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## MARKET AVERAGES OVER 20c

### Highest Average Since 1928 Is Made Here Yesterday

#### Lack of Interest in Election Next Week Seen in County

##### THIRD TIME DRYS AND WETS HAVE MET SINCE IN 1881

##### Indications Are Not Over 2,000 Votes Will Be Cast in County

Next Tuesday thousands of North Carolina voters go to the polls to voice their opinion on the prohibition question. At the present time leaders on both sides are anticipating victory while it is generally agreed that the present outlook points to a close contest.

The election next Tuesday is the third in which wet and dry forces have met in this State since 1881. The wets won in 1881, while the dries captured the 1908 contest, making the election next week a tie breaker. Reports now indicate a comparatively small vote.

In this county a continued lack of interest is noted, only a few names having been entered in the registration books last Saturday. Five of the eleven precincts reported 95 new electors as follows: Goose Nest, 7; Jamesville, 6; Poplar Point, 4; Bear Grass, 13; and Williamston, 65. Accurate reports could not be had from other precincts, but the number of new names added was negligible in nearly all of them, it was learned today.

The size of the vote next Tuesday will have much to do with the outcome of the election, it is believed. A small vote will react favorably for the wets, for it is generally believed the ardent wets will turn out without coercion. A large vote will reflect a greater interest on the part of the dries. Present indications point to a comparatively small vote, the "keen" observers estimating there'll be around 2,000 votes for the poll holders to count next Tuesday evening. Apparently the wets have the edge, judging from the estimates offered as to the size of the vote.

Reports from more than half of the precincts state that the people hardly know what to do about voting in the election. And in that case they are going to do nothing; that is, many of them.

Martin County voted "wet" in 1908 by a count of 1,032 to 590. The vote for the liquor election in 1881 when the State went "wet" by a big margin, could not be learned for this county as it is believed the records were destroyed along with other county records in the courthouse fire of 1883.

The 1908 vote reported in the 11 precincts follows:

| Precinct      | Wet  | Dry |
|---------------|------|-----|
| Jamesville    | 116  | 117 |
| Williams      | 54   | 35  |
| Griffins      | 126  | 18  |
| Bear Grass    | 130  | 12  |
| Williamston   | 128  | 135 |
| Robersonville | 134  | 113 |
| Gold Point    | 42   | 30  |
| Poplar Point  | 46   | 17  |
| Hamilton      | 66   | 51  |
| Goose Nest    | 118  | 32  |
| Total         | 1032 | 590 |

The 1,622 vote in 1908 is small compared with the 3,881 votes cast by Martin County voters in the last general election. Bear Grass and Griffins led the wet ticket, while Jamesville favored the dries by very narrow margins. The State electorate voted against the manufacture, and sale of liquor by a count of 113,612 to 69,416 in 1908.

##### Cotton Ginned Prior To October 18 Is Reported

Washington.—Cotton of this year's crop ginned prior to October 18 was reported recently by the census bureau to have totaled 8,605,580 running bales, exclusive of linters, counting 326,475 round bales as half bales, and including 1,183 bales of American-Egyptian cotton.

To that date last year 7,309,994 bales, including 246,367 round bales and 2,526 bales of American-Egyptian had been ginned.

North Carolina had ginned 481,522 bales prior to October 18.

#### Tax Collections Continue To Be Good as Dead Line Nears

Money was being rushed to the county coffers so rapidly yesterday that Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and his assistants at times found it difficult to wait on the property owners. Thousands of dollars were paid in settlement of 1932 tax accounts, the sheriff stating he would hardly be able to determine the amount of the collections before the latter part of the week. He stated, however, that present indications pointed to one of the smallest delinquent lists in the county in several years.

Collections were also gaining momentum at the office of the

town treasurer yesterday, the officials announcing one of the largest collections yesterday they had had in months. The delinquent list at the present time carries about the same number of names as the list carried last year for 1931 taxes, it was learned.

Advertising is scheduled next week, preparatory to the public sale the first Monday in December. Officials of both county and town were anxious to have the sales postponed last summer, but no further delay is possible now, and the dictates of the law will be followed.

#### SEEKING HIGHER WAGE SCALE FOR NEGRO TEACHER

##### Test Suit Will Be Brought By Northern Negro Association

Raleigh.—There is a darky in the wood pile in connection with the announced intention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to bring a test suit here in North Carolina in an attempt to compel the state to pay the same salaries to negro school teachers that it pays to white school teachers, it became evident here last week. For those who have been examining into the situation are convinced of two things, as follows:

1. That the agitation for this test suit to compel the state to pay higher salaries to negro school teachers is coming almost entirely from negro agitators and their sympathizers from outside the state, chiefly in New York and New England.

2. That the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is almost on the rocks financially and that it needs to put on some kind of spectacular campaign that will get negroes with money to shell out and donate the funds needed to keep it and its high paid organizers and agitators functioning.

"There is absolutely nothing to indicate that any of the more than 6,000 negro school teachers and principals have had anything to do with starting this agitation and the bringing of this suit," said a man here recently who is probably in closer touch with the negro school teachers than any one else. "In fact, most of these school teachers and principals are entirely satisfied with the salaries they are getting—which are much higher than those paid negro teachers in any other southern state—and are not in sympathy with this newest effort of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People to stir up trouble here in North Carolina. The more intelligent colored people here in the state are not going to be in sympathy with this effort."

Some factors back of agitation for higher pay for negro teachers... who have been in North Carolina for some time frankly admitted to Secretary Leroy Martin of the State School Commission that the reason they selected North Carolina for this test case, rather than some other southern state, was because North Carolina was the only state where they thought they had a chance of winning because it was the only state with any money to pay the teachers more if they did win. It is also believed that these northern negroes who represent this association, have waked up to the fact that the 6,500 or more negro teachers in the state have been getting good salaries into savings accounts and that this is perhaps the main reason for this campaign. For if the leaders in this movement can get the negro school teachers in the state stirred up and united with them in their demand for equal rights with the white school teachers, they evidently believe they can get them to make nice, fat con-

#### COTTON GINNED SHOWS INCREASE

##### 4,321 Bales Ginned in This County Up To 18th Of October

Despite the reduction program and the early picking and ginning of the crop, cotton production in this county continues well ahead of the 1932 harvest, it was learned from a government report released this week by Mr. Luther Hardison, cotton statistics collector. Up to the 18th of October, 4,321 bales of cotton had been ginned in this county, an increase of 1,610 bales over the ginnings up to the same time last year. Since the first of October and up to the 18th of the month the seven gins in this county turned out 1,585 bales.

Ginning operations are rapidly coming to a close in most sections of the county, and when the season is spent it is believed the current crop will be but very little larger than the one of last year. With a tobacco holiday in force during a greater part of September, it is agreed that the 1933 cotton crop was harvested in record time.

#### Williamston Defeats Hobgood Friday, 21-0

Williamston defeated Hobgood at Hobgood last Friday by the score of 21 to 0. This was the second triumph over Hobgood and the fourth straight win in as many starts for the local boys, who have been scored on only once, by Ayden, in the four games played.

Cooke and Anderson, backs, were outstanding for the local boys, although the entire game was marked by the fine play of the Williamston line. Joyner starred for the Hobgood team, which had been considerably strengthened since the first game of the season here, when they were defeated by a score of 33 to 0.

#### Increase Egg Production By Use of Electric Lights

In using artificial light in the laying house to increase egg production, two 40-watt bulbs for each 400 square feet of floor space give the most satisfactory results. This is sufficient light for a standard 20 by 20 laying house and should be placed in the center of the house 10 feet apart and 6 feet from the floor. A reflector about 16 inches in diameter and 4 inches deep should be regulated so that the birds have from 12 to 14 hours a day to eat.

Contributions from these savings accounts. In which case the Association for the Advancement of Colored People can be saved from the rocks of financial ruin and its many sleek and smart organizers, agitators and attorneys who have been drawing fat salaries for their efforts can continue to draw. Otherwise they might have to go to work.

It is said that the only way to increase salaries of negro teachers is to reduce those of the white teachers by about 12 percent. This would effect an increase of about 30 percent in salaries now paid negro teachers.

#### TO START DRIVE FOR REDUCTION ACREAGE SOON

##### Will Proceed Early in November to Form Leaf Control Groups

The program to reduce the crop of flue-cured tobacco to about 500,000,000 pounds in 1934 will start in North Carolina within the next few days.

Instructions received at State College from the tobacco section of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration indicate that all forms, contracts, and regulations have been prepared and that county farm agents may proceed early in November to begin the formation of county tobacco control associations.

Farm agents in the 57 counties growing flue-cured tobacco in the State have been instructed to meet at the college on November 3 and 4 to receive instructions in procedure. E. Y. Floyd, tobacco specialist for the extension service, has been in Washington for over a week securing all information necessary to handling the campaign. Mr. Floyd will have active charge of the movement in this state under the general supervision of Dean I. O. Schaub.

Mr. Schaub says that two or more men from the tobacco section of the AAA will come to State College for the county agent meeting on November 3 and 4 to aid Floyd in preparing plans for the campaign and in giving instructions to the agents.

North Carolina growers gave almost unanimous support to the tobacco program by signing up over 95 per cent of the land put to tobacco during the past three seasons. There were 55,771 agreements; representing 581,725 acres signed in the September campaign.

Similar action was taken by the growers of South Carolina, Virginia, and Georgia.

#### Topic For High School Debates Is Announced

Chapel Hill.—The British system of radio control and operation, under which advertisements are not broadcast, is to be discussed by hundreds of high school debaters throughout North Carolina next spring.

#### IF LIQUOR COMES BACK - WHAT?

By REV. J. M. PERRY

Perhaps the question or proposition might be better stated on this wise: If Liquor Comes Out of Hiding, What Be that as it may, we are thinking of the proposed repeal of the 18th Amendment.

The issue is not now, and never has been, liquor or, no liquor; that is, in the absolute sense, but: More liquor or less liquor. Prohibition had as its immediate goal the outlawing, the suppression and prohibiting of the use of liquor to the relative possible minimum, and as its ultimate goal to cure the American people of the drink evil. However difficult of obtaining, they are at least worthy aims. And how well prohibition succeeded in history and a matter of record, even if it is debatable.

That we do not have as many drunks on the streets of our towns and cities as we did in the old saloon days is so plainly apparent it has passed beyond the realm of reasonable debate. There are not so many fist fights, display of knives and guns on Saturday afternoons. It is true men have become more social, friendly, and fraternal. A number of factors are contributing causes for this improved condition, among them good roads, automobiles, daily and weekly newspapers, and better churches and schools. The obliteration of the lines of cleavage between country and town has helped. The city dweller and the country people dress, look, act, think, and in fact are more alike than ever before. Hence, a more friendly feeling and a recognition of community of interest. It is this changed psychology that is reflecting itself in the rapidly changing social, economic, and political order perhaps now in its incipency.

The most ardent advocate of prohibition would not presume to say it is responsible for all those healthy gains in our social life, but it has been one of the contributing factors in the process. How much it has contributed in impressing the nation and the world that liquor is an evil, and in suppressing millions of liquor desires perhaps will never be known. As it now, only those who have lost their self-respect, lowered mentality, or weakened will power habitually drink to excess and become drunks. But we fear that with the repeal of the 18th amendment, there will be a tendency toward so-called social, and even habitual and promiscuous drinking, and many, who have with the restraint of prohibition and a quasi-respectability, led sober lives, may yield to the temptation and fall. Let us hope for the better, even if it is hope against hope.

#### Satisfaction Is Expressed by Growers With Sales Monday

##### COUNTY AGENT HAS FORMS FOR COTTON LOANS

##### Commodity Credit Corporation Standing Behind Lending Agencies

County farm agents in the cotton-growing counties of North Carolina now have on hand the necessary forms and blanks to be executed by growers desiring to secure loans on their cotton.

"Any local bank, marketing association, person, or other lending agency may loan farmers 10 cents a pound on middling 7-8 inch cotton produced in 1933 and may be assured that the Commodity Credit Corporation will stand behind this loan, assuring of its being paid whenever the lender desires," says I. O. Schaub, dean of agriculture at North Carolina State College. "The producer may secure 10 cents a pound on cotton of low middling grade or better and of 7-8 inch staple or better. Below this grade and staple, 8 cents a pound may be secured. The Commodity Credit Corporation will purchase eligible paper at par with accrued interest at the rate of 4 per cent. The corporation will either make the loan directly to producers or will buy the paper from such local lending agencies as the banks or individuals."

Mr. Schaub said these loans should be attractive to banks, because many banks have cash on hand but are averse to loaning money. The loans on cotton are unusually liquid because the Commodity Credit Corporation will take up the loans whenever desired. All the producers' notes mature on or before July 31, 1934.

Those who secure loans on their cotton should be careful not to tender a note on which there is a lien. Producers should also keep in mind that those who expect to obtain the loans must agree to the cotton reduction program planned for 1934. Mr. Schaub said.

##### HOLDING PEANUTS

According to numerous and reliable reports coming from the peanut fields in this county, the farmers are holding their peanuts for three cents or better. One buyer, it is understood, has made visits into several sections, but was unable to make a purchase, the farmers holding out for a better price.

With dry weather prevailing, the farmers in this county are entering upon the task of picking peanuts in a big way. Late operations on the farm substantiate the early reports maintaining the crop is only one-half the normal size. Quality is said to be better than usual.

##### LOOK FOR MANY VISITORS HERE ARMISTICE DAY

##### Plans for Day Include Big Parade, Free Show, and Football Game

Arrangements for a big Armistice Day celebration here on Saturday of next week were virtually completed last night when members of the John W. Hassell Post met and discussed plans advanced by the program committee.

Thousands of visitors from Bertie, Hertford, Northampton, Gates, and this County are expected here that day to take part and witness the schedule of events. Big preparations are being made to entertain the former soldiers and their wives.

The main speaker will be Attorney Harold Cooley, of Nashville. Mr. Cooley, a prominent candidate for district attorney, is a speaker of note.

The Raleigh High School band, one of the best in the State, has been engaged, and it will lead the parade that morning. A free picture show for Legion members and their wives has been arranged for with the management of the Watts Theatre, and dinner will be served in the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse to the Legionnaires.

In the afternoon the Ahoskie and Williamston high school football teams will play on the local field, the game being free to Legion members.

##### Forest Fires Continue To Rage in County

Forest fires, started in several sections of the county last week, continue unabated. Large wooded sections have been burned during the past few days, and the atmosphere has been filled with smoke.

With no forest protection service provided in this county, and no one to take the initiative in checking the fires they continue to burn. Advice from Raleigh were to the effect that the C. C. C. boys located in Windsor could not come into Martin to fight fire because the county takes no part in forest fire prevention.

##### Local Mason To Have Special Meet Tonight

There will be a special communication of Skewarkee Lodge tonight at 7:30 o'clock, with work in the third degree. The work is being conferred for Conoho Lodge of Hamilton, and a large number from Hamilton and Oak City are expected to be present. Members are urged to attend and visiting Masons are cordially invited.

##### Big Order for Lumber Is Being Filled Here

One of the largest orders for lumber received here in some time is being filled by the Critcher Lumber Company. Nearly thirty carloads of green lumber will be shipped to furniture mills in Virginia, Mr. R. S. Critcher said yesterday. The first shipment will probably be made the latter part of this week.

#### AVERAGES OVER 30CENTS MADE BY MANY FARMERS

##### Generally Believed Now Is Best Time To Sell Good Tobacco

Selling 163,111 pounds of tobacco for an official average of \$20.25, the Williamston Tobacco market yesterday established a new high record for the season; in fact, it was the highest average reported since the season of 1928. Satisfaction was apparent throughout the day with one exception. One farmer is said to have turned a tag on a pile of tobacco that brought 47 cents a pound.

Prices ranged from 7 to more than 60 cents, and 30, 35, and 40 cent averages were numerous. The turning point for fair prices was very marked yesterday, and today prices continued well above the parity price. While prices might advance, it is evident from the sales this week that now is the time to sell good tobacco.

Farmers from as far away as Nash, Bertie, Halifax, Washington, Chowan, and including Martin are finding it is to their advantage both as to prices and convenience to sell on the Williamston market. Over a period of only a few days they had found that they received just as much money here as they can get anywhere for their tobacco, and they do not have to leave town from home two and three days to sell tobacco, not even to mention the added and surely unnecessary expense.

Visiting the farmers over the week-end, local warehousemen led by "Jake" Berger and Gus Perry, went out and guaranteed every one good sales, and the market is clicking smoothly with large sales expected from now on.

It is estimated that one-half or probably a little more of the present crop has been marketed. Farmers will find during the remainder of the season that they have much to gain by patronizing local warehouses.

#### BIG HIGHWAY LETTING SOON

##### Several Projects Here May Be Included in Letting November 8

Contracts for Federal public works highway projects involving more than \$1,000,000 will be let November 8, Chairman E. B. Jeffress of the State Highway and Public Works Commission announced following a meeting of the commission recently.

Projects to be included in the letting will be those sent to the Federal Bureau of Roads October 5. Jeffress last night received word from Washington that the list had been approved. The proposals are estimated to cost \$1,900,000, but it is not likely that all of them will be included in the November 8 letting.

It could not be learned whether any of the improvement projects proposed here would be included in the letting week after next. The proposed projects, including the removal of the railroad bridge supports at the end of West Main Street; and the widening of Main Street near the underpass and courthouse and Washington Street from the warehouses to the railroad, have been approved by the state, it is understood.

##### Local Highs To Play At Windsor On Friday

Williamston and Windsor High School football teams meet Friday in what promises to be a closely contested game. Both teams have splendid records for this season's play, neither team having been defeated. Coach Peters' boys with four victories out of as many games played, have had their goal line crossed only once. The entire squad returned from Hobgood without injury, and will work out daily in preparing for Friday's game, which will be played at Windsor at 3:30.