proper growth of the roots for production of potatoes. The late September and early October rains may help considerably in improving the yield, provided the fall is late. The crop last year showed 74 percent condition on October 1st and 99 bushels yield. The September price reported as being received by farmers for their potatoes was 50 cents. A second growth now would probably result in poor keeping qualities for storage.

Peanuts: Oddly enough the peanut crop does not seem to have suffered from lack of soil moisture to the same extent as other crops in the same region; in fact, the tops look fairly good and the pods on the root are grouped more closely around the center of the plant, rather than being spread out as usual. The condition is reported to be 58 percent of a full crop prospect, as compared with 82 a year ago and 66 a month ago. In spite of this, the yield indication is reckoned at close to 900 pounds per acre or 240,000,000 pounds production for the State. This compares with 306,000,000 pounds estimated as being produced last year. The September price reported was 2 cents a pound. The commercial area is in the northeastern part of the State, with a new center growing around Bladen County eastward.

Farm Wages: Farm wages show an average of \$17.50 per month without board and 80 cents per day on the same basis. There is still an oversupply of farm labor available for work, while the demand is very light. Farmers are paying no more cash for farm labor than is essential. The farm families are even trying to do all of the cotton picking. A common sight is to see an entire family dressed in overalls, out in the fields picking cotton.

Tom Thumb Wedding At School Here Friday

A score or more of the little folks in the first grade of the local school will make their first public stage appearance at the new school auditorium Friday evening of this week when they take part in a Tom Thumb wedding. Several practices have been held, and a successful presentation is predicted. The funds resulting from the 10 and 15 cent admissions will be used in adding to the list of first-grade library books. The ceremony, starting at 8 o'clock, will last only a short while.

ARSON CHARGES AGAINST TWO MEN DISMISSED

Otis and Jasper Roebuck Freed at Preliminary Hearing Saturday

Charges against Otis and Jasper Roebuck, connecting them with the burning of their home in Everetts last August were dismissed in Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell's court here last Saturday morning, when two of the state witnesses, Hubert Clark and Nathan Wynn, denied they had made statements implicating the two Roebuck boys in the alleged crime. Unable to cross-examine the two witnesses, the prosecution was forced to accept the dismissal.

Talking with W. C. Manning, president of the Martin County Branch of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association, and J. L. Coltrain, secretary of the company, and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, Wynn and Clark are said to have described the facts surrounding the mysterious burning of the Everetts dwelling. It was upon their evidence and that of others acquainted with the fire that warrants were issued for the arrests of the two Roebuck boys. At the hearing here Saturday morning, the two main witnesses refused to talk, denying they had even talked with the officers of the company before the sheriff. No cause for the sudden change in the case was given.

Mrs. J. W. Bailey, testifying at the hearing, stated that she was on the porch of her home near by when suddenly the fire started raging, that it was burning rapidly from the start. Professor D. N. Hix, appearing for the state in the case, stated that he passed the Roebuck home that morning and saw no signs of fire at that time. Within a few minutes, or by the time he had driven to the business section of the town and parked his car, he heard the alarm, and when he reached the home the fire was burning rapidly.

No suit as been filed by the owners of the building against the insurance company, and settlement will be held up pending the outcome of the case, it was learned today.

William H. Pierce Dies In Richmond Last Week

William H. Pierce, formerly of this county but for the past eight years a resident of Hopewell, Va., died in a Richmond hospital last Sunday. Brights disease was given as the immediate cause of his death.

Mr. Pierce, 60 years old, married Lydia Bennett, of this county, and she with nine children, survives. He also leaves one brother, L. L. Pierce, of Boykins, Va., and one sister, Mrs. Anna Brazil, of Tarboro.

Funeral services were conducted in the Spring Green Primitive Baptist church, near Hamilton, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment followed in the cemetery there. Elder B. S. Cowin conducted the last rites.

COTTON YIELD ONE OF LOWEST YET RECORDED

11,425,000 Bales Forecast In Government Report October 1

It is worthy of notice that the government cotton estimates have been so nearly the same for each of the three reports this year. The October forecast is 11,425,000 bales for the belt and 519,000 for North Carolina.

The October condition of 56 percent of a full crop promise indicates 198 pounds of lint per acre—low, as indicated by the 271 pounds average last season. The 10-year average was 241 pounds and 59 per cent condition. The 226,000 bales ginned to October 1st shows that the crop is extremely early in opening and is being picked quite rapidly.

The weather since July 1st has been dry and hot, which has resulted in small plants and bolls, early bollage, early maturity of bolls without late or top crop, and early opening. The cultivation was good and easy and late, with little grass to bother the picking. While fertilizer usage was quite short, yet this was a year when fields with no fertilizers made little difference.

The present condition and yield of North Carolina's cotton crop is one of the lowest on record. Excepting for the record hot and dry weather in July and August, we undoubtedly would have had the lowest yield per acre on record. Even then the weevil damage was heavy in many counties. Good yields are being made in the streak from Robeson to Pitt counties. Even blooming is common here. However, the plants have all the mature bolls that they can develop.

CELEBRATION IN AHOSKIE NOV. 11

Local War Veterans Expect To Be Participants in Program There

Martin County veterans of the World War are expected to take a prominent part in the Armistice Day celebration in Ahoskie the 11th of next month, according to information reaching here. It is the first planned celebration with Martin ex-service men participating since the year following the close of the war. At that time a big celebration was held in Watts Grove here.

Former service men in several counties of this section are planning to attend and take part in the celebration. The post at Ahoskie is making big arrangements to entertain the visitors, and complete plans will be announced within the next few days.

The band from the Naval Operating Base, Hampton Roads, Va., will be in Ahoskie to add to the color of the celebration. A parade of service men and floats prepared by several posts and other organizations in the district will feature the event.

1,000 Yards Cloth Received By Red Cross Officials Here

One thousand yards of Red Cross cloth were received here yesterday for distribution among the needy throughout a greater part of the county. The shipment was made up of 500 yards of gingham and 500 yards of outing, and local Red Cross officers are expecting an additional shipment of 6,000 yards of prints and 500 yards of birdseye cloth.

Plans are not complete at this time for the distribution of the cloth, but public announcement will be made just as soon as arrangements are made. Until plans are complete, the needy will greatly aid the welfare workers by withholding their requests for flour or cloth.

Several counties are calling upon their citizens to aid in making the cloth into garments for distribution among the needy, while others distribute it and let those receiving make it into garments. It is not known which course will be followed in this county, but every effort will be made to handle the aid to the very best advantage possible.

KIWANIANS TO HOLD KONFLAB

Annual District Meet Will Be Held in Tarboro Next Tuesday

The members of the local Kiwanis club, their wives and sweethearts are preparing themselves this week in preparation for the big Kiwanis Konflab, that is to be held in Tarboro next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

For all the clubs in this district are having a get-together there at that time. The idea being that all members of all the clubs are to be present, each man having as his guest his wife or lady friend. For it is ladies' night along in conjunction with this annual district konflab.

The Williamston group is getting things in order preparatory to marching on Tarboro with a splendid delegation. And in order to make a large attendance possible, the president of the local club is announcing that there will be no meeting of the group here tomorrow week, as is customary, but that the next regular meeting here will be held on Wednesday, November 2. And foregoing this regular meeting makes it possible for all the group to go, without intruding on the local meeting, or without running too many affairs too close together.

Advance reports indicate that several hundred people are being prepared for at Tarboro. And this fair to be one of the largest civic meetings ever held in this section.

PLANS ARE MADE FOR RODEO HERE

Half Hundred Carts and Fifteen Racers Are Already Entered

Plans for the big Depression Cart parade, rodeo and speaking here next Saturday were announced as being just about complete today by Henry Johnson, one of the promoters. More than one-half hundred strictly Hoover carts have already been signed up and many others are expected to take part in the parade, the promoter said. Fifteen racers will run on the track, the riders using no saddles or blankets.

There are many other entertaining features planned for the day, and the promoters are looking for large crowds.

The Roanoke fair grounds, where the rodeo and speaking will be held, are being put in shape this week, and a big crowd is expected to witness the races and enjoy the other events.

Put Under \$250 Bond For Stealing Tobacco

W. A. Respass, Beaufort County man, was placed under a \$250 bond by Justice J. L. Hassell here last Friday afternoon for the alleged theft of a small quantity of tobacco from Herbert Cullipher, Martin County farmer. The case will be called for trial in the December term of superior court.

Respass is said to have admitted the theft during the hearing last Friday.

Ladies Aid Society Will Serve Supper Thursday

The members of the local Christian Ladies' Aid Society will serve a turkey supper at the Woman's Club hall Thursday evening from 6 to 9 o'clock. A package sale will be held in connection, the society members serving supper for 50 cents a plate. The public is invited.

Million Pounds Tobacco Burned In Greenville

Fire early last evening destroyed the old Banner warehouse, and a tobacco stemmery and a large quantity of tobacco in Greenville. According to reports reaching here nearly a million pounds of tobacco, belonging to the Greenville Tobacco Company, were burned. The loss was estimated at \$150,000 with insurance to cover.

DEMOCRATS WILL MEET TOMORROW IN WASHINGTON

Big Torchlight Parade Will Be Feature; Many From Here To Attend

While it is generally believed and almost admitted that the First Congressional District will roll up one of the largest Democratic majorities in the forthcoming election, leaders of the party are taking no chance and have planned a big rally in Washington for tomorrow night, when the speakers will remind all the good people of their inherent right and solemn duty to get out and vote for the Democratic standard bearers next November 8.

Martin County Democrats are invited to attend the rally, Elbert S. Peel, chairman of the Democratic Executive committee of this county, making an appeal yesterday urging all party followers to take part in the meeting.

An old time torchlight parade, formed under county banners representing the entire fourteen counties of the first congressional district, will lead at 7:30 p. m. from the Atlantic Coast Line station to the school auditorium, where one of the most eloquent speakers of the Carolina campaign, according to local party leaders, will be heard in the person of the Democratic senatorial nominee, R. R. Reynolds.

An audience overflowing the huge auditorium school auditorium is anticipated, Mr. Reynolds, who astounded the state with his majority in the Democratic primary, is a consistent drawing card, and the parade is expected to add even more to the occasion. Democrats from every first congressional district county have been invited to be present and to form in the parade under their county banners.

All those interested in the campaign are asked to be present and to carry torch lights, which may be made at home by wiring a tin can to the top of a tobacco stick and stuffing the can with waste cotton, soaked in oil. Every one is asked to come to the Atlantic Coast Line station with a torch and join the parade. As far as it could be learned today, the rally in Washington tomorrow is the only one scheduled in this section, and Mr. Peel urges all Democrats to make arrangements to attend and take part in the parade.

DEATH OF MRS. R. O. MOBLEY

Funeral Is Held Monday Afternoon for Beloved Jamesville Woman

Mr. R. O. Mobley, beloved Jamesville woman, died at her home there Sunday afternoon of a complication of diseases. She had been in declining health for some time, but was able to be up until about two weeks ago, when she was forced to her bed.

The daughter of the late Bill Van Horn and wife, Mrs. Mobley was married twice, first to a Mr. Needham, of which union, one son, Mr. Seth Needham, of Detroit, survives. One son, Purcell, survives the second union. Besides her husband, Mrs. Mobley leaves her mother, Mrs. Sammie Ann Vanhorn, who made her home with the family in Jamesville.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon in the Christian church in Jamesville by Rev. Gilbert Davis, of Plymouth. Interment was in the Warrington cemetery at Jamesville.

WILL SPEAK IN ROBERSONVILLE

Hon. Thad Eure Addresses Voters There at 7:30 Tomorrow

Hon. Thad Eure, assistant director of personnel, and Democratic elector from the First Congressional District, will make a Democratic speech in the high school building at Robersonville tomorrow night at 7:30 p. m. it was announced today by Elbert S. Peel, chairman of the Martin County Democratic Executive committee. Mr. Eure is one of the outstanding young Democrats of the State, and is a very interesting speaker. The public is invited to hear him.

Mr. Eure's talk is the only one that has been announced for this county during the present campaign, as far as it could be learned here today. A big rally is under way in Washington County today, and a goodly number of Democrats are attending from this county. R. R. Reynolds spoke in Bertie yesterday, but will not appear in this county this year, A. R. Dunning, his campaign manager, said yesterday.

REGISTRATION GOES SLOWLY

Eight Or Ten New Names Put on Books Here Up To Yesterday

According to reports reaching here, an unusually small registration is in progress in this county for the next November election, hardly more than 60 new names having been entered since the books were opened about two weeks ago. Eight or ten had registered in this precinct up to yesterday, one or two other districts reporting no new names at all.

The books close Saturday of next week, and those citizens whose names are not on the books and who wish to vote in the coming election should register before the books are closed that day. On Saturday, November 5, the books will be opened that any names appearing thereon can be challenged, but no registrations will be in order at that time. Very few names have ever been challenged in this county, and no complaints are expected this year.

RAINS DAMAGE PEANUT CROP

Largest Loss Will Be in Peanuts Still in Ground; Half of Crop Dug

Rains falling in this section Sunday, Sunday night, and yesterday are said to have caused a great deal of damage to the peanut crop. While it is believed some damage resulted to that part of the crop already dug and stacked for curing, the greatest damage was done to that part of the crop now in the ground. Very little wind accompanied the rain, and as a result the damage to the stacked peanuts was not so great. It is feared that the growers will lose many of the good ones when they start digging as the rain in all probability will cause the nuts to fall from the vines. More than half the crop has been dug, it is estimated.

The rain was the second largest reported here since 1929. Hugh Spruill, keeper of a regulation rainfall gauge at the river, stating that a little over 2 inches fell from 8 o'clock Sunday morning to 8 o'clock the following morning.

Power Company Officials Visiting Office Here Today

Several officials of the Virginia Electric and Power Company out of Richmond and Roanoke Rapids were here for a short while today, inspecting the new district office here.

Family Reunion

The family of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Stalls enjoyed a family reunion at their Main Street home here last Sunday. Mr. Leon Stalls accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Berry, of Portsmouth, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weaver attending.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Staton, of Scotland Neck, and Mrs. G. E. Pittman and little daughter, Merle, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Sicehoff.

Mrs. F. M. Manning was called to Davidson this morning on account of the sudden illness of her father.

TAX COLLECTIONS

Even though tax collections dropped greatly following the action of the county board of commissioners delaying the sale one month, a few property owners continue to settle their accounts with the collector. Several thousand dollars have been collected since the early part of the month, and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck is optimistic over the prospects for sizeable collections between now and the first of November, when the delinquent list will be advertised for sale on the first Monday of the following month.