

## Farmers Hear Farm Bureau Head Speak In Bertie Thursday

### Farm Bill Report Will Be Ready for Congress Early in Week

The urgent need for a strong farmers' organization was pointed out in a heated address by Edward O'Neal, American Farm Bureau Federation president, to farmers crowded into the Bertie County courthouse yesterday afternoon from fifteen northeastern Carolina counties. He asked the farmers to join some organization and explained that unless they did something for themselves no one else would or could advance their interests.

Finding here a diversified farming area, O'Neal told the group including quite a few Martin County farmers, that the peanut was not included in the farm bill, but intimated that a strong organization could possibly support and have effected a separate congressional act to control the crop. He explained that control features had been agreed on by the joint house and senate committee, and that farmers would soon be asked to vote on the control measures. A two-third majority will be necessary to effect the program for either crop. The house and senate conferees are now tangled up with a plan for dragging the corn crop out of the mire. Although the proposed bill is 106 pages long, it would be ready for action on the floors of the two houses next week, he said.

O'Neal struck at those congressmen, Southern congressmen, who had refused to take the lead in the fight for agriculture. "Some of your congressmen told me that you did not want control," the speaker said, "and while they have voted for the farm bill, they have taken no active part in the fight," he added. Continuing he said, "We had to beg some one to introduce a farm bill, and where were your leaders?"

Haywood Dail, a "red hot" supporter of the Farm Bureau federation addressed the meeting and lambasted the politicians. "We must learn how to vote, and gain for the farmer a rightful place around the conference tables in Washington." Continuing he said that he had nothing against anyone, but it is time for the farmer to wake up and find out something about their voting power.

R. C. Holland, speaking briefly, advised the farmers that plans of the N. C. Peanut Stabilization Cooperative were to sell peanuts now in government storage at a profit or crush them. Reports that sales would be made at a loss to the organization were denied by him.

The Gates county commissioners offered a resolution urging consideration for the peanut crop, and the body gave the resolution its unanimous approval.

Following his address in Windsor, Mr. O'Neal and officers of the State bureau passed through here on their way to Wilson where 1,000 farmers heard the farm bureau head speak last night.

At the meeting yesterday afternoon, Mr. Sam T. Everett, head of the farm bureau in this county, was given honorable recognition for the work he had done and is doing in advancing the interest of his fellow farmers. Farm Bureau authorities applauded him, and urge for him the support of every farmer in Martin County.

## Parents-Teachers In Meet Wednesday

Dr. S. A. Maxwell, local Methodist minister, addressed the regular monthly meeting of the parents-teachers association in the grammar school auditorium last Wednesday afternoon. The speaker centered his address around the topic, "What Is a Home and Its Place in the Relationship to the School." Dr. Maxwell's talk was well received.

Other features on the program for the afternoon were a reading, "What Words Mean to Your Child," by Miss Dorcas Knowles, and a song by the fifth grade pupils.

After reports of the various committees were heard, Mrs. W. K. Parker, president of the association, addressed an appeal to the members for support in advancing a recreational program for children in the community. Asked to give the need of recreational facilities consideration, members are expected to offer plans for advancing a program at the next meeting of the organization.

Mr. A. D. Griffin, Sr., of Griffins Township, was a business visitor here today.

## Baseball Here Depends Upon Response to Appeal for Funds

The people of the community will decide and decide within the next few days if there will be any professional baseball here this coming season. If they want baseball and will support it, then plans will be formulated to have baseball. If they want baseball and do not support it, then there'll be no baseball in Williamston this year. This decision was reached at a meeting of baseball fans at a meeting held in the Woman's Club hall here last evening.

A preliminary budget was discussed at the meeting last night, and it was admitted that a \$2,500 cash subscription would be necessary to supplement the gate receipts and income from other sources. If this amount is raised, Mr. R. H. Goodman will accept the presidency of the club again, the meeting last night agreeing that it was too much to expect one man to accept the entire burden of serving a club, as president, business manager, treasurer,

## Jamesville Policeman Plaintiff in \$3100 Suit

### NOT A CANDIDATE

"I will not be a candidate to succeed myself as State Senator from this district," Attorney Robt. L. Coburn said today. Mr. Coburn completing two terms in the senate, added that it was generally agreed that the field should be left for candidates in other counties in the district this year.

No announcements of candidacies for any office in this county or district have been made, but they are expected shortly.

## Man Critically Hurt Saturday Evening in Fight at Jamesville

### Jasper Wiggins, Colored, Is Not Expected to Recover

Jasper Wiggins, Williamston colored man, is in a critical condition as a result of a knife fight with Ben Flagg, colored, at Jamesville, last Saturday evening, reports from a government hospital yesterday stating that there was little hope for his recovery.

Wiggins was stabbed in two places, the first strike opening a hole near his neck large enough for one to place his fist in. The second wound, inflicted on his chest, was not so serious. The man's left arm was paralyzed and when he was carried to the government hospital in Hampton, Va., he had no use of his lower limbs. Last reports received here indicated that pneumonia had developed and that he was not expected to live.

Armed with a pocket knife, Wiggins met Flagg at a lumber camp in Jamesville. Flagg attacked him with a butcher knife. Both were said to have been drinking, and the cause for the bloody fight could not be learned. Flagg, the extent of his injuries not determined, left immediately after the fight and has not been heard from.

Wiggins was brought here for treatment about midnight Saturday. The wounds were sewed up, and his removal to a government hospital was advised by his attending physician.

The father of a large family, Wiggins had been working at the lumber plant several months. He is about 40 years old, and has been in the courts a number of times in recent months on various charges.

## Pulp Plant Lays Off Number Of Its Workers

More than 100 men were temporarily dropped from the employment list of the North Carolina Pulp company in the lower part of the county a few days ago, leaving about 350 working in the plant.

All or nearly all of the men are expected to return to the plant as soon as business conditions improve. Unofficial reports heard here this week state that the company is planning to add a \$300,000 bleaching unit to its plant.

## Half Dozen Cases Handled in County Court Last Monday

### Absence of Drunken Driving Cases Is Unusual Docket Feature

With only a small number of cases on docket, the Martin County Recorder's court held a very short session last Monday when Judge Peel tried the docket and adjourned the tribunal a good while before the noon hour. The absence of drunken driving cases was a feature of the session, reports indicating that it was the first time in several months that no one was before the court for alleged drunken driving. The docket as a whole was recognized of little importance, and the attendance upon the session was not near as large as usual.

Found guilty by a jury after five hours of argument at a previous session, Lawrence Lilley withdrew his appeal to the higher court with the consent of Judge Peel, and he was ordered to give bond in the sum of \$300 for his appearance the first Monday in November, 1938 to begin a three months road sentence imposed in a previous judgment.

Facing the court for alleged drunkenness and interfering with an officer in the performance of his duty, James Gilmore was found guilty on the second count and was sentenced to the roads for four months. He appealed and the court required bond in the sum of \$250. A motion to dismiss the charge of drunkenness was allowed by the court.

## Officer G. E. Beck Seeks \$3,100 From Barber And Arnold

### Jamesville Men Are Made Defendants Following Officer's Arrest

George E. Beck, Jamesville chief of police, filed suit in the Martin County Superior court this week to recover \$3,100 damage from Curtis Arnold and H. W. Barber, of Jamesville, the officer maintaining in his complaint that the defendants had willfully, wantonly and maliciously caused his arrest, and that his reputation had been unjustly attacked.

The officer states in his complaint that the trouble started last September, the complaint going on to say, in part:

"That on or about the — day of September, 1937, plaintiff, while acting in the performance of his duties as constable for said county received information that one Dan Blue, a colored man, had been probably murdered, and upon evidence and information pointing to the guilt of the defendant, Curtis Arnold, arrested him while in the act of boarding a passenger bus leaving the town of Jamesville and turned him over to the custody of Sheriff C. B. Roebuck.

"That some time prior to the arrest of said defendant, Curtis Arnold, plaintiff, while in the act and performance of his duties as policeman of the town of Jamesville, had occasion to approach the defendant, Barber, for violating a town ordinance, whereupon said Barber became highly infuriated and indignant and abuse, cursed and threatened plaintiff and told him that he was going to have him removed from office."

The complaint filed by Attorney H. D. Hardison further alleges that Arnold was in the employ of Barber and was in the habit of going to his employer for advice, that Barber advised and solely caused his co-defendant, Arnold, to willfully, wantonly and maliciously issue or have issued a criminal warrant for the arrest of the plaintiff. The warrant charged Beck with stealing a shot gun, rifle and clothing from the dwelling of the defendant Arnold, breaking and entering a dwelling house and trespassing.

It is further alleged in the complaint that the plaintiff was arrested, and required to give bond for his appearance in the county recorder's court, that Arnold through his private counsel asked the court to dismiss the action against the plaintiff as to stealing and trespassing. It was further alleged in the complaint that the recorder required bond for Beck's appearance at the December term of Martin County Superior court. A bill of indictment was drawn, but the grand jury returned the indictment with the notation, "Not a true bill."

The plaintiff alleges that as a result of the action of the defendants he was damaged \$3,100, \$190 actual, \$1,000 punitive and \$2,000 sustained to his reputation and character. Officer Beck was arrested under warrant issued on October 19 of last year. He is bringing suit as a pauper, the court acting favorably on his plea that he did not hold sufficient sureties to sue otherwise.

## Funeral Services Wednesday Afternoon; Interment Near Farm Life

Mrs. Mary Jenkins Griffin, native of Robersonville Township, died at her home in Griffins Township Wednesday morning at 7:15 o'clock, following a long period of declining health. She was taken ill with pneumonia the early part of last week, and her condition was recognized as critical.

The daughter of the late William and Susan Jenkins, well-known family of this county for several generations, Mrs. Griffin was born near Robersonville on April 2, 1861, making her almost 77 years old. She was the last member of her immediate family.

About thirty-one years ago, she married George W. Griffin, prominent citizen of Griffins Township, where she made her home until her death and where she made friends readily and held the high esteem of everyone who knew her. She never affiliated herself with any church, but she was a greater believer in the Primitive Baptist faith, her life exemplifying the principles advanced in the teachings of her Maker. Her adopted community was made a better place in which to live by her having lived there.

No children were born to the union, but she leaves three step-children, Mr. John E. Griffin and Mrs. Louis Peel, of Griffins Township, and Mrs. John Gray Corey, of Williamston Township.

## Mrs. G. W. Griffin Passes At Home In Griffins Township

### Funeral Services Wednesday Afternoon; Interment Near Farm Life

Funeral services were conducted from the late home yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock by Elder B. S. Cowin, of the Primitive Baptist church at Bear Grass, assisted by Rev. W. B. Harrington. Interment followed in the family plot in the Manning cemetery in the Farm Life section of Griffins Township.

## County Men Form Aerial Club Here

Headed by Henry Johnson as president, an aerial club is formed here this week, reports from the organization meeting stating that the members plan to take to the air within the next month. Arrangements are now underway to establish a landing field near here, and a new airplane will be purchased by the group within a short time.

Shelton Johnson is vice president of the club. Willford Sparrow was named secretary and Maurice Peel is the treasurer of the organization. W. Tom Crawford will direct activities and offer flying instructions. Members of the club not including the officers, are: Tennyson Ayers, William Peel and Fred Ayers. Membership is open to several others, the secretary stating yesterday that a number of applications for membership are pending.

## Local Christian Church Suspend Services Jan. 30

The Williamston Christian church in regular business session on last Sunday morning, voted to suspend the regular morning service on fifth Sunday morning, January 30th in order that the membership might fellowship in the Roanoke District convention, convening with the Macedonia Christian church.

## FARM MEETINGS

The last of a series of farm meetings held in this county in connection with the 1938 soil conservation program are scheduled for next week, beginning at Everett on Monday evening at 7 o'clock in the school building. On Tuesday night, farm leaders will hold a meeting in Haswell, and on Wednesday a last session will be held in Jamesville.

Meetings already have been fairly well attended, and much interest has been expressed in the 1938 program. Indirect reports received clearly indicate that nothing short of a control program will hold tobacco acreage down and make possible participation in the soil program.

## Plans Go Forward for a Greater Tobacco Market in Williamston During the Approaching Season

### Cooking Day Shares Spotlight With Wash Day as Set Event

For years and years wash day has been so closely associated with Monday that when wash day was mentioned one understood it to be Monday. But now, according to two little tots in the local school, "cooking day" comes in to share a place in the weekly grind of set events. Reports have it that at least one family here sets apart one day in the week as "cooking day," a time when all the food available is dumped into the boiling pot. No more cooking is done on other days, and if the supply fails to last, members of the family do along the best they can, it is understood.

The discovery was made in the school here a few days ago when two small children applied for a free meal ticket to the parents-teachers lunch room. The two little tots,

thanks to their teacher who had begged clothes for them, were very well dressed that day, and it was reasonable to believe the children could bring lunches from home. An investigation was started, and the two children explained that they brought their lunches on "cooking days," but that there was little left to bring even on the day following "cooking day."

Along with quite a few others, the two little youngsters were given free meal tickets.

The discovery this week proves beyond all doubt that a lunch room is needed in the school here, and that credit, more credit than they will ever receive, is due members of the parent-teacher group and possibly others for creating and maintaining the project.

## Prominent Bertie Man Third Partner In New Warehouse

### Arrangements Are Virtually Complete for Operation Three Other Houses

Plans are being advanced rapidly for a greater Williamston tobacco market this coming season, unofficial announcements released yesterday stating that construction work on a fourth warehouse is to get underway within the next few weeks and that the selection of the operating personnel for all the houses was virtually complete. Official announcements by the warehouse operators are expected momentarily, it was learned.

It was officially announced yesterday that Mr. Ollie Belch, prominent farmer-business man of Colerain, Bertie county, is the third partner-owner in the new warehouse to be built here this season, that he and Messrs. Sylvester Lilley and Johnnie Gurkin have completed plans for starting construction work within the next few weeks. Messrs. Belch, Lilley, Gurkin and W. R. Ingram will operate the house, it was announced.

The site for the warehouse has been cleared on Washington street a block from the present group of tobacco houses, reports stating that timber is now moving to the mills to be made ready for the construction of the house. Present plans call for the construction of a brick-galvanized iron structure 250 feet deep and 180 feet wide.

The announcement of Mr. Belch's connection with the new warehouse firm is received here with much interest, for it marks the beginning of a business association between well-known Martin County men with one of Bertie's most reliable citizens. Recognized as hard workers and possessed of friendliness, these men, it is certain, have formed an association that will prove of great value to the market and its patrons in the two counties as well as in surrounding counties, and at the same time prove pleasant and profitable to them. Mr. Belch has been connected with the warehouse business on other markets for a number of years, but casts his lot with the Williamston market as an owner-operator. He is prominently connected in Bertie county business circles, and is recognized as one of that section's leading and most progressive citizens, possessing a large friendship throughout the territory. He has formed an association with three of Martin County's finest citizens, and his and their undertaking is assured of success at the start.

Present indications are that Williamston has built a firm foundation for supporting a tobacco market that will rank with the leaders in the belt.

## APPOINTMENTS

Miss Elizabeth Long, of Hamilton, was appointed secretary and Mr. Charles Leonard, formerly of Manchuria and a recent graduate of Wake Forest College and the U. S. School of Public Health, Chapel Hill, was named sanitarian for the newly established county health department by the board of health in special meeting here this week. Miss Long and Mr. Leonard are expected to enter upon their new duties about the first of next month.

Appointments of two health nurses are not expected before early March. During the meantime, plans are being completed for inaugurating the new health service the early part of next month.

## Robt. Staton Price Dies At Home Near Here On Thursday

### Last Rites Are Being Held This Afternoon from His Late Home

Robert S. Price, well-known county farmer and churchman, died at his home near here yesterday morning about 4:30 o'clock from a complication of ailments. Seventy-seven years old, Mr. Price had been in declining health for some time. About two weeks ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis, the end coming gradually. Two years ago Mr. Price fell and broke his hip, but after a stay of several weeks in a Washington hospital he recovered, and was able to be up and did attend to duties on his farm.

Mr. Price was born in this county, the son of the late Jesse D. and Penie Roberson Price, locating in Williamston Township when a young man.

He was an active member of the Holiness church, and was a good neighbor and successful farmer. In addition to his farm work, he engaged in the timber business during a number of years, and in all his dealings his word was as good as his bond.

In early manhood he married Miss Elizabeth Bowen who survives with the following children: Mrs. J. H. Cross, of Tarboro; W. E. Price, of High Point; M. A. Price, Ira S. Price, Mrs. H. F. Mizelle, Robert Price, Mrs. Willie Bowen, J. D. Bowen, Mrs. J. E. Gurganus, and Mrs. Chester Nicholson, all of Williamston. He also leaves one brother, Mr. John Price of Williamston.

Funeral services are being conducted from the late home this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. Jerome Gaggard, assisted by Rev. Jesse Crocker. Interment will be on the home farm in this township.

## Sunday Services Held At Everetts Christian Church

There will be preaching services at the Christian church in Everetts next Sunday at 11 o'clock and at 7 o'clock in the evening. Members and friends of the church are reminded of the change from second to fourth Sunday.

## Work To Start Soon On Church Building

Work on a new house of worship for the Piney Grove Baptist membership will get underway within the next few days in Griffins Township, according to reports reaching here today.

Members of the religious group are moving timber to the saw mills today, the lumber will be placed on the lot on the old-township house site within the next week or two. Much interest has been shown in the undertaking by members of the Piney Grove congregation and friends, reports stating that the new church will be ready for use in a comparatively short time.

At the present time the group is worshipping in a small church on the Manning Road. The new location places the church more in the center of its membership.

## Norman Concert Singers Appear At Negro School

The Norman Concert singers of Elizabeth City are to appear in grand recital at the Colored high school on next Monday evening. Their presentation is mainly from the choral ensemble of Trampin. This group is recently returned from a Northern tour where their efforts were loudly acclaimed. All are cordially invited. Special seats will be reserved for our white friends.