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## MOST OF COUNTY FARMERS HAVE PAID SEED LOANS

Only About 30 Loans Left in County; Over 300 Have Paid

Martin County farmers, nearly 300 of them, have paid their loans advanced by the government under the seed and loan act for last season, leaving about 30 unpaid accounts in this county, it was learned this week from Mr. J. Haywood Jones, field agent for the government. According to Mr. Jones, this county will make the honor roll by the first of February, when it is hoped all accounts will have been settled.

Mr. Jones stated that the government is not demanding the sale of peanuts at present prices, but it is anxious for those who have not made arrangements to square their accounts to store their peanuts and cotton in bonded warehouses. Receipts will be offered the borrowers and the accounts will be recognized as paid, leaving the farmer the right to hold and sell his crops later. The government continues to allow 9 1/2 cents a pound for cotton, but so far it has made no allowance for peanuts and probably will not. However, the department releases the farmer's peanuts above 120 bags for each \$100 indebtedness.

While no definite announcement has been made concerning the advancement of loans and how by the government this season, it is generally believed that it will. Mr. Jones is of the opinion that those farmers who square their accounts for 1932 promptly will be in line for loans this season if they want them, and if the government makes arrangements to advance money again.

Many farmers are said to have asked that their accounts be credited as they were holding their peanuts at home. Mr. Jones points out that the government finds it impracticable to credit the loans on crops scattered throughout the country. The department asks that they be stored in warehouses where they can be insured against fire, theft, weather and other hazards that might result in a loss if left scattered about on farms.

## MANY NEW BILLS IN LEGISLATURE

County Representative and District Senators Are Introducing

The old legislative hopper has begun to hop up Raleigh way, and from now on until the 1933 session of the General Assembly ends many clerks will be required to keep up with the numerous bills that will be introduced. Representative J. Calvin Smith, of this county, entered a bill in the house this week to amend the act on the competency of testimony of a wife against her husband in cases involving abandonment of children.

Senator Carl L. Bailey, of Roper, representing this district, introduced a bill to make three years' separation sufficient for divorce. The present law requires that husband and wife be separated for a period of five years before a divorce can be granted on the grounds of separation.

A. D. MacLean, also from this district, introduced a resolution dealing with the salaries of constitutional and other State officers. As the resolution is understood, the lawmakers would have the constitutional officers, including judges of the state supreme court and judges of the superior court, voluntarily accept a reduction in salaries.

So far, about 30 bills have been introduced in the senate and more than three times that number have been introduced in the house.

## Arrest Drivers of Cars With Old License Tags

Several car owners operating their cars in Bertie County with old licenses were arrested and carried into court over there yesterday, it was learned here today. Fines in the amount of \$10 each were imposed in addition to the costs, it is understood. No arrests had been made in this county up until this morning, as far as it could be learned here.

Old license tags disappeared here almost overnight, officers stating today that they had seen less than a dozen out-of-date plates since last Tuesday. Motorists, operating with old tags, are subject to arrest and fines in addition to court costs.

## Jamesville Teams Win Over Bear Grass Tuesday

Jamesville's high school basketball team defeated those of Bear Grass on the Jamesville court last Tuesday afternoon, the boys winning, 16 to 12, and the girls registering a victory by the close score of 18 to 17.

## Big Decrease Made In Taxes Since 1930

BETTER GET LIGHTS

Several owners of carts and other horse-drawn vehicles in this county have been carried into the courts for failure to display lights on them at night while on the highways. Five owners were fined \$5 and taxed with the costs for violating the law requiring lights on horse-drawn vehicles when on the highways after nightfall.

And the drive against the practice is not over, Patrolman Braswell said yesterday. Owners carrying their vehicles on the roads at night without lights are warned against the practice.

## TWO ARE HURT IN WRECK TUESDAY

New Bern Firemen Slightly Injured When Two Cars Collide Near Here

George W. Register was badly hurt about the back and a man named McCaskey suffered an injury to his shoulder in an automobile wreck near here on the Washington road last Tuesday night. Jack Norris, a third passenger in the Register Chevrolet coupe, escaped uninjured. All three men are from New Bern and were returning home after attending a meeting of the East Carolina Firemen's Association here.

The New Bern car collided with a Ford driven by John Hadley as he started to turn into a side road. Hadley was not hurt, but a colored man named Hassell riding with him was slightly injured. Both cars were badly damaged, especially the Chevrolet coupe, which turned over and landed on its top.

Hadley is understood to have said that he saw the Chevrolet coming and was sure he could make the turn before it reached him, but that he was apparently mistaken in judging the speed of the approaching car. Register, driver of the Chevrolet, is said to have pulled his car to the right and off the pavement, the Ford striking the rear part of the Chevrolet coupe.

A hearing was scheduled in the recorder's court here for next Tuesday, but was postponed until the following Tuesday, as Hadley is scheduled to appear in a safe-robbery case over in Beaufort County next week.

## 81 PER CENT TAX LEVY COLLECTED

Audit of Sheriff's Books Is Made Recently; Report Is Excellent

A recent audit of the sheriff's tax books for the year 1931 shows that he collected \$191,129.36 in total cash, or 81.91 per cent of the total levy. Discounts, totaling \$155.74, accounted for .08 per cent and tax sales accounted for another 15.60 per cent. The tax sales represented \$36,435.34 in unpaid taxes, while the declared insolvents amount to 2.41 per cent of the total levy.

It was a hard year for both the collector and the payer. Many tales of woe were heard by the sheriff, and every one was listened to attentively, the collector showing every courtesy and consideration it was possible for a human being to show.

And, considering conditions, the collections were unusually good. Early indications are that the collections for the year 1932 are going to be equally as good as those for 1931.

## Friday, the 13th Is Unlucky for Many in This Section

Even in this age of enlightenment, old superstition gained a foothold in spite of everything this morning—Friday the 13th, when the section turned back the covers to find a snow on the ground and little or no wood handy. And there might be something to this Friday the 13th propaganda. Certainly are they convinced that there is who were seen tramping here and there in the snow searching scraps of wood to keep the home fires burning.

## First of Season's Guano Shipments Being Made

The first fertilizer shipments of any size were handled here this week, when more than 100 tons of the material were distributed to farmers in this section. Most of the fertilizer will be used in tobacco plant beds. The fertilizer season will be under way on a large scale shortly or when the farmers get ready to start their main crops.

## EAST CAROLINA FIREMEN IN MEET HERE TUESDAY

Over 100 Firemen From 16 Towns At Quarterly Sessions Here

The regular quarterly meeting of the East Carolina Firemen's Association was held here last Tuesday night when more than 100 firemen from the 16 towns in the group attending.

An impromptu program featured the meeting, a goodly number of brief talks having been made in connection with the work of the association and the individual fire-fighting volunteers. Following the supper, consisting of barbecue, slaw, chicken chowder, and hot coffee, Mayor R. L. Coburn welcomed the visitors; Henry Staton, of Bethel, responding. Messrs. R. J. Peel, R. L. Coburn, of Williamston; and Fire Chiefs Guthrie, of Beaufort; Davis, of Morehead City; Summerlin, of Mount Olive; Misty, of New Bern; Cowen, of Goldsboro; Gardner, of Greenville; Staton, of Bethel; and several others made short talks, ranging from one to five minutes, on the importance of organized fire-fighting to the safety of life and property in any community. Many valuable points were gained from these talks. Expressing appreciation and admiration for the men who put their services and often their lives at stake for the lives and property of others, Revs. C. T. Rogers, E. F. Moseley, and J. M. Perry made talks that were greatly enjoyed by the firemen.

Entering upon the regular business session, the meeting heard Treasurer Joyner's report. The expense of the association during the past year was only \$48, he said, leaving a balance of \$67.

A. A. Caper, of the New Bern department, was made president of the association; and H. D. Harrison, of the local department, was chosen vice president. R. A. Joyner continues as secretary-treasurer of the organization.

Retiring President Jones, of Ayden, graciously thanks the membership for the courtesies extended him during his term and adjourned the meeting. The organization will hold its next meeting in April with the department at Morehead City.

## ANNUAL MEET OF EXCHANGE HELD

Roanoke Mutual Exchange Had Hard Time in Its First Year

Meeting in the school auditorium last Tuesday night, members of the Roanoke Mutual Exchange discussed several propositions in the anticipation of buying soda, fertilizers, tobacco cloth, and other farm needs cooperatively this year. Committees were named to procure prices and terms offered by dealers and report their findings to the exchange. No date was mentioned when the reports should be received by the members.

The meeting was the regular annual one held by the exchange since its formation a year ago. Messrs. Joshua L. Coltrane, R. O. Martin, B. F. Lilley, P. M. Holliday, Wendell Hamilton, and R. L. Stallings were named directors, and they will elect the officers for the coming year, it was stated.

Starting operations last year, the Roanoke Mutual Exchange experienced many setbacks. However, it effected savings for its members in the purchase of 155,000 tomato plants, a quantity of seed and shipping equipment. A crop failure resulted and the one-tenth of the tomato crop produced was of poor quality. Approximately 175 acres were planted to tomatoes in the Jamesville section of the county last season, but it has not been definitely determined whether or not another crop will be attempted this year.

## Program of Services At Baptist Church

In the second of the Sunday evening special services now being featured at the Baptist church, the pastor will review the happens of the religious world Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock under the following heads: A new way with youthful offenders; Duke's religious emphasis week; what the excavators say about the walls of Jericho; a possible lynchless year in '33; prodigal Baptists; shall movies open on Sunday; why are there more Catholics in Sing Sing prison than in any other religious group; and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt's advice about drinking to younger women.

The pastor will preach Sunday morning on the subject, "It's What's on the Inside That Counts." Sunday School and young people's organizations meet as per schedule. The pastor and church membership are mindful of those whose illness makes it impossible for them to attend the services.

## Majority of Farmers in County Hold Peanuts for Higher Price

GAIN RECORDED IN POST OFFICE RECEIPTS HERE

Local Office One of Few to Show Increase; Reflects Upturn in Business

Showing a gain in postal receipts of \$377.41 last year over those of 1931, the local post office points to an upward trend in business here. At least, the local office is holding its own, despite starvation prices offered for peanuts, cotton, and other farm products.

In releasing the receipts report, Postmaster Jesse T. Price stated as his opinion that the gain was the result of increased business activity, that the increased postage rate going into effect last July 6 is believed to have had little effect toward increasing the receipts. Since the new rate went into effect, the post offices throughout the country have lost considerable business. Large firms that once used thousands of stamps weekly instituted a delivery service of their own, turning much business from the postal system. The increased postage rates just about offset this loss in business, making it reasonable to assume that the increased receipts were the result of greater business activity.

The local post office has shown but irregular gains since 1930, when receipts dropped more than \$800. Receipts that year amounted to \$11,147.88. In 1931 a gain of about 1 per cent was made, the receipts that year amounting to \$11,250.51. In 1932 the receipts amounted to \$11,627.92, or a gain of \$377.41, Mr. Price said.

Mail order business suffered another marked decrease, Postmaster J. T. Price agreeing that the people had little money to patronize the mail order houses.

Quarter	1931	1932	Gain-Loss
1st	\$2,741.76	\$2,625.95	\$115.81*
2nd	2,631.64	2,360.47	271.17*
3rd	2,370.36	2,692.30	321.94
4th	3,506.75	3,949.20	442.45

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\* Denotes loss.

## LEGION TO GIVE INDOOR CIRCUS

Event Will Be Held in the Roanoke-Dixie House On January 31

The local American Legion Post is making preliminary plans for what they hope to be one of the largest events ever held in this community. On January 31, February 1, 2, and 3, they will sponsor an indoor circus in the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse here.

On the above nights the warehouse will be beautifully decorated and lighted, and the ex-service boys will be hosts to the crowds expected to attend the event. Sensational circus acts, vaudeville numbers, free prizes, style show, and other novelties will constitute the program and a well-known orchestra will be secured for the entertainment as well as the nightly dances that will be featured during the circus.

## Jamesville Teams Win Over Those of Plymouth

Jamesville's basketball teams, girls and boys, defeated the Plymouth High School teams in a double-header played in the high school auditorium at Roper Wednesday night; the girls winning by a 22 to 14 score and the boys by a 22 to 15 score. The Plymouth girls showed excellent team work and passing, but they were excelled by the Jamesville team which seldom missed the basket on each attempt to shoot a goal. LeFever, for Plymouth's team, was outstanding forward, while Bowen and Davis did excellent guarding Gaylord and Martin played stellar ball for Jamesville, backed by the able guards E. and H. Brown.

The boys' game was unusually fast, but the nimble Jamesvillites played circles around the Plymouthians, and in almost every formation made their plays complete. The Plymouth boys put up a hard fight to break down the Jamesville defense. Gekinger was outstanding for Plymouth while Waters, Martin and Roberson aided by the swift guards, led Jamesville.—Reported.

SNOW

The first sizeable snow to really cover the ground here in about two years started falling about 6 o'clock this morning. At 10 o'clock today a blanket 5 inches deep covered the ground, and the prospects at that time were good for a few more inches before the day was spent.

The flakes found a receptive ground and piled up rapidly. By 7:15 the snow had gained a small depth. Highway forces started their plows, and no traffic delays were expected as a result of the snow on the main highways.

The mercury dropped about 30 degrees overnight and hovered around 32 at noon today.

## LOCAL SCHOOL CLOSSES TODAY

Weather and Sickness Are Cause for Big Drop in Attendance

Local school children received an unexpected but ever-welcome holiday today when a greatly decreased attendance caused by sickness and unfavorable weather made the suspension of activities necessary, it was learned from Principal Watson. The schools are completing the first term, and examinations were on the schedule for today. The tests will be scheduled for next Monday, Principal Watson stating that English and science examinations would be the menu that day and that history and mathematics examinations would be in order the following day.

Six of the seven trucks serving the local school reached here safely this morning, but each was short from ten to twenty pupils. A seventh truck was ditched on a side road off the Washington highway, near the home of Mr. Will Taylor. No check on the town children was made, but many were believed to have been absent.

Another reason for closing the schools here today, Mr. Watson said, was that the snow might block the roads and make travel dangerous for the children later in the day.

Everetts suspended operations when only three of its trucks reached here. Jamesville and Robersonville were operating with decreased attendance reported at both places. Farm Life was continuing its activities today, but a report on its attendance could not be had.

Hamilton closed earlier this week when influenza resulted in a decreased attendance there. Oak City was said to have closed also on account of the flu, but this could not be established as a fact today.

According to present plans, all schools in the county will reopen Monday as usual, weather and other factors permitting.

## Program of Services At Church of Advent

There will be services at the local Episcopal church Sunday. Morning sermon, 11 a. m., subject: "Christianity and Our Economic Muddle." Evening service, 7:30, sermon subject: "The Disturbing Features of Christianity."

## Regular Services At Methodist Church Here

C. T. Rogers, pastor. You are cordially invited to worship with us at our services on Sunday. Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Just plain "old-time" gospel sermons at both services. Soul food. Non-sectarian. Special prayer will be made for the absent members.

## Jamesville Girls Defeat Bear Grass Sextet, 24-8

In the opening game of the season, the girls' basketball team of the Jamesville High School defeated the Bear Grass team by a score of 24-8. The high scorers for Jamesville were Daisy Gaylord and Louise Martin. The team as a whole shows promise of a successful season.

## Tyrrell Farmers Curing Pork At Home This Year

Low prices for hogs in Tyrrell County is causing many growers to kill and cure pork at home with the idea of selling cured hams and bacon next summer and winter.

AROUND 50,000 BAGS NOW IN STORAGE HERE

Price Continues To Hover Around One-Cent Mark; Few Selling

That Martin County farmers are determined to await higher or fair peanut prices is made certain in reports reaching here from several of the townships. Up in the Hassell section hardly 10 per cent of the crop has been offered for sale, Mr. J. W. Eubanks, member of the Martin County Board of Education, said this week. Practically all the crop has been picked and stored by the farmers there, he said. Approximately 50,000 bags have been stored here so far, more than 15,000 bags of that number having been placed in the bonded warehouse operated here this season by Messrs. Cunningham, Skinner, and Carstarphen. Mr. Cunningham said this week that they expected to handle around 25,000 bags this season, that the peanuts would be helped off the market until a more favorable price is offered. Farmers without proper and adequate storage space of their own are finding it to their great advantage to store their crops here, and the cost covering handling and insurance is unusually reasonable.

Private storing concerns have filled several available storage houses here, and it is believed they are getting in shape to force a price rise.

A number of farmers scattered throughout the county have held up picking operations on account of the low price, declaring they will leave them in the fields before they would pick and sack them and offer them at the prevailing low prices. Picking operations are still under way in certain sections, and it is understood that the work, or all that will be done, will be completed within the next week or two.

Prices still range around the cent-a-pound mark, a few farmers having received as high as one and one-eighth and one and one-quarter cents a pound for their crop.

Many farmers questioned here this week stated that they would materially reduce their peanut acreage this coming season, but they would rather have their land remain idle than to raise peanuts at a price below the cost of production. A few admitted they planned to increase their tobacco acreage, but nearly all of them were agreed on a decreased peanut acreage for 1933.

## DR. D. T. TAYLOE TAKEN BY DEATH

Widely Known and Beloved Physician Passes Away At Washington

Washington, Jan. 10.—Dr. David T. Tayloe, sr., 68, died at 10:30 o'clock tonight in the Tayloe hospital here. He was taken to the hospital on Saturday and a blood transfusion given him in an effort to prolong his life. He had been in a coma since Monday night. He was a widely known and greatly beloved physician.

Dr. David Thomas Tayloe, second son of the late Mary Grist and Dr. David Thomas Tayloe, of Washington, was born while his parents were living near Townsville, Granville County, during the War Between the States on February 22, 1864. After the war they returned to their former home and since then the Tayloe family has remained in Washington as a unit.

## Noah Roberson Home Burns Near Jamesville

The old Noah Roberson home and several out-buildings were burned near Jamesville last night or early this morning. According to information received here, fire had all but burned the buildings when it was discovered. The origin of the blaze could not be determined.

W. A. Stubbs and family moved from the house yesterday and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hardison were planning to occupy the building today, it was said.

## Postpone Teachers' Meet; Will Be Held January 21

A meeting of the southern group of Martin County teachers scheduled here for tomorrow morning has been postponed, it was announced by the office of the county superintendent here today. The meeting will be held tomorrow week, Saturday, January 21, according to present plans.