

TOBACCO MARKET OPENS TUESDAY

Williamston's Three Warehouses Offer Every Convenience To Growers

MARTIN COUNTY HAS LOW RANK IN RELIGIOUS FIELD

Only 7,841 of 23,425 People In County Are Members Of Churches

STANDS 90TH IN STATE

Only Two Counties in East Have Percentage of Church Members Than Martin

In the field of religion, Martin County occupies a very low position, only 7,841 of the 23,425 people in the county being affiliated with any church. As compared with other counties in the State, Martin occupies ninth place in the list; and with the exception of two counties, Wilson and Edgecombe, it has the smallest church membership of any county in Eastern North Carolina.

Bertie commands third position in the State list, Beaufort forty-third, Washington, tenth; and Halifax fifty-fifth. Hertford leads with a percentage of 74.9; and Stokes trails with a percentage of only 28.5.

In commenting on the religious ranking of the 100 counties, Mr. S. H. Hobbs, jr., writes in the University News Letter:

"North Carolina ranks high among the States in percentage of the total population belonging to churches. Yet in this State slightly less than half the people belong to any one of the 67 religious denominations, or so in 1926.

"It is surprising how widely the counties differ in the ratio of the population belonging to churches. The range is from 74.9 per cent in Hertford County to 28.5 per cent in Stokes County. In other words, in one county four-fifths of the entire population belong to churches. In another county only a little more than one-fourth of the people are church members.

"There are fourteen counties where 60 per cent or more of the people are church members. There are 22 counties where less than 40 per cent of the people belong to churches. How does one account for the wide differences?"

Union Service at Local Presbyterian Church

Rev. C. H. Dickey, of the local Baptist church, will preach for the first time in the new Presbyterian church here Sunday night at the union service. This may be the last union service of the summer, therefore, the members of the various churches are urged to make this service one to be long remembered. The Baptist choir will lead the singing.

Other service at the Presbyterian church include Church school, 9:45 a. m. As there will be no morning service in our church Sunday, all members are urged to attend Church school.

Bear Grass

Services, Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

Leggett's Farm

Sunday school 4 p. m. Tempie Keel, superintendent. Mr. John Perry, treasurer. Everybody welcome.

Program of Services at Methodist Church

Program of services at the Methodist church: Sunday school at 9:45, Mr. Wm. H. Harrison supervising.

Holly Springs

Sunday school at the usual hour. Prayer service Sunday evening at 8.

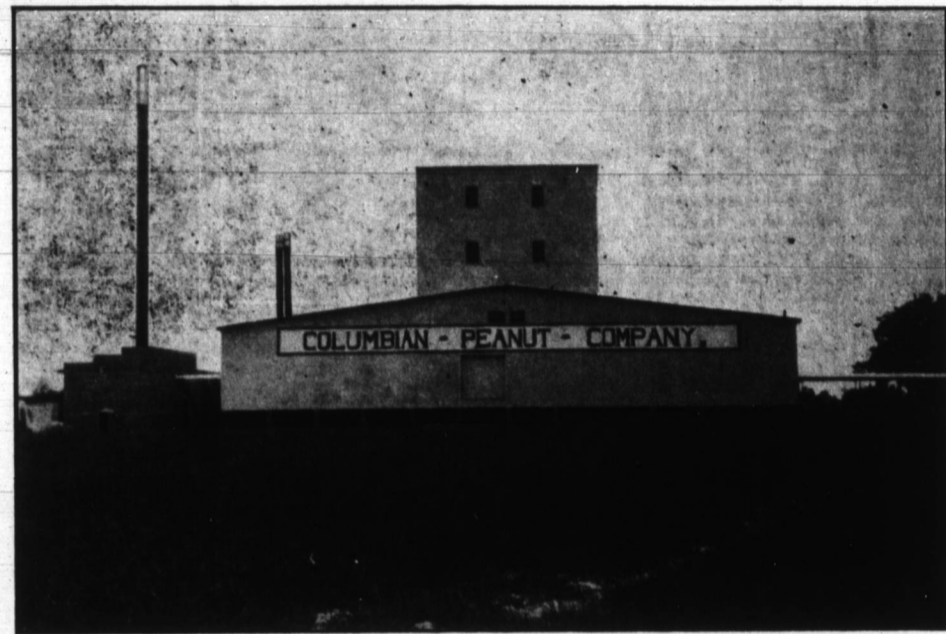
Merchants and Clerks Have Last Half-Holiday

Local merchants and their clerks enjoyed the last half-holiday last Wednesday afternoon, and have returned to the full six-day schedule now. The practice, started early in July, was a success, and made possible an outing for the clerks and store-owners.

Town Board Commissioners Hold Meeting This Morning

The board of town commissioners are meeting here today, the session taking the place of the regular one generally held on the first Monday night. Shortly before noon today, no official action had been taken in any matters, but it is understood that several important questions were before the body for discussion.

WILLIAMSTON PLANT OF THE COLUMBIAN PEANUT COMPANY



Williamston's latest addition in its industrial field, the Columbian Peanut Company plant, will start operations within the next few weeks. The plant is the nineteenth unit in the Columbian System and is located on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and Highway Routes 30 and 90.

Peanut Factory Will Start Operating Soon

IS NINETEENTH UNIT IN SYSTEM OF COLUMBIAN

Construction Work and Installation of Machinery Completed Recently

USES 1,000 BAGS DAILY

Local Plant Is In Charge of Mr. W. S. Pritchard; Offers Cooperation To All Peanut Growers

Another whistle will be heard within the next few days in Williamston's industrial field, when the Columbian Peanut Company starts operation of its nineteenth unit, located here, for the first time. Modern in its plans and equipment, the plant is now practically ready for operation, construction work and machinery installation having been completed a few days ago.

The Columbian Company, with eighteen units already in operation, only completed negotiations for the establishment of a plant here the latter part of last April. Since that time a huge factory has been erected, with adequate machinery and storage facilities to handle approximately 1,000 bags of the goobers daily. The site for the plant, facing the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, and bordered by the Jamesville and Washington highways, is an ideal one for deliveries and shipments, and it might be mentioned that it adds to the importance of the town and section. Standing four stories high, painted in a clean white, and with its towering smoke stack, the new plant stands out as an important factor in the industrial and agricultural fields of the community and section.

Following several personal interviews with Mr. G. H. Harrison, town commissioner, Mr. H. S. Smithers, the president of the Columbian system, visited Williamston, purchased the site and within a few weeks actual construction work was started.

The main factory is 110 feet wide and 140 feet long and is four stories high. In addition to the capacity and storage space in the main factory, the plant has ample storage facilities in a large warehouse, a few yards from the main building. Once the plant opens for operation, it will run practically the year around, employing approximately 125 people, most of the number, however, being women.

Mr. W. S. Pritchard, who has made many friends here since construction work was started on the factory, stated yesterday that the exact date for the opening of the factory could not be determined just at this time, but that it would be running full speed some time next month. Mr. Pritchard, manager of the factory, will cooperate with all farmers in this section in the sale of their peanuts at highest possible prices, assuring them a courteous and dependable marketing service. The policy of the peanut concern has been to build its factories near the source of raw materials, effecting a

Labor Day Not To Be Observed Locally

Next Monday, Labor Day and a national legal holiday, will go unobserved here by merchants and business houses in general. County offices will be open, and as far as it could be learned today, the county board of education and county board of commissioners will hold their sessions as usual.

The post office will be closed for the day, and no deliveries will be made either in the town or on the rural routes.

MARTIN MEN IN BERTIE COURT

Dennis Roberson Is Held Under \$300 Bond for Drunken Driving

Dennis Roberson, white, of this county, was held in default of \$300 bond in the Bertie County jail yesterday morning, when he was found guilty of driving an automobile while drunk. The hearing was held by Justice of the Peace T. H. Perry, Windsor.

The particulars leading to the arrest could not be definitely learned here, conflicting opinions and stories having been offered. Roberson, giving his occupation as night manager of the Silver Slipper filling station, near here, is said to have left here early yesterday morning with Dr. Ed Long and Paul Chesson, of Hamilton, for points in Bertie. When the party neared Woodard, in Bertie, Roberson is said to have ordered Dr. Long and Chesson out of their car at the point of a pistol. It was also stated that Roberson took the car and wrecked it while driving on a fill near Woodard at a fast speed. He escaped serious injury, although the car was badly damaged.

Roberson was arrested by Sheriff Cooper and deputies, and following the hearing he was held for an investigation by State prison authorities.

saving in freight by eliminating the dirt and trash from the shipments. According to present plans, the company expects to supply the local plant with peanuts trucked in over the highways from this and adjoining counties.

The company has an unusual system in handling its business in connection with the sellers and its employees. Each day the employees are paid for their work that day as they leave the factory in the evening. The farmer is paid for his deliveries daily, not waiting to make settlement until the individual farmer completes the delivery of his crop.

The peanut crop is second in importance in this immediate section, and the location of the splendid factory here meets a long-felt necessity of the community and its farmers.

MRS. G. S. LILLEY DIES NEAR HERE

Had Been Ill for Several Months; Funeral This Afternoon

Mrs. George S. Lilley died yesterday afternoon at her home near here following an illness of several months. She had been confined to her bed only a few weeks, however.

The funeral was held at the residence at two o'clock today and burial was in the Lilly cemetery in Griffins' township.

Mrs. Lilley was before her marriage Miss Lida Lilley, daughter of Henry Lilley and wife. She was 54 years of age and had been married about 37 years. Besides Mr. Lilley she is survived by four children, two sons and two daughters. Two brothers, Samuel J. and Simon Lilley and one sister, Mrs. Warren Barber, of Jamesville, also survive.

In speaking of Mrs. Lilley, her neighbors who have known her all her life, say she was a choice soul, one of the few who never raised her voice in anger. She knew no anger, and was always humble and kind. She had been a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for many years and was ever faithful in her service.

Kiwanis Club Has Good Meeting Here Wednesday

The Kiwanis Club had a very good meeting at its luncheon Wednesday. C. A. Harrison, the president, gave an outline of the proposed fall programs, and appointed Dr. P. B. Cone, E. S. Peel and W. C. Manning jr. a committee to put on a musical program at the next regular meeting.

R. J. Peel, who was in charge of the meeting, spoke on the opportunities that the future has in store for us and stated that to accomplish the things we desire we must conserve our energies and our means.

Fair-Sized Crowds Attend Tobacco Grading Meetings

With one or two exceptions, fair-sized crowds have attended the several tobacco meetings that have been held so far in the county this week. According to Mr. Taylor, of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., the farmers are showing a marked interest in the system, and he believes many will employ the service. Mr. Taylor, who will be stationed on the local market for some weeks, has charge of the meetings, the last of which are being held in this county today.

Vice President of A. C. L. Visits Here This Week

Leaving the cares of business behind for a few days, Mr. T. F. Darden, vice president of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, with Mrs. Darden, of Wilmington, and Mrs. Louise Sterling, of Raleigh, was making social calls in the county this week, visiting his aunt, Mrs. Irene Smith, here during the time.

Mr. Darden was reared in Hamilton, but left there many years ago to accept work with the Coast Line. Gradually he earned his promotions until now he is serving that great rail system as vice president.

NEGRO FAILS TO SECURE CASH FOR FORGED CHECK

Police Looking for Jesse Rogers; Has Court Record Here

PUT TWO UNDER BOND

Three Tried To Cash Forged \$40 Check At Planters & Merchants Bank Last Tuesday

Jesse Rogers, colored, who attempted to forge the signature to a \$40 check at the Planters and Merchants Bank, Everetts, last Tuesday, continues at large. Officers have been on his trail, but they have not been able so far to effect his capture. The check was drawn on the Roanoke Tobacco Warehouse Company, of this place.

The attempted forgery was poorly planned, but Rogers proved his ability as a law violator when he perfected his escape hurriedly. Rogers entered the bank and gave his name as Fenner Respass. His true identity was established by Robert Johnson and J. L. Alexander, who accompanied him to Everetts, Johnson furnishing the ride. Through an error, Alexander's name was reported as Moses Alexander. Young Alexander has no court record, and is believed to have been an innocent party to the attempted forgery. Both he and Johnson raised \$200 bonds for their appearance at the next term of superior court here.

Rogers, who Johnson and Alexander say owned and handled the check, has been in court several times in the past, it is understood.

FORTY WOMEN ATTEND PICNIC

Held At Swamp Lawn, Near Palmyra, Thursday; To Meet Here in October

By Miss Lora Sleeper, Home Agent - Approximately forty women gathered for the county field day picnic of the home demonstration clubs of Martin county held at Swamp lawn, the Everett home near Palmyra, yesterday. After the business meeting of the County Council, at which time a county constitution was read and adopted by all of the six clubs represented, the women were assembled on the lawn to witness a demonstration in "cheese salads and sandwiches," given by Mrs. Julian Mizelle, president of the County Council and member of the William Chapel Club. The women enjoyed this very instructive demonstration as was proved by the scarcity of cheese dishes left.

The women concluded the afternoon with a few games and after a bountiful picnic supper returned to their respective homes. Mrs. Ben Ange and Mrs. Bertha Ange travelled the farthest distance, 41 miles each way, to attend the meeting.

The women will hold their next meeting here in October.

Announcements Made For Baptist Church

According to an announcement received here yesterday, Rev. Chas. H. Dickey will be in his pulpit at the local Baptist church next Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour. In the evening he will preach in the Presbyterian church at the union church service.

Mr. Dickey, with his family, is expected to arrive home tomorrow from a two-weeks trip to relatives in Murphy.

Conoho Lodge at Hamilton To Meet Tuesday Night

The Conoho Lodge, No. 399, A. F. and A. M., will hold its regular meeting here next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by Mr. J. W. Eubanks, of the lodge. All members of the lodge are urged to request to attend the meeting.

Local Tobacconists Return From Southern Leaf Marts

"The price of tobacco was extremely low on the southern markets," Messrs. W. R. Ingram, of the Farmers Warehouse, and Roy Meador, of the Planters Warehouse here, stated upon their return from Georgia and South Carolina this week.

The season has been an unusually hard one there, the tobacconists stated, and their work on the southern markets has limited the personal calls of the two men in this section, "and that we regret very much, but it just couldn't be helped," the two stated. The high spot in the conversation with the two men this morning was reached when they stated that they believed conditions would be better here.

EVERYTHING IS ALL SET FOR OPENING SALES; BIG CROWDS ARE EXPECTED

BETTER PRICES HOPED FOR IN EASTERN BELT

Government Grading Service Here Expected To Be Feature

FREE MOVIE TICKETS

Warehousemen and Merchants Have Warm Welcome For All Who Attend Opening Sales

In spite of low prices paid on the Georgia and other markets, a ray of hope continues in the pulse of Eastern North Carolina people, for they are looking forward to a firmer market when the warehouses open the season here next Tuesday morning at nine o'clock. It is generally believed that the average price will be higher on the Eastern Carolina markets than it was down in Georgia and South Carolina; however, the optimism is limited, and no high-priced tobacco is expected.

With three large warehouses, about three acres of floor space, the Williamston market opens the season with very good prospects. Able and experienced warehousemen will be in charge of the warehouses this year, and a strong corps of buyers will be here for the opening. In the warehouse personnel there are Messrs. Barnhill and Ingram at the Farmers, Messrs. Meador Brothers and Taylor at the Planters, and Messrs. Meadows, Griffin and Griffin at the Roanoke-Dixie. Each of the big tobacco companies will have buyers on the market, and several independent companies will have their representatives here. With one or two exceptions, the buying personnel will be the same as last year, it was learned yesterday.

RECORDER HAD BUT FEW CASES

Several Cases Continued or Set for Trial in Next Superior Court

Recorder's court had only a few cases last Tuesday. The first case called was against Sylvester Wynn, charged with assaulting Lon Lilley with a knife. The case was continued until September 9th.

Probable cause of guilt was found against Ernie Lanier on a charge of larceny, and he was ordered held for the September term of the superior court.

Judgment was suspended for 18 months in the case in which Labon Lilley was charged with assault with a deadly weapon. The continuation was based upon the good behavior of the defendant.

John L. Little, charged with carrying a concealed weapon and with being drunk and disorderly, plead guilty to the drunk and disorderly charge and was fined \$10 and costs. The charge of carrying a concealed weapon was not pressed.

The case against Jobie and Rufus Gainer, charging them with a violation of the liquor law, was continued to September 9th.

Mrs. Stanley Warren Dies At Home in Pitt County

Mrs. Stanley Warren, formerly of Martin County, died at her home in Pitt County yesterday morning, death being attributed mainly to old age.

Before her marriage, she was Miss Mary Etta Corey, of the Smithwick's Creek section of this county. She was a sister to Mr. N. J. Corey Corey, of this county, and Gray Corey, of Pitt County. Her husband died about four months ago.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters, all grown. The funeral was held at the home at 1 o'clock today, interment following in the family plot on the home farm.

Rehearsals Going Forward For Play Tuesday Night

Daily rehearsals are being held by the large cast who will present the musical comedy, "It Happened at Midnight," next Tuesday night at the High School auditorium. This show promises to be one of the most entertaining ones ever presented here. The cast is composed of some of Williamston's most fetching and talented young actors.

The first act represents the glorification of Williamston's beauties. Throughout this play there will be colorful dances and snappy song hits.

Local Tobacconists Return From Southern Leaf Marts

To entertain the farmers and their families, the warehouses and merchants here have arranged with the Watts Theatre management an all-day showing of Clara Bow in "True to the Navy." No costs to the farmers and their families will be made; the visitors that day are cordially invited to see the show free. Tickets will be given away by the warehouses and the several merchants.

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