



RECORDS BROKEN BY MARKET

Approximately 1,250,000 Pounds Sold Here This Week

COUNTY COTTON GROWERS MEET HERE NEXT WEEK

Mann To Speak at Court-House Here Wednesday Morning

Martin County cotton growers will meet in the courthouse here Wednesday morning, October 4, at 11 o'clock, for a discussion of the cotton situation and outlook, with M. G. Mann, of Raleigh, secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, as the principal speaker.

The price outlook, agricultural adjustment act and its effect on the cotton farmer, the condition of the crop in the state, nation, and world—these and other topics will be discussed by Mr. Mann.

"The increase in the price of things that the farmer has to buy means that present-day prices of cotton will not leave him as much money as he had last year on six-cent cotton," said Mr. Mann, in a letter which has been mailed to all seed and crop loan borrowers in Martin County.

"Cotton," Mr. Mann said, "is selling far too cheap, and there is every prospect for an advance in the market, and not a single bale should be sold at these prices."

At the meeting here, one of a series of 38 being held in the main cotton counties of the state, Mr. Mann will explain "how the cotton cooperative can assist all cotton growers in the holding of their cotton, thereby enabling them to benefit by any advance in price."

ARRESTED FOR THEFT OF GAS

Claude Manning, Raleigh Coburn Released Under Bond \$100 Each

Claude Manning and Raleigh Coburn, white, were arrested in Hassell last Wednesday afternoon by Officer J. B. Barfield for ordering gasoline put into their car and then driving away without paying for it. Unable to raise bond in the sum of \$100 required by Justice of the Peace Claude Nelson at a hearing held in Hassell the two men were placed in the county jail to await trial in the recorder's court here next Tuesday.

Several days ago the two men went to Dail's filling station in Hassell and ordered five gallons of gasoline. They are then said to have ordered cigarettes, and while the filling station owner went to get the tobacco the men drove away without paying for the gasoline.

A few days later the two men went to Baker's filling station, near Everetts, and got away with seven gallons of gasoline. They will be given a preliminary hearing here some time today in connection with that raid.

Wednesday afternoon the alleged thieves ventured into the Hassell section and were recognized by the filling station owner there. Officer Barfield was called and he placed them under arrest.

Manning, about 30 years of age, is a resident of Halifax County. Coburn, about 18 years of age, lives near the old Mobley mill on the Hamilton road, not so far from here.

Rally Day Sunday In the Presbyterian Churches

Sunday, October 1, 1933: "The Church with an Open Door." The usual services will be held at Williamston, Bear Grass, Roberson's Chapel, Ballard's Farm, and the prison camp Sunday. Rally Day will be observed at all places—the offerings going to help Mission Sunday schools.

A series of evangelistic services will begin at Roberson's Chapel Thursday night, October 5, at 7:30 p. m., Rev. M. O. Sommers, of Clinton, will bring the messages.

There will be a song service at Bear Grass tonight at 7:30 p. m., in preparation for the coming revival there, which begins October 16th. Rev. T. O. Hickman, of Bear Grass, will lead the singing.

It is hoped that all members will be present Sunday to take part in the Quarterly Communion Service.

Hugh G. Horton and W. C. Manning To Be Candidates For Delegate To Convention

HAPPY MAN

Averaging 26 cents a pound for his tobacco sold on the local market last Tuesday afternoon, W. Henry Rogers, highly respected colored farmer living near here, admitted soon thereafter that he was a very happy man. Rogers radiated good cheer to those he talked with so great was his own happiness. He said he had about 4,000 more pounds as good as home, and he was praying it would sell as well as that he sold this week.

BRIDGE ACROSS SOUND TOPIC AT MEETING HERE

Expect To Secure Loan From Government for Construction

Prospects for the construction of a bridge across the Albemarle Sound, connecting the counties of Hyde and Tyrrell with Pasquotank, were said to be very favorable following a meeting of the central committee of the Pamlico-Albemarle Road Association held in the offices of the Eastern Bond and Mortgage Company here yesterday.

The committee was completing plans yesterday to secure a loan from the Federal Public Works Commission for the construction of the bridge. The amount of the proposed loan was not mentioned. Hon. C. W. Tatem, of Columbia, was made permanent chairman of the road organization, and Mr. G. C. Meads, of Elizabeth City, was chosen as permanent secretary.

During their meeting here the representatives were in communication with Mr. E. B. Jeffreys, chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, Raleigh, and members of the committee were said to be very well pleased with the prospects for the undertaking.

The bridge, if constructed, will serve as a connecting link in the State Highway system for the towns of Swan Quarter, Englehard, Fairfield, and Columbia with Elizabeth City, effecting a route shorter by about 96 miles from the lower counties to Norfolk.

Messrs. Oliver F. Gilbert, W. T. Culppepper, Buxton White, G. C. Meads, W. L. Cahoon, and Fred Markham, of Elizabeth City; C. W. Tatem and W. S. Carraway, of Columbia; W. W. Watson, of Lake Landing; and Carter Studdert, of Swan Quarter, attended the meeting, which lasted a greater part of yesterday.

Oak City Nine Wins from Locals by 11 To 8 Score

Oak City's baseball club defeated the local nine on the high school diamond here Wednesday afternoon by a score of 11 to 8. Rev. Z. T. Piephoff was liberal with his hits, and his team mates were liberal with their errors. The game was arranged with the hope of raising funds for financing the football team here, but the hope failed.

Methodists Announce Their Schedule Sunday Services

C. T. Rogers, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Church services, 11 and 7:30 p. m. Epworth League, Monday, 7:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to meet with us in all of our services.

Holly Springs. Sunday school, 10 a. m. Church services, 3:30 p. m. Epworth League Friday, 7:30 p. m.

Return from Raleigh. Mrs. Clayton Moore and Mrs. C. A. Harrison have returned from Raleigh where they chaperoned their daughters, Misses Jane Moore and Rebekah Harrison at the debutante ball last week-end. Miss Moore had as her escort, J. H. Saunders, Jr., of Williamston, and Miss Harrison was with Dr. R. S. Anderson, of Rocky Mount.

RIVAL CAMPS FIX PLANS FOR WET-DRY CAMPAIGN

Little Interest Is Shown So Far In the November Election Here

Preliminary arrangements for the wet-dry election in the county the 7th of November were made this week when the opposing factions more or less secretly advanced the names of their candidates for delegates to the State convention. So far, no great interest has broke forth in connection with the election, and present indications point to no large vote in this county.

The wets naming Hugh G. Horton as their man the early part of this week have already assured his candidacy. According to last reports, round 400 signatures had been added to the paper advancing the attorney's candidacy. Judging from the ready support given him, the wets are not likely to mention another candidate. Only 2 per cent of the total vote for governor in the last election is necessary to place the name of a candidate on the ballot, provided there are no opposing candidates. In that case the candidate with the greatest number of petitioners is declared the nominee.

At a public meeting held in the courthouse here last night, the dries named W. C. Manning as their candidate, and petitions are being circulated today in several sections of the county in behalf of his candidacy.

As far as it could be learned today no active campaign has been planned by either the dries or wets in this county, leaving the people to vote as they so desire.

LADIES TO PLAY BASEBALL HERE

Line-ups For The Unusual Athletic Event Tuesday Announced Today

Two marked events in the annals of baseball are scheduled next Tuesday, when the National and American League title winners play in New York and when the married ladies play the single ladies of the town on the high school diamond here at 4 o'clock. And it is forecast that as many will see the game here—in proportion, of course.

With two players available for each position, and a few substitutes in addition thereto, an unusual game is predicted. Pete Fowden has been hired to umpire, and it goes without saying that the single folks have the advantage, umpiringly speaking.

Funds created from the small admission fee of 5 and 15 cents will be used in the purchase of equipment badly needed in the grammar grade rooms.

The line-ups: Single women: Pitchers, Lela Roebuck and Katherine Hardison; catchers, Mary Carstarphen and "Sister" Gaylord; first base, Trulah W. Page and Elsie Andrews; second base, Eva Harrison and Miriam Courtney; third base, Katherine Harrison and Nell Harrison; right field, Estelle Crawford and Bessie Harrell; left field, Miss Allen and Ruth Roberson; short stop, Blanche Harrison and Martha Anderson; center field, Edith Peale and Josephine Harrison.

Married women: Pitchers, Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Joe D. Throver; catchers, Mrs. Piephoff and Mrs. Ira Harrison; first base, Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. J. W. Watts; second base, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Brandon; third base, Mrs. J. A. Manning and Mrs. Bob Everett; right field, Mrs. Roger Critcher and Mrs. Jimmie Harrison; left field, Mrs. Leman Barnhill and Mrs. C. B. Clark; short stop, Mrs. Goodman and Mrs. Jack Frank; center field, Mrs. James Manning and Mrs. Calvin McKeel. Substitutes: Mrs. Cone, Mrs. Clayton Moore, Mrs. Warren Biggs, and Mrs. Eason.

SUPERIOR COURT TERM IS CLOSED HERE THURSDAY

Large Number of Cases Heard; Calendar Not Cleared

The September term of Martin County Superior Court, held for the trial of criminal and civil cases, was brought to a close here yesterday morning. While Judge M. V. Barnhill did not clear the docket he heard a comparatively large number of cases during the eight and one-half days the tribunal was in session.

As a whole the court attracted less interest than any term held here in many months. The criminal docket was completed during the first two days, and after that only a few spectators were present for the proceedings with the exception of the Cochran-McBrayer case.

Proceedings not previously reported are as follows:

A judgment in the sum of \$35 was given G. L. Taylor in his case against J. S. Peel, the court taxing the defendant against the cost.

Hubert Roberson was given a \$70 judgment against Morris and Cherry, but the court allowed the defendants a counter claim for a like amount. The defendants were taxed with the costs.

A judgment was given favoring the defendant in the case of Louis Rogerson against the Raleigh Granite Company, the defendant recovering the costs. An appeal was noted.

T. M. Moore was granted a judgment of \$50 in his case against Charlie Hoell.

The Standard Fertilizer Company was granted a judgment in the sum of \$370.26 in the case against H. C. Evans.

A mistrial was ordered in the case of Taylor against Hadley.

Judgment was awarded Ben Harris in the case against Lex Everett. The case of Walter Bailey against insurance company was settled, the company paying the cost.

Judgments were awarded the Standard Fertilizer Company in its cases against J. E. McKeithan and others; B. T. Cannon, Noah Teel, Anthony, T. H. Wilson, R. L. Lucas, Grimsley, L. C. Burnel, and J. J. Braxton.

A verdict favoring the defendant was given in the case of Harrison Brothers vs. Plum Williams. Judgment was given plaintiff J. S. Ayers against J. A. Warren.

The case of W. F. Carraway against Western Union was settled, the plaintiff paying the cost.

Judgment was awarded Mrs. Sudie Stalls against W. A. Perry.

Judgment was given D. E. Darden in the case against Mally Spence.

R. J. Ederer Net and Twine Company was given a judgment against J. M. and B. S. Hassell.

School Girl Fatally Hurt On Washington Highway

Elna Mae Perry, 10-year-old school girl of Beaufort County, was run down and fatally hurt by an automobile on the Williamston-Washington Highway, near Batts' Cross Roads, last Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Eliza Beth Meekins, of Elizabeth City, driver of the death car, was placed in jail at Washington, but was later released under a \$500 bond.

The young girl, daughter of Elmer Perry and wife, residents of the Batts Cross Roads section, was fatally hurt after she alighted from a school bus and started across the highway.

Two Services at the Church of the Advent Here Sunday

There will be two services at the Church of the Advent this Sunday. Note that the evening hour will be 7:30 o'clock. The subject of the sermon at the morning hour will be: "New Religious Adventure." At the evening hour the subject will be: "The Christian's Battle."

The choir is reminded of the practice Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The members of the Women's Auxiliary are reminded to bring their United Thank Offering this Sunday. Service at the mission near Bear Grass will be at 4 p. m.

Messrs. Sylvester Peel and Sam Litley, of Griffins, were business visitors here this week.

Official Figures Not Available But Average Between 11c-12c

FEW MATTERS TO BE TAKEN UP BY BOARD MONDAY

Poor Relief Will Soon Be Turned Entirely Over to Welfare Department

The selection of a jury for the two-week term of Martin County Superior Court convening the third Monday in November is about the only duty scheduled for the county board of commissioners at their regular meeting next Monday. Routine matters will be handled during the day, and it is possible that other matters will be discussed at the meeting.

Arrangements are about complete for transferring the county paper list from the board to the county relief office, thereby lifting somewhat of a burden from the board members. The county authorities will work in conjunction with the relief office in maintaining the list, but the accounts will be supported from strictly county funds, it is understood. The Federal relief fund will provide a proportional amount to that raised and distributed by the county.

The relief office is making a survey of those receiving aid, and in nearly every case the amount allowed is far from sufficient to relieve the suffering among the needy. Just about the time welfare workers reached one home this week to make an investigation, one of the relief subjects died under pathetic conditions. With no outer clothes whatever, and with hardly enough sleeping garments the unfortunate passed away.

There are 110 names on the indigent list at the present time, costing the county approximately \$265.75 a month. And while the amount counts up over a period of months, it is as little as a civilized people can provide for so many who are, in many cases, entirely dependent upon the meager monthly offering. Probably a few names will be removed from the list during the next few days, and a few will likely be added. Whatever the variations are in the list, it is certain that the poor will always be with us, regardless of what tobacco sells for.

YOUNG GIRL DIES LAST TUESDAY

Funeral Services Held Last Wednesday for Miss Laura Roberson

Laura Hoyt Roberson, young daughter of Mr. Eli H. Roberson, died last Tuesday afternoon at Batts Cross Roads, just beyond the Martin Beaufort boundary line. She had been in ill health for some time, death following a complication of causes. Miss Roberson, 22 years old, was injured in an automobile accident near her home about a year ago, and since that time she had been confined to her bed.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Burroughs, assisted by Rev. Saunders, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment followed in the Tice Burial Ground in Griffins Township, this county.

Besides her father, she is survived by six sisters, Mrs. Redden Leggett, Mrs. Frank Lilley, Mrs. Mack Stalls, and Miss Mattie Lou Roberson, all of Williamston; Mrs. Carrie Roberson, of Los Angeles, Calif.; and Mrs. Ollie Duncan, of Jacksonville, Fla.

Underwriters Check Up On Fire Equipment Here

Representatives of the Southeastern Fire Underwriters made a thorough test of the town's fire fighting apparatus here Wednesday afternoon, and as far as it could be learned, the equipment measured up to or above standard with the exception of several links of hose. One link of hose gave way under 200 pounds of pressure, but 1,500 feet were found in satisfactory condition.

ORDERLY SELLING

With markets throughout the belt blocked, State officials addressed a plea to farmers today for orderly marketing of tobacco. Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, under whose direction the reduction movement was handled, forwarded the following telegram to County Agent T. B. Brandon here:

"Blocked sales on all markets are resulting in much damage to tobacco, and consequently lower prices. Do everything in your power to encourage farmers to hold crop off market next few days."

Mr. Schaub added, "undoubtedly more orderly marketing of the crop will aid Washington in developing more satisfactory agreement."

JIM NOAH BIGGS DIED TUESDAY

Highly Respected Farmer Of Near Here Victim of Paralysis

James Noah Biggs, highly respected farmer, died at his home near here on the old Greenville road Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock following a stroke of paralysis suffered a few hours before. He had been in declining health for several years, but was able to look after his farm. During Tuesday afternoon he went into one of his cotton fields. Returning to the house, he told Mrs. Biggs that his head was hurting him, and a short while thereafter he suffered the stroke.

Mr. Biggs, 71 years old, was a successful farmer. From a humble beginning and by the sweat of his brow he developed a small farm. During that time he proved himself a friend to man. He was a member of the Bethany Holiness church.

Mrs. Biggs survives him. They had no children, but he and his wife had reared several orphans.

Funeral services were conducted afternoon at 2:30 by Rev. Joe Elks, and burial was in the Bowen grave yard, not so far from the home.

Program of Services At Baptist Church

Morning and evening church services will be held at the Baptist church Sunday. The evening service begins at 7:30 o'clock, thus necessitating the B. Y. P. U. meetings at 6:30 o'clock.

At the Sunday morning worship service, the clerk is to read the report of this church which will send up to the association at Greenville on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 10 and 11. And all departments of the church should get their reports to Mr. Getzinger at once.

The junior and intermediate B. Y. P. U. organizations were reorganized last Sunday night, and at their meeting this Sunday evening at 6:30 there should be many of the young people present. Let us make Sunday a good day for this church. People newly come into the community are especially invited.

Margolis Store To Open Saturday 6 O'clock P. M.

In observance of Yom Kippur, Jewish Day of Atonement, the local store of Margolis Brothers will be closed tomorrow until 6 o'clock p. m. The store will open promptly at 6 o'clock, the owners said.

Dr. Tucker To Hold Revival in Windsor

Rev. E. C. Kolb, pastor of the Cashie Baptist church at Windsor, announces the beginning of a meeting in his church Sunday night at 7:30 by Dr. J. Powell Tucker, of Raleigh. The meeting will continue through Friday night, October 6, with services at 3:30 and 7:30 each day.

SHORTER PERIOD OF SALE LOOKED FOR NEXT WEEK

Home Companies Expected To Sign Price Raising Agreement Today

Selling approximately one and one-quarter millions of pounds of tobacco, the Williamston tobacco market this week broke all records. Warehouses have been blocked here every day this week, the market selling on an average about 250,000 pounds daily. While accurate figures are not available at this time for the week, it is estimated that the average will be between 11 and 12 cents a pound, or about 1 cent a pound higher than the prices received before the holiday went into effect.

The market will probably clear the block late this afternoon, and it is understood that shorter selling periods will be in effect next week throughout the belt. Glutted markets this week have just about over-run the factories, and it has been unofficially announced that the companies will have their representatives follow the sales only about 5 hours during each day.

While prices for better grades are higher, the lower grades are selling for about the same money as before the holiday was declared. The price is far below the 17-cent parity level, indicating that tobacco is cheap. However, there are several factors that are believed to be depressing the price. Large quantities of damaged tobacco have been placed on the floors this week, and the marketing has been anything but orderly. Once the damaged tobacco is cleared and orderly marketing is effected, it is believed that prices will show a decided improvement.

While some markets have made favorable reports, it is honestly believed that dissatisfaction is prevalent throughout the belt. The government continues its efforts to effect a price-raising agreement, and it is generally agreed that something will be done to put the parity price into effect. Just how it will be done, no one definitely knows in these parts just now. The companies are expected to sign the agreement at any time, according to reports reaching here this morning.

Tom Wells Dies at Home In Poplar Point Township

Tom W. Wells, age 53, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clifton Baker, in Poplar Point Township last Tuesday following a stroke of paralysis. He had been in feeble health for some time.

He is survived by his wife and one son, Willie Wells, and one daughter. He was buried in the family plot in a cemetery on the Tyner Road Wednesday afternoon, Rev. C. T. Rogers, pastor of the local Methodist church, conducting the last rites.

University Plans Extension Course for Martin Teachers

Dr. George Howard, of the University of North Carolina, is planning to conduct an extension course for teachers, in this section, beginning next week. The course, "Administrative Problems for Classroom Teachers," may be taken for either certificate or graduate credit. The first meeting of teachers who are interested in the course is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, at 7:15 p. m., in the Williamston High School building. A tuition charge of \$7.50 per semester will be made.

Circus Disappointing To Large Numbers Here

The one-elephant circus; World Brothers' "Greater Shows", proved disappointing to large crowds here yesterday afternoon and evening. With the exception of one or two unusual acts, the circus was considered a flop. But the admission price was small, and the greatest loss was the time one spent under the canvas top.