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## OPPORTUNITY TO SIGN CONTRACTS GIVEN GROWERS

### Farmers Who Did Not Sign Last Year Are Given Another Chance

Those farmers, if any, failing to participate in the tobacco reduction movement last year now have the opportunity to sign contracts, Assistant County Agent M. L. Barnes said yesterday. They will participate on the basis that contract signers have operated on during the past year, it was explained. There are less than a dozen farmers in this county who were eligible to sign and who refused to do so, it is believed.

The agent also explained that those farmers who were not eligible to sign a contract last year will have an opportunity to participate in the program in the future. No definite participating policy for those farmers has yet been determined, but their applications for contracts will receive consideration, Mr. Barnes added.

While it is not at all certain that the marketing tax for non-signers of tobacco contracts will be increased, a majority of the farmers is said to favor a heavier levy on the non-participating farmer. In case the tax is increased, the non-signer will probably realize the necessity of getting on the "inside" by signing a contract.

Non-signers eligible to sign will not be urged to participate in the program. An opportunity for them to sign was made possible merely as a favor for that group of farmers who failed to apply for contracts and those others who were ineligible to sign at that time.

## WRECK VICTIM IS RECOVERING

### Miss Levora Grimes Is Still In Hospital; Will Not Lose Sight

Seriously injured when six of her companions were either killed instantly or fatally hurt in an automobile wreck near Raleigh last week, Miss Levora Grimes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grimes, of Robersonville, is rapidly improving in a Raleigh hospital, according to reports received from her bedside this week.

Losing the sight in one eye several years ago, Miss Grimes, it was thought by specialists, would lose the sight in her other eye as a result of a serious injury to her forehead. Her forehead was crushed badly in the wreck, but it was found upon removal of bandages over left eye that the sight would be normal. Miss Grimes has not been told that any of her companions lost their lives in the accident.

It could not be learned when Miss Grimes will be discharged from the hospital, but it is believed that she will continue there for some time yet.

## Regular Services At Local Methodist Church Sunday

Regular services at the Methodist church next Sunday. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning service at 11 o'clock and evening service at 7:30. Services at Holly Springs Methodist church at 3 p. m. A collection for our Methodist orphanage will be taken at Holly Springs—R. R. Grant, P. C.

## Many Cases of Mild Type Influenza Reported Here

Many cases of influenza have been reported here during the past few days the reports stating that it is of mild form. Jim Cook, Herbert Clark, Mrs. C. G. Crockett, Bud and Miss Mary Ann Crockett, Mrs. T. B. Brandon and Garland Woolard being numbered among the recent victims.

## "Country" Boy Reports Big Time in Great City

Spending a short while in New York the early part of this week, Jno. Hatton Gurganus reported a great time in the little ole town upon his return here early Wednesday morning. Annexing a little of that Yankee brogue, the popular drug store employee, explained that the "umpire" State was the biggest "hoose" he had ever entered. Meeting so many of the people there the young man declared he did not have time to visit many places of public interest.

## Dr. Thigpen Returns from Visit to Western States

Dr. John F. Thigpen returned last night from an extended trip to several Western states purchasing a large number of mules. The animals will arrive here today, it is expected.

## Peanut Campaign in County About 75 Per Cent Complete

The peanut reduction movement described as 75 per cent complete, will be centered in the county agent's office after tomorrow, Assistant M. L. Barnes announced this morning. Those farmers desiring to participate in the movement, and who fail to sign with their respective committees will have a last opportunity to do so at the county agent's office here next week, Mr. Barnes announcing the campaign will close Saturday, January 26th.

## Addition To County Courthouse Planned

### COST ESTIMATES BEING PREPARED BY CONTRACTORS

### Crowded Conditions Acute; Will Cost Little for Four New Rooms

Plans for an addition to the Martin County courthouse are being considered, and definite action on the proposed building program will be taken just as soon as contractors complete their cost estimates, it was learned from Mr. J. E. Pope, chairman of the board, this week.

Crowded conditions have prevailed in the courthouse for some time, the shortage of room reaching a climax last court, when the grand jury was forced to hold its deliberations in one of the jail sections proper. If the jail population had been as large at that time as it was a few days ago, the jury would probably have found it necessary to investigate the bills in the open air. Ever since the agricultural program was launched, the county agent's office has called for additional room, forcing the commissioners from office to office until they finally settled in the courtroom proper. With all tax records on the lower floor, the commissioners find it inconvenient and difficult to conduct their work, it was said.

No definite building plan has been decided upon, but it is understood that four additional rooms may be built, one for the grand jury, one for the commissioners and one for the home demonstrator, leaving an extra room for emergency use. It is also proposed to establish the jail in the quarters now occupied by the demonstrator's office, carrying out, in this particular, the original plans followed in the construction of the new jail several years ago.

Should the proposed building program go through, the rooms will be built on the east side of the courthouse, between the old structure and the jail and register of deeds' office, making necessary the construction of only one wall. Early estimates place the cost at about \$2,500, it was said.

## Regular Services at Baptist Church Sunday

The pastor of the Memorial Baptist church will preach twice Sunday, and the other services of the church organization will be carried through, as usual.

Word comes from Baptist headquarters in Raleigh that the receipts from the Baptist state are very far ahead of last year's receipts, and that all along the line a new spirit has seemed to take hold of church people, indicating that they are setting their faces to the future for a new advance, after the years of depression, which have slowed down the churches along with other agencies.

## County Teachers Being Paid Off This Week

The approximately 191 teachers in the Martin County schools are receiving their fourth month salaries this week, the pay roll representing an expenditure of nearly \$12,500. In addition to that amount, approximately \$1,500 is being paid other employees of the county schools.

## Episcopal Services for Sunday Announced

Rev. E. F. Mosley, rector. Second Sunday After Epiphany: Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30. Holy Trinity Mission Sunday school and preaching at 3:30 p. m.

## ATTENDANCE AT LOCAL SCHOOL IS BELOW NORMAL

### Number Factors Combine To Keep Children Out; 170 Out Thursday

Measles, influenza, and hog killings are playing havoc with attendance records in several schools of the county, while others are operating with their figures fully above the average, according to reports received from the office of the county superintendent today. However, none of the plants is planning to suspend classes unless the situation becomes worse next week, it was said.

In the local elementary school 170 pupils were absent yesterday, dragging the attendance down to 70 per cent of the enrollment. If the percentage continues to drop next week, the school will, in all probability, discontinue operations for a short while.

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Nearly 100 cases of measles have been reported in the three school districts since the first of this month, 21 of the cases bobbing up in this district yesterday and the day before and many others that were not reported.

## GETS CHANGE IN QUAIL LAWS

### Believed Law Provides for Closing Season First Of February

Senator Robert L. Coburn saw his first bill through the state senate this week, the proposed law to establish a uniform season for hunting quail in the state. The bill was later considered and passed with amendments by the house and it now goes back to the senate for concurrence.

## V. E. P. LAUNCHES DRIVE TO RENT OR SELL RANGES

Announcing recently its "rent-a-stove" plan, the Virginia Electric and Power Company is now offering an unusual and valuable service to its patrons, a service that makes possible modern and convenient cooking in nearly every kitchen at a nominal cost. A study of the plan, described as one of the most liberal and encouraging announced for the electrical consumer in many months by any company, clearly indicates an advantage for the customer.

## HONOR ROLL FOR EVERETTS

### Total of Thirty-Two Students On List for Fourth Month

Thirty-two names appear on the honor roll in the Everetts School, it was announced by Principal Russell. The names: First grade: Susan Corrine Bailey, Ellen Clark, Norma Pearl Harrison, Glenn Spiers, Elizabeth Stalls, Billy Johnson, Whitmore Donald, Bruce Stalls. Second grade: Irene Edmondson and Jonah Mar Stalls. Third grade: Jasper Bowden, Harmon Modlin, William Elbert Clark, Clara Dail Taylor, Janie Margaret Ayers, Mary Alice Cherry. Fourth grade: Louise Wynne, Polly Bailey, Pauline Swain, Irene Williams, Bill Donald, Leland Hardison, John Mobley. Fifth grade: Mary Louise Mobley, Florine Clark, Fabian Barnhill. Sixth grade: Dillon Wynne, Eunice Wynne, Norma Hardy, Sally Mobley, Burnice Roebuck and James Harry Wynne.

## ASSEMBLY STILL MARKING TIME

### Number Bills Introduced, But Little Work Has Been Completed

While many bills have been introduced the state legislature has hardly completed its preliminary plans on any major legislation so far. Governor Ehringhaus made his budget recommendations this week, advising an increase of \$6,000,000 for highways, including one and a half millions for relief, the money to be spent on highway work. He recommended an increase of two and one-half millions for schools, and increases in salaries of state employees.

That the General Assembly will pass a law in an effort to curb highway accidents is certain, but the nature of the bill is yet to be determined. One representative is sponsoring a law providing a 60-day road sentence for drunken auto drivers. The alcohol question is bobbing up every now and then, and the sales tax problem is still before the lawmakers.

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## Local Bank Will Observe Holiday Tomorrow, 19th

The Branch Banking and Trust Company will be closed all day tomorrow in observance of Robert E. Lee's birthday anniversary, Cashier C. D. Carstarphen announced yesterday. No other business houses will observe the day as a holiday.

## NUMBER CASES TRIED TUESDAY BY RECORDER

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## PEANUT PRICES REACH HIGH OF 4 CENTS POUND

### Market Weakens, However, As Rush To Market Materializes

Peanut prices in this section reached a new high record for the season this week when good farmers' stock was commanding 4 cents. A new rush for market immediately got under way, late reports indicating a slight weakening of the market.

The price comes a bit late for the majority of farmers who sold for an average of about 3 cents. Much of the crop was sold for as low as 2 and 2 1/2 cents, the 3 and 3 1/2 and 3-3 1/4 pieces bring the average up to about 3 cents. An average for the season is now expected to exceed the 3-cent mark with a reasonable support from the 4-cent quotation.

Estimates as to the crop portion unsold vary, some placing the figure at 25 per cent and some as high as 30. The general belief of farmers over the county is that from 75 to 80 per cent of the crop has already moved to market.

Two or three reasons have been mentioned supporting the price advance, the main one resting in the control movement now under way, it is believed. Reports clearly indicate the control movement is going to meet with a marked success, and a curtailment in the crop can well be expected next season. Production this past season was not as large as first estimates indicated, and an increased demand for the crop supported by improved business conditions are also believed to have figured in advancing the price to 4 cents.

While no one knows what the price will be tomorrow or next week, it is generally believed farmers are fairly well pleased with the 4-cent quotation and will complete selling arrangements as soon as possible.

The record price is proving very popular and that, with the benefit payment of 40 cents a bag from the government, will gross the farmer about \$4 a bag for his crop, provided he had not sold before the recent price increase.

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## STIRRING DRAMA BEING UNFOLDED IN JERSEY COURT

### Says Hauptmann Himself Dominating Personality Of Entire Trial

#### By C. H. DICKEY

Hunterdon County Courthouse, Flemington, N. J., Jan. 15.—One sits in the crowded old 107-year-old courthouse in the New Jersey town on which the eyes of the nation are focused, and watches a door to his left, through which Richard Bruno Hauptmann is momentarily expected to enter. He is not kept waiting long, for a few moments before the opening of court the door swings open and the ex-German machine gunner walks briskly towards his seat, while two stolid-faced guards hold his arms tightly.

All eyes turn towards the criminal suspect, and the packed and jammed spectators focus their peering eyes upon him, fearing they may miss something. Hauptmann hurries toward his little chair, where he has been sitting each day for weeks, apparently seeing nothing. He quickly drops into his chair, his back toward the staring eyes of the curious who have come from many states over the nation, hoping against hope that they may see the man who, many think, has committed the most heinous crime of the century.

The jurors file in next. Four of them are women, eight are men. They slip quickly into their seats, and no sooner have they done it than Col. Charles Lindbergh enters through the same door which only a few moments previously admitted Hauptmann. The photographers and movie cameramen begin "shooting" pictures, and Lindbergh ducks into a corner. When they have finished he starts for his chair and walks within four feet of the man who, he believes, kidnapped and murdered his first child. The eyes of Hauptmann do not turn toward Lindbergh, neither does the bereaved father seem to be conscious that Hauptmann is in the room.

Lindbergh slouches down into his seat and while the spectators are looking at him, the wife of Richard Bruno Hauptmann comes meekly in through the same door which has just admitted her husband and Charles Lindbergh. There is not a moment of dullness, for the presiding judge enters, the people stand until he is seated, and before you know it the trial is in progress.

There are so many spectacular characters and so many points of interest, one does not know where to center his thoughts. There sits the youthful-looking Hauptmann, separated from his sad-faced wife to the left by only two guards. To the right of the prisoner is Charles Lindbergh, in the same row of seats, three paces removed. Immediately to his right is the jury, while grouped closely in between the judge's bench and Hauptmann are the tables of the prosecution and the defense.

Some one takes the witness stand, and the case is off on another day's course, while the most talented and brilliant writers in the nation are

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## Everetts Parent-Teacher Meet Held Monday, 14th

Everetts.—The Everetts Parent-Teacher Association held its regular monthly meeting Monday night, January 14. A short business session was held and the following topics were discussed: Providing milk for undernourished children, to be donated by parents; means of raising funds; appointing a committee to visit homes of needy children to investigate their needs.

A count of parents and friends of each grade was made and the B section of the first grade won the picture. At the conclusion of the business session, the association was entertained by the Robersonville Junior Orchestra under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogers. Between orchestra numbers, the music pupils of Mrs. Russell and Miss Williams rendered solos.—Reported.

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