

4 STATE HEADS HOLD MEETING IN CHARLOTTE

Favor Drastic Acreage Reductions In Four Main Cash Crops

Charlotte, Nov. 12.—The governors of the two Carolinas, Virginia and Georgia, meeting here today, agreed to seek a drastic reduction in the acreage planted in their states in 1932 to cotton, tobacco, peanuts and potatoes. The conclusions of the conference, called by Governor O. Max Gardner, of North Carolina, were set forth in a statement issued tonight over the signatures of Governor Gardner, Governor Ibra C. Blackwood, of South Carolina; Governor John G. Pollard, of Virginia, and Governor Richard B. Russell, of Georgia.

"It was unanimously agreed," the statement said, "that each governor appoint three men from his state to constitute what will be known as the 'four-state committee' and that such committee survey the acreage and production of the main cash crops for the past 10 years in each state and recommend definite quotas of acreage for 1932 and that the said committee report back their plans to the governors as soon as completed."

The manner of bringing about the acreage reduction was left "as each governor may for himself determine." South Carolina has already passed legislation forbidding the planting of cotton in that state in 1932.

"It was also agreed," the statement said, "that a very important phase of the whole subject of acreage reduction related to the question of credit and banking and each governor proposed to take this matter up with the banking and credit agencies of the state with a view of securing their cooperation."

OAK CITY P. T. A. MEETS TUESDAY

Superintendent R. G. Fitzgerald, of Pitt County, Addresses Body

Oak City, Nov. 12.—The Parent-Teacher Association of the Oak City School had its regular meeting in the school auditorium Tuesday night, November 10, at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. J. H. Ayers, conducted the devotional. The chairman of the welfare committee made a report of what had been done during the month in regard to making a survey of the needy families in the community. Votes were taken to see which grade had the largest number of parents present. The seventh grade had the largest number and won the prize. This was one of the best attended meetings of the year and offered much encouragement to the leaders and teachers. It is being planned for the home economics class to serve the members at their next regular meeting in December.

Principal H. M. Ainsley introduced Mr. R. G. Fitzgerald, superintendent of Pitt County schools. Mr. Fitzgerald held his audience for about 40 minutes and presented subject with much feeling. He urged the people to think of temporal things. "People are about the same, whether they wear overalls or other clothes." "The same people who are considered problems today have built towns, railroads, made crops, helped to make your homes and my home and this community, and yet are looked on as a problem." When we look back at the beginning of North Carolina, these people, the problem, have built whatever riches that North Carolina holds today. He asked the question: Why have they lost their value to us now? The speaker urged that we look on them in terms of blood, hope, and love, as they are not a problem but an asset.

The program committee next presented a program by the second and fourth grades. The little playlet was well rendered by the second grade and the songs by the fourth grade highly enjoyed. At the close several acrobatic stunts were put on by pupils of the fourth, fifth, and seventh grades. The auditorium was crowded. Parents were present from the country who had never attended before. The meeting adjourned to meet again on the second Tuesday night in December.

Local Concern Will Give Away A Nice Junior Auto

The attention of local kiddies has been attracted to the show window of the Sally Ann Bakery here during the past few days, where a junior automobile awaits the holder of the largest number of purchase votes. With each 10-cent purchase, the customer receives 25 votes, and the one holding the largest number will get the automobile, a well-constructed Stutz racer that any youngster would take pride in owning. The closing date of the contest will be announced later.

Auto Licenses Received for 1932; To Be Put on Sale at Local Branch December 15

COTTON REPORT TO NOVEMBER 1

Martin Production Is Still 490 Bales Short of 1930 Crop

Martin County farmers have ginned 490 bales of cotton less up until November 1 than they did for the same period last year, it was announced in an official government report made public this week. Last year there were 2,499 bales of cotton ginned up to November 1, as compared with 2,009 this year. The reduction is around 20 per cent.

With the exception of one county, Halifax, there is a reduction in the crop grown in the seven districts this year. Nash reported a sizeable increase along with many other counties in the southwest.

FOUR CASES IN COUNTY COURT

Officers Completed Their Work Before the Noon Hour Tuesday

The regular session of the county recorder's court held here last Tuesday was a short one, the officers completing their work for the day before the noon hour. Five cases were called.

Failing to comply with a former judgment rendered in the case charging him with violation of the liquor laws, Andrew Revander was warned to pay the fine and costs of the court within the next few days or watch the sale of certain portions of his property held under deed of trust.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging Clinton Rogers with the larceny of silver ware from the Sunny Side Inn, provided he pay the costs of the case and pay for the stolen goods.

Charged with firing a load of shot into the rear of Charlie Carraway's automobile, Charlie Perry was carried before Judge Bailey, who, after hearing the case, continued the action for one week. Carraway escaped unhurt as the load of shot passed through the other side of the windshield. More than 200 shot are said to have entered the car. Perry is said to have denied shooting the car.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging W. A. Price with violation of the liquor laws, provided he pay the costs in the case.

Newsome Robbins was sentenced to the roads for a period of ninety days for operatin an automobile while intoxicated.

HUNTERS LOOK TO NOVEMBER 20

Season for Quail, Rabbits and Wild Turkeys Opens That Day

Opening next Friday for the taking of quail, wild turkeys, and rabbits, the hunting season in the east will be under way in full force. The duck season opens Monday, but the hunting grounds are too far for great many Martin County hunters. Conservation officials and game wardens throughout the section are expecting a marked increase in the sale of hunting licenses next week.

Reports received here from various parts of the county state that all types of game are plentiful this season, and much hunting will be under way on and after next Friday. The quail season is opening several days earlier this season than has been customary in the past.

The short open season, November 15 to December 15, for taking migratory waterfowl has been debated widely by officials in several Southern State and the Federal Biological Survey Bureau, but the short season will be maintained.

Mrs. Marion Smith Died At Her Home Yesterday

Mrs. Marion Smith died at her home near Robersonville Thursday from pneumonia, following an attack of influenza.

Mrs. Smith, before her marriage, was Miss Blanche Roberson, the daughter of the late John Clayte Roberson and wife, now Mrs. W. E. Page, of Tarboro. Her husband and five children, the youngest only 2 1/2 months old, survive.

She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Jasper Johnson and Mrs. Pearl Everett, both of Robersonville. The funeral will be held at the home this afternoon and burial will be in the new cemetery.

FIRST STATED NO BUREAU WAS TO BE PLACED HERE

Williamston Motor Company Will Again Have Charge of Sale

Maintained by the Carolina Motor Club, an automobile license bureau will be reestablished here for the sale of 1932 tags, it was announced this morning by local manager, Mr. N. C. Green, following a visit here by Mr. A. M. Huggins, service manager of the automobile club, of Greensboro.

In an early announcement of bureau locations, the station maintained here by the Carolina Motor Club during the past several years was not included. Mr. Huggins explained while making arrangements for its reestablishment here, that there was an error and that automobile owners in this section would be served by the club again. Many new bureaus are being established through the State this year, Mr. Huggins stated, the nearest to the one here is that in Washington.

Placing the tags on sale here the 15th of next month, the local bureau will remain open two months, closing the 15th of February, Manager N. C. Green said today. Every possible convenience will be offered to car owners when making their license purchases by employees of the local bureau, and the auto owners in this and surrounding counties are invited to visit the station here.

It was explained that even though the bureau remains open until the middle of February, it will be unlawful for owners to operate their cars without proper tags after January 1, 1932. There might be a short extension of time in which owners might drive their cars unmolested by inspectors and patrolmen, and then there might not be an extension. The safest way is to make purchases as soon as the bureau opens, avoiding a probable rush and trouble with the law.

Tags, 2,500 of them, have been delivered here for distribution among automobile owners in this and surrounding counties. Apparently a smaller sale is anticipated here this year than last, for the number of plates has been greatly decreased. With a bureau opening in Washington at the same time, the work of the station here will be limited to patrons this side of Washington.

The numbers on the tags here start at 229,001 and run to 231,500 and are for automobiles only. Truck plates will be delivered here later, it was learned at the Williamston Motor Company building where the bureau will be housed.

With the numerals and letters in black on a yellow background, the color or scheme of the plates is just the reverse of what it is for the present year. There are a few other minor changes in the make-up of the tags, and this year there will be no classification identifying a certain type of tag to one particular type of car. Just how inspectors will be able to know that owners are displaying the right tags is not known at this time.

Tags will be sold according to the weight of the automobile upon which they are placed.

Local Fire Company Gets Call Tuesday Afternoon

The local fire company was called out last Tuesday afternoon when fire threatened the home of George Haywood Gurganus, colored, on Haughton Street, near the warehouses. One line of hose was laid and the blaze was put out in a very short time.

Starting from a chimney spark, the blaze was eating its way into the roof of the small home. No great damage resulted.

Local Lose Game To Scotland Neck, 46 To 0

Playing the Scotland Neck football team in Scotland Neck last Wednesday afternoon, the local high school eleven were "swamped" by the Halifax team, losing by a score of 46 to 0. It was the first big defeat the locals have suffered this season.

Sunday Services at the Local Baptist Church

The following announcements were made today, relatives to Sunday services in the Baptist church:

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Mr. T. O. Hickman, a graduate of Wake Forest College and an ordained minister will be the speaker at this service.

There will be no night service.

MUCH DAMAGE IS DONE IN SOUTH BY FOREST FIRES

Travel on Many Roads and Air Lines Is Stopped by Dense Smoke

Spreading over sections in the South from Virginia to Mississippi, forest fires have resulted in great property losses and have hampered traffic on land and in the air during the past few days. While woods and brush fires in Martin County have escaped fire damage with the exception of a few tracts in Robersonville township, conditions are very favorable for the spread of fires now. Precaution should be taken by every one who would spare game life, timber, and make travel safe on the roads of the county.

Around Belhaven, in Beaufort County, fires continued to sweep over large areas, burning dry brush, and impairing the peat-like soil there, but the original alarm had somewhat subsided Wednesday.

Reports from Atlanta yesterday stated that poor visibility from the smoke-covered territory from Virginia to Florida and westward to the Mississippi River, with parts of Kentucky, also affected.

So dense was the smoke even over areas not on fire that airlines canceled numerous passenger flights. Within the fire area and for miles on each side automobile traffic was hampered by smoke. The latter condition was particularly noticeable in coastal and southern Georgia and the region around Charleston.

No official estimates of the total damages by the widely scattered fires was available, but several days ago it was estimated that in the single area around Valdosta, in southern Georgia, 15,000 or more acres had been burned over. How much the fires in vicinity and in others over the southeastern states had spread in the meantime could not be accurately ascertained.

LAND CASE IS IN HANDS REFEREE

Did Not Finish Evidence in Coltrain-Roberson Case; They Just Quit

Establishing a "little" court of their own, attorneys and litigants in the Coltrain vs. Roberson case, a contention over the title to a few practically worthless acres of swamp land in Griffins Township, late yesterday afternoon decided to quit taking the evidence and let the referee base his decision on the facts already in. Starting last Monday, the attorneys, and prominent ones, too, worked day after day, questioning some witnesses for more than a day. And then they did not finish; they just quit.

Stuart Smith, the referee, of Scotland Neck, has the evidence in his hands and he is expected to render his decision within the next 30 days. The case has been vigorously contested, and it has been discussed continually in Griffins Township, and in the opinion of almost every one, it was all for nothing, absolutely nothing.

FIRE THURSDAY AT JAMESVILLE

Coltrain Store and Vacant House Burned Late Last Night

Fire destroyed a small store and tenant house and threatened other buildings in Jamesville late last night, hard work on the part of a bucket brigade preventing additional loss.

Returning from a hunt, Mr. Ira Coltrain, owner of the buildings, discovered the blaze, and with the help of others much of the stock in the store was removed, but the property in the house was burned.

A call was received here, and preparations were made to send out the volunteer company, but realizing there was no water connection available and fearing that the run there and back in the fog and smoke would be dangerous, the local fire chief awaited another call.

According to rumors here, the house was fired, the blaze starting at the rear and eating its way to near-by buildings. It is understood that no insurance was carried on the property.

Bullock Wreck Hearing Is Again Postponed

Scheduled for last Wednesday morning as a result of the truck-auto wreck in which Irving Coltrain was killed near the county home last Sunday night, the hearing was postponed until Thursday morning and then indefinitely postponed as a witness is now unable to take part. The defendant, Bullock, continues under a \$500 bond.

A Vienna store claims to have Austria's champion saleswoman in the person of Miss Betty Ross, who annual income is more than \$5,000 from a commission of 2 1/2 per cent on sales.

Growers of Peanuts Meet in Rich Square

DENY SURPLUS EXISTS IN CROP THIS SEASON

Over 200 Attend Meeting; Holding of Peanuts Is Advocated

A flat denial that there is a surplus of peanuts in the United States caused by an extra large crop this season was registered by the bankers, business men, and growers that met in Rich Square Tuesday night.

There were over 200 people present at the banquet held in the community house in the Northampton County town that included the largest growers in 11 peanut-growing counties in Eastern Carolina and Tidewater Virginia. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce with N. G. Bartlett, secretary-manager of the sectional commercial organization in charge.

The growers were of the opinion that they should get a price of three cents a pound for number one bunch peanuts and decided to hold their nuts in storage until this price was available, even though they were forced to do so for three to six months. Authorized warehouse receipts could be traded as security for a certain percentage of the value of the nuts to be used in carrying on business.

The reports that there has been a bumper crop this season have been exaggerated and are branded as unreliable by the growers, who represented the greatest number of bags of nuts that have gathered recently for a discussion of these problems. Rumors of a 35 per cent increase this season were not accepted, as best figures available showed there was not over a 14 per cent increase in production. A practically clean market awaits the grower this season, with no foreign or domestic nuts in storage, and peanuts should be 3 cents a pound in a short time, say the growers.

The nuts grown this season should be consumed in 1931 and 1932, as a carry-over of a number of bags from last season is already out of the way. The quality of the nuts this season is the best in years, according to the opinion of a number of growers in this county.

The marketing rush in this county so far this season has been more pronounced than ever before, it is believed. The Columbian Company, unable to handle the deliveries that have been made so rapidly this week to its local plant, has gone off the market for a few days. Their buyers will resume their activities again some time next week, it was unofficially announced yesterday. Representatives of other companies are finding it difficult to handle their deliveries, but they are still on the market.

CHILD RUNS INTO PASSING TRUCK

Careless in Crossing Main Street; Nearly Costs Child Her Life

Careless crossing of the main street here nearly took its toll yesterday afternoon when a colored school child, about six years old, walked into the right back fender of the Culpepper Hardware Company's truck that was passing Harrison Brothers' store at the time. The girl Rachel Johnson, was rendered unconscious, but was not badly hurt.

When she came to in a doctor's office she was badly frightened, but for a large knot on her forehead and skinned knees, she was all right, the attending physician said.

Charles Peel, driving the small truck, turned sharply to the left but was unable to miss the child as she continued her walk without looking where she was going. She was crossing the street in the middle of a block and darted into the street from between two parked automobiles.

Hitting the fender with her head, the girl almost tore it off (splitting the wheel guard in several places.

Curb Market Prices Here Tomorrow Will Be Same

Prices for the curb market this week will remain the same as last Saturday. If you are planning to buy a turkey for a Thanksgiving, your order can be handled at the curb market. An effort is being made to find a more central location for our market. We welcome suggestions from our patrons.

SCHOOL MEN OF COUNTY HOLD MEETING HERE

County School Children To Have Two Days for Thanksgiving

The importance of improving the efficiency of schools was stressed by State High School Inspector A. B. Combs in a talk to the Martin school masters assembled in the high school building here last evening for their first round-table discussion of school problems this year. The inspector had been in the county schools during the day, and his talk was very helpful to the school men and will be of much value to the schools.

With Professor William R. Watson, the new president, in charge, and with Principal David N. Hix recording the facts and looking after the treasury, the club limited its discussions to the fixing of Thanksgiving holidays and the place for the next meeting. And as a result, Martin County school children will have two days off for Thanksgiving, and the next meeting of the male teachers will be held in Robersonville December 10. Professors Pollock, Watson, Hix, and Leake were appointed to attend a district meeting of teachers in Greenville this afternoon.

Seventeen of the 23 male teachers attended the first meeting, as follows: Messrs. J. T. Uzzle, N. C. Barefoot, T. O. Hickman, and A. L. Pollock, of Jamesville; Marvin Everett, J. H. Smith, W. C. Brake, and R. I. Leake, Robersonville; S. P. Williams, H. M. Ainsley, of Oak City; G. L. Haislip, Hassell; D. N. Hix, Everetts; L. B. Wynn, Parmele; A. E. Mercer and Charles Hough, Farm Life; W. R. Bouknight and W. R. Watson, Williamston; and Superintendent J. C. Manning and A. B. Combs.

R. U. ROBERSON DIED TUESDAY

Buried at Old Home Place Near Jamesville Last Wednesday

R. U. Roberson, a native of this county, died in a Rocky Mount hospital last Tuesday following a long illness of cancer. He had been in the hospital several months.

Mr. Roberson was born near Jamesville, the son of the late Noah R. Roberson and wife. He was 49 years old and had been in the employ of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad since his boyhood. He was located at Williamston and Plymouth for a number of years, but for some time he had been station in Rocky Mount.

He was married three times. His first wife was Miss Bettie Gardner, of Washington county, who died about fifteen years ago, leaving no children. His second wife was Miss Myrtle Patrick, of Roper, who lived only a few years after her marriage, leaving one child. His third wife, formerly Miss Carrie Andrews, of Bethel, with three children survives. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Ed Hardison, of Williamston, and Mrs. Arthur Spruill, of Creswell.

The funeral service was conducted in the Christian church at Rocky Mount Wednesday, after which the body was taken to the Roberson burying ground, near Jamesville, and buried there with masonic honors.

NO COMMENT ON SPECIAL SESSION

Something Should Be Done However, Representative A. D. MacLean Says

While he had no comment to offer in connection with a proposed special session of the N. C. General Assembly, Representative A. D. MacLean, of Beaufort, did say, when questioned yesterday afternoon that something should be done in an effort to better existing conditions.

J. C. Baskerville, Raleigh correspondent, recently referred to Mr. MacLean as the "poker face politician." When asked if he had been addressed by the newly bestowed title, the legislator said "no" and laughed.

Mr. MacLean has been here much of this week working on the John R. Coltrain versus Roberson and others land case.

Ernest Boston Caught at Liquor Still Last Tuesday

Ernest Boston, colored, was run down and caught at a liquor still in the Free Union section of the county early last Tuesday night by Constable Clarence Sexton. Eight of Boston's companions, keeping a more vigilant watch, made their escape. Boston was released Wednesday under a \$100 bond and is to appear before Recorder Bailey here next Tuesday.

COURT OF HONOR

A high spot in Boy Scouting in this county will be reached here this evening at 8:15 o'clock when scouts from Robersonville and Williamston will hold a court of honor in the county courthouse. Several boys from each troop are in line for promotion, and their merits will be passed on by Kiwanis club members. Rev. Z. T. Piephoff will have the meeting in charge, and the public is cordially invited to attend the exercises.

ARMISTICE DAY IS QUIET HERE

No Celebration Held To Mark End of War 13 Years Ago

Armistice Day was just another day in the business world and among Martin County people. No celebrations were arranged, and with the exception of brief patriotic exercises on the local tobacco market and in the elementary school and the display of flags on the streets, the day was spent just as any ordinary day is spent.

The fourth grade, under the direction of Mrs. Leman Barnhill, teacher, entertained the grammar school with a patriotic program, the schools closing the day at 1 o'clock that afternoon.

Sales were delayed on the local tobacco market for a few minutes that morning when an impromptu program was offered in keeping with the spirit of the day. An old-fashioned square dance was held that night, attracting large numbers of visitors from surrounding towns and communities. The largest gathering of the day here assembled for the picture shows.

In other towns, big celebrations were arranged, a goodly number of Williamston and Martin County people attending.

ROLL OF HONOR FOR FARM LIFE

Names of 31 Pupils Appear On List For The First Month Just Closed

The Farm Life School's honor roll for the past month reflects earnest efforts on the part of 31 pupils who met the requirements to have their names appear on the honor list, as follows:

First grade: Elizabeth Manning, Lola Hardison, Evelyn Hardison, Allie Marie Hardison, Martha A. Roberson. Second grade: Harry Peel, Cecil Brown, Jesse Roberson, Robert Whitely.

Third grade: Ida Mae Corey, Lavagnon Hardison, Elbert Heath, Herbert Leslie Manning, Oscar Wiggins. Fourth grade: Sallie Coltrain, Ethel Lilley, Mittie Brown Manning. Fifth grade: Noah Hardison, Sarah Getsinger.

Sixth grade: John B. Roberson, Eva Manning, Mamie Clyde Manning, and Annie Getsinger.

Seventh grade: Albert Wilson Lilley, Jay Daniel.

Eighth grade: Verna Griffin, Leona Griffin, Thelma Clyde Coltrain.

Tenth grade: Veonia Roberson, Eva Brown Coltrain, Archie Coltrain.

TEACHERS AND PARENTS MEET

Much Interest In Organization Is Shown at Meeting Held Here Yesterday

Holding the second meeting of the current term, the local parent-teacher association yesterday afternoon had a strong support on the part of its members, indicating that the organization is making preparations for a successful and highly beneficial work this year.

Reports were made by the chairmen of the various departments, and action was taken in several matters. Within the next few days, the association will sponsor a picture show in an effort to raise funds to carry on necessary work.

Appearing before the assembly, Rev. Z. T. Piephoff talked on "The Moral and Spiritual Needs of Children," stating that statistics show that children are not receiving proper moral and spiritual training, and that the environment seems to have a tendency to pull down, rather than build up the character of the child.

The association, with urgent tasks awaiting it, is appealing to every parent for support. Patrons, both in the town and country, are asked to attend the meetings and take part in the programs.