

## LOCAL FIRMS BACKING N. R. A. PLAN

### GEORGIA TOBACCO BRINGS 12c TO 15c

#### MAKE EFFORT TO POSTPONE SALE COUNTY TAXES

##### Injunction To Be Sought Before Judge Barnhill Tomorrow

Martin County taxpayers plan to go before the resident judge in Rocky Mount tomorrow in an effort to restrain the tax collector from selling property for uncollected taxes in this county the first of next month. The injunction points out the general conditions in this section, and attaches hope on good collections when crops are marketed beginning the latter part of this month, or just a few days before the sale is provided under the present law.

If Judge Barnhill, the resident judge refuses to sign the injunction then Sheriff C. B. Roebuck will be forced to advertise and sell property for unpaid taxes as directed by law. If the judge favors the postponement, and there is no reason why he should not favor it under the existing circumstances, then it is likely that the sale will not be made before the first Monday in November. The first advertisement of tax delinquents would be scheduled for the first week in October if the postponement is granted by Judge Barnhill.

Several counties have procured injunctions restraining the sale of land for taxes until later in the year. A number of others had their sales postponed until late fall by their representatives in the General Assembly the early part of this year.

#### RIVER TRAFFIC IS INCREASING

##### 257 Boats Pass Through Draw Here in First Six Months of Year

Traffic on Roanoke River has more than doubled since the first of the year, Hugh Spruill, keeper here, said yesterday morning. During the first six months of the year, 257 boats passed through the draw here and many more, serving the Standard Fertilizer Company, Harrison Oil Company, Sinclair Refining Company, and lumber interests just below the bridge turned around without being counted as a part of the river traffic.

Mr. Spruill reported the following number of bridge openings during the first six months:

January, 26; February, 27; March, 36; April, 46; May, 60; and June, 62.

Many of the openings were for the regularly scheduled boats of the Norfolk, Baltimore, and Carolina Line, and the remainder were for boats of the Standard Oil Company, Colonial Oil Company, and logging interests. While most of the boats turned around at this point, a few went up the river as far as Hamilton and a point a few miles above there.

#### BEAR GRASS TO PLAY KIWANIS

##### Hot Game Scheduled Here Tomorrow Afternoon; Team Line-Ups

Members of the local Kiwanis Club and the Bear Grass baseball line will play on the high school lot here tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. The game was scheduled for last Wednesday afternoon at the same hour, but the play was rained out. The locals have been practicing every now and then, and the Bear Grass team is already in condition for an interesting meet.

Rev. Z. T. Piephoff and Walter Cook are scheduled to handle the pitching for the Kiwanians, and Mayo Grimes and Hubert Smith will receive. Ray Goodmon is slated to hold down the first sack; N. C. Green the second bag; and S. H. Grimes will be on third. Wilbur Anderson will play short, and J. C. Manning, W. C. Manning, jr., Dallas Frank, C. A. Harrison, and P. B. Cone are scheduled to share the honors in the field.

The Bear Grass line-up is as follows: Russell Rogers, third base; Henry Gurganus, pitcher; Raymond Stalls pitcher; Irving Terry, centerfield; Leon Rawls, shortstop; Arthur Ueaks first base; Alton Harris, right field; E. D. Harris, second base; Taylor Malone, catcher; Layton Mauze, left field.

#### Few Piles Are Bringing Less Than 10 Cents

Reports from ten Georgia markets at noon today indicated an opening average of about 14 to 15 cents a pound in the entire belt, or a price of from three to five cents a pound higher than the opening prices of a year ago.

Farmers were said to be very pleased with their first sales made up mainly of sand lugs and primings with the quality reported as above the average or far better than it was last year. Offerings were said to be heavy on nearly every market, with the prices ranging from five to thirty cents.

Tifton, one of the larger markets in the belt, reported sales averaging from 10 to 15 cents for sand lugs and from 15 to 25 for primings, making the average price increase about 4 cents a pound. Few piles there sold for less than 10 cents, the report said.

Douglas, another large market, reported heavy offerings, good quality and an average price of between 13 1/2 to 14 cents. Farmers were said to be very cheerful there.

An opening price of 15 cents was reported at Blackshear, where the offerings were said to be comparatively light for the first day of sales.

The reports indicated that the advance in price was due to a better quality leaf, but no marked price advances were reported in any one type or grade of tobacco offered on the floors there this morning.

The markets are opening 18 days earlier than they did last season, and a sizeable increase in the size of the crop is reported.

#### MANY EXPECTED TO ENTER RACE FOR CLERK'S JOB

##### Early Indications Point To Lot of Political Activity Next Year

Present indications point to an interesting if not a very exciting political year in this county next year. Already nine names have been mentioned in connection with the race for clerk of the Martin County superior court, and there might be others.

According to information gained this week, the names of Messrs. J. S. Everett and J. C. Smith, of Robersonville; Jas. E. Griffin, L. Bruce Wynn, J. L. Hassell, J. D. Lilley and Z. H. Rose, of Williamston; E. H. Ange, of Jamesville, and T. B. Slade, of Hamilton, have been mentioned in connection with the race for the office.

It is not known that all these men will throw their hats into the political ring, but their names have been mentioned in political circles as probable candidates, it is understood.

#### FARMERS HAVE ALL KINDS LEAF

##### Griffins Farmer Says They Are Going To Fool 'Em This Year

"We are going to fool 'em this season," Mr. N. T. Tice, Griffins Township farmer, said the other day in referring to the kind of tobacco he was raising and the kind the companies claimed they wanted. "In the past," Mr. Tice continued, "we always or nearly always had the kind the companies did not want. This year we have some of all kinds, including some bright, some dark, some light, some heavy, some good and some bad, and we are not through curing yet."

The farmer did not know whether the recent rains had damaged the crop in his community or not, but he was sure sufficient rain had fallen for a while at that time. Harvesting their first barn some time back, Mr. Tice and his father pulled from three to six leaves from each stalk ordinarily only two or three leaves are pulled in the first harvest, but the crop was ripening so rapidly that the harvest was forced to be large in size.

#### PROMOTED



Mr. W. G. Peele, prominent local insurance man, who has recently been promoted by the Life Insurance Company of Virginia.

#### W. G. PEELE MADE GENERAL AGENT BY HIS COMPANY

##### Promotion Carries Much Distinction in Insurance Circles

Mr. William G. Peele, popular insurance man here, has been made general agent or branch manager for the Life Insurance Company of Virginia in its Northeastern North Carolina territory it was publicly announced today by Bradford Walker, president of the company. The company branch here is one of four in this State, and the promotion carries with it much distinction as well as the many other advantages.

The company, following the announcement, is now transferring the section business to the office here, but it will be several days before all arrangements in connection with the change are completed. Premiums will be collected for the entire territory and claims will be handled through the office here, Mr. Peele said. Additional office space will be necessary for the handling of the increased business, and Mr. Peele plans to add to his office force. However, it will be some time yet before all details can be handled, it was learned.

Mr. Peele, associated with the company for 11 years, has ranked as one of the leading men in the business, having led all agents during two years and those in this state each year during the entire period. He is well known throughout this part of the state for his business ability and social activities, and news of his promotion will be well received by all.

#### Local Tennis Club Lose Meet to Greenville

Members of the local tennis club lost to Greenville's team here last Sunday afternoon, 7 to 2. Some one misplaced the score book and the exact scores could not be learned. The locals lost all six of the singles contests.

#### Circular Gives Information About Land Bank Loans

Those who are interested in Federal land bank loans are directed to write to the Agent of Land Bank Commissioner at Columbia, S. C. A recent circular issued by the Farm Credit Administration gives an excellent summary of the loans which might be made by this bank.

#### CLUB STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Elizabeth City	5	3	.625
Windsor	3	2	.600
Colerain	4	3	.571
Williamston	3	4	.429
Ahoskie	3	4	.429
Edenton	2	4	.333

#### WHERE THEY PLAY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1  
Ahoskie at Williamston.  
Windsor at Elizabeth City.  
Colerain at Edenton.

#### SALES TAX TO BE TOPIC AT MEET HERE TOMORROW

##### Lindsey Warren and Harry McMullen Will Make Main Talks

The fifth of a series of meetings now being held under the auspices of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce as a means of explaining to the people of Eastern Carolina the functions of the 3 per cent general sales tax and the application of the National Recovery Act recently passed by the Federal Congress will be held here tomorrow night at 7:30 in the Atlantic Hotel.

The headliners on the program will be Congressman Lindsey C. Warren of the first district, Harry McMullen, director of the sales tax division, of Raleigh; and Judge J. H. Matthews, chairman of the steering committee handling the peanut situation for north eastern North Carolina. President Guy Elliott, of Kinston, will preside over the meeting. James C. Manning, president of the Williamston Kiwanis Club, will welcome the guests. The response will be made by Z. V. Norman, of Plymouth.

Matters of chief interest for discussion will be the application of the sales tax and the explanation of the National Recovery Act and the report of the steering committee of the progress made up to now toward stabilizing the price of peanuts. Secretary N. G. Bartlett, of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, will have charge of the details of the meeting.

Towns expected to send delegations are Everetts, Robersonville, Plymouth Roper, Columbia, Windsor, Aulander, Hamilton, Hogwood, Oak City, Scotland Neck, Jamesville, Lewiston, and Washington.

#### MARTINS DROP INTO 4TH PLACE

##### Lefty Marshall Lets Locals Down With 3 Hits in Game Saturday

Williamston's baseball team dropped to fourth place in the Albemarle League last Saturday when it lost a close game to Colerain by a 2 to 1 score. The game reversed the order of the two teams, Colerain going to third position and the Martins going to the fourth place.

Cherry pitched a good game for the locals, allowing 6 hits, 2 of the scratch variety, while Lefty Marshall held the locals to one hit up to the ninth inning. In that frame, Earp connected for a home run and Williamston's only tally, while Troy Goodmon made a double and was left on bases. Goodmon got two hits and Earp one which was the sum total of the Martins' batting activities. The game was played to make up for one scheduled and rained out some time ago.

No date has been set for the game scheduled with Edenton and postponed last Friday.

Monday afternoon the Martins defeated Greenville in Greenville, 9 to 2. Bill Herring pitched for the locals. The Williamston boys batted the offerings of three of Greenville's hurriers to all corners of the lot in their big second inning, when they made 7 runs. This game does not figure in the Albemarle league standing.

#### Only Three Matches Played in Tournament

The county tennis tournament arranged here several days ago progressed very slowly last week on account of rain, only two matches being completed. Booker and Spivey eliminated Asa Crawford and Mack Simpson, and M. D. Watts and Joe Godard, jr., eliminated Shaker Teel and Pete Taylor. Oscar Anderson, jr., and Jack Manning defeated William Cook and D. R. Davis.

#### County Agent Vaccinates 5,000 Fowls in Alamance

In a campaign to eradicate fowl pox in Alamance County, the farm agent has vaccinated 5,000 pullets this summer.

Catawba County farmers, living in the Banoak section, have begun the production of work stock and have a number of excellent colts dropped this spring.

## Retail Establishments Fall In Line Hundred Per Cent

#### Mrs. Sadie Peel Is Appointed Clerk of Superior Court Here

Mrs. Sadie Peel was appointed clerk of the Martin County Superior court by Judge M. V. Barnhill last Saturday to complete the unexpired term of her husband, Mr. R. J. Peel, who died last Thursday morning. Mrs. Peel has been assistant in the office for several years and is acquainted with the duties there, and her appointment was readily made by Judge Barnhill upon the recommendation of members of the Martin County Bar Association.

While the term expires the first Monday in December of next year

a contest will be held in the regular primary next June. An assistant to Mrs. Peel has not been named as far as it could be learned today.

Mrs. Peel is the first woman, it is believed, to serve as a clerk of a superior court in North Carolina.

As far as it could be learned here no other names were mentioned to Judge Barnhill for consideration in making the appointment. However, several people are expected to enter the contest for the office in the next June primary.

#### NEW HOURS FOR BEING OPEN ARE DECIDED UPON

##### Stores Will Not Open Until 8, Close at 6, Under New Schedule

A unanimous support of President Roosevelt's employment agreement was pledged by local merchants and business firms yesterday afternoon when more than 30 certificates were prepared at a special meeting of nearly every business man in town. The blanket agreement is a forerunner to the various codes for individual industries now being prepared under the direction of the National Recovery Administration, and will be suspended as soon as the codes are established and made operative, probably by the latter part of this year.

Entering into the agreement that is meeting a ready response throughout the country by millions of business men and firms, the local merchants and other business men are appealing to the people for their cooperation. To the general public the marked change in business hours will be the most noticeable feature arising from the agreement.

The schedule of business hours is published elsewhere in this edition, the general stores opening at 8 each morning and closing at 6 in the afternoon with the exception of Saturdays, when the stores open at 8 in the morning and close at 9:30 p. m. Drug stores will open at the same hour and close at 10 p. m. The drug stores will observe the following hours on Sunday: 9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. and from 3 p. m. to 6 p. m. These hours also apply to the stores of P. P. Peel and J. C. Leggett. Barber shops will open at 8 a. m. and close at 7 p. m., except on Saturdays, when the closing hour will be 10:30 p. m.

Under the conditions outlined in the agreement, clerks and other employees will work only 48 hours each week. In other words, they go to work at 8 in the morning and they are off at 5 in the afternoon. In many cases the business houses will find it necessary to hire additional help, thereby relieving the unemployment situation to some extent.

It is readily seen that the business firm stands to lose under the agreement, but Williamston firms are supporting the President in the hope that their doing so along with the other millions there will result in a marked improvement in general business conditions. Patrons are cordially urged to remember that these business houses are doing their part to stop the depression. Once the business hours are fixed in the minds of the public, there need be no inconvenience to any one.

And the agreement calling for a change in hours and limited working time for employees is in effect today.

Governor Ehringhaus is appealing to business throughout North Carolina, and similar appeals are being directed throughout the nation in an effort to start the movement immediately.

#### MORE RAIN FIRST 7 MONTHS OF 1933 THAN YEAR AGO

##### Rainfall Through July 31 Totals 23.26 Inches, Records Show

During the first seven months of this year 23.26 inches of rain fell in this section, it was learned from Hugh Spruill, who records the daily readings or as often as is necessary at the Roanoke River bridge here. In the first seven months of last year, 20.74 inches of rain fell here, giving the fall this year a volume greater by 2.42 inches.

While this section has had fairly favorable seasons so far, the rainfall has been far below normal, and unless unusually heavy rains come between now and January 1, the amount will be less by several inches than the normal rainfall of about 54 inches annually.

Until the first of July, 1933, rainfall was greater by about one-tenth of an inch than that of the first seven months in 1932. The skies opened up last month and spilled 5.78 inches during the period for the largest recording in any one month in some time.

Back in June, when most every one was complaining about the dry weather, the readings apparently justified the talk. And while July was a comparatively wet month, the earth continues dry with very little water in the streams and none in the ditches with few exceptions. The recent rains resulted in a rise of about three feet in the Roanoke, but that stream is now on a standstill at a comparatively low mark.

Comparative rainfall readings by gender for the first seven months in 1932 and this year are, as follows:

Month	1933	1932
January	3.28	2.44
February	3.07	3.86
March	3.48	2.75
April	1.76	3.04
May	3.37	3.45
June	2.33	1.94
July	2.33	1.94

#### Canning Meetings To Be Held in County This Week

Canning operations are moving along very rapidly in the county at this time, it was learned yesterday from county welfare headquarters.

The home agent and assistants are already at work on the following schedule: Jamesville, Monday; Williamston (colored) today; and Williamston white tomorrow; Hassell on Thursday; and Oak City (colored) Friday.

#### Son of Mr. and Mrs. Roberson Dies Here

Monroe Jackson, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Robeson, died at the home of his parents here Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The child, two months old, had been sick most of that time.

Funeral services were conducted from the home yesterday morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. C. H. Dickey. Interment was in the Williams plot in the local cemetery.

#### Tobacco Acreage in Surry Reduced by Dry Weather

The tobacco acreage in Surry county was reduced by approximately 25 percent by the dry weather, and will be cut to 50 percent in pounds if the drought continues.

#### CHECKING UP

Members of the several local cotton reduction committees are visiting farms in several parts of the county verifying the reports, stating that portions of the cotton crop pledged in the reduction movement had been plowed up. It is not known just how long the committees will be at work on the task, but checks will be mailed immediately in those cases where all rules and regulations have been complied with, it was learned yesterday.

The amount of cash money to be received by cotton farmers in this county is not known just at this time.

#### REPORT RESULTS ON CANNING IN MANY COUNTIES

##### Northampton Particularly Has Made Excellent Record

Northampton County home demonstration club women, operating 18 community canneries from two to five days each week, have already conserved over 10,000 cans of produce for relief cases, reports Miss Daisy Caldwell, home agent.

Producers bring their own products which are canned under the direction of the woman in charge of the canneries. The products are marked with the name of the owner and placed in the community store room where they will be kept until next winter.

"The county has been suffering from a severe drought, but recent rains have revived the gardens and production is expected to increase steadily," says Miss Caldwell. At one of the smaller canneries, a day's record of 390 cans was made.

Miss Caldwell's program also includes canning at home where demonstrations have been given in home canning, brining, and kraut making. Glass jars to be filled are given to those who can not otherwise obtain them.

Mrs. J. A. Flythe, relief worker, is cooperating in putting on the demonstrations with Miss Caldwell.

Commenting on the Northampton County work, Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, state home demonstration agent at State College, says similar efforts are being made by the home agents in all parts of the state. Emergency home agents have been supplied those counties where no organized work has been under way and three specialists have been on the go constantly aiding the home agents in their canning programs.

Mrs. McKimmon hopes to have from 8 to 10 million cans of produce conserved at community canneries and in the homes of club women.

#### TRAIN DERAILED HERE MONDAY

##### Engine and Car Leave Rails When Brakes Fail To Hold on Siding

A second wreck on the Coast Line tracks at the Smithwick Street crossing within recent weeks was reported yesterday morning when a car was derailed and the engine skidded over the derailed car and onto the ground.

When the engineer saw the empty car just ahead of the engine start leaving the tracks, he applied the brakes but the wheels failed to hold on the tracks, made slippery by grass and when the train came to a stop one car and the front truck and two drive wheels of the locomotive were off the tracks and buried in the sand.

A second engine, manned by Engineer J. H. Saunders, was called, and an hour after the arrival of the second locomotive the first one and the empty box car were riding the rails again.

Several weeks ago a brakeman almost lost his life when two heavily loaded cars were thrown from the tracks by the safety derail.

#### Association of Business Firms Organized Here

An association of Williamston merchants and other business men was formed here yesterday afternoon at a general meeting of the group held in the Legion hall. Mr. F. J. Margolis was named president of the organization. Mr. W. O. Griffin was elected vice president and Mr. N. C. Green was made secretary. The association will handle those matters affecting, more or less, the body as a whole, and no doubt it will prove of much help to all concerned.