



## County Schools To Start Up Monday

### OVER 3,000 ARE TO ENTER THIRTEEN WHITE SCHOOLS

All Schools Open on Equal Footing in Length of Term This Year

Vacation days and unhampered freedom for Martin County school children will be no more during eight long months, for next Monday morning approximately 4,300 of the little chaps and young folks are to report for a hard year's work in the various classrooms of their respective schools. More than 3,000 of the number are expected to enter the 13 white schools, Dardens, Jamesville, Farm Life, Lily's Hall, Bear Garss, Williamston, Everetts, Robersonville, Parnese, Gold Point, Hassell, Oak City, and Hamilton. Hardly half of the colored children will start the term next Monday, the other waiting two weeks to help complete the cotton picking and assist in other general farm work. The delayed starters are expected to make up lost time by attending school six days each week during the first two months or more.

For the first term in history all the schools in the county open next week upon an equal basis, as far as length of term is concerned. Those youngsters enjoying the freedom of the out-of-doors during six months of the year in the past will find their lives altered during two extra months. Of course, there will be a few poor and unfortunate kids yanked from their classrooms and held at home to shoulder burdens after the term begins and before it closes. Child labor on the farm continues a problem as big as ever for the schools in rural sections.

But while the few are held back, the masses go on, and next Monday morning there will be the thousands of children with their bright faces and beaming eyes focused on their teachers awaiting orders. No formal exercises are scheduled for the day. Children will report for instructions at 9 o'clock in most of the schools. Classifications will be made and names of pupils enrolled on the registers. Books will be listed in the various courses of study, but few lessons will be assigned. The first-day activities will have been completed by noon, but it is likely that work will continue well into the afternoon on Tuesday.

No increased attendance is expected in a majority of the schools this term, authorities pointing out several factors that will have a tendency to effect decreases in the enrollment figures. The rigid entrance rule adopted by law for beginners will likely limit the number of first-year pupils this year. The law prohibits any child under six years of age, or who will not have attained that age by midnight of November 15, 1933, from entering school. The first grades will not entertain the nursery scheme this year under the law, which will be strictly enforced under the direct supervision of the State commission. Beginners must be entered during the first two weeks of school. No child will be admitted to the first grade after the first two weeks, and not even at mid-term, under orders from the state authorities.

Another factor not at all favorable to an increased attendance is the law requiring children within two miles of a school building to walk to school. In addition to that, extra mileage will not be added to truck routes to accommodate children living within one and one-half miles of an established route.

Dire poverty, pleaded by many parents who kept their children at home last year, is not expected to cut a very big figure this coming term. There are unfortunate cases, no doubt, but it is believed that the majority of parents who are interested in the welfare of their children will see that they have an opportunity to share the advantages awaiting Martin County's youth during the 1933-34 school term.

### Farm Life Faculty Is Announced This Week

The Farm Life faculty, announced complete this week, carries several new members this year. Only two or three of the old members are returning. Professor A. E. Mercer, principal there for several terms, resigned and will be succeeded by Professor Charles Hough. The names of other members of the faculty are as follows: Miss Irma Knowles, of Dardens; Miss Brownie Roberson, of Robersonville; Miss Pauline Askey, of Jamesville; Miss Marguerite Cooke, of Williamston; and Miss Marina Roberson, of Griffins.

### DRIVERS MEET

Martin County's 36 school bus drivers will meet in the high school building here Saturday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock when the routes will be assigned them and instructions for operation are reviewed. The meeting will last only a short while, it was said. The number of busses has been reduced from 40 to 36 in the county this year, the elimination of four units following the application of the new law requiring children within two miles of school to walk. One truck will be taken out of operation at Williamston, Robersonville, Hassell, and Oak City, it is understood.

### EXERCISES AT SCHOOL HERE

#### Joint Program for Elementary and High Schools Here Monday

Joint exercises for the elementary and high school departments will feature the opening of the schools here next Monday morning in the high school building at 9 o'clock, Principal D. N. Hix announced this morning. The public is cordially invited to attend the informal program that will last about one hour.

Activities will be stopped at or before noon Monday, but the regular schedule will be followed Tuesday, the principal said, and all children planning to enter the school this term are urged to be present Monday morning.

Enrollment in the high school is nearing completion today, the principal classifying more than 50 pupils in that department yesterday. Beginners are enrolling today that the rush next Monday morning might be lessened in the first grade sign-ups.

Members of the faculty will arrive here in time for the county-wide meeting of teachers tomorrow morning, many of them having reached here yesterday from their summer vacations.

### GET LAUGH ON GAME WARDEN

#### Dressed Animal Looked Like Deer, But Was Only Goat

County Game Warden Hines had a good laugh at his own expense last Wednesday when he visited a remote section of Goose Nest Township and found two colored men butchering an animal. The warden laughingly explained that it is difficult to tell the difference between a deer carcass and that of a billy goat. Anyway, Mr. Hines reached the scene of the butchering just after the two men had skinned and dressed the meat. The two halves of meat were hanging from a pole, and neither the animal's head nor skin could be seen. Mr. Hines remarked, "Well, boys, I have caught you taking deer without licenses." They replied, "Yes sir, you have us." And as the animals' head was not in sight Mr. Hines concluded the men had killed a doe deer, so he pointed out that that was another violation of the hunting laws. The boys agreed to accompany the officer, but they asked him to examine the skin before the trip was started. When Mr. Hines saw that the skin was that of a goat he was fully sold on the evidence offered and joined the crowd in a hearty laugh at his own expense.

### Complete Faculty for Everetts Is Announced

The Everetts school will open at 8:30 Monday morning, September 18. All patrons and friends are cordially invited to attend the opening exercise at 9:30. The faculty members are: H. Bruce Russell, principal and seventh-grade teacher; Miss Carrie Bell Warren, sixth grade; Miss Beatrice Wynne, fifth grade; Miss Lucy Matt Crofton, fourth grade; Miss Lela Brown Barnhill, third grade; Miss Iva Williams, second grade; and Miss Martha Baldrice, first grade.

### Buy Feeder Pigs To Utilize Damaged Corn

Having a good corn crop blown to the ground, two Carteret farmers recently purchased a truck load of feeder pigs from neighbors in Pamlico County.

## FOURTEEN CASES ON DOCKET FOR SUPERIOR COURT

### Mixed Term To Get Under Way Monday; Judge Barnhill To Preside

The September term of Martin County Superior Court opening next Monday for a two weeks mixed term is expected to be one of the duller held in this county for years. While the civil calendar carries several interesting cases, the criminal docket has only 14 cases and with probably one or two exceptions all those actions are of minor importance. Court will convene at the usual opening hour, 10 a. m., with Judge M. V. Barnhill, of Rocky Mount, presiding. The grand jury is expected to about complete its work the first day, while the greater part of two days will be used in handling the criminal docket. The size of the crowds in attendance upon the court will probably experience a decided shrinkage after the first day.

Probably the most interest in the court centers on the case charging Lester Williams, commonly known as "Barrel of Trouble," with an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Perlie Ange, Jamesville Township farmer who was dangerously cut in the stomach by Williams the 29th of last month on the streets of Williamston, is now out of the hospital.

The second case considered of more than passing interest is the one charging Coley Kain with robbing stores at Everetts and Oak City. The case will bring witnesses here from as far away as Raleigh, it is understood and will likely be called Tuesday of next week.

Other cases on the docket are as follows: John R. Whitchard, operating car while intoxicated. Prayer for judgment continued since June, 1932, term.

Jim Sutton, non-support, continued.

Henry Raynor, housebreaking and larceny, continued.

M. L. Bunting, embezzlement, true bill last term.

Sylvester Brown, housebreaking and larceny, warrant.

Redden Tyre and Perlie Hardison, housebreaking and larceny; warrant.

Cliff Bunch, forgery, warrant.

Eddie Salsbury, attempted rape, warrant.

Junior Wynn, carrying concealed weapon and assault; appealed from recorder's court judgment.

Lee Jones, Charlie Johnson, "Pinkie" Johnson, and Mary Davis, larceny; warrant.

### Troy Goodman Goes With Harrison Bros.

Mr. Troy Goodman, popular member of the local baseball club during the season recently ended, has accepted a position with Harrison Brothers and Company here and will have charge of the firm's gents' furnishing department, it was learned today. He will be actively associated with the company beginning tomorrow.

Mr. Goodman, brother of Mr. R. H. Goodman, manager of the Virginia Electric and Power Company here, has had much experience in the mercantile business, he having been associated for several years with one of the largest mercantile firms in the country.

### Election Announcement Last Tuesday Incomplete

In announcing the election machinery for the wet and dry vote in the county November 7, the names of the Goose Nest precinct officers were left out through an oversight.

Mr. J. W. Hines was appointed registrar and Messrs. J. C. Ross and T. C. Allsbrooks were named as poll holders.

The election has been little discussed so far in this county, indicating that no large vote will be cast on November 7.

### Program of Services At Methodist Church

Rev. C. T. Rogers, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 sharp. Be in time for the special prepared program. Church service at 11 a. m. No service at night. Holy Springs Sunday school, 10 a. m. Church services at 7:45 p. m. You are cordially invited to meet with us.

### Tobacco Damaged in Person County Recently

Person county tobacco growers report heavy damage from the wind and rain storm recently. Some growers estimate their damage at 50 per cent of the crop.

# No Date Yet Set for Opening Of Eastern Tobacco Markets

## TOTAL NUMBER ACRES SIGNED IS OVER 15,000

Is Most Complete Co-operative Movement Ever. Put On Here

One of the most complete co-operative movements ever undertaken by Martin County farmers was brought to a close this week after 1,477 growers had signed up 15,091 acres of tobacco in the crop-reduction and price-raising campaign. As far as it could be learned only one man refused to take part in the movement in this county, and the canvassers in Hamilton Township withheld his name, believing he might reconsider and sign up his few acres.

That the acreage was "padded" intentionally by a few farmers is almost certain, but those cases are not many. The practice of reporting an acreage larger than the one really existing will be of no advantage to the grower, as all contracts will be carefully investigated, it is understood.

As a whole, however, there has never existed a better co-operative spirit advanced among Martin County farmers than that figuring in the reduction movement started in this county last Saturday. All are hopeful that the movement will bear fruit.

The contracts are being segregated by districts, and while it is believed that nearly all the townships have reached a 100 per cent goal, it is certain that several have. Mr. J. W. Hines, canvasser in Goose Nest, reported 165 tobacco farmers in that district and a 100 per cent cooperation.

There may be a few contracts yet unreported, but the drive is over with Martin County at the top of the list. The workers and signers are now awaiting developments.

## COUNTY NATIVE DIES WEDNESDAY

### Mrs. Claude Simpson Dies in Marion, S. C.; Final Rites Thursday

Mrs. Claude Simpson, a native of this county, died at her home in Marion, S. C., Wednesday morning about 10 o'clock, following an illness of more than a year's duration.

Funeral services were held at her late home yesterday afternoon, and interment followed in the family plot in Marion, a number of relatives from this county attending the last rites.

Mrs. Simpson, the daughter of the late Stanley and Marina Peel, was born in Cross Roads Township about 55 years ago. In early womanhood she was married to Mr. Simpson, of the Jamesville community. Following a short residence there, she moved with her husband to South Carolina about 20 years ago, during which time she made her home in Marion, where Mr. Simpson was engaged in the mercantile business.

Mr. Simpson, with one daughter, Miss Mayo Simpson, and one son, Mr. Guy Simpson, all of Marion, survives. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. John M. Bowen, of Williamston, and three brothers, Messrs. Henry D. and W. S. Peel, of Williamston, and J. S. Peel, of Everetts.

### Young White Man Jailed Following Auto Wreck

Evans Davis, young white man, was jailed here yesterday following a preliminary hearing earlier in the day before Justice J. W. Hines in a case charging him with reckless driving. Davis, said to be of Norfolk, was wanted in this county for not complying with a court judgment ordering him to pay certain costs in an abandonment case.

Wednesday night, a few miles out of Oak City on the Hogwood road, Davis is said to have "hogged" the road and wrecked the car of Robert Manning. No one was badly hurt, but the Manning car was damaged considerably. Manning said he drove his car to the side of the road, leaving the two left wheels barely on the concrete when he saw Davis approaching on the wrong side. Davis' front wheel ripped down the side of the Manning car and tore down the rear wheel, doing much damage to the running gear. Davis hurriedly repaired the damage to his car and continued to Scotland Neck, where he was arrested.

### World War Veterans Can Join Conservation Corps

With the announcement that the Civilian Conservation Corps will be continued through the winter months, Martin County Welfare authorities have been advised that a limited number of World War veterans from this county would be eligible for the service. Applications will be received only from veterans, it is understood, and selections will be made between September 25 and 30. Any Martin veterans desiring to enter the service are directed to get in communication with the county welfare office immediately.

Several veterans have already entered the service from this county.

## House-To-House Canvass To Be Made Here in Interest of NRA Consumers Campaign

### ASK BUYERS TO SUPPORT FIRMS FLYING EAGLES

#### All Local Firms Except 11 Have Signed; Now Turn To Consumers

Support of the NRA movement in Williamston will be asked probably by the middle or latter part of next week, when canvassers will visit consumers for their signatures. A canvass of the various business firms was completed this week, with all but 11 small firms pledging their support to the movement. In short, the consumers will be asked to patronize only those firms "flying the Blue Eagle."

With one or two possible exceptions, the movement is certain of success here. Most of those concerns failing to sign so far employ no labor in some cases, while a few others employ as few as one worker each. There are only a few unemployed in this immediate section at the present time, and most of those without work are in that group failing to fit in very well with work offered by the average job.

Reports have reached the committee that some employers are still holding the wages of their workers at the old levels, the practice being entirely out of line with the aim and purpose of the NRA movement. So far no step has been taken to enforce the regulations of the various codes in this section. Enforcement, if necessary, will follow the canvass of consumers, it is understood. It is believed the consumers will sign here freely, indicating that the NRA will go over without enforcement by authorities. The NRA is certainly a movement that the selfish man cannot control. He cannot remain on the outside with the hope of making big profits, while his competitors are offering their respective codes in an effort to improve conditions.

## HAS SUIT MADE OF GUANO BAGS

### Bertie Farmer Has 3-Piece Suit Made at Cash Outlay of 10 Cents

Windsor—Banks that closed up got all his money and made a poor man out of him, says J. P. Slade, magistrate at Aulander, but he expects to remain proud and not to worry—not so long as he has a wife and daughter who can take fertilizer sacks, 5 cents worth of thread and 5 cents worth of tape and make him a suit of clothes such as he was wearing last week in the presence of the judges and lawyers at the county seat.

And he has that suit of clothes and is wearing it proudly. He was in Windsor Monday. The suit made from fertilizer sacks, coat, vest, and trousers—and made by his own wife at a cash outlay of 10 cents—compared favorably with any worn in the courtroom. The cotton fertilizer sacks, bleached out and making a neat appearing fabric, looked as well as any of the linens and ducks that are used in ready-made garments. Mr. Slade says a number of people in his community have already sought his wife's pattern and will copy his style.

### Preliminary Hearing Is Given Lester Williams

Lester Williams, colored man, was given a preliminary hearing here yesterday in the case charging him with assaulting Perlie Ange, Jamesville farmer, on the streets here the latter part of last month. In default of bond in the sum of \$500, Williams, commonly known as "Barrel of Trouble," was returned to jail to await trial in superior court here next week.

It was pointed out at the hearing held before Justice Hassell that the Jamesville farmer asked gangway to Young's store entrance, and that Williams instructed the farmer to make gangway himself. That, it was said, started the trouble nearly costing Ange his life. Williams drew his knife and gashed the farmer's stomach as he (the farmer) started into the store. A rain was falling and the store entrance was crowded at the time, and Williams slipped from the scene. He was arrested the following morning in Poplar Point Township.

### Series Services Begin At Holiness Church

A series of revival services will be started in the Pentecostal Holiness church here next Monday night, with the Rev. J. W. Berry, of Greenville, occupying the pulpit. Mr. Berry is a leader in his church, and the public, regardless of denomination, is cordially invited to hear him. The services will continue two weeks, it was announced.

## CONCERN OVER CONDITION OF LEAF NOW FELT

### Situation Not Yet Considered Serious, But Signs Of Damage Seen

While the situation is not considered serious, tobacco farmers in this section are beginning to show much concern over the tobacco holiday declared two weeks ago, and for which no end has even been officially mentioned so far.

The crucial point in the holiday will likely be reached over the weekend, probably by tomorrow, when reports are made of successful reduction campaigns throughout the belt. Governor Ehringhaus, creator of the holiday said yesterday that he would take no action in reopening their markets until complete reduction campaign reports are received by the Federal authorities.

A processing tax of 4.2 cents a pound on flue-cured tobacco will be levied on and after October 1, it was agreed this week by administrators of the agricultural adjustment act. But that tax will not reflect itself in the price of tobacco to the farmer, for it is understood the returns of the tax will go to those farmers participating in the reduction movement as straight cash benefits. Price increases, it is believed, depend on the outcome of a conference of AAA officials and tobacco buyers in Washington today. An agreement will be submitted urging the companies to voluntarily pay more for the crop when the markets are reopened.

No one knows when the markets will open. While many are hopeful that sales will be resumed next Monday, there is nothing just at this time to indicate they will open at that time; and, on the other hand, there is nothing to definitely indicate they will not open that day. It is generally believed, however, that sales will be resumed some time next week, that the growers will have learned by that time they are either going to get higher prices or they are going to receive prices no higher than those paid while the markets were open the first four days of the season.

Reports indicate that some tobacco has already damaged in the hands of farmers, but as far as it could be learned today growers do not appear excited over the possibility of any great losses. Many growers have continued to grade and prepare their crop for market, but others quit the work altogether when the holiday was declared. When the markets reopen one of the largest breaks in history of the business is expected, and the situation becomes more acute as the market holiday continues.

Realizing that his crop was about to go to ruin in his hands, one farmer in this county is said to have placed it in his curing barn and moved down himself, carrying a cot and a shotgun.

## 5 CASES TRIED BY RECORDER

### Last Session of County Court Until Early Next Month

The Martin County Recorder's Court completed its work for the month of September last Tuesday when it disposed of five cases and moved out to give the "big" court priority rights during the next two weeks. The county court will hold its next session October 3.

Judge H. O. Peel collected a few fines and handed down two or three road sentences, one of them being for 18 months.

Albert Clark, colored, was adjudged guilty in the case charging him with larceny and he was sentenced to assist with the chores at the county home during the next three months. Richmond Johnson was fined \$10 and taxed with one-half the cost in the case charging him with an assault. R. D. Spruill, defendant in the same case, went to the roads for a stay of 30 days when he admitted his inability to pay one-half the costs of the case.

Ernest Fagan was sentenced to the roads for 18 months when he was adjudged guilty in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon. The indictment charging W. S. Revells with threatening to kill and using profane language, was ordered quashed by the court.