



## POULTRY CAR IS LOADED IN FACE OF COMPETITION

### Trucker Threatens To Test Validity of Ordinance Regulating Loading

Overcoming keen competition offered by trucks, Martin farmers are making a comparatively large cooperative shipment of poultry this week. At three places, Jamesville, Williamston, and Robersonville, the farmers loaded 12,628 pounds of poultry, receiving approximately \$1,600. Loadings are being completed in Oak City today.

Under a new ordinance, trucks were routed from almost under the car here last Wednesday, but even then many farmers patronized them. One of the truckers, when ordered to move from within a certain distance of the car, flared up and hired himself a lawyer to contest the validity of the ordinance. When he was requested to post a \$50 cash bond for trial week after next, he pulled outside of the town limits. This man was said to have had a price of 1 cent above the car quotations for colored hens, but was also said to have had a lower price for other types of the barnyard fowls. It is understood that this same man came here when the first car was loaded several weeks ago with a price about 3 cents under the cooperative car quotations.

At Robersonville yesterday the truckers were ordered into the alleyways, it was said. Commenting on the situation, Agent Brandon said the poultry cars were operated for the farmers, that if the chicken raisers had rather sell to the truckers, he would not attempt cooperative loadings in the future.

## Strict Enforcement Of Highway Laws Begin Next Week

### Will Arrest Those Driving On Wrong Side of Lines in Center of Highway

Beginning probably next Sunday or Monday the State Highway patrol will start enforcing those rules designed to stop promiscuous driving on the highways. Motorists caught driving on the wrong side of the black or white lines in the center of the road will be carried into court, unofficial reports heard here stating that no warning will be given the violators and that the first offense would be prosecuted. Thousands of motorists have been warned against running their cars on the left side of the center road markings, but all those motorists caught violating the law will be prosecuted.

While no arrests have been made in this immediate section, many drivers in other sections have been prosecuted in the court for excessive speeding on the highways. Motorists in this section are warned against the practice, for the first one caught driving at an excessive speed will be carried into the courts.

## 57 Women Attend District Meeting

Fifty-seven women from Martin County attended the district meeting held at the campus building at Eastern Carolina College in Greenville this week. The women came from seven of the organized home demonstration clubs in the county. All reported a most enjoyable day. Martin County was honored this year at the meeting by having the district president appointed from this county. Mrs. J. S. Ayers, of Everetts, county council president, will serve as district chairman for the next year, and the district meeting next spring will be held in this county. A few Martin County men attended the meeting this year, and we were pleased to have them enjoy the meeting along with the women.

## Arrangements Completed for Holding Pre-School Clinics in County Next Week

Arrangements have been completed for the pre-school clinics in this county, beginning next Monday in the school here, going from here to nearly every school in the county, the office of the superintendent announced yesterday.

Several doctors, including the dentists of the county, a state health nurse and others will work in the clinics created principally to uncover any defects in those children planning to enter school next fall. Once discovered many of the common defects can be corrected and if they are corrected, then the child has a better chance of

## Easter Week Service To Be Held in All Local Churches

This Sunday all the churches of Williamston will enter upon a very busy week that leads up to Easter. Of course, there will be the regular services in the churches this Sunday. Then, beginning Monday and lasting through Friday, there will be noon-day services at the Watts Theatre. These noon-day services will begin exactly at 12 o'clock and last only 20 minutes. Each night at 8 o'clock there will be services in every church.

The same minister who leads the noon-day service will go to the schools in the morning and to the County Home in the afternoon.

An additional feature of the Holy Week services this year is the fact that the colored people will cooperate and have special services in their churches. Their ministers will visit their school and also the prison camp.

Perhaps this will prove the most intensive religious effort ever made in Williamston. The response last year at this season was very gratifying, and showed that those days leading up to and including Easter are the most fruitful for spiritual cultivation of the whole year. All Christian people are urged to work and pray for these services that they may prove a great blessing to the whole community.

## Will Build Addition To Brick Warehouse

### COUNTY COURT HAD BUT 1 CASE LAST TUESDAY

### Session Is Last Until After Two Weeks Term of Superior Court

The Martin County Recorder's court had one of the smallest dockets in recent months last Tuesday when Judge Peel called only one case, and the defendant was found not guilty. The session lasted only 20 minutes.

Bryant Hill, Goose Nest colored man, was charged with the theft of three chickens from J. F. Flannagan, near Oak City, recently. The owner of the missing chickens claims that one of the three was found at the home of Hill and he assumed that the other two had been killed and eaten at the Hill home. Witnesses in the case stated that they saw the chicken in the road and that as they started by in their car, the chicken ran into Hill's yard, the evidence satisfying Judge Peel that the defendant was not guilty.

For the first time in the history of the court, a live chicken was introduced as evidence, Flannagan and Hill both claiming ownership. Dismissing the action, the court did not decide the ownership of the barnyard fowl, but the defendant waived his rights to it, reports stated.

Suspending operations next week and the week following to give way for the trial of civil cases in the superior court, the recorder's court will not hold another session until the last day of April.

## Relief Fund May Be Taken From County

"Unless somebody furnishes us additional office space all relief funds are subject to be withdrawn from Martin County," Miss Selma Ayers, in charge of the emergency relief office here, said yesterday. Efforts have been made to turn the second floor of the town hall into offices for the relief group, but the approval of a \$1,200 expenditure necessary for the project, has not been given as yet.

The federal forces are limiting their assistance to those who are able to work but who cannot find work, and Martin County is meeting this bill necessary in caring for the helpless.

## Sunday Services at the Church of the Advent

Rev. E. F. Moseley, Rector  
Church School, 9:45 a. m., Morning Prayer and sermon, 11 a. m. Evening Prayer and sermon, 8 p. m.  
Note the change of evening hour to 8 o'clock.

## CONTRACT IS LET TO WILSON FIRM HERE THIS WEEK

### Work To Be Started At Once and Completed in Forty-Five Days

### Big Help To Market

Preparations for a decidedly larger Williamston tobacco market this year are being made rapidly. The latest development calling for an addition of 60 feet to the length of the Planters Warehouse. Bids for the structure were opened last Wednesday evening by the warehouse companies and the contract was awarded to Jones Brothers, of Wilson, for \$4,320. J. T. Harison, of Washington, submitted a bid for \$7,000, and Perry and Alexander were next with a \$5,531.25 bid. Under the terms of the contract, the addition is to be completed within 45 days, and it is understood that construction will be started at once.

Plans for operating the house during the next five years were completed this week when Messrs. Cozart, Foxworth, and Langley agreed to a substantial increase in rent to offset the building cost of the addition.

The Planters house proprietors are planning more extensive operations this year, and have accepted John A. Manning as a fourth partner in the firm. Mr. Manning, a prominent peanut buyer in this section, is known to several thousand farmers in this county, and his association with the firm will be well received by them, no doubt. The operating personnel for the Williamston market is now complete, giving this section one of the strongest and most reliable selling forces to be found anywhere.

While prospects for prices might not be as bright as they were last season, tobacco men are confident that fair averages can be expected, that the present indications point to a very successful season for the producers.

### Check Payment of Sales Tax on Sales of Mules

The sales tax on horse and mule exchanges and dealers in this section of the state are being checked by the State Department of Revenue to make certain the payment of the 3 per cent sales tax. The department representatives were here some time ago reviewing the sales for 1934, but their findings were not made public.

### Mrs. Peters Opens Beauty Shop on Washington Street

Equipped with all modern apparatus used in the up-to-date shop, Mrs. "Frosty" Peters opened her beauty parlor in the Atlantic Hotel building on Washington Street here Wednesday. Mrs. Peters, who has had much experience in beauty culture, is the wife of the popular athletic coach in thieloc at high school.

### Visiting Ministers Take Part In Easter Services

All the regular services will be held at all Chapels and church this Sunday. In connection with the pre-Easter services that are being held in Williamston the 15th through the 21st there will be a service in the Presbyterian church each night at 8 o'clock. These services will be held by the various ministers of Albemarle Presbytery. The Rev. H. K. Dudley, of Kinston, will bring the message Monday night. The Rev. L. W. Topping, of Elizabeth City, on Tuesday night, and the Rev. H. M. Wilson, of Farmville, on Wednesday night.

## COUNTY COTTON GROWERS HEAR M. G. MANN HERE

### Delegates Are Named For District Meeting To Be Held in Greenville

Crowded out of the county courthouse, Martin County's little band of Cotton Growers Cooperative Association repaired to the dingy little warehouse of the FCX on Railroad Street last Wednesday afternoon and listened to their leader, M. G. Mann, outline the work of the organization and review the situation surrounding the production and marketing of cotton.

Messrs. H. L. Purvis, J. E. Griffin and N. S. Cherry were chosen as delegates to attend a district meeting in Greenville on April 26, and elect two district directors of the association.

Perched on sacks of feed and fertilizers, the group of 15 or more farmers listened attentively to Mr. Mann as he pointed out the great importance of marketing cotton, explaining that \$5,000,000 worth of the staple had been handled advantageously for the association members. He commended President Roosevelt for his aid to cotton growers and stated that Secretary Wallace, in a recent book, pointed out that 200 men control the affairs of this country.

Stopping here Thursday afternoon from a visit to Bertie and Chowan Counties, Mr. Mann explained that cottonseed were germinating low in many sections, that it was extremely advisable for farmers to send about 1 pound of seed to the State Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, and have them tested. Thousands of bushels of seed have been found inferior, and since the acreage has been greatly reduced, the farmers will no doubt find it profitable to make sure their seed are all right, Mr. Mann explained. The seed-testing service is not limited to members of the cotton association, Mr. Mann said.

## Work Goes Forward On 3 Houses Here

Construction work is now underway on three new homes for occupancy by white people, and plans are going forward for several more, but even then there will continue a shortage of dwellings, it is believed. The duplex home on Elm Street is just about complete by its owner, Mr. R. S. Critcher.

Work is progressing rapidly on the Davis home on Academy Street, and foundations are being prepared for a two-story home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Andrews on Church Street, and a bungalow for Mrs. W. B. Humble on North Haughton Street.

One or two homes for occupancy by colored people are being built, and plans for at least 25 or 30 more are being considered.

### Little Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Harrison Dies

Carrie June Harrison, 8 years old, died in a Portland, Maine, hospital Tuesday morning following a mastoid operation performed 10 days before. Funeral services were conducted there yesterday afternoon and burial followed in the Maine city.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester H. Harrison, of Portland, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harrison, of this county. The little girl visited here last summer.

## Remember These?

By Z. T. PIEPHOFF  
So long, see you in Church—  
Easter services in theater at noon drawing large crowds—  
Many business houses closing for 20 minutes at noon to permit employees to attend the theater services—  
The employees of the V. E. & P. Co. and others attending Easter services in a body—  
All hostesses of various club meetings at night during Easter week have agreed to dispense with this week's meetings in order that the services of Holy Week might have right of way—  
Those and a few other things recall pleasant memories of the fellowship enjoyed during last Easter week. The same services are being planned for next week, April 14-21. Since the God and Father of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has been so good to each of us and has so richly blessed our efforts and labor of the past year, let's make these services this year just as good and just as well attended, if not even better than they were a year ago. We know you well enough to know that you will.  
So long; see you in church—Sunday school, too.

## Mayor and 5 Commissioners Renominated at Convention

### Legislature Passes Bill Providing for Commission To Decide Road Refunds

By a close vote, the General Assembly yesterday created a commission to investigate and determine the amount of money due the several counties supporting the highway commission in its early expansion program. While the bill makes no provision for the repayment of money advanced, Senator R. L. Coburn and Representative H. G. Horton are of the opinion that the action yesterday will finally lead to the return of donations made by 44 counties to the commission years ago. Martin County donated or lent ap-

proximately one-half million dollars to the commission for the construction of the river bridge and main highways in this section. Forty-three other counties also made donations, but there were others who advanced money and have been repaid.

The passage of the bill yesterday is the first successful step advanced by those counties asking a refund of the donations. Efforts to have the commission accept the obligations have met with failure during the past four or six years.

## LOSS OF PADDLE SAVES 10 SMALL BOYS FROM WHIPPING IN PUBLIC; 2 OTHERS GO TO REFORMATORY

### All About 12 Years Old; Tried in Juvenile Court For Thievery

### Stories Are Pathetic

Pathetic in its every detail was the trial of 12 small negro boys in Judge Wynne's juvenile court here last Tuesday afternoon in connection with the theft of property from the Williamston Motor Company and the Geo. Moore chair factory a few days before. Ten of the group were turned over to the parents who were given certain instructions for handling the boys. Two others, Alexander Teel and Wm. Henry Biggs, both 12 years old, are to be entered in a reformatory.

The culprits barely missed a public thrashing in the courtroom by their parents when officers were unable to find the paddle once used in the Jamesville schools. The licks were numbered by the judge, the parents receiving instructions to spread them where the most good could be accomplished, but the paddle was lost and smiles were noticed on the faces of the little rascals.

Interest in the case probably is centered more on Alexander Teel than on any one of the other eleven boys before the court. One of 10 children, Teel apparently has experienced a life like unto that of a low-grade dog, leaving his home in Robersonville, the tot, inadequately clothed to compete with the stinging cold of recent days and nights and hunger written in his youthful face and frail body, has been hanging around here. When he was hungry and could get nothing to eat in a legitimate way he would steal. Three times he has been in the court for stealing. He hardly ever slept in the same place twice, for when time came to retire he would crawl into the back seat of a car, any car conveniently parked on the streets, and when one side got too cold he would turn it next to the cushions and expose the other for a while.

The other night he crawled into a car belonging to a traveling salesman. Retiring late the night before, the little fellow overslept the following morning and did not awaken until the owner had gotten in and started driving away. Alexander, his eyes swelling to proportions twice their usual size, jumped up and it is said to have frightened the driver nearly out of his wits. After receiving a heated scolding, the youth told his story and the traveler had compassion upon him. The salesman gave the boy a quarter, and it is understood 15 cents went for eats and 10 cents for a show. Meek as a lamb, following his trial Teel continued his stay around the jail until Wednesday afternoon, when he was returned to Robersonville to await completion of arrangements for his entrance into a reformatory.

His mother deserted by an irresponsible father, William Henry Biggs presents another pitiful case. He is a syphilitic patient, apparently inheriting the disease. He is to go to a reformatory. Leaving the courthouse with one of the other 10 boys, a mother was heard to remark to her son, "I am going to lay it on you when I get you home." And the whipping was for something he did not really intend to do, but did do as a result of a keen desire to see things his economic circumstances simply could not support.

### Piney Grove Services Will Be Held Sunday

Regular preaching services will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington, in the Piney Grove Baptist church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour. Visitors are welcome to attend.

## LARGE CROWD OF LOCAL PEOPLE AT MEET LAST NIGHT

### Friendly Contest Results in Race for Place on Town Board Commissioners

### Election on May 7th

Williamston's government was given a stamp of approval last night, when nearly 200 citizens assembled in the courthouse and nominated Mayor J. L. Hassell and the board of commissioners for another two-year term beginning the first Monday in June. That local people are interested in their government was evidenced by the large number attending the meeting and the keen interest shown by them in the developments.

Mayor Hassell's nomination was without opposition, and a friendly race followed in the nominations for commissioners, when Attorney H. G. Horton offered the name of Mr. R. H. Goodmon after R. L. Coburn had advanced the names of the old board. With Judge Clayton Moore as chairman and W. C. Manning, secretary, the following vote was announced: N. C. Green, 159; G. H. Harrison, 156; V. D. Godwin, 156; L. P. Lindsley, 148; Luther Peel, 141, and R. H. Goodmon, 67.

The town election will be held in the town hall Tuesday, May 7.

Seizing the opportunity to advance baseball here this summer, Judge Moore, after the nominees were named addressed the assembly, but the meeting blew up when he asked the opinion of the crowd and casually mentioned financial support. One by one the convention visitors left, Judge Moore ordering adjournment a few minutes later.

## Expect Allotments Of Peanut Acreage Within Next Week

### Actual Land Measurements Lower Total Acreage to Crop Last Season

Peanut acreages will probably be allotted farmers in Martin County the latter part of next or early the following week, it was learned from Assistant County Agent M. L. Barnes here today. Adjustments in the 1933 and 1934 acreage are being completed this week, the assistant agent explaining that the farmers will be eligible to plant close to 19,000 acres to the crop this year, or just a few hundred acres applied the tape to their land.

In the second measurement of the 1934 acreage completed several weeks ago, more than 400 acres were eliminated, many farmers finding their estimates or guesses too high when they applied the tape to their plantings.

Mr. Barnes is of the opinion that the reduction program will go into effect with very little, if any, opposition. He explained that no horizontal reduction will be necessary, and that the 10 per cent reduction agreed to by the contract signers will not be executed in its entirety.

### Regular Services at the Methodist Church Sunday

Pre-Easter services begin at the local Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and will continue through the week at 8:00 o'clock each night. This Sunday services will be held as follows: Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. preaching at 11 and 7:30 o'clock. The public cordially is invited to attend these services.

## Local Band Going To Raleigh Sunday

Director W. S. Bobbitt and his 38 pupils in the Williamston High School Band leave Sunday morning to participate in the band festival in Raleigh that afternoon at 2 o'clock. Fifteen bands are taking part in the program. Following the festival in Raleigh's Memorial auditorium, the bands will play en masse under the direction of Harry J. Charlton, of Wisconsin.

The following will attend from here: Jack Saunders, Howard Cone, Wilbur Culpepper, Vernon Hardison, Whit Purvis, J. L. Mobley, Ben Hardison, Edgar Gurganus, Horace Ray, Ray Goodmon, Jr., Harry Taylor, Dale Wagner, Jerry Clark, Ben Daniel, J. D. Bowen, Thad Harrison, Jim Manning, Billie Biggs, Eli Gurganus, Clayton Moore, Jr., E. S. Peel, Jr., Frank S. Weaver, Ellis Ramie, Carlyle Hall, Robert Peel, J. D. Thorwer, Jr., Ned Cunningham, Elmer Jenkins, Collins Shaw, E. G. Wynn, Reg. Griffin, Pete Eagan, Charles Dickey, Jr., Marvin Roberson, Geo. Peel, Miss Louise Cooke and Bennie Daniels.

## Negro Youth Struck By Hit-Run Driver

Struck by a hit-and-run driver, Charlie Wiley, young colored man, was rendered unconscious for a short while last Tuesday evening. He was able to be up the following day, a bit sore but suffering no serious injury from his narrow escape. Wiley was standing along the hard-surfaced road on Washington Street when a man, driving a Plymouth car, ran into and knocked him down, it was said. The identity of the driver could not be established.

## Another Rise in Roanoke Is Forecast; To Reach Crest Middle of Next Week

Before a third freshet could get out of the way, the Roanoke started on another rampage today, the state weather bureau predicting a rise here of about 12 feet 3 inches about next Tuesday or Wednesday. Just what is behind the freshet starting today could not be learned, some believing that rains and snow in the Roanoke basin would hold the stream up for quite a while. However, if no additional rises take place, the river should be within its banks at this point by the latter part of next week. During the past several weeks the

Roanoke has been at flood stage, doing no great damage to property, but causing a loss estimated in the thousands of dollars for fishermen at Jamesville and Plymouth. Ordinarily the best fishing is had about this time, but all the seine operators can do is remain idle and wait for the waters to recede. Fishermen using small nets are reporting only medium catches at this point. The herring are said to be all over the swamps, making large and profitable catches almost impossible. Profitable fishing is predicted at this point when the water starts falling.