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## Cotton Reduction Drive Now on in County

### Property Listings in County Drop Nearly \$3,000,000 Below Last Year

#### TOTAL VALUES IN COUNTY AROUND 10-MILLION MARK

#### Reduction in Values Will Cause a Rate Increase of About 25 Cents

Property values in Martin County for the year 1933 are approximately \$3,110,262 less than they were in 1932, according to an early review of the tax scrolls turned in by the list-takers in the several townships recently. The actual decrease in personal and real property values other than those to be listed by corporations, is \$2,175,072, or almost 20 per cent below the 1932 values. County values other than those listed by corporations are listed at \$8,764,439. Corporation values last year were listed at \$2,770,07, and if the 33 1-3 per cent decrease allowed by the commissioners is taken by the corporations their values this year will be around \$1,846,738, making a grand total of approximately \$10,611,177.

In other words, Martin County will have to increase its rate to offset the valuation decrease. Last year it levied on property valued at \$13,721,439. To offset the approximately \$3,110,262 valuation decrease, the county will have to boost its rate by about 25 or 30 cents. The rate of \$1.25 levied last year for general county purposes will automatically jump to about \$1.50 or \$1.55, a preliminary study of the listings now indicates. If the state had continued to levy on the basis of 15 cents on the \$100 property valuation, the rate would probably be around \$1.72. However, the 17 cents levied in this county for the support of the schools in the past has been lifted, and in addition to that amount special school tax levies have been abandoned for the main part, leaving only special road taxes to be added to the county-wide rate. Some districts are not troubled with special road tax levies.

The reduction allowed on real estate owners will work decided to their advantage, but at the same time the owner of personal property who was not so fortunate to get a reduction of that particular property, will bear the brunt of the tax rate increase. For instance, the personal property values in Williams Township show a small increase, the owners of which will be taxed with a higher rate. However, property owners in that district have by far a larger proportion of real estate than they have in personal property. In those communities where there are many stores, the merchants and owners of other personal property will experience actual increases in their taxes, it is believed.

Hamilton had the largest percentage of decrease in personal and real estate values, or a total reduction of nearly 26 per cent. Griffins reported the smallest percentage of decrease, while Williamston, Robersonville, and Goose Nest reported the largest actual decreases. Williams was the only district to report an increase, and that was limited to 1.1 per cent in personal property values. Personal property values were decreased by \$157,111, or just about 11 per cent. Real values dropped \$2,175,072, or about 21.1 per cent, not including corporation listings.

Last year the county raised for general purposes approximately \$172,915.31. It is believed that amount will be considerably reduced by the removal of the levy for schools. Accountant J. S. Getsinger is preparing for the next tax levy, but it will be some time before any rate can be definitely determined. Every effort will be made to hold the rate down, but the valuation decrease is a big problem or stumbling block to confront in performing that task. Had there been no decrease in values, the rate this year would have been less than \$1 in all probability.

#### WHERE THEY PLAY

**TUESDAY, JUNE 27**  
Williamston at Colerain.  
Ahoskie at Elizabeth City.  
Windsor at Edenton.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28**  
Colerain at Williamston.  
Elizabeth City at Ahoskie.  
Edenton at Windsor.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 29**  
Williamston at Elizabeth City.  
Windsor at Colerain.  
Ahoskie at Edenton.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 30**  
Elizabeth City at Williamston.  
Colerain at Windsor.  
Edenton at Ahoskie.

#### 1932 and 1933 County Property Listings, by Townships

The following tables show, by townships, the 1932 and 1933 valuations of real and personal property in Martin County, separately and collectively, also the decrease in total valuations under the 1932 mark, as well as the percentage of increase or decrease. The figures are preliminary and will probably be slightly altered by the county commissioners as errors in listing, etc., are reported. There was only one increase reported, that of personal property in Williams Township, and it did not amount to a very large sum. \* Indicates gain in the table:

Township	PERSONAL PROPERTY				REAL ESTATE				TOTAL VALUES			
	1932	1933	Loss	Pct.	1932	1933	Loss	Pct.	1932	1933	Loss	Pct.
Jameville	\$ 154,122	\$ 118,359	\$ 35,763	23.2	\$ 978,005	\$ 766,409	\$ 211,596	21.6	\$ 1,132,127	\$ 884,768	\$ 247,359	21.8
Williams	41,612	42,291	679	*1.1	349,995	283,606	66,389	19.0	391,567	325,897	65,670	16.7
Griffins	121,440	111,011	10,429	8.7	537,431	468,111	69,320	12.9	658,871	579,122	79,749	12.1
Bear Grass	86,294	82,471	3,823	4.4	562,714	454,841	107,873	19.2	649,008	537,312	111,696	17.3
Williamston	396,171	346,385	49,786	12.5	1,863,353	1,469,884	393,469	21.1	2,259,524	1,816,269	443,255	19.6
Cross Roads	61,541	58,783	2,758	4.5	614,751	456,889	157,862	25.7	676,292	515,672	160,620	23.7
Robersonville	321,000	307,880	13,120	4.1	1,977,357	1,628,925	348,432	17.7	2,298,357	1,936,805	361,552	15.7
Goose Nest	100,331	96,638	3,694	3.1	1,331,312	991,816	339,496	25.5	1,431,643	1,088,254	343,389	23.9
Hamilton	110,394	74,358	36,036	32.6	954,386	714,084	240,302	25.2	1,064,783	788,445	276,338	25.9
Poplar Point	30,134	29,310	824	2.7	347,205	262,485	84,720	24.4	377,339	291,895	85,444	22.6
County Totals	\$ 1,423,042	\$ 1,267,486	\$ 155,556	11.0	\$ 9,516,469	\$ 7,497,150	\$ 2,019,319	21.2	\$ 10,939,511	\$ 8,764,439	\$ 2,175,072	19.9

#### WOMANS CLUB MEETING HELD LAST FRIDAY

#### Mrs. J. G. Staton, Recently Elected President, Was in Charge of Session

The last meeting of the Woman's Club before the summer vacation was held Friday morning at 11:30, followed by a luncheon at 1:30, followed by a luncheon at 12:30 at which nearly 40 members and a few special guests were present. The luncheon with the ladies of the Episcopal church served was enjoyed very much.

The new president, Mrs. James G. Staton, presided very ably. Mrs. Staton, since the inception and organization of the club, has been one of its ablest and most zealous supporters, and during her term of office, which lasts two years, it is expected much of lasting good to the community will be accomplished.

After roll call and minutes of the last meeting were read, reports of the various committees and departments were made. These reports showed that some committees had given some time to planning their work for the next two years. The Fine Arts Department will organize a town choir, an organization long needed in this community which cooperates so successfully in anything for its common good.

The recommendations of the civic committee, which is one of the most important members of the whole body included the following:

"That the town provide and use a street sprinkler which will cool as well as clean the streets in hot weather.

"That the town be zoned for fire alarms so that a citizen away from home will be able to know the location of the fire.

"That the town make a survey of all outdoor toilets, remove those not in use and compel the respective home owners to comply with the sanitary laws of the municipality.

"That the town mark white lines on all stop corners to insure safety with word 'stop' in large letters."

It also asked that club members cooperate in keeping the town clean, especially Main Street. To avoid throwing paper cups, straws, and paper napkins on the street. Cards will be printed and placed in conspicuous places to remind our citizens of this.

#### CLUB STANDINGS

Williamston	9	3	750
Edenton	8	4	667
Colerain	7	5	583
Ahoskie	5	7	417
Windsor	4	8	333
Elizabeth City	3	9	250

#### PLYMOUTH WINS, 10 TO 8, MONDAY

#### Game Was First Of a Series of Three Scheduled with the Independent Team

Williamston's baseball team, leaders in the Albemarle league, lost the first in a series of three games here yesterday afternoon to Plymouth's star independent nine. "Slim" Gardner, county boy, going to the mound for the visitors in the third inning, turned in the one redeeming performance of the contest, holding the locals hitless and making a homer in the eighth to score two men ahead of him and win the game, 10 to 8.

While Plymouth was making 7 hits and 5 errors, the locals were busy making 7 errors and 5 hits. The visitors, winners of 18 out of 22 games so far this year, had an off-day and so did the Albemarle club leaders. Newsome, new pitcher for the locals, worked in his first game here, allowing 7 hits. Chappell, shortstop for the visitors, made a home run in the first, scoring two men ahead of him. Peel, for Plymouth, was the only man on either team to get more than one hit, collecting a double and a triple.

#### Box score and summary:

WILLIAMSTON	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Earp, ss	5	2	1	4	2	0
Gaylord, lf	2	2	1	1	0	0
Latham, c	2	2	0	5	0	2
Brake, 2b	4	1	0	1	2	2
Juzes, 3b	5	0	1	0	1	0
James, rf	4	1	0	2	0	1
xCherry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor, lb	5	0	1	1	1	1
Frank, cf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Herring, cf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Newsome, p	2	0	1	1	1	1
Totals	33	8	5	27	7	7

#### SHIP TOMATOES AT JAMESVILLE

#### Comparatively Small Acreage Planted To the Crop in Section This Year

Tomato growers in the Jamesville section made their first shipments of the season last week, and are now completing plans for additional shipments this week, it was learned yesterday from Mr. R. L. Stallings, farmer in that section.

#### Cotton Blossoms Earliest Seen Here in Fifty Years

Tobe Purvis, colored farmer living on the Wilson place, near here, was the first to display a cotton bloom this season. Purvis picked two pretty blooms from his small cotton tract last Friday.

While no definite records could be learned, it is generally believed that the blossoms were the earliest this season that they have been in years. Ordinarily, blossoms are hardly ever found on cotton in this section before about the 26th or 27th of June, and in some years blossoms were not found before July 4.

Weather conditions during the past three weeks were very favorable to cotton, and the crop advanced rapidly in this section.

Other farmers reporting blossoms about the same time Purvis offered his two for display include: C. O. Godard, E. P. Cunningham, J. W. Rogers, J. H. D. Peel, of Cross Roads, and C. E. Jenkins, and R. L. Crowell. The latter says he discovered his first blossom Monday of last week, but did not have the opportunity to report it until about a week later.

#### COUNTY HEALTH DRIVE IS SUCCESS

#### Believed More Than 6,000 People Will Apply for Free Vaccination

The anti-typhoid campaign, started in this county last week, continues to meet with success, it was learned yesterday from Dr. J. H. Saunders, the county health officer. No estimate on the number treated against the fever and diphtheria can be had at this time, but late reports indicate that more than 6,000 people will take advantage of the free treatment during the campaign.

Reports from various sections indicate that many people fail or simply refuse to attend the dispensaries and make personal visits to the offices of various doctors. The practice works a hardship on the doctors, and a charge of \$1 has been suggested for those who fail to attend the dispensaries and make personal visits to the offices of the several doctors.

After this week it will be too late to apply for the free treatment, and reports yesterday indicate that the number taking the treatment was materially increased that day. Approximately 1,100 were vaccinated in the Sandy Ridge and Farm Life sections yesterday, an increase of more than 300 over the number taking the treatment on Monday of last week. While it is now too late for people in some sections to apply for the free treatment, others are urged to visit their nearest dispensaries for protection against the fever and diphtheria.

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#### Jamesville Junior Team Wins Over Dardens 12 to 3

Jamesville's junior baseball team defeated Dardens 12 to 3 last Sunday. Corey, pitching for Jamesville, allowing only four hits. It was the second win over the Dardens nine. Stalls led the Dardens nine at the bat while Corey featured the play with a batting average of 500.

The Jamesville line-up included, J. Hassell, Carson, Hardison, Blount, Jones, U. Hassell, Brown, Mielle, and Corey.

#### RESULTS

**Friday, June 23**  
Windsor 7, Williamston 5.  
Colerain 11, Ahoskie 2.  
Edenton 4, Elizabeth City 1.

#### MRS. ROGERSON DIED TODAY AT EVERETTS HOME

#### Funeral Services Will Be Conducted There at 3 P. M. Tomorrow

Mrs. Cora Rogerson, widow of the late Jas. E. Rogerson, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. Ben Riddick in Everetts early this morning following an illness of several years' duration. She had suffered during that time a complication of diseases, but was confined to her bed only during the past few weeks.

Mrs. Rogerson was born in Bear Grass Township 58 years ago. Following her marriage to Mr. Rogerson she moved to Everetts to make her home, and had lived there since that time. She was the daughter of the late Nathan Rogerson and wife, Penie Rogerson, who were prominently connected in the Primitive Baptist church of this section for a number of years. Her husband died a number of years ago, and since that time she had made her home with her daughter.

Two daughters, Mrs. C. B. Riddick and Miss Virginia Rogerson, of Everetts, and three sons, Messrs. Herbert and Ollie Rogerson, of Robersonville, and Marshall Rogerson, a resident of this place for several years but now of Greenville, survive her.

#### Skewarkee Lodge Masons In Regular Meet Tonight

Skewarkee Lodge of Masons will hold its regular meeting tonight, at which time final action will be taken on a change in the by-laws. Members are urged to attend and visiting Masons are cordially invited.

#### Brake Now Leading Team In Batting; Few Changes

The past week was almost one of status quo, so far as changes in the relative position in batting of individual Williamston players were concerned. Page, utility man, continues to hold the lead with 1 hit out of 2 trips for the season. Brake forged ahead of Uzzle to lead the list of regulars, and Earp managed to get ahead of Taylor, but outside of these two changes the relative standing is the same as it was last Monday, when the averages were tabulated.

The team average for the season dropped from .315 to .303, which is still high enough to win most ball games. Individually, almost everybody suffered a drop. Uzzle fell from first place with .432 to second with .70; Brake, second last week with .410, is first this week with .395; Earp climbed up one position with a drop from .372 to .368; Sammy Taylor is fourth this week, dropping from .406 to .358; Gaylord kept fifth position, but boosted his average from .308 to .350; James lost 25 points in his average, ending the week with .250; Herring is off from .250 to .238; Latham is the second man on the squad to boost his average, coming up from .200 to .226. There was little change in the others.

Following is the table for all games up to Monday, June 26:

Player & Position	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	SH	Pct.
Page, cf	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	.500
Uzzle, 3b	13	57	10	21	3	3	2	36	1	.370
Brake, 2b	13	56	13	22	7	1	0	31	3	.395
Taylor, lf	13	53	6	19	4	0	0	23	0	.358
Earp, ss	13	57	14	21	1	4	0	30	2	.368
Gaylord, rf	13	57	17	20	3	1	1	28	2	.350
James, rf	13	56	3	14	2	0	0	16	1	.250
Herring, p-cf	12	42	5	10	2	4	1	15	0	.238
Latham, c	13	53	12	12	3	3	0	21	2	.226
Cherry, p-cf	8	18	1	3	0	0	0	3	0	.167
Frank, cf	6	19	1	3	0	0	0	3	1	.158
Kugler, p-cf	7	17	2	2	1	0	0	3	1	.118
Newsome, p	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Team totals	13	489	84	148	26	12	4	210	13	.303

#### Township Meetings To Determine Issue

#### OPENING DATES

Opening dates for the various tobacco belts will be determined Friday of this week when the Tobacco Association of the United States holds its annual meeting at Virginia Beach. It is generally believed that the opening in this belt will be a few days earlier than it was last season. However, it is generally admitted that crop conditions have very little or anything to do with determining the market openings.

The border markets opened last season on August 16. The markets in this belt opened on September 6.

#### FURNITURE FIRM TO OPEN FRIDAY

#### VanDyke Firm Completing Arrangements For Its Opening Here Friday

Preparations are now under way for an elaborate opening of the new VanDyke Furniture Store here Friday evening of this week, it was learned yesterday from Mr. G. G. Woolard, the manager. Opening their doors at 7:30 p. m., the company will offer free prizes to visitors during the evening, it was stated.

The W. J. Hodges store building next to The Enterprise Publish Company Building, has been completely remodeled for the new enterprise. The building was altered especially for the furniture concern, which will be one of the most attractive stores here. A complete stock of furniture will be carried by the concern, much of which is arriving daily at this time.

#### First Rain in Weeks Fell In This Section Friday

The first rain in weeks fell in scattered sections over the county last Friday afternoon and Sunday. Bear Grass, Griffins, Williamston, and a part of Cross Roads reported fairly heavy rains last Friday, the rain of Sunday hardly penetrating the top layer of the soil. Most of the sections favored by the thundercloud are still in need of more rain.

In other sections in the county crop conditions continue serious, it is said, Corn is burning in the field, and in some instances the crop is tasseling on stalks hardly more than two feet high.

#### CROP SHOULD BE REDUCED BY 2,446 ACRES IN COUNTY

#### Farmers in This Township Said to Favor Optional Reduction Plan

The Dixie-wide drive from the tip of Texas to the top of Virginia for a reduction in the cotton acreage was started in this county last night when a few farmers met in the county courthouse here and agreed to reduce their acreage by more than one-third. Reports from other counties in this State and from States in the main cotton belt now point to the success of the acreage reduction movement.

Very little cotton is grown in this immediate section, and a fair percentage was pledged in support of the reduction movement. However, activities in Hamilton and Goose Nest Townships today and Robersonville tomorrow will virtually determine the outcome of the undertaking in this county, as those three districts grow nearly all the cotton grown in this county. Last year 8,151 acres were planted to the crop in the county, 6,503 having been planted in the three townships. Under the allotted reduction quota the county is expected to plow up or destroy approximately 2,446 acres. The reduction plan would reduce the following acreages planted to the crop last year in the various townships by one-third: Jameville, 37 acres; Williams, 40; Griffins, 26; Bear Grass, 188; Williamston, 341; Cross Roads, 619; Robersonville, 1,623; Poplar Point, 399; Hamilton, 1,606; Goose Nest, 3,274.

At the meeting last night 265 acres were represented. Messrs. E. P. Cunningham agreeing to cut his acreage by 30 per cent; H. H. Cowan agreed to plow up 35 per cent of his 37 acres; J. R. Everett one-half of his 33 acres; S. R. Bullock, one-third of his 6 acres; V. G. Taylor, one-third of his 120 acres; H. B. Allen, one-third of his 3 acres; and A. T. Perry one-third of his 6 acres.

Messrs. V. G. Taylor, H. H. Cowan, and E. P. Cunningham were named as the county committee, and Messrs. L. B. Harrison, J. R. Everett, and A. T. Perry were selected for the local township committee. When a farmer gets ready to plow up a portion of his crop, he reports to the township committee, who in turn reports to the county committee or county agent. Mr. Brandon reports immediately to Raleigh and the activity is then reported to Washington.

If the farmer reduced under the cash plan, he is paid immediately the price per acre agreed upon. The amount runs as high as \$20 an acre, but under that plan the farmer gets nothing else. Of course, he is permitted to plant that acreage to other crops. Under the optional plan, contracts are reported the same way, and cash benefits are paid to the farmer immediately. The option is given to him at 6 cents per pound. If the price advances beyond 9 1-2 cents a pound, the farmer is at liberty to sell, and he gets the difference between 6 cents and the price he agrees to sell for. The optional plan was favored mainly by the meeting here last night.

To be successful, the reduction movement must include 363,000 acres in this state and 10,000,000 acres must be abandoned in all the cotton states combined.

Preliminary activities in the reduction drive is believed to have advanced cotton prices already, a gain of nearly 1 cent a pound having been reported only yesterday. If the reduction plan proves successful, fair prices for the staple are virtually assured. If the plan fails, low prices can well be expected.

#### Epworth Leaguers To Serve Ice Cream Supper

The Epworth League of the local Methodist church will serve homemade ice cream on the church lawn Thursday afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock. The public is invited.