

Local Man Declares Prices In Kentucky Are Disappointing

Burley Tobacco Crop Will Average Around 17 Cents Jimmy Taylor Says

Averaging around 17 cents, prices paid Kentucky farmers for their tobacco during the season ending yesterday were very disappointing, as a whole, says Jimmy Taylor, local man who has just returned for the markets there. The approximate 17-cent average compares with an average price of around 47 cents last year, it was pointed out.

Reaching a point above war-time levels, the high prices last year attracted new growers, and a general increase was planned. The farmers in that belt marketed about 25 per cent or in the neighborhood of 100 million more pounds this season than they did last. Over production and poor handling of the crop along with an inferior quality knocked the bottom out of prices, Mr. Taylor pointed out.

The increase handled by the Burley growers and the resulting low prices can be recognized as fair warning to growers in eastern North Carolina. No fairer example can be had that points out the fallacy of producing an over-supply and losing money on its sale. If Kentucky farmers had received a fair price last season and a fair price this season they would be better off today than they are, the unusually high prices exacting possibly more damage than the low figures.

Reports released from Washington a few days ago are little understood here. These reports maintain that the outlook for flue-cured tobacco is encouraging. It is pointed out that even though there are large stocks, consumption is increasing. One remembers the low prices the early part of this decade, and consumption held up fairly well at that time. The whole business hinges on production control, and while consumption plays a big part, prices will tumble if they are dependent upon increased use alone.

The summary released from Washington follows, in part:

"Approximately 1,733,000,000 pounds of flue-cured tobacco are available for the 1937-38 season. This supply is nearly 12 per cent more than the 1936-37 supply, and is by far the largest supply of flue-cured on record.

"Stocks in the hands of dealers and manufacturers on July 1st amount to a farm-sales-weight equivalent of 883,200,000 pounds. While this is a record high, stocks were only slightly larger than those of 871,300,000 pounds on the corresponding date a year earlier. Production in 1937-38, however, is expected to amount to 850,200,000 pounds, about 24 per cent more than last season's output and about 5 per cent more than the previous all-time high production in 1935-36.

"Larger Disappearance
"Total disappearance (domestic consumption plus exports) of flue-cured tobacco probably will be larger in the current season than in 1936-37. Increased domestic consumption probably will account for part of the increase in total disappearance, and there also will likely be moderate increase in exports.

Opening Of Health Office Is Delayed

The opening of a full-time health office in this county will be delayed at least ten days or until the W. P. A. in Williamston's town hall find time to crowd its forces into offices on the third floor of the building, Mayor John L. Hassell said today. The committee named to locate the full-time health department believe, however, that the change can be effected without great trouble to anyone.

During the meantime, orders for equipment are being delayed, but the department personnel is beginning surveys in the field and making plans to inaugurate the service on a full-time schedule the latter part of next or the early part of the following week. Sanitarian Chas. Leonard reported for work this week, and Dr. E. W. Furgurson, the department head, is handling various duties centering around the medical care of inmates in the county jail and home.

Look For Large Crowd At Opening Of New Company

The formal opening of the new plant of the North Carolina Equipment company is expected to attract large crowds here tomorrow. Several hundred answers to the invitation extended by the company have been received, it was learned today.

Plans Virtually Complete for Financing Baseball Club Here

Virtually completing plans yesterday for financing the undertaking, officials this morning announced that Williamston would have professional baseball this coming season. Ending a two-days drive Wednesday, Ray Goodmon and Pete Fowden stated that \$1,500 had already been pledged, and that an additional \$500 could be raised before the season opens in April. "We worked hard, but the people as a whole gave us a ready and loyal support," one of the canvassers said this morning.

Mr. Goodmon also announced that a working agreement had been definitely effected with the Cincinnati Reds, that the contract allowing the Martins \$1,500 had been drawn and signed. The \$2,000 in local donations and the \$1,500 plus gate receipts and income from advertising will nearly

support the local club, it is believed. A contract with Art Hauger, of Minnesota, will be executed this week, and he is expected to take over the managerial duties of the team within the next few weeks or just as soon as he can dig from under those Minnesota snowdrifts. Hauger stated in a letter a few days ago that the temperature there was 33 degrees below freezing and still falling, that snowdrifts had covered his automobile.

Contracts are expected at once from Brice McKay and Howard Earp. Very few of the other old players are expected to return this season. Manager Hauger will sign a few and the Reds will send a number of players here. Spring training will get underway about the first of April, and the season opens April 27.

Williamston Enters A Bid for Vet Hospital

CANDIDATE



Judge Walter Bone, of Nashville, formally announced his candidacy today to succeed himself as superior court judge in the second district.

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Timous Valentine Announced Candidacy Recently for Judgeship

Walter J. Bone, young jurist appointed by Governor Hoy to the superior court bench from the second judicial district last year to succeed Judge M. V. Barnhill when the latter was moved up to the state Supreme Court, today announced his candidacy for re-election.

Judge Bone's announcement develops a contest for the second district judgeship, Attorney Timous Valentine, also of Nashville, having announced his candidacy some weeks ago.

In making his formal announcement, Judge Bone declared that the "good of the office should be placed above personal ambitions," and that he regarded the office of superior court judge "as one of the highest and most responsible position which a man can be called upon to fill."

"It is not fitting that I should express any opinion as to my own qualifications; the people of the district must judge that matter for themselves, but I do feel that I can say with propriety that since taking the oath of office last July I have endeavored to perform the duties of the office fairly, conscientiously and to the very best of my ability," Judge Bone asserted. "If I have succeeded in that undertaking in such a manner as to merit the trust reposed in me and to demonstrate a fitness for the position which I hold, then I feel that I can with justification ask the people to elect me."

The candidate concluded his announcement with an expression of confidence in the people of his district to make their choice "in a spirit of absolute accord with the right of the people to choose their public servants, and with complete confidence in their ability to do so, I hereby announce that I shall be a candidate to succeed myself as resident superior court judge of the second judicial district. I shall be deeply grateful to the voters of the district for their support."

Martin County's seventh rural electric line was completed last Tuesday evening at 7:05 when current was turned on in sixteen Cross Roads Township homes.

Many Local People Wire Warren to Give Town Consideration

Number of Towns in Eastern Carolina Seeking New Hospital

Williamston yesterday entered a strong bid to have the one and one-half million dollar veterans' hospital proposed by the federal government located here, reports stating that around twenty-five individuals and heads of various establishments here had directed telegrams to Congressman Lindsay Warren urging him to use his influence in having the institution located here. While some believe there is little chance of having the institution located here others believe that Williamston has about as valid a claim to it as any other town in eastern North Carolina.

A dozen or more towns in eastern Carolina where the government proposes to locate the \$1,500,000 hospital have entered bids, and it is reasonable to believe that a long drawn wrangle will take place before any site is chosen. Towns as far away as Elizabeth City in the east and Fayetteville in the south are all clamoring that the institution be given them. Wilson and Rocky Mount have been warring among themselves for weeks, both claiming big rights to the hospital.

In the first district, Elizabeth City, Washington, Greenville and Washington have been mentioned as possible sites for the hospital, Representative Warren yesterday hastily correcting the report charging him with saying that there were no towns in his district seeking the hospital, and that he favored Goldsboro as a location. He added that he would favor "some" town in his own district that is all four—Williamston, Elizabeth City, Washington and Greenville—are eliminated because of their distance from the rest of the State, he would favor some place as near as possible to his district. Goldsboro is the nearest place to his district, it was pointed out.

President Roosevelt only a few days ago approved the appropriation of one and one-half millions of dollars for a veterans' hospital in eastern North Carolina.

The American Legion Post in this county has heartily endorsed Williamston as the best site in the territory, and individuals are continuing to address appeals to Mr. Warren in an effort to have his support in advancing this town's bid for the institution.

Bear Grass Farmer Suffers Broken Back In Accident

Kelly Moore, Bear Grass Township farmer, was critically hurt yesterday when he was trapped by a falling tree in the Sweet Home section. Removed to a Washington hospital, Moore, 40 years old, suffered two broken ribs and a severe back injury. He is expected to recover.

Mr. Moore was cutting wood with three other men when he misjudged the direction in which a tree was falling and got into the path of one of its limbs.

Philathea Class To Hold Monthly Meet Friday

The Philathea Bible class will hold its monthly meeting Friday evening with Mrs. R. W. Bondurant on Marshall avenue.

Few Cases Are Called In Recorders Court At Monday's Session

Three Defendants Are Given Road Sentences by Judge Peel

There were few cases on the docket for trial, but the Martin County Recorder's court was held in session during much of last Monday in completing its weekly schedule of work. Of the nine defendants facing trial, one-third of them drew sentences on the roads, two others having \$10 fines imposed on them. Three cases, charging violations of various laws, were continued for trial at later dates at the urgent requests of the defendants.

The docket carried the smallest number of cases of any so far this year, and for the second time in recent weeks no cases charging drunken driving were tried.

Proceedings:
Finding no probable cause, the court dismissed the case charging Roy Keith with violating the motor vehicle laws.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, John Wiley Ruffin was taxed with one-half the case costs, and Jas. Pippin was sentenced to the roads for a period of three months.

Aaron Brown, charged with larceny and receiving, was sentenced to the roads for six months.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Robert and Orlando Brown were each fined \$10 and taxed with the costs of the case.

Robert Johnson, adjudged guilty in the case charging him and John Little and Lonnie Langley with larceny, was sentenced to the roads for four months. The other two defendants in the case were found not guilty.

Henry W. Mizelle Dies In Jamesville

Henry W. Mizelle, Jamesville Township farmer, died at his home near Jamesville Wednesday morning at 6:30 o'clock following a short illness. He was 63 years old.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ed Mizelle, he was born and reared in this county and farmed all his life. Mr. Mizelle was well known and had many friends in his community.

Mrs. Mizelle survives with five children, Mrs. Mattie Jones, Mrs. Ursuler Balderson, Mrs. Mildred Frazier and Mrs. Estant Teachers, all of Hopewell, Va., and Mrs. Queenie Browning, of Plymouth.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 2:30 from the late home by Rev. Mr. Davis. Interment was in the family cemetery near Jamesville.

Three Board Meetings Scheduled For Monday

The Martin County Commissioners and Education and the local Town Commissioners will hold scheduled meetings here next Monday, the calendars of all three groups carrying no important business for consideration.

Jurymen will be drawn by the county commissioners for the March term of superior court, and it is probable the board will consider plans for refunding road bonds in Cross Roads Township. However, Clerk J. Sam Getsinger stated that he knew nothing of the plans at this time.

The board of education is meeting in regular session for the first time in several months, and the business before the body will be of a routine nature. "We have a short calendar scheduled," Mayor J. L. Hassell said in connection with the scheduled meeting of the local town authorities.

NEXT WEEK!

"Next Week" has again been set as the time when the farm control bill will be given consideration in the Congress. All kinds of reports have been released in connection with the bill, but its contents and provisions are not yet publicly known.

Unofficial reports state that it will attempt production control by benefit payments and loans rather than by an enforced quota system. It advances price stabilization rather than the ever-normal granary plan. However, the bill is said to carry a provision for enforcing production quotas if supply runs away with demand. Action is now expected next Tuesday or Wednesday, and conservation quotas will be released about 15 days later, it is generally understood.

County Gets \$30,198.97 Taxes In Lump Sum from Coast Line

Financially speaking, the Martin County treasury was placed on its feet this week when the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company paid its 1937 tax account. Based on an assessed valuation of \$1,975,631, the taxes levied at the rate of \$1.41 the \$100 property value, amounted to \$27,856.40, a sum slightly smaller than the 1936 account. Although slightly decreased, the account is by far the largest paid into the county treasury for taxes.

In addition to the general county tax of \$27,856.40, the company paid \$2,342.57 in special road taxes making a total of \$30,198.97 not including taxes due and paid the several incorporated towns. Based on a valuation of \$272,863, the 15-cent special road tax in Williamston Town-

ship raised \$409.29. The 40-cent rate in Cross Roads Township raised \$542.73. Assessed valuations of the company in that district were \$135,682. In Goose Nest Township where the company's assessed property valuation was \$359,444 last year, the 25-cent rate raised \$898.61. Hamilton Township with an assessed valuation of \$140,554 and a 35-cent rate received \$491.94.

The amount paid by the railroad in Robersonville Township is "not known here as that district floated past road bonds under a special commission.

Last year the railroad paid the county \$29,825.62, but its valuation was \$2,085,708 and the rate was \$1.43. The four special road districts received a total of \$2,473.09.

Plan Control of Blue Mold with Electricity

Scientists Locate Experiment Plots Near Williamston

Theory Supporting Experiment Is Maintenance of Even Temperatures

Recognizing the great loss resulting to young tobacco plants, scientists of the North Carolina Extension Division located a station on the farm of W. L. Taylor, near here, yesterday and will conduct experiments with electricity in an effort to advance a definite control of the blue mold.

Blue mold is connected more with atmospheric conditions than it is as a disease of the soil, and the scientists are advancing under this theory in their experiments. "While we believe we are on the right track, we cannot predict with any degree of certainty the outcome of the experiments," one of the scientists said.

Lloyd T. Weeks, former assistant county agent here who is now with the extension division as tobacco specialist, is showing much interest in the experiment, and points out that much good can be accomplished for the farmer if a control method for blue mold can be effected.

The experiment brought research workers here from the Virginia Electric and Power Company's headquarters in Richmond in addition to Specialist Weeks and Dr. Luther Shaw, of Raleigh. Messrs. Clark Spallman, George Harper, J. D. Hamilton and P. D. Lawrence were here yesterday completing plans for the experiment that is receiving the cooperation of the power company.

According to plans first advanced, it was proposed to maintain an even temperature in the plant beds by burying electric cables a few inches under the ground. Later plans call for the placing of cables just above the plants and an inch or two under the tobacco cloth covers. The heating units will be thermostatically controlled that the temperature will remain about the same during the period blue mold is subject to attack the plants.

Four plots, six feet square, have been prepared for the experiments. Certain temperatures will be maintained in each of the plots, the experimenters believing that it will not be necessary to keep the equipment in use for more than two or three weeks. No cost figures for the method are available just now, but engineers point out that if the plan proves successful the cost of combating blue mold the electrical way will not be prohibitive.

Farmers interested in the experiment will find the location convenient to reach, and any constructive criticism by them will be appreciated.

The experimenters are not able to guarantee results; they are doing just what their title implies. If they succeed, much will have been accomplished for the tobacco farmer; if they fail, they will keep on trying to advance a definite control method along other lines.

Church Night Service Is Planned For February 16

The Williamston Christian church is planning to have a Church Night service on Wednesday evening, February 16th. The meeting, the first of the year, will hear reports from the various organizations of the church, elect the officers of the church board and the pastor will submit a plan of service for the year. The entire membership of the church is urged to reserve this night for this important meeting of the church.

Fate Of "Bandit" Machine Will Be Decided Monday

Hearing Held Yesterday in Case at Raleigh by Judge Meekins

Judge I. M. Meekins yesterday in Raleigh studied the petition of Solicitor J. A. Powers of Kinston that he rescind and modify a recent injunction restraining officers from interfering with "silent salesman" slot machines.

Arguments were completed before the jurist at noon and he said he would render a decision "by Monday."

Emphasizing that he was not asking the question "for press speculation" and explaining "I have not decided what I will do," the judge asked Attorney General A. A. F. Seawell:

"If I rescinded this decree of December 2 I wouldn't do it unless the plaintiff was given 10 days to get the machines out, and would that be acceptable?"

Seawell asked that he be allowed to confer by telephone with Solicitor Powers before answering, and this was granted. There are some 1,100 to 1,700 of the machines in the eastern part of the State now.

The attorney general argued the case for the state, becoming indignant at times and once referring to "damn fools." Later Judge Meekins commented to Seawell that the attorney general had appeared nervous "and used language not usual in your dealings with the court."

The attorney general termed it a "puerile argument" that the silent salesman-type of slot machine would be used only once by a player because it bore a plate saying it could not be played but once. "If a man is big enough fool to leave it alone," said Seawell, "then others will come up and take advantage of his luck as the machine indicates what it will do the next play."

Throughout, Seawell argued that the action of the plaintiff and his counsel was unusual and that "this court was unfairly dealt with in the case." He contended "the purpose of the plaintiff was to prostitute this court so it would protect him in an illegal enterprise."

The jurist said that he saw one of the machines in an Elizabeth City business place a few days ago, with his decree pasted on it, and "my first impulse was to call these people together and dissolve the decree at once. Then I thought nature would take its course."

Judge Meekins asked if it was not "an obvious admission that playing the machine a second time was gambling as he discussed the plate pasted on each machine prohibiting more than one play by a person. He said it had been testified the machines were primarily for the sale of mints, yet a man was prohibited from buying more than one pack even if he wanted 100 packages.

Seawell pointed out that putting a label on burglary tools that they could be used illegally did not clear a person found unlawfully possessing them. "You can't make a horse a cow by pasting a sign on it," commented Judge Meekins.

Columbus Wynne Dies in Pitt County

Columbus M. Wynne, brother of the late J. Lass Wynne, who was a resident of this county for many years, died at his home in the Oak Grove Community of Pitt County last Wednesday. Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon from the late home by Rev. J. M. Perry, and interment was in the Taylor Cemetery, nearby.

Surviving Mr. Wynne are two sons, M. L. and J. L. Wynne of the home, and four daughters, Misses Dallas and Selma Wynne of the home, Mrs. J. H. Taylor of the home community and Mrs. Clarence Hardy of near Williamston. One sister, Mrs. Willie Ann Teel, of Akron, Ohio, also survives.

He was married in 1906 to Miss Lela May Pierce of Martin County, who died 20 years ago. He was a member of the Cross Roads Christian church and took an active interest in community affairs.

Norman Singers To Make Return Engagement Here

The Norman Singers, of Elizabeth City, will make a return appearance here next Monday evening at eight o'clock in the colored school auditorium. The singers were well received and are being brought back by special request. Seats will be reserved for white people, Principal E. J. Hayes announces.

FIRST CHECK

The first unemployment insurance check for a Martin County man was delivered to James Franklin Coltrain here this morning. Coltrain, once employed as a painter in Roanoke Rapids, filed his claim on January 4. His check is for about \$14.

Nearly 500 claims have been filed in the district office of the employment bureau here, large numbers of checks are expected within the next few days for those filing claims under the unemployment insurance act.

Native Of County Dies At Home In Texas Last Monday

Funeral Services Conducted Tuesday For Thomas Yarrrell in Belton

Thomas Yarrrell, Sr., member of a prominent Martin County family, died at his home in Belton, Texas, last Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock at the age of 91 years. He had been in declining health for several years but continued active in banking affairs at Belton until shortly before his death. Funeral services were conducted in Belton Tuesday afternoon by Elder Morgan, of Killeen, Texas, and burial was in the North Belton Cemetery.

The son of the late Julius Slade and Emmaline Riddick Yarrrell, he was born near Williamston on March 19, 1846. When a young man and shortly after the close of the Civil War in which he served the cause of the south, he moved to Texas and located in Bell County where he was soon recognized for his business pioneering. After successfully conducting a business enterprise in Oenaville and Yarrrellton, the latter place having been named for him, he located in Belton and entered the banking business. During the past 30 years he was president of the People's National Bank there, and occupied a prominent place in the business and civic life of that section.

Mr. Yarrrell last visited Williamston about 20 years ago, but he always kept in close touch with the activities of his native home and county. Mr. Julius S. Peel, of Williamston, is a nephew, and Mrs. Jennie Yarrrell, formerly of Williamston, but now of Lynchburg, is a sister-in-law, of Mr. Yarrrell's. He is survived by two sons, Slade and Thomas Yarrrell, both of Belton, and four grandchildren, Dr. Zulieka Yarrrell, of New York; Thomas Moore Yarrrell, of Belton; Mrs. E. O. Guthrie, of Austin, and Mrs. Leo Konz, of Magnolia, Arkansas.

Boy Suffers Broken Legs When Run Over By Auto

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hardy suffered fractures of both legs when he was run over by an automobile at the Hardy home on the Hamilton road yesterday afternoon.

Reports reaching here stated that the little fellow was playing around the car parked on a slight incline, that the machine unoccupied, started rolling and trapped him.

Mrs. Hardy, the child's mother, was attending the funeral of her father, Mr. C. M. Wynne, in Pitt County when the accident happened.