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## FARM LOANS MAY BE OBTAINABLE AGAIN THIS YEAR

### Details of Allocation Not Yet Worked Out, But Fund Available

According to information reaching here, Martin County farmers may be able to borrow money from the government in financing their farming operations this year, however, details for lending any of the \$50,000,000 appropriated by Congress have not been made complete. Until methods of allocating the funds are determined, it will be useless for even deserving farmers to make applications for aid.

Fifty million dollars have been allocated to the Secretary of Agriculture, and under his authority the money will be expended "for the purpose of making loans or advances to farmers in the several states of the United States in cases where he finds that an emergency exists as a result of which farmers are unable to obtain loans for crop production during the year 1932," with the proviso "That the Secretary of Agriculture shall give preference in making such loans or advances to farmers who suffered from crop failures in 1931."

The bill further states: "Such advances or loans shall be made upon such terms and conditions and subject to such regulations as the Secretary of Agriculture shall prescribe. A first lien on all crops growing, or to be planted and grown, shall, in the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture, be deemed sufficient security for such loan or advance. All such loans or advances shall be made through such agencies as the Secretary of Agriculture may designate, and in such amounts as such agencies, with the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture, may determine. Any person who shall knowingly make any material false representation for the purpose of obtaining an advance or loan, or in assisting in obtaining such advance or loan under this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not exceeding \$1,000, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both."

A number of Martin farmers have already inquired after the loans, and as soon as the details are made complete they will be made public.

## TOWN VOTING 'WET' IN POLL

### Twenty Out of 25 Taking Part in Poll Here Vote "Wet"

That Williamston is voting "wet" in the national prohibition poll being conducted by a well-known magazine, was established as a fact this week when it was learned that 20 out of 25 taking part in the poll voted "wet." Details on the vote could not be had, but it was learned that 25 local people cast their ballots in one day this week. Complete returns might alter the ratio, but they are not available.

One of those voting, a confirmed "dry," or reliably rated as such, favored repeal of the prohibition amendment, and another, a confirmed "wet," with years of experience to his credit, stood by his guns and voted "wet" also. But it is fit for fat, as a "wet" in act voted "dry" in deed.

## \$250 FIRE HERE TUESDAY NIGHT

### W. B. Watts Garage Guttered and Rugs and Curtains Destroyed in Blaze

Fire of undetermined origin gutted the garage of W. B. Watts on Houghton Street, extended, shortly after ten o'clock last Tuesday night, and destroyed a number of rugs and curtains stored in the building. No car was in the garage at the time.

Damage to the building was small with insurance to cover it. Damage to the rugs and other articles, valued at about \$200, was not covered by insurance.

When discovered, the blaze was bursting through the sides of the building. The volunteer fire company made a hurried trip to the scene, preventing a total loss to the building.

The call was the second one of the month, the company having answered one last Friday night on Railroad Street.

## Macedonia School Honor Roll for the Fourth Month

The Macedonia school honor roll, carrying the names of six pupils for the fourth month, is as follows: First grade: Sybil Peel, Susie Revels.

Second grade: Hattie Griffin Ward. Fourth grade: Mary Revels. Fifth grade: Clarence Revels, Mildred Ward.

## Expect To Finish Work On Convict Camp Next Week

Work on the new \$10,000 state highway prison camp, near here, will be completed next week, Builder Jim Thompson said yesterday. Workmen are pouring concrete floors this week, and the few remaining construction tasks will be handled by the middle or latter part of next week.

The camp, designed and equipped for 75 prisoners, will likely start receiving prisoners within 30 days after building operations are finished.

Fire-proof and modern in every detail, the camp is located on the old county home road, and can be seen from Highway No. 90.

According to an announcement made this week, plans are now complete for the construction of a similar camp in Beaufort County, on the property of the late Bryan Grimes, near Washington.

## POULTRY CAR

Approximately 23,000 pounds of chickens, roosters, ducks, and geese were loaded in the county this week, County Agent Brandon, reporting the cooperative deliveries at three points, said this morning. Offerings at Jamesville last Tuesday fell about 1,000 pounds, and a similar decrease was reported here. The loadings at Robersonville were estimated to be about the same as they were last month. The car is making a final stop in the county at Oak City today.

Farmers, delivering their barnyard fowls to the car, operated cooperatively in the county, received around \$3,000.

## HAS 2 CASES IN SUPREME COURT

### Judge J. W. Bailey Argues Issues Before Court In Raleigh Wednesday

Before the Supreme Court in Raleigh last Wednesday, Attorney J. W. Bailey pleaded two cases, asking the court to reverse the verdicts rendered in the Martin Superior Court here last December.

In one of the cases the Martin court allowed George Mills \$1,510 damages against J. K. McIver, the plaintiff claiming that he was entitled to that amount as compensation for injuries received while working on the defendant's automobile.

A second case was a suit over a piece of land valued at \$1,100, the county court deciding in favor of Henry Edmondson against W. B. Wooten.

The higher court is not expected to hand down its decisions in either of the cases within the next ten days or two weeks.

Attorney Hugh G. Horton was in Raleigh Tuesday afternoon for the hearings.

## INCOME TAX MAN HERE NEXT WEEK

### Will Aid Subjects in Filling Out Their Reports for The Year, 1931

While there will be less than a little income tax due from Martin County citizens this year, those who have filed income tax returns in the past will find it necessary to file a report again this year. As an aid to those who are not acquainted with the blanks, the government is having representatives visit the several county seats and offer their services to any one desiring particulars in filling out the report.

A representative will be in Williamston all day next Wednesday, and he will be glad to render his aid to those desiring it.

Every resident in the county and State having a net income during the income year in excess of \$1,000, if single, or \$2,000 if married, is required to file a return. Every married woman living with her husband and having a separate and independent income is required to file a return also. Returns must be made complete and filed with the Commissioner of Revenue on or before March 15, 1932, or interest will be charged at the rate of 6 per cent per annum.

## Sunday Services At The Local Baptist Church

Sunday at the Baptist church a special offering will be received for our state work. All the Baptist churches of North Carolina are being asked to make this special contribution, and the pastor urges that the membership of this church be as liberal in this matter as possible.

There will be a full program of services at the church Sunday, Sunday school, young peoples' meetings and preaching at both the morning and evening hours.

Final announcements will be made for the sessions of the church school which will begin in the church Monday evening promptly at 7:30 o'clock, to which every one is invited.

## EDGAR JOHNSON BRINGS SUIT FOR \$25,000 DAMAGES

### Result of Injuries Received In Auto Wreck Last November

A suit for \$25,000 was filed this week by Mr. Edgar Johnson, Robersonville man, to recover damages sustained in an automobile-truck accident on the Wilson-Goldsboro highway the latter part of last year, it was learned yesterday from Attorney H. G. Horton, Williamston, and Attorney J. C. Smith Robersonville, who are representing Mr. Johnson.

Charging negligence in the operation of a large truck on the public highways at night, the suit is directed against the Hoffer-Boney Transfer Company, of Wallace, N. C.

When questioned this week one of the plaintiff's attorneys stated that he did not know when the case would be called, that there was a possibility that it would be scheduled for trial at the April term of the Martin County Superior Court, the term often referred to as special. It was reported shortly after the accident back in November that the transfer company carried liability insurance, but this could not be established as a truth here this week.

Announce Sunday Services At Local Methodist Church

By REV. C. T. ROGERS

Where will you spend eternity? Much will depend on how you spend the Lord's Day, the blessed Sabbath day now.

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."—Exodus 20:8. God's own way is to attend Sunday school and church.

It has been said, "most excuses given by church members for not attending church are lies." God says, "No liar shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

I wish I could overcome the power of Satan and open the blind spiritual eyes of our people, then our churches would be full on the Lord's Day.

Services at the usual hour, and the churches of the town welcome you.

## Curb Market Prices for Tomorrow Announced

By MISS LORA SLEEPER

Mrs. C. L. Daniel, while selling on the curb market last week, related the fact that the proceeds which she was receiving through the curb market were paying for a cow for the family. No doubt this could be of some help to many farmers wanting cows in the county.

A partial list of our prices for tomorrow follows: Eggs, 2 dozen, 25 cents meal, 2 cents a pound collards, 2 pounds for 5 cents; turnip greens, 2 pounds for 5 cents; kale 2 pounds for 5 cents; cream, 25 cents a pint; Irish potatoes, 10 pounds for 15 cents; sweet potatoes, 15 cents for 10 pounds; chickens, live, 15 to 17 cents a pound.

Last week, a total of 20 dozen eggs were sold on the curb market here with calls coming in for more. We are hoping to have more this week to supply the demands of our customers. We shall cut prices on cakes to accommodate our patrons in the near future.

## Services at the Farm Life Life School Sunday 3 P. M.

Rev. W. B. Harrington will preach at the Farm Life School Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The public is invited to hear him.

## Group I Bankers To Meet At Manteo February 22nd

Group I bankers of the North Carolina association will hold their regular meeting at Manteo, Monday, February 22, it was announced by Mr. C. D. Carstarphen, cashier of the Branch Banking and Trust Company here yesterday following a meeting of the bankers' executive committee held in Elizabeth City the night before.

The banks will observe the day as a holiday, and a large meeting is anticipated, Mr. Carstarphen said.

## CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS SESSIONS MONDAY NIGHT

### Sessions Open To Every One; School Will Be Non-denominational

The mid-winter church school, planned to be thoroughly non-denominational and community wide, begins its first session in the Baptist church here Monday evening, promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

There has been assembled a capable faculty from the several churches of the town, and there will be five departments, graded as nearly as possible to the ages of the people attending. Every effort is being made to guarantee that this school shall be as popular as those which have preceded it, and that the work done shall be of such nature to make a notable contribution to the church and Sunday school life of the entire community.

The sessions are open, of course, to everyone, and to all who care to come. The Reverend J. M. Perry, pastor of the local Christian church, has been asked to lead the congregational singing each evening. At the close of the school, on Friday night, a big community church social is planned, the various groups having their social hour in different places. One group will remain at the church, another adjourn to the woman's club rooms, while another group will go to the Presbyterian church, etc. At this closing social session, refreshments will be served and musical programs rendered, and entertainment provided.

So far as is known there are no other special services in Williamston during that week. The school has been planned so that it would come after the monthly tests at the public schools. None of the sessions will last for more than one hour—the younger groups not remaining that long.

There are no books to be bought, no examinations to be taken, and nothing to be done except a united effort to stimulate the church and Sunday school forces of the community to a new sense of their opportunities, obligations and privileges in religious service.

And judging by the attendance at the previous winter church schools, the attendance will be large. It is the desire of those putting on the school that it be for everyone who wishes to attend. And since the course is non-denominational and non-sectarian, it offers an opportunity for Williams-people's church and Sunday school people to get together for a week on a worth while undertaking.

## PAGE ADDRESSES KIWANIANS HERE

### Kiwanis Leader Expresses Optimism Over Present Conditions

"One can not stop, fold his arms and expect to go forward," O. H. Page, Lieutenant Governor of the Sixth Kiwanis district, said in an address before the local Kiwanis club last Wednesday. The Kiwanis leader expressed his optimism over conditions, and thinks there'll be many good lessons advanced by the depression.

"Work will be required to overcome the depression, and as work is a public service, we can have certain prosperity by working harder than ever," Mr. Page said. "It does not pay to sit down and howl," he continued, adding that pleasure cannot be attained and progress cannot be made by the do-nothing method.

Mr. Page urged Kiwanians to start a stabilization program whereby the things that are good and helpful to people might be promoted. "Help the people to see the beautiful things and hear the good words in life," he urged.

## Employee Slightly Hurt at New Prison Camp Here

Curtis Mobley, white man working on the State highway prison camp near here suffered a slight injury to his hand yesterday morning when he caught it in a cement mixer.

## TOMATOES

Jamesville Township farmers are making preparations to plant approximately 200 acres to tomatoes this year, Mr. R. O. Martin, Jamesville man, stated this morning.

Meeting in the Jamesville school building last night, 140 farmers signed contracts to plant the crop and ship through commission merchants, creating a wrapping station at Jamesville.

Seed have been ordered and will be distributed next Tuesday night when the farmers meet again in the school building to hear planting and cultivation methods discussed.

## No Big Reduction in Tobacco Acreage of County Probable

### PEEL MOTOR CO. BUILDING HERE SOLD THIS WEEK

### Messrs. Robt. and Warren Everett Will Operate Chevrolet Garage

Messrs. Robert and Warren Everett, owners and operators of the Gro-More Transfer Company, with offices in the Sinclair Filling Station next to the Tar Heel Apartments on Main Street, this week purchased the Peel Motor Company building on Washington Street, the new owners moving their offices and equipment there yesterday. Messrs. Roberson and Peel, owners and operators of the Peel Motor Company since its establishment here several years ago, sold all garage equipment and parts to the transfer company. With their combined equipment, the Messrs. Everett are now adequately equipped to offer an efficient garage service, especially on Chevrolet cars and trucks.

The new owners are planning to handle the Chevrolet agency in this immediate community, and it is understood that new cars will be placed in the show rooms in the near future.

In making the sale this week, Mr. Luther Peel, manager of the Peel Motor Company, stated that he found it necessary to give his full time and attention to farming.

The Sinclair station and storage quarters operated by the Gro-More Transfer Company will be continued by the Sinclair people during the next few months, or until the present lease expires, it is understood. It was unofficially learned that another oil company is planning leasing the property and making certain improvements to it next summer or early fall.

## GET READY FOR FISHING SEASON

### Few Small Catches At This Point Are Reported Every Day

With warm weather prevailing, fishermen along the Roanoke are busying themselves preparing nets and fishing machines, but so far only small catches have been reported at this point. Catches numbering from two to ten herring have been reported, fishermen giving more time to preparatory work than they are to fishing itself. One or two machines are in operation along the banks near the river bridge, but catches are few and far between.

Continued warm weather and high water in the Roanoke are indicative of one of the earliest fishing seasons ever known here.

Individuals out of jobs are turning their attention to the stream, and within the next few weeks many of them will be seen with large nets dipping for herring. There will be no license fee imposed on those fishermen who cast the nets for their individual needs, County Game Warden J. W. Hines said this week.

## CAR WRECKED AT UNDERPASS

### J. B. Pinner, Elizabeth City Man, Slightly Hurt as Car Turns Over

J. B. Pinner, Elizabeth City man, was slightly hurt early Wednesday morning when his car, a Chevrolet coach, hit the underpass support at the west end of Main Street here, and turned over several times. The car was badly damaged, all fenders being torn off and the top smashed.

The wreck was one of the first of any consequence reported in this immediate section in some time.

According to unofficial information received here some time ago, the highway commission was to clear the obstruction supporting the railroad trestle, but as far as it could be learned here this week, no definite plans have been made to remove the concrete pillar.

## Presbyterians Announce Their County Services

Sunday, February 14, 1932: Church school at 10 a. m. Worship service and sermon at 11:15 a. m.

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

Roberson's Farm Sunday school at 3 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

"The Master is at these services, and He calleth for thee."

## WASTED EFFORT

The United States Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with our own State department, spent hundreds of dollars preparing and publishing a survey of the soil in Martin County. According to reports received from two or three of the distributing centers, very few farmers have asked for a copy of the survey, and fewer still have even given it a careful study.

The Enterprise has a few remaining copies of the survey for distribution, and any Martin farmer can procure one by either calling at the office or upon written request, the copies to be distributed in order of requests as long as the supply lasts.

## TEACHERS AND PARENTS MEET

### Important Discussions Are Held At Meeting In Oak City

Oak City.—The Parent-Teacher Association held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The meeting was made strictly business, and the following suggestions were adopted: All mothers and friends be given an opportunity to help out with the hot lunch. A committee was named for this purpose. The report was that all seemed favorable toward the hot lunch and are willing to assist when possible. Assignments have been made for the supervision of the hot lunch through February. A further discussion was held for means of helping children who need clothes refitted or altered. A resolution was passed that Tuesday afternoon, February 16th, be set apart for the sewing circle, and it will meet at the home economics room, and all garments will be altered by mothers of the community. Miss Ruth Williams, home economics teacher, is chairman of this committee. Mothers gather up the old garments, invite your friends and attend this meeting. There is a very good spirit existing in this work.

Mr. E. S. Peabody, upon our application, has kindly consented to machine the school road leading from school building to route number eleven. This is a kind act on the part of our state officials in helping keep roads that pertain to and are used directly by our school buses in transporting children to and from school. The school appreciates this recommendation by Mr. Peabody.

School work is going along smoothly. There have been a few failures by pupils not trying and not at all interested, but the average percentage of passing grades in this month's tests is good and shows real study.

## Sunday Services At The Local Christian Church

James M. Perry, pastor. Bible school at 9:45 a. m., W. C. Manning, superintendent. Whole families cordially invited. Take the children. It is for all ages.

Morning worship at 11 o'clock. The pastor will preach on "Life's Highest Adjustment." Congregational singing of the great old hymns you love to hear. Special music. Fine fellowship and inspirational sermon. C. E. meets at 6:30 p. m. All young people invited. They have a great program. Evening service at 7:30. Special music and old-time congregational singing. The pastor will preach on "The Three Approaches to God." If you are discouraged or bewildered because of trouble or the troublesome times through which we are passing, come out and find comfort in this message.

Invite the young people. This is Christian Endeavor Week in our local church, and all young people should come out, both morning and evening. Music and sermons are prepared with them in mind. Take your young folks out. All high school students will be especially interested in both services. Public cordially invited.

Don't forget Bible school every Sunday and preaching on every second and fourth Sundays.

## County Boy Stars In State Ball Game Last Wednesday

Jimmy Brown, Jamesville boy and a student at State College, attracted some more attention Wednesday night when his brilliant playing brought his team victory over Davidson College. Brown, after playing a splendid game as guard, turned in the last few seconds of play and made the field goal that gave his team the victory by a one-point margin.

## SMALL FARMERS RAISE BULK OF CROP LOCALLY

### One-third Decrease Means a Reduction of About 6,000 Acres

That there will be a marked decrease planted to tobacco this coming season in Martin County is not likely, according to information gathered this week from a large number of farmers over a wide section.

It is understood that farmers operating large tracts of land are planning a fair-sized reduction in the crop, but as there are only a few such farmers in this county, no great decrease in tobacco acreage can be expected on those farms. Another fair-sized reduction is going to result among tenant and poorer class farmers who can not finance their operations and who will be unable to get aid from time merchants or outside sources. There are many such farmers, but the number is not as great as one is led to believe, and it isn't hardly reasonable to expect a great reduction on those farms. Then there are 941 farmers, according to the 1930 census, who cultivate their own lands. No marked reduction can be expected there because this class, as a whole, generally plants only a sufficient amount to supply one curing barn. With them, it is either plant the same number of acres or cut out the crop altogether. The farmer who has crowded from 13 to 15 acres of tobacco into two barns might cut down his crop to where he will only have from 5 to 6 acres to the barn, and if there are 941 such farmers, then the acreage reduction on those farms will be no more than 1,882 acres.

According to the latest census reports, there are around 120 farmers in this county who hardly have enough land to plant one acre to each crop. Allowing that each of these 120 farmers raised six acres of tobacco last year, then, supposing that not one of that number will raise a stalk of the weed this year, your acreage reduction will be for them only around 720 acres. That decrease is hardly more than a drop in the bucket, considering that Martin County has, since 1929, planted around 18,000 acres yearly to tobacco.

There are around 50 farmers operating farms ranging in size from 260 to 500 acres, an average of about 370 acres for each farmer. The average acreage planted to tobacco on those farms in the past will hardly exceed 100 acres per farm, and allowing 30 acres of land for each work animal and 6 acres of tobacco to each acre, the average tobacco acreage on those farms will be around 78 acres. If those 50 farmers cut their crop in half, the resulting acreage decrease will be only 1,900 acres.

Estimating the acreage decrease among the 120 farmers who can not finance themselves at 720 acres, and the decrease among those farmers who generally use one or two barns at 2,000 acres, and that among the 570 farmers who cultivate around 370 acres of land on an average at 2,000 acres, then the total reduction will be 4,720 acres. If there were 18,000 acres planted to the crop last year, this 4,720 acres will not represent a one-third decrease, and to get it to one-third, the farmers will have to go and mark off just about 1,300 more acres.

Will the tobacco acreage in Martin County this year be reduced 33 per cent below last year's crop? That is a question for the farmers to answer, but it is believed by many that it will not be decreased that much.

China is spending many thousands of dollars fighting off Japan. It is reasonable to believe that its more than four hundred millions of people will have less money next year with which to buy tobacco than they have now. That might affect 1932 prices, but who knows? Taking everything as a whole, it looks as if the tobacco farmers haven't a Chinaman's chance, and look how he is faring now.

In addition to the serious situation existing in the world markets, there is an increase in stocks of leaf tobacco held by dealers and manufacturers, according to a report released yesterday by the United States Department of Agriculture. The report shows that there are now 2,012,780,000 pounds of tobacco on hand as compared with 1,853,476,000 pounds on hand a year ago.

## Woman's Club Gives \$60 To Local School Library

The local school library was substantially aided recently when the Woman's Club donated \$60 to it for use in buying new books and equipment. The state matches such donations, making available \$120 for use in building up the school library here.