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MARKET OPENS THURSDAY

Buyers From All Companies Are Arriving

Are Working on Last Of Marketing Cards

NEARLY ALL TO REACH GROWERS BY OPENING DAY

Officials Declare Efficient Work Has Been Done In This County

The office of the county agent is rapidly completing the distribution of tobacco marketing cards this week, Supervisor T. B. Slade stating that nearly every one of the 1,410 contract signers would have the cards by day after tomorrow.

More than 1,000 cards have already been distributed, and several hundred additional ones are awaiting the owners to call for them. It is estimated that less than 1-2 of 1 per cent of the farmers will experience a short delay in getting their cards. Small adjustments will be necessary in a few cases before the cards can be delivered to a few farmers, and other minor causes will delay the delivery of cards to a few farmers.

Faced with an enormous task, those in charge of measuring the lands and the distribution of the cards have done a splendid work. Very little difficulty has been experienced, and every effort has been made to have the program prove advantageous to the farmers.

N. C. RANKS FIFTH AS TO AVERAGE CROP CONDITION

State In Good Shape Despite Adverse Conditions In Some Sections

While crop conditions in North Carolina were not as ideal as farmers might wish, on August 1st the indicated combine yields on thirty-two important crops (expressed as percentage of the past ten-year average yield) show this state ranking fifth highest of all the states in average crop conditions. Only South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Arizona showed higher average conditions for this date.

Corn: The corn crop in North Carolina is very good. Prospects in the eastern and mountain counties are excellent, with drier seasons experienced in the Piedmont counties. The 82 per cent condition reported on August 1st is 7 points higher than the past ten-year average. The crop indicated at 48,048,000 bushels is 8 per cent more than that harvested in 1933 and 15 per cent larger than the past five years' average crop. For the state as a whole, the excessive July rainfall was favorable for corn, and the increased usage of nitrates is evident in the greener color and stockier growth of the plants.

Tobacco: The appearance of the tobacco crop on August 1st was most promising in this state. The stands generally were excellent but the weather during July was somewhat unfavorable for the development in weight. The rapidity with which the leaf ripened during July made it difficult for farmers to properly harvest and cure the crop. The quality of the leaf is fairly uniform throughout the state and is characterized by excellent growth, high color but light weight.

Peanuts: The peanut condition is generally regarded as being good in the commercial areas. The stands are average or better. Weather conditions are now favorable. However, development during the month of August and early September will determine the crop. The condition August 1st at 78 per cent was 3 points above that of last August and the same as the ten-year average on August 1st.

STANDINGS

Edenton	W.	L.	Pct.
22	8	.733	
Plymouth	20	10	.667
Williamston	17	12	.586

RESULTS

Friday, August 17
Williamston 5, Plymouth 2.
Saturday, August 18
Plymouth 6, Williamston 4.
Monday, August 20
Edenton 3, Plymouth 2 (10 innings).

YOUNG GIRL DIES SUNDAY RESULT OF MENINGITIS

Funeral for Miss Mary E. Roberson Held Here Yesterday

Martha Elizabeth, the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Roberson, died at a Washington hospital Sunday at 12 o'clock following an attack of meningitis from which she had suffered since last Tuesday. Miss Roberson had some head trouble when she was only three years old, but had not been troubled with it for years until several months ago, when she suffered a mastoid ailment. She was taken to Duke Hospital in Durham, where her parents were advised against an operation. She was later taken to a Rocky Mount hospital and the operation was performed, from which it was thought she had practically recovered until she was suddenly attacked by meningitis last week.

She leaves her father, mother, three brothers, one sister, and a half-brother; Jack Roberson, Geneva, Raymond, Joe, jr., and Onward Roberson. She was a very faithful and dutiful child and had for years taken many of the burdens of the household from the shoulders of a feeble mother.

FARMERS HEAR J. CON LANIER

Visitors Later Attend Old-Fashioned Dance In Local Warehouse

The Martin County courthouse was comfortably filled last Friday evening by farmers from this and other counties to hear the address of Hon. J. C. Lanier, Code Administrator, who explained in detail the Tobacco Marketing Agreement. Mr. Lanier's splendid address was listened to with much attention by the large audience.

Mr. Lanier was introduced by L. T. Fowden, Williamston's popular postmaster. After the address, the audience adjourned to the Roanoke-Dixie warehouse, and with the mammoth crowd already assembled there, participated in an old-fashioned square dance, sponsored by the local warehousemen. Music for the dance was made by "Professor" R. A. Taylor and his "Williamston Whoopee Makers". Mr. W. L. Taylor, the dean of "figure callers", acted as such, and under his skilled guidance every movement of the dance proceeded without a hitch. Many present were loud in their praises of the Williamston warehousemen for arranging the events, so heartily enjoyed by all.

Surveyors Checking Up On Cotton Contracts

Measurements to determine whether cotton growers are complying with their contracts have been carried on at a rapid rate. Surveyors checking up on the measurers say the first measurements are pretty accurate.

12-YEAR-OLD BOY IS ACCIDENTALLY KILLED BY SHOT

Linwood Lee Lost His Life While Playing Organ Saturday Evening

Linwood Lee, 12 years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lee, was accidentally and fatally shot at the home of his parents in the Spring Green section of Hamilton Township, this county, early last Saturday evening while playing an organ. A pistol, thought to have been caused to fall from the top of the organ by vibration struck some object as it fell, causing the gun to fire and sending a bullet almost directly between the boy's eyes and on through his brain. He was dead before members of the family, seated on the porch of the home, could reach him.

Young Lee went to the organ and had started playing when other members of the family went to the porch. He called to his sister, saying that he was going to play a new tune and asked her to listen attentively that she might detect what he was playing. Only a few notes had been sounded when the gun report was heard. Just how the accident happened, members of the family were unable to explain. It was believed, however, that vibration caused the loaded gun to slip from the top of the organ, that it struck something as it fell, causing the weapon to discharge.

Coroner S. R. Biggs was called, and after a preliminary investigation he considered an inquest unnecessary.

The death of the young fellow has caused much sadness in the community in which he lived, for he seemed to be a favorite among the neighbors, being accommodating and courteous to all who came in contact with him. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee, although both his mother and father had children by former marriages. He leaves 14 half-brothers and sisters: Mrs. Herman Bailey, Greenville; John and Charlie Lee, of Washington; Mrs. Leon Rose, of Goldsboro; Mrs. Louis Hux, of Halifax; Henry and Blanie Lee, of Philadelphia; Walter Harrell and Mrs. Earl Edmondson, of Scotland Neck; Mrs. Ray Pusser, of Tarboro; Daniel Harrell, of Honolulu, Hawaii; John, Joseph, and Ray Harrell, all of the Spring Green section.

The funeral was held at the home Monday afternoon by a minister of the Pentecostal Holiness church. Following the funeral services, interment was made in the Scotland Neck cemetery.

TO STAGE SHOW HERE THURSDAY

American Legion Post Is Sponsoring Minstrel In High School Building

The John W. Hassell Post, No. 163, American Legion, will present the Dixie Minstrel Show in the Williamston High School auditorium Thursday night at 8 o'clock. In addition to the minstrel there will be several dancing acts by local young ladies. This presentation comes here directly from the Beaufort County post of the Legion, where it played last week. It brings high recommendation from the Legionnaires in Washington. This show has also been presented in Raleigh and other North Carolina towns as well as throughout the Southern States. The troupe presents the negro minstrel show in a different light from the usual line. It is composed of seven men, all of whom have years of experience and are capable actors. Two of the men are North Carolinians and six of them are former service men who served during the World War.

Included in the local talent will be Miss Mary Davis Hardison, recently chosen as beauty queen of the county in a legion contest. She will present one or more of her skillful acrobatic waltzes. There will also be other local dancing artists.

The proceeds from the show will go into the post treasury. Those wishing to compete for prizes for selling the most tickets are asked to get in touch with H. L. Swain, John Ward, or Bob Leggett.

COLONIALS AND ROCKS BATTLE FOR TOP PLACE

Interest Centering on Game Between Plymouth and Edenton Teams Today

The second half of the Albemarle Baseball League draws to a close this week, with much interest centering on the Edenton-Plymouth game today. If the Rocks fail to win over Edenton in the game today, they will be out of the race, giving rise to the belief that the "Little World Series" will be started between the Martins and Colonials probably Thursday of this week. However, if Plymouth wins today she will trail Edenton by only one game, and better her chances for winning the second-half title.

Goodman, suffering a broken finger in practice last Saturday, has been forced out of the line-up, but Gaylor, after nursing an injured arm, is back in the game.

Idle yesterday and today, the Martins continue to mark time until the series gets under way. If Plymouth wins today, the regular schedule will be maintained, the season coming to a close Saturday and the series starting probably Sunday.

A post-season series of seven games has been arranged with Kinston to start at the completion of the Albemarle and Coastal Plain series schedules.

Gaddy turned in a fine performance against Plymouth last Tuesday, limiting the Rocks to 4 hits, two of them flukes, while the local hopped on Mapp for 11 hits and the ball game, 5 to 2. Brake got a pair of singles and a home run, while Gaddy and Taylor collected a pair of doubles apiece to lead in hitting.

Saturday was another day, and Plymouth took advantage of Martin mis- 12 and 12 hits off Kugler to win, 6-4. M. Morris of Plymouth got 4 hits out of 5 trips, while Gaddy was best for the Martins with 3 for 4. Gaylor got back into the game to get a double and a triple out of four trips.

The feature game of the week-end was the one at Kinston Sunday, when Williamston hopped all over Longest and Physioc for 15 hits, including two homers by "Sammy" Taylor, for a 9-3 win. "Sammy's" first homer came with two out, three on, and the score 2-1 against Williamston. He also got a single for a total of 3 for 5. Gaylor led in percentages by collecting 5 for 5, including a triple and a double, and scored 3 runs. Brake got a triple and two singles, and Brogden also got two singles. Irwin and Rogers got homers for Kinston. Slim Gardner let the Coastal Plainers down with 7 hits.

Box score of Sunday's game:

Williamston	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E
Corbett, ss	4	0	0	3	4	0	
Gaylor, lf	5	3	5	2	0	0	
Brogden, 3b	5	1	2	2	1	1	
Brake, rf	5	1	3	3	0	0	
Herring, cf	5	1	1	3	1	0	
Uzzle, c	3	1	1	4	0	0	
Taylor, 1b	5	2	3	3	0	0	
Johnson, 2b	3	0	0	5	1	2	
Gardner, p	5	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	40	9	15	27	7	3	

Summary: Runs batted in: Brogden, Brake, Herring, Uzzle, Taylor (5), Irwin, Rogers, Peele. Two-base hits: Peele, Gaylor. Three-base hits: Gaylor, Brake. Home runs: Taylor (2), Irwin, Rogers. Left on bases: Williamston 9, Kinston 7. Double plays: Longest to Love to Hayworth; Hayworth (unassisted). Hits: on Longest, 10 in 5 innings (0 out in 6th); off Physioc, 5 in 4 innings. Struck out: by Gardner 3, by Longest 1, by Physioc 0. Bases on balls: off Gardner 0, off Longest 5, off Physioc 0. Losing pitcher: Longest. Time 2:00. Umpires: Bennett and Forbes.

Beaufort Reports Best Tobacco Crop Since 1928

The tobacco crop of Beaufort County is reported the best since 1928, with an excellent corn crop, but cotton late due to the excessive rain.

First Tobacco of New Crop Coming in This Afternoon

WAYS TO APPLY FOR HOME LOAN ARE EXPLAINED

Questions Confronting Applicants For Loans Are Answered

Washington—Here are the answers to some of your questions as to how to obtain a loan to improve a home or commercial building under the plan of the Federal housing administration:

Who may apply? Any property owner, individual, partnership or corporation with a regular income from salary, commissions, business or other assured source. It is not necessary to be a depositor in the financial institution consulted.

To whom do I apply? Any national bank, state bank or trust company, savings bank, industrial bank, building and loan association or finance company approved by the Federal housing administration.

How much may I apply for? From \$100 to \$2,000 depending on your income, for improvements on any property, and in connection with not more than five properties unless approved by the housing administration. The income of the signers of the note must be at least five times the annual payments.

How long may notes run? From one to 36 months. Notes extending from 37 months to five years may be submitted to the housing administration by financial institutions for special consideration.

What security is required? An adequate regular income and a good credit record.

The property owners' and, except in special cases, if the owner is an individual and is married, also signature of wife or husband. No other co-signers or endorsers are required.

The financial institution may not collect as fees of any kind a total charge in excess of an amount equivalent to 5 per cent per year year \$100 original face amount of note.

How do I pay the note? By making regular, equal monthly payments (season payments for farmers when they sell crops) until the note is paid in full.

The regular installment payments will be made in person at the place of business of the financial institution, or by mail, or as otherwise arranged.

May the owner of any kind of property apply?

Applications will be considered for credit to improve one and two-family residences, apartment buildings, stores, office buildings, factories, warehouses and farm buildings.

May I pay the note in full before maturity date?

Yes, at any time, a reasonable rebate will be allowed for prepayment if charges have been collected in advance.

What if I am late in making my payment?

Should a payment be more than 15 days late, the financial institution's expense caused thereby should be reimbursed in part at the rate of 50t more than 5 cents per dollar for each payment in arrears. Persistent delinquency will make it necessary to take proper steps to affect collection in full.

Free Sample Day at Local Drug Store Next Thursday

Free Sample Day will be observed by Clark's Drug Store here Thursday, the day for the opening of the local tobacco market.

MUST HAVE CARDS

All tobacco farmers are required by the Agricultural Department to bring with them their marketing cards when they sell their tobacco. This is required so the Federal inspectors may check up on their sales and make adjustments should they be necessary.

The farmers should bring their cards every time they sell tobacco. Their cooperation in presenting cards promptly will assist all parties concerned and will avoid delay in receiving their checks for tobacco. The cards should be presented to the office force of the warehouse where they sell immediately after the tobacco is sold on the floor.

NAME MEMBERS SCHOOL FACULTY FOR NEXT TERM

School Board Rapidly Arranging For Opening Of School

With the opening of the schools not more than one month away, Williamston's school board is fast completing arrangements for operating the local schools this coming term. Faculty appointments have been completed with one exception, and that one is pending, Principal D. N. Hix said yesterday.

A marked increase in the primary enrollment is expected here, records obtained from typhoid vaccinations last year indicating that about 80 little folks will be old enough to enter the first grade this season as compared with about 60 last year. A slight increase is also expected in many of the other grades.

Four new teachers, Miss Bessie Wilson, of Montreat, N. C.; Miss Eleanor Jones, of New Bern; Miss Imogene Riddick, of Gatesville; and Miss Ethel Taylor, of Kinston, have already been added to the faculty.

A list of names of the teachers in the faculty for the coming term is as follows:

Primary and Grammar Grades

Misses Josephine Harrison, Estelle Crawford, Ruth Manning, Velma Harrison, Martha Anderson and Mrs. J. A. Eason; Mrs. W. K. Parker, Mrs. C. B. Hassell and Mrs. A. R. White, all of Williamston, and Misses Mary Benson, of Benson, Bessie Harrell, of Ahoskie; Lucille Allen of Clayton; Miss Bessie Wilson of Montreat and Miss Eleanor Jones of New Bern.

High School Department

Miss Ora Finch of Bailey Miss Annie Shields Vandyke, of Greenville; Miss Imogene Riddick of Gatesville and Miss Ethel Taylor of Kinston, and Messrs. James Peters of Leaksville and D. N. Hix, principal, of Williamston.

Vice President Local Bank to Serve as Lianson Officer

One banker has been appointed in each state to serve as lianson officer between the banking institution and the federal housing administration forces in carrying out the government's program for housing repair and modernization, the American Bankers' Association announced recently. S. S. Lawrence, of the Branch Banking & Trust Company, of Wilson, was chosen for North Carolina.

The appointments have been made to insure the fullest cooperation by banks throughout the country with the housing program, said Robert V. Fleming, second vice president of the Association. The appointees were selected by the state banking association, S. S. Lawrence, of the Branch Banking & Trust Company, of Wilson, was chosen for North Carolina.

Produces 811 Bushels Of Wheat on Tobacco Farm

T. S. Neal, of Ruffin, Caswell County, reports a production of 811 bushels of wheat this season on his former all-tobacco farm.

LARGE SALES BUT NO NEW RECORDS ARE LOOKED FOR

Huge Crowd Is Expected; Late Curing To Hold Down Sales

Although a comparatively light opening is expected, present indications point to record-breaking crowds in attendance upon the first tobacco sales for the 1934 season.

Already the finishing touches have been made in preparation for opening the market here day after tomorrow. Buyers, representing every company, have already reported for duty on the local market, and arrangements are complete to start the sales Thursday morning.

The first loads of the new crop of tobacco arrived here this afternoon ready for sale when the market opens. Hundreds of loads are expected tomorrow. Already there is a noted increase in activities in the tobacco warehouse section, and by tomorrow afternoon the period of inactivity will have taken on a bustling atmosphere. Williamston is in line for one of its most auspicious tobacco openings. A new spirit underlies the operation of the market, and with better prices assured the marketing center is looking up to what is hoped and what promises to be a successful period in the history of the market.

Estimates on the size of the opening here vary considerably, some stating that the offerings will surpass the 200,000-pound mark. Others believe the offerings will not exceed 150,000 pounds. Curing activities have hardly been completed in many communities, and farmers have had very little time to prepare any of the golden weed for the market opening. Others are delaying their marketing activities until the season gets fully under way.

They will observe the opening operations first hand, and make arrangements to start marketing the latter part of next week or the early part of the week following.

Local merchants are ready for the opening, and a hearty welcome awaits the thousands of visitors here that day and every day.

AUGUST MEETING IS HELD AT BEAR GRASS CHURCH

Large Crowds Hear Four Preachers There Last Sunday Morning

The August meeting, which has so long had its influence in this section of the county, was again centered at the Bear Grass Primitive Baptist church Sunday in a service covering the space of three and a half hours. This service began at 10 a. m., when the church engaged in an ordination service by setting apart to the gospel ministry A. B. Ayers, one of its members, who had for some time been preaching as a licensee of the church.

The ordination service was conducted by four visiting ministers, Elders Corbett, of Greenville; Stubbs, of Pinetown; Clifton, of Plymouth; and Grimes, of Spring Green, in this county. Following the ordination, each of the officiating ministers preached in order, Elders Grimes, Stubbs, Corbett, and Clifton.

At these meetings everybody has a good time. Those who do not go for the preaching meet their friends and acquaintances and make new ones, and, finally, after everybody invites everybody else to dinner, the congregation breaks up and everybody goes to dinner and eats too much because of the abundance of fine food always prepared for these occasions.

Stores To Remain Open Here Each Wednesday

After observing each Wednesday afternoon as a half holiday since early July, Williamston stores, beginning tomorrow will remain open all day. The holidays met with success, most of the store owners state.