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Peanut Harvesting Is Moving Forward Rapidly In County

Deliveries Averaging Well Under 2,000 Bags Daily At This Point

Weighted down by several depressing factors, the peanut market is reporting very little activity on its front at the present time, one report stating that deliveries are well under 2,000 bags daily. This compares with deliveries ranging as high as 15,000 bags daily when the market activities get fully underway. Picking is being advanced on a fairly large scale over the county, the growers rushing to take advantage of the favorable weather.

Prices were quoted today at 3.25 cents a pound downward, and buyers are apparently not anxious for the crop at that price. Purchases are being made on a market that is being established from day to day, one report stating that field buyers operating only after receiving direct instructions from the cleaners hour by hour. A crop, shelling .65 per cent meat and with 20 per cent large peanuts, is selling for 3.25 today. The second price stands at 3.05. No evidence of premiums has been reported.

While buyers are quite hopeful, they declare that the market is in a lull just now. There has been a slight delay in establishing government receiving stations, but semi-official information received here last yesterday states that the stabilization cooperative will go into action within a short time. Possibly some of the buyers and cleaners are waiting for the government to enter the market. Other buyers are of the opinion that the present lull is due to the uncertainty of the pending presidential election. They don't say so in so many words but they are the strong hint that the outcome of the vote can and possibly will effect the peanut market.

Fairly accurate reports coming from over the county point to a bumper crop, one observer stating that the average production will range around 20 bags per acre. The quality, as a whole, is not up to expectations. There are some exceptions, of course, the observers pointing out that the crop is spotted and that production will run considerably below the 1939 yield in some districts.

Disciples To Hold Meeting In Raleigh

The North Carolina Christian Missionary Convention meets in Raleigh next week, Nov. 6th to 8th. The program will begin with the ministerial session Wednesday at 3 p. m. Rev. Olin Fox, of Goldsboro, a former pastor at Robersonville, is president of the ministerial association.

The convention proper will begin at 7:30 p. m., at which time the president, Rev. J. M. Perry, will address the convention, followed by an address by Rev. Hassell Bowen, of Kentucky, a native son of North Carolina.

Rev. Newton Roberson, host pastor at Raleigh, and his people, are making preparations for one of the largest conventions the disciples have had in the more than 90 years of the North Carolina churches of the State. The 14 Christian churches of Martin County will be represented, as Rev. John L. Goff and Jimmie D. Taylor, of Williamston, are on important committees, and will have much work to do during the convention days.

Local Firm Fills First Peanut Order

Purchasing the large plant of the Columbia Peanut Company a short time ago, the Williamston Peanut Company yesterday shipped its first orders, one going to the market in Chicago and the other to Philadelphia. Several additional carloads of fancy shelled peanuts and several hundred bags of select jumbos are scheduled to move out of the factory today and tomorrow.

Fairly heavy deliveries are reported at the plant, the management stating that as many as 2,000 bags were received in a single day this week, but other buyers on the local market are not very active just now, according to reports.

Two-In-One Election Is Scheduled For Tuesday

The general election next Tuesday will be a two-in-one affair as far as the office of First District Congressman is concerned. The name of Herbert Bonner will appear twice on the ballots. His name appears on an official special election ballot and also on the ballot for state officers and congressmen. Briefly stated there is a special election for the election of Mr. Bonner to fill the unexpired term of Lindsay Warren who today enters upon his new duties of Comptroller General, and a regular election for the election of Mr. Bonner and other nominees for the regular term.

Democratic Leaders Continue Appeal For Big County Vote

As Republican Party leaders continue their venomous assault on a nation-wide scale against the present administration in Washington, Martin County Democratic Party leaders are continuing their appeal for a record vote for the entire Democratic ticket in the thirteen election precincts. There is no doubt in the world about how Martin County will vote, and the object of the party leaders is to get out an overwhelming majority.

Much interest is being shown in the campaign by citizens over the county where the campaigners have visited so far. Taking advantage of a minstrel crowd at Bear Grass last Tuesday evening, the campaigners preached off effectively the good old Democratic doctrines. Bear Grass has his Republican leanings on a small scale, of course.

Jamesville reported its largest

political gathering in years Wednesday evening when more than 100 stalwart Democrats met in the school building to hear the campaigners and renew their cooperation to the party that has during the past seven and a half years recognized the people of all classes and creeds.

Last night the campaigners, made up of county nominees and party leaders, were well received by a representative number in the Oak City school. Tonight, the canvassers go to Farm Life. Tomorrow night they will visit Williams Township, and bring the campaign to a close in Everetts Monday night. No outside speakers, other than Herbert Bonner, have appeared on the campaign schedule in the county, party leaders pointing out that there was much work to be done in other sections, that the situation was well in hand here.

TOWN BOARD

Williamston's board of commissioners will, in all probability, adopt the 1940-41 budget following a general discussion of the tax schedules and other sources of income and expenditures at the regular meeting of the body next Monday evening, Mayor John L. Hassell said today. The new 1940 tax schedule and town operations are being based on a tax rate of \$2.60 subject to final action by the board next Monday.

Very little other business is on the calendar for the meeting, Mayor Hassell added.

Health Department Head Says Malaria Control Is Necessary

Public Health Facilities Are Extended On General Front in County

By DR. JOHN W. WILLIAMS, Martin Health Officer

Wherever malaria prevails in almost direct proportion to its prevalence, the inhabitants of that community are subnormal mentally, physically and economically. No malaria survey has ever been made of this county but when we see children on school cots sweating off chills we know it is in that community—and something must be done about it.

There are several ways of fighting malaria and all must be used. It is a tedious task but education and persistence will do it.

First is to "drain where you can oil where you must." To drain swamps and low lands requires money, legislation and formation of drainage districts. This takes time, planning and in our case, malaria surveys to prove its prevalence before any financial assistance can be had from government.

Second, Oiling: This is only feasible in incorporated towns that have control measures such as ordinances and inspection to carry out.

Third, Screening: This not only means every opening, including chimneys with 16 inch mesh wire, but living behind such protection during the time the female mosquito is hunting for blood to make her eggs hatch which is early dusk and before daylight. A malaria transmitting mosquito never bites in the daylight.

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Advisory Group And Assistants To Meet Tonight

Members of the Martin County Draft Board, advisory committee and assistants will meet in the county agricultural building here this evening at eight o'clock for a thorough study of the questionnaire that will be placed before the approximately 3,269 registrants in this county during the course of the next several weeks. The assistants have been notified and urged by the committee chairman, W. H. Coburn, to be present for the special school of instruction.

No definite date for the release of the questionnaires has been fixed, Draft Board Chairman R. H. Goodmon stating this morning that it will be possible next Thursday or Friday before the first one is placed in the mails. The questionnaires will be mailed at the rate of fifty each day in the order of numbers determined by the national lottery in Washington earlier in the week. Several hundred of the order numbers appear in this paper today. While they are unofficial and are subject to slight changes, registrants can determine by them about when they will receive their questionnaires.

Predicting Record Vote in County and Nation On Tuesday

Registration Figures Jump To New High Level in Some Carolina Counties

Reports coming from various political centers in county, state and nation are pointing to a record vote in the election next Tuesday. Early estimates have been upped, and it is now predicted that more than fifty-three million votes will be cast in the presidential contest. Registration figures have reached new high peaks in the middle West where political observers are of the opinion the outcome of the election will be largely decided.

In North Carolina, several counties are reporting substantial gains in the registration figures over those recorded for the May 25 primary. Forsyth recently added 9,588 new names to its list of eligible voters. The meaning of the large registration there is not quite clear. It is to be admitted that Mr. John Hanes is throwing a strong support to Willkie and that the Republican forces are advancing a vigorous campaign in that area, and it is possible that the Republican Party is well represented in the recent registration figures. Numerous other counties in this State are reporting sizable registration increases, meaning one of two things, that Willkie will make a creditable showing or that the election will be a landslide for Roosevelt. It is indeed certain that North Carolina will not go Republican as it did in 1928.

In Martin County the registration remains virtually unchanged. Williamston reports a gain of 26 electors in its two precincts. Robersonville has fifteen new names on its list. Griffins added five new names, the total for the county falling considerably below 100. It is now estimated that there are 5,500 eligible voters in this county. With that registration to draw from, it is believed that the county will poll a vote ranging between 4,600 and 4,750. Four years ago 4,588 votes were cast in the Presidential election in this county, 4,477 for Roosevelt and 111 for Landon. Last May only 3,354 votes were cast in the Democratic primary.

Martin County people, a bit worried by the attacks made upon Roosevelt, will, it is believed, turn out for him in numbers greater than ever before.

Farm Bureau Adds More New Members

The Martin County Farm Bureau continues to add to its membership, the secretary, John I. Eagles receiving nineteen additional memberships from volunteer canvassers during the past few days. No direct word has been received from the bureau president, Mr. Charles L. Daniel, but it is understood that the membership campaign is meeting with marked success over the county, as a whole.

The names of members recently added to the roll follows:

J. C. Taylor, W. A. Everett, D. R. Everett, A. L. Oakley, J. R. Roebuck, Marshal Roberson, Noah Slade, Z. D. F. White, C. S. Johnson, of Robersonville; Misses Mildred Purvis, Mary Carstarphen, Lucile Rogerson, Williamston; Mrs. Blonzie P. Harrell, Oak City; J. W. Long, C. C. Martin, W. C. Wallace, R. C. Sexton, T. T. Martin, Marvin Jones, Jamesville.

Other names will be published later, several of the canvassers having delayed their reports pending the completion of the campaign.

Enterprise Will Post Returns Tuesday Night

Following its usual custom, the Enterprise will post the election returns next Tuesday night. First returns from the county should be available, in part at least, between 7 and 8 o'clock that evening, but it is quite likely that returns offering a definite trend for the nation will not be available until the early hours of Wednesday morning.

Judge H. O. Peele Calls Seven Cases In County's Court

Regular Session Attracts Very Small Number Last Monday

Comparatively few spectators were present for the regular session of the Martin County Recorder's court last Monday when Judge H. O. Peele called eight cases for trial. The session climaxed a week of little activity on the crime front in the county.

Proceedings: On the case charging Buck White with bastardy it was shown to the court that the prosecuting witness and defendant had been married since the institution of the case and a nol pros was taken.

A continuance was granted until the first Monday in December in the case charging Johnnie Peel with non-support.

An agreement was effected in the case charging George Parrish, Jr., with bastardy, the defendant paying \$50 to the prosecuting witness and the cost of docketing the case. Judgment was suspended by the court.

Sylvester Moore, charged with violating the liquor laws, pleaded guilty of possessing certain materials for the illegal manufacture of liquor. The plea was accepted by Solicitor Don Johnson for the State. The defendant was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost.

Pleading not guilty in the case charging them with violating the liquor laws, Ben Biggs and John Robert Lawrence, at the conclusion of the state's evidence made a motion for a judgment of non-suit. The motion was denied and the case was continued until next Monday.

Thomas Hawkins pleaded guilty in the case charging him with assaulting a female and the court sentenced him to jail to serve a ten-day term.

Charged with larceny, William Taylor was sentenced to the roads for a term of six months. Taylor was convicted on a similar charge last July and sentenced to serve six months on the roads. The new term is to begin at the expiration of the first sentence.

William C. Andrews Passes In Hospital Wednesday Morning

Last Rites Are Held In Oak City Yesterday Afternoon

William Claudius Andrews, for a long number of years station agent and telegrapher for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company at Oak City, died in a Tarboro hospital on Wednesday morning at 3 o'clock following a long period of declining health. A sufferer of asthma for many years, Mr. Andrews had an attack of influenza a short time ago and never fully recovered. His condition became critical the early part of this week and he was removed to the hospital. Despite failing health he continued loyal to his employer until he was forced to his bed.

The son of the late W. W. and Ardena Brown Andrews, he was born in Bethel 57 years ago. When a young man he entered the employment of the railroad company, serving that company at several points including Everetts before locating in Oak City about twelve years ago. Mr. Andrews, aside from his work, spent his leisure hours keeping up with events over a world-wide front. However, he was active in Masonic circles and was a Shriner.

He married in Beaufort County when a young man and he leaves his wife and two children, Fred Andrews, of Tarboro, and Mrs. LeRoy Everett, of Hamilton. He also leaves one brother, Mr. J. W. Andrews, of Williamston.

Funeral services were conducted at the home in Oak City yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. M. Y. Self, of Bethel, and Rev. S. J. Starnes, Methodist minister of Williamston. Interment was in the Oak City Cemetery, members of the Masonic Order conducting the last rites at the grave.

VOTING HOURS

Martin County voters will have exactly ten hours and thirty-eight minutes to get their ballots in the various precinct boxes next Tuesday or from sunrise to sunset. The sun, according to the almanac, will rise at 6:24 that morning and set at 5:02 to mark the end of day.

The voting hours next Tuesday are not to be confused with the schedule observed in the primary. There are several states with longer hours, but for the election North Carolina turns to the sun for its hours.

Polls will be opened in Williamston at the Chevrolet place for Precinct No. 1, and in the fire station for Precinct No. 2. Votes will be cast at the usual voting places in the other precincts, it is understood.

Few Men Subject To First Draft in County

First Call To Take About Six Or Seven Men In This County

Questionnaires Will Be Mailed In Order Registrants' Names Are Drawn

Machinery for calling men into the military service of their country is speeding up from day to day, and it is quite likely that the first contingent of 30,000 men will start moving into camps from all over the country the latter part of this month. No quotas have been assigned, and while it is fairly certain that Martin County will be called upon for about 160 men, it is believed that few will be called in the first draft.

Possibly the first call will include six or seven men in this county, but several young men have already volunteered and their voluntary entrance will automatically delay the call for those whose order numbers are first in the list. Additional calls will come in December and succeeding months, the number to be gradually stepped up until there are about 160 men in the service from this county during the first year. These estimates are based on unofficial figures, the draft board chairman stating definitely today that no quotas had been assigned the county and that he could not say whether or not one man, five men or fifty men would be called this month or next.

For the present, Martin County draftees are seeking their order numbers which offer them some idea as to their standing or order in which they will be called. The registrant upon learning what his order number is can well forget his serial number. The serial number was created principally to determine the order number and it is by the order number that he will answer the call to service.

If a registrant gets county order number "1", he will get the first questionnaire. The registrant who gets order number "2" will receive the second questionnaire and so on. If the registrant who gets order number "1" has dependents or is physically unfit for army service, he is placed in a lower classification and is not subject to immediate call. If the number two man is physically fit, has no dependents, then he will be subjected to the first service call and he'll be packing up and leaving for camp about the latter part of this month if there isn't a sufficient number of volunteers to fill the quota.

The national order numbers, drawn in Washington last Tuesday, are to be used in determining county order numbers. In the drawing at Washington serial number "158" was the first one lifted from the pot. That number was not above the registration in this county and it was designated order number "1". The second serial number drawn was 192. That was within the registration in this county and it was designated order number "2". The next serial number drawn was above the registration in this county and so was the next and the next and down to the nineteenth number called was 105, and that was the third one to fit a serial number in this county and it was automatically No. 3 for this county.

Order numbers are being unofficially listed by this paper, but they are subject to change.

Griffins Citizens Will Meet Tuesday

In accordance with the wishes and instructions of Plenny Peel, a meeting of the citizens of Griffins Township will be held in the Township House next Tuesday, November 5.

In April, 1891, H. J. Manning presented to the Committee of Institute of Improvements for Griffins Township, a deed to the land and building now known as the township house. The committee, composed of W. H. Peel, W. H. Daniel, S. R. Hardison, Ben Mack Manning, W. E. Tice and George W. Griffin are all dead with the exception of Mr. Peel.

"The building needs improvements. A lock should be placed on the door and the building needs the personal attention of an active committee," Mr. Peel said. "The meeting is being called for next Tuesday as it is election day and practically every voter in the township will visit the voting precinct some time during the day," he said.

Mr. Peel said the meeting would be held at one o'clock. Although he is the only living trustee, he expects to resign at this called meeting for he is of the opinion that younger men should serve on the committee of trustees.

Election Ballots Are Being Distributed In County Today

More than 32,000 national, state, county and township ballots, carrying the names of nominees from constable to President, are being distributed in this county today by Elections Board Chairman Sylvester Peel.

BLOTTED OUT

"Uncle Sam" can't turn his thumb down on the Democratic Cause in this community. A huge sign was posted on the edge of Williamston on the Washington Road early in the week with a picture of "Uncle Sam" pointing his thumb down on a third presidential term. The poster attracted some one's attention and the picture was altered. Black paint was smeared on a few vital spots to bring the picture in close harmony with the community's politics.

Similar signs have been smeared in various parts of the nation.

Order Numbers Are Listed For Number Of County Draftees

Men Will Be Called According To Numbers Based on National Lottery

This paper is publishing the first 500 order numbers for the selective service as they apply to registrants in Martin County. While gained by long hours of search centered in the list of 9,000 numbers drawn in Washington last Tuesday, the order numbers offered below are almost certain to vary slightly from the official list which is yet to be received by the Martin County Draft Board. Registrants, it is believed, can determine fairly accurately their stand by the numbers listed below, but they should remember that these order numbers are subject to correction.

Turning to the master list (the numbers drawn in Washington this week) employees of this paper picked out the numbers as they apply to the registration in this county. Starting with the number "158", the first one drawn, the order numbers were applied in numerical sequence to every serial number within the county registration total of 3,269.

It is believed that the first quotas can be filled from the 500 names listed below, meaning that the higher a registrant's number is, the less likely it'll be for him to get a call to service. It is fairly certain that those men whose order numbers are under 500 are staring the army squarely in the face if they have no valid claims to deferment. The chance of call, while still in effect, is not as great in the second group of 500 and so on.

The first number before each name below is the order number, the second number, immediately after the dash, is the serial number, a number which the order was determined and one which can be forgotten. The list showing order number, serial number, name, race and address follows:

- No. 1-158: Malgram Barefoot, w. Williamston, Route 3.
- No. 2-192: Hursel Clyde Miller, w. Williamston.
- No. 3-105: Hubert A. Satterfield, w. Williamston.
- No. 4-244: Wesley Edward Baker, w. Hamilton.
- No. 5-2563: James Epps Bullock, w. Williamston.
- No. 6-188: Chester Felton Davis, w. Williamston, Route 2.
- No. 7-120: James Dalburgh Riddick, w. Everetts.
- No. 8-2914: Wiley Nobles Craft, w. Oak City.
- No. 9-2670: Bert Lee Roberson, w. Jamesville, Route 2.
- No. 10-3048: Joseph George Godard, 3rd, w. Williamston.
- No. 11-2451: Jodie Gaynor, c. W.

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Old Board County Commissioners To Hold Last Session

The present board of Martin County commissioners will meet in a last regular session here next Monday morning at the call of the chairman, John E. Pope, unofficial reports coming from the courthouse indicating that such matters as property revaluations will be held over for consideration by the new board at the December meeting. While the meeting next Monday is the last one on the regular schedule, the board will be subject to special call during the current month and until the new board enters upon its new duties. The old board will meet on the first Monday in December to close its port-folio, a mere formality in the county's governmental system.

Next Monday the board will draw jurors for the December term of court, order the turn over of the new 1940 tax books to the sheriff and handle other routine duties. No special business has been placed on the board calendar so far for consideration at the meeting, the clerk said this morning.

Five Ballots To Be Placed Before the Voters On Tuesday

Names of Forty-one Nominees Appear On Five Combined Ballots

The names of forty-one nominees will be placed before the voters in this county next Tuesday on five combined ballots. Despite the multiplicity of ballots, voting in the election will be quite simple as it is possible to vote for an entire ballot by making an "X" in a circle near the top of the ballot. It is generally believed that there will be little mixed voting in this county, and that the election officials will be able to effect a hurried count of the votes in the various precincts.

There are five ballots: Presidential, State officers and Congressman, county, township and a special ballot for congressman.

On the Presidential ballot will appear the names of Franklin D. Roosevelt for president and Henry A. Wallace for vice president under the Democratic ticket, and the names of Wendell L. Willkie for president and Charles L. McNary for vice president under the Republican circle.

The Democratic State ticket carries the following names: J. Melville Broughton for governor, R. L. Harris for lieutenant governor, Thad Eure for secretary of state, George Ross Poir for auditor, Charles M. Johnson for treasurer, Harry McMullan for attorney general, Clyde A. Erwin for superintendent of public instruction, W. Kerr Scott for commissioner of agriculture, Dan C. Boney for insurance commissioner, Forrest H. Shuford for commissioner of labor, Herbert Bonner for member of congress, first congressional district. On the same ticket but under the Republican banner will appear the names of the following nominees: Robert H. McNeill for governor, Halsey B. Leavitt for lieutenant governor, A. L. Ferree for secretary of state, J. M. Van Roy for auditor, W. H. Gragg for treasurer, W. C. Downing for attorney general, Lawrence J. Pace for superintendent of public instruction, C. T. Allen for commissioner of agriculture, John L. Phelps for insurance commissioner, B. C. Fussell for commissioner of labor, John A. Wilkinson for member of congress, first congressional district.

The special election ballot carries the name of Herbert Bonner for member of congress. No other names appear on this ballot.

On the county ballot appear the name of Democratic nominees as follows: Hugh G. Horton and D. Bradford Fearing for State senators, second senatorial district, Clarence Griffin for member of house of representatives; J. Sam Gotsinger for register of deeds, W. H. Coburn for judge recorder's court, R. H. Smith for treasurer, A. Corey for surveyor, Joshua L. Coltrin, R. L. Perry, C. A. Roberson, R. A. Haislip and C. D. Carstarphen for county commissioners. There is no printed opposition to this ticket on the Republican side of the ballot.

In addition to the Presidential, State and county ballots there are ballots for the election of a constable, Joe H. Hardison in Jamesville Township, and for the election of Charlie R. Moore for constable in Williamston Township. Unofficial reports state that the Jamesville Township constable ticket will meet with opposition expressed in the form of an independent ticket or by "write-ins". There is a report, unconfirmed as yet, that the candidate for constable there will not be able to qualify for the post on account of non-residence.

Building Continues Pace In November

Building construction, setting a fairly rapid pace here during the summer months, is maintaining that pace so far during the fall months, Building Inspector G. P. Hall announcing today that permits for five new homes, one non-residential and several for repairs were issued during the month of October. The total estimated construction cost and repairs will range above \$32,000.

The construction program includes homes for Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Smith on Watts Street and two tenant houses to be built by Eastern Bond and Mortgage Company on West Main Street. The repair program calls for the extensive remodeling of the old Atlantic Hotel building on the corner of Main and Washington Streets for the Eagle Stores. Mrs. Daisy Purvis is to modernize her home on West Main Street.

Few Absentee Votes To Be Cast In This County

Possibly two dozen or more absentee votes will be cast in this county next Tuesday. Eighteen persons, faithful to the Democratic party, have already applied for the special ballots and several more are expected to register their wishes by use of the special ballot.

Most of those applying for the absentee ballots are planning to be out of the county that day. A few of the special ballots have been called for by persons who are sick.