

## HOOVER RELIEF MEASURES ARE BEFORE HOUSE

### \$200,000,000 of Fund To Be Used for Loans To Farmers

Washington, Jan. 14.—The leaders of President Hoover's economic proposals tonight were only a few legislative steps from the White House door and two others started through the senate with prospects for early action.

The house agreed to vote tomorrow on the \$2,000,000,000 reconstruction coporation measure which already has passed the senate.

A house amendment today set aside \$200,000,000 of the bill's funds to be used for farm loans. This and other differences between the two houses will be settled in conference.

The President regards this as the most important of all his recommendations for stabilizing business.

Another of his suggestions is even nearer its final goal than the reconstruction measure. It is the bill to furnish additional capital for federal land banks to enable them to lift pressure from hard-pressed farmers. It reached the house today from the senate.

The senate made the total sum \$125,000,000, and it also goes to conference between representatives of the two houses.

A senate banking subcommittee heard a bill to establish a permanent system of home loan banks for the aid of both home and farm owners strongly supported by a succession of witnesses.

Among them were John S. Hill, of Durham, N. C.; Harry E. Karr, of Baltimore; H. C. Robinson, of the Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland; and Fred G. Stickle, of Newark, N. J.

Senator Couzens, of Michigan, the wealthiest man in the senate, criticized provision of the measure for allowing loans to builders of expensive homes.

Before another banking subcommittee, Undersecretary Mills of the treasury, supported the measure to establish a corporation with \$150,000,000 capital for aiding insolvent banks.

Mills said it would permit depositors and creditors of closed banks to get a part of the funds now congealed in the insolvent institutions.

## NEWSPAPER AS WEDDING GIFT

### All Martin Couples Marrying in 1932 To Get One Year Subscription

Be it through love, esteem, friendship, or sympathy, The Enterprise Publishing Company, during 1932, will give a one-year subscription for The Enterprise to every Martin County couple who embark upon the sea of matrimony and make their home in the county. We want every couple to receive a wedding present during 1932.

It is one of the essentials of good citizenship for one to keep abreast of the times, to know the happenings of community life. That means the local newspaper should go into every home in the county, where it can be referred to for events offered in connection with town, county, and State government, society happenings, crop reports, human interest stories, and the many other happenings.

The local paper is one thing no family should be without, and subscriptions are being offered this week to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rogers, Williamston, route 5; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mizelle, Williamston, route 2; Mr. and Mrs. James Arthur Revels, of Williamston, route 1. Mr. Rogers is already a subscriber, so his subscription will be advanced one year.

## Officers Wreck Several Stills; Arrest Three Men

Several liquor distilleries were wrecked by county and federal officers in this section during the past few days. Two plants were destroyed in Goose Nest Township yesterday and three men, Tom Taswell, 64; Dennis Cherry, 15; and John Jasper Cherry, 17; all colored, were arrested in Bertie early this week by federal agents.

## Mrs. Emma Page Dies In Cross Roads Section

Mrs. Emma Page died at the home of her son in Cross Roads Township last Sunday at the age of 75 years. Funeral services were held Monday, interment following that afternoon.

Mrs. Page, more than 35 years ago, assisted in the operation of Martin County's home for the aged and infirm. During her stay there she endeared herself to the old unfortunates, and when she and her husband surrendered their duties there the inmates are said to have wept as if they were babies losing their parents.

Miss Gladys Wiggins, of Tarboro, visited Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Wilson here today.

## New Low Is Reached By 1931 Farm Crops

### SUMMER TIME (?)

No matter how cold its gets or how unusual the seasons are, the older citizens always refer to the eighties or early nineties and produce a record that overshadows present-day weather peculiarities, or almost anything else, for that matter.

Yesterday these older people with their almost unbelievable tales, were forced to take a back seat when the mercury went to 110 in the sun and 84 in the shade. One old gentleman, always referring to a particular day or week when the weather was more abnormal, scratched his head and said nothing yesterday when he learned the mercury readings here.

## DEMONSTRATION FLOCKS LOCATED IN THIS SECTION

### Poultry Specialist and Farm Agent Get Two Owners To Cooperate

In an effort to establish poultry demonstration flocks in this county, C. P. Maupin, poultry specialist, and Agent T. B. Brandon visited several flocks in this section this week, urging the owners to adopt cost records and follow instructions prepared by specialists.

Messrs. L. P. Lindsley and Frank Weaver will establish demonstration flocks, Mr. Maupin said, the work to be preparatory to a more extensive program in Martin County next year.

"With demonstration flocks throughout the county, it can be determined just how profitable poultry raising is in Martin County, either as a side line or as a sole business," Mr. Maupin, a member of the State College Extension Division, explained. It was also stated that adequate records of cost will be maintained, the raisers also keeping in touch with the extension division that they might receive assistance in the care of their flocks. Monthly reports will be forwarded to the division by the owners and regular visits will be made as often as possible by Mr. Maupin to the flocks.

## CALL 9 CASES IN COUNTY COURT

### Fines Totalling \$310 Are Imposed By Judge Bailey Tuesday

Nine cases were called in the county recorder's court here last Tuesday when Judge Joseph W. Bailey called upon the defendants for substantial fines. The court turned pecuniary all right, the fines amounting to \$310. Collection was not in order with all the defendants at the time, but it is believed that a greater part of the amount will be realized in cash, and the remainder accounted for on the highways of the State.

W. E. Toler, the young man from Belhaven and Norfolk who flashed his pistol in a local filling station several days ago, was fined \$75 and taxed with the costs.

The heaviest fine meted out during the day fell on Wm. T. Harris for his alleged guilt in the case charging him with the manufacture of liquor. He was fined \$125.

The case charging J. C. Clemmons with larceny and receiving, was continued pending the receipt of additional evidence.

A fine of \$60 was imposed when the court found Annie Rice guilty of driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor.

Norman Williams and Buck Brown, charged with being drunk and disorderly in Robersonville last Sunday night, were sentenced to jail for 30 days.

The case charging Ralph Bond with larceny and receiving, was continued for hearing next Tuesday.

Turner Hines, adjudged guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to the roads for a five-months term. He appealed, and the court required bond in the sum of \$150.

R. G. Jackson was fined \$50 for the alleged passing of worthless checks, but he appealed and the case goes to the superior court with the defendant under bond.

Herman James, charged with violating the liquor laws, pleaded guilty of possessing material for the manufacture of liquor and he was sentenced to the roads.

Mrs. D. R. Perkins and Mr. Henry D. Griffin, of Stokes, were visitors here this week.

## TOBACCO BRINGS AVERAGE OF \$64.71 ACRE IN STATE

### Hambone About Right In Saying There Will Be Many Fat Naked Folks

Bright Belt tobacco farmers received, on an average, \$64.71 an acre for their tobacco crop in 1931, as compared with \$102.36 an acre the year before, it was learned from a report released this week by the State Department of Agriculture. The figure, although shamefully small, is believed to be plenty high, many Martin farmers questioned as to their receipts for an acre stating that it varied from virtually nothing to \$50 an acre. Not more than 1 out of 50 stated he received \$75 an acre for his crop last year, and not more than one out of a hundred stated he received \$150 an acre for his tobacco in 1931.

In 1930, Bright Belt farmers were paid, on an average, 13 cents a pound for their tobacco. The years before that they received 19 cents a pound. In 1931 they received on an average of only 9 cents a pound, or a 55 per cent decrease in price from the 1929 figure. Farmers in the belt planted 44,000 fewer acres to the crop, raised 61,185,000 pounds less, and received \$8,436,000 less than what they got for the 1930 crop. The acreage yield for 1931 was estimated at 688 pounds, the total crop, or that portion sold up to the first of this month, amounting to 254,697,000 pounds, as compared with 315,882,000 pounds grown and sold for the season in 1930.

The year 1931 was one of falling prices in all farm products. Peanuts prices fell from \$40.80 an acre in 1929 to \$14.15 last year. Cotton commanded only 6 cents a pound last year, as compared with 17 cents a pound in 1929, a decrease of nearly 66 per cent. Sweet potatoes hit bottom, when the price dropped from 90 cents a bushel to 55 cents for the same amount last year. The acreage value dropped from \$100.80 to \$45.10, production per acre last year being less by 30 bushels. Corn, the report shows, suffered the heaviest loss, the price of that commodity dropped from \$1 a bushel in 1929 to 43-cents a bushel last year. In other words, an acre of corn, last year, was worth, on an average, only \$8.81.

Apples and fruits in general reached new low price levels, the reduction amounting to more than 50 per cent.

The various types of hay, with the exception of peanut vines, which are of no great importance other than in the eastern part of the State, continued to demand prices nearly equal to those paid in 1929 and 1930.

Taking all the crops as a whole, per acre prices dropped from \$37.89 in 1929 to \$19.71 last year, a loss of \$18.18 an acre. The value of the 1931 crops was placed at \$144,073,671 for the entire State, including all products, as compared with \$266,931,602 in 1929.

When one considers that farm products in North Carolina have fallen in price nearly \$123,000,000 in two years of time, then he can account for "hard times."

An interesting part of the report is that feature reflecting a marked drop in cash crop acreage and a substantial increase in food and feed crops, indicating, as Hambone said recently, one is going to see more fat naked folks this year than he has seen before in a long time.

## Directors of Farmers Mutual Meet Tomorrow

A second meeting of the directors of the Martin County Branch, Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance association, will be held here tomorrow afternoon at 1:00 o'clock, it was announced this week by Secretary James L. Coltrane.

Plans and methods for revaluing property now insured in the association will be considered by the directors at that time, it was stated by Mr. Coltrane.

## HALT ACTIVITIES

Industry and education among local colored people was temporarily halted here yesterday afternoon when friends, relatives, admirers attended the last rites of their friend, J. D. Slade, respected colored man, who died here early last Sunday morning. The colored schools suspended classes for the afternoon and the plant of the Columbian Peanut Company was inactive. Small shops, operated by colored citizens, were closed. The attendance yesterday afternoon was the largest ever reported at a colored burial here.

## TWO LOCAL MEN FACE CHARGE IN BERTIE COUNTY

### J. D. Ward and N. S. Godard Jailed for Robbery In Roxobel

J. D. Ward and N. S. Godard, local men, were arrested this week for the alleged robbery of a wholesale house in Roxobel last Saturday night. Ward was found and arrested in the home of Mrs. Alice Godard here early last Tuesday evening by Officers C. B. Roebuck, Grimes and Daniel, who turned him over to Bertie authorities. Godard was arrested Tuesday in Wilson where he with Ward and a man named Joe Vick, of Bertie county, is alleged to have disposed of the stolen goods.

The three men, alleged to have broken into the Roxobel store, are said to have removed a quantity of goods including many cigarettes. Establishing themselves in a Wilson suburb, the three were reported to have disposed of their goods at half the cost price. Officers there learned of the cut-rate sale and made the arrests. Godard, wanted in Ahoskie for the alleged assault on a detective in that town some time ago, was returned to Hertford county. The robbery had not been reported at the time, and Ward and Vick were released. Ward was rearrested, and Vick was caught last night in Virginia.

Vick was brought here early this morning, and about 5 o'clock another search was made for the stolen goods in the Godard home on Haughton Street, the officers finding 40,000 cigarettes. Approximately 20,000 cigarettes were unaccounted for.

When arrested and questioned in Wilson, the three are said to have told police that they bought the cigarettes from a colored man in Norfolk a few days before. Ward, when arrested here, denied having had any part in the Roxobel robbery.

Disposition of the case is now pending in the Bertie County courts. Ward was placed under a \$1,000 bond at a hearing held here Wednesday, when he admitted his guilt in connection with the robbery. Godard, asking for it himself, was placed under a \$1,000 bond.

It was reported at noon that warrants had been issued in Bertie for the arrest of others in connection with the robbery of the store, and the arrest of others for aiding and abetting and receiving stolen goods, but the warrants had not been served at noon today.

## FARM PROGRAM TO BE TOPIC AT MEET ON JAN. 21

### Open Meeting To Be Held in Courthouse At Williamston

By Miss LORA E. SLEEPER  
You are invited one and all to attend the sectional agricultural meeting which will be held in this county January 21, at 2:30 p. m. There will be good speakers on the program at this time and folks interested in agriculture should attend and enter into the discussion. This means farmers, farmers' wives, bankers, merchants, land owners, business men, and every one.

I am hoping you will one and all take advantage of this opportunity. Invite your neighbor, your merchant, your land owner to attend. Last year the farmers and their wives in this county made a very poor showing. I am hoping you will do better this year. Miss Smith writes as follows: "I hope that the women will come out to this meeting and take an active part in the discussion." Over 200 letters to the women alone were mailed out last year and about three were present. The women should be more interested in the county than the figures of last year showed.

## Farm Produce Gains As A Medium of Exchange

The gold standard as a basis of exchange was given another wallop today when Clark's Drug Store advertised it would accept farmers' peanuts as payment on accounts. Allowances above market prices will be made, Mr. C. B. Clark, owner, stated this morning.

## James Hyman Wynn Dies At Home in Cross Roads

James Hyman Wynn, Cross Roads Township farmer, died at his home there last Monday of stomach trouble. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon by Rev. J. M. Perry, pastor of the local Christian church. Interment was in the Wynn family burial ground in Cross Roads Township.

Mr. Wynn, about 60 years old, was the son of J. David Wynn and wife, and leaves several children.

## Executive Committee To Fill Vacancy on Board Education

### First Poultry Cars of 1932-Season To Be in County for Loading 4 Days Next Week

### PRICES ALMOST AS HIGH AS THEY WERE LAST YEAR

### Starting at Jamesville on Tuesday, Cars To Move On Through County

Martin County farmers will make their first cooperative poultry shipment of the year next week, according to a schedule of loading dates and prices released yesterday by County Agent T. B. Brandon. The car, handled on the Atlantic Coast Line tracks, will be stopped in Jamesville next Tuesday, January 19. Wednesday, the car will be on the tracks here, going to Robersonville Thursday and on to Oak City Friday.

Considering prevailing low prices offered for every farm product, the prices quoted for poultry at the car next week are moderately high. Sixteen cents will be paid for colored hens, or one cent a pound less than was paid for the first offerings last year. The price offered for turkeys is off 5 cents a pound, but the quotations on leghorn hens and ducks and geese range from one to two cents above the last year figures.

The poultry market, like everything else, is said to be weak, and County Agent Brandon, fearing that prices might fall within the next few days, made arrangements for the cooperative shipment one week earlier than he did last year. It might be that prices will advance, but with conditions as they are, this is not likely.

Local markets are glutted with poultry at the present time, and eggs are commanding an unusually low price considering the time of year. These two factors, it is believed, will result in heavy loadings next week, and to take care of the offerings, Mr. Brandon has arranged to have two cars on the tracks in the county next week. Local prices are considerably lower than those offered for the cooperative deliveries, and it is believed that the shipment will stabilize marketing conditions for poultry to some extent.

In an effort to provide against a great rush, the four loading places were selected. Sellers will be given every consideration possible, and extra help will be placed at the car to aid in handling the deliveries, the agent said.

Farmers, planning to sell poultry during the week, will find it to their advantage to study the loading arrangements, which, due to new train schedules, will be slightly different from what they were last year. Poultry will be received at the car in Jamesville until about 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when the freight train will move the car to Williamston. No loading hours are planned here Tuesday afternoon, because the train might be late. Poultry will be received all day Wednesday at this point. Thursday morning, the passenger train will carry the car to Robersonville, and poultry will be received there from about 10:07 in the morning until night. The following morning, the car will be carried to Oak City where deliveries will be handled beginning at about 10:52.

## Local Boy Made Associate Editor College Newspaper

Darrell Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Price, of Williamston, and a student at Wake Forest College, was recently made associate editor of the College Journal, a paper published in Wake Forest. Young Price was graduated from the local high school, and in his college work at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., and at Wake Forest, he has been very successful in his studies and in student activities.

## DAYS OF GRACE END

The fifteen days of grace granted automobile owners end today, and automobile and truck owners operating their vehicles on the highways of the State or on those of any other state, for that matter, are subject to arrest and prosecution, it was announced today by Mr. E. B. Jeffers, chairman of the State Highway Commission. Owners are warned to either purchase the 1932 license plates or run their machines under the shelter.

## MUCH INTEREST IN APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBER

### Meeting To Be Held Here Next Wednesday in Courthouse

A successor to the late Javan Rogers as member of the Martin County Board of Education will be appointed by members of the Martin County Democratic Executive Committee in a call meeting of that body here next Wednesday, it was announced yesterday by Elbert S. Peel, county chairman. Heretofore, or until the 1931 legislature transferred the power of appointment to the county executive committee of the party to which the member causing the vacancy was affiliated, such vacancies were filled by appointment by the remaining members of the board of education. Mr. Rogers was appointed by the board of education following the death of his brother, Mr. Nathan Rogers, about three years ago.

Mr. Rogers' death also caused a vacancy in the Bear Grass Township Democratic Executive committee, and as he was chairman, that body is meeting tomorrow afternoon to effect its re-organization. The member selected as chairman of the district committee there tomorrow will represent Bear Grass along with the chairman from the several other townships at the meeting here next Wednesday.

The names of the township chairmen who are expected to attend the meeting in the courthouse here next Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock are as follows:

R. O. Martin, Jamesville Township; Joshua L. Coltrane, Williams Township; Plenny Peel, Griffins Township; Leslie T. Fowden, Williamston Township; J. S. Ayers, Cross Roads Township; W. S. White, Poplar Point Township; Ed. James, Robersonville Township; J. A. Davenport, Hamilton Township; J. W. Hines, Goose Nest Township; and J. L. Croom, Gold Point precinct. The Bear Grass chairman will be named tomorrow.

According to information received here from one or two districts, there is much interest centered around the appointment of a new member to the educational board. However, no names have been mentioned as probable appointees, or none as far as it could be learned here late yesterday.

The new member, whose term will expire in April of next year, will either enter the next June primary or just complete the term without offering himself as a possible candidate. The term of a second member, Mr. J. Eason Lilley, expires in April, 1933, also, making two contests for places on the educational board in the June primary.

## ESCAPED JAIL- BIRD BUYS CAR

### Breaks Jail in Greenville; Robs Store and Buys Car; Then Rearrested

Escaping from the Pitt County jail about two weeks ago, Fred Pugh, colored, came here, and with ten \$20 bills, alleged to have been stolen in a hold-up at Chocowinity recently, made the first payment on a new automobile at the Williamston Motor Company, local Ford dealers.

Riding near Chocowinity, Pugh with four other men, who are believed to have been parties to the jail break, ditched the car. Officers picked up the trail and before the men could get their car out of the ditch, they found it necessary to flee the scene. Pugh was captured in a farm house a short distance from the scene of the wreck, but the other men made their escape.

Pugh, officers said, was believed to have been connected with the robbery of a combination filling station and store at Chocowinity one night last week. Approximately \$400 was taken from the store safe, and officers expressed opinion that the negro made part payment on the car with a portion of the money.

## Presbyterians Announce Their County Services

Sunday, January 17, 1932:  
Church school at 10 a. m.  
Worship service and sermon at 11:15 a. m. (Please note the changes in hour.)

Bear Grass  
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.  
Worship service and sermon at 7 p. m.

Roberson's Farm  
Sunday school at 3 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Thursday night at 7 p. m.  
Come and worship with us.

## MEAT SPOILING

While the prevailing warm weather is being received as an acceptable gift from the Almighty by the less fortunate, it is causing much concern among Martin farmers who are killing and storing their meat for the coming months.

Several farmers have lost their meat, and others are following every known method in an attempt to save their own. No great losses have been reported, but many farmers who killed their meat during the past few days are greatly worried over the continued warm weather.

## FARMERS LOSE; REYNOLDS GAIN TWO MILLIONS

### Net Earning of Winston-Salem Company in 1931 Over \$36,000,000

North Carolina farmers lost millions of dollars and the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company cleared extra millions in profits last year, according to a statement made public by the company this week and a report released by the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture recently.

The farmers received \$26,000,000 less for their crop, and the tobacco concern made \$2,140,153 more than it did the year before.

The company's report for the year ended December 31, 1931 shows net earnings of \$36,396,817; after deducting taxes, depreciation and all charges, compared with \$34,256,664 for 1930. The balance sheet at December 31, 1931, again presents a strong and extremely liquid financial position, with total assets of \$176,856,099, as compared with \$168,377,069 at December 31, 1930. Undivided profits stood at \$62,233,341, an increase of \$6,369,817 over 1930.

Net current assets aggregated \$128,242,251, in new cash and U. S. government securities totaling \$44,474,270 which is alone more than three and a half times all indebtedness.

In a letter to the company's stockholders, S. Clay Williams, president of the company, states that the number of stockholders again shows a substantial increase, the total at the close of the year being approximately one-third greater than at the end of the previous year.

"The financial condition of your company as set forth in the accompanying statement is presented on the same conservative basis as in former years, with the nominal sum of \$1 assigned to its well known and valuable brands, trade marks and good will," Mr. Williams wrote.

"There is no bank debt and no outstanding bonds or preferred stock. Net current assets on December 31, 1931 amounted to \$128,242,251.20. In addition to this, as noted on the statement, the company has an investment in shares of its own stock at a figure which is less than market price at December 31, 1931. This investment, somewhat larger than that at the close of the preceding year produces a very attractive yield as compared to what could be obtained from any equivalent high grade security in which surplus cash funds could be placed. No part of the earnings shown in the treasurer's report for the year was derived from the sale of stock."

In his letter to the stockholders, Mr. Williams indicated that the discovery and development during the past year of the scientific air-sealed packaging of Camel cigarettes has given impetus to the company's sales. This ingenuity, in a year such as 1931, plus increased newspaper advertising, is reflected in the results, it was declared.

## Services At Local Episcopal Church

Rev. W. R. Noe, Wilmington minister, will preach in the Church of the Advent here Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced today by a member of the local vestry. Mr. Noe, an able preacher, has appeared in the pulpit here before, being well received each time. The public is cordially invited to hear him Sunday evening.