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Half Million Pounds Tobacco on Market Here

Local Employment Service Unable To Fill Calls For Men

People Seeking to Better Themselves Are Asked to Use Bureau

The Williamston offices of the State Employment Service has had calls during the past week for skilled carpenters, form builders, cement finishers, salesmen, laborers, farm workers and road workers. Many of the calls have not been filled, because of scarcity of qualified applicants for the jobs in this section. Recent calls for qualified workers have included requests for registered nurses, truck drivers, high school commercial teachers, dramatic coaches, draftsmen, housekeepers, and many other types of workers, for various occupations.

The Williamston office, serving counties of Martin, Washington, Beaufort, Hyde and Tyrrell, is a unit of the N. C. State Service, which is affiliated with the United States Employment Service. It offers a registration and placement service at no cost to either the applicant or the employer, and it is open and available to every citizen, of every occupation or profession. Any person in Martin county, who seeks a job of any kind, or any person seeking a better one than he now has, may register and thereby place the district and state service at his command, in seeking an employer, and the kind of opening he is looking for. There have been many registrations since the recent opening of the offices in the town hall here, and also placements of qualified workers in various jobs. Information is free. The offices are open every day. The public is invited and welcome at any time to make full use of the local employment service as a public institution to serve all citizens.

George D. Grimes Dies At His Home Near Here Sunday

Had Lived in This County All His Life And Enjoyed Large Friendship

Mr. George David Grimes, well known Martin County farmer and a prominent citizen of this section, died at his home near here Sunday night at 9 o'clock following a long period of declining health. He had suffered with pernicious anemia.

The son of the late William Thomas and Hattie Barnhill Grimes, he was born in this county 54 years ago. Mr. Grimes lived in this county all his life, living on the farm and enjoying a large friendship. He was a member of the Spring Green Primitive Baptist church for a long number of years.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Spring Green church, and burial will follow in the church yard there. Elders W. E. Grimes, B. S. Cowin and A. B. Ayers are conducting the last rites.

Surviving are his wife, three sons, George, Jr., Robert Danell and Ben Hassell Grimes, two daughters, Nora Taylor Grimes of Williamston, and Mrs. Dale Tetterton, of Richmond. He also leaves five sisters, Mrs. J. W. Cherry of Everett, Mrs. Lee Carson of Pactolus, Mrs. Davis Purvis of Bethel, Mrs. Jack Corvin of Williamston, and Miss Louise Grimes of Robersonville; six brothers, Elder W. E. Grimes of Williamston; S. L. Grimes, Leon Grimes of Rocky Mount, M. C. Grimes of Washington, D. C., R. N. Grimes of Cary and Thomas Grimes of Wendell. The brothers are serving as active pallbearers.

Farmers To Hold Meet At Farm Life Thursday

Farmers of Griffins Township are holding a meeting in the Farm Life School Thursday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock when a discussion of farm problems will be held, it was announced today.

Mr. Sam T. Everett, president of the Martin County Farm Bureau Federation and who attended the U. S. Agriculture Committee hearing in Winston-Salem this week is expected to address the meeting. Mr. Geo. C. Griffin of the county agriculture committee, is also expected to have a part in the program, it was stated.

Farmers are urged to be present.

First Round in Liquor Cases Held Yesterday

HEALTH DOCTOR

No definite action has yet been taken in selecting an officer to head the newly created health department in this county, according to unofficial information received here today. It was learned, however, that several applications are now before the county health board for consideration at the next meeting of the body. An appointment is not expected within the next few weeks, and there is little possibility that the service will be made available before the first of next year.

One of the several applications now in hand is from a promising young doctor in Iowa, it was learned.

Applications May Now Be Made For Farm Borrowing

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Mr. Modlin stated that a considerable part of the work of his office consists in assisting Rehabilitation farmers to make out practical farm and home management plans and in advising them in their farming and home operations. "In order that maximum attention may be given to that important phase of the work next spring we are doing what we can to spread the lending activity over a longer period. Farmers thought to be qualified for these loans should therefore be advised to make their applications early," the supervisor said.

"These loans are limited within the bounds of allotted funds to financially distressed farm families—whether on their own land or as tenants on rented land—but who from other sources to make a crop are unable to secure proper credit or to purchase needed livestock and equipment."

"Eligibles must be willing and able to work and show ability to profit from instruction and guidance. There must be land, already available or obtainable, of sufficient fertility to promise a satisfactory return on human labor intelligently applied, and there must be a reasonable probability that a successful farm and home management plan can be worked out for the farm. In working out these plans special emphasis is placed on the production of sufficient food and feed crops for all the people and livestock located on the farm, thereby eliminating the amounts of cash crops, the returns from which would have to be used for the purchase of feed and food-stuff that should be produced on the farm. Thus cash crops are limited to an amount necessary to pay off the loan and meet other cash needs of the family."

"The time given for repayment of these loans is an important factor in getting distressed families back onto their feet," Mr. Modlin said. "Many things which the farmer has to buy, such as livestock, farm equipment, lime and other soil improvement items do not bring their full return the first year and the longer credit period makes it unnecessary for the farmer to sacrifice needed feed and seed crops to repay his loan, as would be the case if loans were made for but one year. Where the borrower is a tenant, the term and provisions of his lease are, of course, important factors, particularly as regards loans for soil improvement items."

Mr. Modlin is assisted in his work by Miss Johnson, rural rehabilitation home supervisor. Mr. Vance Swift, of Raleigh, is state director in charge of this phase of the farm security work.

Miss Olena Bell Swain has just been discharged from a Washington hospital where she underwent a minor operation a few days ago.

Cases Continued Under Prayer For Judgment by Judge

Three Defendants Asking For Trial by Jury Next Monday

The first round in the trial of 27 Martin County people charged with the violation of the alcoholic beverage control act was held in Judge H. O. Peel's court here yesterday, the judge handling eight cases and continuing the remainder until next Monday. Several additional defendants are expected to be added to the list between now and then. Judge Peel stated that he planned to handle all the cases at that time.

Only one of the eight defendants tried yesterday pleaded guilty, the others offering all kinds of argument in support of their defense. Late in the afternoon, Judge Peel announced from the bench that prayer for judgment would be continued in the eight cases until next Monday.

Jasper Roebuck, while pleading guilty, maintained that he was intoxicated at the time the alleged sale was made.

Testifying in the case against Ben Rives, one of the detectives stated that he thought Rives told him he (Rives) was the biggest and oldest bootlegger in town.

Jack Williams maintained that he gave the detectives several drinks of liquor, that he never sold them any. The names of other defendants tried at the Monday session are: Roosevelt Taylor and wife, Edgar Ayers, Marvin Ayers and the wife of Wm. Henry Roberson.

Ten cases were continued for one of the trial lawyers who explained to the court that he was not feeling well. Three other cases were continued for defendants who called for trial by jury. The jury is being drawn today. Those asking for a jury trial are Mrs. Lin Williams, Paul Bullock and L. M. Manning.

A large crowd was on hand for the proceedings yesterday, and even more are expected for the session next Monday.

Reports have it that a few of the defendants gaining a continuance of their cases will be schooled in preparation for the trials next Monday, and it is quite evident that a stronger defense will be offered in most if not all the continued cases than was offered in those cases tried yesterday.

The defense yesterday was centered around the conduct of the three detectives handling the dragnet. Allegations of drunkenness were denied by them, and reports that one of the three men, E. P. Renner, had left a board bill in Wilson unpaid was explained to the court. The prosecution, despite the charges offered as argumentative defense, had able witnesses, and left most of the defendants in the first round little ground to stand on, according to reports coming from the courtroom during the day.

E. P. Renner and M. E. Winslow, of Norfolk, and Carroll Pippen, of Enfield, came into this county less than thirty days ago and handled the roundup for the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board in cooperation with the County A. B. C. Board. Pippen is a native of this county, he told the court yesterday.

There were a few other cases on the docket for trial yesterday, but they were overshadowed by those charging violations of the liquor laws.

Father Visits His Wife And Son in State Prison

"They are getting along mighty bad," Mr. Jesse Ben Roberson, a visitor here yesterday from Robersonville, said following a visit to his wife and son who are serving time in prison at Raleigh for attempting to take his life several months ago.

"Georgie Ben has lost much weight, and apparently he hasn't really realized what he tried to do or what he was in prison for," the father said about his son. "My wife isn't about to work, and they are both anxious to get out," Mr. Roberson said.

Mr. Roberson was in the minor courts of the county yesterday. This time he was after papers to eject a family from one of his houses, it was said.

AAA Men Explain 1938 Farm Setup In North Carolina

Conservative Program Outlined at Meeting of the County Agents

Fundamentally, there is little difference between the agricultural conservation program proposed for 1938 and that which North Carolina farmers operated under in 1937, J. E. Thigpen of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, told county farm agents and county committeemen assembled at State College last Friday afternoon, according to T. B. Brandon, Martin County farm agent.

Thigpen said that a maximum payment is set up under the new program for each farmer cooperating with the plan who plants a soil conserving or improving crop on his land. No rate of payment for a particular crop is to be specified, but goals are to be set up which will determine how many acres of a given crop should be planted in the nation.

"We are putting up some goals under the new farm plan which will indicate how many acres of a specified crop grown in the nation will make for a fair, stable farm income," Thigpen explained. "We have to get the acreage down so that growers may be assured of a fair price for their crops. Each man must plan to make the goals on his individual farm fit in with the national goal."

Stringent Reductions

He said that those exceeding their allotted goals will have stringent reductions made in their payments. The rate will be about \$80 an acre deduction for each acre of tobacco over the allotted goal and \$10 an acre for each acre of cotton up to 20 per cent excess. Over that the deduction is \$20 an acre for each one in excess of the goal.

Thigpen explained that goals will also be set up for general crops. He called attention to the fact that most North Carolina farmers reducing their cotton and tobacco replaced them with feed crops which deplete the soil. Allowances will be made, he said, for the necessary production of feed crops in the new program but actual soil improving crops must be grown.

William Moser, also of the AAA, discussed cotton loans and adjustment payments. He urged cotton farmers to send in their sales certificates that they may get the adjustment payment of the difference between payment of the difference between the present price of cotton and 12 cents a pound.

Duncan Wall, regional contact AAA specialist, pointed out the need for educational work on the program this winter and spring. He urged every county to hold community meetings during November to explain the new program to every grower.

Mrs. H. S. Gurganus Dies Early Monday

Mrs. Myrtle Edmondson Gurganus died at her home in Bear Grass Township yesterday morning at 6:45 o'clock following a long period of declining health. Diabetes and complications were given as the cause of her death. She was 39 years old.

Mrs. Gurganus was the daughter of Mrs. Mary Lanier Edmondson, of Hopewell, Va., and the late Asa Edmondson. She was born and reared in Poplar Point Township this county and in early womanhood she married Henry Stator Gurganus who survives with three sons, H. P. Haywood, and Henry Stator Gurganus, Jr. She also leaves three brothers, Messrs. Bob Edmondson, of Hamilton; Dillard, of Hopewell, and Nancy Edmondson, of Poplar Point Township. One brother, Jimmie Edmondson, was killed in an automobile accident near here on the Everetts Road three weeks ago.

Mrs. Gurganus was a member of the Free Will Baptist church for a long number of years. She was a devoted wife and thoughtful mother, and was greatly beloved in her community. She had been in declining health for about two years, but up until just a short time before her death she was able to be out for short periods.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the late home. Interment will follow in the Gurganus family burial ground, near the home.

Heaviest Offerings Ever Reported Here in a Single Day; Sales Only Half Completed Late Yesterday

Travel-Worn Group To Stop Here for Brief Visit Today

Starting in Asheville ten days ago, a travel-worn group of writers, travel bureau heads and newspaper people, brought to this State from a dozen sections of the country by the Governor's Hospitality Committee, will stop here for a brief visit at 3:35 this afternoon.

Tired out, no doubt, by a schedule that has carried them into nearly every nook and corner in the State, the group of about 60 people will not be asked to participate in any formal program. Mayor J. L. Hassell explaining that the notables will have the opportunity to stretch their legs and rest their ears. The George Reynolds Hotel will be turned over to the visitors during their brief stay here, and a small leaflet carrying a few salient facts concerning Williamston and Martin county will be distributed.

Mrs. Buck Gardner Dies At Her Home Near Here Sunday

Her Death Marked the End of a Long Period of Patient Suffering

Mrs. Lindy Moore Gardner, highly respected woman of Williams Township, died at her home there last Sunday just before the noon hour, her death marking the end of a long period of patient suffering. Mrs. Gardner, wife of Buck Gardner, well-known citizen and successful farmer of this county, had been in declining health for almost twelve years, and was an invalid for many months.

The daughter of the late Harvey and Anne Griffin Moore, Mrs. Gardner was born in Williams Township 77 years ago. When a young woman she married Mr. Gardner and from a humble beginning they worked hard together to meet their obligations and make secure their welfare in their declining years. She was a God-fearing woman, one who practiced the teachings of her Maker and valued the friendship of others. She was a member of the Siloam Methodist church, remaining faithful as a worker and supporter until her health failed her. She enjoyed a large friendship in her community, and was beloved by all who knew her.

Besides her husband, three sons, Johnson Gardner of Wilson, Hubert and Walter, of this county, and two daughters, Mrs. Joe Perry, of Williams Township, and Mrs. Jas. Harrison, of Washington county, survive. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Amanda Modlin, of Jamesville, and two brothers, Lloyd Moore, of Jamesville, and John Moore, of Williams Township.

Funeral services were conducted from the late home yesterday afternoon by Rev. C. T. Thrift, her pastor, of Plymouth Burial was on the home farm.

Replace Wrecked Mill With Gas Engine Unit

The Rogerson lumber mill, wrecked by a boiler explosion at Bear Grass last Friday afternoon, has been replaced by a gas power unit and operation was to be resumed this week. Mr. Henry D. Harrison, Bear Grass man who was injured in the explosion, is getting along very well, it was reported today.

Drivers Escape Injury When Vehicles Crash

No one was hurt but considerable property damage resulted when an automobile and truck were in a head-on collision at Roquist Creek, between here and Windsor, shortly before midnight Wednesday. The names of the occupants could not be learned. It was stated that the car, a new Willys, was demolished.

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Planned to acquaint the outside world with North Carolina, the tour will extend from here to Elizabeth City this afternoon. Tomorrow morning the travelers will visit North Carolina's coast and on Thursday will travel this way again about 10:30 o'clock on their way to Plymouth. Thursday afternoon the group, traveling in two special buses and a few private cars, will come through Williamston a third time and continue to Goldsboro. The tour ends in Charlotte Friday.

Advanced reports state that the notables, their salaries and expenses paid, are fed up on chicken, that many of them are about pestered out. Quite a number have deserted the tour already and several others will call it quits when they reach Elizabeth City this evening.

The selection of a site for Williamston's proposed \$78,000 post-office building will be considered by a special representative of the department possibly within the next three weeks, according to information released yesterday by Postmaster Pete Fowden.

Offers to sell sites for the new federal buildings have been made by six property owners, but the final selection rests with the department representative. Mr. Fowden stated that he had been instructed to compare the bids received with prices paid for real estates here in recent times.

Mrs. Ben E. Moye Dies At Oak City Early Last Night

Funeral Services Are Being Held at Home This Afternoon at 4 p. m.

Mrs. Benjamin E. Moye, greatly beloved woman of Oak City, died at her home there last evening at 7 o'clock following a long illness. Mrs. Moye had suffered with asthma for a number of years and during the past five or six weeks she had been confined to her bed. She was 74 years old.

Mrs. Moye was Miss Martha Crawford before marriage. She was a native of Pitt county and the daughter of the late Geo. Crawford and wife, prominent family of this section. About 35 years ago she married Mr. Moye, and moved to this county in 1912, locating in the Robersonville community. Since 1919 they made their home in Oak City where Mrs. Moye gained a large friendship and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. She was devoted to her family and church, and was a member of the Free Will Baptist congregation for a long number of years.

Funeral services are being conducted from the late home this afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry, pastor of the Robersonville Christian church. Interment will follow in the Oak City cemetery.

Mrs. Moye is survived by her husband who has been an invalid for nearly five years, and two sons, B. A. Moye, of Lenoir county, and A. L. Moye, of Oak City; and five daughters, Mrs. R. M. Goolsby, of Madison, N. C.; Mrs. J. M. Johnson, Mrs. W. V. Daniel, and Mrs. Paul Rawls, all of Oak City, and Mrs. J. Thurman Moore, of Palmyra.

Mrs. Moye was the last member of a well-known Pitt county family.

Series Of Services At Vernon Methodist Church

Rev. R. N. Fitts, of Robersonville, is conducting a series of revival meetings in the Vernon Methodist church near here this week. The services are being held each evening at 7:30 o'clock, and the public is invited to attend.

Sales Are Now Well Over Seven Million Pounds For Season

Warehousemen Are Certain Market Will Sell Nine Million Pounds

Williamston's progressive tobacco market marked up another record yesterday when it reported nearly one-half million pounds on its three warehouse floors. Official figures are not available, but it was reliably estimated that the first two sales had in excess of 400,000 pounds, and the third house had between sixty and seventy-five thousand pounds.

Sales were handled rapidly, but late afternoon found the selling task just a little over half completed. Much of today is being spent clearing the block of yesterday, and sales will continue well into the late afternoon handling the poundage delivered last night and early this morning.

The sales yesterday advanced the poundage well over the seven million mark for the season, and warehousemen are now certain the market will handle right at nine million pounds before sales are suspended possibly within the next four weeks. Late estimates indicate that between 80 and 90 per cent of the crop has been sold. Many farmers marketed their last offerings yesterday.

"We had the most successful sale yesterday we have ever had," Mr. Bob Ingram, one of the proprietors of the Planters Warehouse, said. While prices for the best grades were possibly not up to the peak reached on Monday of last week, a warehouseman explained that the average was well over 30 cents. The quality of the offerings was in the medium class for the most part, and prices for those types were equally as strong as they have been at any time this season. The price range was in the thirties, but there were large numbers of piles commanding forty cents or more, a few selling for fifty cents or more.

Farmers were very well pleased with their sales, few having averages in the low brackets. It was a fairly even sale all the way through, one observer stated.

The Planters Warehouse yesterday was filled from wall to wall with not even a part of a row unfilled. Tobacco was unloaded in the streets and rolled on trucks into the house. The Roanoke-Dixie house with second sale had a little space left in one of its driveways. Over at the Farmers one of the largest third sales ever seen here was offered.

There is no doubt but what the Williamston market will set an all-time record this year in sales with prices unusually satisfactory.

Man Admits Giving Counterfeit Money

J. B. Reed, colored man just recently back from a trip to New York, was arrested in Winton last Saturday for the alleged passing of counterfeit money here and in other eastern Carolina towns during the past ten days. When arrested, Reed had nine of the worthless \$10 on his person, and he admitted passing fifteen or twenty others in this section of the State during the past few weeks.

One of the worthless bills was given a D. Pender store here a week ago last Saturday, and according to Reed another one of the bills was passed on a Williamston merchant. The second bill has not been reported, according to the sheriff's office.

Reed attempted to pass one of the worthless bills to a filling station operator at Greenville. The operator turned it down and got the number of Reed's car. Sheriff Sam Whitehurst of Pitt investigated the case and effected the arrest, it was learned here.

According to information coming from the office of Sheriff C. B. Roebuck here, Reed purchased the bills in New York City, paying \$300 for 100 of them.

Reed was turned over to federal authorities and is now awaiting trial in the federal court in Elizabeth City.