



LITTLE GIRL IS LOCATED AFTER FRANTIC SEARCH

First-Grade Pupil Is Found At Home of Friend by Worried Mother

Little Ludie Faye Keel, first grader in the local schools, caused her mother much uneasiness last Tuesday evening when she failed to return home on the school bus and was still missing after darkness fell. Mrs. Keel rushed to town, probably thinking that her child had been kidnapped or was lost among strangers. The principal was called, and then a teacher and the superintendent of schools were summoned to aid in the search.

Thinking that little Ludie Faye had been left by the bus and that she did not know where to go, the mother and school folks searched the school building in vain. Then the searchers went to the circus grounds where they learned that a young girl, partly answering to the description, was seen hurrying to and fro as if she was looking for some one or was lost. The information frightened the mother just that much more, and the searchers had gained nothing. A visit was then made to the home of the child's relatives near here. The children at the home did not attend school that day and nothing had been seen of the missing tot.

The search was then directed to the home of the bus driver on the route where the child lived. The driver was not at home. Thinking that the girl had gone with Mr. Keel, they went to the home, but Mr. Keel was away. Finally a friend of the girl was found who said Ludie Faye had gone home with a friend on another truck.

Two hours later and after chasing over parts of two townships, the searchers found the child at the home of W. W. Roberson, peacefully enjoying the companionship of her little friends. Ludie Faye explained that she yelled back to her mother that morning, informing Mrs. Keel of the planned visit. The mother failed to hear the child.

To Sell School Property On Next First Monday

Property rendered useless for the public school system in this county through consolidation of several units, will be offered for sale at public auction here the first Monday of next month, according to a notice of sale carried this week by the county board of education.

The property mentioned for sale includes the Lilley's Hall schoolhouse and site, the Parme building and site and the White Oak Springs property and one-tenth of an acre about 4 miles north of Williamston on State Highway 125.

The sale is ordered in accordance with section 62 of the 1923 public school law, and is the last scheduled in this county under the consolidation program.

Program of Services at Presbyterian Churches

The usual services will be held at all points this Sunday at the regular hours. The sermon subject will be "Loyalty."

You are invited to worship with us. The young people of Roberson's Chapel are planning an athletic social for next Monday night at 7:30 p. m. An hour of fun and fellowship will be followed by a winner roast.

The Roberson's Chapel men of the church will have their regular monthly meeting just after the church school hour Sunday afternoon. All the men are urged to be present.

Go to church Sunday, Sunday school, too. This is a splendid way to show your loyalty to the church and to Christ.

Legion To Give Supper For All Ex-Service Men

The John W. Hassell Post of the American Legion will serve a barbecue and Brunswick stew supper to all the former service men of Martin County on Monday, October 22, at 7:30 p. m., in the Legion hall, in Williamston.

Every member of the legion is expected to attend and to bring all former service men living around him.

A good feed is expected and matters will be discussed which will be of interest to all persons who served in the great war.

All former service men are invited, whether they are members of the legion or not.

Fiddlers' Convention At Bear Grass Next Friday

An old-time fiddlers' convention will be held in the Ber Garass school auditorium next Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. A small admission will be charged and cash prizes will be awarded the contestants. Principal Hickman announced yesterday.

Good-Sized Break on Floors of Local Tobacco Market Today

Averaging well over 35 cents a pound all this week, the local tobacco market has experienced one of the best selling periods as far as prices are concerned since back in 1919. And the poundage has been large considering the busy period the farmers are now experiencing the harvesting of their peanut, cotton and sweet potato crops. Farmers are said to have been very well pleased with their sales, giving rise to the opinion that offerings next week will be even heavier than they have been this week, especially so since peanut digging has been completed by many farmers.

After visiting some of the larger markets, farmers are returning here to continue their marketing, according to reliable reports heard from a number of growers today.

No unreasonably high sales have been reported here, it is true, but it has been established beyond all doubt that the current run of tobacco, grade for grade considered, is bringing prices equal to if not a little higher than those on any market in the State.

Conservative estimates placed the poundage on the local floors today at well over 100,000 pounds, bringing the total poundage for the season up to approximately 5,650,000 pounds with the average for the week ranging between 35 and 36 cents a pound.

Mr. McFarland, the statistician of the market, said by Monday week, the market will have crossed over the six-million-pound mark, and will have headed towards the seven-million-pound mark.

ARREST EVADERS

Several alleged violators have already been arrested and carried into the court of this county for operating business establishments without proper state license. Deputy Collector Ed James said this week. Other arrests are expected in this and Bertie Counties.

The deputy collector also said that several merchants in this and surrounding counties are expected to be brought into the courts for alleged failure in making proper returns and settlement of sales taxes.

SOON TO FINISH WORK ON HOTEL

Formal Opening Will Be Held About First of Next Month

Preparations are being rushed to completion for the formal opening about the first of next month of Hotel George, Williamston's modern hostelry. E. P. Cunningham, owner, said yesterday. Plans, if any, for the opening have not been announced, but the event, marking the addition to the business life of the community one of its greatest assets in a number of years, will be favorably recognized locally and abroad to a great extent, it is generally believed.

The thirty rooms and their connecting baths are ready for occupancy and use almost in their entirety, and alterations are being made rapidly in the lobby which will be located on the corner in the building formerly occupied by Merchant George W. Blount. The Blount store has been moved further up the street, but remains in the hotel building.

Heat for the town's first steam-heated hotel will be turned on within the next few days, or just as soon as the radiators are installed.

Sixty Peanut Pickers Have Secured Licenses

About 60, or nearly one-half the peanut picker operators in this county have already applied for operating permits, Register of Deeds J. Sam Getzinger, who issues the licenses, said yesterday. It is believed that 100 per cent of the crop in this county will be picked by licensed picker operators.

District Meeting of P.T.A. To Be Held October 24th

The northeastern district meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association will be held at LaGrange October 24th. A very interesting and instructive program has been planned. It is hoped that many from the local association will go. Registration fee, 10c; and lunch 35c. If you can go please get in touch with Mrs. E. F. Moseley or Mrs. James Manning.

Legion Auxiliary Members To Meet In Robersonville

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion will be held in the home of Mrs. Mack Wynne, Robersonville, N. C., at 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, October 20.

All members are urged to attend and bring their contribution of jelly with them.

Grows Stalk of Okra Thirteen Feet High

Producing an okra stalk 13 feet long, Mr. C. B. Siceloff is now recognized as the champion okra grower in this section. After taking 35 okra from the single stalk, grown in his garden here, Mr. Siceloff cut it down and there were several other okra in the making when the stalk was removed.

FIND MISTAKES IN NUMBER OF TOBACCOCARDS

Ruling Expected Soon for Farmers Who Oversold Allotments

A new problem, although considered a minor one, presented itself in the tobacco control program here this week when farmers returned their allotment cards and employees in the agent's office found errors in some of the figures. While the errors, as a whole, have not been found so far to be of any great consequence, one card shows 2,000 pounds of tobacco marketed in excess of the allotment. Most of the cards where errors have been found show 100 or less pounds marketed in excess of the allotment.

Just how these errors will be handled is not known at this time, but a ruling is expected from the AAA authorities within the next day or two. It is believed that the farmer marketing, through error, more than his allotment will have to purchase Georgia cards to take care of the excess.

Those farmers who have not completed their marketing will probably find it to their advantage to add the poundage on their sales slips and check the total with the allotment on the marketing card. If any error appears, a correction can be made by the issuance of a new card.

Martin farmers are urged to return their marketing cards to the county agent's office just as soon as they complete the marketing, as the early return of the cards will hasten the adjustment payments, it is understood.

FARMERS FAVOR CORN-HOG PLAN

Majority in This County Want Continuation of Control Program

Reports from a majority of the corn-hog contract signers in this county are said to favor a continuation of the control program sponsored by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. Similar reports received in other counties are said to favor the continuation of the program also, indicating that the movement has been beneficial to the contracting farmers, and that the agricultural authorities will be requested to continue the control policies in effect.

Corn-hog benefit payments have not been received in this county, but they are expected shortly. There are only 19 contracting corn-hog producers in the county, but that number is fairly representative in that there are very few farmers producing meat on a large scale in this immediate section.

To Make Plans for Meet Of County Teachers Soon

Plans will be formulated for a series of four Martin County teachers' meetings next week, probably Tuesday, it was learned from the office of the superintendent here yesterday. The date for the first meeting will be announced as soon as arrangements for the meetings are completed.

Nearly \$150,000 in Benefit Payments in This County

Martin County farmers have received \$148,301.87 in rental and benefit payments from the Agricultural Adjustment Administration to date, not to mention the greatly increased income made possible for farm products through control programs. The greater amount of the nearly \$150,000 went to tobacco farmers, the next sizeable sum going to cotton growers. Very little money, if any, has been paid the corn-hog contract signers in this county so far.

Play To Be Given At Hamilton Next Week

The Gleaners' class of the Windsor Methodist Sunday school will present the play, "After All," a comedy in four acts, in the Hamilton school auditorium Thursday evening, October 25. Rev. T. W. Lee, a former pastor of the Hamilton church, take the part of Si Jones, a fresh widower.

Federated Clubs To Hold District Meet in Columbia

A district meeting of the federated women's clubs will be held next Tuesday, October 23, at Columbia. Luncheon will be served at a cost of 25 cents. All members of the Williamston Woman's Club desiring to attend are asked to notify Mrs. M. J. Moye as early as possible.

Potato Growers To Meet In Edenton Tomorrow

The movement to effect a marketing system for Irish potatoes and truck crops will be discussed at a district meeting of growers and agricultural officials in Edenton tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. Mr. W. G. Meal, marketing specialist, is expected to attend the meeting, it was announced. Representatives from this county are planning to attend the session.

Greater Roanoke Fair Gets Under Way Monday Week

Arrangements for holding the Greater Roanoke Fair, opening in Williamston Monday after next, October 29th, were announced virtually complete this week by Manager N. G. Bartlett. In addition to the \$1,500 cash prizes offered in the agricultural, livestock, poultry and fancy work departments, the fair operators have already made one of the largest cash outlays ever expended before to make the fair one of value and real entertainment for the people of this entire section. Elaborate displays of fireworks will be seen each night, and some of the most sensational

free acts ever seen in the South have been booked.

Work Shows will be on the mid-way this season with a varied program of entertainment and rides, and Homer F. Lee's band will be at the fair all the week.

The free attractions include: The giant rooster act (one that has never appeared before in this section and the only one of its kind in America), the aerial Blacks the three Kressels, Bee Kyle, America's premiere lady diver, Taylor's rodeo, and other features such as Jack Steele and his motorcycle stunts on Tuesday night and automobile races on Saturday.

Producers To Ballot On Tobacco Control

CONTINUATION IS FAVORED BY BIG CROWD AT MEET

Referendum To Be Held Some Time During November

The continuance of the tobacco control program after the expiration of the present contracts next year will be decided in a referendum of growers next month, agricultural authorities and farmer representatives arranging for the poll at a meeting held in Raleigh this week. The referendum may be conducted by mail or county agents may make personal contacts with each signer of the contracts authorized by the Kerr-Smith act.

Strong for Plan

With dissenters silent if present, farmers and their representatives voiced their enthusiastic approval of the tobacco acreage control plan and the Raleigh meeting this week. After considerable discussion, the growers voted to ask the agricultural administration to extend the contracts now in existence to cover a 5-year period and adopted a motion by C. T. Hall, president of the North Carolina Tobacco Growers' Advisory Board, providing that J. B. Hutson, chief of the AAA tobacco section, be empowered to adjust the program to changing conditions from time to time.

One of the meeting's two chief problems had been the length of the extension. Some representatives felt that five years was too long, due to the inevitability of changing times. Mr. Hall's motion apparently settled all doubts in the minds of the group and was greeted with a wild burst of applause.

The other problem creating some difficulty at the meeting was that of the tax on the products of non-signers of the contracts. Under the present provision of the Kerr-Smith Act this tax may amount to a maximum of 33 1/3 per cent. However, the minimum of 25 per cent now is being levied.

Want Maximum Penalty

A considerable group of growers announced that future contracts would fail, unless the tax were increased to the maximum. A part of this group heartily advocated an increase of the tax to 50 per cent. Neither contention was settled definitely, but the meeting definitely voted for some increase in future taxation.

Mr. Hutson said that the production allotments for next year probably will be considerably larger than this year, as the tobacco tobacco surplus of 100,000,000 pounds almost has been eliminated. The correction of the surplus will allow an increase of something more than 6 per cent, he indicated.

The reaching of a balance between consumption and production this year has had definite results which have been reflected strikingly in the prices being paid this year, the section chief declared.

He cited figures showing through last Saturday some 379,000,000 pounds of tobacco already have been sold this season. This amount was sold at a total price of \$91,000,000.

The figure is already considerably in excess of the total paid during the whole season last year. Tobacco farmers still have on hand something more than 100,000,000 pounds of tobacco and this is being sold at the rate of about 7,000,000 pounds per day.

The extension of contracts by the AAA will occur at the expiration of the present contracts, which have a year to run, if the desires of the meeting farmers are carried out.

Messrs. Claudius Roberson, Perle Getsinger and Herbert Manning, of Griffins Township, were visitors here today.

185 OWNERS OF PROPERTY HERE ARE ADVERTISED

Property of Delinquents To Be Sold Second Monday In November

The property of 185 owners in Williamston is being advertised today for taxes due and unpaid the town for the year 1933. The advertising is preparatory to the tax collector's sale to be held at the courthouse door on the second Monday of next month, November 12, 1934.

There was a small reduction in the number of delinquents and the unpaid amount this year as compared with the collections last November, and the sale was a month later last year than it is this season. Last year there were 201 delinquent accounts, representing an unpaid amount of \$7,808.33. This year there are 185 delinquents and an unpaid balance in the 1933 tax account of \$7,113.26, the figures including unpaid paying assessments and taxes on real estate. Seventy-one of the delinquent accounts belong to white property owners, representing an unpaid amount of \$507.62, leaving 114 colored accounts and an unpaid sum of \$1,587.64 due by the latter owners.

While there is a slight improvement in the 1933 collections, as compared with those of a year ago, the encouraging feature centers around the collections for back taxes, particularly those assessed in the years 1930 and 1931. Many of the property owners forestalled foreclosure proceedings for those years by paying the taxes and costs, and had insufficient funds left to meet current tax bills.

The record is encouraging, and clearly indicates the town finances are again being established on a solvent basis.

Sunday To Be "White Sunday" for Methodists

Sunday will be "White Sunday" at the Methodist church. This is the Sunday we are going to help the millions in other places that are so much worse off than we are. A Christian will do the Christlike thing, so members we are asking for your presence with a big offering.

"One of the most useless things on earth is a good intention that is not put into effect."

Services 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

Holly Springs

Sunday school, 10 a. m.

Preaching, 3 p. m.

Mary Cherry Farm

Preaching Thursday night at 7:30.

You are cordially invited to worship with us.

New Life Experienced At Local Baptist Church

New life is flowing into the church organization with the return of autumn. The church desires to see every branch of its work expand rapidly. The Sunday school is showing new life under the superintendency of Julian Anderson, and the young people's work is under way. The preaching services were well attended last Sunday.

Following Sunday school the pastor will preach Sunday morning, and again in the evening. The people are asked to be in their places for as many of the services as is possible.

The Roanoke Baptist Association, of which this church is a member, met in annual session at Wilson Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The church's report was creditable and the sessions were well attended. Next year's gathering comes to our neighboring church in Robersonville.

Nearly Half of Cotton Tax Warrants Delivered

Nearly one-half, or about 800, of the cotton tax-free certificates have been delivered to the owners in this county, Assistant Agent T. B. Slade said after closing time late yesterday.

While there is some disappointment on the part of the farmers as a result of the allotments, no strenuous objections have been heard here so far.

The remainder of the allotments will likely be distributed by the middle of next week, leaving only a few farmers without certificates. About 50 or 60 farmers in this county will not receive their certificates until the 10 per cent reserve for the state is assigned the several counties.

Tomorrow Is Last Day For Voters To Register

Tomorrow is the last day for registration of citizens whose names are not already on the books and who care to participate in the coming election. Very little interest has been directed to the registration, and it is believed the number of voters will actually show a shrinkage instead of an increase when the books are closed in the 12 Martin precincts.

DIG POTATOES

Sweet potato digging has been started in this county, adding to the unusually active period for the farmers. Rushing to complete the marketing of their tobacco and with peanut digging hardly over, the farmers are having to rush to get to their potatoes, and in some sections digging has not been started. Out in the Farm Life community sweet potato harvesting is being delayed on a number of farms where construction work on new curing houses has not been completed. Six farmers in that immediate community are building curing houses this season, Parson W. B. Harrington said yesterday.

CARE IS URGED IN CURING PEANUTS

Particular Care in Removal Of Dirt and Trash Is Important

Many farmers in this county were said last season to have been unable to understand why their peanuts graded so low when offered for sale. The same puzzle will face many Martin farmers again this season if they fail to exercise care in handling the crop and making it ready for market.

The price outlook is more encouraging this season than last and the season before, but while the peanuts might command a higher price, cheap dirt will continue cheap and excessive trash will not bring a premium in the bag. Farmers are urged to exercise care in picking their peanuts in an effort to eliminate excess dirt and trash, for when these two items appear in excess quantities naturally the price of the peanuts is lowered. Cut-throat prices offered by operators of peanut pickers have proven costly to the farmer in too many cases, because the operator rushes the peanuts and vines through the machine, and an excessive amount of dirt and trash finds its way into the bag.

As far as it could be learned here, no standard price for picking peanuts has been announced, but it is believed that the charge will be increased over the last year figure.

Good Prospects for Team In Oak City High School

Oak City.—The boys are showing very good spirit and cooperation in organizing a basketball team for the coming season. We have about ten candidates who have gone out to compete for positions on the team; therefore, with this cooperation and material, we should have a good team.

In regards to playing equipment, the boys who wish to play are very willing to help pay the expenses, and interest is not lacking.

We are unfortunate in that we do not have a gymnasium. However, we have privilege to use the gym at Hobgood on the understanding that we help pay the light bill. Therefore, we think it will be worth the expense and trouble to get there and back to us. Most of our home games will probably be played at Hobgood.

Jesse Ambers Painfully Hurt in Auto Accident

Mr. Jesse Ambers was painfully but not badly hurt in an automobile accident on Washington Street, near the peanut factory, here Wednesday evening. Mr. Ambers was driving out of town and ran up behind a cart with no light on it. He applied the brakes on his car, the sudden application throwing the machine into the path of another driven in the opposite direction by George Lee Roberson. Neither car was badly damaged.