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## PEANUT PICKERS AGREE ON PRICES LAST SATURDAY

To Get 30 Cents for Picking and 7 Cents a Unit for Baling Hay

In a ragged meeting held in the county courthouse last Saturday afternoon, more than 100 peanut picker operators agreed to charge a uniform price of 30 cents a bag throughout the county for picking peanuts this season. Only two quotations were mentioned: 30 and 35 cents a bag, the pickers voting 35 to 29 for the lower figure. Little dissension was directed at the 30-cent price, and it is believed that the rate will prevail fairly uniformly throughout the county this season. In short, the majority of picker operators considered the 30-cent rate fair enough, and it was evident that there were so few who would even consider a lower figure that it is reasonable to believe the price cutters, should there be any, would be of such small number they could not handle the crop, thereby maintaining the price of 30 cents a bag.

Argument, much of it sound and enlightened, and some unfounded and apparently unreasonable and even disgusting to the meeting, failed to settle satisfactorily the price for baling hay. While a substantial majority favored the 7-cent price, others were of the opinion that 6 cents was a fairer price, clearly indicating that some will get 6, some 7, and others still another price for baling hay for their farmers and others who might procure their services. Farmer Dawe Griffin offered some good logic in supporting a 6-cent figure. He said that farmers, or many of them, would stack their hay or handle it loose if they had to pay 7 cents per unit for baling. The farmer or owner of the hay is to furnish the mule power under the terms of the 7-cent a bale price.

It was generally believed that the 30-cent picking charge would be maintained under a gentleman's agreement, no method having been advanced whereby a violation of the agreement could be prosecuted. Farmer Griffin did say that a picker operator violating the agreement should lose his picker license, and his contention was supported by a strong applause, the meeting at the last minute passing a resolution to that effect. The meeting would require the violator to forfeit his operating license and place his equipment under the shelter. But as far as providing for prosecution of any violations, the meeting did nothing.

Assistant County Agent Murphy Barnes explained the reports required of the operators and urged the cooperation of the picker owners and farmers in handling the reports promptly and properly. Agent Brandon explained that those farmers planning to participate in the peanut control program must have their peanuts picked by licensed operators and produce bills of sale in applying for a contract.

The only other matter mentioned at the meeting was wages for picker hands, and that particular subject was not considered officially by the group. One or two representatives did say that a wage scale of \$1.50 a day was being considered in their districts.

## Prominent Tobacco Men Visit Market Here Today

Among the prominent tobacco men visiting the market today were Messrs. T. H. Kirk and Noel Hardy, of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company; Mr. Tom Garry, of the American; Mr. Rucker Penn, of the Pemberton and Penn Company; Bradsher, of the British-American, and Mr. Thornton, of the Imperial.

Sales Director R. W. McFarland, in a conservation with the gentlemen, was told that the Burley markets will open at the same time as heretofore. The Lexington and other markets in that belt will open December 3 and the Appalachian Burley belt on December 4.

## Democratic Leaders To Hold Rally at Bear Grass

County candidate will hold a Democratic rally in the Bear Grass school auditorium Friday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock. Elbert S. Peel, chairman of the county Democratic committee, announced this morning.

All candidates for county offices, including commissioners, are scheduled to attend and take part in the meeting, it was announced. No formal program will be held, it is understood, and a large crowd is expected.

## To Clean Burial Grounds In Cross Roads Thursday

An urgent appeal has been directed to all those who have relatives or friends buried in the Wynne Cemetery, near Cross Roads, to assist in the cleaning of the grounds there Thursday afternoon of this week.

## Many Speeches To Be Made By Party Leaders This Week

Centering their addresses mainly on the accomplishments of the present administration and the New Deal, Democratic party leaders opened the campaign in this county last Saturday evening with a fair success. While the crowds were not of record size at any of the five points where the campaign was centered, the representation clearly indicated there would be little opposition to the Democratic candidate in the county at the polls next Tuesday, and a fair-sized vote can be expected.

J. L. Hassell and E. S. Peel spoke to comparatively large audiences at Farm Life and Mace-

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## New Deal Featured At Fair Tomorrow

### M'FARLAND AGAIN

R. W. McFarland has been re-appointed director of sales on the local tobacco market to continue his work during the 1935 season, it was announced yesterday following a meeting of the Williamston Tobacco Association last week.

Coming here this season for the first time, Mr. McFarland was instrumental in perfecting one of the best selling organizations in the history of the market. Sales are already 25 per cent greater than they were all of last season, and the receipts are greater by two and one-half times what they were last season.

### FORMER COUNTY RESIDENT DIES

#### William M. York Buried Near Durham Yesterday Afternoon

William M. York, a resident of this county for 15 years, died in a Durham hospital Sunday and was buried in the McMannen Churchyard, three miles from Durham, yesterday. He had been ill-only a short time.

Mr. York and his family lived in the Kelvin Grove farm on the Washington Road about five years, moving to Williamston at the end of that time. After a stay here of about ten years he moved to Durham where he engaged in the mercantile business, retiring from active business only a few years ago.

After farming near here he entered the mercantile business and kept store where the firm of Margolis Brothers is now located.

He was a very genial and friendly man. Mrs. York and seven children survive. The oldest of the children, reared here, are well remembered by many local people. They are Mrs. Nolie Roberson, of San Francisco, and Walter York, of Allentown, Penn.

#### Next Sunday Is Men's Day At Baptist Church Here

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## HONOR ROLLS OF LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR PAST MONTH

### Names of 81 Students on List for First Month Of School Year

The names of 81 pupils appear on the local school honor list for the first month recently ended. Principal D. N. Hix explaining that no reports were scheduled for the first grade during the period. The names of the honor pupils:

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