



## 120 APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS MADE IN THIS COUNTY

Number Is Expected To Be Greater This Year Than Last

More than 120 applications have been received by the Washington Production Credit Association from farmers in this county so far with the possibility that the number of borrowers will exceed the 168 served by the organization last year, it was learned from W. H. Carstarphen, who is receiving applications here. The 120 applications call for loans amount to approximately \$58,000, it was said.

The expected increase in the number of loans this year is attributed to several causes, Mr. Carstarphen explained. Last year many applicants were refused loans because mortgages were held against their mules or other chattels. Last fall many farmers paid off those obligations, leaving them without necessary finances to produce crops this year, but, at the same time, they made themselves eligible to borrow from the association this year.

No official notice has been received stating that there will be seed loans available to farmers in this county this year. And while such a fund is likely to be created, it is not known when it will be available. Many farmers in this county are eagerly awaiting some definite seed and feed loan announcement as they are unable to qualify for loans in the production credit association.

## BADLY HURT IN TRAIN ACCIDENT

Colored Man Run Over by Train at Hassell Last Sunday

Ben Frank Little, 30-year-old colored man, continues in a critical condition at a Rocky Mount hospital as a result of injuries received when he was run over by an Atlantic Coast Line passenger train at Hassell last Sunday afternoon. Jumping from the moving train, Little is said to have caught one foot in a track switch, causing him to fall. One leg, falling on the track, was cut off above the knee by the train wheels, and his skull was fractured in the fall.

Little, a farmer in Cross Roads Township for many years, claims he boarded the train to pay the fare of a cousin to Stokes and did not have time to do that and get off the train before it started. A colored "association" had been in progress at Hassell that day, and many colored people were riding the train. Company employees did not see the accident and they did not learn about it until later, according to reports reaching here.

## STOCKHOLDERS WILL MEET 18TH

Annual Meet of Warehouse Owners Called; Expect Dividend

The annual meeting of the Martin County Warehouse stockholders will be held in the courthouse here Monday, February 18, at 2 o'clock p. m., it was announced yesterday by W. H. Carstarphen, secretary and treasurer. The meeting is the first for the stockholders since 1933, the directors and appointed committees handling all necessary matters since that time.

While no official statement has been made, it is believed a dividend will be declared at the meeting, the amount depending on the treasurer's report, of course. Two dividends have been declared, but only one was paid and that was back in 1931, when the stockholders received 6 per cent on their investment. The second dividend was conditionally declared in 1932, but rent collections were delayed and the receipts were used to meet current obligations later, it was said.

## No Preaching Services At Episcopal Churches

There will be no preaching services in the Episcopal church this Sunday, as the rector, Rev. E. F. Moseley, is attending a church school in Washington City for a week.

## Large Shipment of Rough Lumber Being Made Here

One of the largest single orders for rough lumber ever received here is being loaded on a barge in Roanoke River this week. The shipment is being handled by the Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company and includes about 450,000 feet of all types of rough lumber. Loading operations are now underway, but it will be probably the latter part of next week before the barge starts for New York, its destination.

## To Reopen Schools Here Next Monday

### EAGLE SCOUT



Receiving his Eagle Scout badge at a court of honor here last Sunday, Horace Ray has attained one of the highest honors available in the organization. He is the second boy in this county to reach the high post among Boy Scouts. Horace has been a mainstay in Scoutmaster Martin's group for several years.

## SIX CASES TRIED AND 7 CONTINUED BY JUDGE PEEL

No Fines Are Imposed and Only One Person Given Sentence

With 13 cases on the docket, the county court last Tuesday called 6 and continued 7, the continuances being granted for various reasons acceptable to the court. It was a day of little importance, as far as fines were concerned, the court centering its judgments on one defendant, and sentence in that case is to start at the direction of the judge.

The first speeding charge aired in the court was handled at the Tuesday session, Judge Peel suspending judgment upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Jesse Bullock with reckless driving.

Charged with the manufacture of liquor, Luther Clark was sentenced to the roads for three months, sentence to begin at the direction of the court. Bruce Rollings, charged with stealing chickens, was adjudged not guilty. Charged with bastardy, Alexander Slade was found not guilty.

The case charging LeRoy Carroll with carnal knowledge and an assault with a deadly weapon, was ordered placed on docket for trial at the March term superior court.

A nol. pros resulted in the case charging Milton Barnhill with abandonment and non-support.

## NEARING END OF PEANUT SURVEY

Acres Control Program About Completed; Is Declared Success

The program advanced for the control of peanut acreage was today announced just about complete, the authorities adding that the movement was nearly 100 per cent successful.

Acres surveys are being completed this week on 10 per cent of the contracts, but no official information on the findings has been released. It will be several days before all the figures can be checked, and until that is done it cannot be learned whether another 10 per cent of the contracts will be chosen for an acreage survey.

Completing his survey early this week, committeeman W. B. Harrington said that the claims advanced by farmers in Griffins Township were well under the government measurements.

## Two Fire Calls Answered By Firemen This Week

For the third time in recent months, fire threatened the little one-story home of Perlie Williams on West Street here Wednesday evening, none of the fires causing much damage. The fire company was called out, and the roof of the house was wet to prevent sparks from a blazing chimney firing the shingles.

Early yesterday morning the firemen were called to the home of Bell Lloyd on West Main Street, where a hole about one foot square was burned in the roof. The fire was out on arrival of the fire-fighting apparatus.

## NUMBER CASES MEASLES IS NOW ON DOWN GRADE

Total of 536 Cases Measles Reported in County So Far This Year

The local white schools will open next Monday with fairly bright prospects for an attendance near normal, school authorities said today. After sweeping over the entire district and extending into other sections, the measles epidemic is fast subsiding among white children and comparatively few absences are expected as a result of that disease when the school reopens Monday. Colds and influenza will likely cause a number of absences, but with favorable weather and fair road conditions a large majority of the children should find their way to their respective classrooms next week.

According to a report from the health office today, the number of measles cases reported underwent a marked decrease Wednesday and yesterday. During the first five days of this month, 161 cases were reported, and most of the number were in this school district. Wednesday there were only 14 cases reported and yesterday that number was decreased to 11. So far this year there have been 536 cases of measles reported in the county, nearly all of which were in the Williamston section.

Late reports indicate the epidemic is now reaching into the population supporting the colored schools in this district and Poplar Point. The Poplar Point colored school closed this week when only six of the 42 pupils enrolled reported for class instruction. There are a few absences in the colored school here, but it is understood that a hundred or more children could remain at home and still Principal Hayes and his teachers would have their rooms almost crowded. The school in Poplar Point is not expected to reopen until Monday week.

With the exception of one day, when the local white schools attempted to reopen last Monday, children in this section have enjoyed a holiday since the 21st of last month. The forced period of inactivity in the schools has proved very inconvenient for all the teachers, and the children will realize the holidays was not so pleasant after all when the warm days in late May roll round.

## Father of Mrs. Rodman Fatally Hurt in Wreck

Samuel Mills, father of Mrs. Archie Rodman of this place, died early yesterday morning in a Wilson hospital from injuries received in a truck-automobile wreck there a short while before. Mr. Mills, a resident of the Blount's Creek section of Beaufort County, never regained consciousness, it was said. His head was fractured when he was thrown from the truck to the pavement. Mr. Mills was 45 years old.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the late home in Beaufort County.

Mrs. Rodman, wife of Patrolman Rodman and an only child, survives with her mother.

## Romantic Comedy To Be Presented At Bear Grass

The Senior Class of the Bear Grass High School will present "Her Heritage," a romantic comedy in three acts, in the school auditorium here next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. A small admission fee will be charged.

## Eli Hoyt Ange Appointed Postmaster at Jamesville

Washington, D. C.—Representative Lindsay Warren today announced the appointment of Eli Hoyt Ange as postmaster at Jamesville, a fourth-class office. Mr. Ange stood No. 1 on the eligible list as announced by the Civil Service Commission and at present is acting postmaster.

## Mrs. Anna Bell Brown To Buy Spring Goods

Mrs. Anna Bell Brown left this week for New York, where she will make large purchases of spring goods for Barnhill Brothers and Company here.

## Two Preaching Services at the Baptist Church Sunday

The membership of the Baptist church will observe communion at the Sunday morning service, followed by another twilight worshipping period at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. To these services the public is invited.

## BOARD DRAWS JURY LIST FOR MARCH COURT

Judge N. A. Sinclair Scheduled To Preside Over Two-Weeks Term

Jurymen for the regular March term of Martin County Superior court were selected by the county commissioners at their regular meeting held last Monday. Judge N. A. Sinclair, of Rayetteville, is scheduled to preside over the two weeks term beginning Monday, March 18. It might be that the jurist will effect an exchange with another judge, but if he does come here it will be his first official visit since the Smithwick Creek case first reached a jury back in March, 1930.

Already there are a goodly number of cases on the docket for trial, including those of a criminal and civil nature.

The names of the jurymen are, as follows:

**First Week**  
Jamesville Township: J. E. Hedrick, N. B. Lilley, J. N. Cooper, and L. W. Ange.  
Williams Township: W. J. Cherry and J. H. Heath.  
Griffins Township: W. J. Griffin, Pleny Peel, and Ben Ira Hardison.  
Bear Grass Township: G. W. Harris.

Williamston Township: J. Ben Andrews, J. S. Meeks, H. H. Cowen, and Exum L. Ward.  
Cross Roads Township: W. A. Mobley, H. H. Williams, W. O. Daniel, and C. James.  
Robersonville Township: J. W. Brown, Carl Oakley, Jasper Perkins, A. H. Grimes, O. P. Roberson, W. W. Taylor, I. M. Little, W. H. Matthews.

Poplar Point Township: Bruce Johnson.  
Hamilton Township: L. A. Weaver, J. S. Haislip, J. B. Barfield, and E. M. Johnson.  
Goose Nest Township: S. V. Sills, A. H. Hale, Fred White, J. T. Matthews, jr., and R. C. Brown.

**Second Week**  
Jamesville Township: Stencil Brown and W. I. Ange.  
Williams Township: J. Herbert Moore.  
Williamston Township: Charles Rawls, W. H. Carstarphen, and J. C. Anderson.

Cross Roads Township: J. B. Wyna.  
Robersonville Township: C. S. Rawls and W. J. Ayers.  
Poplar Point Township: J. D. Coltrane.  
Hamilton Township: R. H. Salisbury, Dennis L. Holliday, S. G. Cowling, L. H. Rouse.

Goose Nest Township: E. L. Ettridge, Mayo Price, J. F. Council and J. F. Crisp.

## FILLING STATION HERE IS ROBBED

Breaking into the Standard Esso station, corner Main and Haughton streets, here about 4 o'clock Wednesday morning, robbers tore a telephone and pay-station box from the wall and stole a few articles from the station, the operator, Jack Daniel, stating that he could not definitely determine what had been stolen. Officers found the telephone back of the station, but the telephone pay box, containing several dollars, was missing. The robbers broke a window glass and entered the station through the window, and it is believed they worked with the lights burning.

In tearing the telephone wires from the instrument, the robbers signaled the operator in the local exchange at 4 o'clock that morning, but she received no reply when she asked for a number.

Earlier that morning two men broke into the colored school basement, where they stole an axe. The janitor, sleeping in the building, heard the robbers and chased them away, but not until they had hidden an axe which was later found stolen on the Standard Oil station lot. Officers are certain that the two men who broke into the schoolhouse also robbed the filling station.

## Rev. C. H. Dickey Makes Hour Broadcast Tuesdays

Telling about the Hauptmann trial and offering many interesting sidelights on what has been termed "a three-ring circus," in an hour's broadcast over the radio last Tuesday, Rev. C. H. Dickey said, upon his return, from Rocky Mount that he was as tired as he could have been if he had plowed all day in the fields.

It was an inconvenient hour, and it is understood that comparatively few people in this section heard the parson in his broadcast.

## Many Farmers Applying for Leaf Allotments This Year

### SILVER ANNIVERSARY FOR SCOUTING



The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Boy Scout organization in America will be observed by local Scouts at a meeting to be held in the courthouse Sunday afternoon, Scoutmaster Wheeler Martin announced today. Beginning today the anniversary will be observed during an entire week by Scouts over the nation.

## T. G. MANNING DIES THURSDAY

Well Known Poplar Point Farmer Is Victim of Cancer

T. G. Manning, 57-year-old farmer of this county, died at his home in Poplar Point Township, near here, yesterday afternoon from cancer. He had been in feeble health for some time.

The son of the late Rev. T. N. and Sallie Manning, he was born in Pitt County, where he married and lived until about 15 years ago. His widow survives with six children, Larry C. Manning, of Richmond; Leslie L. T. G. jr., and Dallas Manning, Mrs. L. R. White, of Williamston, and Mrs. Mark Wilkerson, of Richmond. He leaves one brother, O. C. Manning, of Ayden, and two sisters, Reba Nelson and Mrs. Dora Bazemore, both of Greenville.

Funeral services were conducted from the late home today at 4 o'clock by Rev. Mr. Pihman, Greenville minister. Interment followed in the Nobles cemetery in Pitt County.

## K. B. Crawford Represents Insurance Firm 25 Years

K. B. Crawford, insurance agent, with offices at Williamston, was today presented with a gold shen by Dixie Fire Insurance Company, of Greenville, in recognition of his agency having faithfully represented the company for over a quarter of a century. The presentation was made by a home office representative of the company.

## Presiding Elder To Preach At Methodist Church Here

Sunday, February 10:  
Sunday school at 9:45.  
Communion service 11 a. m.  
Regular service at 7:30 p. m. Sermon by Rev. J. H. McCracken, presiding elder, who will hold the first quarterly conference for the Williamston charge immediately after the sermon.

## Band Concert at Double-Header Here Tonight

A band concert will feature the double-header basketball game here tonight at 7:30 o'clock between the local girls and boys and those from Jamesville. All members of the band are urged to be present.

## Program of Services At Christian Church

Christian church services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. A cordial welcome is extended to these services.  
Sunday school, 9:45. You are invited, and bring a friend.

## Regular Services Sunday At Presbyterian Points

Rev. Z. T. Piephoff announced this morning that Presbyterian church services will be held at all points Sunday at the regular hours. A cordial invitation to all is extended.

## BIRD SEASON OVER

Closed by legislative action last week, the closed season for taking quail in this county is being very well observed, as far as it could be learned, County Game Warden W. O. Abbott said today. A few hunters are said to have followed their dogs during the early part of the week, but since the law became known there has been very little bird hunting.

A law sponsored by Senator R. L. Coburn closed the season for taking quail in this county the first of this month. It is understood that the closing date for taking quail is fairly uniform throughout the state since the passage of the law.

## TWO MORE STILL ARE CAPTURED

Raiding Officers Pick One Up Accidentally While After Another

Raiding in Bear Grass Township for a still that had been reported, Officers J. H. Roebuck and Jailer Roy Peel stumbled over another manufacturing plant in search of the first, the deputy said yesterday, adding that the find was just accidental and that liquor stills in that section are really not very numerous.

After destroying the first plant, the officers continued their search and found the second one. One plant was complete with a 50-gallon steam still, about 800 gallons of beer and equipment. The second plant had a still similar to the first and was of 50-gallon capacity. About 1,350 gallons of beer were turned out of seven barrels and four vats at one of the plants raided. Both plants were cold, and no arrests were made.

Yesterday the deputy and his assistant raided in the Laurel Pocosin in Jamesville Township and found a small steam plant and about 100 gallons of beer. The plant was cold, and no one was caught.

## Large Crowd Here For Pension Plan Discussion

The old folks are here today in large numbers from all over the county to hear W. B. Fidler, State organizer, discuss and explain the Towns Old Age pension bill, a plan proposing a \$200 monthly pension for all persons over 60 years of age.

Even the prospects of such an elaborate sum has created hope among the aged, one old gentleman hoping that he will share in the fabulous fund and share right now is said to have brought a sack along to carry his money home in.

Another wondered if he would have to pay income tax if the money ever got into his hands.  
Hal Biggs, 86-year-old colored man, a bit dubious about the forthcoming of the money, explained that \$10 a month would look good to him, that \$200 a month was entirely too much.

## 150 APPLICATIONS OR MORE ON FILE AT COURT HOUSE

Fancy Prices Last Season Bring Flocks of Would-Be Tobacco Growers

Remembering the fancy prices received for tobacco last year, those farmers who were ineligible to sign contracts for that crop are applying in large number for allotments in this county at the present time. More than 150 applications have been received to date, Assistant County Agent M. L. Barnes said yesterday, and they keep coming and pleading for an allotment even if they know they can't get more than an acre or two. And it is believed that a large majority of those applying will not be qualified to receive any allotment whatever.

The distribution of allotments was seriously delayed this week when an error in the forms was discovered, making it necessary to prepare new forms. Blanks for handling the applications were to have reached here last week, and now local authorities have no idea as to when to expect the forms. In the meantime, the county agent's office is recording all information offered by the applicants and plans to announce the allotments just as soon as the blanks and rulings reach here. In those cases where there is reasonable doubt to believe an allotment is not justified, the farmers will find it to their advantage to go ahead and plan the 1935 farm program without considering tobacco, it is believed.

## OFFER CORN AND HOG CONTRACTS

Contracts Available at Office of County Agent on Monday, Tuesday

Farmers in this county desiring to participate in the 1935 corn and hog control program will be given the opportunity to sign contracts at the county agent's office next Monday and Tuesday, it was announced today.

There are very few farmers raising hogs on a commercial scale in this county, and naturally the number of participants will be small, but any one eligible to sign a contract may do so on the days announced. Any farmer desiring to sign one of the contracts should bring his bills of purchases and sales to the county office. Last year there were 19 farmers participating in the movement in this county, and a number of those are planning to sign again, it is understood.

## PRIZE OFFERED FOR BEST ESSAY

Representatives from Nine Counties Expected To Speak Here March 19

The Williamston High School has been selected as the place for the preliminary run-off, for high schools of Dare, Tyrrell, Washington, Beaufort, Martin, Bertie, Pitt, Green, and Hyde Counties, in the state-wide oration-essay contest to be staged by High Point College in March.

This run-off will take place at 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, March 19, 1935, in the auditorium of the Williamston High School. One contestant will be selected to compete with the representatives of the other 17 districts of the state in the finals which will be held at High Point College March 29.

The successful contestants in each of the districts will be given a \$50 scholarship to the High Point institution. The one winning first place in the finals will be awarded an additional \$350 to be added to the \$50 district prize, to make a total scholarship of \$400. The second prize will be an additional \$150, which with the district award makes a \$200 scholarship for this place. The third best contestant will receive a total scholarship of \$100. Those not winning a place in the finals will be given the \$50 district scholarship.

Only two contestants from a high school may participate, and they must be seniors and must register for the contest on or before February 20. All contestants must be recommended by the principal or a member of the school faculty.

The subject for the oration or essay is: "Do I Expect My College Training to Make Me More Useful to My Community, or to Increase My Earning Capacity?" It is to be confined within 800 words, and must be in the hands of the contest directors on or before March 1.