

Completing Tobacco Marketing, Farmers Turn to Other Crops

Outlook for Peanut, Corn and Hay Crops Discouraging In This County

With their tobacco about marketed, Martin County farmers are turning their attention to other crops, well founded reports declaring that the outlook for peanuts, corn and hay is very discouraging. While the situation is not hopeless, it is bad, bad, to use the words of Farmer Roy Taylor, of Poplar Point.

The long dry season last summer is now making itself felt in a striking way in the county at the present time as farmers who never before turned to the markets for feed stuffs are unloading large quantities of western corn at the local railroad station. It is estimated that more than 3,500 bushels of "bought" corn is moving to Martin County barns weekly. Shipments have already been received from Iowa, Missouri, Tennessee, New York and one or two other states and orders have been placed with dealers in the District of Columbia. The shortage in this county is not so great that orders are having to be placed in that many states to offset it. The farmers are merely shopping around for the best bargains, reliable reports stating that the price is ranging anywhere from about \$1.12 to \$1.35 a bushel. It was reported that a few farmers in some eastern North Carolina counties where the drought was not so severe are selling corn in the fields at the rate of \$1.30 a bushel.

While the corn shortage is creating a problem for many Martin farmers, the hay shortage is certain to create an even greater problem. Solid carloads of hay have been ordered, but according to the best information available, few of the orders have been confirmed, and it is possible that shipments of western hay will be limited.

While they are reasonably certain that the peanut crop has been damaged, Martin farmers admit that they cannot determine just now the exact extent of the damage. If the preliminary reports on the damage are substantiated by the facts as they develop during the harvesting season now at hand, there will likely be a mad scramble for hay during the next few weeks.

Delayed by heavy rains three weeks ago, peanut harvesting will likely get underway some time next week in this county. Farmers are urged to make certain that the gobbers are thoroughly dry before starting the picking operations. The cleaners can be expected and rightly so to apply penalties in those cases where wet or damaged peanuts are offered for sale. Reports state that

John Thomas Price Passes At His Home Early This Morning

Funeral Services for Respected Citizen Will Be Held On Saturday

John Thomas Price, respected county citizen and hard-working farmer, died at the home of his nephew, Maylon A. Price, near here this morning at 3:20 o'clock following a long period of feeble health. Falling and breaking his hip in February of last year, Mr. Price had been confined to his bed since that time. During long months, he suffered his affliction without complaint and was ever mindful and thoughtful of others. Infirmities of age along with his long confinement caused death.

The son of the late Jesse Davis Price and Penny Roberson Price, he was born in Bear Grass on July 16, 1855. While he was too young for service, he remembered the Civil War well and experienced the hardships of reconstruction. Not so long ago he recalled some of those hardships, and with tears in his eyes expressed the belief that hardships will be ours before the current war is ended.

While he never joined any church, Mr. Price was a great believer in the Primitive Baptist faith, and thought nothing of a ten-mile or more walk to attend services. He was a loyal member of the Masonic lodge here for almost half a century, showing a keen interest in its activities. He was the oldest member of the organization. Mr. Price was highly respected by all who knew him, an his kindness and thoughtfulness of others gained him many strong and lasting friendships. He enjoyed the company of others at all times, and despite his advanced years he maintained an unusual interest in the news of the world. He had worked hard all his life, asking little for himself but contributing much to others.

Mr. Price never married and is the last member of his immediate family, being survived only by several nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be conducted at his late home Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment will follow in the Mobley Cemetery in Bear Grass Township.

Salvage Efforts Given Recognition



Shipping nearly half million pounds of scrap iron and steel during the month of September, the Williamston Parts and Metal Company a few days ago was delivered the government's special merit award in recognition of the splendid record. The award, the tenth to be given in this State, was presented by H. G. Taylor, left, district Chief War Production Conservation Board, Charlotte, and R. E. Zimmerman, right, district salvage inspector, to W. K. Parker, center, owner-manager of the local company.

Party Leaders Appeal For Big Election Vote

CLOSING

In accordance with a previous announcement, the local tobacco market will close for the season upon the completion of sales next Tuesday. Comparatively small quantities of the leaf are being offered at the present time, and it is quite evident that very little tobacco will be un-sold in this immediate section next Tuesday.

Prices continue to hold firm for the better grades, while the inferior types apparently have not regained the small loss of a week or two ago.

Bookmobile Serving Greater Number Of Readers In County

Traveling Library To Make Regular Schedule in the County Next Week

By MISS ELIZABETH HOUSE (BHM Librarian)

The bookmobile service reached a new high in circulation last month. Over 1600 books were circulated throughout the county during the five days. Since the public libraries and the bookmobile have been supplying materials on war information, there has been a definite increase in the circulation of non-fiction. Many books on world events, nutrition, wartime economy, and other subjects of vital interest are already in circulation.

Among the new titles available next week will be the book mentioned frequently in recent war journals over the radio—Conditions of Peace. In this timely book, Edward Hallett Carr has made an analysis of economical deficiencies which caused the pre-war crisis and its application to post-war prospects.

Henry B. Lent's recent book gives the thrilling account of Jim Brewster and the U. S. Coast Guard Air Patrol. Air-minded readers and those interested in Coast Guard operations of our country will find a good inside story, checked and approved by

COTTON GINNINGS

Rains, falling during the greater part of one week the early part of this month, interrupted the cotton harvesting season and caused a marked drop in the number of bales ginned as compared with the period, a year ago.

Releasing a report this week, the Bureau of the Census shows that 2,080 bales of cotton had been ginned from the current crop up until October 18th as compared with 3,492 bales ginned during the same period in 1941. It is fairly apparent from the census report and from reports coming from the field that cotton production in the county this year will hardly equal that of a year ago.

Only Two Nominees On Long Ticket Are Facing Opposition

Strong Opposition Seen For One of Two Proposed Amendments

One of the smallest votes cast in many, many years is being predicted in this county for next Tuesday when political strength will be tested in the off-year election. With only two contests officially scheduled and with little interest being shown in the fate of the two proposed amendments to the North Carolina State Constitution, the electorate can't seem to get excited over the election.

In the off-year election four years ago, Martin County polled 1,224 votes—1,195 for the democratic and 29 for the republican candidates. The count was less than one-third the normal vote in the county. Many "hot" contests are scheduled in other states, and while it might be said that the Democrats have the election "sewed up" in this county and district, it will be well to take no chances.

Democratic party leaders, sensing the danger of indifference to the ballot, are appealing to and urging the electorate to take time out and make certain the re-election of Herbert C. Bonner to the United States House of Representatives over his Republican opponent, J. C. Meekins, Jr., and that of Josiah W. Bailey to the United States Senate over the Republican nominee, Sam J. Morris. There is no other expressed opposition, and it would appear that the Democrats are now on the eve of a great and sweeping victory, provided, of course, they do not go to sleep and allow a concerted Republican opposition to take advantage of their lethargy.

The district and state democratic ticket carries the following names: Josiah W. Bailey for United States Senate, Walter P. Stacy for Chief Justice of Supreme Court, Michael Schenck for Associate Justice of Su-

Three County Men Charged with Theft

Three Martin County colored men, Robert Boston and his two sons, Leonard and Fred, were arrested here this week for the alleged theft of several hundred pounds of tobacco from Farmer Alligood, near Washington, last Monday night. They are being given a preliminary hearing in Washington today.

The tobacco sold on the local market, was identified by the owner and the arrests were effected immediately. The father claimed that the tobacco belonged to him and his wife, but when the man was jailed and officers questioned his wife they learned that the family had sold the last of its tobacco about three weeks ago.

In addition to the alleged theft charges, the defendants will be asked to explain to the government why they sold the tobacco of another on their marketing cards.



THE 46TH WEEK OF THE WAR

The Senate passed legislation to lower the draft age from 20 to 18. The Senate bill did not conform with the one passed earlier by the House, however, so the legislation was sent to conference to adjust the differences.

Educational deferments in the Senate bill would be limited to high school students in the last half of their academic year. The Senate bill would also defer farmers and farm labor from military service wherever their induction would curtail agricultural production, until replacements could be found. The bill would exempt men from selective service induction after they have passed their forty-fifth birthdays.

Secretary of War Stimson told his press conference that names of four captured U. S. fliers claimed in Tokyo propaganda broadcasts correspond closely to the names of four missing men, but stated the War Department had no information that the Japanese were failing to abide by International Law and the Geneva Convention for the treatment of prisoners. Mr. Stimson said "some of the planes" in the aid on Tokyo "encountered bad weather after they left Japan and were forced off their course. One landed in Siberia. Several others made forced landings at night in China," but no American plane was shot down. He said, "A very few of the crews of these planes are carried on the list of missing. Some may have been forced down by the lack of gasoline in Japanese-controlled territory." Later the War Department announced the names of three other participants in the Tokyo raid, "understood to be missing."

The Office of War Information said "secrecy was highly desirable in the hope of saving the lives and securing the freedom of certain crew

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Recover Man's Body From The Roanoke Wednesday Morning

Identity of Colored Man Has Not Been Determined; Officers Puzzled

The partly decomposed body of a young colored man was recovered from the Roanoke River, about two hundred yards below Foreman-Blades lumber mill in Jamesville, last Wednesday morning, officers investigating the case, stating that it was surrounded by mystery. The body was found by George Cooper and Joe Davis and they called Coroner S. R. Biggs who conducted an investigation and ordered the body buried after unsuccessful efforts had been made to have it identified.

Apparently the man, weighing about 140 pounds and measuring about five feet and eight inches in height, met with no foul play, but the fact that there were no shoes on his feet led officers to believe that some mystery was attached to the case. Forty-six cents in change, two pocket knives, a cheap watch and a booklet of rules and regulations for North Carolina Pulp Company employees were found in his pockets. He was dressed in a light blue sweater and khaki trousers. Officers could not be certain, but they believed he was between 21 and 30 years of age, and that he had been in the water about twelve or fifteen days. Coroner Biggs is of the opinion that the man was either killed and thrown into the river or drowned accidentally between Williams-ton and Jamesville.

Officers contacted authorities in several towns but no one of the description borne by the body was reported missing. Other angles of the case were investigated and when a large number of persons viewed the body and could not identify it, burial was ordered by the coroner. The body was buried in Potter's Field near the county home yesterday morning without ceremony.

CONFESSION

(Robersonville Herald)

Officer William Gray said a young Williamston boy, whose name he refused to divulge or reveal, visited him Monday and confessed to stealing five gallons of gasoline from his car several months ago.

According to Mr. Gray, his car was parked in his driveway and the stealing took place long before the Christmas holidays. The young man wanted to pay the officer for the gasoline but after he had revealed how terribly much the incident had worried him, William told him to forget it, and refused to accept the money.

Rationing Board Issues Nearly Two Hundred Certificates For Recapping Car And Truck Tires

Most Applications Approved Are Those Of County Farmers

Applicants Warned that Tires Must Be Used Only For Stated Purposes

Ninety-one applications for automobile tire recapping certificates were approved by the Martin County Rationing Board here yesterday, most of the requests for the 224 recaps having been filed by farmers, some as late as last June. Only six applications were approved for others.

Issuing the certificates, the board warned that the applicants must use the tires only for the purposes stated in the applications. Any violation will subject the violator to penalties provided by law and may cause him to forfeit all claims to rationing for the duration.

Certificates, allowing them to recap their own auto tires, were issued to the following:

- Bennie Bryant, tire and tube; Mrs. Annie C. Fleming, two tires and two tubes; W. S. Mobley, two tires and two tubes; James E. Keel, two tires and two tubes; Robert Bailey, two tires and one tube; W. H. Gurganus, two tires and two tubes; Elisha Dickens, two tires and two tubes; Simon Lilley, two tires and two tubes; Noah Thomas Tice, one tire and one tube; C. E. Jenkins, one tire and one tube; H. E. Purvis, two tires and one tube; Howard H. Hopkins, four tires and two tubes; John H. Jackson, four tires and two tubes; Jack Everett, two tires and two tubes; Charlie Warren, three tires and two tubes.

Certificates were issued the following for recapping automobile tires, but no tubes were allowed:

- Elmer Edmondson, two tires; Geo. S. Haislip, four tires; Cleophas Leathers, three tires; L. C. Roebuck, two tires; Mrs. W. K. Parker, four tires; N. C. Norwood, one tire; Eula W. Coburn, four tires; W. T. Andrews, two tires; William A. Cherry, three tires; A. O. Roberson and Co., four tires; T. H. Council, two tires; Tommy J. Knight, four tires; A. B. Bullock, three tires; William H. White, four tires; D. V. Purvis, one tire; J. E. Parrisher, four tires; R. C. Gurganus, two tires; Bert Lee Roberson, two tires; Dock Hollis, three tires; Frank Holliday, four tires; Minton Beach, four tires; Mrs. Hattie Johnson, two tires; L. B. Williams, two tires; Wiley B. Rogerson, four tires; Williamston Package Co., four tires; Kathleen Mobley, one tire; Edgar H. Harrell, three tires; Willie Watson Briley, four tires; S. W. Casper, four tires; John L. Hinton, four tires; Roland G. Coburn, four tires; Charlie Ward, four tires; W. G. Thomas, two tires; Eugene Roberson, four tires; Lizzie Matthews, two tires; Pugh Roberson, one tire; A. C. Harrison, one tire; Herbert Bunting, two tires; J. E. Stroud, two tires; M. S. Cowan, one tire; James A. Rawls, four

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Member Of Board Favors Amendment

Asked how he stood on the proposed educational amendment to the State Constitution, Elbert S. Peel, local attorney and a member of the State School Commission, stated this morning that he favored the proposal. However he did not go into detail and offer definite reasons why he favored the amendment which will be voted on in the general election next Tuesday.

With able men on both sides, Martin County citizens are not quite certain just what stand they should take when the proposal is placed before them next Tuesday. Since the school management has been virtually removed lock, stock and barrel to Raleigh, they are of the opinion that the battle now underway is a fight for those in charge to worry about, and for that reason they will neither vote for nor against the proposal. Its defeat is predicted in the county because of indifference principally and because of out-and-out opposition.

Briefly stated, the proposed amendment would consolidate the five existing boards into one, possibly with and possibly without a political flavor.

County Commissioners Will Meet Next Monday

Very little business other than that of a routine nature is scheduled for consideration by the county commissioners in their regular meeting here next Monday. They will draw a jury for the December court and pass on current bills.

No meeting of the county board of education members is scheduled for next Monday.

APPEAL

In a direct appeal issued this week, the Martin County Democratic Executive Committee is urging the electorate to report in big numbers and participate in the general election at the thirteen precincts next Tuesday morning between sunrise and sunset. No direct county canvass has been planned this year to take up the slack ordinarily existing in an off-year election, the party chairman, E. S. Peel, explaining that the tire and gas shortage makes it impossible to conduct an effective and county-wide drive at this time.

The right of the ballot is one of the cardinal principles for which many are now fighting, and party leaders declare that those who have an opportunity to do so should, by all means, exercise that right and participate in the election next Tuesday.

Judge R. L. Coburn Has Nine Cases In The County Court

Defendant Marries Prosecuting Witness and His Case Is Dismissed

Calling nine cases, Judge Robert L. Coburn held an uneventful session of the Martin County Recorder's court last Monday. The tribunal was in session hardly more than two hours, and only an average size crowd was present. Charged with bastardy, one defendant married the gal and his case was not prossed or cleared from the docket without further ado about it.

Proceedings in the court:

The case charging Alonza Wilson with disorderly conduct and assault was not prossed.

Continued at a previous session under prayer for judgment, the case charging Randolph Hinton with operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes was cleared from the docket when the defendant was directed to pay a \$15 fine and the court cost.

Pleading not guilty in the case charging him with disorderly conduct and an assault with a deadly weapon, Henry Price was adjudged guilty and was fined \$25 and taxed with the case cost.

Advised that the prosecuting witness and the defendant had married, (Continued on page four)

Half Dozen Cases In Mayor's Court

About one-half the cases, charging public drunkenness and rounded up by local officers last week-end, were cleared from the police docket by Justice J. L. Hassell in his court here this week.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, six defendants, James Speller, Aaron Lanier, C. R. Swain, Mack Keel, Raymond House and W. T. Currie, were required to pay the cost of the actions, amounting to \$7.50 each.

Two other defendants pleaded for a continuance of their cases and they will be heard some time tomorrow.

Three New Bicycles Are Allotted In The County

Three new bicycles were allotted by the Martin County Rationing Board in regular session here yesterday, as follows:

- Francis LeRoy Savage, Williams-ton, for grocery work.
- Nathaniel Davis, RFD 3, Williams-ton, farming.
- Wm. B. Rogerson, RFD 2, Williams-ton, to ride to and from school.

SPEED

The first case where speed overtook itself was reported in the Martin County Rationing Board this week when a motorist applied for tires and his request was refused because he had been cited to the authorities for allegedly violating the rules and regulations governing the operation of motor vehicles.

The application was filed by Fenner Respass, Williams-ton taxi driver. It could not be learned immediately whether his gas rations were called in or not.

Motorists have been warned that if they are caught driving in excess of 35 miles an hour the violation will be reported to the rationing board and rations denied.

Expecting Marked Reduction in New Tire Quotas Soon

Aged Applications Are Moved From Files, Leaving About Sixty-Two Others

The auto and truck tire shortage in this county was greatly relieved here yesterday when the Martin County Rationing Board, acting under direct instructions from Raleigh, issued certificates for recapping 224 car tires, 55 truck tires and allotted 21 new truck tires, three new auto tires and 31 car tire tubes and 44 truck tire tubes. But, it must be pointed out, that there is no guarantee behind the recapping service. No explanation was issued along with the instructions calling for a liberal issuance of the recapping certificates, but it is believed by some that the enlarged service is being made possible by the old rubber reclamation program. Some motorists declare that the service has been disappointing, that a motorist is still in foul shape if he has to depend on sorry recapped tires. However, it is pointed out that the tires will give fairly good service when slow speeds are observed.

It was pointed out in the instructions that the recapped tires must be used solely for the purposes designated in the applications. If the tires are used for other purposes, the applicant is subject to be denied rations of all kinds for the duration.

Whether the issuance of recapping certificates will be maintained after a liberal schedule in the future could not be learned, but it was reliably learned that a marked reduction in new tire allotments could be expected during the coming months. One report indicated that the new truck tire allotment for November in this county will be reduced by at least 50 per cent, meaning that the wholesale issuance of certificates possibly marks a shift from new tires to recaps, and that the tire situation is not as bright as the board action would make it appear.

A few applications for tires were rejected for one reason or another, and quite a few were placed in the (Continued on page four)

Marines Are Making Desperate Stand In The Solomon Islands

Recover Lost Ground But the Situation Remains Critical

United States Marines, aided by regular army forces, are making a desperate stand on Guadalcanal Island in the Solomons, but the situation there apparently remains desperate even after ground lost to the Japs had been recovered following eight or more fierce land attacks.

While the valiant defenders of the precious foothold are outnumbered they are not being outfought, but there are an estimated 20,000 Japs poised and ready for a show-down thrust against the American positions around the airfield. The big drive may be underway now, reports stating that the defenders have been under constant attack day and night for several days, the Japs apparently trying to wear the defenders down before starting what they claim will be a mopping-up expedition. The fighting on the little spot on the comparatively small island has been described as being little different from that on Bataan.

About the only bright spot in the Solomons is offered by Allied air forces. Reinforcements are pouring into that area, and already telling blows have been directed against the Japs. Five ships were attacked and damaged off Guadalcanal last night by our air fighters, and the Japs are being bombarded at strategic points throughout that area. While the situation is desperate and even critical, it is not hopeless in the South Pacific.

The fighting still goes on in Russia without slackening. But the fight goes on at tremendous cost to the Germans. Late reports from Stalingrad state that the defenders scored a great success in a terrific tank battle inside the city and smashed new Nazi attacks to the south. The Russians in the central Caucasus admitted, however, that they had been forced to withdraw to new positions, but at the same time had checked the Nazi advances north of the Grozny oil fields.

In Africa, the British Eighth Army rolls on against General Marshal Rommel and his gang. Wrecked Nazi tanks spot the desert, but the outcome of the fighting there will hard-

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