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351 LOANS MADE BY NEW AGENCY IN THIS SECTION

Production Credit Association Gets Away To Good Start in District

The Production Credit Association has made 351 loans to farmers and stockmen of Beaufort, Hyde-Martin, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties since its recent organization, according to a statement today of J. E. Hull, secretary-treasurer of the association.

While the minimum amount of a production loan is \$50, Mr. Hull says that the average-size loan is for several hundred dollars, and a number of production loans up to \$1,000 or more have been handled.

So far, most of these loans are being used by farmers in this vicinity to purchase livestock, work stock, seed, fertilizer, and farming supplies, although Mr. Hull says that in several instances farmers have specified in their applications that a part of the money was to be used to hire labor, or pay off an indebtedness incurred for agricultural purposes.

The present interest rate of 5 1/2 per cent per annum on production loans is charged only for the time the money is being used, and is payable at the end of the term of the loan. Mr. Hull says that some farmers are saving any where from 1-4 to 1-2 on interest costs by obtaining loans on an installment basis, having the money advanced to them in amounts as needed during the season. Loans through the association are made for all phases of agricultural financing incident to a farm production. These loans range ordinarily from 3 to 12 months, depending on the length of time required for the borrower to grow and market his crops, livestock, or otherwise pay off the loan as required.

NO CONTESTS IN TOWNSHIPS

Little Interest Manifested in Politics Generally; Few Candidates

That there is little interest in politics in this county outside the clerk of court race and probably the senatorial contest is further evidenced in the announcement of candidates for township or district offices. Five candidates for township offices were filed with Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections, and as there was no competition all were declared party nominees.

Those filing and the offices they seek are:

- Onward J. Gaylord, for Justice of the Peace, Jamesville Township.
- R. C. Sexton, constable, Jamesville Township.
- Heman U. Peel, Justice of the Peace, Bear Grass Township.
- Lucian J. Peel, constable, Bear Grass Township.
- Howard F. Griffin, constable, Griffins Township.

Dr. W. L. Potat Speaker At Local Church Sunday

Dr. W. L. Potat will conduct the morning religious service at the Memorial Baptist church Sunday, and the pastor will have charge of the evening hour's worship period.

One week from this Sunday evening the Scotland Neck choir, noted over Eastern Carolina for its religious musical attainments, will render a program at the 8 o'clock hour.

The coming of Williamston of Dr. Potat is always looked forward to with peculiar interest. His theme for Sunday morning, while unannounced, will doubtless be timely and full of interest. The public is invited.

Mrs. Biggs Pupils To Give Recital Monday

The piano pupils of Mrs. W. H. Biggs will give a recital Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium, to which the public is invited.

Young Bear Grass Man Shoots Self Accidentally

Edgar Ayers, young Bear Grass white man, shot two of his fingers from his left hand at his home there last Sunday afternoon. The man, playing with the weapon, had his finger over the barrel when he started to close the gun and it accidentally fired. He was given first aid treatment in Robersonville, and later entered a Washington hospital for treatment, it was said.

RECORDER HAD ANOTHER BUSY DAY TUESDAY

Number Heavy Fines Are Levied and Sentences Meted Out

Judge H. O. Peel and Solicitor W. H. Coburn had another busy day in the county court last Tuesday, when 18 cases were called, the court making the activities profitable and rather unpleasant for many of the defendants. Several substantial fines were imposed and one or two lengthy road sentences were meted out during the day.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging T. V. Davis with trespass. In a second case advancing the same charge Davis was found not guilty.

G. T. Adams was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost in the case charging his with operating an automobile while intoxicated. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for a period of six months.

Joe Matthews, charged with violating the liquor laws and operating an automobile while intoxicated was fined \$75 and taxed with the costs.

Walter Godard was sentenced to the roads for a period of 15 months when he was adjudged guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon.

In a second case, charging Godard with operating a car while intoxicated, he was fined \$10, but he appealed to the higher courts.

Charlie Harris, pleading guilty in the case charging him with selling liquor, was fined \$50, and if payment of that amount and the costs is not made, he is to go to the roads for 90 days. The court suspended judgment in the case charging James Wilson with selling liquor.

Selector Andrews was sentenced to the roads for 60 days for carrying a concealed weapon.

A motion of non-suit was allowed in the case charging John Briley with abandonment and non-support.

Charged with assault with a deadly weapon, Edgar and Roosevelt Parker were sentenced to the roads for 60 days each.

A nol pros resulted in the case charging Perlie Benbridge with an attempted assault. It is understood the charge was framed against the defendant, and that it fell through when the show-down was reached.

W. K. Dean, alleged run-runner, charged with reckless driving following a wreck on Houghton and Church Streets here last week, appeared for trial, but the case was continued one week.

J. N. Simpson and Sadie Coburn, charged with fornication and adultery, pleaded not guilty, the court continuing the case until July.

W. D. Beach was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost in the case charging him with reckless driving and operating a car while intoxicated.

Kelly and White Salisbury, charged on two counts with stealing chickens, were sentenced to the roads for 90 days each, the sentences to run concurrently.

John Henry Teel was taxed with the cost and directed to pay \$4 each month during the next six months to the prosecuting witness in the case charging him with bastardy.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case charging Joe Peel, jr., with bastardy.

The court suspended judgment upon the payment of cost in the case charging William Henry Roberson with a simple assault.

Ford Movie Show Here Two Days Next Week

The Ford Motor Company has completed arrangements for showing an unusual moving picture and demonstration of its cars here next Wednesday and Thursday, the local agency announced this week.

The show will be held afternoon and night both days on the lot near the Planters Warehouse, Houghton Street.

FINAL EXERCISES OF SCHOOL HERE AT 8:00 TONIGHT

Dr. B. F. Brown Will Deliver Literary Address; Program At 8:00

The commencement address, presentation of diplomas and certificates and awards of cups in the high school auditorium this evening at 8 o'clock will mark the close of another term for the Williamston schools.

Graduating the largest number of young men and women in its history, the school closes one of the most successful terms in its history.

The program for the final exercises this evening was announced today by Principal D. N. Hix as follows:

Introduction of speaker, by J. C. Manning, superintendent of county schools.

Address by Dr. B. F. Brown, dean of the school of science and business, State College.

Announcements.

Presentation of diplomas to 25 candidates and certificates to seventh grade pupils by Principal D. N. Hix.

Awards of cups to valedictorian, best all-round student, outstanding home economics student, best athlete and civic award. These awards will not be made public until the program tonight.

The band concert and class day program were well received last Wednesday evening, when the following program was rendered with all members of the senior class taking part:

Class history, by Lavinia Lilley.

Last will and testament by Shelbon Hall.

Senior class statistics by Elsie Mae Jackson.

Class Prophecy by Nell Harrison.

BOARD MEMBERS DRAW JURY LIST FOR JUNE COURT

Names of 36 Citizens Drawn For Court Starting Third Monday in June

A jury list was drawn by the county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting for the June term of superior court, convening the third Monday in June. The list carries the names of 36 citizens, two of whom have the same names.

The list, by townships:

Jamesville: Luther Hardison, D. D. Coburn, Horton G. Modlin, W. H. Lilley, J. T. Cooper.

Williams: Clyde Williams and Joe B. Lanier.

Griffins: S. Oscar Peel, J. Heber Peel, Coy J. Roberson.

Bear Grass: Asa Harris.

Williamston: J. D. Bowen, M. D. Wilson, S. C. Peel, Warren H. Biggs, B. S. Courtney, John A. Manning, C. E. Jenkins.

Cross Roads: J. R. Keel, M. R. Gurganus, J. S. Ayers, Willie Ausborn, Chester Taylor.

Robersonville: J. J. Williams, Irving L. Smith, H. L. Latham, W. G. Bryant, Roy Crofton, D. B. Parker, Herbert Bunting, and George D. Warf.

Hamilton: W. S. Rhodes, Ernest Davis, and J. S. Ayers.

Goose Nest: W. J. Stroud and Charlie Harrington.

SEVENTY DOLLARS STOLEN FROM COMPANY'S SAFE

Seventy dollars in cold cash were stolen from the safe of the Dunn Plumbing Company here a few days ago. No trace of the thief has been found.

PRICE DOUBLED

Washington.—Secretary Wallace last week tentatively approved a marketing agreement under which four tobacco companies would contract to purchase at least 18,500,000 pounds of cigar leaf tobacco at prices approximately 100 per cent higher than prevailed last season.

The agreement is being submitted to the Bloch Tobacco Co., Liggett and Myers, P. Lorillard Co., and the Scott-Dillon Company. It would apply to stemming grades of cigar leaf.

PLAN INCREASE TOBACCO QUOTA

Action Would Allow All Farmers To Market More Tobacco

Late developments in Washington are recognized as very encouraging to those Martin farmers who maintain their tobacco poundage was cut under the reduction program beyond all reason. Reports were received here today indicating that steps are to be taken allowing farmers to market without penalty 80 percent instead of 70 percent of their base production figure.

Prospects for a short crop were said to be the main reason for considering an increase in the marketing allotments. Whether or not this increase will be allowed isn't certain, but present indications point favorably to an increased allotment.

This action, now under contemplation only for the flue cured belt of Georgia, South and North Carolina and Virginia is known to have met with the approval of the tobacco section of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, and is prompted by severe drought conditions in sections of the belt.

Passage of the Kerr bill, imposing a penalty of from 25 to 33 1/3 per cent upon all tobacco not produced under reduction agreements, is said to be meeting some late and strong opposition, but there is hope for its passage, it is understood.

A reduction in tobacco taxes was said to be gaining favor in Congress this week, and while some say a reduction in tobacco taxes will not aid the farmer, other are of the opinion that a reduction will mean much to the growers.

66 MEN GIVEN WORK ON ROADS

number Is Expected To Be Gradually Increased To About 100

Sixty-six Martin men are now employed on the two road projects under construction in the upper part of the county, it was learned yesterday from Employment Director J. W. Hines. About 20 men were assigned work on the Bethel-Oak City project yesterday, and others will be assigned from time to time, it was stated, until about 100 men are on the payrolls.

Several men will be given employment when work is started on the street widening project here within the next few days, it is understood.

Skilled workmen were required for work on the railroad bridge here this week, but common laborers and others are expected to return to the job before it is completed. Preparations are now being made to replace the old steel bridge with a new and larger one and remove the supports in the center of the highway.

BASEBALL MEET NEXT TUESDAY

To Make Final Plans For League at Meeting In Windsor

While baseball in the Albemarle-Roanoke territory is almost assured, there are a few matters to be settled at a meeting in Windsor next Tuesday evening before a definite schedule can be announced, it was learned here this morning from local club officials.

It is believed now that six clubs, Elizabeth City, Edenton, Ahoskie, Windsor, Plymouth and Williamston, will enter the league, and that rules and regulations and a schedule will be announced following the meeting next Tuesday evening.

At a local meeting held here last Wednesday night, Messrs. V. J. Spivey and E. P. Cunningham were directed to enter Williamston in the league at a meeting held last evening in Edenton. Windsor had not officially completed its arrangements to enter at that time, but it was understood that it would have a club.

Much discussion was centered around Ahoskie's plan to employ 7 players or permit Hertford and Northampton Counties to support a team jointly.

BAND CONCERT IS FEATURE OF FINAL PROGRAM

Progress of Local Boys Is Agreeable Surprise To Large Audience

Appearing in their first public concert locally before a crowded auditorium here last Wednesday evening, the Williamston High School Band, efficiently directed by Mr. S. A. Braxton, agreeably surprised their listeners and, it is believed, climaxed the entire closing program in the local school.

The promising young musicians rendered several selections and their program, while a bit short, was well received.

Organized only a few months ago, the band is rapidly developing into a musical organization of note for a community of this size. Already several of the young boys are well advanced in the art, and nearly every one of the others is rapidly following the same course. While showing an aptitude for handling their instruments, the boys gave evidence of splendid training.

Professor Hix stated that evening that the activities of the band would be continued through the summer months, and invited other young boys of the community to join him next Thursday.

The band has an unusually large number of members for a town of this size, but it is believed there are others interested in the organization, clearing indicating that the town and community has a very worthy undertaking well established, and one that is advancing rapidly. Other than a continued schedule of practice during the summer months, the band has no outlined program, but it is believed that its members will enjoy many advantages as they progress in the art.

LARGE NUMBER CASES MEASLES ARE REPORTED

Health Record For Past Not As Favorable As It Has Been

Martin County's health record for the past month is not considered very favorable, although the county health officer's report shows no very serious cases of contagious diseases. Nineteen cases of contagious diseases were reported during the month of April, whooping cough leading the list with eight victims.

While there were only seven cases of measles reported during the month, early reports for the current month indicate an epidemic of measles in several districts of the county, it was learned Wednesday noon from the county physician's office. Fifty-six cases of measles were reported during the first day of the month in three districts, Robersonville, Cross Roads and Poplar Point, and two or three each day since that time.

While attendance figures were low in one or two schools, classes were continued. Late reports from the health office indicate the disease has not spread to any of the other sections of the county so far.

One chickenpox case and a case of scarlet fever were reported in Williamston during April. Typhoid fever made its first appearance of the year in the county during the month, a colored man, Cephus Moore, falling victim to the fever in Williamston. It could not be learned whether Moore was vaccinated in the anti-typhoid campaign last summer.

While the number of cases have varied from time to time, whooping cough continues in the county, Griffins Township reporting seven cases, and Williamston one during the past month.

One case of German measles was reported from Hamilton Township.

With the exception of the one typhoid case, all cases were reported among white people, the report shows.

APPROVE THIRD FERA PROJECT

Drainage for Mosquito Control In Williamston Township

A third FERA project was approved for this county this week, the authorities ordering the completion of a drainage undertaking for mosquito control in Williamston. The project was allotted \$1,360, it was learned. Work will be started within the next few days.

The first project approved in Jamesville some time ago is nearing completion, it is understood. The second approved project, for the completion of the Williamston gymnasium, will be started just as soon as men can be assigned to the job.

Several other projects are before the authorities in Raleigh, and some of them, if not all, will likely be approved within the next week or two.

Final Exercises At Everetts Tuesday

Patrons and friends are invited to attend the commencement program at the Everetts school Tuesday evening at 8 p. m. Mr. Allie Abernethy, superintendent of the Edgecombe County schools, will deliver the address, after which certificates will be awarded and a short play given by the seventh grade, in which they give a brief history of their class and express their ambitions for the future.

CONTRACT LET FOR WIDENING MAIN STREET

Work Will Probably Be Started on Project Later Part Next Week

Preliminary arrangements for the widening of Main Street in the courthouse block here were made this week following the letting of a contract to Hodges and Eagles, New Bern contractors, last Tuesday. A representative of the firm was here Wednesday, and stated that work would probably be started about the middle or latter part of next week. Only a short time will be required to complete the project, it was said.

The bid approved this week was the second placed with the highway commission, R. E. Fuler submitting one back in February for \$2,464. The successful bidders this week contracted to handle the project for \$2,357, or about \$100 lower than the original bid.

It is understood that the street will be widened by 12 feet, 6 feet on either side, necessitating the removal of 5 electric light poles and 4 telephone poles. While there are several trees right on the border lines, it is believed that none of them will be removed. Much trimming will be necessary, however, to clear electric and telephone lines.

While no serious accidents have been reported in the block, traffic has been crowded and often delayed by the narrowness of the thoroughfare. Efforts to have the street widened from the Watts Street intersection to the river bridge were not successful, the contract let this week calling for the widening of the street in one block only.

OAK CITY FINALS BEGIN TONIGHT

Last of Exercises Will Be Held Next Tuesday at 8 o'Clock P. M.

In bringing one of its most successful terms to a close, the Oak City schools will start a series of interesting commencement programs there tonight when the seniors present the play, "Two Days To Marry."

Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, Rev. John Barclay, Wilson minister, will deliver the commencement sermon in the high school auditorium. All religious activities in the community are to center on the one service.

An unusual feature on the program will be staged next Monday evening at 8 o'clock when seventh and eleventh grade pupils appear in the play, "The River of Life," under the direction of Misses Elizabeth Whichard and Myriss Zetterower.

The last of the exercises will be held Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock when former lieutenant governor, R. T. Fountain, of Rocky Mount, delivers the main address, followed by the presentation of diplomas by Mr. T. B. Slade, chairman of the district school board, to sixteen seniors, nine young ladies and seven young men.

Principal H. M. Ainsley is looking for a record attendance upon each of the exercises, he said this week.

Friendly Game of Poker Abruptly Ended by Joke

Several residents of the Bear Grass community were enjoying a friendly game of poker in an old filling station there recently when friends, posing as officers, "pulled a fast one" on them and threw the game into general confusion.

Framing the joke, one of the boys entered the little house and explained the officers were coming as his other friends drove up in a Ford car, similar to the one driven by the sheriff. The friend on the inside, to add reality to the prank, started to climb out a window, thinking the others would flee through the back entrance. They started that way, it was said, but turned back when they saw a light flash there. The friend had hardly started his exit, when four others piled over him and out the window, causing the friend to scratch himself painfully on the arms.

The group is said to have left the scene as sheep would file over a low spot in a fence.

J. D. Wynn, Bear Grass farmer, was a visitor here this morning.

ALL CORN-HOG CONTRACTS MUST BE IN BY MAY 15

Number Farmers Have Already Signed; Benefits Are Outlined

The time for applying for corn-hog contracts has been extended until next Tuesday night, it was learned here yesterday. Very few farmers have signed the contract, declared to be one of the best offered by the government in the farm program. While there are not many farmers in this county who raise hogs on a large scale, it is believed there are quite a few eligible to qualify for the benefits offered. Those interested in the corn-hog contract and who have not already signed, are invited to get in touch with officials in the county agent's office.

For making these adjustments, you receive the following benefits:

1. A corn-reduction payment at the rate of 30 cents per bushel on the estimated production of corn, in the past five years, on the contracted acreage. The 2-year base period, 1932 and 1933, will determine the number of acres you may contract to the government. If, for example, you contracted 20 acres of land which yielded, or would have yielded in the past 5 years, an average of 30 bushels per acre, you would receive \$9 per acre, or a total of \$180. One-half, or 15 cents a bushel, of the corn-reduction payment will be made as soon as possible after acceptance of your contract by the Secretary of Agriculture. The remainder, minus local administrative expenses, will be paid on or after November 15, 1934, upon evidence that the contract has been fulfilled.

2. A hog-adjustment payment of \$5 per head on the number of hogs you produced for market from litters farrowed by your sows, provided you have reduced your hog production in accordance with the contract. If your 1932 and 1933 average production for market was 100 hogs, you would be allowed to produce 75 per cent of this number, or 75 hogs, in 1934, and you would receive a total hog benefit payment of \$375, minus expenses. Two-fifths, or \$2 per head on your reduced production, will be paid as soon as possible after your contract is approved—\$1 per head about September 1, 1934, and the remainder, \$2 per head, minus administrative expenses, about February 1, 1935.

The payments you will receive under this plan are not gifts from the Government. They are your share of the larger total farm income that is possible with controlled production. Besides these adjustment payments, you will have the benefit of any increase in market price. This program protects the farmer who joins in the production-adjustment effort.

ORPHAN SINGERS HERE SATURDAY

Will Give Concert in Local School Auditorium; No Admission Charge

Fourteen young singers from the Masonic Orphanage, Oxford, will arrive here tomorrow morning about 11 o'clock from Windsor and will appear in a concert tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium. The class, during its visits in recent years here, has been well received by large audiences. Local people, particularly the Measons, have been very loyal in their support of the organization, and it is hoped the contributions will be increased this trip over those of last year. No admission will be charged, but a free-will offering will be taken.

The young people will remain here over the week-end, guests of those who are interested in aiding the little bits of humanity along their way. They will continue on their way to Hertford Monday morning.

Accompanied by their manager and director, the little folks have already been assigned homes with the exception of one or two, it was learned at noon today.

Program of Services At Church of Advent

Rev. E. F. Moseley, Rector. Sunday After Ascension Day: Church School, 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.

Evening prayer and sermon, 8 p. m. At the morning service Mother's Day will be observed.

Mother's Day Program At Piney Grove Next Sunday

A Mother's Day program will feature the regular preaching service in the Piney Grove Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2:0 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington. The Maple Grove quartet will appear on the program.