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## WILL BE LATE IN FINAL CURING OF TOBACCO CROP

### Many Farmers in County Will Be Curing Crop in September

Martin County farmers will hardly complete harvesting their tobacco crop before the first week in September, and it may be even later than that before the work is completed, according to reports received from nearly every section in the county. What promised early last spring to be the earliest tobacco-growing season in years has turned out already to be one of the latest in many seasons. Many farmers now say they will harvest and cure tobacco in September for the first time in their lives.

The crop is said to be divided into three groups, early, middle and late, and nearly every farmer has tobacco in at least two of the groups, and others have some in all three. The early crop is about harvested, and about two curings have been pulled from the crop getting its start second. Very few leaves, and in some cases, none, have been pulled from the late crop.

According to reports, the quality of that part of the crop already cured is only fair, farmers in certain parts of this county reporting a better grade of leaves than those in many sections of the bright belt. But for many farmers in certain sections of this county, the crop is almost a failure in both quality and poundage.

Reports from Georgia indicate that not more than 10 days will be required to sell every pound grown in that State this season.

## ATLANTIC HOTEL IS IN NEW HANDS

### A. R. Moseley Experienced Hotel Man Takes Over Management

Mr. A. R. Moseley, experienced hotel man, has leased the Atlantic Hotel here, taking over its active management this week. During the past few years, Mr. Moseley operated hotels in Florida and Louisiana and at Whiteville in this State. Last January he leased the Garrett Hotel in Ahoskie, which he continues to operate with Mr. J. Sheppard Brinkley in charge there. The two hotels will be operated as the Moseley Hotel Company.

Mr. Moseley is of the wide-awake, affable hotel type man, and assures patrons of the hotel every courtesy and efficient service. According to reports, several improvements will be made to the hotel, but definite plans have not been made at this time.

Mrs. Moseley, who is now in Ahoskie, will join her husband here in the near future.

## Mercury Drops 20 Points As Rain Falls Yesterday

The mercury tumbled 20 degrees from 100 to 80 here yesterday afternoon when a general rain fell in this section, the drop being one of the most radical recorded here this summer.

As far as it could be learned, the rain yesterday was centered in Griffiths and Jamesville Townships, Mr. Wendell Hamilton, of Jamesville, reporting one of the heaviest falls recorded there in more than two months. "It will help peanuts and potatoes and it might do young corn some good, but no good will result to old corn, tobacco and a few other crops that suffered severely during the long drought," Mr. Hamilton said.

A good rain fell here during the course of an hour or more, but little fell in parts of Cross Roads and certain other sections of the county, it is understood.

## Roy Strawbridge Starts 30-Day Jail Sentence Here

Roy Strawbridge, South Carolina resident, was placed in the county jail here this morning after he had failed to comply with a judgment handed down in a justice of the peace court here several weeks ago.

He is scheduled to serve a 30-day sentence. Some time ago when the man was placed in the jail, he fired his mattress, and the fire company was called out.

Mrs. W. R. Cherry, of Washington, was here last night and this morning attending to business matters.

## STANDING OF CLUBS

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
Colerain	5	4	.556
Elizabeth City	5	4	.556
Williamston	4	5	.444
Edenton	4	5	.444

## Peanut Plant Resumes Work Giving Jobs to More Than 100

The local plant of the Columbian Peanut Company resumed operations Wednesday morning, giving 100 women and 21 men employment. Sufficient quantity of stock is on hand to continue operations during this and next month, Captain W. S. Pritchard, manager of the plant, said yesterday.

First notice that the plant would resume operations was given by a long blast of the company's plant whistle at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning. Hardly before the blast was completed, hundreds of men and women started running to the plant for jobs, Captain Pritchard

## ALL FOUR TEAMS STILL BUNCHED IN LEAGUE RACE

### Heavy Schedule Face All Teams in the League Next Week

Only one game separated the leaders and the cellar occupants in the Albenmarle Baseball League today, Elizabeth City and Colerain leading with five victories and four losses, and Williamston and Edenton trailing close with four victories and five losses each. There is again a possibility of the four teams being tied at the end of the week's play. Should Williamston and Edenton win today, the teams will go into next to the last week of play with 5 wins and 5 losses each.

Yesterday the teams were rained out. Today the Martins are scheduled to play the Jaybirds at Elizabeth City and the Colonials go to Colerain.

Playing Colerain at Windsor last Tuesday, the Martins were nosed out in the ninth by a 6 to 5 score, the Bertie boys showing the strongest opposition of the season.

An unassisted double play by Jimmie Brown here Wednesday afternoon featured a slugfest carried on by Colerain and the Martins, the locals winning, 18 to 13. Attempting to run home on a hit to centerfield, a visiting player was forced back to third, where he was put out by Brown. Another player attempted to make third on the play and met the first player, and he was also put out when he started to return to second.

Cherry started for the Martins, but he was relieved by Kugler in the sixth. Trailing in the fifth, the Martins staged a rally and made eight runs in that frame. The visitors made four runs in the sixth to tie the score, but the locals outdistanced them from then on to win by a 5-run margin.

A heavy schedule faces the team of the league next week when Williamston plays four games at home, one at Edenton Tuesday and one at Windsor. Edenton will play here Monday afternoon to make up the game scheduled for last Friday. Elizabeth City plays here Wednesday and Colerain comes here Friday. The Jaybirds return Saturday afternoon to play the game rained out yesterday. Special 10-cent admission fees will be bargains for the ladies all the week, Manager Spivey announced this morning.

It is generally believed that next week's play in the loop will decide the winner of the second half. All the games are important, and there is every indication that each one will be hard fought. Williamston has the hardest schedule of any of them, with six games to be played in six days, and every team in the league a contender for the second-half honors.

## Presbyterians Will Have One Service Here Sunday

Sunday, August 7, 1932: There will be but one service in Williamston this Sunday. The church school will meet at 9:45 a. m. Every one is urged to be present.

At Bear Grass there will be but one service. The Sunday school will meet at 9:30 a. m.

At Robersons Chapel Sunday school will be at 4 p. m.

There will be no worship service and sermon at the Williamston church during the month of August.

The preaching services at Bear Grass will be on the 2nd and 4th Sunday nights at 8 p. m.

Regular services will be held at Robersons' Chapel.

Attend some church every Sunday.

## Pastor Will Preach at the Baptist Church Sunday

The pastor of the Memorial Baptist church is returning home tonight, and will conduct the regular worship service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The people are invited to this service. There will be no Sunday evening service.

## BARNHILL CASE STILL PENDING; NO HEARING YET

### Aged Man Said To Have Threatened Life of His Foster Son

The status of the investigation into the Jesse Barnhill murder in the Flat Swamp section last April continues unchanged, no new developments having been publicly given out following the arrest of Tom Barnhill, aged foster-father of the dead man, last Saturday. No hearing has been arranged as far as it could be learned late yesterday.

Sheriff Whitehurst, of Pitt County, and Solicitor Clark, of the second district, were here Wednesday afternoon and questioned the prisoner for more than two hours. The conversations were held secret, but it is understood that the authorities are gathering important evidence rapidly. It is believed that sufficient evidence has already been gathered from various sources strongly indicating that the aged man has some knowledge of the mystery surrounding the death of young Barnhill.

It was unofficially learned that many incidents just before the killing have been established as facts that might warrant a more serious consideration of the case. Barnhill, it is said, never appealed to the sheriff of his county for aid in running down the murderer, and his own statements indicated that he thought he might be arrested. It is also understood that the man threatened his son when the boy is said to have refused admittance of a woman, Cora Andrews, to their home. He is said to have drawn a pistol on the boy; informing him that he would run his household as he wanted to, but when this took place it could not be learned.

The officers are continuing to weave and it is believed they are rapidly completing a net that will bring results in the case. No other arrests have been made, however, or none had been made up until yesterday afternoon, as far as it could be learned here.

## LONG SESSION COUNTY COURT HELD TUESDAY

### Judge Bailey Calls Fifteen Cases for Trial Before Many Spectators

The long session of the county recorder's court here last Tuesday had the drawing power of a superior court with many witnesses and spectators almost overflowing the court auditorium. There were no cases of major significance, but the large docket with its 15 actions attracted many witnesses and spectators. And there were substantial fines imposed and long road sentences meted out.

Alexander Smallwood, the colored fellow who stole \$15 and a pistol from a market house on the Jamesville road, was sentenced to the roads for 10 months.

Harry James, adjudged guilty in the case charging him with an assault on a female, was sentenced to the roads for a period of six months.

Dave Melton was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs when found guilty of reckless driving. He appealed, the court requiring bond in the sum of \$100.

Several cases were on the docket charging defendants with operating trucks without proper licenses or violation of the traffic laws. T. E. Hines and William Sutton were fined \$50 each when the court adjudged them guilty. They appealed their cases.

Herbert Brown, indicted under a similar charge, had his case continued one week. B. G. Hines, charged with permitting the operation of a truck without proper license, was fined \$50 and he appealed. A similar charge preferred against J. R. Everet was continued one week.

Clinton Rogers, James Ollie Purvis and Fred Smith, charged with larceny and receiving, were found not guilty.

Josh Pritchard was found not guilty in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon and carrying a concealed weapon.

Probable cause was not found in the case charging Joe Mills with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Clara Ann Sutton was found guilty and sentenced to jail for one day.

Jim Chance appealed to the higher courts when he was adjudged guilty and sentenced to the roads for 18 months in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon.

The longest sentence of the session was meted out to Herbert Page, young white man recently returned from the roads, when the court adjudged him guilty of indecent exposure of his person.

Prayer for judgment was continued until the first Tuesday in September in the case charging Herman Farmer with driving an automobile without proper license.

Beer in Finland Finland's breweries have been unable to supply the demand for beer since the Finnish Government increased the legal alcoholic content of the beverage from 1.6 to 2.25 per cent.

## WHERE THEY PLAY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5th Williamston at Elizabeth City. Edenton at Colerain. MONDAY, AUGUST 6th Edenton at Williamston. TUESDAY, AUGUST 9th Colerain at Elizabeth City. WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10th Elizabeth City at Williamston. THURSDAY, AUGUST 11th Elizabeth City at Edenton. FRIDAY, AUGUST 12th Edenton at Elizabeth City. Colerain at Williamston. SATURDAY, AUGUST 13th Elizabeth City at Williamston.

## COMMISSION TO CONSIDER WORK ON HIGHWAY 125

### Contract for Hardsurfacing Route 125 Might Be Let This Month

Meeting with highway officials in Raleigh this week, representatives of this county were assured that the commission would consider hardsurfacing the remainder of Highway No. 125 to the Halifax County line. The project is said to have been approved by the federal representative and favorable action on the part of the State Highway officials is expected when they hold their next regular meeting the latter part of this month. Several contracts will be let the latter part of this month, it is understood, and it is hoped that the work on Route 125 will be included in the letting.

It is understood that a delegation from Hassell is in Raleigh today in the interest of having Highway No. 11 run through that town, but it could not be learned definitely just what attitude the highway authorities will take in the matter. It was unofficially learned here that Commissioner Leland Kitchin did not favor changing the course of the road so as to have it run through Hassell, but this could not be established as a fact.

Delegations from many sections of the State have already or are visiting Raleigh in the interest of road building projects in their respective counties.

## DRAW JURY LIST FOR NEXT TERM SUPERIOR COURT

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## TWIN EGGS

At little old white hen, belonging to Mrs. Erah Coob here, laid two eggs in one day the early part of the week. The extra activity of the chicken that day was not much noticed, but a day or two later, the white hen commanded much attention when she laid two eggs joined together after the fashion of the Siamese twins. Connected end to end, the eggs were full size and perfect in every way except for the shells which were softer than the normal covering.

Just imagine the over-production should all the hens in the country start in for such antics as that.

## WELFARE AGENT MAKES REQUEST FOR RELIEF AID

### It Is Hoped Martin County Will Share in \$300,000,000 Relief Fund

Efforts are now being made by welfare workers and others to have Martin County share in the relief fund established by Congress recently, but nothing definite has been announced indicating that Martin will share in the fund and to what extent it does. The authorities are working in behalf of the relief fund for this county, but the outcome of their efforts will hardly be visible before the winter, if at all.

The nature of the relief plan is little known here at this time, it not being known whether the fund will be used as a dole or to promote work for unemployed or both.

Over in Beaufort where an application for \$50,000 of the fund has been made, the Washington Progress has the following to say in connection with the relief fund:

"While various other counties in North Carolina are clamoring for their share—and in a good many cases more than their share—of the federal emergency relief fund, Beaufort County has let it be known that she doesn't care to have its citizenship classified as paupers. As a matter of fact, a number of leading men of this county believe that the distribution of a large sum of money throughout this section would be one of the most unfortunate things that could happen."

The government, during the last session of Congress, set aside a fund of around \$300,000,000 for the relief of such unfortunate citizens as were unable to weather the storms of adversity during the present depression. North Carolina, it is believed, will get around six or seven million dollars of this fund. A number of counties already have put in their application for a part of this amount.

The Beaufort County Welfare Department has asked for \$50,000. Guilford County has applied for \$106,000. Many other counties have filed their requests with the Governor.

It seems that Governor Gardner is responsible for the distribution of this fund throughout the State. The Governor is depending for advice upon Mrs. W. T. Bost, the capable head of the State Welfare Department. Mrs. Bost, in turn, is depending upon the various county welfare officers.

"If the money is distributed in the same manner as one would throw a few pennies to a beggar on the street, then it is believed that this emergency relief fund would do the country a more lasting harm than the depression itself. It is pointed out that many individuals, knowing of the existence of this fund, would apply for charity whether they needed it or not. Beaufort county, it is felt, would be harmed to a greater extent by any such relief than it would be benefited."

The Kiwanis club here last Wednesday appointed a committee to investigate the relief program and present Martin's claim at the proper time.

## Oak City Youth Nearly Drowns There Recently

James Rawls, 9 years old, barely escaped with his life recently when he slipped away from the home of his parents in Oak City and went swimming in Sherrod's Mill Pond, near there, with several other boys about his age. The young boy ventured too far out, and had gone down the third time when G. D. Pearson, jr., 12 years old, went to the rescue. Young Pearson and his comrades rendered the boy first aid and carried him home on their shoulders. After a few days stay in bed he was able to be up.

## MANY EXPECTED TO ENTER BIDS FOR LONG ROUTE

### People from as Far Away As Pennsylvania Are Considering Job

While the present carriers are making every effort to maintain schedules over the mail route from Norfolk to Wilson and return, and failing much of the time, it is understood that many others are planning to enter bids for the job. According to reports received here, people from as far away as Pennsylvania have investigated the route, and a few local people have discussed it with the possibility that they might enter bids.

The contract now in effect is only a temporary one, but beginning September 1, the contract will be in effect for four years, excepting two months. Bids will be received until the 10th of this month. Under the terms of the contract, an \$18,000 bond will be required, and that alone will cost the carrier or carriers around \$700.

When the route was first established a man named Watkins accepted the contract for a little over \$3,000 a year. He failed, and after the second day another party started out. He did not last, and a third party, after trying the job, resigned, and then the present carriers accepted the contract, but in the meantime the price had been advanced to nearly \$9,000. And it is believed that the carriers will hardly break even at that figure.

Under the new contract, the operators of the route will handle all classes of mail, only certain classes having been handled heretofore. It is understood that the present carriers have hauled as much as five tons on one trip, and more may be expected when all classes of mail are included and when the rush of the busy seasons of the year is to be met.

Since the schedules have not been maintained regularly, the government has made the office here a distributing center for towns between Williamston and Tarboro, and patrons in those places are now getting regular service. Heretofore, mail for Everetts, Robersonville, and other towns up the line was left at this point by the Wilson-Norfolk bus and sent to Plymouth where it was dispatched on the morning train of the Coast Line.

The Plymouth bus made very few connections with the other line, resulting in a delayed service of 8 to 24 hours for patrons up the road. Now the mail is taken from the Wilson-Norfolk bus and dispatched from here every morning in time to catch the Atlantic Coast Line train to Tarboro.

Postmaster Jesse T. Price, talking about the route between Norfolk and Wilson, said it was one of the longest maintained by the government in either North Carolina or Virginia, and that it was really a big undertaking.

Bids will also be received August 16 for operation of the route between here and Plymouth.

## LOCAL POST WINS STATE TROPHY

### Awarded Cup for Having Largest Membership Gain in Year

The John Walton Hassell American Legion post here was awarded a valuable trophy at a meeting of its members here this week for having made the largest percentage of membership gain of any post in the state during the year. District Commander Madry, of Rich Square, presented the cup.

With a large number of members present at the meeting, the post made preliminary arrangements to join the other posts, Rich Square, Ahoskie and Windsor, in the fourth district in an Armistice Day celebration next November. Committees will be appointed and details will be announced later, Adjutant Dunn, of the local post, announced yesterday.

## Few Taxpayers Plan To Discuss Budget Monday

While the Martin County budget for the year 1932-33 has been tentatively prepared, a few attacks will probably be directed against it next Monday when a few taxpayers are planning to meet with the commissioners. According to reports received here, no large crowd is making plans to discuss the budget with the authorities, but a few are expected to come here from Goose Nest, Hamilton, and probably Robersonville and Williamston Townships.