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FARMER MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE MEMBERS MEET

Has Served 500 Members at Cost of 40 Percent Below Average

The Martin County branch of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association was held in the county court house here last Saturday morning with a limited representation of members in attendance. Despite the unfavorable weather nearly every township had members present.

The report of the secretary-treasurer was received, and it was pointed out that during the past year all property insured in the association had been examined and reassessed. Values were lowered, lessening the liabilities by about 33 per cent, which reduction is considered in keeping with the trend of the times.

W. C. Manning, for more than 20 years president of the company, and secretary-treasurer for about 12 years prior to that time, declined reelection, and Mr. Henry C. Green was elected. Rev. W. B. Harrington, of Griffiths Township, was reelected vice president; and Mr. James L. Coltrane continues as the association's able secretary-treasurer.

The following board of trustees was elected: Joshua L. Coltrane, W. B. Harrington, Joseph S. Griffin, Thos. L. Roebuck, S. T. Woolard, S. T. Everett, and T. B. Slade.

Since the organization of the local county branch of the association, it has served its membership faithfully, saving its approximately 500 members as much as 40 per cent on their insurance costs. The approximately 500 members, associating themselves to share each other's losses, have enjoyed protection against fire, wind, and lightning at a cost 40 per cent below that charged by the stock companies for fire protection only.

Two Are Hurt in Railroad Cross Accident Yesterday

H. R. Davenport, young white man of Creswell, suffered a fractured skull and a broken leg, when his car and trailer crashed into a Norfolk Southern train near Plymouth on Highway 90 yesterday morning. He is expected to live. G. C. Craddock, riding with Davenport, was badly cut about the body, but was not seriously hurt.

Cottage Prayer Meeting at Home Mrs. L. B. Harrison

Cottage prayer meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. L. B. Harrison Wednesday evening at 7:30. It was announced this morning by Rev. C. T. Rogers, pastor of the Methodist church. The public is cordially invited to attend, but especially the immediate community is asked to meet with us. A 30-minute service is held at some one's home every Wednesday evening. If you would like to have a service, let Mr. Rogers know.

Hold Hearing In Robbery Case Here This Afternoon

A hearing is scheduled to be held here this afternoon when J. P. Watson, Roseboro merchant, will be questioned in connection with the case charging him with receiving stolen goods. Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell will hear the case. Several witnesses are here from as far away as Raleigh and Greenville to offer testimony in the case.

Watson is alleged to have received goods stolen by a group of robbers in this county back in November and December.

Luther Clark Ordered To Jail in Beaufort County

Luther "Slick" Clark, young Martin County white boy, was ordered to jail yesterday in the Beaufort County Superior court for not complying with a judgment of that body handed down about a year ago. Clark was adjudged guilty in a case charging him with robbery of E. H. Robertson's store at Batts Cross Roads in Beaufort County. He is said to have failed to pay the costs and fine in the case.

Noah S. Garrett To Address Kiwanians Here Tomorrow

Noah S. Garrett, lieutenant governor of the Kiwanis sixth district, of Ahoskie, will attend the regular meeting of the local Kiwanis club here tomorrow at 12:30 o'clock. He will address the members, it was said.

All Kiwanians are urged to be present.

County farm agents in tobacco-growing counties are now cleaning and treating tobacco seed in preparation for planting the beds.

BANK HOLIDAY

Out of respect for that great Southerner and military leader, Robert E. Lee, the Branch Banking and Trust Company here will observe his birthday as a holiday Thursday of this week, it was announced today. It was also stated that other banks in the county would close for the day, but general business in stores, post offices, and professional offices will continue as usual.

Several schools in the county are planning appropriate programs for the day, it is understood.

INCLUDE PEANUT IN RELIEF BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

Bill Would Raise Price of Lowly Goober Up To 3 Cents a Pound

The lowly peanut, so long kicked around as a step-child, gained recognition in the nation's capital last week when it was included in the domestic allotment plan as passed by the House of Representatives. Under the "National Emergency Act," the peanut would sell for three cents a pound during the initial marketing period.

When the domestic allotment plan was first advanced it only included cotton, wheat, and hog products, but the unusually low prices offered for peanuts gained for the goober a place in the act. The peanut has held its own in the House of Representatives, and now it has to face the Senate, and even if it is successful there, it will then face a probable veto at the hands of President Hoover.

As the bill is understood here, peanuts farmers would offer their crop for sale on the open market. If they received one cent a pound on the open market, then the act would allow them two additional cents a pound up to a certain amount. If the country actually needed so many peanuts, the act would see that the price would be held to three cents for that amount. However, if production was over and above the consumption demand, then the farmer would have to take what he could get for his proportion of the surplus.

CHILD DIES OF HYDROPHOBIA

Last Rites for David Abram Barnhill at Everetts This Afternoon

David Abram Barnhill, 6 years old, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barnhill, in Greenville, early Sunday morning of hydrophobia.

Born in this county, the child moved with his parents to Pitt County two or three years ago. Shortly before the Christmas holidays he was attacked and badly bitten about the face by a mad dog there. On the advice of physicians, his parents had him given the Pasteur treatment, the little fellow taking the last treatment a few days before his death. During the holidays he visited in Everetts, and his condition was not considered serious. Last Saturday he was said to have acted queerly, and a doctor was called. The case was diagnosed immediately, but it was then too late to save the boy's life.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon, and interment will follow in the Barnhill burial plot, near Everetts.

Tax League Meeting Is Called Off Last Friday

A meeting of the Martin County Tax League scheduled to have been held in the courthouse here last Friday was called off on account of the unfavorable weather. A date for the meeting has not been determined, it was learned today from Mr. E. P. Cunningham, president of the body.

Snow Reaches Depth of 10 Inches Here; Melts Quickly

The snow falling last Friday, starting at 6 in the morning and continuing for 9 hours, reached a depth of 10 inches here. It was the biggest fall since the snow of March, 1927, when 20 inches covered the earth, blocked traffic, and handicapped business during the greater part of two days.

Falling at the rate of more than an inch an hour, the snow disappeared almost as rapidly as it came. Friday night a big portion of the 10 inches melted, and by

FURTHER CUTS IN BUDGET ADVISED BY EHRLINGHAUS

Disapproves The Methods Proposed by Former Governor Gardner

Raleigh, Jan. 17.—Presenting a greatly curtailed budget to the General Assembly last night, Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus in his accompanying message disapproved emphatically of the methods proposed by former Governor O. Max Gardner for balancing the general fund budget, which shows an accumulated deficit of \$12,690,652, of which \$6,039,155 is charged to this fiscal year.

The failure of Governor Ehringhaus to propose an alternative plan was regarded as making some sort of a sales tax inevitable. The 1931 General Assembly deadlocked for five months between a general sales tax and a selected commodity or luxury tax and ended by rejecting both and adopting a bill which fell far short of balancing the budget. Although he has never publicly committed himself, Governor Ehringhaus has been supposed to prefer the general sales tax of these two plans. A production tax to apply to all manufactured articles and other sources has been proposed at this session.

However, the deficit has now reached such proportions that no one plan is expected to solve the problem.

Members of the General Assembly were last night reticent in comment on the Governor's message and the outlook for a sales tax, but nearly all of them expressed a determination to balance the budget regardless of consequences.

The deficit for this year, plus the \$1,950,000 to be lost by removing the 15-cent ad valorem tax for public schools makes around \$10,000,000 by which the budget would be out of balance next year on the basis of present expenditures and present revenues.

The budget report, signed by Governor Gardner and prepared with the assistance of the Budget Commission proposed to get the \$10,000,000 by a combination of the following four methods:

- (1) Reducing present expenditures by \$3,000,000 each year.
- (2) Refunding general fund bond maturities (\$1,150,000 the first year and \$1,738,000 the second year).
- (3) Transfer of \$2,000,000 of highway revenue to the general fund each year.
- (4) Replacing the property tax by increasing the present taxes on an average of 20 per cent so as to raise \$3,850,000 each year.

Ehringhaus Objections

Predicting that the activities of the reorganization committee headed by Senator Larry I. Moore, which is scheduled to report on Friday, will result in still further economies, the Governor voiced his approval of those economies and made this criticism of the economies proposed in the budget:

"I am impressed, too, with the idea that the reductions here proposed follow too largely the idea of horizontal decreases without considering, as is vital, the difference between the essential and the non-essential service. I am also of the opinion that all salary reductions should be graduated."

Concerning the proposed transfer of \$2,000,000 of highway revenue each year to the general fund (out of a total estimated revenue of \$16,353,600 the first year and \$15,411,200 the second year) Governor Ehringhaus said:

"I cannot give my approval to this suggestion." He calls attention to that portion of his inaugural address dealing with the same subject and cites the decreased revenues for the highway fund, which at its peak received more than \$20,000,000 in State funds each year.

On the suggestion for refunding general fund bonds falling due in the next two years, Governor Ehringhaus said: "Most respectfully, but emphatically, I suggest that this does not constitute a balanced budget. Certainly, it does not accord with my idea of the necessities of the present situation."

Sunday afternoon there were few signs of the blanket to be seen. No serious traffic delay was experienced in this section. Highway plows were put in operation shortly after the snow started falling and traffic, while slightly retarded, continued. Unemployed forces were used in clearing the sidewalks and streets here, it being the first time in the town's history that there was a concerted effort to remove the snow from the sidewalks and streets a la city fashion.

Seed and Feed Loan Bill Passes House; Will Be Help To Many County Farmers

Under suspension of the rules, the House of Representatives yesterday passed the Seed Loan Bill for crop production during the year 1933.

Republican Leader Snell and other Republicans vigorously fought the measure, but its friends were able to muster the two-thirds vote by which it was necessary to pass it. No amendments could be offered. Representative Warren, of North Carolina, asked unanimous consent to offer an amendment to make the loans applicable to local farm organizations, and Representative LaGuardia tried to get the interest rate fixed at 3 per cent, but a single objection on the

to the House the high rate of repayments from the Southern States. The bill now goes to conference, and it is hoped that it will reach the President in a week. The Department of Agriculture will administer the loans as formerly.

Nearly 300 loans were made to Martin County farmers last year, and already many of that number are anxious to know if they will be able to get help from the government this year in financing farming operations.

No plans have been made locally for handling the loans this year, but arrangements will be made as soon as the bill becomes law within the next two or three weeks.

part of Clarke, of New York, blocked both amendments.

Representative Lindsay Warren, who introduced the seed loan measure on the first day of the session took part in the debate and replied to Snell, of New York, and Stafford, of Wisconsin. Mr. Warren told the House that the measure was vital and absolutely necessary and its failure would mean disaster. He said that the new regional agricultural credit corporations were almost worthless under the rules prescribed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and that no average farmer could secure loans from them on account of the security demanded. He also read

BARTER SYSTEM PROVES POPULAR WITH READERS

Nearly 100 Bags of Peanuts Are Exchanged For The Enterprise

Offering two cents a pound for peanuts in exchange for subscriptions to The Enterprise, the paper's force is more than assured of a fat year ahead. Already around 100 bags of the goobers have been delivered in exchange for the paper. Several bags have already been parched and eaten, and the rest are being held for that higher price every one hopes for.

Last year the paper received around 300 bags of the goobers on the exchange plan, advancing its subscribers as far ahead as 1936 in some cases. However, there are a few who are fast getting in the arrears class and have not taken advantage of the offer. The exchange or plain out-and-out barter idea is not limited to peanuts. Old hens are gladly accepted, the paper offering a nine-months subscription for each old hen. Several hundred old hens were received last spring, and then, too, a few loads of wood, pigs, and other farm produce were offered in exchange for the paper.

Down in Texas and in 15 other states of the Union, the barter system is being widely used, but those states are more than a year behind The Enterprise in realizing that money is scarce and that business is not solely dependent upon gold. However, a limit has to be placed on certain commodities, and those of our subscribers who have not taken advantage of the exchange offers are cordially urged to do so immediately.

Peanut deliveries have been made by the following:

C. B. Fagan, Dardens; Roy Clark and Mrs. W. A. Clark, Williamston; route 2; H. B. Smith, Robertsonville; route 2; Ira Harrison, Williamston; Mrs. Lydia Rogers, Williamston; R. F. D.; Zenobia Haislip, Hassell; J. B. Whitfield, Hobgood; W. A. Bailey, Williamston; route 2; Haywood Rogers, Williamston; route 2; H. C. Robertson, Williamston; route 4; J. A. Ellis, Jamesville 1; P. E. Manning, Williamston 4; W. P. Hadley, Williamston 1; W. A. Coltrane, Williamston 1; J. J. Robertson, Jamesville 1.

L. G. Taylor, Williamston 3; W. M. Hardison, Williamston 2; W. S. Mallory, Williamston 2; J. R. Keel, Williamston 2; C. C. Bailey, Williamston 2; Mrs. J. T. Griffin, Williamston 2; W. S. Leggett, Williamston 3; G. R. Silverthorne, Williamston 3; A. D. Hadley, Williamston 1; W. S. Peel, Williamston 1; R. F. D.; C. E. Simpson, Robertsonville 3; Joshua L. Coltrane, Williamston 4; Blanche Simpson, Jamesville 2; M. A. Price, Williamston 1; Ira Price, Williamston 1; J. H. Peel, Williamston 2; J. W. Gurkin, Williamston 1; Mrs. N. S. Cherry, Williamston 4; W. Henry Rogers, Williamston 2; J. D. Price, Williamston 1; H. A. Cullipier, Williamston 2; C. W. Slade, Robertsonville 2; Mary J. Mobley, Williamston 1; S. H. Mobley, Williamston 1; W. M. Harrison, Williamston 1; D. A. Roebuck, Williamston 3; J. L. Holliday, Williamston 1; G. L. Savage, Williamston 1; Allen, Williamston 2; Z. N. Robertson, Jamesville; B. F. Lilley, Jamesville 1; Henry Bryant Oak City.

Bennie Bryant, Oak City; W. C. Jones, Williamston 1; C. B. Robertson, Williamston 1; J. F. Jackson, Dardens; H. L. Davis, Jamesville 2; C. G. Gurkin, Jamesville 2; H. Gurkin, Jamesville 2; Johnnie Gay, Jamesville; J. T. Bennett, Oak City; W. B. Bennett, Oak City; Mrs. M. G. Taylor, Williamston 4; Alonzo Robertson, Williamston 1; Alice Bell, Williamston 3; Luther Cratt, Williamston 2; J. L. Whitfield, Robertsonville 2; H. C. Norman, Robertsonville; Jesse Whitley, Williamston; C. A. Pate and J. E. Pate, Williamston 4; J. E. Whitfield, Palmyra; H. L. Manning, Williamston 4; J. A. Taylor, Parmele; W. D. Daniel, Jamesville route 1; Mrs. Chas. M. Peel, Williamston, route 1.

STRANGE ANIMAL

Raiding chicken coops in Goose Nest Township one night last week some kind of animal believed to have been a wild cat, killed a number of chickens in various places in that community. A similar num-raid was reported in Cross Roads Township just before last Sunday morning. Six or seven coops were visited in that section, it was stated, the animal killing from one to five at each place.

Two farmers are said to have seen the animal, but were unable to tell what it was.

1,823 PLATES SOLD HERE BY AUTO LICENSE BUREAU

Sales Less by 521 Plates; Revenue Drops From \$34,448 to \$24,395

Martin County automobile and truck owners, with the aid of a few from neighboring counties, spent \$24,395.61 for 1933 State licenses at the local bureau since December 15. The bureau during the month it offered the plates for sale here sold 1,823 plates, as compared with 2,344 sold last year. The number of tags was decreased by 521, and the cash revenue was less by a little over \$10,000. Figures on the sales made direct from Raleigh to automobile and truck owners in the county are not available, but it is believed less than 500 plates were bought direct, and that the total amount spent for licenses in the county will be under the \$30,000 mark.

However, despite the decreased sale business at the license bureau was about as good as it was anywhere. In other words, Martin County automobile and truck owners spent more for license tags than they have paid on their 1932 taxes, not even mentioning the upkeep and gasoline costs.

The local bureau has packed the unsold plates ready for shipment back to Raleigh. Automobile owners in this

BELIEVE IT OR NOT---

By HATTIE THROWER

Nineteen thirty-three found Williamston still on the map with route 30, U. S. 17, splitting it in the middle right down Main Street. It is still bounded by Robertsonville on the one side, blanketed by Hamilton on another, and watered by the Roanoke, over which breezes blow from the great State of "Bartie." Fish come to its markets from the great herring center of Jamesville in the spring, juicy hams and honey-dew yams from Griffiths, and the odor of Scuppernongs from Bear Grass. In the meantime, peanuts are selling so cheap that it seems cruel to even eat them parched. However, the market remains the largest in the world for the Virginia nuts.

Business has held up very well and is yet strong. Only one groceryman went out of business, and he just simply retired. Gas stations are as many as ever, and in some of them one may get "hot dogs," and thus help the indigestion powder man.

The church spires are still pointing heavenward and are functioning properly to keep the sinners from starting any new stunts in the wild rounds of pleas for which Williamston is noted—the outside world claims. This outside world likes mighty well to shake a wicked foot, too, in Williamston. The persons of the several congregations are letting their lights shine and are ministering to the sick and afflicted. In all things these men are on the level.

Doctors are very busy these days—

BAPTIST PASTORS TO HOLD MEET HERE NEXT WEEK

Ministers from Six Church Associations To Meet Next Monday

Baptist ministers in the Atlantic, Chowan, Neuse, Pamlico, Roanoke and West Chowan Associations will hold a conference here next Monday morning at 10 o'clock in the Memorial Baptist church, it was learned from Rev. C. H. Dickey, local minister. Around 75 preachers are expected here for the meeting.

Ministers of the associations in eastern North Carolina recently organized the conference, and the meeting here next Monday is the first of a series of three to be held during the year, it was said. Rev. H. F. Brinson, of Lewiston, is president of the group, and R. B. Lineberry is secretary and treasurer.

The following program has been released by Rev. J. L. Carrick, chairman of the program committee:

- 10 a. m.—Devotional, Dr. Oscar Haywood, New Bern.
- 10:20 a. m.—How Can This Organization Dovetail Into Our State Work? H. F. Brinson, Lewiston.
- 10:40 a. m.—How Shall the Preacher Adjust Himself to the Changing Financial Circumstances? W. H. Covett, Greenville.
- 11 a. m.—What Can the Pastor Do To Overcome the Discouraging Prospects in Finances for 1933? J. W. Kincheloe, Rocky Mount.
- 11:20 a. m.—Our Weapons of Warfare, J. L. Peacock, Tarboro.
- 11:40 a. m.—Business session.

section who have not bought the new plates will now order direct from Raleigh.

Licenses were issued at the local bureau in the following classes:

- Passenger cars: No. 1, 1,447; No. 2, 114; No. 3, 42; total, 1,603.
- Trucks: 1-2 ton, 75; 3-4 ton, 5; 1 ton, 48; 1 1/2 tons, 81; 2 tons, 6; 2 1/2 tons, 5; total, 220. Grand total, passenger cars and trucks, 1,823.

The author of "Small Town Musings" might entitle his last article "Two Boys in a Bed, To Say Nothing of the Dog." Without doubt the dog had the best of it and will dig in again when the folks go away once more.

The favorite beverage during the Christmas season was a concoction made of 20-cent hen fruit and home brew with Edgewood Dairy cream to make it fit for the gods. Nothing more and nothing stronger, they say.

To every one who loves the beautiful in nature, the snow which lay to a depth of 11 inches on Friday was a sight not to be equalled in any land. Streets had to be scraped and the snow hauled off so as to aid the motorists.

On account of the snow, school closed Friday, but the streams were on a rampage and Principal Watson could not go fishing, a sport in which he excels, so he remained indoors and had a try at a jig-saw puzzle.

As Williamston has a number of farmers who live in town and board in the country, many menu cards prominently display all kinds of "fresbies," from "reed birds" to pigs knuckles. There is nothing better.

668 FAMILIES OF COUNTY HELPED IN PAST MONTH

Nearly 500,000 Receive Aid From Relief Body In North Carolina

Nearly 500,000 individual North Carolinians are being provided with the necessities of life by relief and welfare organizations in the various counties of the State, according to figures released today by Dr. Fred W. Morrison, director of the Governor's Office of Relief.

A total of 122,281 families was actually given aid in the various counties during the month of December. On the basis of four to a family, 389,124 individuals were thus affected. In addition to these families, 21,912 non-family persons were given aid in December.

This represents an increase in the relief need of more than 100 per cent over October and more than 50 per cent over November. The total number aided in October was 241,784 and 352,704 in November.

The estimated relief need for January and February shows an equally proportionate increase. Careful estimates show that 143,325 families will need help in January and 151,272 families in February. The high rate of increase is attributable to the fact that family reserves available for use during previous months have become exhausted. Particularly in this state of affairs true among families dependent upon agriculture for their living.

The amount of money spent in providing this relief has increased in practically the same ratio as the case load. During October \$44,376 was spent, \$29,449 in November, and \$1,028,926 in December, or a total of \$2,552,821 for the three-month period. Of this amount \$1,147,069 was provided from Federal relief funds and the remaining \$1,405,752, or nearly 50 per cent, was provided locally, either through local government or Red Cross appropriations or private gifts.

Dr. Morrison pointed out that not all families who have been aided were completely dependent upon charity. In many instances they have been given only Red Cross food, and in the case of many rural people their aid has been confined to clothing, largely for children entering school.

Since the relief work was started on a large scale back in October, more than 660 families in Martin County have received aid. In October, 492 families were aided, and in December the number of families clamoring for aid reached the 668 mark.

STATE PROGRAM IS APPROVED BY ECONOMY GROUP

If Assembly Follows The Program Outlined No Criticism To Result

Raleigh.—"The program announced by Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus in his inaugural address last week is in cold harmony with the program of the National Economy League in North Carolina, and in general meets the approval of our organization," said former Lieutenant Governor J. Elmer Long, of Durham, commenting on the new Governor's message to the General Assembly.

"His address and message call for the strictest economy in government—costs, the consolidation of divisions and activities to give the essential governmental services at the lowest cost consistent with efficiency, a division of the essential and non-essential services so the governor, as director of the budget, may reduce or eliminate allotments to the non-essential services, and otherwise halt the expenditures of the State's revenue at this time when taxpayers are groaning under the tax burden," said Governor Long.

"If the General Assembly follows the suggestions of Governor Ehringhaus and brings about the economies proposed by him, the North Carolina State Branch of the National Economy League will have on criticism of the program for the next two years," said Governor Long. If, however, strong minorities seek to secure preferential treatment in appropriations, or in evading the taxes they justly should pay, we shall take up the cudgel and fight such movements to the end.

Mr. Long was named by Chairman Frank Page, of the North Carolina branch of the league, as a member of the legislative committee to make a study of the report of the tax commission and the budget report, and make a statement of the findings to the State committee. If these reports do not meet the approval of the committee, the league will bring about strong opposition to defeat undesirable features. If the reports meet the league's views for economy in government, they will be approved.