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## FARM LIFE, BEAR GRASS SCHOOLS START MONDAY

### Registrations There Will Bring Number Children In School Up to 3,000

The last two of the eight-months-term school in this county will open the 1932-33 term next Monday with Farm Life expecting an enrollment of approximately 135, and Bear Grass a registration of about 330. These were the opening enrollment figures for last season, and no material change is looked for next Monday. However, a fluctuation is possible in the registration at Farm Life, as the school did not start the term until late in October last year. The opening of the two schools is expected to boost the enrollment of white children in the schools of this county to a point slightly above the 3,000-mark.

Opening much earlier than usual for the first time, the Farm Life school has not determined the daily schedule that will be adhered to in the operation of the plant this coming term. Parents and patrons of the school are asked to attend the initial exercises Monday morning and take part in the operating hours during the fall months. According to reports received from that section, many farmers are anxious to have the school start the daily work at a comparatively early hour and dismiss early in the afternoon, making it possible for the children to return home and take part in the regular farm duties that are demanding much attention just at this time. It is understood that certain hours agreeable to a majority concerned will be chosen for opening and closing each day during the early months of the term.

With one exception, Griffin school, all the plants for white children are now in operation. Macedonia, the only other six-months school, started the term last Monday with the possibility that it will operate for eight months either by public subscription or by other special arrangements.

## PLAN ARMISTICE DAY PROGRAM

### Martin Veterans Will Join Others In Celebration At Ahoskie

World War veterans of Martin, Hertford, Northampton, and Bertie Counties will observe Armistice Day, November 11, this year at a celebration to be held in Ahoskie, according to information reaching here yesterday.

The legionnaires in the several counties were invited to the Hertford town by the Ahoskie mayor, town council, Kiwanis club, high school trustees and other community organizations.

Tentative plans include a morning parade of decorated floats, speaking by an outstanding Legionnaire; barbecue and Brunswick stew dinner, and a football game in the afternoon by two high school elevens of the five counties. Efforts are now being made to secure the Naval Band of the Hampton Roads Station, and a committee of Legionnaires, accompanied by Mayor Rogers and Superintendent of School Moore will confer with the commandant of the station tomorrow in reference to securing the military band for the day's celebration.

It will be the first all-day Armistice Day celebration for the district and a goodly number of Martin veterans are expected to take part in the event.

## TOBACCO CURING LATE THIS YEAR

### Work Has Been Underway Since July; To Complete Task Early in October

"I started curing tobacco about the first of July, and it now looks as if I won't get through curing before about the first of October," Henry Williams, Griffins Township farmer, said yesterday. The farmer said he had cured 10 acres of the crop in one barn without crowding the tobacco.

Nearly all farmers in this county have completed curing their crops, but comparatively few have started marketing. A few are still curing, while a smaller number will not complete the work before next week or the week following. Very few, if any, will harvest any of the crop after the first week in October. However, there are some farmers who are hardly more than half finished harvesting their crops at this time.

The season is one of the latest known in this section in many years, farmers finding it difficult to handle their work to any great advantage, as cotton picking has required much time and attention and to aggravate the situation peanut digging will be underway about Monday week.

## Bids Received for Surfacing Remainder of Highway 125

Bids for surfacing Highway No. 125 from the Everett farm, 5 1/2 miles from here, to Hobgood, were opened by the State Highway Commission in Raleigh yesterday, the Gregory-Chandler Company, of Virgina, Va., making the lowest offer for the contract. The commission is passing on the bids today, but any action taken by that body will have to be approved by the Federal Government. Several weeks will probably pass before the contract is awarded and work started on the two projects.

## MORE ATTENTION PAID TO COTTON CROP THIS YEAR

### First Bales Ginned Last Week; Yield Larger in This County

With the price of cotton some higher than it was last season, much more attention is being given to the harvesting of the crop in this county than in recent years, according to reports coming from the several ginners.

It is estimated now that the crop will have been picked and ginned by the first or second week in October, weather conditions determining the rapidity of the harvesting work. Upon Thursday of this week, cotton picking was the main task on farms in this county, but attention was shifted to tobacco Thursday when light rains fell during all of Wednesday night and part of yesterday.

The first of the crop was ginned in the county last week, gin operators at Hassell, Everett, and Robersonville reporting almost if not more than twice as many bales ginned during the first days of the season this year than were ginned for a similar period last year. According to reports reaching here, a majority of the farmers are holding the crop off the market in the hope for better prices later on.

While there has been a substantial increase in the cotton crop in the county this year, the county continues to rank very low as a producing center.

The price trend of the staple has been downward during the past few days, quotations yesterday being \$10 a bale below the high mark reached a few weeks ago. A price of \$7.33 a hundred was quoted on the Norfolk market yesterday.

## REVIEWS GAME LAW VIOLATIONS

### 51 Warrants Issued in This County By Game Warden Hines

Fifty-one warrants were issued in this county last year by County Game Warden J. W. Hines in connection with the enforcement of the State game and fishing laws, according to a report recently released by Assistant State Game Warden Moore for the period beginning September 1, 1931 and ending August 31, 1932. During that time, the warden of this county inspected 722 licenses and investigated 92 alleged violations of the hunting laws.

While the fines and costs were not given for any one of the 18 counties in the district, there was a total of \$3,698.93 collected in the combined territory from those two sources alone, it was stated in the report.

The report shows that the eighteen game wardens under the direction of Mr. Moore inspected ten thousand, nine hundred and seventy-three licenses during the year, and that seven hundred and forty-six violations were investigated; also that six hundred and fifty-five warrants were issued and the cases tried.

## Capture Lark Liquor Still Over in Beaufort County

Agents Brinson and Perry with Warren Robeck destroyed a large liquor still over in Beaufort County this week, but failed to catch either of three operators at the plant. More than 3,000 gallons of beer and 45 gallons of liquor were poured out. The agents also destroyed the six-horsepower steam boiler.

## To Start Construction of New Home Next Week

Plans for the construction of a home for Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Manning were completed this week, and work will be started probably next Monday or Tuesday. The home, having six rooms, will be one story and of the frame type. It will be located on Simmons Avenue next to the home of Mr. W. G. Peel.

## POOR YIELDS ALL CROPS FORECAST AT PRESENT TIME

Rains This Week Will Aid Crops But Very Little, It Is Believed

While both projects are on Route No. 125, one is the 6.90 miles from the Everett farm to Hamilton and the second is from Oak City to Hobgood, a distance of 6.63 miles. The bid for the first project is \$28,480.04, and for the second \$25,366.79, a total of 13.53 miles at a cost of \$53,846.83.

It is understood the surfacing will be of the rock asphalt type, matching the road from Hamilton to Oak City.

It could not be learned today just where the distribution plants or plants would be located

Reporting on crop conditions in the State as of September 1, the State Department of Agriculture yesterday released the following estimates:

Corn: The corn crop is greatly improved by the early August rainfall, but due to the record dry conditions of July and August, together with extremely hot weather, the yield will be greatly reduced from the usual. The condition of 56 is one of the lowest on record and indicates only 15 bushels per acre as compared with the usual of about 20 bushels. The lowest condition is in the Central Coastal Belt, while only fair condition are to be found in the mountain counties.

Potatoes: The sweet potato crop has a fairly good vine, but the roots are not well developed, due to the dry soil conditions. The condition reported at 68 percent, compares with 81 percent of a full crop for the usual average. This indicates a yield of 80 bushels per acre. The increase of 11 percent in acreage indicates a total production of 9 percent more than of a year ago. The estimated State's production is 7,120,000 bushels. The dry soil conditions will probably result in a heavy decline in the yield per acre before the harvest—just as occurred last year after the September 1st report. Good seasons now would help considerably, however.

The acreage of peanuts is estimated at 266,000, with a condition of 66 percent indicating 900 pounds yield per acre. This crop withstands dry weather better than when the soil is too wet. However, late August and early September conditions largely determine the final outturn. The extreme drought in the commercial peanut area may result in a much lower production than the 239,400,000 pounds now anticipated. However, the present production is 22 percent below that of last year's crop, the acreage being estimated at the same.

Tobacco sales have not been held in progress long enough in this belt to get exact comparisons, but reports from the border markets show the general price average this season to be a few points below the figures of the early part of last year.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon by Rev. J. M. Perry and interment was in the Rawls burial ground in Robersonville Township.

## LOCAL STATION LEADS IN SALES

### Central Operators Win A Fancy Prize Given By Goodyear Tire Co.

Asa J. and Henry (Chic) Manning, operators of the Central Filling Station here, were awarded valuable prizes this week by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. The two young men, competing with dealers throughout North Carolina and Virginia, sold more tires than any one of them by a wide margin during the months of July and August and the first five days in September. The boys scored 199.1 per cent, while their nearest competitor, Standard Chevrolet Company, of Ahoskie, was second with 147.3 per cent. Messrs. Bland and Brown, of the Ahoskie firm, will entertain the Manning boys at a big chicken dinner within the next few days.

With a big catalogue from which to choose any article they want, the boys have not definitely made a selection just as yet, but they are planning to get a \$71 set of china for their mother, Henry said yesterday.

## Sunday Services at The Local Methodist Church

C. T. Rogers, pastor.

God has been good to us. It is a wonderful privilege to meet with Him Sunday morning and show our love and appreciation. Even if it does cost an extra effort to go to church, it is worth it. Come on, meet us at the church Sunday morning. Next Sunday may be too late.

Sunday school and church services in the morning at the usual hours. No services at night.

Epworth League Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Holly Springs

Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. Church services, 3:30 p.m.

## Announce Curb Market Prices for Tomorrow

A partial list of prices for the curb market follows for this week:

Eggs, dozen, 23 cents; butter beans, 8 cents a quart; string beans, 4 cents a pound; tomatoes, 3 cents a pound; Irish potatoes, 1 1/2 cents a pound; cabbage, 2 cents a pound; onions, 3 cents a pound; cakes 18 to 21 cents a pound; peaches, 5 cents a pound; apples, 3 cents a pound; grapes, 4 cents a pound; carrots, 3 cents a bunch; peppers, 12 cents a dozen and cucumbers, 3 cents each.

## 20-Year-Old Mule Grazes in Circles

Augusta, Ga.—The world, to a 20-year-old mule on a farm near here, is just a succession of dizzy circles.

The mule, for the past ten years, has operated a hay press on the farm, supplying the press by walking in circles around the compass.

The mule, when turned out to graze in a pasture, grazes only in circles.

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## Largest Break of Season on Market Today; Prices Same

### MRS. W. R. WHITE DIED TODAY AT HOME OF SISTER

Latest crop estimates indicate reduced production in nearly every one of the major farm commodities. The slow rain, starting Wednesday night and continuing for more than 30 hours, will aid the peanut crop to some extent, but farmers are generally agreed that the downpour was too late to be of any great help to the crop in this section.

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## SCHOOLS OPEN AT OAK CITY

### Opening Exercises Largely Attended There Last Monday

Oak City, September 15.—The Oak City School opened Monday, September 12 with a large crowd present for the exercises:

Pupils assembled in their homes at 9:00 o'clock where they were enrolled. At 10:30 o'clock, a general assembly of students, patrons and friends and visitors met in the auditorium where several inspiring talks were made. Mr. J. A. Everett, secretary of the local school board, extended a cordial greeting and welcomed to all the teachers. The devotional was conducted by Rev. J. M. Perry, of Robersonville, and he spoke briefly on attitude and cooperation, making a very impressive and enthusiastic talk.

Aspiring talks were made by Messrs. L. G. Bunch, of Palmyra, E. R. Edmondson, of Hassell, H. S. Everett, of Robersonville, and Myers, of Hamilton, Howard Brown, a former student of the school now in a position in the State of Illinois, and Mrs. Elwood Early, a former teacher in the school of the county. Several words of praise were made for the principal, and upon Mr. J. R. Everett's motion, a rising vote of appreciation was given by the entire audience to Mr. Ainsley for his services to and interest in the school and community.

Mr. Ainsley is beginning his tenth successive school year as principal of the Oak City School. Since beginning as a teacher and leader here, a leader in all affairs for the welfare of the school and community; Mr. Ainsley has won the admiration of his teachers, pupils and patrons. Each speaker at the morning exercises commended Mr. Ainsley. He was assured the hearty cooperation of all patrons and pupils.

The closing remarks were made by Mr. Ainsley who thanked the patrons and friends for their cooperation during the previous year, stating that the Oak City School had the opportunity of an even more successful year than any one prior. Especially inspiring was his talk when he mentioned the words of Henry Ford: "There is a failure of no man who will work."

The membership and the general public are invited. And especially the people who have recently come into our community to live.

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