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Transplanting Of New Tobacco Crop Started In County

Farmers Plan To Take Advantage of 10 Percent Increase in Quota

Starting well ahead of the season, a few farmers in this county are transplanting the new tobacco crop this week, but the main work is dependent upon weather conditions, blue mold and the size of the plants. The advance settings were made and are being made to "head off" blue mold which is already attacking the plants in many sections of the county. Farmer Sidney Beacham, of the Bear Grass community, is understood to have been the first to transplant any of the new crop in this county, the indirect report stating that he started the work last Tuesday afternoon.

Scattered reports heard this week state that the blue mold is rapidly gaining a foothold, but that no serious damage has yet resulted. Plants are well advanced and in some cases where early plantings are not wanted the farmers are almost welcoming the blue mold attacks, or at least they are not at all alarmed about the presence of blue mold. In some few cases farmers are pulling plants from their beds and throwing them away rather than transplant them in the fields this early in the season.

With good weather and other favorable factors, farmers in the county are expected to start transplanting the crop on a fairly extensive scale about the middle or latter part of next week and approach a climax the following week. Sometimes it is almost June before the transplanting is completed in its entirety. The transplanting schedule is very uncertain, farmers stating that weather conditions and the blue mold can alter scheduled plans over night.

The growers in this county are planning to take advantage of the 10 per cent increase in acreage allotments despite aggravated labor conditions and the urgent call for more food, feed crops and those producing oil.

In the State, tobacco farmers plan to plant 560,400 acres this season as compared with 505,400 acres last year, or about 111 per cent of the 1941 crop. The estimated plantings are well under the average for the 1930-39 period which was 647,076 acres. It will be remembered however, that the depression period curtailed the crop and control figured prominently in acreage reductions.

In the county as a whole, the growers expect to plant a 1942 tobacco crop of 1,446,200 acres, or an increase of approximately 7 per cent above the 1,350,500 acres harvested last year. If present plans materialize, this year's acreage will be 14 per cent below the 10-year (1930-39) average of 1,676,200 acres. An indicated increase of 12 per cent in flue-cured acreage is mainly responsible for the higher 1942 acreage of total tobacco. The acreage of fire-cured types is expected to be increased 4 per cent above 1941, while growers of air-cured types intend to plant a 1942 acreage 3 per cent above last year. All cigar classes show a decrease in the 1942 prospective acreage.

AAA marketing allotments, which continue in effect on many of the tobacco types, are practically unchanged from 1941 except for an increase of approximately 10 per cent for flue-cured types. This year growers of flue-cured, fire-cured and air-cured types expect to plant an acreage nearer their allotments. Prices received by farmers for most of these types last year were considerably higher than a year earlier.

The 1942 total cigar tobacco acreage is expected to be approximately 8 per cent below 1941. Growers of cigar tobacco are still somewhat uncertain as to their 1942 acreage, since available labor and materials are expected to be influencing factors.

Twenty Seniors To Return To School

Williamston high school students devoted the first period yesterday morning to arranging courses to be studied during the 1942-43 school term. Home room teachers held the advance registration, advising students as well as the electives to be included in the curriculum next year.

The advance registration permits completion of student schedules and assignment to the various classes prior to the opening of school.

Twenty members of this year's graduating class signified their intention of returning for the twelfth year of instruction which is to be offered next year for the first time. These students filled registration forms, which are to be approved by their parents, and returned to county and state school authorities.

Twelfth grade English, a new social science course, along with electives offered in Spanish, natural science and the commercial subjects enable any senior returning for study next year to choose a full program of work.

Commercial Registration For Sugar Allotments Next Week

The commercial trade—wholesale and retail dealers, operators of cafes and boarding houses and processors—will register at the six white high schools in the county next Tuesday and Wednesday, April 28 and 29, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. for May and June sugar allotments, Herbert L. Roebuck, sugar rationing administrator, announces following a special school of instruction held in Windsor Tuesday. Individual consumers will not register on those days, the administrator explaining that the general public will apply for their quotas on May 4, 5, 6 and 7th. Registrations for the commercial trade will be handled in the white high schools at Jamesville, Farm Life, Bear Grass, Williamston, Robersonville and Oak City under the direction of the school principals. Any one in the commercial group failing to register on the designated

days will be forced to wait about two weeks and appear before the county rationing board in the county courthouse on or after Monday, May 11.

In applying for allotments, retailers should submit a record of sales of all meats, vegetables, groceries, etc., for the week ending tomorrow, and show receipts for sugar bought during last November. The wholesaler will aid the work if he will prove the amounts of sugar delivered and accepted during 1941.

Messrs. N. K. Harrison, C. D. Carstarphen, Ben Courtney, Bill Spivey, Reginald Simpson, Luther Peel, D. V. Clayton, Jack Biggs and Bruce Wynne will assist in handling the registration for this district. Plans for the registration of individual consumers will be announced next week.

No sugar sales will be made during the period beginning April 27 and ending May 4th.

Classify All Men In Early Registrations

KILLED IN ACTION



John Goldie Leggett, young Martin County man, was killed in action at Pearl Harbor on last December 7th, relatives in this county were notified recently. He is the fourth Martin County man to make the supreme sacrifice for his country in the present war.

Fourth County Man Makes the Supreme Sacrifice In War

John G. Leggett Was Killed in Action at Pearl Harbor, Recent Report Says

John Goldie Leggett, Martin County young man, was killed in action during the attack on Pearl Harbor last December 7th, relatives in this county were recently notified by the Navy Department through Mrs. Leggett who is at her home in Seattle, Washington. The young man, the fourth one from this county to have made the supreme sacrifice for his country, was believed to have been lost in the attack, but the Navy message announcing his death was just recently received by relatives in this county.

No details of the young man's death, but it is almost certain that he was on the U. S. S. Arizona when the ship was blown up on that fateful morning and that he lost his life in the attack. As far as it could be learned no trace of the body has been found. Young Leggett, volunteering his services nearly five years ago, had been a member of the Arizona crew for about four years. Completing one enlistment in the Navy, he volunteered again last September and at the time of his death was a machinist's mate, first class.

The son of the late Mr. Jesse Leggett and Mrs. Goldie Pierce Leggett, he was born in this county 26 years ago. When he was only about three weeks old, his mother died and he went to make his home with an aunt, Mrs. Will Bland, near Williamston. He attended the Williamston schools and after completing two years in the high school he located in Poplar Point and started farming. A few years later he entered the Navy, and a little over a year ago married on the West Coast. He with Mrs. Leggett visited here last fall, renewing old friendships. Leaving his wife in this county, the young man returned to his ship, and he was not seen by Mrs. Leggett or relatives in this county since that time. Mrs. Leggett later returned to her home in Seattle.

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Draft Board Places 79 Of 233 Men In 1-A Classification

Delay Classifications in Few Cases Pending Further Investigations

The status of the approximately 3,400 men registering in the first and second draft registrations in this county has been determined, the draft board last Tuesday night completing that task with the exception of a few cases that are being delayed pending investigation of claims advanced in the questionnaires.

As usual, most of the registrants were placed in either 1-A or 3-A, the first group including unmarried men or men married after last December 7th, and the 3-A group including married men or other men with dependents. These classifications are subject to some alteration, but the registrant must show good cause before any change can be effected.

Last Friday night the board classified 268 men and placed 79 in the 1-A classification. Last Tuesday night the board classified 233 men and placed 79 in the 1-A group, boosting the total number of registrants, including both white and colored, to a figure slightly in excess of 500. In filling past quotas, the board has exhausted 1,875 order numbers, leaving 1,525, or approximately that many, order numbers to draw from in filling future draft quotas before reaching into the third or last February registration group for manpower.

In handling its work last Tuesday night, the county draft board placed 79 men in 1-A, 143 in 3-A, one in 2-B, 2 in 1-C, 1 in 4-F, leaving four classifications pending at least. Three young men whose order numbers were in the group had already volunteered and entered the service, and possibly a fourth one had volunteered, but the board had not been advised of such action and naturally he was placed in the 1-A group. Those men placed in 1-C had enlisted in the armed forces and are subject to call within the next few days. One registrant was classified as a delinquent and his case has been placed before the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The one registrant placed in 1-B was given six months deferment at the request of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Classifications effected by the board this week are, as follows: 3052—Classification pending 3053—Matthew Gainer, c, 1-A 3054—Garland Bullock, c, 3-A 3055—K. O. Rogers, w, 1-A 3056—Harmon Peel, c, 1-A 3057—Perlie Benjamin Ayers, w, 1-A

- 3058—Nathan Worsley Johnson, w, 3-A
- 3059—Edom James, c, 3-A
- 3060—Jasper Ellis, w, 1-A
- 3061—Dennis Earl Hardy, w, 3-A
- 3062—Willie Benjamin Everett, w, 3-A
- 3063—John Finner Bonds, w, 3-A
- 3064—Leroy Farrington, c, 3-A
- 3065—Sam Coffield, c, 3-A
- 3066—King Thadus Woolard, c, 3-A
- 3067—Oscar Lawrence James, c, 1-A
- 3068—Francis Baldwin Worsley, w, 3-A
- 3069—William David Fields, c, 1-A
- 3070—Weldon Daniel Biggs, c, 1-A
- 3071—Turner Roosevelt Howell, c, 3-A
- 3072—Mayo Andrews, c, 1-A
- 3073—David Ramsey Davis, w, 3-A
- 3074—Joseph Redden Tyre, w, 3-A
- 3075—Ferdinand Clarence Stallings, Jr., w, 1-A
- 3076—Homer Gee, c, 3-A

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THE 19TH WEEK OF THE WAR

War Production Chairman Nelson, speaking in New York City, said the United Nations have now outstripped the Axis in war production. Because of the accumulated reserves of the enemy, however, "we have not yet won the battle of production," he said. Vice President Wallace said by July of this year, the U. S. will be producing more war material than any other nation in the history of the world.

The WPB said as of April 1 the Government had disbursed more than \$23 billion on the war effort. Chairman Nelson asked all prime contractors to establish sub-contracting departments, and to make sub-contracting needs known to the nearest WPB field office. He also asked that workers' vacations be staggered, and overtime and employment of substitutes be increased so vacations will not disrupt war production. The board listed the first 500 plants to set up voluntarily labor-management committees and launch production drives.

Manpower Mobilization

Federal Security Administrator McNutt was made chairman of a nine-man war manpower commission set up by the President to "bring about the most effective mobilization and the maximum use of the nation's manpower." Mr. McNutt said the commission will establish a labor priorities system to allocate manpower on a voluntary basis. If this system fails, he said he would ask for authority to assign men and women to specific jobs. He reported an additional 10 million workers will be needed in war production this year, many of whom will have to be obtained through recruiting of women, young people and retired workers.

The President proclaimed the week of May 3 as National Employment Week and asked employers to train and employ women and older men as a means of avoiding a labor shortage. The President's committee on fair employment practice ordered 10 companies holding large war contracts to cease discriminating against workers because of race or religion.

The War Front

War Secretary Stimson, told a press conference the U. S. Army is almost ready for the offensive. Army communiques reported 13 Australia-based American bombers, in a 4,000-mile round-trip raid on Japanese installations in the Philippines, sank four enemy ships, damaged four others and caused widespread damage. The Army and Navy withheld comment on reports that American bombers had raided Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe and other Japanese cities and inflicted extensive property damage.

Gen. MacArthur named the members of his staff assisting him as head of the United Nations southwest Pacific command. Gen. Wainwright said Corregidor Island could and would hold out. He said an estimated 60,000 American and Filipino combatant and non-combatant troops on Bataan are now in the hands of the enemy. Eight United Nations ships were reported sunk by enemy submarines in the Atlantic.

Foreign Relations

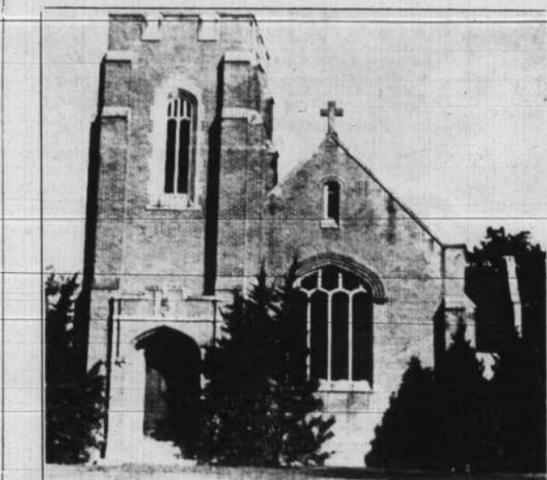
The White House reported lend-lease aid amounted to more than \$3 billion by the end of March. War supplies sent to Russia in March were two-and-a-half times as great as those sent in February. President Roosevelt notified Ambassador to Vichy Leahy to return to this country for instructions, because of the domination of the new government of France by the pro-German Laval. The State Department said three American ships scheduled to carry food and clothing to France and North Africa are being held here pending clarification of the Vichy situation.

ADDRESS TOPIC

W. R. Ogg, ranking officer in the American Farm Bureau Federation, will discuss the subject, "The Farmers' Part in Winning the War," in his address to the annual meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau in the high school here following a barbecue supper in the gymnasium. In his address, Mr. Ogg will discuss some of the difficulties to be overcome in winning the war, the program and activities of organized farmers through the Farm Bureau to properly safeguard agriculture, and to promote the war effort. The address will be a timely one and should be heard by all members of the county organization. A large crowd is expected.

Board Passes Resolution Urging Adoption of Ninth School Month

OBSERVING ANNIVERSARY



Superior Court In Final Session Of Term Wednesday

Tribunal Worked Only Three Days During Special Term For Trial of Civil Cases

After calling off the first, the Martin County Superior Court worked only three days of the second of a two weeks term created by special legislative act for civil cases and folded its tent and adjourned Wednesday afternoon. The court removed a few cases from the docket under the direction of Judge R. D. Dixon, of Edenton, but the files are now about as crowded with pending litigations as they were before the term was opened. Few cases were scheduled for trial for one reason or another.

The sessions this week went by virtually unnoticed by the general public. One or two cases attracted fairly large numbers of litigants and witnesses, but at times the bar members and court attendants far outnumbered the audience.

Suing D. M. Roberson for damages alleged to have resulted from an alleged assault back in July, 1941, Margaret Whitaker, former young employee of the plaintiff, was awarded \$200 actual and \$300 punitive damages. The complaint, alleging that the plaintiff, suing by her next friend, J. J. Whitaker, slapped her when she went to his place of business to get her wages, was denied. At the trial it was brought out that the defendant was attacked by another employee of the firm. The jury deliberated the evidence about 20 minutes before reaching a verdict. In its judgment the court ordered that in its execution was to be issued against the property of the defendant and if it was returned unsatisfied in whole or in part, execution was to issue against the person of the defendant. An appeal to the higher courts was noted, the court allowing the defense 60 days to serve the case on appeal. The appeal bond was fixed at \$75 and stay bond was required in the sum of \$500.

Claiming the defendant's train fired approximately 17 acres of woodland on October 23, 1941, Mattie Davis sued the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company for \$425 damages. She was awarded a judgment in the sum of \$300, the court directing the defendant to pay the case costs. An appeal was noted and bond in the sum of \$75 was required. In the case of E. M. Gordy against Kate B. York, the court ordered an old deed of trust, lost some years ago, cancelled, proof of payment having been established.

The Church of the Advent is observing the twenty-fifth anniversary of the occupancy of its building with a fitting program Sunday, Rev. Morrison Bethea, beloved rector of the church for a number of years and who preached the consecration sermon on April 26, 1917, is returning from Reidsville to preach the special anniversary sermon. A special leaflet, recalling briefly the early history of the church but dealing with those events transpiring during the last quarter century, is being issued in connection with the anniversary observance. The church building, donated by Mrs. James G. Staton, is picture above. The accompanying picture is that of Rev. John W. Hardy, rector, who has been serving the church since 1938.

REGISTRATION

The fourth draft registration of World War II will be held throughout the nation next Monday, April 27th, between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m. Places of registration will be maintained in the same places as previously maintained in this county with a new registration point to be opened in Hassell. Volunteers, serving in past registrations, have volunteered their services in handling the registration next Monday. All men between the ages of 45 and 64 inclusive must register next Monday, excepting those who registered previously.

Mrs. C. F. Modlin Dies In Washington Hospital Thursday

Funeral Services Will Be Held At Late Home Today Near Jamesville.

Mrs. Rebecca Roberson Modlin, highly respected citizen of the Jamesville community, died in a Washington hospital yesterday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock following a long illness. A victim of diabetes for more than two years, she was removed to the hospital two weeks ago. The disease with complications caused her death. The daughter of Asa and Sallie Roberson, Mrs. Modlin was born in Jamesville Township on March 10, 1903. She was married to Mr. C. Frank Modlin 26 years ago, and had lived in her native community all her life. She was a devoted member of the Baptist Church at Cedar Branch for a number of years, and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. She was patient in her suffering, and was thoughtful of others and their welfare.

Attached to her loved ones and friends, Mrs. Modlin spent most of her time in her home and community. She leaves four children, Chas. F. Modlin, of Washington City, and Asa Modlin, of Norfolk; Elizabeth and Lovick Modlin, both of Jamesville. She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Roy Moore, of the Jamesville Community, and Mrs. G. C. Lilley and Mrs. Naomi Gardner, both of Dardens. Funeral services are being conducted from the late home this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington. Interment will follow in the family cemetery, near the home.

Teachers Re-elected By Local Committee In Special Meeting

Several Men Teachers Subject To Army Call; Mrs. Crawford Resigns

Advancing plans for operating the local schools next term, members of the local committee in a special meeting held in the high school building Wednesday evening re-elected the faculty members, discussed other problems and passed a resolution urging the adoption of a ninth-month term. Board members R. L. Coburn, R. H. Goodman and C. B. Clark were present.

Provisions for a ninth month for the Williamston schools were discussed at length, the committee members pointing out that it was becoming more difficult each year to retain or employ new teachers for an eight-month school. The resolution passed by the local committee this week will be placed before the county board of education at its next meeting where it will be considered. If the proposal is favorably received by members of that group, it will be recommended and a petition for a special election will be in order. It is well understood that the proposal has a strong support among the patrons as well as among educators and others interested in education. Details of the plan as they relate to cost have not been definitely determined, as far as it could be learned, but it is hoped that action can be taken in time to provide the extra month during the coming term.

Disposed to grant every possible consideration to the men teachers who may be called into the armed service of the country within the next few months, board members discussed their status at considerable length. Re-appointment was made in these cases, and the applicants instructed to determine their draft status and report the facts to the school board as soon as possible after the close of school. It is expected that Harvey H. Yates and J. H. Mason will enter the service during the summer. Jack F. Butler already has an application pending with the U. S. Navy and at the same time holds a temporary deferment with the Selective Service Board. The resignation of Mrs. Mildred Talley Crawford, sixth grade teacher for the past five years, was accepted, and a resolution passed expressing appreciation for her period of service. Other faculty members were re-appointed.

The establishment of the twelfth year of instruction in the local schools was approved. Classes will be graduated this year and in 1943, with the twelfth year optional for the present senior and junior classes. Students in the ninth grade and below, in accordance with the general county plan, will be required to progress through the twelfth grade before being awarded diplomas.

Reports coming from the several school districts indicate that comparatively few changes are being made in the faculties for the coming term, and that few teachers were resigning and that re-elections were being effected in most cases. Several teachers in the county are said to be planning to retire at the end of the current term.

Creation Of A New War Front Planned

Said to have agreed on plans for carrying the war to Adolf Hitler and his common hordes, England and the United States are believed making ready to open a second front within the near future. Rumors declare that action on a second front is to be expected about the latter part of next week.

The situation for the Allies looks very favorable on most of the fronts but in Burma the Japs are continuing to drive toward Mandalay, late reports stating the invaders are within 140 miles of the city made famous by Kipling.

"We are over the hump in Australia," General MacArthur said this week, but no official communique has been issued by Washington during the past two days in connection with the fighting on the far-flung battle fronts.

Germany now says her 16th army has broken out of the trap she denied the approximately 100,000 men were in. Not as many came out as went in, however. Russia is scoring successes all along the front, moving with telling effectiveness in the Crimea within the past few hours.

Japan is still guessing about the recent air raid on Tokyo and several other cities, and the Japs are still worrying over what is yet to be carried home to them.