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AUTO TAG SALE IS NEARLY DOUBLE THAT LAST YEAR

Williamston Bureau Sells 3,033 Auto Tags For Around \$45,230

Martin County automobile owners, with the aid of a few others from nearby counties, have spent approximately \$45,230 for State license tags so far this year, it was learned from the Carolina Motor Club bureau in the Williamston Motor Company building here yesterday. The number of tags sold and the amount of revenue received at the local bureau are nearly twice the size of the sale and receipts for the 1933 tags. Judging from the records, conditions are just twice as good, if not a little better than that, for the automobile-owning class in this section as a year ago.

Up to yesterday, the local bureau had sold 3,033 tags, as compared with 1,823 tags sold during the entire season for the 1933 plates. Last year the total receipts amounted to \$24,395, as compared with approximately \$45,230 this year. The figures would indicate that the number of cars in the county has doubled. Surely, the number has been increased, but far from doubled over the number of a year ago. The discrepancy in the figures for the two years developed when many owners waited until the first quarter period expired before buying their auto plates, and still others waited for the half-year plates, which were bought at half price. Some were forced to keep their cars in the garage through the third quarter. And still there were a few "poor devils" who had to foot it here and there throughout the entire year.

Now the 1934 license sale record indicates that almost every one is back on four wheels again, riding here and there, but probably unknowingly headed in the direction of the hill and the poor house. But there is an increase in license sales throughout the state, and it now looks as if the place the car owners are headed for, wherever it is, will be crowded. Fair sales continue at the local bureau, but the business for the tag year is just about spent.

It was unofficially learned that the office here would be discontinued by the Carolina Motor Club, but the local managers have not been notified to that effect. It was first announced that the bureau would be maintained throughout the year.

TWO BIG SUITS ENTERED HERE

G. N. Cowing Asks \$5,000 Damages From W. G. Anthony of Hamilton

Two sizeable law suits, one asking \$20,000 and the other \$5,000 damages, are scheduled for trial at the next term of Martin County superior court.

One of the cases, Thomas H. Bowers against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, asking \$20,000 damages, has been on the calendar for some time, but it has been continued from time to time. The plaintiff lost his right foot when he was run down by a train in Parmele last March a year ago.

The other case, G. N. Cowing against W. G. Anthony, was filed in the clerk of court's office here this week. Cowing is asking \$5,000 damages as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident near Hamilton on the 27th of last month. The plaintiff suffered a broken leg and other injuries, it is understood.

Schedule of Services at the Church of Advent Sunday

E. F. Moseley, rector.
Third Sunday after Epiphany:
Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.
Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.

Holy Trinity Mission

Sunday school and preaching service at 3:30 p. m.

Fire Company Gets First New Year Call Yesterday

The local volunteer fire company had its first local call of the new year yesterday morning at 10:45 o'clock when fire threatened the home of Mary Williams, colored, on Sycamore Street. Sparks from a poorly constructed flue caught and burned the paper from one side of the wall. The resulting damage was slight. The property belonged to Mary Jones, a resident of New York, it was said.

Bank Here Observes Robt. E. Lee's Birthday Today

The Branch Banking and Trust Company observed Robert E. Lee's birthday as a holiday here today.

Approximately \$6,000 For CWA Workers This Week

Approximately \$6,000 will be paid to Civil Work Administration employees in the county this week, Disbursing Agent Luther Peel said yesterday. The payroll this week will likely be the largest so far issued, Mr. Peel added.

LAST YEAR ONE OF DRIEST FOR MANY SEASONS

Total Rainfall Only 36.60 Inches; Is 20 Inches Below Normal

With a rainfall of only 36.60 inches, this section experienced one of the driest years in 1933 than in many, many seasons. Records kept by Hugh Spruill at the Roanoke River bridge here show a rainfall for the period nearly 20 inches below normal. In 1931 the rainfall here was six inches below normal. The following year the below-normal figure was 11.09 inches. Last year a still further decrease was recorded, the figure being 19.4 inches below the average. Judging from the continued rainfall decrease during the past three years, a dry year might be looked for in 1934. The decrease last year was nearly twice as great as it was the year before, and the water shortage was more noticeable during that period than for some time.

Dry periods have been experienced during short periods for years and years, but all of last year was unusually dry. A shortage of water was reported in surface wells. Small streams ran dry, and even the old Roanoke, with its ups and downs common in years past held to an unusually low level throughout the year with very few exceptions. Low waters in the Roanoke have handicapped shipping on the stream above this point. Many farmers, for the first time in their lives, had to haul water from deep wells for use in killing hogs this season.

While the season was an unusually dry one, no serious damage was caused by drought last spring and summer in this county. The dry season damaged crops considerably the year before in some sections of the county.

According to the records kept by Mr. Spruill, the rainfall varies considerably, as shown in inches, as follows, for the past three years:

	1933	1932	1931
January	2.43	3.74	2.17
February	4.06	3.02	2.03
March	2.75	3.48	2.84
April	3.04	1.76	4.62
May	5.45	3.37	5.51
June	1.94	2.33	5.11
July	6.08	3.45	5.26
August	6.25	5.16	11.65
September	2.47	1.79	4.21
October	.25	6.99	.33
November	.65	4.74	.34
December	1.23	5.08	3.93
Total	36.60	44.91	48.00

HURT MONDAY IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Frances Wells Suffers Arm Fracture When Hit By Auto Near Jamesville

Frances Wells, about 15 years old, suffered a broken arm and other injuries last Monday shortly after the noon hour when she was struck by an automobile driven by Captain Hooten at Gardner's Creek, near Jamesville. Her condition is not considered serious, and she is getting along as well as could be expected, according to information received here yesterday.

The girl, daughter of Will Wells, is said to have stepped from behind one car into the path of the one driven by the boat captain.

Mr. Hooten, a resident of Jamesville, is held blameless for the accident, it is understood.

Tobacco Market Closes Successful Season Today

Selling several thousand pounds of tobacco here this morning, the local market lowered the curtain on the 1933-34 marketing season with prices the strongest since the holidays, but below the peak average back in November and December. With the sales nearly double in size those of last season and prices substantially higher, the Williamston market had a very successful year.

Local Team To Play CCC Boys from Windsor Today

The Williamston High School basketball team will play Windsor's 3-C boys in the Farmers Warehouse here tonight at 7:45 o'clock. The forestry boys have a good team, and a good game is expected.

CURTAILMENT IN CWA WORK NOW LIKELY IN STATE

Appropriations Said To Be Insufficient To Maintain Present Schedule

Instructions received from state headquarters of the CWA this morning ordered a curtailment in working hours for present employees and virtually prohibited any increase in the number of workers.

The maximum working time for employees on projects in centers of more than 2,500 population is 24 hours per week; in centers of less than 2,500 the maximum working time is 15 hours a week, effective immediately. In other words, the pay, while unchanged as far as the hourly-basis is concerned, will be cut half along with the working time in those centers of less than 2,500.

It was first understood that the "stagger" system would go into effect, but apparently present activities will be curtailed by half, with no addition of new workers to the CWA list. The action taken today resulted when the appropriations were considered insufficient to meet the estimated project costs.

Two or three projects approved for this county only this week will probably be postponed or called off as a result of the action taken by the State authorities this morning.

JOENICHOLSON DIES WEDNESDAY

Funeral Services Conducted at Late Home Near Here Yesterday Afternoon

Joe Nicholson, highly respected and successful farmer, died at his home near here last Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock from a complication of diseases. Mr. Nicholson suffered a stroke of paralysis several years ago, and he had been in declining health since that time. However, he was able to be up and about until about a week ago, when he suffered a second paralytic stroke, and the end came gradually. Prior to his first stroke he was very active for his advanced age.

Mr. Nicholson, 72 years old, in early life married Miss Martha Keel, who, with seven children, survives. They are Mrs. Buck Taylor, Mrs. Sam Gardner, Messrs. Luther, Eli, Will, Joe, and Grover Nicholson, all of this county. Mr. Nicholson was typical of the small-scale farmer in this section. He was industrious and worked hard, accepting his obligations as he made them. While he never asked many favors, he was ready to aid others and was recognized as a friend by all who knew him.

Funeral services were held from the late home on the McGaskie road near here yesterday afternoon by Rev. E. F. Moseley, rector of the local Episcopal church. Interment followed in the family burial ground, near the home.

Fire Company Answers Call at Noon Today

The local volunteer fire company answered its second call of the week today at noon when fire threatened the home of Will Baker, near the river. Very little damage was done to the roof where the fire caught. Sick children and some of the household goods had been removed when the firemen reached the scene.

Carload of Texas Mules Expected Here Today

Returning from Atlanta this week, Dr. John F. Thigpen said he bought one of the best carloads of mules he had ever seen in his life. The mules were raised in Texas and will arrive here either this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

Size of Family Should Govern Size of Garden

The size of the family should govern the size of the garden. A tenth of an acre will produce an abundance of vegetables for one person, and this amount should be allowed for each member of the family except for children under 5 years of age. If such crops as watermelons, cantaloupes, Irish and sweet potatoes are to be grown, a larger acreage is needed. If these are grown outside the garden, half an acre will be sufficient to furnish a family of five.

Cleveland Farmers Get \$335,000 Added for Cotton

Cleveland County farmers will receive \$160,000 for their cotton options which in addition to the \$175,000 in rentals will add \$335,000 to the value of the 1933 cotton crop.

About One-fourth Town 1934 Taxes Are Collected

With approximately \$9,638 already paid to the treasury, Williamston town taxes are nearly one-fourth collected, it was learned from the treasurer's office yesterday.

Fair-sized collections are expected between now and the first of next month, when a penalty of 1 per cent is scheduled to go into effect.

AUTOS KILLED 852 PEOPLE IN STATE DURING YEAR 1933

Auto Death Toll Increased From 674 In 1932 To 852 Last Year

Motor vehicle mishaps in this State during the past year claimed 852 lives—178 more than the 674 killed in 1932. In December there were 102 victims, three less than November's toll.

During the final month of the year there were 3,009 deaths in this State; therefore, of every 100 deaths in December, three were caused in motor vehicle tragedies.

The only bright spot in the State's record for December is the fact that the highway patrol found fewer drunk en drivers menacing sober motorists, the patrol arresting 97 on that account, whereas in November a total of 115 intoxicated men and women were arrested while piloting their cars.

Tar Heel births during December far exceeded deaths, the figures being 7,692 to 3,009.

Statistics used are compiled from reports issued yesterday by three state divisions: Highway patrol, motor vehicle bureau, and the board of health. In addition to the 102 automobiles fatalities in December, there were 463 persons injured in motor mishaps. There were 357 accidents in all, with 523 cars involved.

Drunken drivers were at the wheel in mishaps that cost 12 lives and injured 35. Six children were killed while playing in the streets and 20 were injured. Autos depleted the ranks of pedestrians by 31 and were responsible for 57 being injured.

TAX COLLECTION HOLDS UP WELL

More Than One-fourth Of County 1934 Tax Levy Already Collected

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck outdistanced the state auto license sales in this county recently for the first time in years. While the bureau was taking in approximately \$45,000 for auto tags the sheriff collected \$50,156.07 on 1933 taxes.

Last year the expenditures for auto tags were greater than the tax collections, and the auto license sales there were hardly more than half of the size of the sales for 1934.

The office is well over a fourth done in collecting 1934 taxes, the receipts for 1934 being the largest up to now for any period in years.

Taxes are payable at par now, but after February 1 a penalty of 1 per cent is scheduled to go into effect. It is believed that many property owners will care for their accounts before the penalty goes into effect.

FINAL RITES FOR MRS. ROBERSON

Mrs. Bettie Roberson Died In Hospital at Raleigh Last Monday

Funeral services for Mrs. Bettie Roberson, who died in a Raleigh hospital last Monday morning, were held from the home of W. M. Harrison on Tuesday afternoon, with Elder B. S. Cowin conducting the last rites. Interment was in the Biggs Roberson burial ground, near Bear Grass.

Mrs. Roberson had been in feeble health for some time, and had been in the hospital for about one year. She lived in Robersonville with Mrs. Bettie Gray, her aunt, for several years before entering the hospital for treatment.

Two brothers, Joe and Kinney Roberson, of Texas, survive. She also leaves several nephews and nieces in this county.

Tomorrow Is Last Day To Sign Tobacco Contract

Tomorrow is the deadline for signing tobacco acreage reduction contracts. It is understood that there are a few farmers—less than a dozen—who have failed to sign the contract. None of that number has refused to sign, it is understood; they have just failed to sign.

Non-signers are taking chances on marketing their tobacco crop in the fall, it is understood.

26 WOMEN TO BE GIVEN WORK ON THREE PROJECTS

Sewing Project To Employ Twenty-two Women In This County

Three projects, employing 26 women in this county, were approved by the State authorities of the Civil Works Administration this week, it was learned here yesterday.

A sewing project, employing 22 women, was one of the three approved. No appointments have been announced but plans are being made to start the work as soon as possible. Sewing activities will probably be centered in three or four towns of the county, depending upon the number of unemployed women available for the work.

A second project provided secretarial assistance in the offices of register of deeds, clerk of court, and sheriff. Misses Hazel Brown and Katherine Shute have been named for the first two offices, respectively.

The third of the three projects employs one person, Mrs. Asa Corey, to plan meals and supervise housework at the Martin County home.

A request has been made to the state authorities to increase the quota of women workers from 38 to 65, the inauguration of the last three projects in their entirety depending upon the action taken by the state authorities in granting the request for an increased quota, it is understood.

At the present time there are 16 women working in school lunch rooms; 8 others are busy with a school census; 3 are serving as secretaries in the Williamston, Robersonville, and Oak City schools; and four are working in libraries in the Jamesville, Williamston, Robersonville, and Oak City schools.

A drainage project for the town of Oak City was also approved by the authorities in Raleigh this week, but no details in connection with it could be learned here yesterday.

HOLD LEADERS' SCHOOL ON 24TH

Miss Mary E. Thomas Will Conduct Classes Here For Club Leaders

By Miss Lora E. Sleeper
Miss Mary E. Thomas, extension specialist in foods and nutrition, of Raleigh, will be in the county January 24th. Miss Thomas will conduct a school for leaders only in the office of the home demonstration agent. The meeting will begin at 10 a. m. and continue into the afternoon. All leaders selected through the home demonstration club meetings are asked to bring lunch. Two leaders have been selected in each club, and all leaders are expected to attend this meeting. The demonstration at this time will be devoted to the preparation of vegetables, subject: "Making Common Winter Vegetables Uncommon."

Miss Thomas needs no introduction to the home demonstration club women in the county, as many have been privileged to attend her meetings at Raleigh and in the county before. We are so glad to have her return to the county once more to help all interested club women in food preparation, meal planning and serving. Miss Thomas will need the help of every club food leader.

Planning Another Kitchen Contest In This County

By Miss Lora E. Sleeper
A kitchen contest is being planned again for all women interested, whether club members or not. If you plan to remodel, rearrange, paint, or improve your kitchen suppose you join a kitchen contest and secure some credit for your work. If there are enough folks interested in this contest, it will start in February. The kitchen will be visited and suggestions made for improvement on the basis of a score card worked out by the State Extension Department at Raleigh. A record of all scores will be secured, and the final scoring will be done in May. This contest is to be carried as follow-up work as a result of the two-years work in the home management project. Those who enroll in the contest from home demonstration clubs will work for certificates or awards of merit given as a result of two-years work in a project.

Jamesville Girls Win from Roper Team by 55 To 12

The Jamesville girls' basketball team continued to exhibit an undefeated record by defeating Roper Tuesday at Roper with a major score of 55 to 12. Perry, with 25 points, and Martin, with 22, featured for Jamesville. The boys' team broke even with a 15-to-15 tie.

Woman's Club To Hold Dance Here Tonight

The Woman's Club is sponsoring a dance in its club hall here this evening from 9:30 to 2 o'clock. Fred Rogers' Robersonville orchestra will furnish the music, it was announced by a member of the committee this morning.

FARMERS PAID AVERAGE \$16.11 TO JANUARY 1

Receive \$75,836,477.85 For 470,840,955 Pounds Sold In State Last Year

North Carolina tobacco producers had sold 470,840,955 pounds of tobacco at an average price of \$16.11 per hundred pounds up to January 1, the state federal crop reporting service reported recently.

The sale compared with 268,421,876 pounds at an average of \$12.11 per hundred for the same period a year ago.

The report indicated Tar Heel farmers had received \$75,836,477.85 for their crop this year, compared with \$32,505,889 for the crop marketed during the same period last year.

The December state average price was \$17.25 per hundred, approximately at the government parity estimate, but it was more than \$2 per hundred pounds lower than the November average of \$19.57.

The \$17.25 paid last month, however, was \$6 a hundred better than the average of \$11.02 on December, 1932.

RECORDER HAD BUT SIX CASES

Judge Imposes Two Small Fines and Sends Several To Roads Tuesday

Handling only six cases, the recorder's court had a rather uneventful session here last Tuesday. However, Judge Peel made the most with what he had, collecting several small fines and sentencing several defendants to the roads for terms of varying duration.

The case charging N. B. Lilley with an attempted assault with a deadly weapon was not prossed.

Medrid Daniel was ordered to pay \$4 a month for the next months for the support of a minor.

Adjudged guilty of violating the liquor laws, Solomon Hyman was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost.

Norman Jones was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost in the case charging him with violating the liquor laws.

Earl Moseley, Bruce Moseley, and Willie Buck Williams were each sentenced to the roads for a period of four months for the alleged larceny of a small quantity of gasoline.

Johnnie Jones was found not guilty in the case charging him with carrying a concealed weapon.

Brother of Z. H. Rose Died At Fremont Last Sunday

Goldshoro, Jan. 17.—Funeral services for Charles L. Rose, 71, prominent citizen of Fremont, this county, were conducted from the home Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Mr. Wesley Primitivo Baptist minister, of Selma. Interment was in the family plot in the cemetery at Fremont. He died at his home at 11:30 Sunday night following a heart attack about noon Saturday.

The deceased was a prominent farmer, land-owner and lumber operator, and had a host of friends throughout the section. He was a native of Wayne County, a son of Jesse Charles and Delphia Barnes Rose. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist church. He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Nancy Olivia Dickinson; six children, Mrs. Earl Pippin, Mrs. John B. Exum, Jr., John and Charles Rose, Jr., of Fremont; O. L. Rose, of Goldshoro; and William H. Rose, of New York City; and four brothers, S. L. Rose, Goldshoro; J. R. Rose, Wallace; W. W. Rose, Kenley; and Z. H. Rose, of Williamston.

Methodists Announce Their Usual Schedule of Services

U. T. Rogers, pastor.
"To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming is the only end in life."

Nothing will be more of help in making the above statement true in your life than the Sunday school and church. Our Sunday school, by classes, is on a tour to Asheville; that is, in our imagination. Won't you join with us.

Our usual services will be held on Sunday and during the week here, at Holly Springs, and Mary Cherry farm. You are welcome and invited to attend. Go to Sunday school and church somewhere every Sunday.

SEVEN LOANS IN COUNTY O. K'D BY HOME LOAN BANK

Around 200 Farmers Seek To Borrow \$400,000 from Federal Land Bank

Seven loans on homes in this county have been approved by the Home Loan Bank, and two others on county farm lands have been filed in the register of deeds' office here, leaving about 143 home loans and approximately 198 loans on land for consideration by the Home Loan and Federal Land Bank authorities.

All applications filed with the county attorneys have been prepared and forwarded to the district offices. Just as soon as the applications are considered, the applicants will be notified. The work has been progressing slowly probably because of the great number of applications that have been made throughout the United States. It is believed, however, that the loans will be handled more rapidly in the future, creating a new hope for these applicants who are about to lose their property.

Nearly all the loans are being sought by property owners to refinance present obligations.

The approximately 200 land applications call for loans totaling around \$400,000. The approximately 150 home loan applications ask for between \$100,000 and \$150,000, it is believed.

County attorneys have rushed the applications into the district offices, and the delay resulted when the requests for loans poured in so rapidly from all over the State and other parts of the country that the authorities could not handle them promptly. Many of the loans have been pending for several months.

HUNTING SEASON IS ABOUT OVER

Time for Shooting Rabbits and Quail Will Be Out First of February

Raleigh.—With the curtain drawn on the hunting of migratory waterfowl for the season, North Carolina gunners and followers of the hounds are arranging to get in their final trips ahead as other seasons draw to a close.

Shooting periods have already terminated on several species of game and others have only a few weeks to run before guns must be placed on the rack for the current season, officials of the Department of Conservation and Development announced.

January 15 was the last day for hunting migratory wildfowl in North Carolina under both federal and state laws. Deer hunters laid aside their guns more than a month ago when the season closed in all three major zones of the state on December 15. Squirrel hunters have also stacked their firearms for the current shooting period, the closing date being November 30 in the Western zones and December 31 in the Central and Eastern zones.

Devotees of the chase have less than two weeks to follow the hounds in pursuit of opossums and raccoons, January 31 being the last day for that sport until next season. The closing of the season on bear closed coincidentally in the Western and Central zones with the shooting of migratory waterfowl. Bear season in the Eastern zone extends on since no closed season is provided for this area.

While the main season on upland game, including quail, wild turkey, and rabbits has already expired in the Western zone, hunters have until February 20 in the Central zone and February 1 in the Eastern zone to pursue these sports.

Closing dates mentioned for the various types of games, according to conservation officials, do not take into account the exceptions from the zone system represented by local county laws which in certain instances provide for different open and closed seasons. The current season according to general reports, has witnessed the greatest abundance of game in North Carolina for years.

Distributing 750 Pounds of Butter to County Needy

The Martin County welfare office is distributing 750 pounds of butter to needy families in this county. In an effort to lessen the surplus of dairy products, the Government is distributing butter after the method followed in giving meat and other food to the families on the relief list.

Approximately 200 Town Car Owners Purchase Tags

Approximately 200 of the 225 automobiles in town are now equipped with town license tags, Chief Daniel said here today. The sale has progressed rapidly, and it is believed the sale will be completed within the next few days.