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## TO HOLD COUNTY AND TOWN TAX SALES MONDAY

### Approximately 900 Parcels of Real Estate Will Be for Sale

Approximately 900 parcels of real estate will be offered at a public sale here next Monday for delinquent taxes the sale to start at noon and continuing from time to time until certificates are issued. While there will be a few individual buyers at the sale, it is believed the county will be the principal purchaser at the auction. The 900 accounts represent approximately \$35,000 unpaid taxes for the year 1931.

The Town of Williamston will offer for sale around 140 parcels of real estate, it is estimated. These accounts represent approximately \$6,000 uncollected taxes for the same period.

After the certificates are issued next Monday, interest at the rate of 10 per cent will be added for the following 12 months. During the following year, an additional 8 per cent will be added, and after that time a rate of 6 per cent will be charged. In other words, a man owing \$100 taxes is due to pay \$100 plus a 4 per cent penalty at this time. If he waits until December, 1933, he will owe \$104 plus \$10 interest, or \$114; and if he waits another year he will owe \$114 plus \$8 interest, or \$122. The costs of \$1.50 to be added to each amount. Any time during the three year deeds can be passed in those cases where the taxes have not been paid.

During the past very few tax deeds have been passed in this county, the delinquent tax accounts having been settled before the final action is instituted.

## METHODISTS TO BEGIN NEW YEAR

### Pastor and Family Pleased With Return Here for Another Year

By Rev. C. T. ROGERS

It is our (my family and I) pleasure to be back on the Williamston charge for another year. In the two years we have been here, we have made many friends and no enemies. Some folks have not agreed with us in all things we have said and done, but most all agree that we were sincere in doing what we thought was right.

As we think of the new year, and with our church it begins December 1st, many opportunities for good face preacher and people. We can not see the end of the year 1933, but this one thing we know—if we will go forward by faith to do each day the task that is before us, we will be victorious. Play fair with God and His cause, and He will play fair with you. A new resolution by all, and it will kept, will work wonders for our church and be a blessing to all.

Beginning Sunday, may every member be at Sunday school and church, and unless providentially prevented be present every Sunday. Come and join in special prayer for those who can not attend. All present for the first Sunday.

Services at usual hours, both at Williamston and Holly Springs.

## How To Get Tombstones from U. S. Government

Many inquiries have been received here recently asking information how to procure tombstones or grave markers for graves of Civil War veterans from the United States Government.

Under an act of Congress, stones or markers were provided for the graves of those veterans who have passed on as advised to write to the Quarter Master General, Washington, D. C. for necessary blanks, which, when filled in properly and returned, the stone or marker will be shipped prepaid.

There are a number of unmarked graves of veterans in this county, and it is hoped relatives will avail themselves of the opportunity to get the free stones.

## Colored Man Steals \$250 Cash from His Cousin

Rooming and boarding with his cousin, Ben Rives, on Railroad Street here, John D. Williams, colored, last Wednesday night tore open Rives' trunk and stole \$250. He was believed to have been seen making his escape on the Jamesville road later that night, but his arrest had not been effected up to noon today.

Rives, only a few days before, had realized \$250 from an insurance company, and was holding it in his trunk. Williams, a boarder in the home since his return here from Hopewell two months ago, learned where Rives had placed the money, and while the owner was attending the picture show that night he stole the money and escaped.

## County Officers to Begin New Year Monday; Few Changes

Very few changes will be noticed in the Martin County government when the officers take the oaths of office here next Monday. The only variation in the government personnel is found in the recorder's court. Solicitor H. O. Peel becomes judge, and W. H. Coburn, the only new man in the group, becomes solicitor.

Messrs. T. C. Griffin, chairman, J. E. Pope, Joshua L. Coltraine, V. G. Taylor, and H. S. Everett will again take the oath as county commissioners.

And then there are C. E. Roebuck, Sheriff; J. Sam Getzinger,

register of deeds; C. A. Harrison, treasurer; and S. R. Biggs, coroner, to take the oath for their respective offices again. H. O. Peel goes in as the new judge of the county recorder's court, and W. Hubert Coburn steps in for the first time as solicitor for the tribunal.

The oaths will be administered by Clerk of the Court R. J. Peel soon after the various officers assemble.

The several officers required to furnish bonds are understood to have the proper instruments ready for inspection by the proper authorities.

## RECEIVE \$2,073 TO USE IN WELFARE WORK IN COUNTY

### Hardly Believe the Relief Fund Will Last Until Christmas Time

Receiving \$2,073 this week, Martin County has shared to the extent of \$7,223 in the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Relief Fund, it was learned from the office of the superintendent of public welfare for this county this week. The \$2,073 was the final payment this county will receive under applications for more are approved by the corporation. Additional allotments are to be made within the next day or two, and local welfare workers are being urged to complete certain reports that an application for the county can be presented by the latter part of this week.

More than \$1,000 of the money received has already been spent, giving labor to the unemployed. Nearly 100 men have been given work throughout the county, a majority of them being in the lower townships, where the drought damaged crops to such a great extent last summer. Much work has been done through the aid offered that could not have been done had there been no available funds.

The welfare workers are working day and night at the present time investigating cases throughout the county, and when the survey is completed, it is believed the needs will exhaust the fund before Christmas.

The successful handling of the relief situation—now recognized as one of the biggest tasks in the county—depends largely upon the efforts put forth by our own people. If we fall down, we need not expect much aid from the outside, the reconstruction corporation representatives said during a recent visit to the county.

## POOR PRICES FOR PEANUTS

### Few Farmers Selling Their Crops for As Little as One Cent a Pound

With the harvesting of the 1932 peanut crop progressing rapidly at this time, much attention is naturally being given the market quotations. According to quotations released this week by Winborne and Company, Suffolk, the new crop is selling at 1-1c to 1-1.2c a pound, mostly 1-1 to 1-1.3 cents.

The following comments were offered in the report:

New crop peanuts: Practically all of the new crop peanuts coming to market are of the "shelling stock" grades, which are turning out a big percentage of "extra large, shelled." The percentage of "No. 1 shelled" is small, and very few bright enough to make hand-picks, to sell in the shell.

Old crop peanuts: There are about 200,000 bags of the 1931 crop on hand in Virginia and North Carolina, being withheld from the market for the present. These peanuts should come in demand later. They have mostly good, bright color, and the part that is shelled to sell has a big percentage of "No. 1 shelled," which is only found in small quantities in the new

## Rev. Perlie Perry to Preach at Baptist Church Sunday

The Rev. Perlie Perry, of Centerville, Ala., will preach in the Baptist church here Sunday night at the 7 o'clock hour.

Mr. Perry, well known in this county, was called here recently on account of the death of his mother. He has consented to preach Sunday evening, and his many friends will be glad to hear the Williamston boy.

Sunday morning the pastor will conduct the service, and Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock the church will put on its annual every-member canvass, which it does at this time each year to underwrite the church's financial budget for the incoming year.

## HIGHER TOBACCO PRICE THIS YEAR SURVEY SHOWS

### Price Increase Will Hardly Offset the Decreased Production

North Carolina farmers received about as much for a small tobacco crop this year as they did for one considerably larger last year, according to reliable reports received here.

A recent report released by the government indicates that every type of tobacco this year commanded a higher price than they did last season. However, the increase was small in some cases, wrappers bringing only 5 per cent more than they did last year. The leaf grades ranged in price from 25 to 75 per cent over the prices of last year.

One grade this year average \$5.20, as compared with \$1.80 last season. Cutters of all types averaged about 10 or 12 per cent more. Lugs gained about 12 per cent on the best grades, as high as 100 per cent for some of the cheaper grades.

The bulk of tobacco will doubtless average about 35 per cent above the 1931 sales.

## Barely Miss Experiencing A Water Shortage Here

Local residents barely missed experiencing a water shortage last Wednesday when the reserve fell below 40,000 gallons and continued to dwindle until it was less than 10,000 gallons.

The main reservoir was drained early that morning after 75,000 gallons had been stored in the tower tank to make it possible for the waterworks force to repair weak pipe connections. Necessary valves were installed, but it was several hours later before the pumps supplying the tower could be put in use. Operations were carried on at the plant during a greater part of Wednesday night and yesterday and the water reserve is now almost back to normal.

## Consolidation Will Make Little Change in Service

Patrons on R. F. D. routes 1, 2 and 5 hardly noticed a change in the mail service yesterday following a consolidation of the three routes into two. The change in the rural distribution system from the Williamston office was made with little variation in schedules resulting, Postmaster Price said this morning.

Substitutes Peel and Price are working with Messrs. J. A. Ward and Robert Leggett this week, acquainting them with the new sections of the routes they will service in the future.

## Special Picture Will Be Shown at Junior Meeting

A special feature of the Junior Order public meeting in the schoolhouse here tonight at 7:30 o'clock will be a moving picture showing the activities of the order as they center around the orphanages and its other charitable organizations. The picture, "Fruits of Fraternal Love," is declared very interesting as well as entertaining.

Large numbers of visiting Juniors are expected here this afternoon and tonight. A business session will be held this afternoon, and a public meeting will be held at 7:40 tonight. The public is invited to be present at the meeting tonight.

## Nearly 100 Teachers Are Expected Here Tomorrow

Nearly 100 teachers in the white schools of the county are expected to be here tomorrow for the first of a series of county-wide meetings to be held during the 1932-33 term. The session will be held in the high school building at 10 o'clock in the morning, and will last for two hours, it is understood.

## LITTLE LOSS IS CAUSED BY FIRE AT GUANO PLANT

### Buildings Catch from Grass Fire Started by Two Small Boys

Fire destroyed two storage houses and damaged twelve bales of cotton and 100 tons of peanut meal at the plant of the Standard Fertilizer Company here shortly after 12 o'clock last Wednesday afternoon. When discovered, the blaze had gained much headway, making it impossible for the fire company to save the buildings and prevent damage to the contents. The large factory was not endangered by the flames and sparks pouring forth from the two storage houses across the railroad tracks.

Two small colored boys are understood to have fired the grass 200 yards or more from the plant when they threw down a lighted match after lighting a cigarette "stump." That was shortly before 12 o'clock. Thirty minutes later the fire had eaten its way to the buildings and fired them. Employees of the company were in the main buildings and they did not see the blaze until Mrs. George Harris turned in the alarm.

The fire company connected its apparatus to the town water lines, but on account of a shortage of water it was necessary to place the pumper at the river edge and string a line of hose from there. The fire in the 12 bales of cotton was checked and the blaze in the peanut meal house was smothered, enabling workmen to drag out all that was not damaged.

The resulting damage was not large, and the loss was partially covered by insurance.

## NOTED ORGANIST HERE TUESDAY

### Dr. Minor C. Baldwin Will Give Recital in Local Methodist Church

Dr. Minor C. Baldwin, world-famous organist, will be at the Methodist church Tuesday night at 7:45, under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society. This is an outstanding treat for a town of this size, and every one should hear this great musician. He comes here from New Bern, where he is closing an engagement of five nights. The people in the country as well as in the town should not miss this. It is the opportunity of a life time. No charge will be made, but a silver offering will be taken to pay the musician and to apply on the church debt.

## Two Fire Calls Received About Same Time Here

The local fire company received two calls almost at the same time last Wednesday afternoon when fire destroyed property at the plant of the Standard Fertilizer Company and a portion of the fence at the Roanoke fair grounds. Occupied with the stubborn blaze at the river, the firemen arrived too late to be of any service at the fair grounds. Other parties rushed there and brought the blaze under control after it had destroyed a portion of the fence.

## CAKE IS LEADER ON CURB MARKET

### Cake Sales During the Year Are Around \$500. on The Market

By Miss L. E. SLEEPER

It will be of interest to many in the county to know what products are the most popular sellers on the curb market here in Williamston. Cake is the leader, with \$482.76 taken in during the year. Other products which have a sales record for the past nine months are vegetables, \$220.75; poultry, \$212.72; eggs, \$102.71; milk, \$12.48; cream, \$38.37; butter, \$14.69; fruits and berries, \$20.36. There were 42 different families represented selling on the market here this year. The total sales for the year are \$1,425.44. Help make 1933 even bigger for our little curb market, producer and buyer. Sellers will receive more business through added variety, standardized products, grading, care and cleanliness in preparation of produce for the market. The market is the product of what each seller and buyer makes it. The patronage has been greatly appreciated by the 42 different sellers on the market this year and we aim to please our patrons. A partial list of our prices follows:

Eggs, 28 cents dozen; cabbage, 1c pound; collards, 3c pound; potatoes, 1c pound; cream, 25c pint; turnips, 3c pound; rutabagas, 3c pound; meal, 1c pound; carrots, 3c bunch.

## Growers Plan Drastic Action To Prevent Selling of Peanuts

### KIWANIANS HAVE BIG TIME HERE THURSDAY NIGHT

#### Box Supper Is Interesting Program Feature for Ladies' Night

The annual Ladies' Night of the Williamston Kiwanis Club was observed last night in the community hall with an old-fashioned box supper, which netted considerable money for the Boy Scout work, which is sponsored by the Kiwanians.

Twenty-five boxes, neatly done up, and abundantly filled, were auctioned off to the highest bidder by Mr. W. R. Carson, who is an auctioneer on the local tobacco market. In each case, the man buying a box ate supper with the lady who had prepared it.

After supper a light program was carried out, consisting of musical numbers by Mrs. E. A. Green, Miss Marjorie Moore, and Miss Ella Wynne Critcher. There were stunts, contests, best jokes, and a barnyard animal and fowl contest, in which Miss Bessie Harrell and Mr. Vernon Godwin vied with each other in mimicking, before the group, chickens, cows, ducks, 'n everything.

The feature of the evening's program was the presentation of young Wheeler Martin, Jr., as having brought to Martin County the distinction of having himself become the first Eagle Scout in this section. It was stated last night that he is the only Eagle Scout between New Bern and Scotland Neck, and between Greenville and Elizabeth City.

## 80 CONTRIBUTE TO RED CROSS

### County Chapter About 500 Below Assigned Quota For Year 1932

Reporting 80 new members up to yesterday, the county chapter of the Red Cross misses its goal by more than 500 members. Considering the stringent times, the call has had a ready response in a few of the several townships the chapter embraces, but in others it has been ignored altogether, according to reports received so far by the chapter chairman, Mrs. A. R. Dunning. Of the nine townships in the chapter, only four, Goose Nest, Jamesville, Griffins, and Williamston have reported any new members.

The following names have been added since the last report:

Donations forwarded from Jamesville by Mrs. Kathleen Lilley, \$2.15; Mrs. Milton Moye, \$1; Jesse Price, \$1; V. J. Spivey, \$1; W. T. Roberson and Brother, Griffins Township, \$1; W. B. Harrington, Griffins, 10c; C. A. Hugh, Griffins, 25c; Edward Corey, Griffins, 25c; N. K. Harrison, \$1; Mrs. Daisy Purvis, 25c; K. B. Crawford 50c.

## HONOR ROLL AT FARM LIFE

### Names of 34 Pupils Appear On Roll During Month Recently Ended

Farm Life children started out for a record all their own last month, when the names of 34 were placed on the honor list for the period as follows:

First grade: Georgie Dean Roberson, Dorothy Roberson, Agnes Moore, Noah Roberson, Josephine Hardison, McDonald Hardison.

Second grade: Lola Hardison, Blanche Heath, Martha A. Roberson, Alton Fay Peel.

Third grade: Chloe Hardison, Carlyle Manning.

Fourth grade: Lavinia Hardison, Ida Mae Corey, Oscar Wiggins.

Fifth grade: Ola Lee Lilley, Vergil Lilley, William Lilley.

Eighth grade: Joseph Lilley, Albert Wilson Lilley, James Peel.

Ninth grade: Thelma Coltraine, Bettie Ruth Heath, Verna Griffin, Sarah Roberson, Daisy Roberson, Beulah Roberson.

Tenth grade: Lillian Daniel, Emma Belle Manning, Louise Manning.

Eleventh grade: Eva Brown Coltraine, Archie Coltraine, Veona Roberson, Hazel Ward.

## Fined \$2.50 for Running Over Link of Fire Hose

Harry A. Biggs was fined \$2.50 and taxed with the costs in Justice J. L. Hassell's court here Wednesday night for driving over a fire hose during the fire at the river earlier that day.

## 19 SHOPPING DAYS

There are just 19 more shopping days before Christmas!

Shop early, and first and last, remember the home merchants—the ones who largely support the schools, the churches, community enterprises.

Large stocks of useful and appropriate Christmas goods are being received daily for the seasonal trade. Prepare your shopping list as soon as possible and call to see the merchants who are here year in and year out. They will appreciate your patronage.

## MANY CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION ARE SUGGESTED

### Legislature Will Consider Proposed Changes at Next Meeting

After studying the North Carolina State constitution for more than a year the constitutional commission recently submitted its report to the governor. Many changes have been proposed, and they will be turned over to the general assembly for consideration next year. If the two houses of the assembly favor the changes by majorities of two-thirds of each house, then the issues will be placed before the voters at the next election in 1934.

High spots in the commissioners report are as follows:

Recommends that governor be given veto power, which may be overridden by two-thirds vote of house and senate.

Would give governor power to appoint all officers whose offices are established by proposed constitution and for whose appointment provision is not otherwise made.

Election of supreme court justices and superior court judges for eight-year terms recommended.

Provides for election of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor, superintendent of public instruction, and treasurer for terms of four years each.

Recommends that provision be retained that governor may not be re-elected to succeed himself.

Does not recommend an increase in the constitutional six months school term, but says general assembly may maintain a longer term.

Proposes to give general assembly power to create new solicitor districts without reference to judicial districts. Also to allow more than one superior court judge in each judicial district if work demands warrant and legislature authorizes. Would also allow legislature to increase number of supreme court judges if war warrants.

Recommends the limitation of absentee voting to persons physically disabled or absent because of military, naval, or other service to state or nation.

Recommends that general assembly be given right to permit a verdict by criminal court upon less than a unanimous vote of jurors in other than capital cases.

Recommends that murder, arson, first degree burglary and rape be punishable by death if the General Assembly shall so enact.

Would give power to county commissioners to fill legislative vacancies caused by deaths.

Recommends that appointment of members of legislature to offices created by the session in which they were members be prohibited.

Proposes making duties of local government commission to budget department constitutional.

## Home of Charlie Gurkin, Near Dardens, Is Burned

The home of Charlie Gurkin, near Dardens, was destroyed Wednesday by fire, and only a single piece of the household equipment was saved. The fire occurred about 10 o'clock in the morning. Efforts to save the house were unavailing.

## To Hold Peanut Meeting Here Monday at 11 A. M.

A meeting of importance to all peanut growers, merchants, bankers and others will be held in the courthouse here next Monday at 11 o'clock, it was announced today by N. G. Bartlett, Secretary of the East Carolina Chamber of Commerce.

## CROP MOVEMENT TO BE HALTED BY NEXT SATURDAY

### Meetings Held at Scotland Neck and Murfreesboro This Week

Meeting in Scotland Neck last Sunday and in Murfreesboro last Tuesday afternoon, peanut farmers and business men of the section provided for a selling organization in the hope of bettering peanut prices, and stated that they were prepared to take stern measures if necessary in handling the sale of the crop this season.

Representing eight counties in North Carolina and four in Virginia, the 400 growers attending the meeting at Murfreesboro unanimously approved the so-called "Scotland Neck plan" and voted to begin picketing the highways leading to the markets, possibly Saturday, in order to carry it out.

Charles L. Shields, of Scotland Neck who sponsored the plan, was authorized to proceed with its organization. It provides for the appointment of a board of governors in each county of the peanut district, which will be charged with creating an "information board" in each township.

Under this proposal, the organization would seek to prevent the sale of any peanuts, except by written consent of the board of governors. Each county board would designate the order in which he peanuts of its territory would be taken to market.

**Picketing Regulations**

Under picketing regulations approved, any person hauling peanuts without the authority of the organization, or persons selling at a price lower than that approved by the organization, would be warned to desist.

The meeting adopted a resolution which called upon the federal government, thus insuring the stopping of the vehicle; that all the arts of persuasion be used to induce the parties to turn back.

"erty whatever," and that the violation be reported to the county board, which shall "pass the proper sentence" and "this sentence be executed as they see fit."

**The Plan Adopted**

The "Scotland Neck plan" as introduced by Shields and adopted, follows: A cooperative association plan, put forward by a group of Virginia growers, was rejected in favor of the "Scotland Neck plan."

In concluding, Shields' resolution asserted that if a person sent his peanuts to market, despite the ban, "a positive warning be given to this person stating that he is violating a sacred economic code of ethics set up to prevent the starvation and annihilation of the babies, women, and men of the peanut territory; that they are to be further warned that while no drastic action is being taken at this time, that we can not promise them immunity whatever from anything that in the future, by day or night, may happen to themselves, their vehicles, livestock, or any other property to take off the market enough of this year's crop to pay off seed loans secured by growers in the belt.

The "Scotland Neck plan" was adopted after considerable discussion.

## RECORDER HAD NUMBER CASES

### Judge Bailey Reviews Unpaid Fines and Costs At Tuesday Session

Six defendants, failing to comply with former judgments, were carried before Judge Bailey in the county recorder's court last Tuesday to reface their overdue fines and costs. No new cases were heard that day, leaving several carry-over cases for the new court officers next Tuesday.

Judgment was suspended in the case of Cleo Land upon the payment of the costs.

Timothy Keys, charged with disorderly conduct, was given until the second Tuesday in this month to settle his account with the court.

The fine imposed upon Simon Fagan was remitted, and he was ordered to pay \$2 a month until the cost was paid.

Wilbur Keys was ordered to pay \$4 a month until his account was settled. The fine was remitted in the case against William Cherry, but the defendant was ordered to pay \$4 a month to the court until the cost was settled.

Frank Wood was ordered to pay \$3 a month, beginning the first Tuesday in January and each month thereafter until the account was settled.

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