

## HOLD NO SCHOOL FOR OFFICERS OF ELECTION HERE

Instruction Would Cost the County About \$150, Official Believes

While all county boards of elections in the State have been asked to hold local schools of instruction for registrars and judges of election, chosen to conduct the wet-dry election November 7, it is not likely that one will be held in this county, according to a statement made yesterday by Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections.

"It will cost Martin County approximately \$150 to hold the one-day school," Mr. Peel said, and in his opinion the instruction isn't absolutely necessary. Mr. Peel did not say no school would be held, but he did say that he considered the cost too great for offering the instruction. The board chairman plans to distribute the ballots and booths the latter part of this month, and he will review a special election guide book with the registrars in each of the 12 precincts.

The request to hold the schools of instruction was made in a letter received by Mr. Peel from the North Carolina Association of Election Officials, Major L. P. McLendon, of Durham, president; and George C. Hampton, Jr., of Greensboro; and Raymond Maxwell, of Raleigh; vice presidents. The letter had the endorsement of the State Board of Elections.

## HEALTH REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

Five Cases of Whooping Cough Reported; Also Some Typhoid Fever

The seasons have changed several times, but the epidemic of whooping cough introduced into this county months ago continues to add to its victims, although the epidemic has about petered out, it was learned from the county health report for the month of September. Only five cases of the cough were reported during September, and they were confined to colored children in Williamston Township. No doubt but there are other cases in the county unreported.

Typhoid fever, against which a vigorous campaign was conducted in the county the past summer, invaded two colored homes in Robersonville Township during September.

## Plan Unusual Feature For Rocky Mount Fair

Like a page torn raggedly from those engrossing tales of Stevenson's "Suicide Club" comes the invitation by way of a classified advertisement for a young man to risk his life, or life—for a consideration.

If he wins he will come out of the ordeal richer. If he loses—but no young man would accept such a dare with the thought of losing in his mind. "The purpose of this stunt not only is to give Rocky Mount Fair patrons an unusual thrill, but to show them exactly what happens when two automobiles collide head-on on the highway."

The head-on collision will feature the International Congress of Dare-devil's program which will also include professional motorcycle races, auto polo, Jack Early attempting to crash through two board walls on a motorcycle, somersaulting and roll-over automobiles, funny Fords, and the celebrated ash can derby.

The daredevils will present a complete thrill program in front of the grandstand both days, October 17 and 18.

## Bear Grass School Opens After a Week Holiday

After a forced one-week holiday on account of the pink-eye the Bear Grass school reopened yesterday morning with 108 children absent. Despite the large number of absences the school authorities plan to continue operations. Ninety-four of the 108 absences yesterday were reported in the grammar grades.

Many absences have been reported in other schools on account of the pink-eye, but all units continue their operations.

## Drys Plan Active Campaign In County Last of October

Beginning about the 25th of this month, prohibition leaders will sponsor a campaign in this county in behalf of the eighteenth amendment. According to present plans, the campaign will be carried out nearly all, if not all, of the 12 voting precincts in the county.

State and national prohibition leaders will take part in the drive, it was learned here today. Complete details will be made public within the next few days.

As far as it could be learned here today, the wets are not planning a speaking campaign in this county. The election, scheduled for November 7, is causing very little interest so far, and no record breaking vote is predicted at this time.

## COTTON DELIVERY

Martin County farmers are delivering much cotton to the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association, according to reports received here yesterday. Most of the growers are drawing 8 cents a pound on their deliveries and are applying the proceeds on their seed and feed loans.

The names of a goodly number of farmers in this county have been added to the association's membership list, and it is believed the organization is entering into what promises to be one of its most successful years.

## LOCAL HIGHS WIN OVER HOBGOOD

"Frosty" Peters' Boys Take Season Opener By A 38 To 0 Score Here

The 1933 edition of Williamston High School's football team stepped out last Friday afternoon on the local gridiron and proceeded to win its first start of the season by overwhelming the Hobgood team, 38 to 0. In the first half the locals, coached by "Frosty" Peters, former Wake Forest star, scored practically at will, while the Hobgood boys never got to mid-field when they had the ball. The score at the end of the half was 31 to 0.

The local boys showed up well with their passing, practically all the scores coming as a result of this type of play. Their ground game did not function so well, although on defense the boys stopped practically everything Hobgood had. Walter Cook and Oscar Anderson showed up well in the backfield, with Jack Manning, right end, being on the receiving end of a number of successful passes. Rogers, center, and Hardison, left end, looked particularly good on defense. Parker, quarterback for the visitors, easily led his team, although his choice of plays was poor and cost Hobgood several adverse scores.

The Williamston team made a total of six touchdowns, five of them in the first half, and two extra points, one by placement kick. Hobgood made only two first downs, one of which came on a penalty. The game was clean and there were no protested decisions by either of the teams. C. B. Clark, Jr., refereed, Bill Spivey was umpire, and H. M. Stubbs, head linesman.

The locals play Ayden's fast team in Ayden next Friday afternoon.

## President To Make Survey Of Recovery Act Progress

Washington. — The questionnaires sent out by President Roosevelt October 9 to 3,000,000 employers is for two pay periods, one ending July 15, 1933, and the other ending October 14, 1933, intended to show the results of the several phases of the national recovery program. In self-addressed official envelopes, all who are operating under the Blue Eagle are asked to forward this comparative statement. The completed questionnaires will be submitted only to sworn employees of the Census Bureau and will be treated as strictly confidential.

## Fire Destroys Dwelling Here Saturday Night

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the home of Minerva Williams, colored, on the corner of Warren Street and the Jamesville road here last Saturday night. When discovered the blaze was breaking through the house top, and the building was just about wrecked before the alarm was received. Nearly all the house contents were burned, resulting in a loss estimated at about \$500. The building belonged to Carrie Williams. No one was at home when the fire was discovered, it was said.

A colored church, a short distance from the Williams residence, caught fire several times, doing a slight damage to the roof.

## 29 LICENSES TO MARRY ISSUED IN PAST MONTH

Largest Number Issued in Single Month Since December

The number of marriage licenses issued in this county reached a new high point last month for the year when 29 couples procured licenses from the register of deeds. With the exception of one month, the number of licenses issued in this county last month was the largest in any one month during the past three years. Thirty licenses were sold in last December.

Present indications point to a record issuance this year, the number of increase being traceable to members of the colored race mainly. In 1931 there were 123 licenses issued in this county. Last year there were 154 licenses issued. So far this year the number of licenses total 133, and there are about three more months in which to tie the lasting knots.

Licenses issued to 7 white and 22 colored couples are as follows:

**White**  
Robert Medford, of Halifax County, and Elizabeth Parker, of Edgecombe County.

Edgar E. Padley and Gladys Carson, both of Pitt County.  
Maurice H. Gardner and Lucy P. Lilley, both of Martin County.

Hulbert L. Daniel, of Martin County, and Evelyn Ferrell, of Beaufort County.

David F. Whichard and Marian E. Warren, of Pitt County.

Joseph I. Bullock and Allie Marie Ward, of Martin County.

Leslie V. Smith and Gladys E. Griffin, of Martin County.

**Colored**  
Eddie Bowen and Daisy Mae Hassall, of Martin County.

Jarrett Simpson and Cleverna Lloyd, of Martin County.

Ernest Sheppard and Cora Brown, both of Martin.

Jasper Williams and Edith K. Lloyd, of Martin County.

Leroy Jenkins and Rosa Mae Taylor, of Martin County.

William Lanier and Aosa Ann Knight, both of Martin.

Booker T. Williams and Lucy Baker, both of Martin County.

Alonso Sheppard and S. T. Lawrence, of Martin County.

William Henry Walston and Louise Gurganus, of Martin County.

William Wallace and Sylvia Whiteley, both of Martin.

James Andrew Whitaker and Mary C. Boston, both of Martin.

Will Brown, of Bethel, and Mary Jane Salsbury, of Martin.

George R. Brown and Mattie Louise Rogers, of Martin County.

Sam Latham and Mary Elizabeth Hassell, of Martin County.

Cornelius Hooker and Ula Williams, both of Martin.

Isom Brown and Kathleen Chance, of Martin.

James Henry Moore and Esther Bell, both of Martin.

Amos Latham and Laura Black, of Martin County.

Orlander Brown and Gladys Johnson, of Martin County.

Henry Wiggins and Rosetta Thompson, both of Martin.

Ralph Bonds and Armalee Pittman, both of Martin County.

Columbus Dolberry and Geneva Council, of Martin County.

## Pitt County Fair Opens in Greenville Next Monday

The Pitt County New Deal Fair opens in Greenville next Monday and continues through the week. According to R. L. Powell, secretary, the association is making arrangements for one of the most successful fairs held there in years. Agricultural exhibits are being arranged this week and sizeable premiums are being offered, Mr. Powell added.

Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus is expected to visit the fair and take part in the program next Tuesday, the fair manager announced this week.

The Sheesley shows will be on the midway with many new riding devices and amusement houses. In addition to the midway entertainment the fair association has booked 12 circus acts, it was said.

## Baptist Association Holds Annual Meet in Greenville

The Roanoke Baptist Association is in annual session today and tomorrow at Greenville, and many delegates and visitors from this county are in attendance.

It will be remembered that this annual gathering met here in the local Baptist church a few years ago, attracting a great throng of people to our metropolis. There will be, as is customary, sessions running from early this morning until afternoon on Wednesday.

## Tobacco Price Agreement Is Still Unsigned in Washington

### UNUSUAL FACTS PERTAINING TO HIGH SCHOOL

Four Members of One Family in Senior Class; Other Items

A personal check-up of the high school enrollment brings to light some interesting, as well as some unusual features. Baylor University boasts of its freshmen quadruplets, but Williamston High School finds four members of the senior class from one family, and they aren't quadruplets, either. Leslie, Lucille, Mattie, and Arthur Gurganus, children of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Gurganus, are the seniors mentioned. A brother, Robert, and a sister, Janie, are also in high school.

Unusual persistence of purpose is shown in the fact that a present member of the senior class, Mrs. Charlie Edwards, enrolled as a freshman after she was married and has successfully pursued her studies.

There are five so-called post-graduates who have received either a certificate or a diploma, but who are enrolled in order to take elective courses which they have not had. Pete Fowden, Billie Clark, Mildred Peel, Robert Cowen, Catherine Shute and Hardy Rose are in the group. Oscar Anderson, Pete Fowden, and Billy Clark have successfully passed senior English, but are spending an hour a day getting further enlightenment in that subject.

A survey reveals that there are 19 pairs of brothers and sisters in high school, 10 pairs of sister, and 11 pairs of brothers, but no twins.

Besides the state-operated trucks, six students from Everetts furnish their own transportation.

At a recent meeting of the junior class, Mary Belle Edmondson was elected president; Grace Manning, vice president; Olena Swain, secretary; and Alta Critcher, treasurer.

### More Cotton Checks Are Received in the County

Thirty-two more cotton checks were received here yesterday, bringing the total number sent here for distribution to Martin farmers to 129, representing a total cash amount of \$4,741.

Approximately 300 additional checks are due to reach the county this week for those farmers taking part in the reduction movement.

### Representative Conducting Stove Demonstration Here

Mr. Ben Bissette, special representative of the Majestic Manufacturing Company, is holding a series of cook-stove demonstrations at the B. S. Courtney Furniture Store here this week. The public is invited to witness one or more of the demonstrations.

### Small Child Dies at Home of Parents Here Sunday

Joseph A. Roberson, four-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Roberson, died at the home of his parents here Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The child had been in ill health for months.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at the home by Rev. J. M. Perry. Burial was in the cemetery here.

### Assistant Game Warden Dies at Washington Home

Charles J. Moore, for eight years assistant State game warden, died at his home in Washington early yesterday morning.

Mr. Moore, 42 years old, and a prominent citizen, had been critically ill for the past week, suffering with pneumonia which followed injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Bath more than a month ago. He was confined to a Washington hospital for some time after the accident in which he suffered several broken ribs and an injury to one of his lungs. After being released from the institution he was confined to his home in Washington, and was able to be out several times before he suffered a relapse the first of this month.

Funeral services are being held in the Episcopal church in Washington this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment will follow in the Oakdale Cemetery here.

Mr. Moore had been active in the conservation of wild life in this section of the State, and was well known by many people here who came in contact with him while carrying on his work.

### MARKET REPORT

With approximately 100,000 pounds of tobacco on the floors, the local market reported slightly higher prices today, the estimated average being placed at above 13 cents a pound. While the quality of tobacco is improving, there are yet large quantities of the inferior grades being offered here. Farmers, while realizing that the prices are low, are having little to say. Few tags are being turned, and the marketing of the crop is orderly.

The local market has just about surpassed its record of last year, and prospects are very favorable for a new record this season.

### RED CROSS AIDS STRICKEN AREA

Furnish Materials for Building and Repairing Homes Damaged in Storm

From word received here by the Red Cross chapter, the task of hurricane relief in the stricken areas is now approaching the final stage of rehabilitation. In addition to meeting all emergency food needs, the Red Cross is giving out lumber, shingles, roofing paper, and window lights as required. With the aid that the sufferers and their neighbors are giving themselves, homes are fast being restored. In some instances, the Red Cross is building new homes to replace those totally destroyed, as in the cases of widows or aged or invalid men.

The chapter officials, who have asked this community to contribute to a relief fund to be expended wholly on the hurricane's victims in this state, explain that the Red Cross has been using funds advanced by its national headquarters in Washington, in anticipation of the funds to be raised here.

Red Cross help is not intended to do more than replace the absolute essentials of the normal life of bona fide sufferers in the storm. It aids on a basis of need, and not of loss, and it aids only those who could not otherwise help themselves, encouraging self-help and neighborhood help as far as possible. It particularly guards against encouraging the spirit of dependency among any element of the population. When the task is ended, it will make a full financial accounting to the people of North Carolina.

### S. Ganderson and Son To Open Store Here Saturday

Sam Ganderson, Elizabeth City merchant, will open a gentlemen's furnishing store here next Saturday in the building formerly occupied by the A. B. Rogers' mercantile firm. The new firm will be under the management of Mr. Ganderson's son, it was learned.

The Rogers' firm is now located in the old Farmers and Merchants Bank Building.

### Methodist Societies Meet at Holly Springs Thursday

A missionary meeting of the Plymouth district, including the Methodist churches at Windsor, Columbia, Roper, Plymouth, Williamston and Holly Springs, will be held Thursday with the Holly Springs church, near here. The meeting will open at 10 that morning and continue well into the afternoon, it was announced. A special musical program has been arranged, it was stated.

### County Commissioners In Special Meet Here Today

The Martin County commissioners are holding a special session here this afternoon for a review of the clerk of the court office audit. The commissioners are also making a study of the new system of records that they are planning to install in the clerk's office. No other business is scheduled for consideration at the meeting this afternoon, Board Chairman T. C. Griffin said.

### Masons Urged To Attend Meet Here Tonight at 7:30

Members of Skewarkee Lodge are urged to attend the regular communication of that group at the lodge hall tonight at 7:30 o'clock, M. J. Moye, the master, announced this morning.

This will be a business meeting and will not last very long. Visiting Masons are cordially invited to attend.

### LITTLE CHANGE NOTED IN PRICE PAID RECENTLY

Secretary of Agriculture Is Giving Agreement Further Study

The proposed agreement for advancing the general tobacco price average to the 17-cent mark is still hanging fire in Washington, late reports stating that Secretary of Agriculture Wallace is now giving the contract more study.

In the meantime, prices for the current tobacco crop remain low or unchanged, except where better quality leaf is offered for sale. The general price average has been increased a cent or two just because better quality tobacco is being sold in larger quantities, but even then the sales figure continues below the promised parity price of 17 cents. Prices will have to advance to almost old war levels to effect the promised average, it is believed.

Contents of the marketing agreement are unknown to those vitally interested in the successful marketing of the 1933 tobacco crop. And while delay after delay has been experienced in placing the agreement into effect, the tobacco-growing areas are still hopeful for higher prices before all the current crop is out of the farmers' hands.

Farmers continue to market their crop rapidly but in an orderly way, and a large part of the crop has already been sold in many sections of the bright belt.

Farm Administration officials have been at work on the contract, designed to give farmers an average of 17 cents a pound for their crop, since September 25.

Several times the agreement has been reported ready for announcement only to be delayed for further study.

Meanwhile, representative of the growers are urging the administration to announce the agreement as quickly as possible so farmers will not be forced to sell their crop.

Governor Ehringhaus, of North Carolina, and Congressmen from both Carolinas who represent tobacco-growing districts, have urged quick action.

### CARE IN POTATO HARVESTING IS VERY ESSENTIAL

Success With Potatoes Depends on Harvesting At Right Time

Success in keeping sweet potatoes the winter depends on harvesting the crop before the potatoes are injured in the soil, immediate and thorough drying and ventilating after harvest, and maintaining temperatures in storage that will prevent cold injury or excessive drying.

"We overlook the fact that sweet potatoes may be injured by excessive water in the soil in late autumn when the temperature is too low to allow the soil to dry out," says Dr. R. F. Poole, plant disease investigator for the North Carolina Experiment Station. "It seems to be a custom to harvest sweet potatoes in this section immediately following the first killing frost whether this frost occurs in late October or late November. We have found that when the crop is harvested between October 10 and October 20, it will keep better in storage than when harvested at a later date."

Dr. Poole says there are some 20 fungi which cause disease and rot of the sweet potato. Some of these will enter the roots whether are injured or not and when soil conditions are favorable, trouble will follow. This is why the specialist advises digging before the soil become water-logged in late fall.

It is poor economy, says Dr. Poole, to store any potatoes that are diseased. Therefore, he advises inspecting the roots before storage. None that are broken or cut should be placed in the houses.

Good ventilation in the storage house is also advised. Excessive heat is to be avoided because this not only results in shrinkage but also in poor quality.

### Pamlico Storm Sufferers Being Helped Rapidly

Storm sufferers in Pamlico County are being rapidly rehabilitated under the direction of a relief committee headed by County Agent R. W. Galphin.