



ALLOTMENTS FOR COTTON WILL BE GIVEN OUT SOON

Believed All Farmers Will Find It To Advantage To Sign Contracts

All cotton farmers, it is believed, will find it to their advantage to sign contracts covering the 1935 crop, according to information coming from Mr. T. B. Slade, assistant in cotton control in this county. Rules and regulations covering the production and marketing of the crop were received from Federal agricultural authorities a few days ago, and it is apparent that the farmer planting two acres or more of cotton will benefit by cooperating in the control program. The farmer planting less than two acres will be provided with an allotment, it is understood, but he will not share in any of the benefit payments.

In an effort to make the program prove more successful all old contract signers, in the near future, will be asked to supplement that information given in the first contract. All those farmers who were ineligible to sign a contract this year are advised to apply for contracts this year if they plant as many as two acres or more of cotton. Application blanks have not yet arrived, Mr. Slade stating that the farmers would be notified in ample time to have the contracts cover the 1935 plantings.

Individual allotments to farmers throughout the county are to be placed in the hands of the community committees in the next few days, and the records will be open to the public. Several farmers have already asked for adjustments, it is understood, but no definite action has been taken in any of the complaints so far.

WILSON WOMAN HURT IN WRECK

Crash Follows When Auto Was Forced To Stop By Parked Car

Ann Griffin, of Wilson, was painfully hurt about the face last Friday afternoon when her car crashed into another owned and driven by a man named Cowart, of Atlanta, on the Washington Highway, near here. Miss Griffin was treated at the offices of Drs. Rhodes and Eason and after spending a few nights at the Hotel George Reynolds she continued to her home yesterday afternoon.

The Essex Terraplane driven by the young woman was damaged considerably. The Oldsmobile driven by the Georgia man had its gas tank punctured and bumper torn off.

According to information reaching here a truck was going toward Washington and the Georgia man slowed down to avoid hitting a car parked on his side of the highway. The driver of the Terraplane failed to slow down and crashed heavily into the Oldsmobile, it was said.

Two Cases Diphtheria Reported in County Jail

Jesse Bland and William Daniel, colored prisoners in the county jail, are fast recovering from slight cases of diphtheria, Jailor Roy Peel stating that one of the men was already up and the other about well. The two men were already sick when they were arrested a few days ago, and just got inside the jail in time to receive medical attention and proper care all free of charge. As far as quarantine was concerned, they were not bothered, as the two men were not going any place, anyway.

Mrs. Patrick Henry Brown Dies at Home in Gold Point

Mrs. Patrick Henry Brown, 42 years old, died at her home in Gold Point last Saturday night at 10 o'clock. Funeral services were conducted the following afternoon from the late home at 3 o'clock by Rev. Jack Purvis. Interment was in the Brown burial ground near the home.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Brown is survived by her mother, Mrs. Bettie Stalls. She also leaves four brothers; Robert Henry and Sam Stalls, of Robersonville, and Simon Stalls, of Tarboro, and three sisters, Mrs. Zeb Brown, Mrs. Jim Manning, and Mrs. Jane Stalls, all of Robersonville.

Jamesville School Observes "Stunt" Night On Friday

"Stunt" night will be observed at the Jamesville school Friday evening of this week, when each class will participate in the program, it was announced. The winners will be awarded a prize.

The junior class is sponsoring the event to raise money for the junior-senior banquet to be held the following night.

Plan for Old-Age Pensions Outlined

MEASLES MOVING

While the epidemic of measles sweeping over this county during the past several weeks continues only slightly abated, the scene of attack has shifted to a certain extent from the Williamston school district to other sections, settling principally among the colored population in Poplar Point Township. Apparently the epidemic is headed for the schools in the upper part of the county, where no epidemics of measles have been reported recently.

Fifty-eight cases of measles were reported over the week-end, all located in Williamston and Poplar Point Townships with the exception of three in the Dardens section.

REGULAR MEET OF WOMANS CLUB HELD LAST WEEK

Organization Will Sponsor "Better English Week" Beginning Monday

The regular monthly meeting of the Williamston's Woman's Club was held Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the club rooms with 14 members and several guests present.

The regular routine of business was gone over, including roll call, secretary's report and report of the treasurer, together with reports from several special committees. The traffic committee reported that they had met with the town board and had been assured of the board's cooperation in handling the traffic situation. "U" turns at Main and Smithwick Streets will be done away with. The committee on the President's Birthday Ball reported a balance of \$52.46 to be used for children afflicted with infantile paralysis in our area.

The election of several officers for the ensuing two years, who will take office in May, was held. Mrs. Clayton Moore was elected second vice president and Mrs. Z. T. Piephoff corresponding secretary. No president was elected at this meeting, but it is hoped to have one in line for the next meeting.

The club acknowledge with thanks the lovely framed picture painted and presented to the club by Mrs. E. M. Breneman through her daughter, Mrs. E. H. Wagner, chairman of the art committee. This picture will be sent to Raleigh to be given as one of the prizes in the state picture appreciation contest to be held May 4.

The club announced that the week of February 18-24 is to be observed by all state federation clubs for sponsoring Better English Week, the purpose of which to emphasize the importance of expressing one's thoughts in clear, forceful, dignified and accurate English. The club hopes to cooperate with the schools, clubs, and all educational groups in the community with a tendency to establishing correct speech habits and cultivating the rare gift of using the English language adequately.

INCOME TAX MAN TO BE HERE 5TH

Will Offer Assistance In Filing Federal Income Tax Returns

A deputy collector of internal revenue will be in Williamston the fifth of next month to assist taxpayers in preparing their income tax returns, it was announced this week. While there are comparatively few victims of the tax in this county, those who have to file returns will find the assistance valuable when time comes to fill in the blanks.

The following statement was issued by the deputy collector: "If your net income is \$1,000 or over, or your gross income is \$5,000 or over, and you are single (or if married and not living with husband or wife), you are required to file a return. If you are married and living with husband or wife and your net income is \$2,500 or over, or your gross income is \$5,000 or over, you are required to file a return.

Your return for the calendar year 1934 shall be filed not later than March 15, 1935, with the Collector of Internal Revenue for the district in which you reside or have your principal place of business.

A penalty of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, and, in addition, 25 per cent of the amount of the tax is imposed by the statute for willful failure to make return on time."

OVER 450 HEAR PLAN OUTLINED LAST FRIDAY

Little Hope of Particular Plan Ever Reaching the Floors of Congress

The old and young, both white and colored, some downright poor and others near poor, hobbled into the Martin County courthouse more than 450 strong last Friday afternoon to learn about a plan proposing to give every person over 60 years of age a \$200 pension monthly. W. B. Fisher, of Andrews, state organizer for the Townsend Plan, welcomed the all-hopeful group and painted a colorful picture for his listeners, many of whom added an appealing touch to the scheme by placing their knotty and warped walking sticks side by side on a table in front of the speaker. Packing every available inch, including the aisles, bar and jury box, the crowd was the largest to enter Martin County's house of justice in some time. Even the judge's seat was taken. Closs Roberson expressing approval throughout the meeting from that point of vantage.

Described by many as economic lunacy, the Townsend Plan is receiving the support of millions over the nation, the Martin County group eagerly pledging the scheme its support in an effort to add weight to the urgent appeal scheduled to reach Congress within the next few weeks.

The speaker, introducing himself as a trustee of the Methodist church in his home town and as a voluntary missionary advocate of the proposed plan, declared the bill is the greatest issue that has ever been placed before the American people. Twenty-five million people over the country have already pledged their support, and 10,000,000 additional signatures to petitions are wanted before the measure is to be considered by Congress some time during next month, Mr. Fisher said.

Reviewing panics and their underlying causes, the speaker then offered his panacea for future panics. He would put business back on its feet by retiring 4,000,000 old folks from active work and giving their jobs to young jobless workers. Continuing, he said the Townsend Plan proposed to permit every citizen of the country, black or white, rich or poor, to retire at the age of 60, if he desires to do so, on a pension of \$200 a month. Only two conditions would be attached to the plan—applicants for pensions having jobs would be required to give up their jobs to receive the pension, if they wanted to retire; and the monthly pension would have to be spent within the 30-day period for which it was paid.

Interest in the apparently fantastic scheme reached a climax when the speaker explained that under the plan approximately 2,400 Martin County people would share in the pension money, that nearly \$480,000 would be showered on the worthy old-timers each month. Then, it might be added, their only worry would be to spend all that money. This amount, the organizer contended, would boost every business in Martin County, causing it to flourish as a green bay tree in a favorable season. He pointed out that these figures were average, and that in some smaller counties they would probably be smaller and in larger counties slightly higher.

To finance the plan and its fabulous sums, a 2 per cent gross tax on all sales was suggested. Mr. Fisher's speech was punctuated by many "amens" from various sections of the audience, and the plan was hailed with delight by most of the people who have seen much of the hard side of life, and who are led to entertain a new hope for better times in their old age.

While there is grave doubt the plan will ever reach the floor of Congress, it is believed Dr. F. E. Townsend, of Long Beach, Calif., has been instrumental in advancing the problem and creating a possibility that some kind of pension law will be enacted within the near future.

Attendance Campaign To Close at Lodge Tonight

The attendance campaign in progress at the local Masonic lodge for the past several months will be brought to a close with the meeting tonight at 7:30 p. m. The losing team will furnish a "feed" to the winners. The "blues," led by L. Bruce Wynne, have a slight edge over the "Whites," captained by S. H. Grimes, but tonight's meeting will tell the story and both leaders are anxious for a full attendance. The final roll call will be held at 8 o'clock sharp and late comers will not be counted.

INCREASED CROP IS PROTESTED AT GROWERS MEET

Delegation Will Meet With Officials In Washington This Week

Preliminary plans to lodge a vigorous protest against a 800,000,000 pound tobacco crop were formulated at a meeting held in Farmville yesterday afternoon. The meeting, made up of representatives from nearly every county in eastern Carolina, did agree that the crop should be increased to the extent where every small farmer could be privileged to plant a one-barn crop.

Dr. M. T. Fizzle, of Ayden, presided over the meeting, and L. V. Morrill, a man who has done much to improve the lot of the tobacco grower, was called upon to explain the conditions governing the tobacco situation. A number of leading growers discussed the problem, the meeting passing resolutions urging a tax of 50 per cent on non-signers and the holding of the crop to a figure considerably below the 800 million-pound mark now considered by the agricultural administration.

W. P. Anderson, an independent tobacco dealer, and other leaders in the business were unanimous in their opinion that there are no just reasons for a big tobacco crop this coming season.

A committee of 11 was named to go to Washington this week to protest the large yield proposed. J. G. Staton was appointed on the committee, but he said this morning that he doubted if he would be able to attend the meeting. Congressman Lindsay C. Warren is making arrangements to have Secretary Wallace and J. B. Hutson, of the tobacco division, to receive the delegation on Thursday.

Messrs. S. Claude Griffin, V. G. Taylor, J. S. Peel, J. T. Barnhill and W. C. Manning were among those attending the meeting from this county.

W. G. PEEL'S FIRM MAKES PROGRESS

Life Insurance Company of Virginia Completes Its Sixty-fourth Year

The 64th annual report of The Life Insurance Company of Virginia, recently released by its president, Bradford H. Walker, reveals continuance of stability and careful management. Communicating with Mr. W. G. Peel, local representative, President Walker points to the past year's gratifying operations as again demonstrating the company's good judgment in adhering to the conservative underwriting and investment principles that have always characterized it. Mr. Walker also eagerly gives credit to his loyal field associates for their indispensable services, and gratefully acknowledges the confidence imposed in the company by the owners of its million-odd policies in force.

Mr. Walker emphasizes the following interesting features of the company's sixty-fourth annual report. An increase of more than eighteen million dollars in the company's insurance in force is encouraging evidence of the general improvement in national business conditions.

Assets were increased by more than \$3,000,000; while more than \$248,000 were added to surplus. Capital, surplus and special contingency reserves now total \$14,886,408.96—a notable margin of safety for policyholders.

The company has on hand ample cash reserves and readily marketable government bonds.

The employees' contributory pension plan, for which reserves of \$650,000 were accumulated prior to 1934, is now in effect and adequate reserves therefore are included in policy reserves.

Hauptmann Trial Nearing End at Flemington, N. J.

Underway since the early part of January, the famous Bruno Richard Hauptmann trial is nearing its end in Flemington, N. J. The charge of Judge Trenchard is in progress this afternoon, and the general impression is that the case will reach the jury tomorrow.

TOWN TAXES

Collecting approximately \$21,000 of the 1934 levy, the town treasury reflects a marked improvement in its financial condition as of February 1, Treasurer N. C. Green said yesterday. The collections at that time are about \$4,500 greater than they were at the same date last year.

Local Schools Reopen With Attendance Nearly Normal

After an enforced holiday of three weeks' duration, the local white schools reopened yesterday, the number of measles subjects having been just about virtually depleted. There might be a few more cases scattered here and there, but this immediate section is believed to very well immunized to another seige of measles for a good while to come.

The reopening yesterday was described very successful by Principal D. N. Hix, the attendance percentage running considerably higher than the school authorities anticipated. Eighty-seven per cent or 674 of the 772 children enrolled

in the schools were in attendance yesterday. Eighty-nine children were absent in the elementary school yesterday, as compared with 219 out when the school attempted to reopen on Monday of last week. In the elementary school 512 of the 601 pupils enrolled, or 85 per cent, were back in school yesterday. Only 9 of the 171 high school pupils were absent yesterday.

Principal Hix stated he believed the attendance would reach a normal figure within the next three or four days, explaining that the average attendance was about 92 or 93 per cent.

31 LICENSES TO MARRY ISSUED IN PAST MONTH

Third Largest Issuance in Five Years by Register Of Deeds

Thirty-one marriage licenses were issued to couples in this county last month, 20 to white and 11 to colored couples. The number of licenses issued to white couples, the third largest issuance in this county in five years, outdistanced the colored issuance by the greatest margin in many years. Ordinarily, the number of marriage licenses issued to colored couples are from two to three times greater than the number issued to white couples.

Licenses were issued by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger last month to the following:

White
Alton Early Hardy and Margaret Louise Lewis, both of Pitt County.
Walter J. Brown and Inez B. Cobb, both of Bertie County.
Rayford Perry and Willie Mae Coffield, both of Bertie County.

Floyd Moore, of Williams Township, and Florence Anne Williams, of Jamesville.
Roy Cooper and Elizabeth West, both of Jamesville.

Ira J. Meeks, of Williamston, and Allie Mae Downs, of Hassell.
W. E. Baker and Winnie Reason, both of Hamilton.

James Simon Gurganus and Bettie Adams, both of Hamilton.
Louis Rogers, of Poplar Point, and Daisy Mae Rawls, of Goose Nest.

William Cornelius James and Della Undine Ross, both of Robersonville.
Irvin Wynn and Mittie Ree Bullock, both of Martin County.

Tracey T. Hall and Frances Eloise Ross, both of Burlington.
David Ramsey Davis and Edith Lane Peele, both of Williamston.

J. R. Bajley, of Pitt County, and Pennie L. Crenshaw, of Washington.
Joe Beach, of Cross Roads Township, and Louise Woolard, of Robersonville.

Harvey Lewis Roberson and Hattie Eleanor Ross, both of Robersonville.
William Thomas Ross, of Robersonville, and Zella Pearl Griffin, of Williamston.

J. T. Farmer, of Bear Grass, and Maggie Lee Briley, of Pitt County.
William Jesse Griffin and Janie Manning, both of Griffins Township.

B. F. Roberson, of Griffins Township, and Irene Coltrain, of Williamston.

Colored
Sam Henry Taylor, of Edgecombe County, and Sallie Harris, of Hassell.
William Powell, of Goose Nest, and Bessie Slade, of Poplar Point.
William Everett and Susie Everett, both of Cross Roads Township.

Abram Clemmons, of Williams Township, and Dora Godard, of Williamston.
John Andrews and Modie Bell Outerbridge, of Robersonville.

Virgil Manning and Catherine Price, both of Williamston.
William Forbes and Leo Gainer, both of Robersonville.

George Ed Brown, of Poplar Point, and Maybell Mabrey, of Robersonville.
Alphonso Thompson and Lou Ella Rascoe, both of Williamston.

Willie Watson and Sarah Wilson, of Bertie County.
Willie Hardison, of Poplar Point, and Beatrice Woodrow, of Hamilton.

Farm Census Completed In Nine of the Ten Townships

Completing the survey in Williamston Township several days ago, Mrs. Eloise Bennett has been appointed to handle the National Farm Census in Hamilton Township, it was learned yesterday. The appointment was made when it was learned the first enumerator found it inconvenient to handle the survey, it was stated.

Mrs. Bennett's work in this township was highly endorsed by the district, where the surveys for the other districts are now being checked.

NEW SURVEY OF PEANUT ACRES IN THREE DISTRICTS

Every Effort Being Made to Make Horizontal Cut Unnecessary

Finding a discrepancy in the acreage claimed by some farmers as compared with the acreage checked by government representatives, authorities in charge of the peanut control program have ordered an additional survey in three townships, it was learned from the office of the county agent yesterday. Figures are being checked in other districts, and it is likely that additional surveys will be made in some, if not probably all of them, it was learned. An additional 10 per cent of the contracts in Jamesville, Williams, and Williamston Townships is being checked to determine the acreage. If the discrepancy is found to be greater than 10 per cent in the second survey, it is likely that all contracts will be checked to determine the acreage. However, local authorities would not officially comment on this possible procedure.

Assistant County Agent M. L. Barnes stated yesterday that every effort is being made to avoid a blanket reduction in any of the townships. No official information was available yesterday as to the total number of contracts and the acreage claimed, but it was unofficially learned that the claim ed acreage will run probably about 1,000 ahead of the measured acres, judging from the findings in several of the ten townships.

LOCAL BOYS WIN SIX AND LOSE SIX

Girls Team Has Lone Victory and Ten Defeats So Far This Year

With the season fast drawing to a close, Williamston High School boys' basketball team has made a fair record, winning six and losing six games so far. The boys were off to a slow start, but later in the season they showed a marked improvement, registering 6 victories out of 8 games and defeating every team played in the county except Bear Grass.

The local girls, despite their ten defeats against one victory, have established a unique record for their determination. They have met some of the strongest opposition in this section. The locals are thankful for Holgood in saving them from unanimous defeat.

In a fast game here last Friday night, the local boys defeated Jamesville 21 to 16, while the local girls lost to those from Jamesville by a 27 to 10 score.

The record for the boys: Williamston 7, Bear Grass 9, Williamston 18, Bethel 25, Williamston 17, Ahsokie 19, Williamston 16, Washington 18, Williamston 10, Farm Life 7, Williamston 23, Kinston 15, Williamston 15, Elizabeth City 13, Williamston 23, Oak City 8, Williamston 18, Bethel 28, Williamston 16, Robersonville 14, Williamston 14, Kinston 17, Williamston 21, Jamesville 16.

A double header with Ahsokie is scheduled here Friday evening of this week.

Legislature About Ready To Handle State Problems

Spending most of the 35 days it has been in session making preparations for handling legislation of a statewide nature, the General Assembly is now expected to come out into the open with its problems dealing with taxation, appropriations and numerous other matters having to do with the government and the masses. The committees are said to have about completed their investigations, and definite action is expected to follow shortly.

Legislation dealing mainly with local bills has held way in both branches of the assembly so far, but the number introduced is about 100 behind the number in 1933. Senator Robert L. Colburn introduced a bill last week requiring the recording of crop liens in the county or counties where the land is located. Under the present law, crop lien recordings are limited to the county where the borrower lives.

Record Town Auto License Sale Expected This Year

A record sale of town automobile and truck license tags is now in the making, according to reports coming from the office of the town treasurer today. Two hundred and two tags have been sold to date, trailing the record sale of last year by only 36 tags. It is believed that more than 36 tags will be sold to new car purchasers within the next three or four months.

COTTON CHECKS

Nearly \$5,000 is being paid 361 cotton growers in this county as their part in the cotton parity payment fund, Assistant in Cotton Administration T. B. Slade announced this week. The checks were received last week, and the owners have been notified. There are due now about 250 similar checks, and the total payment will amount to about \$8,000 for this county, it was estimated. No tobacco parity payments have yet been received in this county.

TOWN FIRE LOSS IN 1934 SMALLEST IN MANY YEARS

Total Loss for Period About \$600; 16 Calls Answered By Fire Department

Williamston had one of the smallest fire losses in 1934 of any period since 1927 or '28, the local fire department records show, according to Henry D. Harrison, chief of the local volunteer fire department. No costly fires were experienced during the year, the total loss amounting to about \$600, nearly half of which amount resulted when the apartment hotel on Leggett's lane burned last September. Sixteen calls were received from local property owners and one from outside during 1934, the loss in 12 local cases ranging from \$2 to \$15.

Nearly one-half of the fires reported during 1934 were caused by sparks falling on roofs covered with wood shingles. The firemen were called out four times to check grass fires. In only one case was the origin of a fire undetermined, and that one was in Leggett's lane, the fire company members finding it impossible to determine the cause there.

On an average, twelve of the company volunteers answered each call. Fortunately for them there were no bad fires and they escaped with only minor injuries and a small resulting damage to their personal effects.

Receiving fire calls last month, the fire department has already had some difficult assignments in the new year, the most difficult fire being the one that wrecked the Mutual Investment Company building on Washington Street the first day of the year when the mercury was below the freezing point.

During the past six years the town has suffered a fire loss of approximately \$70,000, a large majority of the loss being represented in the old Brick Warehouse fire in 1929. A comparison of fire losses for both real and personal property during the six-year period ending last December is as follows:

Year	Real	Personal	Total
1929	\$38,110	\$15,480	\$53,590
1930	1,780	855	2,635
1931	3,705	1,225	4,930
1932	3,830	1,780	5,610
1933	1,975	650	2,625
1934	428	166	594
Six-year total	\$49,828	\$20,156	\$69,984

Chowan-Roanoke Fair At Woodland Next October

The week of October 28 has been selected for the Chowan-Roanoke Fair at Woodland for this coming year, according to a statement made by Mr. N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber, which is sponsoring the fair. Mr. Bartlett says the premium list will be ready for distribution early in the spring and that every effort will be made to have every available foot of floor space filled with exhibits. An elaborate program of free acts and amusements will be booked for the fair. Indications point to much larger fair this year than last year. Fifteen hundred dollars will be offered in premiums in the various departments and an intensive campaign will be put on several weeks ahead of the opening date to secure a creditable line of exhibits.