

BIG CROP SWEET POTATOES TO BE CURED THIS YEAR

40 Curing Houses in County Will Handle Total of 40,000 Bushels

During the next few days, Martin County farmers will start digging their largest potato crop, County Agent T. B. Brandon stating that more than 40,000 bushels of the potatoes would be cured in the 40 curing houses this year. While the crop is not a large one this year, it is believed that twice as many potatoes will be grown and cured this year as there were handled last year. The per acre yield will not be large, but the quality is said to be good.

In handling the crop this year, County Agent Brandon points to the importance of proper field grading and handling. Preparatory to digging the crop, curing house owners are advised to thoroughly clean their houses and disinfect all those rooms used for curing potatoes in the past that germs causing decay might be killed. A spray, made of a pint of formaldehyde and 30 gallons of water, or one pound of blue stone and 25 gallons of water, should be directed on the ceiling, walls and floors of the rooms, and on the crates, the agent personally preferring the use of the blue stone and water mixture as a disinfectant. After the house is thoroughly disinfected and allowed to remain closed tightly from 12 to 24 hours, all ventilators and doors should be opened and left that way until the owners are ready to start storing potatoes.

The proper grading and handling of potatoes are necessary to the successful curing of the sweets, the agent stated. They should be dug before frost strikes, and every effort should be made to keep the potatoes out of the hot sun.

In curing the potatoes, a temperature ranging from 80 to 90 degrees should be maintained for about two weeks, and proper ventilation should be provided for the successful curing of the potatoes.

This year there will be around 40 curing houses in operation in this county, with a capacity of approximately 70,000 bushels. The capacity will hardly be needed in handling the crop, however, as the per acre yield is not expected to be as great as it ordinarily is. The J. G. Stator curing house has a storage capacity of nearly 30,000 bushels, and one at Robersonville stores around 10,000 bushels. A majority of the houses has a capacity of 600 to 800 bushels. There are three houses of 2,000 bushels capacity, and two each of 1,200 bushel capacity.

Tests are being made at the Stator curing house here this week, and Captain George Phillips, a man of the sea for a number of years, but for some time a big Craven County potato man, is very much pleased with the equipment arranged for handling a portion of the crop here. Equipped at a cost of several thousand dollars, the house here is one of the most modern ever built under Federal and State specifications. Captain Phillips is making a thorough study of the equipment and within the next few weeks he will have the plant in full operation.

DOGS FAIL TO CATCH WOULD-BE BURGLAR

Attempt to Rob Home of Larry Bunting Foiled Early Sunday

(Robersonville Herald)
Awakened by an unusual noise in their bedroom early Sunday morning, Mrs. Larry Bunting turned on the light and found that a thief was attempting to pull the trousers of Mr. Bunting through the window.

The robber had cut the screen with an ice pick, and with the assistance of a scouring mop was pulling out the trousers, when the end of the mop fell from the handle, making a noise that scared the thief away and awakened Mrs. Bunting.

The local police force was called and bloodhounds were secured from Enfield at 5 o'clock, and by 7 the dogs were hot on a trail that led to a tenant house on the farm of Lee House, near here, formerly occupied by Mack Highsmith, but now vacant.

The trail by the dogs was a decided failure, local officers stating that the owner of the dogs was sick, and as a substitute was used, the dogs were placed on the wrong track. Had the animals been placed on the right track there is no doubt but that the thief would have been caught, for there was nothing to hinder his being trailed, a local citizen said Tuesday morning.

Several homes have been entered here within the past few weeks, and in a vain effort to break up the epidemic of robberies dogs were used in an attempt to apprehend the person making so many unwelcome visits.

County Ranks High in Percentage School Children Enrolled Who Attend Regularly

Martin County ranks ninth among the 10 counties of the State in the percentage of attendance to enrollment in the rural schools, according to a current issue of "School Facts," State Department of Education publication. Of the 3,617 white children enrolled in the schools, 3,097 attended regularly. The publication also shows that there were 664 pupils who failed to enroll in the schools of this county during the 1929-30 term. In other words, if all the children of school age were attend school, another unit as large as the one here would be necessary. This deplorable fact, while it limits taxes, no doubt, is even more deplorable because those children not in

school are the ones who need educational training the most. Martin leads its neighboring counties by far in average daily attendance for its white children, but in rank it occupies 40th place for its colored children.

The data, some of which extends over a period of 30 years, places the county school system in an enviable position. Over the period covered by the statistics, it is shown that the average daily attendance for the entire state has increased even more rapidly than enrollment.

The North Carolina school population, the table shows, has grown from 659,629 in 1900, when only 400,425, or 60.7 per cent, were en-

rolled in the schools, and only 206,918, or 51.7 per cent, were in daily attendance, to well nigh twice those figures in 1930. At the close of the year just passed the state's school population was 1,031,947, of which 866,939, or 84 per cent, were enrolled, and 672,895, or 77.6 per cent, were in average daily attendance.

North Carolina, with an aggregate school enrollment second only to that of Texas among the Southern States, ranked ninth, however, in the percentage of daily attendance. The average attendance for the state as a whole is placed as 75.5. Missouri led the Southern States with 85.8.

Program Prepared For Baptist Meet

COUNTY CASES ARE DECIDED BY SUPREME COURT

Decision Handed Down by Judge Moore in June Is Affirmed

A judgment handed down by Judge Clayton Moore in the superior court here last June and contested by plaintiff attorneys, was affirmed by the Supreme Court in an opinion handed down this week. A suit was brought by J. S. Ayers and Company to get a judgment against L. S. Curtis and wife, Mrs. Minnie Curtis. Judgment was granted against Curtis, but as to Mrs. Curtis the case was not suited. It was advanced at the trial that Curtis contracted the debt upon himself and not against the property owned by his wife.

A second decision rendered by the Martin court was also affirmed by the high tribunal recently. Back in March a judgment was given J. B. Colt Company against J. F. Martin. Later the judgment was declared void when the defendant declared he misunderstood the orders in the case. Clerk of the Court R. J. Peel's decision was affirmed in the matter by Judge Clayton Moore, and, in turn, his action was affirmed by the Supreme Court. The case now commands its old standing and is now on the docket awaiting trial.

COUNTY CLUB MEETING 22ND

Exhibits of Canned Goods To Be Made at Federation Meet Here

The women in the home demonstration clubs of the county are trying conscientiously to fill out their record books showing the amount of canned fruits and vegetables canned this summer. It is expected that a few of the clubs will have exhibits of their products on display at the county federation now being planned for October 22. Each club has been requested to submit a guess of the total amount of containers canned by home demonstration club members over the county. The club guessing the nearest correct figure will be awarded \$5 for use in their club toward equipment. All clubs two years old and over are asked to put on competitive exhibits for the federation meeting to be held here on October 22. Many of the clubs are already working this exhibit up.

Announce Plans for Pastors Conference Monday Night

The pastor of the local Baptist church received yesterday a note from the Rev. R. S. Fountain, of the Weldon Baptist church, saying that the feature speakers on the program of the Roanoke Baptist Pastors' Conference program in the local church Monday night would be the Rev. Blount, new pastor of the Wilson church, and the Rev. W. E. Goode, of the Scotland Neck church.

Mr. Fountain is president of the pastor's conference and wished it stressed that the membership of the local church, as well as the public in general, is invited to sit in on this Monday evening session. It will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

The visiting pastors will be entertained in the homes of the local membership Monday night, staying over for the associational sessions Tuesday and Wednesday.

DR. CHARLES E. MADDRY WILL MAKE ADDRESS

Roanoke Association Meet To Be Held Here Two Days Next Week

The high lights on the program of the Roanoke Baptist Association meeting in Williamston next Tuesday and Wednesday will be interesting to the people of this community.

All of the five sessions will be filled to overflowing with program material, and only some special features will be listed here. The five sessions held will be as follows: Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock; Tuesday afternoon, at 1:30; Tuesday evening at 7; Wednesday morning at 10 and Wednesday afternoon at 1:30. Final adjournment will follow the Wednesday afternoon session.

Wednesday morning, Julian C. Anderson will deliver the welcome address on behalf of the church and community, and this will be followed by the presentation of new pastors who have come into the association within the last year. The address on Christian Education will be delivered at 11:10 o'clock by J. A. Campbell, president of Campbell's College, erstwhile Buies Creek Academy. And the associational sermon will be delivered by W. E. Goode, of the Scotland Neck Church. This is scheduled for 11:45, and is to be preceded by special music, rendered by Miss Helen Chamblee.

At the Wednesday afternoon session the high light will be an address on Missions, by Dr. Charles E. Maddry, State Secretary of North Carolina Baptists. This will be preceded with a solo by Miss Florence Overton, of the local school faculty.

At the Wednesday evening hour, Miss Flora Griffin will speak on "The B. Y. P. U. Impress Upon a Life." There will be special music by the Holmes Trio, and the concluding address is by Raymond C. Dunn, on "God Forgotten."

Wednesday morning Earl Goerch is to make an address on Christian Literature, and there will be special music by members from the Kennedy Home. Rev. W. O. Blount, of Wilson, will speak, and this will be followed with an address by J. C. Hough. Wednesday afternoon Miss Margaret Whittington will sing, and the missionary address will be delivered by L. B. Olive.

To all these sessions the general public is invited, and will be very welcome.

Presbyterians Announce Their Services in County

Sunday, October 11, 1931:
"The church with an open door."
True sayings: "Be on the level—and you're not likely to go down hill."
Church school, 9:45 a. m. Departmental classes.

Worship service and sermon at 11 a. m. "What think ye, that He will not come to the feast?" The most sacred heritage of the Christian church is the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. One can not afford to miss the sweet joy and communion with the Master that its observance provides. Come, we have a nice comfortable seat for you.

Bear Grass
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.
Worship service and sermon at 7 p. m. (Note change in hour.)

Roberson's Farm
Prayer meeting each Thursday night at 7:30 p. m.
Sunday school Sunday at 3 p. m. Preaching immediately afterward.

9 FROM COUNTY TO GO TO PRISON

Sentenced By Judge Meekins in Federal Court This Week

Nine of the twelve Martin County men facing Judge I. M. Meekins in the Federal court at Washington since last Tuesday morning and up until this morning, drew prison or jail sentences for alleged violation of the prohibition laws. The court continues its work today, and while several more Martin cases will be heard, it is certain that one or two will be called later on.

Louis Taylor was released on probation, and Levi Boston and Samuel Whitaker were found not guilty this week. Sentences calling for a year and a day in Atlanta were meted out to Tommie Lawrence Roberson, Andrew Mobley, Billy Mack Haislip, John James was given a three-year sentence in the Federal prison. Vernon Roberson, Perlie Williams, John Smith, and O. C. Johnson were given jail sentences varying in length from one day to three months. Roland Rogers goes to the Federal training school in Chillicothe, Ohio.

Three men and their wives over in Bertie were found guilty and sentenced to prison for three years each, the men to serve their time first and their wives to follow at the expiration of the first sentences.

COUNTY NATIVE DIES IN ELM CITY

Dr. Edwin Gibbons Moore Succumbs After Illness Of Several Months

Dr. Edwin Gibbons Moore, a native of this county, died at his home in Elm City last Tuesday after an illness of several months. He was 70 years of age and had practiced medicine for more than 45 years. He leaves his wife, the former Miss Ursula Daniel, of Weldon, and two children, Miss Lucille Moore and John Craven Moore. His first wife, the mother of two children, was Miss Annie Thompson, of Goldsboro.

The deceased was a prominent physician and an extensive farmer, and also interested in business enterprises, and was thoroughly interested in everything that affected the welfare of the county and its people. Dr. Moore was also a gifted speaker, with a command of the English language that few men possessed.

Dr. Moore was born near here late in the year 1861, the son of John Edson and Martha Jolly Moore. In early youth he moved with his family and attended the schools at Rocky Mount and Elm City, where he located.

Fire Prevention Week Observed by Schools

A parade by volunteer firemen and school children featured fire prevention week here yesterday afternoon. The fire department's two trucks and several cars loaded with school children passed through the town's principal streets.

The parade was over hardly more than 8 hours before the two alarms were received at the fire station.

Fire prevention posters were placed in various houses of the town this week by the local fire chief, who urges careful consideration of the main causes of fire. Incidentally, one of the posters was placed on the door of Mr. Ray's shop where fire did several hundred dollars damage early this morning.

Mr. Javan Rogers Ill In Hospital at Nortolk

Mr. Javan Rogers, member of the Martin County Board of Education, and prominent in business affairs of the county, continues seriously ill in a Norfolk hospital; it was learned here yesterday morning. Mrs. Rogers, who has been at the bedside for some time, returned home late Wednesday.

FIRE THREATENS ATLANTIC HOTEL HERE LAST NIGHT

Originates in "Pop Shop" Of Mr. Jeff Ray; Damage \$500

Fire, starting in the little "pop shop" owned and operated by Jeff Ray in a back room of the Atlantic Hotel caused a several hundred dollar loss and threatened the entire building here shortly after 1 o'clock this morning. None of the hotel guests was injured, but several were slightly affected by the smoke. The 12 visiting guests and all regular lodgers fled from the building about the time the fire apparatus was brought upon the scene, but so badly were several of the rear rooms smoked that the roomers found it necessary to find lodging elsewhere.

Awakened by a choking smoke about 1 o'clock, Mr. Ray first thought the fire was in the hotel kitchen, adjoining his room. He left his room and the fire therein, locked his door, and ran to the second floor of the hotel. When he ran back to his room and shop he found the fire breaking through the door. In the meantime, other guests in the hotel discovered the fire and turned in the alarm. Smoke was pouring from windows and other openings all over the building, and the volunteer firemen laid two lines of hose, but only one was necessary to check the fire. Much of the smoke was created when several camp mattresses burned, the blaze being limited to a few articles in the shop, the window sash and door. Several rooms in the building were damaged by smoke and water. Fire Chief H. D. Harrison estimated the loss at about \$500.

Mr. Ray, who suffered losses estimated at \$600 in two fires at his camp near Jamesville during the past few months, estimated his loss here at \$300 with no insurance on any of his shop property.

A second call was answered about 2:30 by the volunteer fire company when fire was found under the hotel roof. The apparatus was returned to the scene, but no connections with the water mains were necessary that time.

JAS. A. ROEBUCK DIES AT HOME IN ROBERSONVILLE

Highly Respected Farmer Of County Victim of Advanced Age

James Alexander Roebuck, 80 years old, died at his home in Robersonville yesterday morning following an illness of more than five weeks' duration. He had been in feeble health for some time, his advanced age being attributed as one of the main causes of his death.

Born on a farm, the son of the late Raleigh Roebuck and wife, and a member of a large family, Mr. Roebuck farmed the greater part of his life. Leaving his old home about 12 years ago, when his advanced years limited his activities on the farm, he moved to Robersonville to live.

During all his life he was regarded, as one of the county's most worthy and highly respected persons. A member of the old school, he subdued himself and kept within due bounds of honesty, truthfulness, and good citizenship. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist church for a long number of years.

In early manhood, he married Miss Millie Roberson who died several years ago. Five children, Mr. Raleigh Roebuck, of Haynes, Ark., W. K. Roebuck, Mrs. Henry Gray, Mrs. Bettie Gray, and Miss Millie Roebuck, all of Robersonville, survive. Two brothers, George R. Roebuck, of Haynes, Ark., Samuel Roebuck, and Mrs. Samuel Andrews, of Robersonville, also survive.

Funeral services are being conducted from the late home this afternoon by Elder B. S. Cowin. Interment will follow in the family burial ground on the Jesse Roebuck farm, near Robersonville.

Program of Services At Methodist Church

C. T. Rogers, Pastor.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Preaching, 11 a. m.
Preaching, 7:30 p. m.
Epworth League, Monday, 7:30 p. m.
Hi League, Tuesday, 7:3 p. m.
Mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.
You are cordially invited to attend.

Former Resident Ill in Hospital at Smithfield

Hunter Price, former resident of this place, is seriously ill in a Smithfield hospital, according to information received here yesterday. Price, a son-in-law of E. M. Gordy, was connected with a bakery business here several years ago. Up until his illness he operated a hotel in Selma.

Tax Sales Will Be Made November 2

UNPAID TAXES

The number of unpaid accounts and their size, reported by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, tax collector, for the several townships in the county for the tax year of 1930, follow:

Township	No.	Amt.
Poplar Point	10	\$ 1,493.50
Griffins	24	830.95
Cross Roads	71	4,127.67
Hamilton	77	6,499.26
Williamston	188	9,977.77
Jamesville	127	3,909.60
Goose Nest	175	15,193.00
Robersonville	126	6,655.12
Bear Grass	35	1,525.10
Williams	49	1,608.91
Totals	882	\$51,821.48

TOWN COLLECTS ALL BUT \$5,922.61 OF ITS 1930 LEVY

Advertised List Is But Very Little Larger Than Last Year

Williamston's tax door was closed today, leaving exactly \$5,922.61 of a \$40,000 levy uncollected. The collections for the year 1930 fell short by only \$692.60, and the number of unpaid accounts was increased by only 19. Last year there were 55 accounts, totaling \$3,723.90, unpaid by white property owners, as compared with 69 accounts, totaling \$4,339.45, unpaid by those owners this year, a difference of 14 accounts and an amount of \$615.55. Colored property owners almost equalled their record last year when all but 98 settled their accounts before the curtain was dropped this morning. Last year, there were 93 accounts, totaling \$1,506.11, unpaid by colored property owners when the lists were advertised. This year there are 98 accounts, totaling \$1,583.16, a difference of \$77.04.

Personal property collections, handled separately from the real estate accounts, do not compare very favorably with the real estate collections, but they are about as good as they were last year, considering existing conditions.

Many accounts will be settled within ten or fifteen days, but all those unpaid by the first Monday in November will be sold at public auction.

In preparing the lists, the treasurer's office added the 4 per cent penalty, but did not consider interest due since June. That will be determined and added when the accounts are paid.

Few Price Changes At Curb Market Saturday

There will be very few changes in the prices found at the curb market Saturday. Eggs will be 26 cents per dozen. This seems to be the only possible change in the prices of produce sold at the market. Any sellers on the curb market were requested last week to refrain from peddling produce from house to house. We shall appreciate the cooperation of our patrons in refusing to buy from those selling in this manner. This is one of many ways to make our local curb market stronger.

Charlie Chaplin in "City Lights" At Wats Tonight

Charlie Chaplin, the world's greatest comedian, returns to the screen at the Wats Theatre here tonight in what is claimed to be his best production, "City Lights." The film, booked several weeks ago by the management, will be shown here tonight only.

"College Flapper" To Be Presented Again Tonight

"The College Flapper," was presented at the high school building here last night to a fair-sized audience, members of the audience greatly enjoying the presentation. A second showing will be given in the high school auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock.

The charity committee of the Woman's Club, in an effort to raise funds for welfare work, is sponsoring the play, and a large crowd is expected at the performance tonight.

Morning Service Sunday At Christian Church Here

Regular service and communion at the morning hour.
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
A cordial welcome awaits you at these services.

Program of Services At Episcopal Church

The Rev. Arthur H. Marshall announces the following schedule for the Church of the Advent here Sunday: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; Holy Communion and sermon, 11

COUNTY LIST IS NOT AS LARGE AS EXPECTED

Unpaid Taxes, Penalty, and Interest in County Is Around \$51,000

Martin County is advertising today the largest list of tax delinquents in its history, the list carrying the names of 881 property owners and representing \$47,982 uncollected taxes. Sales will be made in those cases where taxes, penalty, interest, and cost are not paid, the first Monday in November in accordance with legal provisions.

Considering the unfavorable economic conditions existing at the time, the collections are much better than one would have expected a few weeks ago. So far as it can be learned here, Martin has one of the smallest lists, with the exception of Northampton and probably one other, of any county in this section of the State, considering population.

Last year there were 617 unpaid accounts in the county when the advertising was ordered. This year there are 882, an increase in number of only 265, the added accounts representing, in many cases, large sums. Unpaid taxes, not including penalty, interest, and cost, this year amount to \$47,982.92, or \$51,821.48, including a 4 per cent penalty and 4 per cent interest. Last year the unpaid accounts amounted to \$31,309.50, a difference in actual accounts for the two years of \$16,673.42. These figures do not include unpaid personal property taxes handled separately from real estate.

Griffins and Jamesville township property owners broke their last year's record in squaring their tax accounts. Griffins has an unpaid balance of only \$830.95, or just about half as much as the amount unpaid last year. Jamesville's unpaid accounts this year are less by \$50, compared with those unpaid last year. These two townships were the only ones to report smaller unpaid accounts.

Goose Nest set a record, too, and almost upset the tax equilibrium. Unpaid tax accounts jumped from 8,009.89 last year to \$15,193.00 this year, the latter amount including the 4 per cent penalty and 4 per cent interest. Cross Roads reported the largest percentage of drop in collections, the unpaid accounts this year being just about three times greater than they were last year. Hamilton township, even with an increase of \$1,400 in its unpaid accounts, made a very good record, considering collections in adjoining districts. With the exception of Jamesville, Griffins, Hamilton, Bear Grass, and Williamston, the six other townships had unpaid accounts double or more the size of those in the respective districts last year.

135 ENROLLED AT FARM LIFE

Enrollment Is About Same At Last Year; Expect 25 More To Enter

Opening its first eight-months term last Monday, the Farm Life School reported an enrollment of 135, a number about the same as was reported at the six-months term opening last year, Principal A. E. Mercer stated this week. The many activities on the farm just at this time are said to have limited the opening enrollment, the principal stating that at least 25 or more pupils would enter within the next few days, or just as soon as the busy season on the farms is over.

The school there will operate on a 15-cent special tax, supplemented by the State Equalization Board, it was stated.

Methodist Men's Class Elects New Officers

The following teacher and officers for the Methodist men's Bible class were elected Sunday, October 4: Teacher, W. R. Watson; president, R. L. Coburn; secretary, S. E. Sprinkle; treasurer, E. S. McCabe.

We are anxious to have every man that is a member of the Methodist church meet with us Sunday. We feel like it would mean much to you and also be very encouraging to those who are trying to have the best Sunday school possible. Those who are not attending somewhere else are cordially invited to come and meet with us. Time: 9:45 o'clock.—Reported.