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BIG VARIANCE IN TOBACCO MENS' CROP ESTIMATES

Many Seem To Have Idea That Number of Pounds Will Be Larger

SUCH IS NOT THE CASE

It Is Now the General Belief That Total Pounds Will Be Much Less, Despite Increased Acreage

Within the past few weeks various reports concerning the poundage of the present tobacco crop have been made. At one time the public believed the crop would be heavier than the one grown last year. A little later, the opinion was expressed that the poundage would be about the same as it was last season. Now it is the belief that the poundage of the 1928 crop will be lower than that of the crop last season.

According to last week's edition of the Southern Tobacco Journal, published in Winston-Salem by Col. G. E. Webb, Mr. Preston Herbert, president of the International Planters Corporation, apparently has been doing some curious figuring on this year's poundage. Mr. Herbert, speaking of the belts growing bright leaf tobacco, has figured out that the belt will raise this year 800,000,000 of tobacco, as against 700,000,000 raised in the same belt last year. Col. Webb, on his own page in the Journal, states that there were 625,000,000 pounds raised in the belt in 1927, and thinks this year's crop will not show an increase. According to government reports, last year's crop was around 675,000,000, and it is the general belief that this year's crop will not go above that amount, if it reaches that figure. Tobacco men who have traveled the territory from one end to the other state that the poundage will not be as great this year as it was last.

Mr. Herbert, in his article, states that the government report of July 1 shows 150,000,000 more pounds of tobacco on hand at that time than it did in July of last year. On July 30, a report from the Department of Commerce, Washington, showed that the district of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Virginia, had approximately 98,000,000 on hand instead of 150,000,000, or just about enough to run one North Carolina factory six days.

When the plant beds were first prepared, a warning was made, the big guns in the tobacco trade stating that they could not handle a larger crop than the one of 1927. They further pointed out that they could handle one the size of the one grown in 1927.

It is claimed by those acquainted with the situation at first hand that the present crop will not show an increase in poundage over that of the past season. The July government report showed a decrease of 30,000,000 pounds in North Carolina, and the people here say it will be at least 50,000,000 below the 1927 crop. Georgia will break about even, but a decrease of 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 pounds is expected in South Carolina.

The large corporations want tobacco. The independents want tobacco. There is no 150,000,000 pounds left over from last season, and there will be a decrease in the number of pounds this year. Farmers in Martin and adjoining counties have some good tobacco, and once the companies learn the true status of the situation, a decent price for the crop will be in order.

Christian Church Program of Services

Sunday school, 9:45.
11 o'clock: Morning worship: Theme, "The Problem of Human Suffering."
7 o'clock: Union service at the Methodist church.
The public is invited to worship with us.

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY MONTANA BILL in "RIDERS OF VENGEANCE" Added COMEDY AND SERIAL "The Golden Stallion"

Local School Will Begin Its Fall Term on September 10

The Williamston schools will open the 1928-'29 session Monday, September 10th, it was announced by the principal, Mr. L. H. Davis, this morning. Repairs are being made to the building at the present time, but it is thought that all work will be completed in time so as not to interfere with the opening on that date.

of crowded conditions in the school, are making every attempt to handle the pupils to the very best advantage. Just how they will solve the question has not been definitely decided upon, but it is thought that one or two classes will be held out of the school building until the new plant is completed. The enrollment, according to present indications will reach 600, it is thought.

PRESERVATION OF SKEWARKEY

Contributions Being Received to Keep up Historic Institution Near Here

(CONTRIBUTED)
There is no spot more hallowed and with more historic setting than Skewarkey Primitive Baptist Church, one mile from here, on the Williamston-Washington Highway. Aside from its traditions and history, the beauty of the towering pines and low-branched cedars makes it picturesque and a place to catch the eye of the hundreds of tourists who pass this way. Among its worshippers have been many of the most prominent men of the county and State, men who left their mark on the pages of North Carolina's history. These have gone to their reward long since, but their memory is still revered by this people. Skewarkey Church has a place in the hearts of people of every race and creed in the county, and it is right that it should.

But the membership is small at this time, and the preservation of the building becomes a duty, as well as a dire necessity. The roof is badly in need of repairs, and a movement has been started to place a new roof on as soon as possible, and believing that many friends of the church would be glad to contribute to the movement, funds are solicited. Plans for the preservation of the building at this time would be a fitting memorial to the pastor of the church, who spent his life in ministering to the congregation and to the county, and who has within the last few days slipped away from his earthly habitation to dwell with the saints above.

Those wishing to contribute may send funds to Mrs. Jennie S. Moore, Williamston, N. C., or to the Farmers & Merchants Bank, where all funds are deposited.

JOSEPH D. BIGGS DIES SUDDENLY

Was Native of This County; Funeral Held in Washington

Joseph D. Biggs, formerly of this county, died suddenly at his farm near Washington last Tuesday.

He was born at the Biggs farm at Skewarkey September 2, 1869, the son of Joseph D. Biggs and wife Frances Crawford Biggs. He was reared on the farm and attended the Williamston schools.

In early manhood Mr. Biggs moved here and worked in a store. In 1896 he entered politics and was elected sheriff, holding that office for one term, later engaging in the live stock business.

About twenty years ago he moved to Washington where he continued in the livestock business. He married Miss Milna Bonner Smallwood, of Washington, who with two sons, Joseph Daniel, jr. and John Smallwood Biggs survives. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Chloe M. Lanier, of Henderson and several cousins, W. H., Aas T., K. B. and Miss Anna Crawford, all of this place.

Interment was made in the Oakdale cemetery, Washington, Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The funeral service was held at the residence on East Main street by Rev. Stephen Gardner.

Captain John J. Stewart Died Last Tuesday

Capt. John J. Stewart, road master for the Atlantic Coast Line, with headquarters at Parmele, died at the railroad's hospital last Tuesday. His health had not been very good for more than a year, though he had continued his duties. He went to the hospital a few days ago. Some form of heart disease was the direct cause of his death.

Mr. Stewart was 61 years old. He leaves a widow and one son. He was buried Wednesday at Rocky Mount. Captain Stewart had been roadmaster of the Atlantic Coast Line's branch road from Halifax to Kinston, Rocky Mount to Plymouth, Parmele to Washington and Vandemere for ten years or more and was held in high esteem by the railroad people and was highly esteemed as a citizen.

RECORDER HAS ALL-DAY SESSION

Solicitor and Judge Have Hard Day Trying to Clear Docket

Recorder's court was an all-day affair here last Tuesday when Judge Bailey and Solicitor Peel worked late into the day in an effort to clear the docket. And their efforts were fairly well rewarded, for the school fund was added to by \$175. It would have been more, but the defendants postponed the time for parting with their money until the third week in September.

The first case on the docket was continued, but that was the only one. The case was against Harry Hopkins, for abandonment, and was continued two weeks.

Several cases that had been continued from previous courts were cleared from the docket through the nol pro channel.

C. T. Whitehurst carried the greatest financial burden of the court when he was fined \$75 for driving an automobile while intoxicated. On top of that his license to drive a motor vehicle within the next six months was revoked. He pleaded guilty to the charge.

In the case against William and Theodore Whitfield, for larceny and receiving, William was allowed to carry all the burden when Theodore failed to appear. In the start William pleaded not guilty. The court heard the evidence and declared that he was guilty. The case became more binding when the defendant was sentenced to the roads for 15 months, the last 9 of which were to be suspended upon his good behavior. The case was loosened up when Whitfield appealed, the bond being fixed at \$400.

Fifty dollars fine, six months in jail, and six months away from an automobile steering wheel was written in the judgment for Noah Slade, charged with operating a car while intoxicated. When the jail sentence was suspended, the order revoking the man's license was handed down.

Henry Rogers paid a fine of \$25, the costs, and accepted a 90-day road sentence, when he pleaded guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon.

Dennis Barber, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, pleaded guilty of an assault on a female. Prayer for judgment was made and continued for 18 months upon the payment of the costs of the action, \$28 to Lucy Bembridge, prosecuting witness, \$1 to Biggs Drug Store, and \$5 to Dr. J. S. Rhoads.

Joe Hardison pleaded guilty of an assault on a female and upon the recommendations of the prosecuting attorney and the private prosecuting attorney prayer for judgment was continued for 18 months upon the payment of the costs and assured good behavior of the defendant.

Graham Mangum, brought into court on a drunk and disorderly charge, pleaded not guilty. The court did not accept his plea, and when he was fined \$25 and charged with the costs, he appealed his case. Bond was fixed in the sum of \$100.

John Barnes was carried before Judge Bailey for contempt of court and that cost him \$25 with the regular charges added. Some few weeks ago Barnes was carried before the court for driving an auto while intoxicated. Then it was that his driving license was revoked. He took a chance, and a chance it was.

Baptists Announce Program for Sunday

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believes," is the text of Sunday morning's sermon, and is found in Romans 1:16.

The union evening service goes, this time, to the Methodist Church, with Rev. J. H. Hale preaching the sermon. The Wednesday evening service will be taken from the fifteenth chapter of Luke's Gospel.

A week from this Sunday morning, which will be the first Sunday in September, the Memorial Baptist Church is inviting the young men and women of this community who are going away to school to a special service to be held in their honor before they go. There are about twenty-five young men and women who will be going away to school within the next few weeks.

CELEBRATION OF OPENING INLAND WATERWAY 30TH

To Be Held in Belhaven; Thousands of Visitors Expected

PLAN BIG PROGRAM

Congressman Warren To Preside; J. Hampton Moore, of Pennsylvania, and John Small To Speak

Belhaven will celebrate the opening of the inland waterway next Thursday, August 30.

This will be the most important celebration in Eastern Carolina this season and will be attended by many thousands of visitors from all over this part of the State.

Hon. Fred P. Latham and Dr. Ralph Mayor, of Belhaven, passed through here this week en route to Norfolk, where they will complete arrangements for a squadron of seaplanes, dirigibles, and Army planes to be at the celebration. They also expect to procure several naval vessels to come down through the canal and join in the celebration. They have already procured the Marine Band to furnish music.

One of the great features of the day will be boat racing. Three silver cups will be awarded the winners. The program will start at 11 o'clock on the lawn of the John A. Wilkinson home with Congressman Lindsay C. Warren presiding. J. Hampton Moore, of Pennsylvania, John H. Small, and several other speakers will be present and make addresses. The committee has invited Josephus Daniels, and he is expected to attend and take part in the program.

Mr. Latham said one thing should not fail to make the day one of pleasure for all visitors, and that was hospitality. He said that besides the regular dinner there would be 3,000 pounds of fish on the side; and that not only are the people invited but they are urged to attend this celebration.

ADVISES GIRL TO RETURN HOME

Unusual Case Is Tried in Juvenile Court Here This Week

Withholding for the present his signature from an order commanding Alma Powell, pretty 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Powell, of Robersonville Township, to leave the home of her half-sister, Mrs. Sampson Hathaway, and return to the home of her parents, R. J. Peel, judge of juvenile court, at a hearing here Wednesday, advised the girl to reconsider her attitude to her people and return home without his enforcing the order.

In July Alma left the home of her parents and went to that of her sister-in-law in the same section, stating that she had been whipped by her brother, and that she was not treated fairly by other members of the family. Since that time she refused to return at the request of her parents, stating that she enjoyed staying with the Hathaways. An action for the custody of the child was started, and it was brought out in the trial that the girl went to the home of the Hathaways unsolicited, that she remained there of her own free will. It was further pointed out that Mrs. Hathaway had purchased clothes for the girl and treated her as one of her own children, but she had not advised the young girl to remain at their home.

The Hathaways did not claim custody of the child, but during the hearing it was urged that the conditions be investigated.

As the hearing advanced, it was brought out that the trouble originated, to some extent, when the young girl would leave home to go to the movies in Robersonville. It appeared that she had resented the authority of her parents in asking her to remain at home, considering it unjust for them to keep her at home at night.

And while the case narrowed down to the point where the girl said she preferred the shows and unquestionable privileges of the love and care of parents, she refused to the point where she would not come home if any member of the family fell sick.

The case was carried before Judge Barnhill in Rocky Mount a few days ago, where it was ordered sent before Judge Peel here.

Northampton County Has \$1.30 School Tax

Northampton County has a \$1.30 general school tax, according to a report of a meeting of the commissioners held there this week. A levy of 25 cents was made to care for general county purposes and bonds. The road tax levies in the various townships were said to have remained unchanged.

Woman's Club To Have Dance on Monday Night

Ladies will be admitted free and an admission of only fifty cents will be charged the gentlemen at the Woman's club dance next Monday night, it was announced by a member of the dance committee last night. The public is invited to attend.

Citizens Pledge Support to Tobacco Market This Year

BEEBLE DOING MUCH DAMAGE

County Agent Warns Gardeners To Look Out For Insect

"While its work has not been complete, the Mexican bean beetle has been on a rampage in this county this summer and has greatly affected the supply of beans coming from the gardeners." County Agent Brandon stated yesterday. According to the agent, the beetle entered this county in 1921 from Mexico, but not until this summer did the insect tackle Martin County beans and allied crops.

Many garden keepers in this section have called on the agent for assistance in controlling the insect, and in many cases the pest has met with disastrous results. The shortage of beans is contributed to the bug at the present time.

Mr. Brandon describes the beetle as a copper-colored insect with 16 black spots on its back, and is about the size of a potato bug. The eggs are yellow and are laid in spots under the leaves of the bean vines, and when they hatch they become yellow spines. They eat under the surface of the leaves, causing them to dry up and fall off. The hatching and growing period of the beetle is estimated at 33 days, and after raising one or two it goes in winter quarters during September or early October. Mr. Brandon pointed out that the insects prefer beans grown in the garden but that they will feed on beggar weed, peas, and soy beans.

Two methods of control have been advanced. In one method an ounce of magnesium arsenate is mixed with three gallons of water and applied to the vines; the second calls for dusting with calcium arsenate, one pound mixed with seven pounds of slacked lime.

Mr. Brandon is making a strenuous effort to control the work of the insect in the county and asks all those having trouble with the beetle to see him.

JURY LIST FOR SUPERIOR COURT

Two Weeks Term Is Scheduled for September; Judge Barnhill To Preside

In a continued session here this week the county commissioners selected the juryman for the two weeks term of Martin Superior Court, convening here the 17th of September. Judge M. V. Barnhill, of Rocky Mount, is scheduled to sit on the bench.

The list of juryman for the first and second week follows:

First Week
Jamesville Township: B. F. Lilley, C. T. Mizelle, S. H. Mobley, J. E. Jordan, Williams Township: N. S. Cherry, N. R. Griffin.

Griffins Township: W. J. Griffin, Ephraim Peel, Lewis H. Roberson, J. C. Gurkin, M. W. Bissell, J. David Griffin.

Bear Grass Township: J. M. Rogers, A. B. Ayers, John W. Bailey, J. L. Holliday, R. L. Whitehurst.

Williamston-Township: W. H. Edwards, C. A. Harrison, J. A. Leggett, Jos. G. Corey.

Cross Roads: J. A. Ausbon, J. B. Ayers.

Robersonville Township: Herbert Bunting, J. E. Conleton, T. J. Roberson, C. T. Smith, Aug. Williams, W. L. House, J. L. Whitfield.

Poplar Point Township: W. S. White.

Second Week
Hamilton Township: B. B. Taylor.

Goose Nest Township: J. J. Piliard, T. H. Johnson, Lester J. Harrell.

Third Week
C. J. Griffin, Clyde Brown, Perlie E. Manning, Buck L. Gardner, Robert Jones, Clyde Roberson, N. R. Roberson, A. T. Whitley, Arnold Roberson, Nathan Rogers, J. H. Peel, Calvin Ayers, T. S. Critcher, C. R. Mobley, A. L. Raynor, J. C. Keel, H. A. Jenkins, T. C. Allsbrooks.

12 PUPILS TAKING SPECIAL COURSE

Mr. Davis and Mr. Hood Now Holding Classes At Schoolhouse

Nine grammar grade and three high school students have enrolled in special work to be given in the local school during the next few weeks, according to L. H. Davis, principal of the local schools. Classes started Tuesday and will run three hours each morning throughout the period. Only those subjects and portions of subjects in which these students have, for one reason or another, found themselves somewhat deficient will be offered. At present only classes in sixth and seventh grade arithmetic, eighth grade algebra, eleventh history, and ninth grade English are being offered. Mr. Hood has been employed to instruct the students in all classes in arithmetic and algebra, as he will have a majority of the students in his algebra class this fall. His ability as a thorough teacher of the drill subjects was the factor which caused those in authority to ask him to take the work. Mr. Davis is personally arranging work for two high school students in history and English. Only a nominal tuition charge will be made for this work so as to pay the two teachers for these extra duties.

EVERETT'S STORE IS BURGLARIZED

Wynn & Bullock Lose \$400 Worth Merchandise; No Clue To Thieves

The store of Bullock and Wynn at Everetts was entered and robbed early yesterday morning of several hundred dollars worth of goods. The thieves entered the store by breaking a panel out of the door, which occurred sometime after one o'clock as several people were up at a near by filling station until that time. The robbery was not discovered until Messrs. Bullock and Wynn went to open the store yesterday morning. Upon investigation, the owners found all of their silk hose missing, seven or eight suits of men's clothing and thirty or forty pairs of shoes and other articles.

The estimated value of the goods stolen is from \$300 to \$400.

A large barefoot track was seen nearby and this is understood to be the only clue to the thief. However, two colored men, who were strangers in the community had visited the store the day before and examined and tride on several suits. The same men had also visited other stores there and examined suits the same day, and they are thought to be the men who did the robbery.

ROSE'S TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 1ST

New 5, 10 and 25 Cent Store Is Rushing Work to Completion

Saturday, September 1, was officially announced today as the date for the opening of Rose's new 5c, 10c, and 25c store here. From 3:30 to 5:00 o'clock Friday afternoon and from 7:30 to 9:00 o'clock that night, there will be an informal opening, but no goods will be sold, the manager, Mr. M. R. Spivey, stating that the informal opening would be for inspection. The specials will be prepared ready for the opening at 8 o'clock the next morning.

The store, located in its handsome new building next to that of Harrison Bros. & Co., is modern in every respect. During the past several months, the building has been under construction, and recently a large number of experienced workmen have been equipping the store with the latest and most up-to-date fixtures.

Large shipments of goods have been shipped to the store here recently, and stored on the second floor of the building, preparatory to the arrangement of the stock. Experts from the Rose organization's headquarters will assist in arranging the goods and opening the store next Saturday.

Everetts Woodmen To Meet Monday

A regular meeting of the Everetts Modern Woodmen will be held in the hall there Monday night, it was announced this morning by one of the camp's members. As this is the first meeting to be held in six weeks, a large attendance is urged. Two candidates will be up for initiation. The members will attend, in a body, the special services at the Christian church, it was stated.

OVER 100 ATTEND MASS MEET HELD HERE LAST NIGHT

Uphold Williamston Market As One of the Best in the Country

OUTLOOK IS BRIGHT

Several Warehousemen and Citizens Make Short Addresses; Market in Position To Grow

Upholding the Williamston Tobacco Market as one of the best in the country, 100 representative citizens met last night at the courthouse and pledged their support to the warehousemen and their work during the coming season. With the market facing its brightest year, it was pointed out that the warehouses here are preparing the foundation for a 30-million pound goal. "The market is in a position to draw that many pounds of tobacco, and we are working to that end where within a few seasons we will have reached and passed the 30-million pound goal," Mr. H. H. Morton stated in a short talk before the 100 citizens.

For almost two hours, the meeting was thrown open for discussion, and everyone was favorably impressed with the outlook for the local market this year and the years to come. The buyers this year, it was authoritatively stated, are the best in the country in sending them here, the big companies have realized that the local market is in that position where it is bound to grow, and that it is deserving of their best men. The buyers come here highly recommended, assuring farmer and warehousemen alike that they will do everything possible in the way of building a market.

Following Mr. Morton's talk, a report for the Kiwanis club was given by W. H. Carstarphen, he stating that while the club has an extensive campaign planned, it would not be in real progress until about the time the market opened. Dr. Jno. D. Biggs stated that he had sold tobacco; in fact, he had sold every pound of his tobacco on the Williamston market, and he was satisfied with the results. He assured the meeting that he would continue selling here as long as he raised tobacco.

Several of the warehousemen made talks and a half dozen business men advanced suggestions that will be followed within the next few days and which will have to do with advertising the market. A spirit of cooperation pervaded the meeting, faults were admitted by all in not pushing the local market, but a renewed effort to go out and invite the growers here, assuring them their due, was pledged.

Mr. L. T. Fowden, an ardent supporter of the market, suggested that the business and professional men of the town make trips to see the farmers, tell them they are welcome here and assure them that their visits to the market and town will be made pleasant. The suggestion was well received, and will be sponsored by twenty-five business and professional men of the town. A committee of five was appointed to arrange the trips and prepare advertising matter, and it is understood that active work on the project has already been started.

It is assured that the market here will establish a new record here this year, and with a spirit like the one prevailing at the meeting last night continuing, Williamston is surely on the road to a thirty million pound goal.

Speech of Governor Smith Well Received

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—

Prominent Democrats and Republicans in many parts of the country commenting on Gov. Smith's acceptance speech, made last Wednesday night, praised or found fault with their conception of government guided them, but the expressions were accompanied by a good deal of non-partisan opinion that he had stated frankly his position on the foremost issues of the campaign.

As was to be expected, those who praised without reservation were Democrats and those who most readily found fault were Republicans. But in this group commenting there were Democrats who refused to accept the nominee's views on prohibition and Republicans who thought his stand on farm relief preferable to that of Herbert Hoover.

The speech caused one Democrat to declare full opposition to Gov. Smith's election. Shortly after it was delivered a Republican indicated he would support the governor.