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10-CENT TOBACCO IS LOOKED FOR BY MR. MEADOWS

Veteran Tobacconist Gives His Views on Present Tobacco Conditions

"Judging from what you have read and the experience gained over a period of years, what average price will tobacco command this coming season," was the question asked Mr. W. T. Meadows, veteran tobacconist, here yesterday.

"I don't know," Mr. Meadows replied, adding that the prospect was fair for a 10-cent average, that some people thought it would be between 10 and 15 cents this coming season.

Even if the price is 10 cents, it will be better than that received by the growers in this belt last year.

In the following article, Mr. Meadows discusses the tobacco situation as he sees it:

"One of the best addresses I have read was President Carrington's address at the annual meeting of the U. S. Tobacco Association held at Virginia Beach. He did not mince any words in any department, but told them where to get off. I have every annual address made by this association since it was formed in my files, and I believe this one at Virginia Beach was the best of all, and I have very little criticism to make on it.

"One question I will ask, though. It seems that the statistics of both the years 1930 and 1931 are made up from reports released by the tobacco section of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, presumably as Washington, D. C. Were these reports gathered from monthly or yearly sales of the crop reporting service of the different Belt States, say, for example, Frank Parker's service at Raleigh, N. C., or from the Internal Revenue Service, such as Gilliam Grissom, at Raleigh, N. C.?"

If gathered from the first service, I should say there would be 100,000,000 pounds differential, on account of scrap and leaf bought for fertilizer purposes, sheep dip, etc., which would cut right much in the total. As you would be forced to admit, even if the figures are taken from the month when all tobacco markets are about closed for the season, and all manufacturers and dealers have practically their season's purchase on hand, still we have to get at it on some date, so Brother Carrington is using figures under date of April 1st, 1932, and says they reported to him in the dealers and manufacturers' hand 845,000,000 pounds of bright tobacco. This is carry-over and all purchases from 1931 crop. Now, if you were to divide this 845,000,000 pounds into actual use you might figure it this way:

"400,000,000 pounds for export purposes; 250,000,000 pounds for domestic cigarettes; 15,000,000 pounds, plug and smoking; 40,000,000 pounds chemical purposes; 925,000,000 pounds total."

That would give you a deficit of 80,000,000 pounds for actual requirements until another crop is made. Less 25 per cent off of the 845,000,000 for stems of course, some of this tobacco reported is stemmed but very little.

I notice again in Brother Carrington's remarks that the dealers were loaded with old tobacco and could not realize on it to get money to purchase the past year's crop. Well, how old was it? The crop before only brought 11 cents, and the one just past 8 cents, and I can name you dealers that have practically sold out of the past year's crop at a good profit. One friend of mine had some three years old, and the best offer he had was 6 cents, and it cost him 18 cents; he sold it the past few days for 16 cents.

I acknowledge, as Mr. Carrington, that banking conditions have not been good or as liberal as in former years, but the bill that went through Congress some time ago for relief of banks, building and loan associations, etc., does not seem to have had much effect on the banks, as, according to reports, they were small borrowers.

Now as to the present crop in this section. Fifty per cent of last year's crop was set out by the farmers. Poorest prospect in years, and I don't believe 40 per cent of last year's crop will be gathered. This applies to four or five counties around us as well as our own, it is awfully dry, and a great many farmers are forced to pull and put into barns.

The warehousemen of eastern North Carolina, and I expect, all Bright Belt States, have lost money for the past two years, and now with a 40 per cent crop facing them, what can they do? Figure for yourself."

Death of Multi-millionaire Remains Deep Mystery

The mystery surrounding the fatal shooting of Smith Reynolds, heir to the vast tobacco fortunes, last Wednesday morning remained unsolved today. The suicide story told is doubted and the investigation continues.

Charity Seekers Directed To Tobacco and Berry Patches

The large number of unfortunate thriving upon free Red Cross flour during the past several weeks here were greatly disappointed last Saturday when the supply was suddenly shut off to them. Many of the applicants were here early and waited late, but it was all in vain, for only two bags were given away.

Welfare officers directed the applicants to the tobacco fields and to the huckleberry bushes or suffer for their own laziness.

It is not known just how long the free flour will be held, but it is certain that no more will be given away until the tobacco and huckleberry seasons are spent.

In giving away approximately 100 barrels of the free flour, the welfare workers have found many stubborn cases. Two negroes, begging flour a few weeks ago could not find time to do 30 minutes of free work for charitable purposes. Another was heard last Saturday to say that he was not going to pull tobacco for 75 cents a day when he could get free flour, and he was an able-bodied man. Yet, there are worthy cases, and it is for the welfare of the helpless people that the welfare workers will start distributing free flour again within the next several weeks.

FEDERAL AGENTS HAD BUSY WEEK IN THIS SECTION

Arrested Eleven Men And Destroyed Two Still During Period

Federal Agents S. K. Hughes, recently transferred here from Weldon, and C. S. Coats reported many activities last week, when they made 11 arrests, destroyed two liquor plants, and captured a quantity of liquor in addition to the big 315-gallon raid and confiscation of an automobile and truck last Wednesday.

A steam plant was destroyed near Hassell, in Hamilton Township last Tuesday and T. G. and G. C. Whitley were arrested. The two men gave bond and were released. Two gallons of liquor were destroyed.

Mack Lewis, an alleged second-offender, and James L. Lewis were arrested while operating a steam plant near Bethel last Friday. Twelve gallons of liquor and 600 gallons of beer were poured out there. James Lewis was released under bond Friday, his cousin, Mack, going free under bond yesterday.

John A. Griffin, local barbecue stand operator, was arrested Sunday, when he was caught with a half gallon of liquor under the hood of his car.

Raiding the Number 90 Service Station on the Jamesville Road last Saturday, the agents found 14 pints in the safe there.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR PAST MONTH IN THIS COUNTY

Twelve Deaths and Forty-seven Births Reported During the Period

June was a month of few deaths and many births in this county, the various registrars of vital statistics reporting 12 exits from this old world and 47 entrants into a land of hope. One township, Williams, failed to report. Probably that district had none and the reports stand about correct.

Jamesville Township had a rather unusual record, reporting no deaths and three births, one of them dated as of November 5, 1932. It was a boy, so call in the crystal gazer.

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Tomato Crop in County Said To Be Almost Total Failure

With dry weather damaging the crop and with the quality of production being unusually poor, the Jamesville community farmers are facing almost complete failure in their first attempt to grow tomatoes on a large scale this season. Hardly more than one-sixth of a crop is now in prospect, some farmers reporting that their vines are all but dead.

Yields averaging 350 bushels to the acre were reported there last year, and the outlook now is for not more than 30 bushels. As a result, a substantial loss for the growers is almost certain, as prices have been unusually low so far.

According to reports, the growers there are averaging around 36 cents a lug, that is a basket holding five-eighths of a bushel. Very few returns have been received from the shipments so far, and there might be an upward trend in prices for later deliveries.

Up until this week, the growers, cultivating around 200 acres of the crop, had shipped around 3,000 bushels of tomatoes. Rains falling within the next day or two might aid the crop, but farmers are of the opinion that the remainder of the crop will be practically lost if no rain falls, and the hot sun continues to blister the tender tomatoes.

NEW SCHEDULE OF MAIL SERVICE IS NOW IN EFFECT

Six Mails Are Received and Dispatched Daily From Local Post Office

Williamston's mail schedules were changed last Saturday night and again last night, service over the Carolina Coach lines having been discontinued last week and a new service inaugurated shortly before 12 o'clock last night when the Norfolk to Wilson star route carrier delivered its first mail here.

So many changes have been made in the mail service here during the past few months that a definite schedule is far removed from the minds of local patrons. The following is the latest schedule:

About 12 o'clock midnight, all kinds of mail except registered letters or packages are dispatched to Washington, Greenville, and Wilson and to the Norfolk-Wilmington train for distribution on that line and on the Washington-Elorence line. Mail from Norfolk and other points to the north will be delivered here at that hour.

Leaving Wilson at 3 a. m., the mail bus will deliver mail here about 5:30 a. m. from trains connecting at Wilson and from post offices at Greenville and Washington. Mails to Norfolk and other points north will be dispatched from here at that time, and a second bus will leave for Plymouth with mail for that town and others in Washington County.

The next mail is received here on the 8:54 Atlantic Coast Line train. Mail will also be dispatched at that time.

At 11:15 mail will be received and dispatched over a bus from Tarboro to Plymouth. That bus returns with mail at 3:45 in the afternoon and continues on to Tarboro.

The Atlantic Coast Line train makes its return trip through here at 4:28, handling incoming and outgoing mails. Leaving Plymouth at 7 p. m., a bus brings the last mail of the day at 7:45. And then the schedule is repeated again that night.

The Norfolk-Wilson service is offered daily except Monday, and the Plymouth service is daily except Sunday.

Postmaster Jesse T. Price, after explaining the schedules, said that mail dispatched from here and handled over the Norfolk-Wilson and Wilson-Norfolk and Plymouth star route lines would be received at the local office not later than 8:30 p. m., that the lobby would be closed to the public at 9 p. m., until the following morning at 6 o'clock.

The contract for handling the mails between Norfolk and Wilson was awarded to N. J. Watkins, of Wake Forest. Mr. Watkins came through here yesterday afternoon, making ready for his first trip that night. He will have to travel 401.80 miles each day; the route measuring 119 miles from Norfolk to this point, and 81.80 miles from here to Wilson.

The Plymouth contract was awarded to Mr. Joe T. Weede, of that town, for around \$900, the distance being 21 miles each way.

HOW SALARY CUT AFFECTS OFFICES

Reductions Are the Second To Go Into Effect During the Past Year

The \$3,175 reduction in county salaries ordered by the county commissioners last week, not including jurors' pay, affected the various offices, as follows:

Clerk superior court, \$300; Clerk recorder's court, \$150; Register of deeds and accountant, \$450; Register of deeds' assistant, \$120; Sheriff, \$600; County agent, \$600; Home agent, \$210; Janitor at courthouse, \$120; Recorder's court judge, \$360; Recorder's court solicitor, \$120; Superintendent of county home, \$120; County attorney, \$25; a total of \$3,175.00.

These reductions follow a ten per cent decrease voluntarily accepted by the county officers about a year ago, making the present salaries as low as those paid in any county, and lower than those paid in a majority of the counties about the size of Martin.

Young Boy Hurt Playing In Williams Township

Hubert Dawson Griffin was painfully but not seriously hurt yesterday noon while playing with another boy, Jeff Hardison, in Williams Township. Young Hardison lifted the 13-year-old boy to his shoulder and in some way twisted the child's back. It was thought at first that the Griffin boy was paralyzed as he could not walk. At a doctor's office here yesterday afternoon an examination was made of the back, and later the boy was able to return home, suffering a bit from the injury but able to walk all right.

LEANS DEFEAT FATS, 16 TO 9, IN BENEFIT GAME

Raise Around \$40 For Advancing Scouting Among Boys of Community

The fats and leans benefit baseball game yesterday afternoon proved a decided success in one respect, at least. Every one of the nearly 200 spectators got his or her money's worth, even if some of the players can hardly get about today. The leans won, 16 to 9, in a game that was really better than the score indicates. Approximately \$35 or \$40 were realized, the proceeds to be used to further Boy Scouting in the community.

The heavyweights had one bad inning particularly, the fourth, when the leans scored 7 of their 16 runs on 7 hits and 1 error. The first six leans at the bat in this frame got clean hits. In the ninth, after two were out, the fats came to life and scored three times on three singles and two doubles.

Individual stars were too numerous to enumerate. Harry Meador, in right field for the fats, almost ran his legs off in that hectic fourth inning chasing hits from the bats of the leans, and he had to give way to Hugh Wyatt. Substitutions were frequently made on both sides, only three men on each team playing the entire game.

The leans collected a total of 20 hits, Hubert Smith, catcher, leading with three singles and a double; Cortez Green connected for two doubles and a single out of four trips to the plate; Harcum Grimes had a single, a double, and the only three-bagger of the contest; Charlie James, a double and two singles; while Jesse Harrell, Cunningham, and Jule Harrell each collected two apiece. For the fats, Tite Criteher led with three single; Hugh Wyatt, George Harris, and Elbert Peel each batted out two hits; with eight others going out one each. The fats really should have had about a half dozen more runs, but poor baserunning cost them heavily. The leans also pulled three double plays to get out of bad spots.

There were plenty of errors, but most of the scoring came about as a result of clean hitting, the "old-timers," or several of them, demonstrating that they could still keep their eyes on the ball. The leans used three pitchers, A. J. Manning, Ira Harrison, and Andy Wiley, while the fats started with Joe David Thrower and finished with Sparrow. Both the umpires, "Fatty" Knox and Joe Pender, managed to last out the entire game, although bloody murder was threatened when Knox called Mr. C. G. Crockett out when the latter went to bat for Cunningham in the seventh inning without notifying the umpire of the substitution.

Mr. Crockett and the leans got revenge in the next frame, however, when he knocked out a single that scored two runs.

All in all, it was a great game, some money was raised for the scouts, and "a good time was had by all."

The score by innings:

	R.	H.	E.
Fats	010	310	103-9 17 5
Leans	024	700	03x-16 20 4

Presbyterians Holding Meetings Here Today

A call meeting of the Albemarle Presbytery is being held in the Presbyterian church here today, with ministers and representatives attending from all the churches in the district.

The ladies of the local auxiliary, assisted by those of other auxiliaries in the county, served the visitors lunch in the church auditorium.

STANDING OF CLUBS

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
Williamston	10	5	.667
Elizabeth City	9	6	.600
Edenton	8	7	.533
Colerain	3	12	.200

ROBBERS ACTIVE HERE LAST WEEK

Enter Two Stores and One Home; Steal Around \$16.75 In Cash

Another little crime wave struck the community last week, when robbers entered two stores, a home, and the theft of a small quantity of kerosene from Sheriff C. B. Roebuck was reported.

Friday night about 9 o'clock some one forced an entrance to the J. O. Manning Grocery Store and was tearing open the cash register when the owner, by chance, dropped into the store. The robber fled before Mr. Manning could open the front door. Albert Wilson and his younger brother and Bud Hardison, all young colored boys, were arrested late that night, but were later released when no evidence was found connecting them with the crime. The robber failed to open the cash drawer, but he badly damaged the machine in the attempt to open it. Nothing was missed from the store.

Some time the same night some one entered the home of Mr. R. J. Peel on Houghton Street and stole about \$15 from Mrs. Peel's pocketbook. It is not known just how the thief entered the house, but it is believed he or she entered the home early in the evening, stealing the purse and slipping out the front door after the family had retired.

Several days before some one entered the Parker Grocery Company, next to Harrison Brothers store, and stole \$17.75 from the cash register. The robber, entering the back door, took the cash register and carried it to the back of the store. Apparently unacquainted with the workings of the machine, the robber took a hatchet and chair along, but he did not use the hatchet.

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Town Commissioners Hold Meeting Here Last Night

After inspecting the monthly bills, the board of town commissioners here last night ordered a sanitary inspection be made of the town, the order following complaints directed against unsanitary cow lots and dog pens.

The extension of water and sewer lines up Elm Street was again considered, and a committee was appointed to make another investigation.

Officers were ordered to enforce regulations governing parking too near fire hydrants.

The town budget is now in the making and will probably be submitted to the board within the next few days at a special meeting of the body.

Cultivating 600 Acres of Tomatoes Over in Bertie

Approximately 600 acres of tomatoes are being grown under contract this season by Bertie County farmers.

MARTINS HOLD 1-GAME MARGIN

Much Interest In Play As Three Teams Start the Week Close Together

Much interest centers around the play in the Albemarle Baseball league this week, Williamston starting the week off this afternoon at Edenton with a one-game lead over Elizabeth City. The Jaysbirds, with a one-game lead over Edenton, are playing Colerain at Windsor.

Club officials are meeting tonight in Edenton where they will decide whether the season will be split. If the season is divided, the first half will be completed next Friday.

Ladies will be admitted for ten cents each when Edenton and Williamston play the first game to be played here this week tomorrow afternoon. Herring or Kugler will work on the mound tomorrow, it was announced this morning by Manager Spivey.

The next local game will be played Friday afternoon when Cherry is scheduled to pitch against Elizabeth City.

How Washington, N. C. May Have Been Named

That our good neighboring town, Washington, was the "Original Washington" is mighty high established as a fact according to a recent issue of Weston's Record. Under the heading, "How Washington, North Carolina, may have been named," the Record has the following to say:

"As the little town of Washington, North Carolina, joins this year in honoring the Father of our Country, several stories of how the town got its name are advanced by some older residents.

"One reports that sailors used to come ashore at Washington on Saturdays and became accustomed to wash their clothes there on that day. The village came to be known as Washing Town and this name was later shortened to Washington.

"Other sailors, passing the town in their small craft, were wont to shout to the shore asking the name of the place. On the bank an old Indian squaw frequently engaged in washing her small son, Tom. Misunderstanding the sailors' questions, she would call back that she was "Washing Tom." The wind twisted her words, so that the sailors received the reply, "Washington."

"Still another fable is that the town received its name when an old negro slave, given her freedom, found it necessary to make her living by washing clothes, and went about the community shouting 'Washing Done.' Her chant was later corrupted to Washington."

"The present citizens of Washington N. C., assert that theirs was the first post office in the country to take its name from George Washington."

Hoaxer in Kidnaping Case Sentenced to Jail for Year

Found guilty recently for obstructing justice in the Lindbergh baby kidnaping case, John Hughes Curtis, Norfolk boat builder, was sentenced to one year in jail and ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine in a New Jersey court yesterday. Immediate steps were taken to appeal to the higher courts.

Curtis is the man who conducted the search on the waters while the world awaited news from little Chas. Augustus Lindbergh.

REPORT IS MADE BY FARM AGENT FOR PAST MONTH

Formation of Peanut Exchange Up To County Farmers This Week

In his report to the county commissioners last Monday, County Agent T. B. Brandon pointed out that Martin farmers would either take membership in a peanut exchange or turn down the opportunity to take part in the marketing organization this week. Seven meetings are being held this week in the county, the last of the series to be held here Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Brandon's report in detail: 21 days spent in field work; 5 days in office work; 204 office conferences; 154 telephone calls; 212 letters written; 54 farm visits; 1,165 miles traveled in county on official duties; 617 hogs treated for 22 landfills and 18 tenants; 1 meeting held in regard to the North Carolina Peanut Exchange.

BADLY HURT IN FAMILY FIGHT

Will Wells Nearly Killed When Struck by His Nephew, J. E. Wells

Will Wells was nearly killed and his nephew, John Emmet Wells, was badly hurt when they attacked each other with iron pipes following a family quarrel at their home in Williams Township last Sunday morning.

The elder Wells apparently passed the first lick as the younger man almost killed his uncle when he struck him over the head with an iron pipe, measuring five feet.

The two of them were carried to Jamesville where Dr. Jas. E. Smith-wich closed the wounds, using four stitches on the older man's head and one on that of the younger. It was said that Well's head was cut so badly that the skull could be seen, one man stating that it was as white as the belly of a cat fish.

The younger man was released under a \$300 bond.

Dry Ice Proves To Be A Novelty Among Children

Although much ice cream has been received here packed in dry ice, yesterday was the first time that inquiring children here learned about an ice so cold that it would burn your finger if you touched it. After removing the cream from the package, an employee of Davis' pharmacy pitched the box of ice out the back door. The children were there to grab it, some daring to place their hands on the cold stuff.

Pitched into a bucket of water, the ice would boil the liquid. When left on a surface, the ice would evaporate, leaving no signs on the surface.

Henry Corey Kills Bear In Griffins Early Today

Henry Corey, Griffins Township farmer, killed a 200-pound bear, near his home there early this morning. Dogs started trailing the bear near the Corey home and trailed him up a tree. Many bears have been seen in that section of the county during the past few weeks, the bears leaving their old haunts back in the dismal to get water in the creeks nearer in.

WHERE THEY PLAY

TUESDAY, JULY 12th
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