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Tobacco Price Higher Here Monday

Two Church Meetings in County This Week Attracting Many Visitors

Roanoke Baptist Association Holding Annual Meet Here

SESSIONS BEGAN THIS MORNING; END TOMORROW

Estimated That Around 400 Are in Attendance on Proceedings

As all roads led to Rome in the days of that Empire's great sway over the earth, so today, in this section, all roads have led to Williamston.

Over the many perfected highways leading into this town from everywhere, the Baptists hosts of Eastern Carolina have been converging on the Memorial Baptist Church here all day, and still they come.

They have been gathering here for their twenty-fourth annual session and have come in such numbers that the seating capacity of the large auditorium has been greatly taxed at the session of today.

The delegates and visitors have been met at the church's door by a group of young married women of the local church congregation, and most of them were in their places when John T. Coley, Moderator, of Rocky Mount, called the session to order this morning at 10 o'clock. After the devotional exercises, Julian C. Anderson, young deacon of the Memorial church, delivered the address of welcome, and after a short response, the association swung into its order of business and everything was proceeding on schedule time.

The highlights on the morning's program were the addresses by Dr. J. A. Campbell, president of Campbell's college, and the associational sermon, delivered by the Rev. W. E. Goode, of the Scotland Neck church.

By the time for the annual sermon, the larger number of all delegates and visitors had arrived, and it was estimated that there was a total of 400 or more. With all wings of the auditorium opened, chairs were carried in to seat the great throngs, leaving many standing.

Late on the morning's program, the local pastor was asked to read his announcements. He stated upon behalf of the church and community that lunch would be served in the Woman's Club hall at 12:30 o'clock by the women of the church; that registration of all delegates who expected to spend the night in Williamston would take place at that hour, and that the evening meal would be served in the club rooms at 6 o'clock promptly this evening.

The visiting delegates remaining over for tomorrow's sessions will be entertained tonight in the homes of the Williamston people. And while many of the visitors will drive home after the afternoon and evening sessions, a large number have registered for accommodations with local people. Following adjournment of the morning session, the delegates and visitors repaired to the Woman's Club room just across the street, where the women of the local church served them lunch.

The large room was filled with improvised tables which were able to take care of two hundred. Those not fortunate enough to get one of these places, were seen standing about

FINAL DRIVE FOR PERSONAL TAXES

County Representative Out To Collect Around 1,700 Unpaid Accounts

Optimism in the office of Sheriff C. B. Roebuck was at a low ebb yesterday morning when he and his deputies started out to finish the collection of approximately 1,700 unpaid personal property tax accounts. The accounts, averaging around \$4, are scattered all over the county among both white and colored. During the next few days, the officers plan to collect much of the \$6,800 due by personal property owners. Some property has been confiscated, but in virtually every case the property owners are making settlements as fast as they get the money, the sheriff stated.

WHERE BAPTIST HOSTS ARE MEETING



The Memorial Baptist Church, of Williamston, pictured above, is the scene of the annual meeting of the Roanoke Baptist Association this year, the sessions beginning this morning and continuing through tomorrow night. Attendance is estimated at 400 for the meetings today.

Welfare Work Big Problem in County

PARENTS-TEACHERS

The Williamston Parent-Teacher association will hold its first meeting of the current school term Thursday afternoon of this week at 3:45 o'clock in the grammar grade school auditorium, it was announced this morning.

Expressing the greatest need for an active organization in many years, the president is very anxious to have a large number of parents present for the meeting. Parents of rural pupils are also urged to attend the meeting.

DRAW JURY LIST FOR NEXT TERM SUPERIOR COURT

Forty-Seven Citizens of County To Report at November Term

Forty seven citizens were selected this week by the county commissioners to serve as jurors at the next term of Martin County Superior court convening in November. Twenty-four were chosen to serve during the first week, and twenty-three to serve during the second week of the term.

First Week
Jamesville township—J. H. Davenport, W. J. Wright, J. F. Martin and C. G. Gurkin.

Williams township—Jno. Gray Corey, Griffins township—W. T. Roberson, John A. Hardison and Harmon Roberson.

Bear Grass township, W. E. Malone, Williamston township—Herman Bowen, N. C. Green, J. F. Weaver, B. S. Courtney, W. G. Peel and W. S. McKeel.

Cross Roads township—H. L. Roebuck, Robersonville township—Arthur Johnson, R. J. Whitehurst, and J. T. Powell.

Hamilton township—H. L. Hopkins, Goose Nest township—Jesse Harrell, P. V. Rawls, N. F. Brown and W. E. Early.

Second Week
Jamesville township—J. N. Cooper and H. B. Barber.

Williams township—S. L. Andrews, and B. L. Gardner.

Griffins township—W. J. Lilley, J. J. Manning and B. F. Lilley.

Bear Grass township—Ben Ward, Williamston township—W. J. Nelson, L. P. Lindsley, H. F. Vaughan.

Cross Roads township—Herman Moore and W. A. Mobley.

Robersonville township—C. L. Green, W. E. Everett, J. Henry Roberson, and S. T. Woolard.

Hamilton township—K. B. Etheridge, M. D. Beech.

Goose Nest township—A. L. Moye, T. C. Allsbrooks, W. R. Everett, and W. O. Council.

DISCUSS PLANS FOR RELIEF IN COMING WINTER

Eastern Welfare Workers Attend Edenton Meeting Last Saturday Morning

Unemployment and the stringent conditions resulting therefrom have attracted nation-wide attention during the past few months. Now that winter is just a few weeks away, and already a pinch of cold weather has been felt, the task of caring for the unemployed and the needy cases is rapidly becoming one of the most serious problems this county has faced in many years. Similar conditions exist throughout the district, State, and nation.

Last Saturday, welfare workers from all over northeastern Carolina met in Edenton to discuss plans for handling welfare work in the district this coming winter. Another meeting is being held in Raleigh today with welfare workers from all over the State in attendance. Just how the problem will be solved is unknown at this time.

In focusing attention on conditions in Martin County, one will find an unfavorable situation. Other than three local welfare units, the county, as a whole, has not organized welfare bodies. According to those who attended the district meeting in Edenton last Saturday, counties with unorganized welfare bodies can expect little or no aid from State and Federal sources. Just what the counties with organized units will receive from State and Federal sources is not known, but it is certain that they stand a far better chance of receiving aid in handling their welfare work than those counties having no organized charity units.

It is the belief of many that a county welfare department should be created by the county authorities, and that with the creation of units in each of the ten townships an efficient and very satisfactory handling of needy cases could be effected.

Interested citizens headed by the Parent-Teacher Association in Oak City, the Red Cross in Robersonville, and the Woman's Club in Williamston are doing a splendid work in their respective communities, but can these organizations handle the situation is a question that should be solved now.

In seven townships there are no welfare committees, and while aid has been rendered by neighbors, can the needs of the unfortunates be properly cared for is another question for serious consideration.

There will be fewer "old clothes" available for distribution among the needy, for old clothes, in many cases, are still on the backs of the original owners. Industrial plants operating in this county are closing down temporarily while others are running on part-time schedules. There is a greater amount of food stored for use in this

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LEMAN TAYLOR SHOOTS SELF WITH .22 RIFLE

Dies Early Today in Hospital After Lingered Over Night

Leman Taylor, 37 years old, died in a Rocky Mount hospital at 3:30 o'clock this morning from a self-inflicted bullet wound.

Despondent over adverse farming conditions, Mr. Taylor went to his room at his home on the old Wynn farm, near Everetts, yesterday about noon and lay down on the bed. About 3:30 Mrs. Taylor went to his room and found him sleeping. Five minutes later she was on the porch with her two children and house attendants and heard a rifle fire in the room and Mr. Taylor fall to the floor. Neighbors were called to the home and a doctor was summoned, the physician stating soon after his arrival that death was certain within a very few hours. Mr. Taylor, in a dying condition, was removed to the hospital shortly after the shooting was reported.

Taking a .22-caliber rifle, Mr. Taylor removed his shoe and with his toe fired the weapon, the ball entering the forehead and lodging just inside the skin at the back of his head. He never regained consciousness, and although recovery was considered hopeless, he was removed, at the request of relatives, to the hospital.

Mr. Taylor, born near Spring Green this county, the son of the late Van R. Taylor and wife, was a prominent farmer, and up until several months ago had met with success. He is survived by Mrs. Taylor, formerly Miss Mamie Taylor, of this county, and two children, Hattie James Taylor, 8 years old, and Van Ralph Taylor, six years old, also by one brother, Mr. Van G. Taylor, of Everetts, and one sister, Mrs. Herbert Hopkins, of near Hamilton.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at the late home, and interment will follow in the Taylor burial ground, near Spring Green church. Complete funeral arrangements had not been announced at noon today.

EIGHT BEAUFORT FARMERS OPPOSE SPECIAL SESSION

Other County Farmers Are Anxious for Action on Cotton Acreage Plan

Meeting in the courthouse here the 24th of last month, a small group of farmers passed resolutions urging Governor Gardner to call a special session of the North Carolina General Assembly with the view of curtailing cotton and tobacco acreage in the State. Other counties reported similar action among their farmers.

Last Saturday eight farmers meeting in Washington at the call of the Beaufort County commissioners unanimously adopted a resolution opposing a special session and further requesting representatives to oppose bills for acreage reduction of cotton and tobacco if a special session is called.

A. D. McLean, Beaufort County's representative, led the movement for the resolution. State Senator Hallett S. Ward, also in attendance, stated he would vote for reduction legislation, but added he does not think it would work.

This week, Mr. Newell G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, plans to head a delegation to call on Governor

Mrs. Velma Bohannon Died Monday at Richmond Home

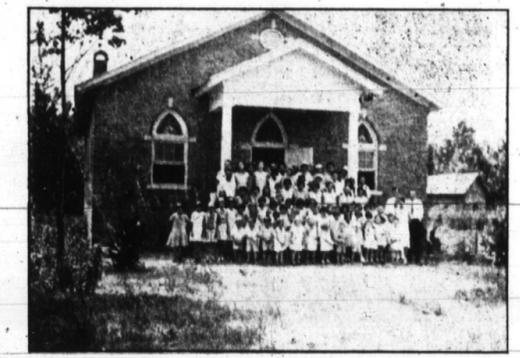
Mrs. Velma Bohannon, daughter of the late George Moore and wife, died at her home in Richmond yesterday morning following a short illness. Spinal meningitis was given as the cause of her death.

Mrs. Bohannon, 21 years old, was born in the Spring Green section of this county, moving to Richmond to make her home not so long ago. She is survived by two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon and interment will follow in the burial ground near Spring Green.

200,000 Pounds Bring \$11.82 Average at Local Warehouses

WHERE PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY MEETS



The Albemarle Presbyterian Auxiliary will hold its annual conference in the above pictured church at Bear Grass Friday of this week. The members there are planning for a big meeting.

Presbyterian Auxiliary To Hold One-Day Meeting at Bear Grass Church Friday

LARGE NUMBER OF DELEGATES ARE EXPECTED

Two Sessions Will Be Held During Day; Successful Meeting Is Predicted

The Albemarle Presbyterian Auxiliary, Group I, made up of churches in Elizabeth City, Edenton, Ahoskie, Tarboro, and Martin County, will hold its annual conference in the recently built church at Bear Grass Friday of this week. The conference will be entertained by members at Bear Grass, assisted by members here and at Roberson's farm, it is understood. Arrangements are being made to care for the visitors that day, and present indications point to a successful meeting.

Leaders from the several church auxiliary units are expected to attend the conference and take program parts, a schedule of events released by Mrs. C. M. Brown, group chairman, shows. Two sessions will be held during the day, the first convening at 10:30 o'clock in the morning and the second in the afternoon at 2 o'clock. "The Christian Home" has been chosen as the general topic for the meeting.

Following the devotional exercises at 10:30, Mrs. A. B. Rogerson, will make the address of welcome, and Mrs. Garland Towe, of Elizabeth City, will respond. Mrs. H. L. Hicks, president of the Group I Auxiliary, will address the meeting at 12 o'clock. Following the lunch hour, a varied program will be held during the afternoon session which adjourns at 3:30.

The district meeting goes to Bear Grass this year as a fitting climax to the work accomplished there during the past months, and it is with a keen interest that the members there, assisted by those here and at the Roberson farm mission plan to entertain the visitors. The Bear Grass mission, housed in a new \$5,000 brick building, has a rapidly growing membership. More than 85 people attend the Sunday evening preaching services regularly and the average attendance upon the Sunday school has been around the 100 mark.

Masons Will Not Hold Meeting Here Tonight

The regular meeting of Skewarke Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., scheduled for tonight, was called off yesterday on account of the meeting here of the Roanoke Baptist Association at the same time. A special communication will be held Friday night of this week, at which time work in the first degree will be exemplified. Members are asked to take notice of the change and attend the meeting Friday night.

ASK LOWER RATES

In a petition prepared a few days ago, telephone subscribers in the town of Everetts asked a reduction in rentals charged by the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company. The company refused a lower rate, and, according to reports, one or two of the few stations there, and serviced by the Carolina Company, were discontinued by the subscribers. The petition carried the names of every subscriber in the town.

MINISTERS HOLD CONFERENCE AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Plan to Carry Out Program Arranged by Committee In Meet Last Night

The pastors' conference of the Roanoke Baptist association met in session here last evening at 7:30 o'clock in the auditorium of the Baptist church for the carrying out of its yearly program, which was arranged by the committee in charge.

The pastors came to Williamston for their meeting from all over the five counties embraced in the territory of the association. The pastor of the local church stated this morning that there were eighteen ministers here for the yearly meeting.

A very interesting program was carried through with the Rev. R. S. Fountain, Weldon pastor, in the chair as president of the ministerial organization.

The Rev. W. O. Blount, of Wilson, made an interesting talk, and this was his first public appearance in the association as he recently came here from another state.

The pastor of the local church led the devotional part of the meetings and spoke briefly on the text, "Where are the prophets?" Mr. Dickey publicly lamented the fact that the church world is so organized and operated today that its prophets must accept money for their services. "This," he said, "makes them salary-conscious!" And he quoted Dr. John R. Sampey to the effect that ministers who are dependent, with their families, on the people for whom they prophesy, find, inevitably, that this economic dependence tends to "take the edge off" their prophesying. "There is a tendency, no doubt," the speaker said, "for them to become pleasers of men rather than pleasers of God."

He expressed a deep wish for the pastors to be economically independent of financial support from those for whom they prophesied; thought, he

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NO TAGS TURNED FOR FIRST TIME DURING SEASON

Warehousemen are Hopeful For Continuation Of Higher Prices

The Williamston tobacco market had its best sale of the entire season yesterday, giving tobacco farmers more encouragement and causing a more optimistic tone in general market conditions. No tags were turned on the three warehouse floors during the day and farmers expressed themselves as being well pleased with the sale.

Approximately 200,000 pounds of the golden weed were sold on the floors during the day for an official average of \$11.82 a hundred pounds, the highest average and the best sale reported on the market. The American company bought heavily, and there was competitive bidding by nearly all the buyers. Sales were holding their own here today, although the offerings were not as large as they were yesterday. Increased sales are expected tomorrow and throughout this week. Peanut digging is about over in many sections, and a marked increase in the size of sales is expected.

Individual averages, ranging between 20 and 30 cents on the local market yesterday were many, and the price for all the grades except a few of the poorer ones was much better.

Government grading, offered free to the growers by Messrs. Berger and Meadows at the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse, Messrs. Barnhill, Ingram and Meador at the Farmers Warehouse, and Messrs. Griffin, Taylor, and Griffin at the Planters, is meeting with much success.

Local warehousemen are optimistic in their expectations for a continuation of the good sales made yesterday, and the buyers are showing a marked interest in the success of the local market.

Incomplete reports released for all the markets in the Bright Belt for the month of September show a \$2.28 decrease in price for the month past, as compared with the \$11.84 price paid for tobacco sold in September of last year. Few comparative averages have been released, but Wilson reported an average of \$6.37, as compared with \$9.64 last year for the month of September, a drop of \$3.09.

The September producers' sales this year, amounting to 93,355,542 pounds, was 16.5 per cent less than was sold last September, and the average price of \$9.56 per hundred was \$2.28 below the average for September, 1930.

The price average for the 1931 tobacco crop began to drop with the opening of the state's many markets.

During August when only the seven North Carolina markets in the border of South Carolina belt were open, prices registered an average gain of \$1.46 per hundredweight. This was wiped out and the loss marked up by the opening of the 34 markets in the old bright belt and new bright belt.

"BAD GIRL" IS AT WATTS TWO DAYS

Critics Rate Picture As One Of The Best Produced So Far This Year

"Bad Girl," rated by Liberty magazine and critics of note as one of the best pictures of the year, has been booked for showing at the Watts Theatre here Thursday and Friday nights of this week. A matinee has also been arranged by the management for Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Given four stars by Liberty magazine in a recent issue, the picture is said to be an extraordinary one, the reviewer, James Smith, stating, "Bad Girl" can not fail to hold you absorbed, and I defy you not to be touched by it."

"Frank Borzage, the director, has given the screen nothing more sincere or appealing," Mr. Smith continued in his review.

"Merely Mary Ann," at the Watts last night, made a hit. It will be on the screen again tonight.