

## Warehousemen Ask An Earlier Opening For Leaf Markets

### Eastern Carolina Association In Annual Meeting At Wilson Friday

Holding their annual meeting in Wilson last Friday, members of the Eastern Carolina Warehousemen's association went on record as favoring an earlier opening of the tobacco markets, the action being in strict accord with resolutions passed by similar associations in other sections of the country. The association has taken similar action year after year, and it remains to be seen what effect it will have when the United States Tobacco association meets in West Virginia he latter part of his month.

The other only business upon which the meeting last Friday took action was to endorse the present seven-hour selling period. It has been proposed in some quarters to shorten the daily selling period in an effort to eliminate congestion in factories.

In regard to hours, the resolution also declared that "in event congestion occurs in factories, companies can take the matter up with the various belt presidents and hours will be cut to six until congestion is cleared."

W. E. Fenner, of Rocky Mount, was elected president of the Eastern association for the next year, to succeed J. J. Gibbons, of Wilson, who presided over the meeting. B. B. Sugg, of Greenville, was elected vice president. The secretary and treasurer will be appointed by the president. Next year's meeting will be held in Rocky Mount.

Predicting that not less than "950,000,000 pounds" of tobacco will be grown this year and "probably more," Sugg started off the meeting with an explanation of the question the association was to discuss. He told the association that it was approaching "the greatest crisis ever to face the tobacco industry" and urged that "you take the opportunity to solve your problems in a united way."

J. E. Winslow, of Greenville, president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, a guest at the meeting, told the warehousemen that "I want the set up to stay as it is. We farmers are satisfied with it, except one thing."

This "one thing" Winslow declared, "is a fair division of the industry. We do not ask for an exorbitant price but we want a fair price. We want returns in line with what we ought to have."

C. T. Hall, chairman of the tri-state advisory committee of the Department of Agriculture, urged better understanding among the growers, warehousemen and buyers and goodwill within the industry as a whole.

## Last Round-up For Dogs In the County

Before resorting to court action of gun fire, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck has arranged a last round-up of dogs for vaccinations. A dispensary will be in progress at the office of Dr. A. J. Osteen in Williamston on Saturday of this week, and vaccinations will be handled for the nominal amount of 50 cents.

Completing a check of the dogs in the county, Sheriff Roebuck said this week that 388 of the canines had not been vaccinated, that the owners will be made subject to indictment and the dogs killed as a last resort to enforce the law. The recent check shows the following number of dogs that have not been vaccinated in the several townships: Jamesville 20, Williams 22, Griffins 18, Bear Grass 35, Williamston 54, Cross Roads 16, Robersonville 68, Poplar Point 9, Hamilton 66, Goose Nest 40.

## New Agriculture Teacher Starts Work At Jamesville

Succeeding E. J. Whitmire as teacher of vocational agriculture in the Jamesville school, Sam Andrews entered upon his new duties there last week-end.

Andrews, a Sampson county young man, just completed his training at State College, with honors. Whitmire, a promising young agriculturist, resigned the position to continue the work near his home in western Carolina.

## Meeting Of Town Board Is Again Postponed

The regular meeting of the local town commissioners postponed on the first Monday night on account of the absence of a quorum was again delayed last evening when several of the members were called out of town unexpectedly.

## Early Tobacco Crop Affected By Dry Weather in Past Week

Prospects that just a little over a week ago pointed to one of the best crops grown in this section in years were altered considerably when the dry season continued through another week and dealt a heavy blow to "old" tobacco. "Conditions, while not as encouraging as they were last Sunday a week ago, are not disheartening because dry weather frightens and wet weather ruins," Mr. Bob Ingram said following a general survey of the tobacco crop in two counties the early part of this week.

"Old tobacco," he said, referring to that portion of the crop transplanted in April, "is in a bad plight, and it is likely that the production will be cut from 33 to 50 per cent." Mr. Ingram, who has observed the crop year after year, explained that the old tobacco is buttoning or blooming, the leaves are narrow and pointed and under those conditions a normal crop is not to be expected. "I saw quite a number of fields

where the production will not exceed six or seven hundred pounds per acre," Mr. Ingram added. Many of the old crops are blooming where there are less than a dozen leaves on the plant.

In those sections of the county where rains fell the latter part of last week, strong winds soon dried the earth and there was little resulting benefit to the crops, farmers say.

Almost certain their tobacco will not reach a normal height, farmers are topping it low. In those cases they will allow a sucker to grow to maintain quality of the few leaves near the bottom of the stalk.

## \$10,000 Damage Suit Filed In County Court

### RAINFALL

The backbone of the long dry season experienced in this section was dented but hardly broken at this point today when six-tenths of an inch of rain fell here, the falling coming close behind a .16 inch general downfall yesterday afternoon.

The rain today was the largest recorded at the weather station at this point since the 14th of last month, several small rains having been recorded during the meantime.

Most sections of the county have had no rain while in others it is now too wet for the farmers to run their plows.

## Control Board For County Reappointed

V. J. Spivey was reappointed to head the Martin County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board by a joint meeting of the county commissioners, county board of health and county board of education in session here yesterday. Messrs. Irving Smith, of Robersonville, and Jesse Crisp, of Oak City, were named to succeed themselves as members of the board.

Re-appointed for a three-year term Mr. Spivey has been chairman of the board since its organization in July, 1935, the office providing a salary of \$125 a month. Mr. Smith was re-appointed for a two-year term and Mr. Crisp for a term of one year. Members of the board receive \$6 for attending each monthly meeting.

The three men were reappointed by unanimous vote of Messrs. J. D. Woolard, H. C. Norman, J. W. Eubanks and E. H. Ange, representing the board of education; J. L. Hassell, Drs. J. S. Rhodes and W. C. Mercer and J. C. Manning, representing the county board of health, and Messrs. C. Abram Roberson, R. A. Haislip, J. E. Pope, R. L. Perry and C. C. Fleming, county commissioners.

## Two Autos Crash On Local Street

No one was hurt but considerable damage was done when the cars of W. E. Dunn and Samuel L. Watts crashed at the Church and Houghton Street intersection last Sunday evening. Driven by Dick Dunn, Jr., the Dunn car was traveling south on Houghton Street when Watts, approaching from the other direction started to make a left-hand turn into Church Street.

Watts had almost cleared the right-of-way when the Dunn car plowed into the Watts machine, crashing the right rear part of the body and throwing the running gear out of line. The right front fender was smashed, the axle bent and parts of the body on the Dunn car were damaged.

It was estimated that the damage to the Dunn car will run in excess of \$140, and that repairs to the Watts car will cost \$100 or more.

## Thieves Make Substantial Haul On Chicken Coop

Parking their car nearby, thieves raided the chicken coop of Prince Ayers, near Everetts, early this morning and stole about 50 chickens averaging from one and one-half to two pounds in weight.

## Action Is Result Fatal Accident on Hamilton Highway

### Suit Is Also Started For Sale Of Atlantic Hotel Property Here

A suit for \$10,000 was started in the Martin County Superior Court yesterday by George Bond, administrator, against R. B. Murphy and Emmett Harden as a result of an accident that cost the plaintiff's son, William Bond, his life near the Mobby Mill on the Hamilton Road early on Monday morning of last week. The suit was the second filed since the latter part of last week in the superior court, Mrs. Sallie Hadley Bunting starting action against Mrs. Allie Hadley Steele for a court sale of the Atlantic Hotel property on the corner of Main and Washington streets here.

In his complaint filed by his attorney, H. G. Horton, George Bond, administrator, alleged that on June 5, R. B. Murphy owned a 1936 Ford automobile which he kept for himself and for his agent, Emmett Harden, that Harden, acting as agent of Murphy, a Wilson candy dealer, was driving toward Hamilton in a reckless, careless, wrongful and negligent manner and ran over William Bond, terribly mangle and injuring him. The plaintiff also alleged that Harden was operating the car at a greater speed than allowed by law, that he failed to give proper signal of his approach at or near the point on the highway near home of Allie Hilliard where the child was killed.

The complaint further alleges that Harden was operating the car without proper brakes and without proper equipment for the control thereof and that by carelessly and negligently managing said automobile the child was fatally injured.

The complaint points out that the child was five years old, was well and healthy and bright at the time he was run down and killed.

Without funds, the boy's father started suit as a pauper.

In the other suit filed recently, Mrs. Sallie Hadley Bunting prays to the court that some competent person be appointed to sell the Atlantic Hotel property and report proceedings to the court, that the defendant, Mrs. Allie Hadley Steele appear before the court and show cause why an injunction should not be granted plaintiff restraining the defendant from further proceedings with construction of two stores on Washington Street.

The plaintiff in the case contends that property is owned jointly, that the defendant acted contrary to the method of combined ownership and started the construction of the two stores on the front part of the lot just to the rear of the hotel, leaving little frontage for the other half of the lot.

A hearing is scheduled in the case next week, it is understood.

## Respected Colored Citizen Dies Sunday Afternoon

Julia Scott Tyner, highly respected colored citizen, died at the home of her daughter, Artie Manson, on Washington Street here Sunday afternoon at 4:20 o'clock. She was 77 years old and had been in ill health during the greater part of the past two years. Born in slavery times, she was a faithful servant and was held in high esteem by members of both races.

Funeral services are being conducted at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon by her pastor, Rev. W. H. Peel in the church at Blackswamp. Interment will follow in the family plot at the old home place, near here.

## AAA Offers Farmers Of County \$219,500 Under Soil Program

### Total of \$176,595 Received By Martin Farmers Under 1938 Program

Farmers of Martin County can earn \$219,500 in agricultural conservation payments under the 1939 Triple-A farm program, it was announced by E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of State College. Last year they earned \$176,595 by complying with acreage allotments and carrying out soil building practices.

Floyd said that farmers who expect to qualify for payments in this year's program should sign an individual farm plan before June 15, if this has not already been done. To determine whether this requirement has been met, a producer should check his records to see if he has a copy of the farm plan. Floyd stated county farm agents and local AAA committees are prepared to assist every farmer in understanding his soil-depleting acreage allotments, in working out a goal for soil-building practices and in otherwise earning his maximum payment.

In addition to the payments for carrying out soil building practices and complying with soil depleting acreage allotments, a cotton price adjustment payment is available in counties where cotton is grown.

This county's maximum cotton price adjustment payment for 1939 is \$32,845.

Floyd said that two soil building practices being encouraged this year are the application of triple-superphosphate and ground limestone. Payments may be earned for applying phosphate in connection with the seeding of perennial or biennial legumes, perennial grasses, annual ryegrass, winter legumes, lespedeza, croatalaria, or permanent pasture (except in connection with soil-depleting crops). Limestone can be applied to any crop, except that applications of less than 1,000 pounds per acre on peanuts, flue-cured tobacco and commercial vegetables will not be counted.

The Triple-A is making triple-superphosphate and ground agricultural limestone available in all counties as grants-of-aid; that is, the material is being furnished now with the cost to be deducted from soil building payments next year. County farm agents are prepared to help all farmers obtain the phosphate and lime as grants-of-aid.

## Bailey Market Plan Assailed By Fulmer

Washington — The move, sponsored by Senator Bailey, of North Carolina, to appropriate \$5,000,000 for developing of marketing information and aids was subjected to criticism Sunday by Representative Hampton Fulmer, of South Carolina, who described it as a futile effort to meet the farmers' problems. He advocated organization of the farmers for marketing purpose along the same lines that manufacturing industries are organized as the sole solution.

Writing to Dr. D. W. Watkins, director of cooperative extension work at Clemson College, Fulmer said: "It is my firm belief that any money spent for the purpose of assisting the marketing of farm produce, other than through the extension service, would be practically a total loss. The assistance of the extension service in some instances and with some few products might be helpful."

Pointing out that "all well organized monopolistic groups control their production, their distribution, and their prices also," Fulmer said that a balanced national economy could only be brought about through either smashing such monopolies or organizing the farmer under federal direction into the same type of groups with control over his marketing and selling price.

## Mrs Rennie Viola Davenport Passes

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home near Creswell, for Mrs. Rennie Viola Davenport, 51, who died Thursday morning at 9:30 after two years of illness.

Rev. Forest Wagoner, pastor of the Creswell Methodist church, conducted the final rites, assisted by the Rev. L. B. Bennett, pastor of the Christian church. Interment was in the family cemetery near the home. Born in Washington County in 1888, Mrs. Davenport was the daughter of the late James Ainsley and Mrs. Carolina Phelps Ainsley. She was an active and loyal member of the Mount Hermon Methodist church at Cherry for 25 years.

Surviving are her husband, D. E. Davenport; four daughters, Mrs. George Sawyer, Mrs. Mack Oliver, Mrs. Earl Davenport, and Miss Rosalind Davenport, all of Creswell R. F. D.; and one son, Jennings Davenport, of Creswell R. F. D. She also leaves three brothers, H. M. Ainsley, principal of the Oak City schools; W. R. Ainsley, Roxobel; and J. M. Ainsley, of Pungo, Hyde County.

## County Commissioners Advance Tax Values and Check Collection Of Court Fines and Poll Taxes

### Discontinuance of Passenger Trains Expected Next Month

The removal of passenger trains serving this and other points between Plymouth and Tarboro will likely be effected on or about the first of next month according to reliable reports received here during the past few days. Offering a service that amounts to little more than a farce, the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company is not expected to face any stubborn opposition in its high-handed action to withdraw its outmoded rolling equipment from this section.

Operating through here about the middle of the day, the passenger trains, offering no convenient connections and a service that smirks of pre-war days, are carrying few passengers, and the mail trains once carried is handled by bus and delivered hours before the train crew wakes up in Plymouth. Although the old iron horse comes puffing in here from a few minutes

to hours late each evening, it offers about the best mail service now available.

Express shipments have been fairly heavy over the line, but it is possible and likely that the express company will place in operation a truck of its own in the event the mighty A. C. L. folds its wings and sits down on the job in this section.

According to information received here, the Coast Line proposes to continue its trains between Pamlico and Washington and between Kinston and Weldon.

The proposal to discontinue the service was opposed at a meeting in Greenville last week, the opposition suggesting that the company improve its service and offer better schedules.

Light but fairly general rains brightened the outlook yesterday and today following the long dry season.

## Marriage License Issuance Back To Normal In County

### Twelve Licenses Are Issued in First Full Month After Health Law Passes

Dropping to a record low point during the first few weeks the health law governing the issuance of licenses was in effect, the number of marriages in this county during the first full month the law was in operation bounced back to normal. The issuance of licenses to white couples actually showed a slight gain over the past nine-year average of five marriages for May, the issuance to colored couples was just two points below the normal issuance.

Judging from the May issuance, the new health law is not such a deterrent to Cupid in the successful execution of his affairs, after all.

So far no couples leaving this county to marry in other states have filed proper papers showing they have complied with the law upon their return to the county. They are allowed ninety days to meet those requirements. Last month licenses were issued by Register J. Sam Getzinger to twelve couples; six white and six colored.

White

Charlie Beacham and Daisy Bullock, both of this county.

U. S. Hassell and Mary Elizabeth Brown, both of this county.

James Milton Mizelle, of this county, and Lillian Myrtle Riddick, of Washington County.

Harold F. Brown, of Onslow County, and Novella Johnson, of this county.

George Thurman Watkins and Pearl Louise Suggs, both of New Bern.

Carl Whiteside, of Rutherfordton, and Mary Elizabeth Wildman, of Pamlico.

Colored

William Stokes and Catherine Moore, both of Williamston.

George Williams, Jr., and Mamie Clyde Brown, both of Williamston.

Roland Bland and Annie Mae Bryant, both of Martin County.

Daniel Williams and Viney Bryant, both of this county.

William Brown and Mariah Peterson, both of the county.

James Roy Moore and Arie Lyons, both of Martin County.

Plan a Visit

Plan a visit now to the new home of the Chas. H. Jenkins Company in Williamston. You'll receive a cordial welcome, and you'll enjoy chatting with the Chas. H. Jenkins boys.

### BUDGET

Aside from their work as a board of equalization and review, the Martin commissioners in meeting Monday virtually settled the budget problem for two departments when they approved the same rate for the Board of Education and held the board of health figures in line with those for the year now drawing to a close.

The school rate was fixed at 56 cents on the \$100 assessed valuation, meaning that with a decreased revenue from poll tax collections and decreased fines and forfeitures in the courts, the school forces will have to alter their budgets to absorb an apparent loss running into several thousand dollars.

The board of health was granted an appropriation of \$7,202.68 for its operation during the coming fiscal year, several hundred of the amount being provided for the administering of diphtheria protection to children in accordance with state law.

## Local People Are Injured In Wreck

Mrs. D. V. Clayton suffered a broken nose and Mr. Clayton suffered a painful injury to his nose when their car crashed into a ditch bank near Washington last Saturday night about nine o'clock. Their son, Darrel, Jr., experienced an acute attack of appendicitis and they were rushing from a resort cottage on the Pamlico River to make arrangements for an operation. Driving on a small country road, Mr. Clayton was unable to turn a curve and the car crashed into the ditch bank, throwing him and Mrs. Clayton against the windshield. Mr. Clayton's glasses were broken but his nose was not. Mrs. Clayton's glasses were not broken but her nose was.

They were treated in a Washington hospital and their son was entered in the hospital and underwent an operation for appendicitis Sunday morning. He was reported this morning to be getting along very well and his mother was improving rapidly. Mr. Clayton with a plaster on his nose, was able to return to his duties in the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company here yesterday morning.

## Soil Conservation Program Survey Delayed In County

Pending the approval of supervisor appointments, a survey of soil compliance in this county has been delayed. The work is expected to get underway shortly.

## Highway Accident Record

Martin County narrowly missed getting on the highway accident honor roll during the past week, according to Patrolman W. S. Hunt's review of accidents released today for the period.

The accident was not costly when figured in terms of human life and personal injuries. It shows, however, a marked need for greater care in the operation of automobiles, and carries a simple warning to all drivers.

Every automobile owner in Martin County is urged to join in a movement for greater safety on the highways and town streets. They are urged to curtail their speed, stop at the stop signs at street intersections, eliminate double parking and join the drive to put the county on the safety honor roll for the current week.

A comparison of accident records for the past week and the first months of the year follows:

	Accidents Injured	Killed	Damage Property
Last Week's Record	1	0	\$ 250.00
Prior Record	18	14	3,900.00
TOTALS	19	14	\$4,150.00

## Inventory Values Are Increased At Meet Here Monday

### Appropriation Made For the Employment of Colored Home Agent

Meeting as a board of equalization and review, the Martin County commissioners in session here yesterday upped stock inventory values in several instances, lowered values slightly in two or three cases, made a check on the collections of fines and forfeitures in the county court and the collection of poll taxes. It was apparent that the authorities had their eyes centered on the tax rate with the avowed intention that it will not go higher this year.

Finding a few errors in the listings as of April 1, the board jumped the assessed values on personal property, mostly merchandise stocks. Comparatively few complaints were received by the board which was in session until early evening clearing its calendar. No continued sessions for hearing tax complaints were scheduled as the board cleared its calendar.

Discussing budget figures for the board of education, the commissioners took notice of the comparatively large insolvent list and checked the collection of fines and costs in the county court. An incomplete report shows that for 1938 approximately \$4,000 in poll taxes were carried to the insolvent list, that the board of education, in preparing its budget, had anticipated a larger collection. It was also pointed out that fines and forfeitures in the county court had dropped from approximately \$4,000 in 1937 to around \$1,400 last year. Carrying their investigation to the office of the clerk of court, the authorities were advised that the number of cases had been decreased, that the fines were smaller and that possibly collections were not as good last year as they were the year before.

Explaining the comparatively large insolvent poll tax list, the collector explained that most of the unpaid accounts were due from tenants operating on large farms, that by the time they settled with their landlords there wasn't a dollar left, and it was next to impossible to get the money. In some counties, it was pointed out, there are laws enabling the collector, but collections were effected in this county with difficulty. Over in Bertie it is understood that the sheriff is empowered to arrest the person who does not pay his poll tax and assign him to the county farm for seven days.

A committee was appointed to investigate the listings for the George James tract of land in Goose Nest Township. The present owners, J. E. James and W. R. and J. A. Everett explaining to the board that a division had been made in the lands and that timber valued at \$2,000 had been cut on the land.

Upon motion of Commissioner C. C. Fleming, seconded by Commissioner R. A. Haislip, \$360 was appropriated for the employment of a colored home agent in the county.

Changes effected in the personal property listings at the meeting were as follows:

An error appearing in the listing of 13 acres of land belonging to W. C. Wallace in Jamesville Township, the commissioners reduced the assessed valuation from \$1,230 to \$1,075.

Barnhill Supply company increased from \$4,200 to \$5,200.

D. E. Darden increased from \$4,000 to \$5,000.

D. C. Peel increased from \$1,750 to \$1,900.

(Continued on page four)

## Potatoes Moving From The County

Large potato shipments from the main-growing areas during the past few days were added to yesterday and today when a fair-sized crop started moving from the upper end of this county. It is estimated that fifty cars will be harvested by individual growers in the Hassell section, and that contract growers will handle possibly thirty or thirty-five cars. Last year individual growers in that section harvested 31 cars but comparatively few of the spuds were grown under contract.

Quoted yesterday morning at \$1 per hundred pounds, prices at Hassell were expected to weaken as the growers started volume deliveries. "The market is subject to fail to 90 cents over night," Mr. J. W. Eubanks Hassell merchant, said. Last year when prices fell to 80 cents a hundred pounds, the government entered the market and its presence boosted the price and lent it a stabilizing effect.