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## WILLIAMSTON TO MEET OXFORD IN LAST GAME HERE

### Large Crowd Expected To Witness Main Turkey Day Event Here

Following the annual Thanksgiving union church service that morning the main holiday event here will be a football game on Taylor field at 2:30 Thursday afternoon when Oxford's strong eleven meets Coach Jas. Peters' Green Wave in the last scheduled event of the football season here.

With no main attractions nearby to attract the attention of local people, a record attendance is expected for the event here that afternoon. Much preparation is being given the program for the afternoon which will be featured by a concert by the promising high school band at 2 o'clock.

Last year Oxford handed the locals their only defeat of the season. This year the locals have won every one of the nine games played, and the two teams meet on a more even basis than they did last season, clearly indicating that the game this week will climax the play for the period. Coach Peters said this morning that the boys were working hard for the game, and that a good exhibition is certain. He figures the game is a toss up between the two teams.

Eight players, Cook, Bowen, Ward, Gurganus, Ramsey, Shaw, Hardison and Crockett will see final action in high school football this week, and they are anxious to complete their gridiron careers with a perfect team record. In short, the stage is set for one of the most interesting games on the local field in several years.

During the season, the locals have won every game and scored 225 points to their opponents, and all the opposing scores were made while the second team was in action. The record is as follows:

- Williamston 6, Ahoskie 0.
- Williamston 27, Scotland Neck 0.
- Williamston 14, Tarboro 6.
- Williamston 31, Ayden 18.
- Williamston 25, Hertford 0.
- Williamston 13, Washington 0.
- Williamston 50, Windsor 6.
- Williamston 32, Dunn 0.
- Williamston 27, Rich Square 0.

## LOCALS DEFEAT RICH SQUARE 27-0

### Was Ninth Straight Victory In as Many Starts for Locals This Season

Defeating Rich Square here last Friday afternoon, Williamston High School football team won its ninth game in as many starts of the season by a 27 to 0 score. Cook, hard-hitting captain of the squad, and George Lee Roberson annexing honors in the back field for the locals. Holloman, Ward and Gurganus played a good game in the line, with Holloman breaking through to throw the visitors for a number of losses.

Scoring the first touchdown in the opening period, the locals came back strong in the second quarter to score two more, completing the attack in the third period before the second-string men began to enter the game. Cooke accounted for two touchdowns and Bowen and Roberson accounted for one each, Bowen taking a pass and running it for a touchdown. Bowen caught a pass and Holloman and Shaw kicked from placement for the three extra points.

## Suit for \$50,000 Settled Recently In This County

The \$50,000 law suit brought by Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Gladstone Barnhill against Mrs. Gattie Gladstone, executrix, was settled recently in this county when the plaintiff accepted \$11,000 as settlement in full and with it understood that she was to pay the court cost.

In the complaint, it was alleged that the plaintiff was the daughter of the late Frank L. Gladstone, and that she was entitled to share in the estate to the amount of \$50,000. The \$11,000 settlement was agreed to before the case reached the courtroom. Mrs. Barnhill is now a resident of Pitt County.

## Superior Court Starts Its Second Week Monday

Going into its second week, the Martin County Superior Court, with Judge Clayton Moore on the bench, cleared about a half dozen cases from the calendar. Late reports indicated the court will clear most of the cases from the calendar by tomorrow.

George Harrison, jr., a student at Wake Forest College, spent the weekend here with his parents.

## A Proclamation

Whereas, from the days of our Pilgrim Fathers, the last Thursday in November has been observed as a day of Thanksgiving; and

Whereas, no holiday in all our calendar is comparable to Thanksgiving; it is the great holiday of the common people who have worked all the year and at this time thank God humbly for good harvests and the wonderful blessings of life, a holiday that speaks poetry of the turn of the seasons, the beauty of the harvests, the ripe product of the year, and the deep connection of all these things with the Creator: Now, therefore

I, J. L. Hassell, Mayor of Williamston, do hereby declare Thursday, November 29, a holiday in our town and call upon all places of business to close and ask all our citizens to assemble at their various places of worship and render thanks to Almighty God for the preservation of our lives and for the untold mercies and blessings He has bestowed upon us.

Done at Williamston, N. C., this 26th day of November, 1934.

J. L. HASSELL, Mayor.

## SHAPE PLAN FOR AN IRISH POTATO CONTROL POLICY

### Bill Will Be Introduced by Congressman Warren at the Next Congress

Congressman Lindsay C. Warren stated recently that the tri-state committee appointed at the potato-mass meeting held in Washington, N. C., in September, was almost ready to suggest a plan of legislative action; and that he had requested for the committee, an engagement with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration with the view of drafting a bill which he intends to introduce in Congress. Mr. Warren would not discuss any of the details, but he said the legislation would be sought in line with the resolution adopted by the growers.

It is generally agreed by all growers that potatoes should be made a basic commodity such as tobacco and cotton and some other crops.

There were four resolutions passed by the Washington mass meeting which were in turn adopted by a South Carolina meeting. Congressman Warren said that governmental agencies had already taken notice of the fourth section of the resolution. This asked that the prices of fertilizer and packages be investigated with a view to calling a re-hearing on the NRA fertilizer code, an investigation into the potato marketing situation, including particularly the crop operations of fertilizer companies, and their acts in promotion of sale of fertilizer through agreements which inevitably insure over production and a plentiful supply of cheap potatoes for the benefit of chain stores and other subsidaries.

Mr. Warren added that last week D. M. Dent, of the Consumers' Council of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, had started the investigation which would be joined by the Federal Trade Commission.

## TEACHERS HOLD MEETING FRIDAY

### Discuss Subject of Physical Education in Martin County Schools

Approximately ninety-five of Martin County's ninety-eight white teachers assembled in the local high school auditorium last Friday afternoon, to discuss a program of physical education for the schools.

Superintendent J. C. Manning, acting chairman of the group, introduced Miss Charlotte Hill, director of physical education at Atlantic Christian College, who discussed a physical education program for elementary and high schools. Miss Hill emphasized the necessity of schools providing for normal physical development of the children, and she enumerated many activities which contribute to this development.

Miss Mildred Everett, of the Oak City faculty, presented a summary of reports concerning physical education activities in the various schools of the county. The report indicated that much was being done in nearly all the schools to promote health education.

The meeting was brought to a close with a general discussion of physical education problems, after which committees on objectives and activities met and made plans for developing a more adequate physical education program for the entire county.

The next meeting will be held in January when more attention will be given the physical education program and the work accomplished in the several schools along this line.

## MANY CASES OF APPENDICITIS

### Griffins Township Has Five Persons To Go Under Knife in Hospital

The belief that Griffins Township has the largest number of appendicitis cases annually, according to population, of any section in the entire United States was almost established as a reality last week when five subjects from there went under the knife in a Washington hospital. And the epidemic is overlapping other sections, Bear Grass reporting one and Williams Township reporting two cases during the week.

All the patients, except Bill Rogers, of Bear Grass, were said to be getting along very well Monday. Young Rogers developed pneumonia following an operation last Wednesday, and his condition was not considered very favorable. However, the reports did not describe it as serious.

The names of those undergoing operations from the three districts are: Louise Manning, Ruth Corey, W. A. Manning, Jr., Herbert Griffin and Oscar Peel, all of Griffins; Bill Rogers, of Bear Grass; and Grover Godard and Dan Gardner, of Williams Township.

## ARREST NUMBER IN RAID SUNDAY

### Many of 50 Alleged Law Violators Scatter When Officers Approached

Charged with possessing liquor for sale and operating a disorderly house, Mack Andrews was arrested in a raid near Robersonville last Sunday morning. Isaac Coopersage, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, was also taken in the raid. The two men are in the county jail awaiting trial next week in the county court.

County officers, with those of Robersonville, invaded the homes of Mack and George Andrews, and found about 50 negroes there shooting crap, drinking liquor, and disturbing the peace in general. The crowd scattered, but warrants are being sworn out against many of them, and a big court is expected to clear up the affair.

## Picture Studio Makes Brief Visit Here Monday at 2:30

While a goodly number of local people were on hand to see it, the moving picture studio stopping here a short while yesterday afternoon was considered a disappointment by many. No screen tests were scheduled, and to the average person the equipment displayed meant little or nothing. The outfit, traveling on a truck patterned after a train, arrived here on time all right, and following an engagement of one hour left immediately for Washington, it is understood.

## Farmers Vote on Retaining Bankhead Act December 14

### Union Thanksgiving Service To Be Held in Baptist Church

The Union Thanksgiving service will be held in the Memorial Baptist church Thanksgiving morning, at 10:30 o'clock, with the rector of the Episcopal church preaching the sermon.

Following a beautiful old custom the Williamston people worship together on Thanksgiving Day. This service was scheduled to be held in the Christian church, but because of the incompleting repairs going on in that church, it was decided to hold the service in the Baptist auditorium. It is customary among most

churches that the offerings on Thanksgiving Day go to the various orphans' homes, supported by the cooperating churches. This will be carried out at the service Thursday morning, the loose change being divided between the participating churches.

The music will be furnished by a choir composed of representative members of the several church choirs. Everybody who wants to worship on Thanksgiving morning is invited to come and will be very welcome.

## GROWERS WILL SOON VOTE ON LEAF CONTROL

### Sizeable Vote Necessary To Continue Kerr-Smith Act Another Year

The question of continuance of the Kerr-Smith tobacco act in 1935 will be voted on by Martin County farmers the early part of next month, according to unofficial information received here yesterday. A definite time for the referendum will not be determined until the ballots are received by Agent Brandon. The ballots are being prepared by the government at this time, and they are expected to reach here within the next few days. According to preliminary plans, the farmers will be given two or more days to voice their opinions on the Kerr-Smith tobacco act.

Under the terms of the law, at least three-fourths of the farmers have to favor the act, or else it becomes inoperative, leaving the non-contract signer to grow and market as much tobacco as he likes tax-free. The contract continues for 1935, the referendum having been arranged to determine if the farmers want to continue the tax.

Owners, renters, share-tenants, and share-croppers will be given an opportunity to vote on the following question: "Do you favor a tax on the sale of tobacco for the crop year beginning May 1, 1935, as provided in the Kerr-Smith act?"

The ballot for owners and renters asks the number of acres of tobacco harvested on the farm in 1934, while the ballots for share tenants and share croppers asks the number of acres of tobacco harvested by the share-tenant or share-cropper in 1934 "including both your share and the landlord's share." In order that the vote of every person may be related to specific acreage, it is essential to have the cards identified with the land that is owned, rented, share-cropped or controlled by the person voting.

One or more voting places will be designated in each county. Before the opening voting day, county agents will mail individual notices to all landowners and renters and to share-tenants and share-croppers whose names and addresses are available, specifying the time and place for voting in their locality. In addition, the places and times for voting will be given general publicity.

County agents will mail cards for use in balloting to persons who have not voted by December 8. Eligible voters may sign these cards and return them by mail or may leave them unsigned and return them in person to the county agent. Cards mailed to voters will include a statement of the closing date for receiving votes and will advise the voters that if all other persons having an interest in his land or in the production of tobacco on the land in which he is interested, and who vote, favor continuance of the Kerr-Smith act, and if his vote is not received by the closing date, it may be determined that he favors continuance of the act.

## Interesting Film on the Screen at Theatre Here

For those who failed of a chance to visit the world's fair in Chicago, and even those who did visit there during the two seasons the big event was in progress will find the unusual moving picture show at the local theatre to-night unusually interesting. High spots in the fair will be shown in detail, and a good conception of the vastness of the fair can be gained from the picture. Through the courtesy of the Williamston Motor Company, this entertaining film is brought here free of charge to the public.

## BELIEVE FUTURE COTTON PRICES HINGE ON RESULT

### Believe Martin Farmers To Favor Law; Outcome In Nation Is Doubtful

Martin County and other cotton farmers throughout the cotton-growing areas of the country will determine the future price of cotton when they vote on the Bankhead Act the 14th of next month, the date for the referendum having been announced by Secretary Wallace last week.

As a preparatory aid to farmers desiring to take part in the referendum, Professor Coggins, of State College, addressed sixty or more farmers in the county courthouse last Friday, and explained the question of supporting the Bankhead law. He reviewed the cotton production as compared with consumption during the past 10 years both in this and foreign countries, pointing out that a dozen Southern States produce more than half the world's supply of raw cotton, and that while some of the Asiatic countries have been growing cotton for 2,500 years before America was discovered they are still unable to compete with us and they are not increasing their production.

The price situation, as compared with production, during the past 10 years was also reviewed, Mr. Coggins stating that the average income of the cotton farmer in 1924 with a medium-size crop and a small carry-over was \$800, while in 1932 with a much larger visible supply of cotton on hand the income of the same farmer was only \$215. The value of the 1932 crop in North Carolina was \$25,000,000, while the much smaller crop this year is worth \$56,000,000 on a 12-cent basis.

Speaking in behalf of the Bankhead Act, Mr. Coggins said that act will liberalize the present system by giving those who have not raised cotton recently an opportunity to grow the staple tax free and receive rental payments, that it will also iron out some of the apparent hardships experienced by some of the present signers.

In short the Bankhead Act is designed to provide the most advantageous system for the farmer to market his cotton, giving consideration to just claims from every farmer. "Are you in favor of continuing the Bankhead Act for next year?" is the question on which Southern farmers will vote yes or no.

All eligible voters, defined in the Bankhead act as those "who have the legal or equitable right as owner, tenant, share-cropper or otherwise to produce cotton," will be given an opportunity between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. on that date to register their reaction to that experiment in compulsory control, which has been in force since the past summer.

Under this plan each farmer was allotted a quota under the 10,400,000 bale national total which he was allowed to grow tax-free. All cotton produced in excess of this amount was subject to a tax of 50 per cent.

Each voter will be handed a statement from Secretary Wallace with his ballot. Wallace will urge cotton farmers to "examine carefully all the facts and reach a decision based upon considered judgment as to whether the Bankhead act is needed to assure attainment of the objectives of the cotton adjustment program."

In submitting this question, it is the desire of the AAA that cotton producers shall have the possession of all available facts to guide them in reaching a decision. The choice is theirs, and the administration is in no sense seeking to impose its views upon the farmers to influence their decision.

Cotton farmers have had one season's experience with the type of control embodied in the Bankhead act. Numerous difficulties obviously have been encountered. It is reasonable to expect that, with more latitude in the act for the coming year, many of the difficulties can be avoided. But it is for the cotton farmer to choose.

A two-thirds majority vote is necessary to continue the Bankhead act, there being some doubt as to whether it is two-thirds majority of all the eligible voters, or two thirds of the votes actually cast. The act is almost certain of support in this county, but a close vote is expected in other sections, making it necessary for Martin farmers to record their support in favor of the act.

It is believed, and reasonably so, that if the Bankhead act fails to receive the support of the farmers, the value of the tobacco and other AAA contracts will be greatly reduced, for when cotton sells low nearly all other farm products are low in price.

Mrs. C. T. Forbes, of Greenville, visited relatives here Sunday and yesterday.

## HOLIDAY

With a very few exceptions, Thanksgiving Day will be observed as a holiday in this community. Virtually all business will be suspended for the day, with only those whose activities are necessary whose activities are necessary open. No rural or village mail deliveries will be made, and the post offices will be closed. Offices in the courthouse will be closed for the day, and the day will take on an atmosphere like that of a regular Sunday. That afternoon crowds are expected to attend the football game between Williamston and Oxford on the local field.

## DEATH OF MRS. D. W. GARDNER

### Funeral Services Held from Late Home Sunday Near Dardens

Mrs. David W. Gardner, highly respected woman of the Dardens section, died at her home there early last Saturday night of cancer, with which she had patiently suffered for nearly two years.

The daughter of the late John A. and Mary A. Berry, Mrs. Gardner was born and reared in the Dardens community. She lived all her life there except six years which she spent in Virginia. In young womanhood she was married to Mr. Gardner, who, with three children, Doletta Bell, Gilmer S., and Bonnie B. Gardner, survives. She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Mittie Ange, of Dardens; Mrs. Lonnie Morris, of Belhaven; and Mrs. Maggie Gardner, of Williamston. She had been a faithful member of the Christian church for a number of years and was a devoted Bible student, having read the Book in its entirety six times this year. A kind and thoughtful neighbor, Mrs. Gardner, as long as she was able, cherished her duties as wife and mother.

Funeral services were conducted from the late home Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. W. A. Davis, of Washington, assisted by Rev. J. M. Perry, of Robersonville. Burial was in the Berry family plot, near the home.

## CHANGE PASTOR AT CHURCH HERE

### Rev. C. T. Rogers Goes To Beaufort; Rev. Grant of Plymouth Comes Here

Rev. Charles T. Rogers, popular pastor of the local Methodist church during the past four years, and his family leave this week for Beaufort, where he was assigned the pastorate of the Methodist church at the conference held last week in Washington. During his stay here, the minister has zealously handled the duties of his church and greatly interested himself in the spiritual welfare of the community as a whole. His work has been an unselfish one, and while the local church membership is said to be well pleased with the new appointee, they greatly regret Mr. Rogers' leaving.

Rev. R. R. Grant, pastor of the Plymouth Methodist church, has been assigned to the Williamston charge, and he will enter upon his duties at the local church this week, it is understood.

## Make Plans To Promote Cattle Show in Buncombe

The Buncombe County agricultural committee and the Asheville chamber of commerce have agreed to raise \$750 to promote a fat cattle show.