



MANY PROTESTS ON ALLOTMENTS ARE BEING MADE

Low Pounding Per Acre Allotted Basis of Many Complaints

With all but 18 or 20 returned, the county committee met here yesterday to complete their work in preparing the cotton contracts for forwarding to state and federal authorities. The contracts will be in the hands of the state authorities the early part of next week, according to present plans. Just how long it will take the government agencies to prepare and mail out the rental checks is unknown, some guessing it will be several weeks before the work can be completed.

According to unofficial reports the cotton situation is far from satisfactory in this county, many farmers commenting that the tobacco contracts were perfect in comparison with those for cotton. Judging from reports coming from other counties, farmers in Martin are apparently getting the worst end of the bargain, not that the facts and figures have been handled incorrectly by those in charge, but because there were gross misrepresentations made apparently by some growers. Many farmers, it is understood, could not recall their production for the long base period, and they just estimated it too high, it is believed.

Several farmers were here yesterday from two or three sections of the county registering complaints, and their arguments were considered plausible, but they did not have documentary evidence and the committee could do nothing to change the situation.

While the figures are not complete, the following represent the poundage allotment per acre in the several districts: Robersonville, 277 pounds per acre; Goose Nest, 227; Williamston, 229; Hamilton, 262; Poplar Point, 279; Jamesville, 291; Cross Roads, 249; Williams, 204; Bear Grass, 259; and Griffins, 211; making the county average about 250 pounds per acre.

In the upper part of the county, the cotton reduction movement is effecting real hardships for some farmers, it is said. That they will probably be better off than they would have been had there been no reduction movement is to be seen, but it is certain that some of them are not faring as well as some others. This situation developed when they represented fairly their production and they then had to accept two reductions to bring down high averages reported by others. But there is nothing that can be done about it, or at least no one in this section knows how to alter the situation.

Martin County farmers will rent approximately 3,000 acres of cotton land to the government this year, it is estimated, and they will receive about \$24,000, or probably more, in rent, it is understood.

NONE HURT IN TRUCK CRASH

Vegetables Scattered Over Highway Near Here In Accident Last Night

Cabbage, beans, and potatoes were scattered several feet deep on the Washington Highway near the home of Mr. L. T. Holliday late last night when a big freight truck crashed into another and dumped the vegetables out, almost blocking the highway. No one was hurt in the accident, but the contents of one truck were almost ruined and the trucks were damaged considerably.

According to reports, a five-ton Virginia truck loaded with cabbage was stopped for repairs, the driver of the second truck crashing into the parked truck when he failed to see the lights that were said to have been burning. The second truck, loaded with beans, potatoes, and fish from Oriental, was not badly damaged, and only a few of the contents were lost.

Beans, potatoes and cabbage were said to have been so thick on the highway that traffic had to be turned off the road and around the wreckage.

Three Liquor Plants Raided This Week

Three liquor manufacturing plants, two in Poplar Point and one in Williamston Township, last Wednesday by Deputy J. H. Roebuck, assisted by Jailer Roy Peel. The kettles had been removed at each plant, but part of the manufacturing equipment and a small quantity of beer were destroyed, the officers reported.

Last night Deputy Joe Roebuck and Roy Peel fished a striking copper still of 10-gallon capacity from a well in Tyner Town, this township, and not far from the highway prison camp. The kettle was one of the smallest captured by officers in this county in some time, a record having been established several years ago when officers captured a 1-gallon outfit from an inmate on the county farm.

Baseball Season To Open Here Monday

WHERE THEY PLAY

MONDAY, JUNE 4th
Plymouth at Williamston.
Bertie at Ahoskie.
Edenton at Elizabeth City.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5th
Williamston at Plymouth.
Ahoskie at Colerain.
Elizabeth City at Edenton.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6th
Edenton at Williamston.
Ahoskie at Elizabeth City.
Bertie at Plymouth.

TWO MEN WITH SAME NAME IN TOILS OF LAW

James Moore Seems To Be Favorite Monicker of Law-Breakers

That James Moore is a favorite name with alleged criminals was proved in a review of jail records here this week. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck reporting two colored men by that name behind the bars at the same time.

One James Moore was delivered to Roanoke, Va., authorities last Tuesday. The man was returned to the Virginia city, where he is wanted in connection with a murder nearly three years old. That James Moore denied his guilt just before leaving here.

A second James Moore, alleged to be a resident of Rocky Mount, was arrested near Parmele a few days ago when suspicion centered upon him in connection with the robbery of John Roebuck's store in Parmele a few days before. Moore is said to have told all kinds of stories, and he is being held pending an investigation by the authorities. Much merchandise was stolen from the Roebuck store, it was said, and Moore was understood to have been engaging certain merchandise for sale at Bethel.

Moore was accompanied by a bull dog, the animal being now at home in the old jail building while his master reposes in the county's modern hostelry for the alleged wrong-doers.

RECORD BOOKS FOR FARM WORK

Between 1,500 and 2,000 Are Being Distributed in Martin County

The Federal government is distributing between 1,500 and 2,000 record books free to Martin County farmers, asking them to enter there all farming facts and figures as they develop. While it is generally believed many farmers will utilize the books to the best advantage possible, reports coming from a few growers indicate a number of the books will be either thrown away or lost before the crops now growing are harvested. Some few farmers are said to have made light of the books, stating that they might keep a record or they might not.

The importance of farm records was never more fully demonstrated than during the cotton and tobacco sign-up season a few weeks back, and while the situation might prove a valuable lesson to nearly all Martin County farmers, others will continue in a careless way, saving a record now and then and guessing at the rest.

Methodists Announce Services for Sunday

C. T. Rogers, Pastor.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Church services, 11 a. m.
Holly Springs
Sunday school, 2:30 p. m.
Church services, 3:30 p. m.
Mary Cherry Farm
Church services, 8 p. m.
Only one service in Williamston, at 11 a. m. May every one make an effort to attend church Sunday, once at least.
You are cordially invited to worship with us.

Darden's Store Starts Big June Sale Today

Starting a June sale this morning, the Darden Department store here is offering seasonal and unusual bargains to thrifty shoppers of this section. Prices have been materially reduced for this big saving event, as will be noticed in the page advertisement carried by the firm in this paper. These bargains will be available during a very short time, Manager-Owner Dred Darden announced.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Matthews, of Hamilton, visited here yesterday afternoon.
Miss Mildred Darden, of Kenly, is visiting Mrs. R. L. Coburn here.

FEW NEW FACES IN LINE-UP FOR OPENING GAME

Band Concert, Flag Raising And Memorial Service To Be Features

Arrangements were announced as complete today by President R. H. Goodman and Manager V. J. Spivey for an elaborate opening of the Albemarle Baseball League season here next Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, when the Martins go up against Plymouth, a newcomer in the league. The player line-up has taken definite form, with probably Bill Herring or Dick Cherry working on the mound against Plymouth's high-rating nine. Many of the old players of last season and the season before will be back at their posts, with changes announced at first and second base positions.

With a brand new diamond and a very creditable grand-stand, built by Lilley Brothers, present indications point to a record attendance for the opening contest of the Albemarle League season here. Every detail, including bleachers for the moderate wealthy, a concession with the peanuts and lemonade, a big score-board and a flag pole, has been executed with care, the "fixings" and side-line program being enough within themselves to attract a crowd of ordinary size.

Promptly at 3:45, the American flag with the league pennant, won by the Martins last season, will be raised in centerfield, followed by a short memorial service for Messrs. Aaa Tom Crawford, late president of the local baseball club; and W. Joe Taylor, who was a member of the club's directorate last year. Williamston's high school band, of about 40 pieces, will take part in the program during the meantime, and at 4 o'clock Mayor John L. Hassell is scheduled to pitch out the first ball, marking the beginning of the season.

The probable line-up is as follows: Walter Latham, catcher; "Doc" Kugler, Dick Cherry, Bill Herring, and "Slim" Gardner, pitchers; Brogden, first base; "Frosty" Peters, second base; Howard Earp, shortstop; Jim Uzzie, third base; "Brother" Gaylord, Troy Goodman, and Cecil Brake, outfielders.

There are only three new faces in the line-up, Gardner, pitcher; Peters, second base; and Brogden, first base. Admission prices this year will be: General admission, men 25c; ladies 15c; grandstand, 10c each.

6 CASES CALLED BY RECORDER

Short Session, Lasting Less Than Half Day, Held Here This Week

Calling six cases, the Martin County Recorder's Court had another short session here last Tuesday, the officers clearing the docket a good while before noon. The proceedings were not at all eventful, and attracted little attention.

The case charging John A. Griffin with violating the liquor laws was cleared from the docket upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs.

A nol pros resulted in the case charging J. M. Johnson with an assault with a deadly weapon. The case charging Emma Thomas with disorderly conduct, was referred to the juvenile court, as the defendant was said to be under 16 years of age.

Charged with assault, Bertha Coppage was sentenced to jail for a term of 30 days.

F. C. Williams was found not guilty in the case charging him with violating the liquor laws.

Ben Padgett was sentenced to jail for 30 days in the case charging him with operating a car while intoxicated.

Announces Services At Cedar Branch Church

There will be services at Cedar Branch Baptist church Sunday at 11 o'clock and 8 o'clock at night. At the 11 o'clock service there will be an ordination of deacons. Rev. T. O. Hickman, of Bear Grass, will help in the ordination. The public is invited to attend.

Scouts Enjoy Outing on the Pamlico Last Night

Thirty-three local Boy Scouts enjoyed an outing on the Pamlico at Bayview last night, the boys reporting a very pleasant trip upon their return here this morning. They were accompanied by Scoutmaster Wheeler Martin and Professor D. N. Hix.

BRIDGE POST IN MIDDLE OF ROAD HERE TAKEN OUT

Traffic Hazard That Has Caused Many Wrecks Eliminated

One of the worst traffic hazards in this section of the State was eliminated this week when the center supports located in the middle of highway 64 and supporting the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad bridge were removed. There is a road width at the spot now of about 24 feet, a few of which will be altered to make narrow walks for pedestrians.

While the new bridge is a marked improvement over the old one, the project did not come up to general expectations in that no concrete abutments were placed on either side, and no great provision was made for the man on foot. But the requests and demands for the removal of the obstructions from the center of the highway have been heeded, leaving only the sides for careless motorists to attack.

No less than 15 accidents have been attributed to the concrete obstruction, only one of the wrecks proving fatal. A Holiness minister from Greenville was killed late one night when his car struck the posts several years ago. Numbers of drivers failed in their efforts to tear down the support, hardly more than scratching the concrete but tearing up their cars considerably in many cases.

Work on the project will be completed within the next few days, it is understood.

OVER BILLION IS LENT BY FCA IN TWELVE MONTHS

Books Closed on First Year of Operation Recently At Washington

Washington.—The Farm Credit Administration closed its books on the first year of business recently with a record of having lent \$1,273,000,000—an average of \$3,490,000 during each and every day of its existence.

A year ago President Roosevelt signed the act consolidating all farm lending activities of the Federal Government in one organization, giving it broad powers to halt farm mortgage foreclosures and establish a reasonable low-cost credit system for farmers on a business basis.

In reviewing the year's work William I. Myers expressed his conviction the first objective had been accomplished and achievement of the second was well under way.

Federal Land Banks and the Land Bank commissioner closed \$17,000,000 farm mortgage loans aggregating \$791,000,000, of which about 90 per cent was used by farmers to pay old debts owed chiefly to local creditors.

While carrying out this stop-gap work the administration also began setting up its present broad plan for providing credit to farm groups at lower rates of interest. This program included:

Establishment of 650 production credit associations, which have made short-term low interest-rate loans totaling \$27,000,000 to farmers and stockmen.

Establishment of regional agricultural credit corporations, later succeeded by production associations, which lent \$209,000,000.

Lending of \$34,000,000 to central and regional banks for cooperative farming enterprises.

Granting of \$32,500,000 in emergency crop loans.

Lending of \$8,000,000 from the Agricultural Marketing Act fund before the banks for cooperatives were established.

Lending of \$1,500,000 to joint stock land banks.

In addition the administration achieved a total scale-down of farmers' debts amounting to \$46,000,000.

On March 26 the administration stopped making loans in cash and switched to a bond basis, making all payments of loans in bonds of the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation, which are guaranteed as to principal and interest by the government. These bonds have been consistently quoted above par, Mr. Myers said.

Small Child Died In Cross Roads Township Tuesday

Reynolds Hopkins, nine months old, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil P. Hopkins, in Cross Roads Township last Tuesday following an attack of pneumonia. He had been ill about three weeks. Besides the parents, the child survived by one sister, Miss Agnes Hopkins, and two brothers, George, of Jamesville, and Dallas of Cross Roads. Services were conducted from the home Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry, Interment was in the family cemetery.

Indications Pointing To Very Light Primary Vote in County

TAX LISTERS TO FILE REPORTS AT BOARD MEETING

List-Takers for Majority of Townships Will Submit Reports Monday

The first authentic "peep" into the tax valuation situation in the county for the current year is due next Monday, when the commissioners are scheduled to meet and receive the book listings from the several list-takers. Up to yesterday only one district had been reported, but many, if not all, the others are likely to have their listings before the commissioners next Monday. Those who have their books completed will recognize the day as pay day; others will be due to wait until the first Monday in July for their pay, it is understood.

Scheduled for delivery on the first Monday in June, the books are inspected and made ready for a meeting of the county commissioners when they sit as a board of equalization and review on the third Monday of this month.

While no marked change is predicted in property values, present indications point to a slight increase in nearly all the districts this year.

Other than receiving the tax lists, the board of commissioners will hear from the several election officials in the county. Returns will be canvassed that day, and pay for the officials will probably be expected. And in addition to that, there will be the old routine business for consideration; namely, pleas for the less fortunate, certain; and calls for tax adjustments on old accounts, probably.

Now that there are no checks ready for distribution and the farming situation is quiet around the county agent's office, it is hoped the vote canvassers and the commissioners will have a place to meet for the transaction of their respective business.

FARM WORK GETS BACK TO NORMAL

Crops Are Delayed Some by Recent Weather, But Damage Not Serious

Farming activities, badly delayed by recent rains, are rapidly returning to normal in this immediate section, reports indicating that farmers, or many of them, will be too busy running their plows to vote in the primary tomorrow.

Although crops have been damaged some during the recent wet season and unusually cold weather for the period of year, the resulting damage is not considered very serious by many farmers. A few crops have suffered and others have been delayed, but the main trouble is the sturdy crop of grass that now threatens young plants.

Virtually all of the main crops have been planted in this section, with attention centering upon the cotton situation, some farmers finding it necessary to plow up a part of their stands to abide by recent changes in their contracts.

The peanut crop is doing well under the conditions, but its acreage was not materially changed, according to first reports received from various sections of this county.

Worms are said to be attacking the tobacco crop badly in some sections, but the crop generally is progressing very favorably considering the unfavorable weather that has existed in this territory during the past several days.

Insurance Man Moves Into New Quarters

The Home Security Life Insurance Company has moved its local office from the Lawyer's Building to the Branch Banking and Trust Company building, third floor, it was announced today by District Manager H. J. Shaw.

Heavy Rains Reported in This Section of the State

Unusually large rains have fallen in this section during the past day or two, especially west of Bethel and south of Williamston. Hail is said to have fallen beyond Bethel last night.

Work Underway on Street Widening Project Here

Starting to pour concrete yesterday, contractors are now slowly making progress in widening Main Street in the courthouse block here. The project might be completed next week.

ELECTION SPOTS

Polls open at 4:47 a. m. and close at 7:09 p. m.

Ballots are now in hands of election officials ready for distribution to voters tomorrow.

Williamston precinct will vote in the showroom of the Roanoke Chevrolet Company on Washington Street.

First returns will be posted about 8 o'clock p. m.

Late reports indicate not more than 2,650 votes will be cast tomorrow, Mr. Warren H. Biggs, guessing the 1932 primary within a few votes, stating that he believed not more than 2,550 votes would be cast tomorrow.

STATE SPENT IN 1934 \$121,944 FOR COUNTY SCHOOL

A \$2.84 Rate Would Have Been Necessary to Carry On County Activities

The State of North Carolina paid \$121,944 for the operation of the Martin County schools during the term recently ended, according to figures recently released by the State Department of Revenue.

The tax value of property in this county is \$9,843,850 and in order to supply the equivalent amount by property tax in the county, it would be necessary to levy a rate of \$1.2387. The combination of the present tax rate with the amount that would have to be levied to support the school system entirely by property tax would give a total rate of \$2.84.

The total valuation of real and personal property in the State for 1933 is \$2,089,209,188. The total amount paid by the State for operations of the schools is \$15,967,976. In order to raise this amount contributed by the State it would require a state-wide levy on property of 7643. The total combined county-wide tax levies for 1933 amount to \$18,360,885, representing an average rate of .88. The average rate in the State, if cost of schools was supported by property tax entirely, would amount to \$1.04 in order to pay the present cost of county government and school costs amounting to a total of \$34,328,861.

The foregoing figures are significant and illustrate the extent to which property has been relieved of taxes and the burden shifted from counties to the State Government. This has been accomplished largely through action of the last legislature by the enactment of the North Carolina sales tax and increases in other sources of indirect revenue of the State by reason of which the state-wide levy of 15 cents was cancelled and levies made by counties, special districts and special charter districts for the operation of schools throughout the State, eliminated.

It will be observed that notwithstanding the extensive relief furnished the counties from local taxation, the rates of property tax in various counties is still high. It is apparent that if, in addition to present rates, the counties were compelled to levy for support of schools, property tax rates in counties would be beyond any reasonable limit.

Episcopal Women To Meet Here Tuesday

The regular annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Eighth District—Episcopalians in Bertie and Martin Counties—will be held next Tuesday in the Church of the Advent here, Miss Stella Phelps, of Woodville, president, in the chair.

Opening at 10 with Holy Communion, Rev. E. F. Moseley, celebrant, an interesting program will follow, closing with luncheon about 1:30.

The Rev. Morrison Bethea, a former rector of the local church, will make an address. Mrs. Fred L. Outland, Diocesan Auxiliary president, Washington; Mrs. W. S. Carawan, convocation president, Columbia; and the Rev. A. J. Mackie, Bertie rector of Windsor, will make addresses. Several young people will tell something of Camp Leach.

There is no limitation of delegates, just an informal meeting where all interested workers and visitors are most welcome.

Methodist Ladies Will Meet Next Monday

The Methodist Ladies' Aid Society will meet with Mrs. J. W. Watts at her home in New Town Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock; it was announced today. All members are asked to be present.

INTEREST GROWS IN CONTEST FOR STATE SENATORS

Believed Race Will Be Close Among Four Candidates For Two Places

Martin County today is experiencing one of its quietest election eves in several seasons, the day passing without a single speech or a single gathering for the support of any candidate. In fact, if it wasn't for the clerk of court race, a large portion of the county's electorate would probably consider tomorrow a vacation for the election business and remain away from the polls, and even then, who knows but what many will either forget or find it inconvenient to vote in their respective precincts tomorrow?

There has been much "politicking" in this campaign, but it has been advanced in an individual way, the candidates depending upon messages delivered in person or directly to a large extent to get their appeals before the voters. No mud-slinging has been heard from any quarters, nearly every report commending the caliber of every candidate in the field, and while there isn't a lengthy ticket to consider, this situation will make it difficult for many voters to reach a conclusion when the time comes.

Other than a second primary is high probable just now, little is known what tomorrow will bring forth. And while the candidates themselves may not be confident of the outcome, surely they are still hopeful as the 2,600 or more Martin voters are about to go to the polls, adding interest generally to the primary election tomorrow.

The senatorial contest is hobbing up as a last-minute attention-getter, according to reports reaching here from precincts in this county and from a number of other counties of the district. Approximately 13,000 votes were cast in this senatorial district last primary, and every indication now points to equally that many tomorrow, Martin's candidates are said to have gained ground during the past few days, with interest in the candidates of all four men increasing rapidly throughout the district. However, the race for clerk of court continues the center of interest in the political situation in this county, with the commissioners' contest receiving a little attention and the race for utilities commissioner being heard from less than a 1930 calendar.

Returns should start coming in about 8 o'clock tomorrow evening, and The Enterprise will make every effort to post them as rapidly as possible after they are counted. The public is cordially invited to watch the returns as they reach the window boards in The Enterprise office.

Announce Services At Church of the Advent

Rev. E. F. Moseley, rector.
First Sunday after Trinity:
Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Holy Communion and sermon, 11 a. m.
Evening prayer and sermon, 8 p. m.

TRUCK FARMERS FIND NO PROFIT SALE OF CROPS

C. M. Hurst Averages Only About 1 Cent Pound for Cabbage in Baltimore

Robersonville, May 31.—Farmers in the Robersonville community growing truck for sale on the northern markets are finding the practice hardly profitable, according to recent figures released by Mr. C. M. Hurst, who has made two deliveries of cabbages to the Baltimore market in recent days. The first truck load sold for about 75 cents a crate, an average of slightly over 1 cent a pound. A second load, sold last Monday, averaged 60 cents a crate, or 1 cent a pound even.

Mr. Hurst, along with several other farmers in this community, has been raising truck crops, but so far none of them has found it very profitable, the markets being flooded with produce every time a delivery is made. The shipments made by Mr. Hurst were handled by Walter Baker, local transfer operator.

The three and one-half acre field planted to cabbage and peppers by Mr. Hurst is about cleared of the cabbage, leaving more room for the peppers, which the owner hopes he will be able to realize a profit on.

Mrs. Hallie Pender, of Hamilton, is visiting her son, Mr. Joe Pender, and Mrs. Pender here this week.