

MARKET TO OPEN TUESDAY

Farmers, Warehousemen Ready For Initial Sales

Martin County Well Represented In The Nation's Air Corps

Hamilton Native Just Recently Returned From London To Report Observations

Records show that Martin County has furnished daring men in past wars, and early reports clearly indicate that young men now in the service will maintain the tradition.

Complete reports are not available, but it is a well established fact that this county has leaders in several branches of the armed service. Especially is this true in the air service. In addition to the large number of young men who have volunteered their services and are now climbing in the air corps, there are several who have already made exceptional records in that field.

Frank Armstrong, a native of Hamilton and who used to spend much time here with his grandparents, the late Clerk of Court and Mrs. J. H. Hobbs, returned a short time ago from London where he observed the operations of the Royal Air Force. Last week he was on his way to Washington to confer with Major General Henry A. Arnold, deputy chief of staff for aviation and former Chief of the Army Air Corps. Armstrong, well remembered here, was in charge of the flights during a scheduled blackout here two or three years ago.

Wheeler Martin, Jr., is a seasoned flier in the Canal Zone, having been graduated from Randolph and Kelly Fields, the West Point of the Air. Daniel Lilley is also stationed with the Army Air Corps in Panama. Pete Egan, recently home on leave, is a key mechanic at Pensacola.

William Peel, of Hamilton, is an instructor at Randolph Field. Peel, it will be recalled, submitted a radical invention to the government a year or two ago.

It was reported this week that William Roebuck was training the lads in Florida how to parachute, the report quoting the young man as saying that no matter how many times he jumped that uncertain feeling was always with him.

G. D. Pearson, Jr., of Oak City, entered the service last Friday, and is now on his way to Randolph Field. Oscar Anderson, Jr., S. W. Manning, Jr., and T. F. Davenport left week before last for Missouri where they are now in an Army Air Corps school.

These are just a few of the Martin County boys who are offering their services in defense of the nation. There are others, no doubt, who are making names for themselves in the air corps, not to mention such figures as Bill Harrell and Don Godwin, both Williamston men, who are now ranking officers in the U. S. Navy.

Low-Flying Plane Causes Alarm Here

Flying low over the town and leading many local people to believe it was in distress, an airplane caused some excitement here shortly after 10 o'clock last Sunday night. Contrary to the belief entertained by quite a large number of local people, the plane apparently did not crash or come down in a forced landing in this section. According to unofficial but fairly reliable reports, the plane was occupied by two men who had participated in an air show at Washington earlier in the day and who were on their way to Norfolk.

They were said to have been drinking, and their antics seen over the town substantiated the report.

Circling low over the town several times, its motor being cut off and on several times, the plane attracted much attention. In a last circle, the plane, traveling in a westerly direction, was seen heading toward the earth in the J. B. Cherry farm area. Observers said they heard the motor cut off and the plane lights go out and saw or heard nothing more of it. No one heard the plane crash, but wild reports were heard, some stating that the machine had crashed and several persons were killed. Numbers of local people went into the Whitley and Cherry islands and fields, but saw nothing of the plane.

It was later learned that the plane, thought to have been the one seen here, landed in Norfolk.

Improving Following Car Accident Two Months Ago

Injured in an automobile accident nearly two months ago near here, Miss Mary Lou Roberson was reported much improved at her home in Everett yesterday. She was able to sit up for a few minutes for the first time since the accident.

Strong Corps Buyers On Local Leaf Market

GRADING

Their harvesting work virtually completed, Martin County tobacco farmers are now shifting in a big way to tobacco grading in preparation for the opening next Tuesday.

Going into the rural sections yesterday, a warehouseman said that he found nearly nine out of every ten farmers in their pack-houses sorting and tying the golden leaves into bundles. Present indications point to a big opening, scattering reports stating that a majority of the farmers will visit the first sales Tuesday.

Germans Continue Costly Push Into Russian Territory

Soviet Lines Are Badly Bent But Not Broken, Late Reports Declare

In one of the most costly campaigns known in military history, the German barbarians in utter disregard for human life and property, are continuing their push ever deeper into Russian territory, late reports stating that substantial gains have been made by the invaders toward Leningrad and into the rich Ukrainian territory, and that the Black Sea port of Odessa is still the object of a fierce attack. The Red Army, battered at both ends of their nearly 2,000-mile-long front, is said to have abandoned the town of Kingisepp, putting the Germans within about 75 miles of Leningrad. The loss of Nikolaevo, important naval base and grain port on the Black Sea, has also been admitted by the Soviets along with the loss of Krivoi Rog, important iron and mining center.

While paying an extremely high price, the invaders gained little in tangible properties for the Russians laid waste to everything as they yielded the burned earth to the barbarians.

Despite the murderous push into Russia, the situation there has its bright spots, and it is now believed that Russia will drag Adolf Hitler and his hordes through a costly winter. Many more Russians, possibly millions, will surrender their lives for their country and for the defeat of Hitlerism before the mass slaughter is ended and the way for peace is carved from the sufferings of humanity and the inhumanity to man.

Forging ahead with their panzer units, the Germans are experiencing costly attacks behind the battle lines.

Lost battalions of Soviet troops encircled by German pincers movements were reported to be fighting their way back toward Red army lines in the face of persistent Nazi attempts to exterminate them.

Pravda told of the fighting behind the German front and said that Soviet mobile forces were being sent deep into the German lines in raids to check the Wehrmacht offensive.

The reports supplemented the Monday communique, which said merely that fighting continued along the entire front.

Pravda said one lost regiment rejoined the main forces after a dramatic two-week campaign in which it broke out of the German encirclement by killing 1,500 men of a Panzer brigade.

The newspaper also told of a successful dash into German lines by a mobile regiment supported by artillery and tanks. The regiment was credited with wrecking a German motorized column of several hundred cars.

Three officers were said to have been seized and many documents and maps taken. The German general commanding the division was said to have fled, leaving his uniform behind him.

In a final encounter before returning to the Soviet main forces, the regiment was said to have killed more than 500 Germans, captured considerable booty and dispersed a German cavalry-artillery division.

Official Red army reports and Pravda dispatches told of increasing guerrilla activity.

T. P. Bomshakov, a hero of the Soviet Union and leader of a famous guerrilla band, sent Pravda a report on campaigns of his detachment, "one of the many thousands in White"

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Several Companies Sending New Men to Market This Season

Buying Personnel Regarded As Strongest Ever To Be On Market Here

With several new men coming in and with the return of several of the best from last year, Williamston is assured one of the strongest corps of buyers ever to walk down between the rows of farmers' tobacco on a local warehouse floor, a warehouseman said today. "We are greatly pleased with assignment of buyers, and we have every reason to believe that top prices will be made available by these men," the warehouseman who is acquainted with most all the men, added.

Several changes have been made in the buying personnel for the season opening next Tuesday. While some mighty able and fine buyers have been transferred to other markets, Williamston has been greatly favored with appointments that are certain to prove popular with its market patrons. Williamston, it will be admitted, has been fortunate in having able buyers in the past, and it is good to know that the buying personnel this season will be no exception to the rule. The new men coming to the market here for the first time have creditable records, several of them coming despite protests filed by farmers and warehousemen on other markets. They come here highly recommended as a friendly group, and able tobaccoconists.

Dale Harper, the Kentuckian who has made many friends among local people as well as many farmers during the past years, is returning for American. Mr. Harper is a recognized asset to the market and his return is welcomed by both townsmen and farmers.

It is with marked pleasure that warehousemen and farmers as well as the other citizens of the town and county learn that Jack Buster is returning for Liggett-Myers Company. This is Mr. Buster's fourth season in Williamston, the people remembering him as a conscientious and popular buyer.

Norwood Thomas, the "old reliable" is returning for the J. P. Taylor Company. Mr. Thomas, well known here as a friendly and cooperative buyer, is favorably recognized as a fixed and valuable asset to the town and market.

Arthur Beal, an able and friendly buyer who has gained the confidence of farmers, is returning for the Washington Tobacco Company.

Bruce Roebuck, an up-and-coming buyer, is expected to represent the Scales Company.

Last but not least, the W. I. Skinner Company will be well represented by Mr. Iverson Skinner. In addition to their own account, the Skinner Company will handle a number of valuable independent accounts.

Several other companies will send in buyers, possibly including the return of their men, not to mention the independents.

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Equipment Is Ready For Paving Project

Equipment is on the ground and ready for the Roanoke River fill paving project, indirect reports from the contractors this morning stating that it is not certain just what day the first batch of concrete will be dumped on the fill which was closed to traffic by high waters a year ago tomorrow. Numbers of workmen are coming in from the contractor's headquarters in Easley, S. C., for work on the project, and a number of local men were reported looking for jobs this morning.

Materials for the paving, thought to have been ordered last week, had not been shipped yesterday, and it is believed that actual paving work will not get underway before day after tomorrow or Friday. Unfavorable weather may cause additional delay.

According to the terms of the contract, the contractor, B. H. Martin, will expedite the flow of traffic with as little interruption and delay as possible. Persons, motoring for pleasure only, will aid the work by traveling in other directions while the project is underway.

This Week In Defense

President Roosevelt and Britain's Prime Minister Churchill held a series of secret conferences at sea and jointly issued a declaration of national policies calling for:

No territorial "aggrandizement," no territorial changes not in accord with the will of the people concerned, right of all peoples to choose their form of government, equal access to the raw materials of the world needed for prosperity, international cooperation for improved living standards, safety to all nations within their own borders from fear and want, freedom of the seas, disarmament and other measures to lighten "the crushing burden" of armaments.

Assistant Secretary of State Berle, speaking in Washington, said "it is the plan of this Government, when the tides of barbarity shall be rolled back, to turn the full measure of its economic strength to bringing help, relief and sustenance to the... many countries... now cold (and) hungry."

Production

OPM Director Knudsen, speaking in New York, said that by next July defense production will be at its peak and "after that America can write its own ticket on war material and it can be twice anybody else's ticket." To do this, however, small communities and manufacturers must be willing to band together to seek defense work, he said.

William Batt, deputy production director, speaking in New York, said the Government and large cooperations are more anxious to give work to small contractors now than a few months ago because of the great pressure of work today.

Agriculture

Agriculture Secretary Wickard announced there is no prospect of food rationing "in the foreseeable future" although the nation may have to depend more on some foods than others. He said there are 17 per cent more cattle on feed for market in the corn belt States than a year ago and the corn crop will exceed last year's by nearly 150,000,000 bushels.

In a letter to Mr. Wickard, the President said "increases in the production of vital foods and feeds is reassuring (because) food is a weapon against Hitlerism just as much as munitions."

The CCC agreed to furlough enrollees so they might help harvest where labor shortages exist. The work would be voluntary and the enrollees would receive the prevailing wage. Congress passed a measure forbidding the Government to dispose of any cotton or wheat now in its bins except for domestic and foreign relief, export or lend-lease aid. The bill also permits farmers to use excess wheat for feed or food without penalty and extends 85 per cent parity loans to peanut growers.

The OPM announced 1,460 military planes were produced in July. War Under Secretary Patterson, dedicating a new plane factory, said the

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Good Will Tour Very Successful

Conducting a series of good will tours, featuring concerts by the Williamston High School band under the direction of Professor Jack Butler, the local Chamber of Commerce last Friday evening reported a very successful meeting at Farm Life. The good will group was given a cordial welcome by more than 200 people who were quite appreciative of the visit.

Addressing the group briefly, Mayor John L. Hassell by way of introduction declared to the people of that district that he and his little band wanted to show that they were ready and willing to visit with them on an occasion when there was no picnic dinner to be served. The mayor appealed for a greater unity among all Martin County people, and left with the audience a warm and cordial welcome to visit Williamston at any and all times. The program was much enjoyed.

Tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, daylight saving time, the band and good will party will leave for Cole-Train where a program will be offered at 5 o'clock. A picnic is being planned for the band members who have so willingly volunteered their services in the present campaign.

Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock, daylight saving time, 7:30 old time, a program will be held at Macedonia. The series of meetings will be brought to a close at Oak City next Monday evening, according to present plans.

WILLIAMSTON MARKET IS BETTER PREPARED THAN EVER BEFORE TO SERVE FARMERS OF THIS SECTION

Safety School Will Be Held Next Week For Bus Operators

A special safety school for all Martin County school bus drivers will be held in the Williamston High School on Monday and Friday of next week, it was announced by the North Carolina Highway Safety Division through the office of the county superintendent of schools this week. A call is being issued to the 40 regular and ten or twelve substitute drivers, urging them to be present for the school.

Beginning at 7:30 o'clock a. m., daylight saving time, the two one-day sessions will last until almost early evening. The drivers are to undergo a series of tests, and instruction will be offered by safety leaders in the classrooms and under actual operating conditions on the roads.

Believed to have been instituted as a result of a fatal school bus acci-

dent in Wake County last term, the safety schools are being held in nearly every county in the State, and according to many people, mark the beginning of a trend for greater safety for the thousands of little children who ride the busses in this State. Nothing was said in the announcement about obsolete rolling equipment and the general condition of the busses, but there is an earnest hope on the part of the fathers and mothers that the State will clear death traps from the highways forever.

There are 47 white and three colored school bus drivers in this county, and they will be instructed in the rules of safety by representatives from the Division of Highway Safety who will be assisted by members of the highway patrol and representatives from the county.

Births Show Large Gain Over Deaths In County In 1940

About Four Births Reported For Every Death During The Past Year

The country, as a whole, may be approaching a peak figure in its population, but Martin County continues to show a wide margin of births over deaths, the latest vital statistics available showing that there were nearly four births for every one death reported during the year 1940. There were 638 births and 185 deaths in the county last year, the birth rate standing at 24.5 compared with the death rate of 7.1 per 1,000 population.

While the deaths were reported among the races 98 to the white and 87 to the colored, the colored population reported 358 births as compared with 280 births among the white population.

A review of the vital statistics for the period reveals some startling conditions surrounding the births. There were 69 illegitimate births, four among the white and 65 among the colored population. About one of every nine was of doubtful parentage. And while it sounds more like Ripley, the records show that a 15-year-old mother gave birth to her third child during last year. Of the 638 births, 303 were attended by midwives, no doctors being present at three-fourths of the cases in some of the townships.

Cross Roads with a birth rate of 37.3 per 1,000 population, led the county, while Griffins trailed with a low of 17.3 births for every 1,000 persons. Corresponding to the low birth rate in Griffins is a low death rate, but Bear Grass was lowest with a death rate of 4.1 persons per 1,000 population. A varied list of causes, including self destruction on down to whooping cough, was given for the deaths. The most striking causes were malnutrition and actual starvation. Pneumonia was the ultimate cause for most of the deaths. Quite a few of the causes were undetermined.

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River Improvement Project Completed

The deepening of the Roanoke River channel from Palmyra to Albemarle Sound was completed last week with the exception of the removal of a few stumps at various points along the stream.

Work on the channel project was started eleven months ago and had been carried on 24 hours a day, Sunday and holidays excepted.

Boat operators have experienced some trouble on the stream during low water between here and Palmyra, but the improvement has already proved of great aid to loggers and mill operators who are the main users of the river above this point. It was estimated that the dredge removed some 1,100,000 cubic yards of mud and dirt from the channel. Dredging was continued to the beach of Albemarle Sound, about half way to the railroad bridge.

Williamston Bids For A Continued Growth Of Market

Four Big Warehouses Are Operated By Strongest Force In History

Preparations were announced complete in every detail for the opening of the Williamston Tobacco Market next Tuesday, August 26th, the operators announcing that sales would get underway promptly at 9 o'clock and continue until 4 o'clock with an hour out for lunch. Reports from "Tobacco Town" this morning stated that the personnel, including a strong corps of buyers, proprietors, office and bookmen, truckers and packers was complete and that the houses are now making ready for the first offerings from the 1941 crop.

The warehouse center here is rapidly taking on new life, and there is an expectant and cheerful outlook for the opening day price averages. Warehouse employees are already reporting for duty, and warehousemen are hurrying to and fro in anticipation of large sales next week. Farmers, after long weeks of constant toil, are eagerly looking forward to the new selling season, and they are busy as bees in their grading houses preparing as much of their leaf as possible for early sale. Deliveries are expected to start rolling in the latter part of the week.

Some markets are planning to observe Sunday and unload no tobacco on that day, and the plan is expected to result in heavy deliveries on Friday and Saturday, especially on Saturday. No set rule for observing Sunday has been announced, but it is generally believed that the deliveries can be handled very satisfactorily on the six week days.

With approximately four acres of floor space, the Williamston market is prepared to handle millions of pounds of tobacco advantageously. The warehouse personnel, no doubt, is the strongest in the history of the market, and there has developed the keenest competition ever seen on the market here or on any market.

Messrs. Holt Evans, Leman Barnhill and Joe Moyer will be at the helm at the New Farmers and Planters (Brick) Warehouses. They have an able force in every department, and they are looking for a very, very successful season.

Messrs. Claude Griffin and Jimmy Taylor are centering their power in the operation of the Roanoke-Dixie this season, and they, too, have an able force in every department. Mr. Jule James, a veteran in the business and a man who looks at the

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Nearly All Cattle In County Tested

The drive to stamp out bang's disease among cattle in this county is almost complete, according to Dr. Allen A. Heflin who with Paul Ballard has been handling the work during the past two months or more. Working now in the Jamesville section of the county, Dr. Heflin plans to complete the tests by the latter part of this month. Announcing the progress of his work, Dr. Heflin stated that it was possible that a few cattle in those areas already worked have been missed and he urges the owners in those cases to notify the county agent's office at their earliest convenience.

To date, the doctor and his assistant have made 2,850 tests, 123 of which were duplicates to eliminate doubt. So far seventeen positive cases have been found in the county.

Commenting on the work, Dr. Heflin stated that the people had cooperated splendidly, and that he had found the owners in this county more cooperative and better to work with than in any county he had been in previously.

Tomorrow Dr. Heflin loses his assistant Mr. Ballard, who has accepted a job with the federal government as general superintendent of the Scuppernon Cooperative Association in Washington County. There are more than 500 cattle on the farms at the present time, and the number will be increased to 1,000 within the next few months. Mr. Ballard will continue to maintain his home here for the present.

MARKETING CARDS

Martin County farmers are making ready for the opening tobacco sales next Tuesday. Their work is now centered on tobacco grading, but large numbers are taking time out to call for their marketing cards to avoid a rush and to make sure that their sales will not be interrupted on opening day next Tuesday. More than a hundred cards were issued in a short time yesterday by the office of the county farm agent, and the callers were frequent today. Very few red cards are being issued in this county.

Enterprise Offers A Brief Review Of Interesting Topics

Readers' Attention Called To Historical Events Having To Do With County

Digging into records of the long ago and appealing to various ones for stories of personal interest, The Enterprise offers its readers a brief review of a few historical highlights as they relate, for the most part, to Martin County and its people. The attention of Enterprise readers is cordially directed to the contents, including the sincere messages carried in the various advertisements.

A careful survey will reveal quite a number of interesting stories. For instance, there is a personal sketch about Mr. Thomas F. Darden, a native of Hamilton who is now vice president of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company. Mr. Darden is the author of a brief history of the Coast Line. The sketch will be found in the tabloid section, and his historical article appears in a regular section.

Then there's the story about a set of valuable Audubon bird books. It tells about a Yankee soldier "lifting" them from Judge Asa Biggs' office, and how he unloaded the books which had a potential value at \$16,000.

"Prerequisites of Success" are outlined in a speech written by the late Harry W. Stubbs and delivered by the late W. H. Carstaphen at old Trinity College. The essay appears in this issue.

"Williamston in 1860" will, no doubt, offer interesting reading to many, as well as the story telling about land troops attacking a gun boat along the Roanoke banks between Jamesville and Hamilton.

There's a story telling about grape culture more than 100 years ago. "Farming in Martin County without cash crops in 1860," is the heading for another story which many, no doubt, will read with interest.

Tobacco was used as a panacea for many ills years ago, a story in the current issue recalls.

There's a picture of A. Corey and his school pupils of yesteryear. And there are other pictures showing the resemblance of business leaders, governing officials and others.

The edition is spotted with interesting facts and figures as gleaned in an old book carrying the official

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