



## COUNTY SIGN-UP NEAR 100 PER CENT

### Nothing Definite Yet as to Date of Market Reopening

#### Wet-Dry Election Machinery Set Up

##### REGISTRARS AND POLL HOLDERS ARE APPOINTED

Registration Books To Be Open for One Day Only, October 28th

Machinery for holding an election on Tuesday, November 7, in this county in connection with a vote on the repeal of the 18th Amendment was set up by the Martin County Board of Elections in a special meeting held here Saturday. Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the board, and Members J. R. Winslow, of Robersonville, and C. B. Fagan, of Dardens, were present.

The election is called in accordance with Chapter 403, Public Laws of North Carolina for the session 1933. The laws provide the calling of a convention of the people of the State to consider the proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States repealing the 18th amendment. The laws also provide the election of a delegate to a constitutional convention to be held in the city of Raleigh December 5, 1933.

Registration books shall be open for the entrance of new names on October 28 and for that day only. The election will be governed by the general laws governing elections in this State unless otherwise especially provided, it was stated.

The names of registrars and judges of election to serve for the election are as follows:

Jamesville: Harry Martin, registrar; R. M. Stallings and L. W. Mizell, judges of election.

Williams Township: L. D. Hardison, registrar; C. L. Daniel and Henry Griffin, Jr., judges of election.

Griffins Township: S. Oscar Peel, registrar; W. T. Roberson and J. C. Gurkin, judges.

Bear Grass: Urban Rogers, registrar; Joseph S. Griffin and A. B. Ayers, judges.

Williamston Township: Luther Peel, registrar; Warren H. Biggs and J. H. Gurganus, judges.

Cross Roads Township: J. S. Ayers, registrar; J. B. Barnhill and Willie Ausban, judges.

Robersonville: J. K. Ross, registrar; Eli Rogers and L. N. Vick, judges of election.

Gold Point: J. L. Croom, registrar; Harry Roberson and H. L. Keel, judges of election.

Poplar Point: W. S. White, registrar; Luther G. Leggett, Herman Hardison, judges.

Hamilton: J. A. Davenport; S. D. Matthews and J. S. Ayers, judges.

Hassel: C. L. Nelson, registrar; E. R. Edmondson and George Ayers, judges of election.

#### WOMAN'S CLUB HOLDS MEETING

##### Preparations Being Made For Active Year; New Members Accepted

The local Woman's Club held its first meeting of the fall schedule in its club rooms last Friday noon when the ladies of the Episcopal church served the members refreshments. While several new members were accepted into the club, and a general discussion of several matters was held, the club limited its business for the session, but planned preparations for an active year.

During the next several weeks, the club members are planning a series of events to raise funds, the first of which is a turkey supper. More details will be announced later by the civic committee, it was stated.

Following the reading of reports, the club people discussed the dangers facing hundreds of little school children at numerous street crossings. The schools are opening a new term next Monday, and the club women are urging precaution on the part of every one in behalf of the thousands of little folks who will be treading the dangerous thoroughfares and crossings.

##### TEACHERS MEET WILL BE HELD HERE SATURDAY

Dr. J. Henry Highsmith and Other State Department Officials Expected

A general meeting of Martin County teachers will be held in the high school building here next Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, according to an announcement released yesterday by the office of the county superintendent. Dr. J. Henry Highsmith and other members of the State Department of Education are expected to be here for the meeting.

While no program of the meeting was mentioned, it is understood that general school and organization problems will be discussed during the two-hour period. The teachers will assemble in the high school building for the session.

In the afternoon the principals are planning to hold meetings in their respective schools with the teachers. This week will be followed by similar ones later in the term or not.

It could not be learned whether the meeting scheduled here Saturday of this week is the first of a series of county assemblies or not.

Reports from the various districts in the county indicate that the schools are ready to open the new term next Monday morning at the usual hour. A general invitation awaits all the patrons of the schools at any and all times, but particularly on opening day.

Parents of beginners are especially urged to be present for the enrollment exercises. As far as it could be learned here no elaborate opening programs have been planned in any of the schools, the spirit of the various communities centering upon a year of hard, earnest toil.

#### NAMED TO BEAR GRASS FACULTY

Charles C. Love, of Washington, Elected Teacher Science and History

Mr. Charles C. Love, of Washington, has been elected teacher of history and science and Miss Jessie Greene, of Aulander, has accepted a position as music teacher in the Bear Grass schools this coming term, it was announced yesterday.

Principal Hickman announces a meeting of his faculty in the school building there Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock when plans for the year will be considered.

Arrangements are complete for opening the school next Monday morning at 9 o'clock, when all the pupils are asked to be on hand for a year of honest-to-goodness study. A special invitation is extended the patrons of the school to be present for the opening exercises, and with their cooperation a very successful year is predicted during 1933-34.

#### Mercer Resigns As Farm Life Principal

Professor A. E. Mercer, for several terms principal of the Farm Life School, has resigned that position and will enter into business, it was learned here yesterday. The teacher had carried on a successful work there, and he will be missed by the people of that community.

A principal has not been appointed to the position as far as it could be learned here yesterday, but it is understood that several applications are being considered by the authorities.

#### Principals of County To Meet Here Friday

The several Martin County school principals will hold their first meeting of the 1933-34 term in the high school building here Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, it was announced today. A. B. Combs, high school inspector, will attend the meeting and discuss organization plans, it was stated.

#### COUNTY COTTON GINS START IN ON SEASON'S WORK

Rains in Past Few Weeks Have Hurt Crop Considerably

Cotton ginning started in this county last week is gaining momentum with the prospects that a large percentage of the crop will have been picked and prepared for market by the middle of next month. Ginning activities are not underway in this immediate community, but J. G. Staton is planning to put into operation three 80-saw machines Thursday or Friday of this week. In the meantime, the several gins above here are operating regular schedules, it is understood.

The outlook for the crop in this section is not as bright as it was a few days ago. Since farmers have started the picking operations they are finding their yields short by as much as 50 per cent in some cases. The storm of a few weeks ago is believed to have cut the crop by 1,000 bales or more, and general weather conditions have not been very favorable for the crop in this county.

Approximately 11,000 acres were planted to the crop in the county this year, a resulting increase of about 3,000 acres over the 1932 acreage. However, more than 1,600 acres of the crop were plowed under as a result of the cotton reduction plan, leaving a small increase in acres over that of 1932. However, the yield last year was a little above the average as a whole, and when everything is considered, the increase in the actual number of bales will not be as large this year as would one would expect in this county. Certainly, the outcome is not coming up to expectations. Last year there were approximately 88,000 acres planted to the crop, which amounted to 4,679 bales.

Cotton picking prices are said to range from 35 to 50 cents a hundred pounds, with the owners doing their own picking in a majority of cases. Nearly all the lint is being taken in the first picking, reports indicate. Ginning prices, fixed at 40 cents a hundred pounds for lint cotton last year, are said to have advanced under the new code. A price of 25 cents a hundred for seed cotton is said to be the ginning price under the new code, with an extra 75 cents added for bagging and ties. Last year the ties and bagging are said to have cost \$1.25.

Reports from several of the gins starting operations last week stated that the weight of the bales varied from 372 to 648 pounds.

#### Four Negroes Arrested For Theft of Automobile

Lee Jones, Charlie Johnson, and Mary Davis, all colored, are being held in the county jail for the alleged theft of an old model Ford from Ananias Davis here last week. The four were jailed Sunday night, following their arrests in Elizabeth City. It is understood the four defendants are from the Gum Neck section of Tyrrell County.

#### John R. Jenkins Died Near Jamesville Sunday

John R. Jenkins, a native of Pitt County, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. L. F. Waters, in Jamesville Township, early last Sunday morning. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. W. Alexander and interment followed in the family burial ground near Bethel Monday afternoon.

Mr. Jenkins had made his home with his sister for some time. He is survived by one brother, H. L. Jenkins, of Greenville, and three sisters, Mrs. L. F. Waters, of Jamesville, Mrs. Mack Churchill, of Greenville, and Miss Carrie L. Jenkins, of Savannah, Ga.

#### Young Man Caught At Liquor Plant In Bertie

Jim Harrell, young white man, was captured at a liquor still in Bertie County this morning. He was given a preliminary hearing this afternoon and in default of a \$750 bond, he was placed in jail to await trial in the next term of federal court in Washington. The next term of court will be held in Washington the 25th of this month.

#### Former Minister of This Section Killed in Wreck

Rev. John W. Tyndall was killed in an automobile accident in Oklahoma last week. Particulars of the accident could not be had here, but it was learned that the body was buried in Michigan. The minister formerly lived in this state and had held meetings in several Christian churches in this community.

#### Campaign Meets Instantaneous Success With Martin Folks; Slower Elsewhere

##### WAREHOUSEMEN ASK PERMISSION OPEN THURSDAY

Officials and Manufacturers Expected To Hold Parley In Washington Friday

Just when the tobacco marketing holiday will end and sales are started on the floors of Eastern Carolina warehouses no one knows just at this time. However, it is generally believed that marketing operations will not get underway before sometime next week, and it is not certain that the markets will be open then.

Warehouse organizations, realizing the reduction movement has or will prove successful, are asking that the markets be reopened Thursday of this week on a restricted basis. Under the terms of the proposal a non-signer would not be allowed to sell his tobacco. It isn't expected that the markets will reopen this week on that basis, however.

Before the markets reopen, it is possible that the federal administration will invite the manufacturers and buyers to Washington with a view to arriving at voluntary agreements as to price increases during the remainder of this marketing year. According to information received here, plans for such a conference are receiving tentative consideration of officials, and that the parley would be held about Friday. But nothing is definite just now as to when the markets will reopen or what the price of tobacco will be when the markets do reopen.

It has been said for the administration that the reserve powers inherent in the agricultural act will be invoked, if the need should arise, in order to insure parity prices this year, or after the markets are reopened, and it is certain that federal officials will have an eye single to the bidding when selling is resumed. Of course, there can be no uniformity in the bidding, and it is certain that the various grades will continue to sell for various prices. What is hoped is that the average for the selling season will approximate parity, or around 15 cents or more a pound.

#### BRING HASSELL REVIVAL TO END

Large Number of Additions To Church; Rev. J. M. Perry Was Preacher

Hassel—The local Christian church closed a very interesting meeting Sunday. The services had run for 10 days, with preaching every night by Rev. J. M. Perry and resulted in 15 addition to the church by baptism, all young people from 14 to 17 years old.

The Hassell church was established about the middle of the last century and was then called Lebanon. It was moved to Gold Point about 30 years ago as a more central point, about 3 miles away. Soon thereafter, the Hassell community, feeling the need of a community center, re-established the church and built a new building which has become inadequate, and the church has constructed a new brick veneer building which will be ready for use in the near future.

The membership numbers about 150 at this time. Rev. G. H. Sullivan is the pastor at the present time, which position he has filled for about five years. Hassell Bowen, J. R. Tingle, Tom Green, and S. H. Sumrell have served as pastors of this church.

Though the work has apparently moved slowly and in a quiet way, failing to get the full community support, just as the church fails in almost every community to get the sympathy and support of all, yet it is gratifying to know that few court cases have gone from this section, and the measure of good in any community done by a church is more than can be measured in words, because Christian influence goes on and on.

The church also has a good five Sunday school under the leadership of good people.—Reported.

##### Closing of Markets Has Put Complete Quiet on Business

With the tobacco markets closing after operating a few days the latter part of August and the first day of this month, this September is recognized by the town's oldest residents as the quietest of them all. "It's June right here in September," one of them remarked yesterday, "and that goes for the heat as well as for the slump in activities," he continued.

Business has not experienced any marked decline, for it had hardly gotten under way in the section before the markets closed. And now the section is back to where

##### MANY FISH DIE IN MILL POND

Large Number of Bass Are Seen Floating on Water; Cause Unknown

Mr. Calvin Ayers, prominent farmer of the Bear Grass section, in speaking of fishing this week, said he was fishing Tuesday in the Big Mill Pond and found hundreds of dead "chub" or black bass floating on the water. The size of the bass varied from the large to the small, and in addition to the "chub," he saw a few dead catfish, carp, and other fish common in the mill pond.

The cause of the fish dying could not be definitely determined by Mr. Ayers, but he was of the opinion that poison put out in the tobacco fields to kill worms had been washed into the pond by the recent heavy rains and was responsible for the dead fish. However, others in the section were not of the same opinion of Mr. Ayers, for they were of the belief that storms of this season of the year, which usually blow an excessive amount of leaves into the low streams poison the fish. A large amount of tannic acid is soaked from the leaves which is deadly to fish, especially the bass.

##### STATE LEADS IN COLLECTION OF FEDERAL TAX

Income Taxes Show Slight Increase; Collections a Whole Decrease

Washington—The North Carolina revenue district, which collected \$213,487,759.08, again led all other districts in the nation in the collection of Federal taxes for the fiscal year ending June 30.

Income taxes in the state showed an increase of 11 per cent over 1932; but total collections were off 8 per cent. The drop was due mainly to a decrease in miscellaneous taxes, including that on tobacco, which were 9 per cent lower than in 1932.

The great bulk of North Carolina's collections came from the state's huge tobacco industry, which paid into the federal treasury \$199,511,718.51 in taxes on cigarettes and other manufactured tobacco products, the treasury reported.

Income taxes collected during the year totaled \$12,760,720.22, compared with \$11,464,232.47 in 1932. North Carolina was one of two states to show an increase in income tax collections. Nevada, with a 17 per cent increase, was the other. Of North Carolina's income tax, \$9,482,484.60 was paid by corporations.

Total collections from tobacco manufacturers in the nation totaled \$402,739,059.25. This sum was nearly half of the revenue derived by the government from miscellaneous sources and nearly half of the total tobacco tax was collected in North Carolina.

Other sources which contributed to North Carolina's total collections, including manufacturers' excise taxes, are:

Issues and transfers of bonds of indebtedness, issues of capital stock, passage tickets, foreign insurance policies and deeds of conveyance, \$49,651.13; capital stock transfers \$2,160; still or sparkling wines, cordials, etc., \$10; spirituous liquors, \$1,323,033; non-intoxicating liquors, \$8,939,244. Collections in connection with prohibition enforcement \$1,073.15.

North Carolina, which comprises one entire internal revenue district, not only led all other districts in collections, but led all other states except New York, which has five districts within its borders. New York's five districts collected a total of \$376,346,672.75, but the largest amount from any one district was \$204,039,143.

##### TWO TOWNSHIPS REPORT 100 PER CENT RESPONSE

Williamston and Robersonville Have Signed Every Grower in Districts

With 1,103 contracts, representing 11,197 acres, officially reported and several hundred others ready to be turned in, the tobacco sign-up is nearing completion in Martin County today. It was conservatively estimated this morning that 96.3 per cent of the total tobacco acreage had been signed, and efforts were still under way to push the campaign to a unanimous sign-up. The acreage already officially reported totals more than the acreage planted to the crop last year, when there were 10,066 acres of tobacco in the county. The increase in acreage was not so very large this year, and it is believed the final reports will show Martin County just about 100 per cent signed up.

That Martin County farmers are supporting the cooperative movement 100 per cent was heard in nearly every section today, with two townships, Williamston and Robersonville, already under the top with a completed sign-up. Others were in line with only narrow margins separating them from a 100 per cent goal.

The movement in this county was assured of success last Saturday, when farmers packed the county courthouse, pledged their efforts in making it successful, and exhausted the supply of contract blanks in short order. Additional blanks were rushed here and the sign-up continued unabated. Volunteer canvassers by the scores went into every section of the county Saturday night in the interest of the drive, and today the non-signers are in a pitiful minority; in fact, they are so few that they can almost be pointed out by their neighbors.

And while the drive has been carried to success in this county, encouraging reports are coming from all tobacco sections, indicating that the movement will be one of the most complete victories ever recorded for the Southern farmer. Surely, the growers will have completed their part in the program within the next day or two, making possible the reopening of the markets upon short notice.

Mass meetings in the tobacco-producing counties of both Carolinas were held yesterday afternoon in the interest of the campaign. Signing of contracts likewise was pushed in Georgia and Virginia, which, with the Carolinas, produce most of the nation's output of flue-cured tobacco.

John R. Hutcheson, director of agricultural extension in Virginia, said he had good reason to believe most of Virginia's growers would sign the contracts. The campaign in the Old Dominion will continue for a week.

##### Oak City Team Defeats Pinetops Friday, 5 To 0

Oak City registered a 5 to 0 victory over the strong Pinetops baseball club at Oak City last Friday, Frank Whitehurst turning the visitors back with only four hits. Mark Webb pitched a good game for the visitors, allowing only five hits. Parker led at the bat for Oak City with two hits. Bunting caught for Oak City and A. Webb caught for Pinetops.

##### Skewarkee Lodge Will Hold Meeting Tonight

Skewarkee Lodge of Masons will hold their regular meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in the local lodge, it was announced yesterday by M. J. Moyer, the master. In addition to the regular business, there will be work in the first degree, the local lodge initiating a candidate from Hamilton at the request of Conoho lodge there. Members are urged to attend and visiting Masons are cordially invited.

##### Farmers Haul Fish Home for Fertilizer

When shifts of the tide killed thousands of small fish in the river near New Bern recently, the county agent notified his farmer friends to come haul them home for fertilizer. Trucks were busy for several days.

##### Junior Order To Hold Meeting Here Thursday

The local council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics will hold a meeting Thursday evening of this week at 8 o'clock, it was announced today by Secretary J. H. Harrell. All members are urged to be present.