



PLAN RED CROSS ROLL CALL DRIVE FOR THIS COUNTY

Chairman Harry A. Biggs Announces Complete List Of Canvassers

Plans were completed this week for a county-wide Red Cross roll call, starting next Monday and continuing until Thanksgiving Day.

In announcing the roll call, Mr. Biggs said: "It is needless to call to mind the humane work of the Red Cross. In times of peace, as well as in war, the work of the organization continues, and there is not a section in all of Martin County which has not been benefited in times of disaster."

"Canvassers have been named, and when they call, I trust that even those who cannot give a dollar, the amount of the annual membership fee, will be able to contribute towards this meritorious society."

"The Williamston canvassers are: West Main Street, Mrs. Maurice Moore and Mrs. Vernon D. Godwin; East Main Street, Mrs. Robert Everett and Miss Frances Williams; Simmons Avenue and Smithwick Street, Mrs. Titus Critcher and Mrs. J. S. Rhodes; Church and Academy Street, Mrs. J. D. Woolard and Mrs. C. B. Clark; Watts Street, Mrs. Jimmie Harrison and Mrs. Ira Harrison; Warren Street, Mrs. Z. T. Piephoff and Mrs. Maurice Watts; Ray Street, Mrs. Jos. G. Corey and Mrs. Elbert Manning; Grammar school, Misses Ruth Manning and Josephine Harrison; High school, Misses Annie Shields Vand Dyke and Imogene Reddick; business section of Main Street, Mrs. R. L. Coburn, Mrs. J. W. Watts, Mrs. Warren Biggs and Mrs. Leslie T. Warden; Virginia Electric and Power Company, Miss Ruth Norton; Tar Heel Apartments, Mrs. Wm. Glover; tobacco warehouses, Mrs. E. P. Cunningham and Miss Rosalie Inman; Business section of Washington St., Mrs. R. H. Goodmon and Mrs. K. D. Worrell; Jamesville township, Professor Jim Uzzle; Goose Nest Township, Professor H. M. Ainsley; Cross Roads Township, Professor Leon Russell; Hamilton Township, Professor E. R. Edmondson; Griffins Township, Mr. Charles H. Hough.

"I trust that as liberal a contribution as possible may be made through these canvassers, and all collections may be sent to me at Williamston," Mr. Biggs concluded.

FARMERS CURING SWEET POTATOES

Crop About Same Size as Last Year But More Being Cured

While the crop is about the same size it was last year, reports clearly indicate that Martin County farmers are curing more sweet potatoes in specially constructed houses this fall than at any previous times. Many new curing houses have been built in various parts of the county, especially in Griffins Township, during the past few weeks. Others farmers are breaking away from the age-old custom of storing sweet potatoes in hills.

More than 60,000 bushel baskets have been purchased cooperatively and delivered to farmers in this county through Agent T. B. Brandon's office during the past few weeks. A record delivery was made to Jim Staton, who is curing approximately 28,000 bushels in his large curing house here.

No exact figures are available at this time, but it is estimated the crop will total around 100,000 bushels in the county, with over half being handled in curing houses.

Tarboro Man To Preach At Presbyterian Church

Rev. Chester Alexander, of Tarboro, N. C., will preach in the Presbyterian church at 11 a. m. Sunday morning.

The regular services of the Presbyterian church will be held at all points this Sunday. Mr. Alexander will preach at Williamston and Bear Grass. Regular church school services will be held at Roberson's Chapel and Poplar Point.

The series of services being held at Bear Grass will continue through next Wednesday night. Good congregations have been hearing Mr. Alexander each night of this week. You are cordially invited to hear him any night at Bear Grass or in Williamston on Sunday morning at 11 a. m.

Go to church Sunday, Sunday school, too.

Agent Says Number Violating Contracts

MARKET HOLDS UP

With only one more week of scheduled operation for this season, the local tobacco market continues a top grade-for-grade price and the definite indication is that the crop in this section will be marketed just about in its entirety by the latter part of next week.

Sales have been very light since Monday, but it is believed the market will just about reach the six and one-half million pound mark before closing.

For the most part, Director of Sales McFarland said, the "ragged end" of the crop is being marketed at this time, tending to hold the average down to about 29 cents.

Mr. McFarland was certain the crop would average nearly 29 cents here, that figure including much damaged tobacco, scrap and inferior grades.

DEMOCRATS WIN IN VOTE TUESDAY ALL OVER NATION

Increases Membership in Both House and Senate; Many Upsets

The Democrats had an election last Tuesday, scoring victories of landslide proportions throughout the nation. If it had not been for Michigan, and one or two other states and a few counties in North Carolina, the Republican party would just about have made its exit at the direction of the people.

Pennsylvania went Democratic for the first time since the Civil war, and other Republican strongholds changed their ways. Even DePriest lost out in Illinois, the man's district sending a Negro Democrat to the National House of Representatives.

In this state the Republicans got 11 seats in the house of representatives; leaving the Democrats 109. Of the 50 seats in the senate, the Republicans have only two.

Latest returns from the nation give the Democrats 317 seats in the National House of Representatives, the Republicans 102, Progressives 7, and Farmer-Laborites 3, leaving 6 in doubt. In the Senate the Democrats lead with 69 members, followed by the Republicans with 25. The Progressives and Farmer-Laborites got one seat each in that august body.

The election turned over 39 governorships to the Democrats, including those already held by the party.

Legionnaires To Attend Church Service in Body

Since Armistice Day falls on Sunday this time, Commander H. L. Swain of the local post of the American Legion has summoned all ex-service men of the county to meet in the legion hall on Main Street Sunday night at 7 o'clock and march en masse to the local Baptist church, where they are all invited for a special service in their honor.

Under Swain's leadership, the post has experienced a swift growth—its paid-up members numbering approximately 100. It is expected that these paid-up members, with all ex-service men, will make a splendid showing when they get together Sunday night. Their friends, and all interested in the service, are invited.

L. V. Marshall, Lumber Inspector, Dies Suddenly

L. V. Marshall, inspector for the Farnville-Woodward-Lumber Company, died suddenly at the company's plant here early yesterday morning, doctors stating he died of heart trouble.

Mr. Marshall, about 50 years old, was just starting to work when he fell in the lumber yard. He died within two or three minutes and before medical attention could be summoned.

Coming here from Suffolk about two weeks ago, Mr. Marshall had never complained of ill health, and only the night before he commented on how well he felt. The body was removed to Suffolk yesterday morning for burial there this afternoon. Mrs. Marshall and one daughter survive.

Local Parents-Teachers To Meet Wednesday

The local parent-teacher association will meet in the high school building next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, Principal D. N. Hix announced today in appealing for a large attendance. Dr. Knox, of the State Board of Health, will address the meeting on a subject considered of great importance to the school child.

WARNS AGAINST ILLEGAL SALE OF SCRAP TOBACCO

Violators Liable to Lose Benefits as Well as To Be Prosecuted

The illegal marketing of tobacco scrap in this county has been reported in a number of cases, creating a situation that is subject to cause the farmer to lose his contract and be liable to prosecution under the revenue laws, Assistant County Agent Murphy L. Barnes said yesterday morning.

Farmers have been warned against the irregular sale of their scrap, but quite a number have fallen victims to unfounded explanations advanced by some of those traveling through the country buying the scrap or trash tobacco, it was said. Mr. Barnes clearly pointed out that the contracting grower has only two ways to dispose of his scrap tobacco. The first method is to carry it to the warehouse, where the government field agent will enter the sale on the allotment card.

The second method to dispose of the scrap is to destroy it. Some farmers are said to have given the scrap tobacco to their children, who, in turn, sold it to truckers. The 25 per cent tax was paid, but even if the tax was paid, the terms of the contract were violated. The contract specifically states that all tobacco grown on a contract farm must be either sold on an allotment card or destroyed.

The non-signer is at liberty to sell his scrap by paying the tax, but he must have a bill of sale, or he will be subject to prosecution.

The only way for the contract signer who has sold scrap without entering the sale on an allotment card to square himself is to get a bill of sale, present it to the county agent and apply for a surplus card to cover the amount. He will have to pay 5 cents a pound for the card, and while it is a losing proposition he will find the procedure advisable.

Many of the farmers making scrap sales without entering the sales on the allotment cards did so unintentionally, and at least a dozen have reported to the agent's office asking help in straightening out the tangle.

About one-half the allotment cards in this county have been returned to the county agent's office, and farmers who have completed the marketing of their crop and who have not turned in their cards are urged to do so as soon as possible. Mr. Barnes stated yesterday that there were approximately 200 of the master marketing cards still out, and he insists that the farmers get their tenants to sign them properly and send them in at once. The master marketing card is not to be confused with the allotment cards, farmers remembering that they were given two cards at the beginning of the season, one to sell tobacco with and another to record the signature of tenants, if any, and be held by the authorities in Washington.

It could not be learned definitely yesterday, but it is likely that the agent's office here will forward the allotment cards now on hand to the authorities in Washington within the next few days. Those farmers whose cards have been turned into the office here are expected to receive their party payments shortly thereafter.

Pogram of Services At Methodist Church

C. T. Rogers, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Church services, 11 a. m. Miss Frances Dailey will sing at the morning service.

No services at night. We are invited to worship at the Episcopal church at 7:30 and on during the week. We are hoping that great good may come to the town through these series of services.

"When by yourself, watch your thoughts; when in the family, watch your temper; when in company, watch your tongue."

You are always welcome at our church.

Columbian Policy Offers Farmers Many Benefits

Recognizing the right of the farmer to use his own discretion in the marketing of peanuts, the Columbian Peanut Company is announcing this week a policy designed to aid the grower in exercising that right. Under the terms of the announced policy, the company agrees to store the farmers' peanuts at a reasonable rate and advance loans on those stored. Attention is directed to the advertisement carried by the company in this paper.

Gypsies Fleece Colored Woman Near Gold Point

Gypsies raiding in the Gold Point section of this county last Wednesday are said to have fleeced a colored woman there of about \$110 in cold cash. Just how the wanderers got hold of the money could not be learned. Officers were notified to search for the Gypsies, but they were not seen in this section.

BAPTISTS' STATE MEETING AT NEW BERN NEXT WEEK

First Meeting in Some Time For East Carolina Gets Under Way Monday

For the first time in 65 years the North Carolina Baptist State Convention will meet in New Bern, going there Tuesday through Friday of next week for its 104th annual session.

As is customary, this gathering will be preceded one day by the yearly conference of the Baptist pastors of the state, which has its first session in the historic First Baptist Church of that city on Monday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock, adjourning Tuesday noon to make way for the convention proper which begins its four-day session that afternoon at 2 o'clock in the huge auditorium of the Centenary Methodist church of the Craven City.

It is a rare thing when the Baptist group meets in a city the size of New Bern—rarer still when they come to Eastern Carolina. And this year it is expected that an unusually large number of eastern Carolina people will be in attendance.

An interesting feature in connection with this New Bern gathering is that it occurs simultaneously with the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the leading Baptist church of that city. For this historic occasion, the convention will give practically its entire Tuesday evening program over to that celebration, at which time noted speakers will appear on the program. Some of these are Senator J. W. Bailey former editor of the Biblical Recorder, Baptist state paper; Dr. Hight C. Moore, former New Bern pastor; Dr. B. W. Spilman, Kinston; and the present pastor of the church, Dr. Oscar Hayward.

North Carolina Baptists have 2,400 churches in the state, which, with their pastoriums, have a valuation of \$32,000,000. Another ten millions is invested in orphan's homes, schools, hospitals, and colleges. The Baptist constituency in the state is near one-half million, with another half-million Baptist inclined.

When the convention was formed in Greenville 104 years ago, there were only 10,000 missionary Baptists in all North Carolina. Today there are as many Baptists in the state as there were people in all the state when the historic church of New Bern was erected in 1809.

Meeting down here in the "gold belt" in the center of the great Coastal Plains this year, it is expected that this gathering will be a monumental and memorable meeting. The economic clouds have lifted; defeatism is buried; collections for the convention program have increased 15 per cent this year over 1933; and for the first time in ten years it is reported the state mission work is out of debt.

M. A. Huggins, Raleigh layman, is the general secretary and treasurer of the convention; and Dr. Zeno Wall, Shelby pastor, is its president. The convention reporter is Charles H. Dickey, this city, who leaves here early Monday morning for all the sessions of the pastor's conference and convention.

It is expected that a number of local Baptists will attend the proceedings through the week. It is believed that the next yearly gathering will go to Asheville, the other extremity of the state.

SERIES SERVICES STARTS SUNDAY

Rev. Edgar Jones Will Be Speaker at Church of Advent for Week

As has been announced, Rev. Edgar Jones, Ph.D., of Plymouth, Mass., will be at the Episcopal church for a preaching mission of a week, beginning Sunday, November 11, at 7:30. Dr. Jones has come to the Diocese of East Carolina for four missions of a week each. This week he is at Fayetteville, where the people are well pleased with his services. The member of the Church of the Advent are pleased to have the services of a minister of the ability of Dr. Jones, and cordially invite their friends to come and hear him.

The service Sunday night is especially important as being the first of the series. The choir will present the anthem, "Who Are These That Are Arrayed in White robes," by Stainer.

On Wednesday night of next week Bishop Darst will be present.

Martin Man Granted Parole By Governor

Convicted of housebreaking in Bertie County and sentenced to prison for from four to seven years, J. D. Ward, a former Williamston man, was granted a parole this week by Governor Ehringhaus. Making a model prisoner, the young man had served about three years of his term. The parole was granted upon the recommendation of Superior Court Judges Henry A. Grady and Clayton Moore. Judge R. Hunt Parker, solicitor, prosecuting Ward, did not recommend the parole; it is understood.

Only 1,013 Vote at General Election in County Tuesday

How County Voted Tuesday

Official returns for the November 6 election show a one-sided contest in this county with very little interest expressed by followers of either party. The vote, totaling 1,013, is the smallest cast in this county in many years, falling more than 700 below the off-year election total in 1930. The vote, by precincts, district and county officers:

Table showing election results by precinct: Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass, Williamston, Cross Roads, Robersonville, Gold Point, Poplar Point, Hamilton, Hassell, Goose Nest, Totals. Includes lists for District Officers, County Officers, and County Commissioners.

AUCTIONEER ON LOCAL MARKET DIED SUDDENLY

R. G. Thompson Victim of Apoplexy at Home of Father-in-Law

R. G. Thompson, tobacco auctioneer on the local market for the past several years, was found dead at the home of his father-in-law, Robert Cooper, near Washington, last Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Believed to have died almost instantly of a stroke of apoplexy, he had been dead about two hours when the body was found. Mr. Thompson was assisting in the farm duties and died with an ear of corn field fast in each hand.

Completing his work in the Farmers' Warehouse on the local market earlier in the day, Mr. Thompson left for his home, never complaining that he felt ill. However, several weeks ago he complained of a hurting in his chest, but it was not considered of any serious consequence.

A native of Adm, Ky., Mr. Thompson, favorably known as "Dick," had been in the tobacco business for a number of years.

He survived by his widow of a second marriage, who was Miss Carrie Cooper. He leaves a daughter, Carolyn, by the second union, and three children of the former marriage, William, Hilliard, and Madeline. He also leaves two brothers.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 3:30 from the Cooper home and interment followed in the family cemetery near by. Rev. Richard Bagby conducted the last rites. Large numbers of local warehousemen, other tobaccoists and business men who cherished his friendship and enjoyed his congeniality, attended the last rites from here.

Women's Day At Baptist Church Sunday Morning

Women's Day is to be featured at the Memorial Baptist church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service, when the women of the church are expected to make a splendid showing, outnubering, it is believed, the men's meeting which was held last Sunday morning.

All the women in the congregation, whether members or not, are invited to be present. The women of this church have the reputation of not attending its services as well as do its men. It will be interesting to see what record they make Sunday.

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SLOW GINNING

Cotton ginning in the county this season was off to a slow start. Statistician Luther Hardison reporting only 553 bales ginned in the first few weeks of the season, as compared with 4,321 bales ginned in a like period last year.

The small ginnings this season were brought about by the delayed arrival of tax-free marketing warrants. The high prices of tobacco occupied the attention of the farmer and the picking of the cotton crop was delayed by that to a certain extent. However, ginings are increasing almost daily now, and the next report will be more in keeping with those issued for similar periods last year, allowing for the control reduction this year.

TOWN TAX SALE NEXT MONDAY

Around 170 Parcels of Land To Be Sold by Town Tax Collector

Property of owners who have failed to pay their 1933 taxes will be placed on the auction block by the collector, Chief W. B. Daniel, at the courthouse door next Monday at 12 o'clock noon, in accordance with the law governing sales for delinquent taxes.

Approximately 170 pieces of property will be offered for sale at that time unless the owners make settlement before Monday noon. There is an unpaid amount of about \$7,500, including real estate taxes and paying assessments.

While a few individuals are expected to bid in some of the property, it is very likely that the town will receive most of the certificates of sale. Foreclosure proceedings are scheduled within 18 months following the sale, it is learned.

Farmers Urge Continuing Tobacco Control Program

Meeting in Farnville yesterday afternoon more than 4,000 farmers, business and professional men of Eastern Carolina approved resolutions urging immediate action be taken for the continuance of the tobacco control program and for an increase from 25 to 50 per cent on all tobacco sold by non-signers.

The resolution reads: "We, tobacco farmers of North Carolina, meeting in a season of the deepest gratitude, express our most profound thanks for the efforts and cooperation of our great government in lifting the price of the commodity which for so many years we raised without adequate compensation, reaffirm our faith in that government and its leaders and ask consideration for matters in connection with the future of the acreage control plan."

"Be it resolved that in our opinion the Federal Government should start at the earliest practical and possible moment a sign-up campaign for continuance of acreage control, that the penalty under the Kerr-Smith Act should be increased to 50 per cent, and that no great increase in production should be given for next year."

DEMOCRATS GET NEARLY 100 TO 1 LEAD OVER G.O.P.

Sam Getsinger Leads Ticket With 992; Martin Leads Republicans With 16

Apparently realizing everything was safe for Democracy, the electorate of this county remained at home last Tuesday and all but a meager 1,013 failed to take any part in the off-year election. And it is believed nearly 95 per cent of the 1,013 would have remained at home had it not been their desire to voice their approval of the "New Deal."

The high spot in the voting came from the "Islands" section of Williams Township, where a voter left her sick bed to visit the polls and support the Democratic administration, it was said.

As for the outcome of the election in this county, it was just another landslide for the Democrats, probably the largest recorded since the Civil War. Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger led the ticket with 992 votes, with Sheriff C. B. Roebuck following closely with 991 votes. Coroner Biggs polled a substantial vote and ranked only one behind the sheriff.

Robert M. Gradeless, Republican nominee for the state senate, trailed the entire ticket with 9 votes. Wheeler of Martin, Republican nominee for the state house of representatives, led his ticket with 16 votes. All Republican nominees running for state offices polled 14 votes each, while the Democrats for state offices polled from 980 to 987 votes each.

Williams, Poplar Point, and Hassell got their names on the honor roll when they voted the straight Democratic ticket without a scratch.

In the townships, Lucian Peel, for constable, and H. U. Peel, for justice of the peace, in Bear Grass polled 51 votes each; Howard Griffin, for constable, in Griffins polled 62; and Onward Gaylord, for justice of the peace, in Jamesville, polled 94 votes.

Green Wavelets Reduced To Ripple by Lewiston

Outweighed two to one, Coach Peters' second team, the Green Wavelets, offered a stubborn fight but lost to Lewiston yesterday afternoon, 19 to 0. Lewiston scored twice in the first period, and then the youngsters tightened down and held their opponents scoreless. The boys started weak in the last period and Lewiston scored a third time.

Lewiston returns the game here next Tuesday afternoon.

County Principals Met in Robersonville Last Night

Meeting in Robersonville last evening, the several school principals in this county discussed plans for attending the district educational meeting in Elizabeth City Friday evening of next week. It is understood several of the schools will suspend classes that afternoon that the teachers might attend the meeting.

Des Moines Minister To Preach at Hassell

Rev. Z. B. Cox, of Des Moines, Iowa will preach in the Hassell-Christian church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

Services at Piney Grove Saturday and Sunday

Rev. W. B. Harrington will conduct preaching services at Piney Grove Saturday evening at 7 o'clock and again Sunday evening at the same hour, it was announced yesterday.

Mr. G. H. Harrison Escapes Injury in Automobile Wreck

Mr. G. H. Harrison escaped with very minor injury when his Ford sedan turned over near Darlens yesterday afternoon. The car was badly damaged, but the steel body held up well and no doubt prevented serious injury to Mr. Harrison.

Sunday Services at Church of the Advent

Rev. E. F. Moseley, rector. Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity. Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, 11. Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30.