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PLANTERS START TO PLOWING UP PART OF COTTON

Chas. Daniel Is Said To Be First Farmer To Plow Up His Crop

While no direct instructions have been received up to now, so Martin County farmers have already started plowing up their cotton in accordance with the cotton reduction movement, declared a success by Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace last Saturday. Mr. Charles Daniel, Williams Township farmer, confident that the plan would prove successful, is said to have plowed up his cotton last week and planted other crops. Many Martin farmers are said to have planted corn and peas between their cotton rows more than a week ago, realizing that they would lose only their seed and time if the plan failed, and that if the plan proved successful their new crops would be growing when time came to turn under their cotton.

As a whole, the reduction movement met with success in this county, the several hundred farmers agreeing to destroy approximately 1,800 acres, or about 75 per cent of the reduction quota for the county. Only a few farmers, most of them being large-scale ones, refused or failed to sign the contracts, it was learned. A list of those failing to sign has not been made public, but it is understood that one is in the making.

Up until last Saturday, 42,518 cotton growers in the state had signed up 195,948 acres of the 363,000-acre quota. Dean I. O. Schaub, in charge of the drive in this state, predicted North Carolina would well exceed 200,000 acres in cotton reduction with final reports from the 67 cotton-growing counties. "However, acres are not what the government wants—they want cotton reduction and this is what they have received from the Tar Heel growers," he said.

"North Carolina has responded to the program with 89 per cent of its quota in actual bales of cotton removed. The quota of this state, set at 363,000 acres, based on the government's estimate for the United States, is one-third of a bale per acre. Our quota would be approximately 121,000 bales and we have actually pledged to take out of production 108,000 bales to date, and the amount is rapidly increasing.

The government's acceptance of the program, reduction officials were advised, will bring \$2,472,429 in rental benefits to Tar Heel growers in addition to options on 91,582 bales of federal cotton at 6 cents a pound. Growers in this state have responded exceptionally well in view of the fact that they have reduced their acreage over 18 per cent in the past three years," Dean Schaub said. "However, it is the local committeemen, many of whom spent 16 to 20 hours a day in the field, who played the important roles in making the reductions possible.

The final summary of the cotton reduction campaign in North Carolina today shows 42,518 growers, cultivating 583,380 acres in cotton, have agreed to remove 195,948 acres from production. They will receive an aggregate of \$2,472,429 in rental benefits of which \$745,872 will be paid under the straight cash rental plan and \$1,726,557 under the rental-option plan which also includes options on 91,582 bales of Government owned cotton at 6 cents a pound. The average yield per acre was 278 pounds.

Rains Continue to Fall; No Damage To Crops However

After learning that the dry weather did no great harm to their crops a few weeks ago, farmers in this section are beginning to worry about continued wet weather in this section. It is generally agreed that sufficient rain has fallen here for the time being, and some think damage will result to crops if rains continue to fall.

Local Farmer Displays Good Type of Tobacco

Mr. E. P. Cunningham yesterday displayed one of the best samples of 1933 tobacco crop seen here this season. The bundle, taken from one stick, had perfect color and texture, Mr. Cunningham stating that it required the right kind of fertilizer and a good farmer to turn out quality tobacco like that he displayed.

Remodeling Lower Floor Old Bank Building Here

The lower floor of the old Farmers and Merchants Bank Building here is being remodeled by its owners who plan to turn the lower room into offices. Complete details on the project could not be had today, but it was learned that the old banking fixtures would be removed, and other alterations made for business offices.

New Disease Is Threatening Tobacco in Some Localities

A new disease, unknown to farmers, is said to be threatening the tobacco crop in certain districts of the county. Entire fields have been attacked by the disease, which is said to be spreading rapidly to other field crops.

The disease, having the appearance of iron rust, is attacking the leaves from the top to the bottom of the stalk. Mr. Calvin Ayers, Bear Grass Township farmer, said yesterday, Mr. Ayers, greatly disturbed over the disease, stated that he believed his crop had been damaged at least 50 per cent, and

added that the disease might result in a total loss for his nine and one-half acres of tobacco, not to mention his corn and stock peas.

While no reports have been received from other sections of the county stating the presence of the disease, farmers from Bear Grass state that it is scattered all over that township.

Mr. Ayers said he believed the disease was an aftermath of the blue mold. Mr. Louis Taylor, also of Bear Grass, said the disease was in his tobacco and that he did not know what it was.

OVER 10,000 ARE VACCINATED IN HEALTH DRIVE

Campaign, Closing In This County Last Week, Is Very Successful

According to estimates furnished this week by Dr. J. H. Saunders, county health officer, more than 10,000 people, or nearly one-half of the entire population of the county, availed themselves of the free protection against typhoid fever and diphtheria offered in this county during the past four weeks.

The officer said that more than 3,000 doses were administered at Sandy Ridge and Farm Life. About the same number of doses was administered at Bear Grass, Cross Roads and Everetts led the list with a total of about 4,285 doses. Nearly 700 doses were reported at Macedonia, and approximately 2,805 were given to white people in Williamston, Robersonville and Gold Point reported approximately 4,500 doses administered there among both white and colored. Goose Nest had about 1,100 subjects representing 3,300 doses. None of the reports was final, and in two or three districts preliminary reports could not be had.

"Reports so far indicate the most successful drive against typhoid and diphtheria ever undertaken in the county, Dr. J. H. Saunders said, pointing out that the greatest number receiving protection in any one campaign heretofore was around 6,000.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD HERE

Players of County Invited To Take Part In Play Beginning Next Week

The Williamston Tennis Club, tentatively organized recently with Asa Crawford manager and secretary, and R. W. Bondurant, treasurer, is sponsoring a tournament open to players throughout the county. Entries will be received until noon Friday morning of this week, the club establishing an entrance fee of 50 cents to offset cost of marking courts and furnishing new balls.

No definite dates have been set for the tournament, but it is likely that play will be under way next week. Players throughout the county are invited to enter the tournament and choose their own partners for the doubles. Entrants should file their names with Asa Crawford and state whether they wish to play in the singles or doubles, or both.

Since the tentative organization of the club with Messrs. Asa Crawford, Joe Godard, Jack Booker, Fred Taylor, Rosh Bondurant, N. C. Green, Bill Spivey, P. B. Cone, C. G. Crockett and Harry Lee Rogers as charter members, interest in the game has been greatly increased here. Several dual meets have been held with teams from several sections of Eastern Carolina. It is believed that many local players, and some from other parts of the county, will enter the tournament.

Troy Goodman a Member of Local Baseball Team

Troy Goodman, brother to Mr. R. H. Goodman of this place, has joined the local baseball club, entering the play in the game with Colerain last Friday. Mr. Goodman, stationed on second base, is a former State College star and has been playing with Weldon this season.

There are several other changes pending, but no definite announcement could be had yesterday afternoon from Manager V. J. Spivey.

RESULTS

Friday July 14
Williamston 5, Colerain 0.
Ahoskie 6, Elizabeth City 4.
Windsor 16, Edenton 2.

CUT CHARGE FOR GAME LICENSES

County Hunting License to Cost Only 60 Cents In the Future

Raleigh.—Combination hunting and fishing licenses will be available to North Carolinians next fall at a fee of \$3 each, a saving of almost 30 per cent over the licenses purchased separately. Col. J. W. Harrelson, director of the Department of Conservation and Development said this week.

Purchased separately, the fees for the two State-wide licenses would be \$4.20 under the new schedule adopted by the General Assembly of 1933, or \$2.10 each for hunting and fishing. The \$3 fee for the combining hunting and fishing license represents a saving of one-third for the hunter and fisherman over the same class of permit last year when the cost was \$4.50.

Substantial reductions in all classes of hunting licenses were decreed by the recent General Assembly. The new fees are as follows: resident county hunting license, 60c; resident state-wide, \$2.10; and non-resident, \$10.10. By comparison, the same fees last year were: resident county, \$1.25; resident state-wide, \$3.25; and non-resident, \$15.25.

Fishing license fees, with the exception of provision for a daily permit of 60 cents for non-residents allowed by the General Assembly, remain the same as for last year. These are: resident county (where adopted by the county), \$1.10; resident state-wide, \$2.10; and non-resident (state-wide), \$5.10. In counties where the local fishing license has been put in force, a daily permit of 50 cents is provided for residents of the county. State-wide fishing licenses are required of all residents of the State indulging in this sport outside their home county.

MAKE CHANGE IN SALES TAX RULE

Merchants Will Be Ordered To Charge Tax on the Cumulative Sales

Raleigh, July 17.—The sales tax law will work more smoothly and both the public and the merchants will be better satisfied when three major changes are made in the sales tax regulations to become effective August 1, Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell said today. While these changes have not yet been definitely worked out, it was indicated they will be as follows:

1. Only one schedule will be set up for the division of the tax on sales of less than \$1, instead of the four schedules now contained in the regulations.
2. Merchants will be allowed to assess the 3 percent sales tax on the aggregate or cumulative total of a series of sales instead of upon each separate article sold, as it required in the present regulations.
3. The Department of Revenue will supply the placards to the merchants which the law requires must show the schedule in use and announce that the prices charged include the 3 percent sales tax.

Local Tennis Players Lose To Rocky Mount Teams

Members of the Williamston Tennis Club lost a series of matches to the Rocky Mount team in Rocky Mount last Sunday, the locals failing to win a single match. However, several close contests were reported. Messrs. Green and Cone losing 12-10 and 6-4. Godard and Bondurant lost their doubles match 11-9 and 6-4. Several of the other matches went three sets before the winner was determined. Those making the trip were Messrs. R. W. Bondurant, N. C. Green, Joe Godard, Jack Booker, Frederick Hoyt, Jim Rhodes, jr., Howard Cone, Fred Taylor, Asa Crawford, and Drs. Cone and Rhodes.

J. L. DAVENPORT DIES AT HOME IN JAMESVILLE

Last Rites For Prominent County Citizen Being Held There Today

James L. Davenport, prominent county man, died at his home in Jamesville yesterday morning at 4 o'clock. He had suffered a complication of diseases, but the immediate cause of his death was believed to have been heart trouble. He had been ill about two months.

The son of the late Frederick Davenport and wife, Charlotte Davenport, he was born in Pitt County, near Bethel, December 24, 1862. He was educated in the private schools of Bethel, and was married to Miss Ella Moore the early part of 1890. Following their marriage they moved to this county, Mr. Davenport entering the mercantile business in Oak City and later at Hamilton. He then moved to Jamesville where he served as postmaster for a period of eighteen years, rendering a personal and courteous service during that time. Although he was 72 years old, he was active in the office until he became ill several weeks ago.

Mr. Davenport was a charter member of Conoho Masonic Lodge, having joined that fraternity in May, 1887. About fifty years ago he joined the Methodist church, and during that period he was always active in religious work, offering his service willingly and freely. Throughout his life he maintained a worthy friendship with all he knew, and always he had a cordial greeting for his fellowman. His life was an unselfish one, the work of his Maker and the welfare of his fellowman always coming first.

Besides his wife he is survived by ten children, Mrs. O. W. Hamilton, Mrs. H. G. Griffin, Mrs. W. W. Walters, Mrs. P. C. Blount, Misses Ella Moore Davenport, and Nannie James Davenport, and Messrs. Charles Davenport, and Oscar Davenport, all of Jamesville; Mrs. Harvey Manning, of Bethel, and Mr. Z. L. Davenport, of Gumberry, N. C.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock with the Skewerke Masons taking part in the final rites. Interment will follow in the Jamesville Methodist Church Cemetery.

URGES ALL TO ATTEND MEET

Home Agent Advises Large Attendance at Raleigh Gathering

By Miss Lora E. Sleeper
Farmers and farm women should avail themselves of the many opportunities afforded them by attending the Farm and Home-Makers' Meetings in Raleigh to be held July 24-29. This year the American Institute of Cooperation will be in session during the week. The institute is controlled by 36 organizations related to agriculture and the farm home. Many national speakers will be on the programs during the week, among them Secretary Wallace of the United States Department of Agriculture. Rates for the meals this year are 25 cents, with no charge for room. All the women who have gone to Raleigh have realized it was the best and cheapest vacation to be had anywhere with a chance of gaining more knowledge, new friendships, and a more wholesome home life.

Newspaper Folks Meet Tomorrow In Manteo

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Press Association will convene tomorrow in Manteo for a three-day session. Editors and newspaper people from all over the State are planning to attend. Special buses, operating out of Raleigh, are due to pass through here tomorrow morning about 11:15 o'clock. A short stop will be made in Edenton, the newspaper people going from there to Manteo and Manteo in the afternoon.

WHERE THEY PLAY

TUESDAY, JULY 18
Windsor at Williamston.
Elizabeth City at Edenton.
Ahoskie at Colerain.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19
Williamston at Windsor.
Edenton at Elizabeth City.
Colerain at Ahoskie.

THURSDAY, JULY 20
Williamston at Colerain.
Ahoskie at Elizabeth City.
Windsor at Edenton.

FRIDAY, JULY 21
Colerain at Williamston.
Elizabeth City at Ahoskie.
Windsor at Edenton.

Many Changes Made in County School System By State Board

MASONIC PICNIC WILL BE HELD ON JULY 27TH

Committee Meets in Windsor To Make Plans; Local Lodge To Participate

Windsor.—The annual Masonic picnic will be held at Eden House again this year on Thursday, July 27, it was decided by the committee in charge of arrangements which met here at the home of Judge Francis D. Winston last week.

The picnic, which is an institution of long standing in the Roanoke-Chowan section, is held annually by the Masonic lodges of Bertie, Hertford, Chowan, Northampton, Gates, and Martin counties and attracts large crowds of people. All proceeds received from the picnic go to the support of the Masonic Orphanage at Oxford.

Preliminary plans for the day were laid at the meeting of the committee and an elaborate program that will provide entertainment and amusement for all classes is in process of preparation.

Complete details of the picnic program will be made public and furnished next week, the committee announces.

Fifty-three Martin People File Income Tax Returns

Fifty-three persons filed Federal income tax returns in Martin County for the year 1931, according to a report released this week by the Treasury Department. Thirty-four of the returns were filed here and 13 at Robersonville, the remaining six being scattered throughout the county. The total amount paid by the 53 persons filing returns was not mentioned. All those filing returns did not pay any tax, it is believed.

Nearly 25,000 persons filed returns in the State during the period, representing a tax of \$2,363,679. Payments in 1930 amounted to \$2,954,558, the report showed.

Singers of Town Asked to Meet Tonight at 8 O'clock

Singers from all choirs of the town are invited to meet at the home of Mrs. Frances Parker tonight at 8 o'clock. This is a personal invitation to all who will attend.

Mr. R. J. Peel Undergoes Treatment in Hospital

Mr. R. J. Peel, clerk of the Martin County Superior court, leaves this afternoon for Richmond where he will undergo treatment in a hospital. He will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Elbert S. Peel.

Locals Finish First Half With Bat Average of .282

The Martins fared little better last week than they did the week before, as they dropped two out of the four games played, both of the losses to Edenton, which cinched first-half honors for the Colonials. Team batting continued to drop, despite the addition of several players, all of whom made excellent showings with the stick. Elliott, pitching the game here Thursday, garnered 4 out of 5 and leads the team with a percentage of .800. Evans, playing at third in the last two games of the week, got 4 out of 8 for a percentage of .500; and Troy Goodman, another newcomer who played second in Friday's contest, collected a double and a single out of 4 trips for another .500 mark; incidentally Goodman batted in 3 runs in the game he played.

Cecil Brake, centerfielder, was the only regular player who has participated in the majority of the games played to boost his average during the week. Collecting 8 hits out of 14 trips, he boosted his season mark 31 points from .361 to .392. The team as a whole in the four games last week gathered 35 hits for a total of 56 bases out of 133 times at bat, for a percentage of .263. This figure dropped the season's team average from .285 to .282. The table below lists all players who participated in any of the games of the first half. Next week several names will probably be dropped from the list. Read 'em and weep:

Player & Position	G	A	B	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	SH	Pct.
Elliott, p	1	5	3	4	1	1	0	7	0	0	.800
Evans, 2b	2	8	1	4	0	0	0	4	1	0	.500
Goodmon, 2b	1	4	1	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	.500
Page, cf	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	.500
Brake, 2b-cf	25	102	19	40	11	1	1	56	3	3	.392
Uzzle, 3b	23	94	13	30	7	3	2	49	3	3	.319
Earp, ss	25	110	29	35	6	6	0	53	2	3	.318
Gaylord, lf	25	107	28	33	9	1	1	47	5	3	.308
James, rf-2b	25	99	9	27	5	2	1	39	3	3	.273
Taylor, 1b	25	96	8	26	5	0	0	31	0	0	.270
Latham, c	25	102	23	25	9	4	0	42	2	2	.245
Herring, p-cf	22	66	8	15	3	4	1	29	0	0	.227
Cherry, p-cf	13	37	3	5	1	0	0	6	0	0	.167
Frank, cf	14	20	1	3	0	0	0	3	1	1	.111
Newsome, p-2b	8	18	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	.111
Kugler, p-cf	14	30	3	3	1	0	0	4	1	0	.100
Anderson, cf	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Team totals	25	904	150	255	59	22	6	376	21	282	.282

CLUB STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Edenton	17	7	.708
Williamston	15	9	.625
Windsor	12	11	.522
Ahoskie	11	12	.472
Elizabeth City	8	15	.348
Colerain	7	16	.304

WIND UP HALF WITH 5 TO 0 WIN

Interest Now Centering On Race for Second Half Leadership

Little interest was there to mark the curtain drop on the first half of the Albemarle Baseball League last Friday. Williamston scored a win over Colerain at Colerain, but its second position in the league standing was unaltered. The game put Colerain in the cellar, while Edenton held top place with 17 wins and 7 defeats. The Martins finished two games behind, having won 15 and lost 9.

Herring, pitching for Williamston, allowed only 3 hits. Marshall, for Colerain, allowed 7 hits, which coupled with 5 errors, accounted for the 5 runs Williamston made.

Troy Goodman, playing his first game with Williamston, led at the bat with two hits, Herring, James, Evans, Brake, and Gaylord getting one each. The locals are opening the second half here this afternoon with the strong Windsor team. With all teams possessing strengthened line-ups, the second period belongs to anybody just now and the play is scheduled to attract much attention.

The box score and summary:

WILLIAMSTON	A	B	R	H	P	O	A	E
Earp, ss	5	0	0	4	1	0	0	0
Gaylord, lf	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Latham, c	3	1	0	6	1	1	0	0
Brake, cf	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Goodmon, 2b	2	1	2	4	1	0	0	0
Evans, 3b	3	0	1	0	5	0	0	0
James, rf	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Taylor, 1b	4	0	12	1	1	0	0	0
Herring, p	4	1	1	1	3	0	0	0
Totals	32	5	7	27	14	3	0	0

COLERAIN	A	B	R	H	P	O	A	E
Pratt, lf	4	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
Forehand, 3b	4	0	1	3	0	0	0	0
Magee, cf	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
White, 2b	4	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Cofield, rf	4	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Baker, 1b	3	0	11	1	0	0	0	0
Freeman, ss	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Johnson, c	3	0	0	6	0	3	0	0
Marshall, p	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	0	3	27	10	3	0	0

Score by innings:
Williamston 014 000 000-5
Colerain 000 000 000-0

Summary: Sacrifice hits: Evans, James; two-base hits: James, Goodman; Runs batted in: James, Goodman 3; double plays: Earp to Goodman to Taylor; Evans to Goodman to Taylor; base on balls: off Marshall 4, off Herring 2; struck out: by Marshall 4, by Herring 5.

TOTAL NUMBER OF DISTRICTS IS CUT FROM 41 TO 6

Everetts High School Goes To Robersonville In The Future

A marked change in the Martin County school system was made last week when the State School Commission consolidated the administration of 41 units into six districts. The consolidation program, however, is not nearly so large as it sounds, there being only two or three cases where the actual consolidation of schools will be effected, it was learned from the office of the county superintendent this week.

The biggest change announced is the transfer of the Everetts High School to the one at Robersonville. The Macedonia school will be consolidated with Williamston, it was stated. One or two other consolidations are pending, it is understood, but if they are effected, the system will not be greatly altered, it is believed.

The administration of 15 white units and 26 colored ones from now on will be handled through six district units. Jamesville and Dardens white and Jamesville, Dardens, Keys, and Piney Woods colored will form the Jamesville District. Three white schools, Farm Life, Griffins, and Lily's, and two colored schools, Corey's and Smithwick's, will form the Farm Life District. With the consolidation of Macedonia with the Williamston school, there will be only one white unit in the Williamston district, but five colored schools, Williamston, Biggs, Burroughs-Spring Hill, Poplar Point and Williams Lower, will be included.

The Bear Grass district will be made up of the white school there, the Bear Grass colored, Cross Roads colored, and Woodland's colored. The Robersonville district will be made up of Everetts white and colored, Parmele white and colored, Robersonville white and colored, Gold Point white and colored and Smith's colored. Ten schools, Oak City white and colored, Hamilton and Hassell white and colored, Jones colored, Whichard-James colored, Bowers colored, and White Oak Springs colored, make up the Oak City district.

As the new system is understood here, five school committeemen will be appointed to handle the local administration of the several schools in their districts. For instance, it may be that one committeeman will be chosen in Everetts, another in Parmele, and another in Poplar Point and two more in Robersonville district. It is also understood that the old units no longer exist, that the county board of education will immediately hold a session for the appointment of the six district committeemen and discuss the preliminary budget figures.

Complete details resulting in connection with the changes announced by the State School Commission are not known just at this time. No estimate of just how much the new system will save or how the enrollments in the various districts will be affected could not be learned this week. The changes made in this county are in accordance with the new state school commission, and as similar to those made throughout the state, it is understood.

BOOSTER MEET OF KIWANIANS

Appropriate Program Being Planned for Big Meet Here Tomorrow

The Kiwanis Club is putting on a booster meeting at their regular lunch on Wednesday at 1:00 o'clock Chas. H. D