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## VITAL STATISTICS ARE REPORTED FOR HAMILTON

### Birth Rate Higher, Death Rate Lower Than State Average

Reporting ten illegitimate births last year, Hamilton Township (including the town itself) is second with the largest number of "unknown" papas, the district being second to Williamston where 15 disgraceful births were recorded in the public records of Martin County for the future generations to see. Three of the illegitimate births were reported among white people.

Other than the large percentage of illegitimate births, the vital statistics for the town and township are similar to those in the six other districts for which reports have been filed in the county register of deeds' office. The birth rate in both the township and town are higher than the one for the State as a whole. The township death rate is slightly under and the town death rate is slightly greater than that for the State.

There were 58 births, 22 white and 36 colored, reported in the township last year, the number including those in Hassell, for which no separate records were maintained. Twenty deaths, eight among white and 12 among colored people, were reported in the township. Hamilton proper reported four white births, one illegitimate, and seven colored ones, one of which was illegitimate. The eight deaths were equally divided among the races.

Death rates for both the town and township during last year were lower than they were the year before, with the birth rates for the two units remaining about the same as they were in 1930.

The 1931 rates per 1,000 population: Township birth rate, 34.1; death rate, 11.8; Town birth rate, 21.7; death rate 15.7.

## CURB MARKET IS 11 MONTHS OLD

### Sales So Far Have Totaled More Than \$1,000, Says Home Agent

By Miss LORA E. SLEEPER

The curb market has been running 11 months this Saturday. During that time over \$1,000 has been taken in from the weekly sales. This money has gone into the pockets of the farm wives in the county; to the merchants and grocers as payments on charge accounts, bills, etc. As we help the farmer, we help every one. Prices on produce this week will be as follows: (this, however is only a partial list):

Collards (special), 7 pounds for 10 cents, this week only; cream (special), 20c per quart this week only; eggs, 9 cents per dozen; hens, live, 14 cents per pound; hens, dressed, 25 cents per pound; broilers, 17 cents per pound; broilers, dressed, 27 cents per pound; turkeys, 4 pounds 10 cents; rutabagas, 3 pounds 5 cents; corn meal, 20 cents per sack; and cakes, 15 to 18 cents per pound.

Last week we had spring onions on the market and early flowers. We are anxious to please our patrons, take orders through the market, or help in any way possible to make the market better serve the town and community. Tell us, if you have suggestions. We appreciate new ideas.

## Part of Teachers' Pay Is To Be Held Up By State

Pending the acceptance of the budgets for the various counties, the state is expected to withhold one-half of the salaries of all teachers during the sixth school month, according to unofficial information received here this week. Payment of the full amount is assured as soon as the budgets are accepted, it is understood.

Completing the sixth month in about two weeks, the Martin schools will continue the full term with sufficient money already collected to pay the teachers their full salaries during the seventh month and about half enough for the last, or eighth, month. It was learned from the superintendent's office here this morning.

## Destroy Two Stills In the Upper Part of County

Raiding along the Edgecombe-Martin line last Wednesday, Agents Coak, Roebuck and W. C. Voorhees and Officers Hines and Pearson found and destroyed a steam liquor plant and confiscated several bags of sugar and one bag of meal. The plant was cold, and no arrests were made.

Last Monday, Officers Grimes, Hines and Pearson took a steam plant in the same territory, and destroyed four vats of beer. The plant was in operation, but the operators received a gun signal and made their escape.

## Third Poultry Car of Year To Be in County Next Week

A third poultry car of the season has been scheduled for loading in the county next week, beginning at Jameville Tuesday and making its last stop at Oak City Friday. Stops will also be made at Williamston Wednesday, and at Robersonville Thursday, and virtually the same loading hours in effect last loading will be followed again next week, County Agent T. B. Brandon, who arranged the shipment, stated this week.

Prices are about the same as they were last loading with the ex-

ception of a 1-cent drop in the price offered for colored hens. A complete schedule of prices appears elsewhere in this paper. While the loadings will hardly be as large as the last one and the one before that, it is believed the poultry raisers will sell about 18,000 pounds.

Mr. Brandon was unable to say this week whether a fourth car would be operated in the county this season or not, further shipments depending on the size of next week's loading and future market prices.

## OUT FOR SENATE

A second district contest for a seat in the State Senate was virtually made certain this week when it was unofficially learned that Mr. W. A. Thompson, prominent Aurora man, was considering running for the Democratic nomination next June.

Attorney Carl Bailey, of Plymouth, announced his candidacy several weeks ago, and it is understood that Dare County is considering running a candidate of its own.

## BETTER BISCUIT CONTEST AMONG CLUB MEMBERS

County Contest To Be Held April 1; Winners Enter District Meet

By Miss LORA E. SLEEPER

During the month of March work will be started among all the girls' 4-H clubs in the county in the "Better Biscuit Contest," which will be conducted all over the State from March until June. The contest will be open for competition to girls 14 and over. All girls will be given a standard recipe for baking powder biscuits.

The county contest will take place April 1. All girls wishing to enter the contest should sign up. The girls entering the contest should use a standard plain flour and bake biscuits six times at home, doing the work entirely by themselves before sending in their sample April 1. Practice in scoring biscuits will be given through the March club meetings.

The girl winning out in the county will enter the district contest, which will be held in Washington, N. C., the first week in May. The girl winning in the district receives a scholarship of \$12.50 to be used for expenses to the girls' and boys' short course.

## REPORT LARGE FISH CATCHES

### Few Shad But Plenty of Herring Are Taken From River

With February all but spent, the fishing season in the Roanoke is fast coming into its own, according to reports received here from various points along the stream.

"Few shad have been taken here so far, but the herrings are running in larger numbers already, fishermen catching from one to 15 a dip," O. W. Hamilton, Jameville merchant, said this week. The catches were described as the largest ever made this early in the year at that point.

Reports received from points along the Albemarle Sound indicate that there will be many shad in the Roanoke ere long. Near Leonard's point on the sound, the catches this week were said to be the largest made in many seasons there.

## Program of Services At Christian Church

James M. Perry, pastor. Remember, it is fourth Sunday, and we have services again. Bible school at 9:45 a. m., W. C. Manning, superintendent. Preaching service at 11 o'clock. The pastor will preach Sunday morning on "What's the Difference in Judgment?" At 7:30 he will preach on "The Meaning of Sheep and Other Sheep." Come and bring your friends, for these two sermons deal with some vital and interesting Biblical facts that have to do with this life and the life to come. Great hymns, special music at almost every service. Fine fellowship and an inspirational atmosphere as well as a happy, hopeful atmosphere. Try to make both services Sunday, for if you miss one, it will be the one you wish you hadn't. Take the family. "Come on, wife, get the children ready, it's service at our church today, you know." That's the way for a man to talk Sunday morning. Will see you at Sunday school and church. Don't forget—it's fourth Sunday again.

## CATCH TWO MEN IN FREE UNION

### Louis Keys and Will Smith Captured At Still Early Yesterday

Louis Keys and Will Smith, colored men, were arrested at a liquor still in the lower part of the county, Free Union, early yesterday morning and jailed here by Officers Sexton and Goylord. The plant, in full operation at the time, was destroyed.

Going to the manufacturing scene early yesterday morning, the officers were closing in on the plant and its operatives when an old hog started making her way to the filthy still. The officers took a stand and remained quiet. When the animal advanced nearer the still, the two men, mistaking her for officers, fled. The officers remained inactive and after a long wait, Keys returned and saw the hog drinking beer. He called Smith and after running the animal away, they returned to their manufacturing, directing unkind remarks at the old hog, but at the same time expressing joy that it was an animal and not officers.

After waiting a few more minutes, the officers continued their advance. "There comes that old hog again. I am tempted to kill her," one of the operatives said to the other when he mistook the officers for the hog.

And Smith and Keys thought it was the hog breaking sticks and bushes until the officers reached the plant and called for their arrests.

## Shirt Factory At Everetts Has 35 Women Employed

Opening this week, the Everetts shirt factory was said today to be operating very successfully, the report stating that the employees were gaining experience rapidly and production was increasing daily. The plant, located on the second floor of the Champion Auto Company building, is now employing 35 workers, but it is understood that additional labor will be employed next week or soon thereafter.

Once the workers are well experienced in their work, the wage scale will average well over a dollar a day, it was unofficially learned here.

## Hutchinson Denies Giving Up Lease of Local Hotel

L. C. Hutchinson, proprietor of the Atlantic Hotel here, denied that he had surrendered his lease on the hotel, and stated that he would continue its operation.

It was reported, under a Selma date line this week, that E. M. Gordy, hotel man of that town, had leased the Atlantic and would take charge tomorrow, but Mr. Hutchinson declared the report erroneous.

## Tool House of Atlantic Coast Line Here Robbed

Breaking into the Atlantic Coast Line tool house near the peanut plant here some time last Wednesday night, thieves apparently equipped themselves to handle a safe robbery somewhere. A big hammer and one or two large bars were removed from the small tool house and carried away on a truck.

The sheriff's office here made an investigation, but found no trace of the stolen tools and heard no reports of further robberies in the county.

## Roving Band of Gypsies Questioned By Officers

Traveling through here this week with an infant apparently too white to be of their stock, a band of gypsies was stopped and quizzed by officers. Thinking that the child might have been kidnapped, the officers questioned the leader of the band, and after certificates were examined, the wanderers were allowed to continue on their way.

## FIFTY FARMERS IN THIS COUNTY ASK FOR LOANS

### Blanks and Instructions Are Expected Latter Part of Next Week

More than 50 farmers in this county have asked for loans from the Federal government already, it was learned from T. B. Brandon, farm agent, this week. But no loans have been made and none will be made before the latter part of next week, or until proper blanks and instructions for advancing the loans are received by the county agent, Mr. Brandon.

Returning from Washington, D. C., this week, Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the State College, Agricultural Extension Service, said: "The loans this year will be available for farmers throughout the entire State wherever they are unable to finance themselves. They will also be made largely through the county farm agent system and local communities as they were last year. In those counties having no agents, county committees will be set up with the counties bearing at least part of the expense. Mr. Schaub said the Extension Service has no funds with which to finance the operations of these committees. He indicated also that the applications for loans will be scrutinized more carefully this year than they were in 1931.

"We shall urge farmers making applications for these loans to plan to make a crop this year with the least possible expense," said Dean Schaub. "The individual loans must be kept small, because at present there is only \$50,000,000 to be loaned to farmers all over the United States, and the government is concerned that these loans be made available over the entire country. Those obtaining the loans must keep in mind also that they must be paid back.

The Dean also says that no loans will be made to any applicant who has means of livelihood other than farming, nor to a minor. No loan will be made to any person who did not operate a farm in 1931. Neither will a loan be made to a person who will not agree to grow only 65 per cent of the acreage of cotton and tobacco which he grew in 1931, with the exception of the person who grew only 10 acres of cotton and three acres of tobacco last year. In other words, said Mr. Schaub, the man who grew 20 acres of cotton last year must agree to reduce his crop by 35 per cent this year before he will be permitted to share in the loan money. The same is true of tobacco. If he grew only 10 acres of cotton, or three acres of tobacco, he will not be required to reduce this amount further.

The loans will bear 5 1/2 per cent interest and are secured by notes with a mortgage on the crop as collateral. The crop must be grown according to the instructions of the county agent. The Dean said that as quickly as the necessary blanks are printed in Washington they will be forwarded to the county agents and the county committees. "He is at work now on the machinery of operating placement of the loans.

## SMALL ADVANCE IN PEANUT PRICE

A stronger tone in the peanut market was noted this week when the Columbian Company here offered as high as 2 cents a pound for certain grades.

## Norfolk Broker Says Price Would Go Up More If Nuts Kept Off Market

In the opinion of one Norfolk Commission merchant, the price of peanuts would advance over half a cent a pound if the holders would refuse to sell for 30 days. The commission house added, "The movement of the 1931 crop has been heavy, but the market will not advance as long as holders continue to supply the trade at prices under 2 cents a pound for medium grades. There are fewer peanuts in Suffolk than on March 1 of any year in the past ten."

## Two Cases From County Decided By Supreme Court

The North Carolina Supreme Court, making public a number of decisions this week, found no errors in two cases heard in this county at the last November term of Martin Superior Court. No decision in the case brought by this and several other counties to recover gasoline tax funds alleged due them by the State, has been handed down so far by the high court.

## Local Fire Company Is Called Out Yesterday

The local fire company was called out yesterday afternoon when an oil stove in the home of J. H. Roebuck in New Town got out of control and filled the house with smoke. No damage resulted other than that caused by the smoke.

## 11 CASES CALLED BY RECORDER HERE TUESDAY

### Only One Fine Imposed; Appeals Taken in Large Number Cases

The county recorder's court was in extra session here last Tuesday, handling eleven criminal cases and a few minor civil actions, the greater part of the day being spent clearing the docket. Only one fine was imposed, and the defendant, along with several others in other cases appealed.

Monnie Mobley was found not guilty in the case charging trespass. Charged with violating the liquor laws, Claude Davis was found not guilty.

Found guilty of an assault, being drunk and disorderly, Moses Coltrain was sentenced to jail for 60 days, and Johnnie Coltrain was sentenced to serve 30 days in the hoosegow. The latter appealed, the court asking bond in the sum of \$50. In a second case, Johnnie Coltrain was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and an assault with a deadly weapon. He appealed when Judge Bailey sentenced him to the roads for a period of 90 days. Bond was required in the sum of \$100.

Lester Whitaker, adjudged guilty of being drunk and disorderly and carrying a concealed weapon, was sentenced to the roads for a period of 90 days. He appealed and was ordered to give bond in the sum of \$100.

The case charging Tyler James with manufacturing liquor was continued. William Riley James was found not guilty in the case charging him with manufacturing liquor.

Adjudged guilty of violating the liquor laws, Chester Terry was sentenced to the roads for a term of 12 months. He appealed and bond in the sum of \$100 was ordered.

John Swinson appealed when the court fined him \$25 and taxed him with the costs in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon. He appealed and the court failed to extract enough funds from the defendants to pay its operation. Swinson was required to give a \$100 bond.

A nol prosequi in the case charging Joe Harrison with an assault and larceny and receiving.

Rufus Gaynor was found not guilty of an assault. George Taylor, defendant in the same case, had not been taken.

## BEAR GRASS HONOR ROLL

### Thirty-Eight Students on List for Fifth Month, Recently Ended

S. M. Lee, principal of the Bear Grass school, reported 38 honor students in the several grades there during the fifth month, recently closed, as follows:

First grade: Naomi Brown, Evelyn B. Cowan, Olivia Rogers, Jeannette Rogers.

Second grade: Nine Lee Britton, Mary Lou Hodges, Elva Leggett, Lucille Jones, Elbert Harris, Harry Wynn; Billie Peele, Junior Wynn, Levi Harrison, Dennis Marion Bailey.

Third grade: Anita Wheeler, Rachel Ayers, Lissie Rogers, Jessie Terry, James Warren Jones, Carried Dell Terry.

Fourth grade: Albert Gray Bennett, Charlie Harrison, Evelyn Hodges.

Fifth grade: Effie Davis-Britton, Magdaline Harrison, Della Mae Jones, Melba Grace Peele, Lizzie Rogers, Ruby Wynn.

Sixth grade: Elizabeth Bailey, Vada Shaw, Bessie Mae Terry, Mary Bett Webb, Louallie Whitehurst, Catherine Wynn.

Seventh grade: Dan Peele, William Mizell, Louise Taylor.

## Usual Services at the Local Methodist Church Sunday

By C. T. ROGERS, Pastor. We are praying that God may bless you with health and strength for the Sunday service. If you are happy, surely you want to go up to the "House of Prayer" on the Sabbath to show your appreciation to God for His many blessings. If you are in distress of any kind, go up to the house of God on the Sabbath. God has promised to meet and help you. Many a sorrow, heart ache, pain and death would have been avoided through the following week had only the people served God rightly on the Sabbath. Members of the church have taken a vow to attend church on Sunday. Come on and help us make Sunday the outstanding attendance day of the year so far. Services at the usual hours.

## Ehringhaus States Opinion On Issues

J. C. B. EHRINGHAUS



Mr. Ehringhaus, an Elizabeth City attorney, is one of the several candidates for the governorship nomination this year.

## EARLY TOBACCO TRANSPLANTING APPEARS LIKELY

### Most Favorable Season for Plant Beds So Far Since 1925

Tobacco plants are up and growing all over the section, indicating that all records for an early transplanting season will be broken and a new high one established this season. However, weather conditions might change and delay an expected early "setting" season.

Experiencing delays caused by unfavorable weather conditions and short ages of plants, farmers in this section, as a whole, have not had an ideal or an early transplanting season since 1925, when the crop was transplanted and retransplanted, where necessary before the month of April was spent. With weather conditions continuing as favorable to plant growth as they have been most of the present season, the growers will start their transplanting work earlier this year, or equally as early as they did in 1925, it is believed. Records show that a quality crop of tobacco was raised that year.

The plants are not very large at this time, but present indications point to a plentiful as well as an early crop of plants.

"And what do you think about the size of the tobacco crop for 1931 in your section?" Mr. T. B. Slade, big Hamilton Township farmer, was asked one day this week. "You can't expect a very big decrease or even a small decrease where the crop hardly averages two acres to the horse," he replied. "The crop will either have to be abandoned altogether or continued at about its present acreage," Mr. Slade believed.

## Family Day at Local Baptist Church Sunday

Family day is being observed at the Baptist church at the morning service next Sunday.

The plan is a very simple one. The pastor is asking that the membership of the church come to the service by families, and sit together in family groups in the pews.

There is nothing finer from the church standpoint than seeing entire family groups sitting together throughout the service. It is believed that this will be an interesting service. And the membership is expected to be present in unusually large numbers. In just four more Sundays Easter will be here. And for these pre-Easter weeks, the pastor is announcing a series of special services calculated, it is believed, to reach large numbers of people. The following Sunday will be Sunday school day in the church; the next Sunday will be church member day; the third Sunday will be young peoples' day; while the services on Easter Sunday will be appropriate to the season.

## Presbyterians Announce County Services Sunday

Sunday, February 28th, 1932. "The church with an open door." Church school at 10 a. m. Worship service and sermon at 11 a. m.

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

Roberson's Chapel Sunday school at 3 p. m. Prayer meeting each Thursday night at 7:30 p. m. True sayings: "A man is known by the company he keeps out of."

## STRICT BUT SANE ECONOMY IS ONE OF VITAL NEEDS

### Favors State Support of 6-Months School Term and Property Revaluation

Revenue provision should match governmental requirements, but the bonded indebtedness of the State should not be increased except only if required to meet some pressing and unforeseen emergency, according to J. C. B. Ehringhaus, of Elizabeth City, a candidate for governor of North Carolina, subject to the Democratic primary in June.

"A strict but sane economy is imperatively demanded. It is quite as important to find where we can save without loss of efficiency as to discover new sources of revenue for spending. Proud as we are of North Carolina's social progress, we must remember this can not precede, except for a time, material progress. A taxpayer's dollar represents the patriotic contribution of the brain, labor, and sacrifice as well as the 100 cents.

"No new departments should be established, but rather let consolidations and eliminations, where practicable, be the rule. Careful conservation of the State's credit, including helpful supervision of local spending and bond issues, is imperative. I regard the local government act of the last General Assembly as an outstanding achievement.

"The short ballot issue is dormant. A commission has been appointed to submit for popular consideration either a new constitution or such amendments as it might recommend. We should await their report and the will of the people in this matter.

"I elected governor, I shall insist upon an immediate return to our long-standing policy of quadrennial assessment. Real estate values are not static, nor can an arbitrary or fictitious valuation be justified. The way must be opened for a quick revaluation. There can be no valid objection to the tax books speaking the truth.

"In determining tax policies, equity, rather than exemption, should be our aim. An oppressive shifting rather than lifting of taxes should be avoided. Full state support for the six-months school term and as liberal support as our circumstances permit is pledged. As soon as conditions make relief of property from the 15-cent levy for six months support equitably possible, I shall welcome that, too, and urge its accomplishment.

"To take tax off of land and put it (in increased weight) upon his back, affords no relief to the average man, for the consumer pays the sales tax. To lighten the load of the landed proprietor, the owner of profitable and luxurious city property, or resident or non-resident possessor of estates, at the expense of the impoverished laborer, the back-broken tenant farmer, and the hard-pressed merchant, does not square with my ideas of equitable taxation.

"I propose an amendment to the constitution which will give the legislature the right to classify for such favorable consideration as it may determine, owner-operated farms of small areas—25 or 50 acres—and owner-occupied homes to the extent of the homestead value with the provision to prevent duplications in the same occupying household.

"My conception of the ideal government is one which is administered in economical efficiency and supported by an equitable system of taxation; which has a sense of proportion enabling it properly to appraise every demand upon its treasury or concern, and which counts in the category of fundamentals, the essential human needs to which it must minister, recognizing dependence upon agriculture and industry.

"There should be continued insistence upon our live-at-home program; an added emphasis upon the profitable utilization of the waste areas in timber growing, game breeding, public hunting preserves; a definite movement towards discovering new uses and new markets for products; a real effort towards reduction of the staggering fertilizer bills; and develop a plan for cooperative production.

"This is simply the faith of democracy. In it I was born, for it I have fumbled labored, by it I am content to be judged," concluded Mr. Ehringhaus.

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