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START WORK ON PEANUT PLANT FOUNDATIONS

Company's Official Statement Is of Great Interest To Entire Section

100,000 FEET OF SPACE

New Plant Will Have a Capacity of 1,000 Bags of Peanuts Daily Report States

With a large number of men employed, the Columbian Peanut Company yesterday started the foundation for one of Williamston's factories. From the standpoint of floor space, the factory will be one of the largest in this section, the main factory of four stories alone embracing 100,000 square feet of space. Two large storage houses and a hull compartment will also be used in the operation of the plant.

In an official announcement today, the company stated that the plant would have a capacity of 1,000 bags of peanuts per day and will be ready for operation in time to handle the coming crop.

A committee, headed by Mr. G. H. Harrison, rendered every assistance possible in the location of the plant, the company officials acknowledging the services in their announcement today. While the committee was composed of only a few of the town's leading citizens, the whole town joins in to welcome the new industry here and pledges its whole-hearted support to the new enterprise.

The company's official announcement carries with it a great interest to the farmers of the section as well as to the town itself. "The company intends to co-operate with the farmers and will assist in every way possible to develop the peanut industry in the territory surrounding Williamston," it was stated.

Continuing its announcement, the company says: "Columbian" factories at Tarboro, Enfield, Scotland Neck, Ahoskie and Lewiston have bought all peanuts offered for sale by farmers this season at the highest possible prices. "There was an over supply of peanuts this season caused largely by a large quantity of Chinese peanuts imported before the new peanut tariff went into effect. The 7c per pound duty on foreign peanuts is expected to practically stop importation of Chinese peanuts in the future. There has been a heavy demand and consumption of peanuts the present season.

"Peanuts with large kernels sell much higher than those with small kernels, and farmers should select large kernel seed in planting. North Carolina Bunch variety appears to produce the large sized kernels. It is necessary also to use plenty of lime and plaster to get best results."

SINGING CLASS COMING FRIDAY

Will Appear in Concert in the New High School Auditorium

The Oxford Orphanage singing class, under the direction of Miss Anna Morrison, will appear in a concert in the high school building here next Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The singers come here for the first time in several years, their last concerts having been heartily received by the people of this town and community. Coming here under the auspices of the local Masonic lodge, the singing class will ask no admission fee but will depend upon general contributions. The class, composed of four young lively boys and twelve fair lassies, will be entertained in the homes here Friday evening.

Appearing in a concert at Windsor Wednesday evening, the group goes to Washington Thursday for an engagement there that evening. The little folks with their guardians, Miss Anna Morrison, directress, and Mr. L. W. Alderman, manager, come here during the day Friday.

A. R. Dunning to Address Baraca Class Sunday

Attorney A. R. Dunning will address the local Charles Fleming Baraca Class in the local Baptist Church next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The young men of the town are cordially invited to hear Mr. Dunning.

Each Sunday during the past several weeks, the class has had outside spokesmen to address it.

Purchase New Machinery For the Township Roads

The Williamston Township Road Commission this week purchased new machinery for use on the approximately 50 miles of roads in the district. The old equipment had become practically useless, J. P. Hodges, superintendent, reporting that it would be almost impossible to continue without new machinery.

An Adams road machine was unloaded yesterday, and a new tractor was added to the equipment a few days ago.

JUDGE BAILEY CALLS TWELVE CASES TUESDAY

Practically All Day Required To Clear Court Docket

Judge Bailey had quite a session in the recorder's court here last Tuesday when he called twelve cases of such importance that all morning and a greater part of the afternoon were required to complete the docket. One or two substantial fines were meted out and a few road sentences were handed down. Three appeals were entered to the superior court.

Lindwood Kirkland, charged with driving an automobile while drunk and transporting liquor, was fined \$50 when guilty was established on the first count. He appealed to the superior court.

J. C. Cherry, found guilty of violating the liquor law, was fined \$50 and charged with the cost. He appealed his case.

Jesse Cox went to the roads for a period of 60 days when he was found guilty of violating the liquor laws. A nol prosequit resulted in the case charging Walter Godard with larceny.

In the case against Whit Salisbury and Kelly Salisbury, the former was sent to the juvenile court and Kelly was sentenced to jail for a period of 60 days. Case was appealed.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with carrying a concealed weapon, Walter Gray was fined \$75 and taxed with the costs.

Charge with an assault with a deadly weapon, Cary Whitehurst was found guilty of a simple assault and was fined \$15 and costs.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging Booker T. Bradley with an assault with a deadly weapon. He entered a plea of guilty to a simple assault.

The cases charging Jason Parker and John Smallwood with larceny were continued one week.

The case charging George Perkins with using indecent language over the telephone, was continued.

Henry Sherrod, charged with burning a dwelling, was bound over to the June term of the Martin County Superior court.

PLAN SUMMER SCHOOL HERE

Pupils Desiring Work Are Asked To Register Next Monday and Tuesday

To assist those students desiring to clear off conditions and those wishing to take advance study, local school officials are planning a six weeks session of summer school. Pupils are scheduled to register next Monday and Tuesday, the number applying for work to determine the opening of the session.

Similar schools are being conducted in many of the high schools throughout the State, and regular schedules have been prepared that the work might meet regular standard requirements.

Nominal charges will be made, it was stated this morning by Professor W. R. Watson. The amount, however, will vary somewhat as to the number of pupils applying for work, it is understood.

Developments are now awaiting the outcome of the registration next Monday and Tuesday, Mr. Watson stating that several teachers were available and that an efficient faculty could be assembled upon short notice.

The school will care for work in both the elementary and high school departments.

Program of Services in the Local Methodist Church

Church College Day will be observed in the Methodist Church Sunday. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Sermon by the pastor on "Christian View of Life Work."

Sunday school at 9:45, W. R. Watson superintendent. Classes for every age; organized Wesley Bible Class for men, Mayor R. L. Coburn, teacher.

Evening service at 8 p. m. Sermon theme, "Above the Line."

INVESTIGATING CHILD WELFARE IN THIS COUNTY

D. R. Markham Making Survey of Child Labor Conditions in County

PERMITS NECESSARY

Many Cases Are Reported by State Worker to the County Welfare Office Here

Following an investigation of child labor in this county this week, many parents were filing applications with the County Welfare Officer, Mr. R. A. Pope, here, asking that their children be allowed to work during the summer months. Several permits had been granted by the office yesterday, but many of the applications were being held up pending an investigation by the local office.

While the law requires all children who work to have permits from the welfare officer, the applications coming into the office here up until late yesterday were for children between the ages of 10 and 12.

Mr. D. R. Markham, of the State Child Welfare Department, Raleigh, is making a survey of the conditions in this county, but it was impossible to get a complete report on the findings in time for publication today.

Child welfare in this section is very little considered, as it is understood that child labor on the farm or in the open is not affected by the law.

Applying to both whites and blacks, the law is rigidly enforced in certain sections of the State. There have been other investigations made relative to the conditions in this county, but the cases were considered so few at the time that no rigid enforcement resulted.

However, child labor is attracting more attention in the county at this time, and it is understood that penalties will be imposed where the regulations are violated.

Six of the permits granted by Welfare Officer Pope went to coloreds, it was learned yesterday. Several others are being held pending an investigation, and as the survey has not been made complete at this time, it is believed that a number of other applications for permits will be received within the next few days.

STEAL TOBACCO PLANTS IN BEDS

Beaufort and Pitt Farmers Guard Plant Beds With Guns

The shortage of tobacco plants in Eastern Carolina reached an acute stage this week when farmers in Pitt and Beaufort counties reported that their beds had been robbed. Farmers who had success in raising plants are said to have guarded their beds with shot guns.

No plant thefts have been reported in this county, the shortage probably being so acute that there were not sufficient plants to steal.

A report from Greenville reads, "The situation today was described as one of the most unusual reported in this part of the country in years, and has attracted the widespread attention of those vitally affected by the tobacco industry."

"Planting has been in progress in Pitt county over a period of several days but the shortage of plants is going to result in a marked decrease of production. To what extent this reduction will go cannot be estimated at this time but it is a foregone conclusion that the farmers are seriously handicapped, and more than ever since the epidemic of robberies of plant beds became known."

CRIME STORY IS DISCREDITED

Many Different Versions of Battleboro Crime Are Offered

The story that Frank Crickmore was seriously shot and Elizabeth Powell, pretty Battleboro girl, was criminally assaulted near that town May 3 by Negroes was practically discredited yesterday when the Evening Telegram, Rocky Mount, stated, "Reports show that Negroes are not responsible for the crime."

In a long story, the Rocky Mount paper tells the history of the affair, describing it as a play in which comedy, satire, tragedy and melodrama are strangely combined.

Different stories of the "play" have been offered, a call from Charlotte being received yesterday inquiring if it was true the girl's brother did the shooting. Miss Powell does not possess a brother was the answer. Other rumors have been circulated, all pointing to a different story than the one told by the girl and Crickmore.

Officers are said to be continuing work in the case, but no reports have been made public. The Rocky Mount paper stating that the officers' silence means that they have no new developments.

LATEST CENSUS FIGURES GIVEN

Figures Not Yet Available for Hamilton and Cross Roads Townships

Latest figures on Martin county's population indicate that the county will show a population of around 24,125, just a few hundred below the estimated mark. No figures have been made available for Cross Roads and Hamilton townships and the towns in those districts, but the figures there added to the 19,635 already reported by the other towns and townships will boost the total to around 5,000, it is believed.

Stating that the reports were only preliminary ones and that there might be some alterations, Mr. D. P. Henry, supervisor of the census for this the tenth district, gave out the following figures this morning:

Jamesville town, 344; township, 2,127; total, 2,471.
Williams township, 1,014.
Griffins township, 1,227.
Bear Grass: town, 131; township, 1,444; total, 1,575.

Williamston: town, 2,736; township, 2,134; total, 4,870.
Robersonville: town, 1,188; Parcele, 341; Gold Point, 121; township, 2,845; total, 4,495.
Poplar Point township, 925.
Oak City, 482; Goose Nest township, 2,556; total, 3,038.

PLAN BOY SCOUT ORGANIZATIONS

Plymouth and Robersonville Citizens Plan Troops At Meeting Held Here

The organization of Boy Scout troops in Plymouth and Robersonville was planned by representatives of the two towns in a meeting held in the office of Mr. Wheeler Martin, local Scoutmaster, here last Wednesday evening with Mr. Herbert Stuckey, Scout official, of Wilson. Messrs. David Grimes, Gilbert Smith, and Sherwood Roberson, represented Robersonville, and Messrs. Zeb Vance Norman, C. L. Groves, and Werner Ebner attended in the interest of the Plymouth lads.

Next Wednesday evening, Mr. Stuckey will meet with Robersonville citizens interested in a Boy Scout organization. The following Tuesday, the Scout official will go to Plymouth to meet with the people there interested in the welfare of their young boys.

Mr. Smith has agreed to accept the duties of Scoutmaster at Robersonville. Mr. Ebner is planning to lead the Plymouth boys when the organizations are perfected.

The representatives from the two towns came in earnest after the success of the undertaking, and it is believed that the organizations will be perfected within a very short time. While it was not officially stated, it is understood that with the organization of the two new troops, Williamston will unite to make a group of three.

"The Scout rules and activities go a long way in helping boys build character, mind, and body," an interested citizen remarked here yesterday.

While their activities are little heralded, the local Scout troop is meeting with much success, and the organization is doing a splendid work for the lads.

Bees Stop Making Honey To Make "Whoopee"

Greenville, S. C., May 14.—Liquor making in Saluda township, Greenville county, has put the honey business on the bum, Census Taker James Bramlett has discovered.

Honey business was thought to be thriving in this section until Bramlett filed his report of the section today. There are many bee hives but the column on the report of honey manufacture was vacant in every instance.

"How's this? Isn't this a mistake?" Mr. Bramlett was asked. "Farmers say it's a big mistake. It's all the fault of the moonshiners. Bee men say their bees quit making honey several years ago when people started using sugar in making liquor. The sugar-mash does not hurt the bees but they eat it, get drunk and just fly around. The bees have quit making honey and now are making 'whoopie'."

Investigation showed this explanation to be correct but the farmers can't find anything to do about it.

Tobacco Exports From U. S. Reflect Increase

Charlotte, May 15.—Exports of unmanufactured tobacco from the United States during the first three months of 1930 were about 27 per cent in volume over the same period of 1929 and 20 per cent over that period in 1928, according to Marvin Shirley, manager of the Carolina office of United States Department of Revenue.

The 1930 increases in eight brands totalled 158,809,611 pounds valued at \$35,146,210. Only two brands of tobacco were below the 1929 figure.

RELIEF FROM TAXES ONLY TEMPORARY

Consider Good Doubtful In Postponing Sale of Property

DIG A DEEPER HOLE

"It Sounds Good, But It is Doubtful Whether Such a Policy Will Do Any Good"

According to rumors reaching here, the restraining order enjoining the county and town tax collectors in advertising property for sale to satisfy unpaid taxes is being looked upon by many as a relief order or a complete pass into next year. Such an idea is unfounded, and property owners in arrears with the taxes should remember that the bitter pill is yet unswallowed.

Commenting upon the restraining orders, the Washington Progress has the following to say: "Martin County believes in postponing unpleasant events as long as possible. A restraining order has been issued and is expected to be signed by Judge Sinclair the latter part of this month, postponing the sale of property for taxes until September.

It sounds good, but it is doubtful whether such a policy will do any good. On the contrary, it is more likely than not to do harm. It will mean that in September the people of Martin County will have to pay their taxes, and then, in a couple of months, the books will be open for the payment of another year's taxes. Instead of extricating themselves from a hole, it looks as though the folks up in Martin were merely digging it just a little deeper for themselves.

URNS IN \$51,883 TO TREASURER

Amount Represents One-sixth of Total Levy in This County

Approximately \$51,883, the amount collected in county taxes during the latter part of April and the first few days of this month, are being turned over to the treasurer here today. The amount is one of the largest turned over at any one time. The approximately \$52,000 represent more than one-sixth of the entire county levy.

"The restraining order wrecked the advertising schedule, but tax collections continue to flow in," Sheriff C. B. Roebuck stated yesterday. The report was not seriously considered when first given out, but the collector pulled forth the books and verified the collection of several thousand dollars since the order was served. The injunction is only temporary and final disposition will not be made until Saturday of next week, the time set for these advancing the injunction to appear before Judge Sinclair in Wilson and show cause why the sale should not be made.

According to reports, injunctions preventing the sale of land for taxes have not been upheld by the higher courts, however, an order can live a while before it reaches that body, it is understood. It is believed that Judge Sinclair will make the order permanent, but in the last analysis, the sale will have to be made in those cases where the tax has not been cared for by the property owners.

Large Crowds See "Sally" At Watts Theatre Here

"Sally," one of the screen favorites of the season is attracting large crowds at the Watts theatre here this week. During the first two nights, the theatre has been almost crowded. The picture will be shown tonight for the last time here.

Baptists Here Announce Sunday Morning Service

The regular morning service at 11 o'clock will feature the program of worship in the local Baptist Church Sunday, it was announced today.

Sunday school will convene at the usual hour, 9:45 and the B. Y. P. U. will meet at 7 in the evening. There will be no evening preaching service.

Truth Enables Thief To Steal Parked Automobile

Chicago, May 14.—A thief may be a thief but not necessarily a liar, and there is evidence to support it.

A police officer patrolling the near North Side stopped to view with suspicion a man who was having trouble unlocking an automobile parked at the curb.

"What," inquired the officer, "are you doing?"

"I'm trying to steal this automobile, if I can ever get it unlocked," said the young man.

"He, ha, ha," laughed the officer, and stroled on.

If you think the young man was telling a story, ask Miss Ellen Root, for it was her car. "Was" is right. It's gone now.

3 More Candidates Enter Political Race

County Ministers To Meet Here Monday

Evangelical pastor of Martin County will meet in the Methodist church here next Monday morning, May 19, at 10 a. m., it was announced this morning by Rev. Dwight A. Petty, of the local Methodist church.

The meeting is being called by the Williamston Minister's Association and will have to do with "matters that demand immediate attention."

In announcing the meeting, the local association member expressed a keen desire that every minister in the county attend. "We are hoping to form a County Ministers Union," Rev. Mr. Petty stated in making the meeting announcement for the local association.

64 REGISTERED FOR PRIMARY

Indications Point to Large Registration Here In Several Years

That the coming primary will attract more interest locally than the general election of 1928 did is indicated in the number of citizens registering. According to a review of the books made yesterday 64 new names had been entered. A week before the books closed just prior to the general election in 1928, the number was much smaller than was the case yesterday. The books close Saturday of next week, and present indications point to unusually large registration.

The large number of candidates out for the county offices is given as the main cause for the unusual interest in the registering list.

Checking the list of newly qualified electors, it was learned that many of them come from other states, some from as far away as Georgia and Mississippi. The majority of new names was those of citizens moving from other precincts of the county to this one.

Registrar Peel is expecting a registration of at least 100, that number being a conservative estimate of the expected result.

In 1928, there were only 87 new names added to the list in this district, and that number was considered unusually large.

Reports from other precincts in the county have not been officially received here, and although scattered, the registration of new electors is progressing rapidly.

SCHOOL FINALS AT HAMILTON

Professor M. K. Fort Makes Closing Address Last Friday Evening

The Hamilton School, the last in the county to bring to a close the 1929-30 term, held its final exercises last Friday evening, a large attendance being reported. The address by Professor M. K. Fort, of Greenville, who talked on "Some Changing Concepts in Education," was the feature of the evening's program.

Certificates were given to four tenth grade pupils, Evelyn Davis, Nannie Davis, William Haislip and Henry Johnson, jr.

Nine seventh grade promotion certificates were awarded, thirteen pupils receiving 100 per cent daily attendance certificates.

The salutatory was delivered by Henry Samuel Johnson, jr., and the valedictory was delivered by Nannie Elizabeth Davis.

Superintendent R. A. Pope, assisted by Principal W. E. Plyler, presented the certificates.

Following the presentation of the awards, Messrs. P. L. Salisbury and D. G. Matthews, members of the local committee, made a few timely and appropriate remarks.

A charming picture of Peter Pan was presented to the fourth and fifth grades by Mrs. W. E. Plyler, incoming president of the parent-teacher association, for having the largest number present (247) at any meeting of the association during the year.

Jamesville Baseball Team Defeats Bethel 1 To 0

In one of the hardest-fought games so far this season, the Jamesville baseball team defeated the Bethel nine last Tuesday 1 to 0, the game offering a number of features. Sexton of Jamesville pitched a no run game and allowing only four hits. Elwood Ange made the winning run in the ninth. Brown, working behind the bat, divided batting honors with James of Jamesville.

FILING TIME TO CLOSE FRIDAY OF NEXT WEEK

V. G. Taylor, B. S. Cowin, J. A. Everett Announce For Commissioners

29 CANDIDATES OUT

Local Politics Overshadowing The Simmons-Bailey Race For The U. S. Senate

Three more candidates pitched their hats into the political ring in this county this week, bringing the list of candidates out for office up to 29. After having considered taking part in the contest for some time, Mr. V. G. Taylor, Everett's banker and farmer, announced his candidacy for county commissioner yesterday. His announcement was closely followed by that of Mr. B. S. Cowin, prominent elder in the Primitive Baptist Church, of Bear Grass, for a seat on the board of commissioners.

Late yesterday, Mr. J. Alphonso Everett, a member of the last general assembly and a prominent farmer of the upper part of the county, announced his candidacy for county commissioner. There are now only eleven applying for the five commissioners' seats.

In a warning made this morning, Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections, states that the filing period will close Friday of next week. No invitations were extended to prospective candidates but Mr. Peel will be glad to add new names when they are presented with the customary fees.

While a complete list of candidates will not be determined until the books close next week, it is generally believed that the filing business has just about spent itself. Already there are so many men in the field for office that it is evident that the women will have to decide the outcome of the primary. The candidates are said to be canvassing each other for votes, and the solicitations throughout the section are believed to be the greatest in scope ever made.

But Martin is not the only county planning a complicated primary. Over in Beaufort the candidates are out by the dozens. Just to the east of us is Bertie with 29 candidates in the field, although there are contests for but three county offices, besides seats on the board of county commissioners. Other counties are also reporting large lists.

Where it once looked as if the U. S. Senatorial race would occupy the center of the primary stage, it is now believed that some will forget to vote for either Mr. Simmons or Mr. Bailey. Of course, the great number of admirers of the two men in the race for a seat in the Senate will fire their guns in that battle.

The last of the filing rumors in the county have been quieted, it is believed, and where our good readers just read the same headlines as they did last Tuesday, it is to be hoped that they will not read another one of a political nature until the chairman makes public the complete and official list.

REV. PIEPHOFF TO PREACH HERE

Visiting Minister Conduct Revival at Bear Grass School This Week

Sunday, May 18, 1930: "The Church with an open door." Our motto: "A warm welcome in a cool church."

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Mr. John L. Rodgers, superintendent. Worship service and sermon, 11 a. m. Rev. C. E. Piephoff, of Greenville, S. C., will bring the message of the morning.

We invite you to attend this service.

Since last Sunday our church has been equipped with screens, making the auditorium free from minute intrusions.

Bear Grass

Last Sunday night a series of evangelistic services were begun in the schoolhouse auditorium at Bear Grass under the auspices of the local Presbyterian church. Rev. C. E. Piephoff, of Greenville, S. C., is delivering the messages. Rev. Piephoff announced that the services have to do with nothing save Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Pharisee or Christian, Man's Greatest Problem, God's Greatest Problem, are some of the subjects dealt with thus far. Inspiring and soul-stirring singing has been a feature of these services, followed by the earnest presentation of the Gospel by the preacher. Large congregations which are increasing daily gather each evening at 8 p. m. Are you missing these services? Come tonight and join us in this great work. Everybody welcome.