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BIG SHORTAGE IN TOBACCO PLANTS REPORTED HERE

Comparatively Late Transplanting Period Likely In County This Year

Hopes for an early tobacco transplanting period in the county this year are no longer entertained by farmers. Cold weather following a mild season has delayed the plants and in many, many sections is resulting in a serious shortage.

During the early part of January a goodly number of farmers in the county planted their seeds. The plants were up and growing within a comparatively short time, the spring-like weather advancing them rapidly. An early setting was then in prospect. Winter weather struck in March and killed the tender plants all over the section, only a few beds escaping. Replanting was reported on many farms, other growers failing to plant again because they believed the plants would survive the cold. In nearly every case, those farmers failing to replant seed are now disappointed. If they have plants at all they are late and it will be the middle of May before transplanting can be carried on on a large scale, it is believed.

A number of farmers are said to have replanted their beds as late as two weeks ago.

In Goose Nest, Bear Grass, Robersonville and Jamesville Townships marked shortages of plants have been reported. Commissioner Joshua L. Coltrane, in Williams Township, reports plenty of plants in his beds, and believes he will be prepared to make early settings. J. D. Wynn, Bear Grass Township farmer, said there are few plants in his section. Harold Everett, big Poplar Point Township farmer, reported he had plenty of plants, but they were late, that transplanting could not be started on his farm before the first part of May, he thought.

CURB MARKET SALES \$1,176.71

Partial List of Articles and Prices Announced for Tomorrow

By Miss LORA E. SLEEPER

Last Saturday the total sales for the year on the curb market went over the \$1,000 mark. The total for the year was \$1,176.71. This amount was turned back into the pockets of farmers' wives in the county. The monthly summary gathered from the sellers for the month showed \$102.66 taken in during the month; \$23.39 of this amount was spent for cakes, \$17.54 for poultry, \$11.05 for cream, \$9.61 for meat, \$25.73 miscellaneous, \$1.69 for vegetables, \$7.68 for eggs, 35 cents for flowers, 40 cents for canned products, and 52 cents for milk. Three sellers here on the market sold over \$4 worth of produce last week.

The agent has two packages of grass seed obtained from Wood's Seed Co., and one package will be given away tomorrow to the person purchasing the first \$1 worth on the market. The last package will be given away next Saturday.

A partial list of prices follow: Eggs, 10 cents per dozen; cream, 25 cents per pint; kale, 2 pounds, 5 cents; turnips, 3 pounds 5 cents; cokes, 15 cents; 18 cents pound; chickens, 15 cents pound; collards, 3 pounds 5 cents; turnip greens, 3 pounds 5 cents; spring onions, 4 cents bunch; meal, 20 cents peck; Irish potatoes, 10 pounds 12 cents; sweet potatoes, 10 pounds 12 cents.

District Oratorical Contest In School Here Tonight

A district oratorical contest, the first in a series to be held in the State and nation to determine the winners of a \$1,000 scholarship and \$500 in cash, is being held in the colored school building here tonight with orators coming from Elizabeth City, Beaufort, New Bern, Kinston, and Greenville to take part. Christiana Beasley will represent the local school, it was announced this morning by Principal E. J. Hayes, district director of the contest.

Kills Fox Caught in Act Of Stealing Chickens

Roper.—Mrs. B. C. Bray has been missing chickens. Last Tuesday morning she heard an unusual noise on the front porch of her home, which is in the Mill Pond section. Rushing to the front she saw a big fox with one of her chickens. Acting quickly, she rushed into the house and got a double-barreled shot gun and killed the animal.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Nicholson and son, Cornelius Ward, of Baltimore, are visiting relatives here this week.

Remarkable Progress Made By Presbyterian Church in County in Past Few Years

CLEAN-UP WEEK

The week beginning April 10 has been designated as a time when a concerted drive will be made to clean up and paint up, repair and improve the town, it was announced by the president of the Williamston Woman's Club, which organization is sponsoring the movement. The entire citizenship, white and colored, will be asked to take part in the task, and an active response is expected. Plan now to take part in the campaign.

WILEY ROGERSON DIES AT HOME IN ROBERSONVILLE

Holding Funeral Service in Church There at 2:30 This Afternoon

Wiley Rogerson, prominent county business man and one of Robersonville's most popular and worthy citizens, died at his home there early yesterday morning. He had been in poor health for nearly three years, and during the past four weeks he was confined to his bed, attending physicians attributing his death to some peculiar type of blood disease.

Born and reared on a farm in Bear Grass Township 62 years ago, Mr. Rogerson left the farm when a young man and entered the mechanical and machinery business in Robersonville. His firm, handling all types of farm machinery and automobiles, grew rapidly. For the past several years he has operated the Robersonville Oil Company, distributors of Texaco products.

His wife, formerly Miss Maggie Wynn, with three children, Mrs. Earl VanNortwick, Miss Rachel Rogerson, and Wiley B. Rogerson, all of Robersonville, survives.

Mr. Rogerson was recognized as a friend by all who knew him, giving of his time and aid to further the cause of good in his community. He was active in the affairs of his church.

Funeral services are being held in the Christian church at Robersonville this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry, pastor. Interment will follow in the New Cemetery there.

LOCAL YOUTH IS SHOT IN ARM

William H. Williams Painfully, but Not Seriously Hurt Wednesday

William H. ("Spec") Williams, local young boy, was painfully but not seriously shot by Grover Nicholson at the latter's home near here late last Wednesday night, the victim maintaining that the shooting was accidental. The sheriff's office, working on the case at the present time, is understood to have collected much conflicting evidence, one of the officers stating that Williams and L. H. Gurganus, a witness, were talking but little.

The shot, fired from a 45 caliber pistol, is said to have pierced the muscles of Williams' right arm and continued on, boring a second hole in his hand. He is able to be out today.

Announcement of Contest Winners Again Delayed

Announcement of winners in the "Milk-for-Health" essay contest was unavoidably delayed again yesterday, and it will be some time next week before the winners are known, it was learned from the office of the county board of education here this morning. The names of the winners will be made public as soon as possible.

Call for Bids for Hauling Mail To Washington, N. C.

Bids for hauling mail from this point to Washington each week-day evening and back each week-day morning will be received by the Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., until the 26th of this month, it was announced yesterday by Postmaster Jesse T. Price here. Details may be had at the local office.

Baptist Philatheas Will Hold No Meeting in April

No meeting of the local Baptist Philatheas Class will be held during the month of April, Mrs. J. Sam Gettinger, class officer, announced this morning.

HAVE ERECTED 3 CHURCHES IN PAST 3 YEARS

Roberson's Chapel in Cross Roads Is Newest Unit Completed in County

Organized here as a congregation about three years ago, Martin County Presbyterians have made a marked progress in religious activities and material growth during that time. The latest achievement is the recent completion of a chapel on Roberson's Farm in Cross Roads Township, the church there being the third house of worship erected by the Presbyterians in this county during the past three years.

The expansion of the church in this county is summed up as follows:

"A church year has been the unique record of the handful of Presbyterians that organized themselves in the First Presbyterian church in and of Williamston just a little over three years ago, and who called their first pastor in May, 1929, less than three years ago. Beginning in Williamston as a home base from which to do religious work throughout the county, local Presbyterians, assisted by friends through the State and Nation, built, in the spring of 1930, a beautiful church building on the corner of Main and Watts Street. The policy adopted by this little group was that they would have only one service each Sunday for themselves, on Sunday morning, and that the rest of their time and services would be given to near-by points in need of religious teaching. Following this policy they held religious services in the schoolhouse at Bear Grass for two years. At the end of this time, with only one member but having an average attendance on service of 80 or more, they began the erection of a brick veneer church, which was completed in the spring of 1931, and as a consequence this community now has a thriving Sunday school each Sunday morning and a worship and sermon hour each night.

"Feeling the need of a Sunday school in her vicinity, Mrs. Rube Keel asked the Presbyterian minister to come out into their community on Sunday afternoon and help them with one. This was in July, 1930. Beginning with a handful of scholars in an old 3-room tenement house, which they later bought and moved to an acre of ground given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. John H. Roberson, this group has increased until there are over 100 present at Sunday school and prayer meeting almost every meeting.

On January 17th of this year a number of the men and boys began to cut timber for a new church. This timber was sold on the ground, and with the proceeds, plus about \$500 in cash, they began to erect their chapel. For two weeks, from 4 to 20 men came every day and gave their labor toward its erection, with the result that only \$50 was spent for the plans and supervision of the work. About 40 men gave from 1 to 12 days of their time to this work of the Lord. The ladies and children cleaned up the yard and planted some flowers. The weather was good enough throughout to allow every session of the Sunday school and prayer meeting to be held in the old building. But on February 14th the first Sunday school session and preaching service was held in the completed building with about 125 people present.

This original group of 18 Presbyterians has not only made splendid progress in brick and mortar, but in less than three years their number has increased from 18 to 72, and whereas in 1929 they conducted but one Sunday school with an average attendance of 25, they now have three with an average attendance each Sunday of over 200."

Home Demonstration Clubs Carry on Welfare Activities

By Miss LORA E. SLEEPER

The welfare committee of the home demonstration club of Everetts, headed by Mrs. Hattie Daniel and Mrs. Urnie Bunting, reported passing on 25 garments to those worthy in their community last month.

The women in Parmele at their regular club meeting held Tuesday of last week reported having passed on over 90 garments to colored and white worthy families in their communities. Welfare committees are helping in the majority of clubs throughout the county. Some of the clubs have held special meetings for this work. The clubs doing this are Holly Springs, Macedonia, Parmele, Everetts, Poplar Chapel, and Ange Town, Poplar Point.

REVERSE RULING OF SINCLAIR IN GAS TAX MATTER

Destroys Martin County's Chances of Recovering Around \$5,000.00

A claim entered by Martin and several other counties in this section to gasoline taxes collected for the months of April, May and June last year was upset last Wednesday when the State Supreme Court held that the State did not owe the plaintiff counties the tax money alleged due them.

Martin, claiming around \$5,000, carried with Ashe, Beaufort, Bertie, Iredell, Chowan, and Washington Counties, the case before Judge N. A. Sinclair in Beaufort Superior Court several months ago.

These eight counties had made claims against the state treasurer for refunds on gasoline. The general assembly of 1929 levied a gasoline tax of 1 cent for aid to the counties in their road upkeep. The legislature of 1931 repealed all these earlier acts and reorganized the whole state highway business. It took over the county roads in construction and maintenance. But there was a lapse between the ratification of the act and the beginning of the reorganization. The act became effective July 1 as to the change in the commission, but the highway act went into effect April 1. That left the three months in which the counties received no tax.

Judge Sinclair, hearing the case, quickly decided that the counties contesting had the right to those funds. They were considerable and if all the counties had put in a claim the state probably would have had to pass out a half million to the counties. It was contended that some of the counties used their funds for debt service and that they would be embarrassed by the loss of this money.

TWO FIRE CALLS HERE THIS WEEK

Storage House at the K. G. Strawbridge Home Was Burned Wednesday

The local fire company was called out twice this week, going to the garage of Dr. J. H. Saunders last Tuesday afternoon and to the home of Guthrie Strawbridge early Wednesday night.

The Hudson sedan belonging to the doctor caught fire when the engine backfired, but the company was on the spot before any great damage resulted.

A small storage house a few feet from the Strawbridge residence caught fire and burned down, the fire company finding it impossible to save the structure as no water mains were near. The small truck tank was emptied twice and the blaze was confined to the one building. Mr. Strawbridge was unable to assign a cause for the origin of the fire. Several antiques and other household furniture were destroyed along with the small building. While the fire damage was confined to the building and its contents, much of the household furniture was wrecked when neighbors started moving it from the home. No damage estimate was obtainable, and it could not be learned whether insurance was carried on the building and its contents.

IS KELVINATOR DEALER HERE

C. O. Moore and Company Offering Kelvinator In All Latest Models

C. O. Moore and Company, leading merchants here, were recently appointed Kelvinator dealers for this vicinity, offering the leading make of electrical refrigerators in various sizes and models. Demonstrations are willingly arranged at any time, and easy payment plans can be devised.

Recently the company sent one of its employees, William Gurganus, to a Kelvinator school, and he is prepared to install and service promptly all machines of that make.

Presbyterians Announce Their County Services

Sunday, April 3, 1932: Church school at 10 a. m. Worship service and sermon at 11:15 a. m. This is Communion Sunday, a most fitting way to begin the new church year. You are invited to come and sit at the Lord's table with us. Bear Grass Church school at 9:30 a. m. Worship service and sermon at 7:45 p. m. Roberson's Farm Church school at 3 p. m. Begin the new church year right by going to church.

ROBERSON'S FARM PRESBYTERIAN MISSION



Roberson's Farm Presbyterian Mission, pictured above, has had a remarkable growth since its organization about a year ago. Located about 5 1/2 miles from Williamston, the building shown here is one of the three Presbyterian church structures in the county.

DETAILS OF NEW FORD DESCRIBED BY DEALER HERE

Many New Features Are Incorporated in Ford's Latest Model

Complete details of the new V-8 cylinder Ford car, which is to be introduced here next week, were made public today by N. C. Green, of the Williamston Motor Company, local Ford dealers.

The New Ford is large, long, roomy, fast powerful, and alert. Its V-8 cylinder engine develops 65 horsepower and it is capable of 75 miles an hour.

Fourteen body types of modern, streamline design are offered. A four-cylinder engine developing 50 horsepower also can be supplied with any of these body types at a lower price.

Numerous mechanical advances are incorporated in the new car. These embrace a synchronized silent gear shift and silent second gear, rubber engine mountings, down-draft carburetor and carburetor silencer, automatic spark control, fuel pump and rear fuel tank. Other improvements include a newly designed rear spring, thermostatically controlled Houdaille double-acting shock absorbers, large four-wheel brakes, newly designed electrically welded steel-spoke wheels with large hubs and hub caps and large tires. The chassis and running gear are cushioned by rubber insulators in the spring shackles and shock absorber links. The body is insulated from the frame by rubber pads.

The new bodies are fresh and modern, from the gracefully rounded V-type radiator rear-bumper. The airflow lines are carried out by the long hood with its rustless steel center strip, the slanting safety glass windshield, and rounded roof line. The convex lamps, full-crowned fenders and long, low running board harmonize with the balance of the design.

Body interiors are roomy and richly furnished. Seats are of new style, designed for utmost comfort. Driver seats in all closed cars are adjustable. A large ventilator is provided in the cowl. The oval instrument panel is in engine-turned finish and has a rustless steel mounting strip. Inside sun visors, which fold out of the way when not in use, are provided in all closed cars.

The New Ford V-8 engine is remarkably free from vibration. Frequent and overlapping impulses deliver the power in a smooth constant flow. The engine is of the 90-degree V-type, developing 65 brake horsepower at 3400 r.p.m. The 65-pound crankshaft is of the 90-degree type, with its four cranks at right angles to each other.

A cast aluminum cover embracing the intake manifold forms the top of the engine, giving it an unusually finished appearance. The down-draft carburetor and the fuel pump are mounted on this cover.

The distributor operates directly from the front end of the camshaft, eliminating the use of interposed gears. Spark control is automatic. Crankshaft and crank pin bearings are lubricated by pressure, as are the main bearings of the camshaft. Pistons and valves are oiled by spray and splash.

The riding comfort of the cars is due to many factors, but particularly to the new flexible transverse cantilever springs, larger tires, rubber insulation, and the newly designed shock absorbers.

Charlie Frank, local merchant, suffered a broken collar bone and several minor cuts when his Chevrolet coupe was struck by a truck and turned over between here and Everetts late Wednesday night. The truck failed to stop, and Mr. Frank found it necessary to walk here, several miles, to reach medical aid. He could not identify the truck that hogged the road and sideswiped his car. No great damage was done to the Chevrolet.

JOHNSON LOSES CASE AGAINST FERTILIZER CO.

Jury Was Given Case Just Before Noon Wednesday Morning

Following heated discussions lasting more than six hours, a Martin County jury rendered a verdict late Wednesday afternoon favoring the defendant in the case brought by Henry Johnson against the Standard Fertilizer Company. Johnson, alleging that the company had broken a contract with him, was suing for \$1,401.05, claimed to be due him as commissions from the sale of fertilizers during the year 1930.

The case, reckoned as one of the most interesting ones of the session, was called Monday morning with Attorneys J. C. Smith, of Robersonville, and Hugh G. Horton, of Williamston, representing Plaintiff Johnson and Attorneys A. R. Dunning and R. L. Coburn representing the fertilizer company. During a greater part of the day Mr. Johnson was examined by the attorneys in the case, a few witnesses answering brief questions just before the tribunal adjourned late Monday-afternoon. Much evidence was heard Tuesday morning, and shortly after the noon hour, the attorneys started their arguments.

Messrs. Coburn, Horton and Dunning pleading for their clients in order, routing Lawyer Smith off the speaking program that day. Mr. Smith was given his turn Wednesday morning, and he with his speech and Judge J. Paul Frizzle with his charge to the jury held the center of the stage until shortly before the noon hour when the jury began its deliberations.

Immediately after the case went to the jury, the court called another jury and started on the much-tried and long drawn out lawsuit of the Dill, Cramer, Truitt Corporation against Downs. Of the 91 cases on the civil docket there were good prospects, this morning of completing three of them by jury before the court completed its two weeks term today or tomorrow.

The advertising of delinquent taxpayers names will probably be one of the main discussions before the Martin County Board of Commissioners in regular meeting here next Monday, it was unofficially reported here this morning. A marked decrease in the number of charity appeals is predicted, and few tax complaints are expected at the meeting.

Administering the oath of office to Eli Hoyt Ange, newly appointed member of the Martin County Board of Education, is expected to feature the program of business before that body in regular monthly session next Monday. Various reports will be studied by both boards, it is understood.

Regular County Meetings To Be Held Here Monday

Reports released following the last practice indicate the successful staging of the play, "At the End of the Rainbow," by the senior class here next Friday night in the high school auditorium. The play is being coached by Miss Annie Shields VanDyke, member of the high school faculty.

The play is the second in the series of commencement programs planned in the school this year. Tonight, the juniors and seniors are enjoying themselves at a banquet in the Woman's Club hall.

Successful Production Of Senior Play Is Predicted

Amusement-seekers will have their day tomorrow when the Watts Theatre opens at 1 p. m., and continues until 11 p. m., with one of its best programs of the year, and all for 10 cents. In addition to the regular program, Chick and Andy, famous radio broadcasters and recording artists will make four appearances during the afternoon and evening.

LOANS DELAYED BY ERRORS MADE IN APPLICATIONS

Corrections Are Made And Loans Again Sent To Washington City

The nearly 150 applications made by Martin County farmers for government loans this year were delayed a few days this week when a technical error in all the blanks was discovered by investigators in Washington City. The applications were returned for correction, and a few have been altered and returned already. The delay is regretted, but just could not be helped, a member of the local committee said yesterday.

Very few applications have been made during the past few days, according to Mr. W. T. Meadows, who had the following to say:

"A great many desiring loans do not seem to exactly understand the white sheet, which is the regular application blank. On this sheet the questions are numerous, asking the applicants how many mules they have, how many cows, how many pigs, and several other questions that the government wants answered for certain reasons as to the applicant's ability to farm. These questions have nothing to do with the crop lien taken by the government on the growing crop only. The reason why I am writing this is because a tenant, in taking the red crop lien sheet back for the landowner to sign, invariably brings it back saying the government wants them to sign up for all the mules, carts, wagons, cows, chickens, etc., and we have to explain all this over two or three times, telling them that all the government wants is a lien on the anticipated crop to be planted this year. The other information asked by them is to see how much they have to help them live at home."

FEDERAL COURT BEGINS MONDAY

Comparatively Few Cases Originated In Martin Since Last Court

Another "bootleggers' convention" is scheduled to be held in Washington next week, Federal Judge I. M. Meekins convening court there Monday for the trial of liquor cases mainly. Comparatively few cases originated in this county, the number of defendants being fewer than usual by half this term.

Surrounding counties in the district are said to have slightly more than their usual number of cases scheduled for trial next week.

The fourteen defendants and the charges preferred against them are as follows:

Irving James, possession and selling; Gus Leggett, manufacturing; Walter Bullock, manufacturing; Herbert Bullock, possession and selling; George Peel, manufacturing; Sylvester Daniel, manufacturing; Claude Woolard, manufacturing; Walter Collins, selling; Andrew Harris, selling; John A. Griffin, possession and transporting; James Bailey, manufacturing; John Lee, manufacturing; Wright Smith, manufacturing.

Urge Large Attendance at Methodist Church Sunday

C. T. Rogers, pastor. Why can't every Sunday be Easter Sunday? Was it not fine to see so many out to church and Sunday school and all seem to enjoy being out. I am sure those who attended the services last Sunday have felt better than those who did not and better than you would have felt if you had not attended. Why not let every Sunday be Easter Sunday and all people so observe it?

After all, that is where we get our Sunday, the day of the resurrection. Jesus, our Saviour, came from the tomb on this day, and to those who observe it in the right way, they are again commemorating this wonderful miracle of all miracles.

So, remember, next Sunday will be another opportunity to show your appreciation for what God has done for you in so many ways, especially in the death and resurrection of His blessed son.

We will have special music at both morning and evening services. You are cordially invited to meet with us. Services at the usual hour.

Big Program on at the Watts Here Tomorrow

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Rev. Fred Weaver, Holiness minister of Lenoir, will start a series of revival services in the Bethany Pentecostal Holiness church, near here, next Monday night, it was announced this week. The services will continue over a period of two weeks and probably longer, it was said. The public is cordially invited to attend.