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## MANY FLOCKING FOR JOBS WITH LOCAL CWA UNIT

### Thorough Checkup Being Made As To Eligibility Of Applicants

News of the favorable wage scale advanced by the civil works program is spreading like wild fire, and laborers are flocking into the fold in almost unbelievable numbers. From every nook and corner. Unofficial reports indicate there is a hot race underway to see who can get the most. The employment bureau is being swamped with applications, many of which should never have been made.

A report from the bureau Monday morning shows 371 people registered, that number not including the direct relief cases to be included in the works program. Nearly one-half or 221 men to be given employment in the county were assigned to the four projects in the county last week, calling for a \$1,332.95 payroll last Saturday. Yesterday there were many still knocking at the employment office bureau to register.

Some of those seeking to register are farmers who produced good crops this year and made money on tobacco with corn in their barns and hogs in their pens. Some who had borrowed from the seed-feed loan and who had met their obligations with a first load of tobacco are trying to get their names on the list. Others who have jobs are trying to get themselves included in the working list, believing the sailing easier and the pay greater.

The civil works program was not created to give employment to those who are experiencing a lull in their business just now and who have assets of their own to fall back upon. Only that class of labor without work and without funds and where there are dependents is eligible, according to information received here. The employment bureau is anxious to help those who really need help, and the applicants trying to "hog" something that rightfully belongs to the less fortunate might be called to answer before the program is completed.

Martin County is scheduled to put 442 men to work. Nearly half that number was placed on the payroll last week, and it is believed the program will be fully underway by the latter part of this or early next week. Investigations into eligibility of the workers will continue, and those men who have no business on the payroll will find it to their advantage to make arrangements now to paddle their own boats.

Additional projects are being considered, and just as soon as they are approved, the distribution of the workers will be improved, it is understood. At the present time, men are being transported from one section to another, but sufficient projects are being arranged in the local centers to care for the workers in these particular districts.

When the projects are fully developed, a payroll amounting to more than \$5,000 will be handled weekly in this county, it is estimated.

## Native Of Martin Dies Sunday In Tyrrell County

Dennis Tetterton, 42 years old, died suddenly at his home in Englehard, Hyde County, Sunday morning following an injury to his head received a few weeks ago. Reports received here stated that he was hit over the head with a bottle during a quarrel in an Englehard pool room.

Funeral services were held yesterday and interment was in the Tetterton plot in the cemetery here.

The son of Mrs. Joanna Tetterton and the late Henry Tetterton, he was born here. Following the death of his first wife, the former Miss Ada Perry, Tetterton moved to Hyde County, where he farmed.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his invalid mother, one brother, John Tetterton, and one sister, Mrs. Annie Wood, all of Brooklyn, N. Y. He was married three times, but no children were born to either union.

## Child Dies In Hospital From Effects Of Burns

Pauline, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Ward, who live at the old J. H. Ward residence on the Washington highway, died in a Washington hospital yesterday afternoon from the effects of burns received when the child's clothing caught fire about four weeks ago. The little girl has been in the hospital since that time for treatment.

The child's clothing caught fire from an open fireplace early one morning while her parents were out of the house and she was severely burned about the body.

Interment was made at the Ward graveyard near the home today.

## TOBACCO MARKET

The local tobacco market reopened yesterday after a two days holiday for Thanksgiving. The offerings were light, and while the prices were not as high as they were a week ago, they were said to be above the prices paid just before the markets closed for the holiday. Prices received here compared favorably with those on other markets for the day, it is understood.

## LYMAN JONES, PITT FARMER, FATALY SHOT

### Conflicting Evidence Raises Doubt As To Manner Of Shooting

Lyman Jones, 32-year-old Pitt County farmer, was fatally shot just a few yards from a Holiness church, near Brown's school house in Robersonville Township, last Saturday night, conflicting evidence raising doubt as to whether it was suicide or the man was shot by Sam Ayers, respected Martin County farmer.

Jones, found fatally shot along the roadside about 45 yards from the little church by Eason Biggs, was removed to a doctor's office in Robersonville. Learning his condition, doctors advised him that death was only a few minutes off, and that if he had any statements to make, he should make them at once. Under oath, Jones said that Sam Ayers shot him, adding that he knew no cause other than the religious zealotry of Ayers. He described the shooting, and even though he knew he was dying, he explained that he held no malice against Ayers. After shaking hands and telling a relative goodbye, Jones died shortly before midnight.

Hearing the deathbed statement made by Jones, Chief William Gray arrested Ayers with a warrant charging murder. Coroner Biggs and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck were called, and evidence contrary to the sworn statement made by Jones was heard. John T. Bland, 12 years old and a brother-in-law to Jones, said that Jones went to the Bland home and got the gun, a 410 gauge, to go opossum hunting. The boy and Jones went to the church, where services were in progress, and after talking there a few minutes, Jones went on down the road. The boy claims he heard a gun fire, and that he was talking to Sam Ayers at the time, indicating that Jones had sworn falsely on his deathbed and raising the belief in the minds of some that Jones had taken his own life.

When Jones was found, he had his right shoe and sock off, but before he died he explained that his foot, injured in a wreck several weeks before, was hurting him and that he had removed the shoe and sock and was rubbing his foot when Ayers came up and asked to see the gun. This evidence was corroborated by two men passing the scene just before the shooting. When they asked why he had his shoe and sock off, Jones said that his foot was hurting him terribly and that he was rubbing it.

Other people at the church said they were talking with Ayers and heard the gun fire. Another is said to have been at a tobacco barn near the scene and about the time of the shooting, and heard no report of the gun.

A jury was summoned, and it was decided to hold Ayers under a \$1,000 bond for the next term of Martin Superior Court convening next week.

Ayers, said now to deny the shooting, had not been inside the church prior to the shooting, but went in and took a front seat soon after Jones was fatally shot, it is understood.

## Dr. J. A. Eason Endorsed By Medical Examiners

Dr. J. A. Eason was one of the 23 doctors in the State whose credentials were endorsed by the North Carolina State Board of Medical Examiners last week.

Coming here from Virginia only a few months ago, Dr. Eason has gained a strong friendship throughout this section, and it is with much pleasure that the people learn he has decided to make this his home.

## Little Sickness Reported For Month In County

The November health report for this county carries few cases of contagious diseases. There were two chickenpox cases in Griffins Township, two whooping cough cases among colored residents and one scarlet fever case in Williamston during the period.

## PEANUT PRICE LIKELY TO BE 3 CENTS PER LB.

### Millers And Growers Agree To Accept Schedule Of Administration

A price of three cents a pound for the present crop of peanuts was virtually assured in Washington last Saturday when millers and growers met there and agreed to accept a schedule approved by the farm administration. The millers maintained for a price of \$55 a ton while the growers and their representatives proposed a minimum price of \$60 a ton or three cents a pound for the current crop. While the millers still maintained that the \$55 price schedule appeared fair, they said they would accept the \$5 boost if it was approved by Secretary Wallace.

Just when the agreement will be effected, it could not be determined. The growers would have it effective from last Saturday, while it was all but agreed that the schedule would go into effect upon ratification by Secretary Wallace. As a means of protection for the growers, a system of borrowing on the crop is being considered.

If the tentative arrangement effected stands, and there is little reason to doubt that it will, the basis of most of the Virginia and Carolina peanuts would be \$60, or three cents a pound. Some of the big peanut growing counties are found in North Carolina, and it was estimated if present plans are carried out, that it will insure to these North Carolina growers about \$2,000,000 more than they realized from the 1932 crop.

Representatives of the growers urged higher prices than those proposed, saying the shellers should be willing to try it out on the higher basis, as it had been determined by the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and other authorities that the cost of production would range around three cents a pound, and Governor Ehringhaus pointed out that it was the intent of Congress, not only to give the farmer cost of production for his crops, but restore the buying power of agriculture.

Unless the shellers and buyers agreed to a higher price he feared the marketing agreement would ultimately have the effect of nullifying the act of Congress. He thought there should be a revamping, or revision upward, of the whole scale of prices, or the effect would be to make a mockery of the law. There was danger of dynamite in the present situation, he added.

A number of shellers got to their feet at the conclusion of the statement of Governor Ehringhaus, as they thought the observations of the North Carolina governor carried the implication that they were on the make, or were about to try on a little profiteering, under the marketing agreement. They asserted that, quite to the contrary, none of them had been able to lay up any riches, and that the only time any of them ever made a dollar was when they happened to guess right on the market, and they occasionally made something on price advances after they had acquired a goodly supply.

## Many Lettens Sent To Tobacco Farmers

Approximately 1,500 letters, explaining the tobacco adjustment program, have been mailed to farmers in this county, preparatory to the reduction campaign that is scheduled to get underway the latter part of this or early next week. County Agent Brandon was in Raleigh Monday receiving last-minute instructions, and the reduction campaign arrangements are now complete.

Farmers will receive cards within the next few days directing them to visit their respective committees, and it is hoped that the work can be completed within a comparatively short time.

## Several Injured In Sunday Wreck At Robersonville

Miss Louise Grimes of Robersonville suffered a broken arm and a Miss Bullock of Bethel was badly but not seriously injured when the car in which they were riding turned over near Robersonville last Sunday afternoon. A Miss Daniel of Robersonville and Mayo Hardison and Jasper Moore, driver, of this place escaped with minor injuries and bruises.

## Roanoke Hotel Now Under New Management

Mrs. Grace Swain, formerly of Plymouth, has taken over the management of the Roanoke Hotel here. Mrs. Swain, experienced in the management of hotels, entered upon her new duties here last Friday, succeeding Mrs. W. J. Smith.

## NO SEED LOANS BUT SOMETHING BETTER FOR 1934

### Credit Needs Will Be Handled Through Affiliate Of Land Bank

Under the new laws governing the work of the Farm Credit Administration, new machinery is being set up for the handling of seed and fertilizer loans beginning with the 1934 season. North Carolina farmers will handle their own credit needs with the aid of the Production Credit Corporation affiliated with the Land Bank at Columbia.

The new plan provides for farmers to secure adequate and permanent credit for producing crops, breeding, raising and fattening livestock and for the production of poultry and all livestock products.

The Production Credit Corporation has a capital stock of \$7,500,000 and will organize, provide the initial credit for and supervise the operation of local production credit associations in all communities where the need exists.

"It will be the duty of these associations to make loans directly to farmer borrowers and the associations will, in turn, discount the farmers' notes directly with the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Columbia," says A. F. Lever, in charge of public relations for the bank. "If ten or more farmers manifest an interest in forming an association, the Columbia Corporation will send a representative to the community to help arrange the matter. County farm agents will also help."

These associations are not to be set up to provide an easy way for farmers to go into debt but to help him get out and stay out of debt, Mr. Lever explains. He says that any one desiring definite information about how to organize one of the associations should talk over the matter with his farm agent or write directly to the Corporation at Columbia, South Carolina.

It is the belief of extension authorities at State College that this new plan will be found more satisfactory in the long run than the old seed loans of the past.

## PIGS PLACED IN STUMP HOLE; ESCAPE FIRE

### Unusual Story Reported By J. W. Hines In The Savana Woods

Many small homes and outbuildings were threatened, and a few destroyed in recent forest fires burning in this county, but the most unusual story advanced in that connection was told this week by Farmer J. W. Hines.

Last Saturday night Mr. Hines and his tenants were fighting fire in the Savana woods on his farm. They heard pigs squealing in the path of the raging fire and the men rushed there just in time to move a sow and three small single pigs to safety. No time was had to look for additional members of the flock just then, but later Mr. Hines and his men returned to the scene. In an old stump hole, a few feet from the spot where the mother and three pigs were found, the men discovered six more little pigs unharmed even though the fire had burned all around the hole. Mr. Hines allowed the mother pig realized the danger and moved the newly-born pigs to safety, and that she did not have time to move the others.

## Thirteen More Cotton Checks To Be Received

Thirteen Martin County farmers participating in the cotton reduction program are yet to receive their checks from the government, it was learned this week. No cause for the extended delay could be learned, but despite the late date there is yet hope for the receipt of the money by Christmas if not before.

## Three Weddings In One Day Reported Saturday

Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell established a new record here last Saturday when he took the vows from four young couples jumping into matrimony. Three weddings in one day was the record broken.

## Woman's Club To Sponsor Dance Friday At Club Hall

The Woman's Club will sponsor a dance Friday night of this week at the club hall. Music will be furnished by Fred Rogers and his "Robersonville orchestra. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## TOWN FATHERS PLAN TO WAR ON CITY'S RATS

### Authorities Plan To Distribute Several Hundred Pounds Of Poison

With no special business scheduled, the town board of commissioners held an uneventful session here last evening. A second meeting of the month will be held within the next few days when certain business matters will be discussed, it was learned.

The rat plague, already considered serious throughout the town, will be attacked within a few days when the authorities plan to distribute several hundred pounds of rat poison. Final arrangements for the anti-rat campaign are awaiting the receipt of the poison bait, it was said at the meeting last night. During the meantime, citizens of the town are asked to make preparations to take an active part in the campaign against the rodents. Thousands of dollars worth of property are lost each year right here in the town as a result of the rats, described as ground squirrels and said to be the size of small cats.

An ordinance against the use of fireworks was recalled, and it is understood that violators will be handled in accordance with the laws. While no developments have been effected in connection with sinking a new well at the water plant here, the authorities are still working on the project, and definite information is expected shortly.

## ORGANIZE LOAN BODY SATURDAY AT WASHINGTON

### H. H. Cowen On Committee To Represent Martin County

Representatives from Martin, Tyrrell, Washington, Beaufort and Hyde counties met in Washington last Saturday and perfected the organization of a regional production credit corporation.

Loans made by the regional production credit corporation will take the place of the seed and feed loans of this year, as well as the loans made last spring by the regional agricultural credit corporation.

Under the new plan, to be used next spring, borrowing farmers become stockholders in the corporation. A man applying for a \$100 loan will be required to buy \$5 worth of stock in the corporation, that amount being deducted from the loan, it is understood.

County Agent T. B. Brandon and Mr. H. H. Cowen were the only attendants at the meeting from this county, and Mr. Cowen was made a member of the committee, representing Martin County.

It is understood that the five counties in this district will be able to secure loans totalling up to at least a half million dollars.

## RAIN CHECKS FOREST FIRES IN THIS SECTION

### Much Damage Estimated To Have Been Done In Wooded Areas

Rains falling last Sunday evening checked temporarily if not altogether many forest fires throughout this section, but not until damage, estimated in the thousands of dollars had been done to timber and other property. For more than a month fires have raged in first one section and then in another in this county. Several of the fires are said to have burned across small streams and open fields, destroying small quantities of corn. A few buildings were damaged and many others threatened by the fires that filled the atmosphere for miles and miles with smoke. In the dismal, bordering the Beaufort County line, fire is said to have burned into the earth as much as two feet and destroyed sizeable trees.

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## TAGS GOING FAST

Opening last Friday, the local State automobile license bureau in the Williamston Motor Company building here had sold fifty plates up until this morning. While the sale is very small, it is far larger than for the first three opening days last year.

Automobile owners have been warned that there will be no time extension for the purchase of 1934 tags, and that it is advisable to procure tags before the first of the year.

The first plate issued by the local bureau this year went to J. W. Walters, a Bertie car owner. The second went to our own Norman K. Harrison.

Maintained under the direction of the Carolina Motor Club for the convenience of automobile owners in this section, the local bureau is now operating on a full-time basis.

## TEN DWELLINGS RUINED BY FIRE IN PLYMOUTH

### Live Ashes Emptied In Dry Grass Spreads Blaze To Frame Buildings

Plymouth, N. C., Dec. 4.—Flames completely destroyed ten dwelling houses on Thanksgiving Day in a suburban settlement of Plymouth known as White City. The first house caught fire from a burning broomstick patch that ignited when a young Negro boy emptied a pan of live ashes in it. There being a high wind blowing directly northeast, every building within two blocks was in danger and every precaution was used by the home owners for quite a little distance from the scene of the fire.

Due to the untiring efforts of the Plymouth volunteer fire department and an emergency squad under the direction of Fire Chief L. W. Garkin, the flames were soon conquered by using the fire truck pump water from Coneby Creek, which runs parallel with White City. This section being unincorporated, and not under public fire protection, the fire hydrants were too remote from the scene of the fire to be of any avail.

Homeless families crowded the welfare office appealing for aid. Some were entirely homeless and penniless others were ragged and had lost everything, others had only their furniture left with no place to put it.

Food for immediate needs was supplied, and the next day the Woman's Club put on a house-to-house canvass.

## COLORED MAN PUT IN JAIL ON THEFT CHARGE

### Alleged To Have Attempted To Steal Corn From Kelly Hardison

John Gray, young colored man, was arrested and placed in the county jail here yesterday for the alleged attempt to steal corn from the barn of Kelly Hardison, Cross Roads farmer, Sunday night.

Hearing some one breaking into his barn late that night, Mr. Hardison fired a load of shot at the thieves, but he did not know whether he hit his mark. Officers were called and they followed tracks that led to Gray's home, but his arrest did not follow at that time. Yesterday when he was taken into custody, Gray is believed to have carried evidence in his back. There were several small shot just under his skin. However, in jail yesterday, he vigorously denied the attempted theft, but he failed to explain the small holes in a jumper and the slight wounds in his back. Other arrests in the case were predicted yesterday by the sheriff's office.

## "Deacon Dubbs" To Be Presented This Friday

For three weeks a company of local actors have been practicing for the play "Deacon Dubbs." The actors are Leslie Fowden, Maurice Watts, Frank Pittman, Murt Stubbs, Chick Manning, Mrs. Sam Getsinger, Miss Lucille Hassell, Miss Truliah Ward Page, Miss Margaret Everett and Miss Katherine Harrison.

Mrs. Lanier has been coaching the players. Mrs. W. B. Watts will have charge of the music, assisted by several others. There will be a number of extra singers and dancers.

The play will be given at the high school Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The proceeds are for the benefit of the parish house fund of the Church of the Advent.

## COMMISSIONERS TRANSACT ONLY ROUTINE DUTIES

### Meet In Another Room As Their Office Was Filled With Job Hunters

The Martin County Commissioners, in regular session Monday, were all but overshadowed by people in the courthouse seeking work under the Civil Works Administration. The commissioners found their room occupied, so they repaired to Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger's quarters further down the hall. All the courthouse was in a stir during a greater part of the day, but no matter what the other attractions were, the commissioners listened to the pleas in connection with dogs and real property. There then were the routine duties that kept the commissioners in session a greater part of the day.

Bonds of the several county officials were reviewed and approved. The board recommended that the State Highway Commission take over that road leading from the Jamesville-Washington highway near the home of Mrs. George W. Martin, extending northwardly by Henry Modlin's back to the first road, a distance of about one mile.

The board also recommended the State commission taking over the Conoho road from the Roanoke River wharf to Highway 125.

J. G. Staton was relieved of taxes on twenty and one-half acres of Council land valued at \$600 in Robersonville Township.

B. B. Burnett was relieved of \$2 dog tax for 1933 listed through error in Goose Nest Township.

John Bland was reappointed superintendent of the Martin County home for the aged and infirm.

## DR. GLAZEBROOK HERE THIS WEEK

### Lay Evangelist Of Episcopal Church Will Be Here For Several Days

From Thursday noon through Sunday, Dr. Larkin Glazebrook of the department of evangelism of the Episcopal church will be in town. Dr. Glazebrook was for many years a successful practitioner of medicine in the national capital, but gave up this work to engage in lay evangelism. He has been very successful in this work and Williamston is fortunate to have him.

The following is a list of services while Dr. Glazebrook is here: Smoker for men at the Church of the Advent parish house, Thursday evening at 7:30; meeting for women at the home of Mrs. Clayton Moore on Church street, Friday afternoon at 3:30; morning and evening at Church of the Advent, Sunday; St. Martin's, Hamilton, Sunday afternoon at 3:30.

The public is cordially invited to any or all of these services. Any persons desiring private interviews with Dr. Glazebrook are requested to speak to Rev. E. F. Moseley.

## Negro Child Dies After Run Down By Auto

Matthew Frazier, four and one-half year old colored child, the son of Lemon Frazier and wife, was run down and fatally injured by an automobile driven by Daw Wilson, colored, last Sunday afternoon on the Hamilton road, about four miles from here. The child was removed to a Washington hospital, where he died early yesterday morning.

The child, playing with other children, dashed into the road just ahead of the car after he had been pulled from the path of the car just a few seconds before. The driver was held blameless.

The Fraziers are tenants on M. D. Wilson's farm.

## Boys Set Fire To Buildings While Out Hunting Rabbits

Several colored boys went rabbit hunting on the Spruill farm in Poplar Point Township one day last week, and in order to run the rabbits out, set fire to the dry grass and weeds in the uncultivated fields. The fire soon got away from their control and burned every building on the farm. The property belongs to W. K. Parker.

## Choral Club Will Meet In Woman's Club Hall

The Williamston Choral Club will hold a regular meeting in the Woman's Club hall here tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present. The organization of the society is about complete, and no new members will be taken in after tomorrow evening, it was stated.