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## TAXING OFFICERS WILL HOLD MEET HERE NEXT WEEK

### Plan Discussion of Pressing Problems Involved in Tax Collections

A discussion of pressing problems involved in tax collections and foreclosure proceedings will be held at a meeting of attorneys, tax collectors and others from all over north-eastern Carolina, to be held in the George Reynolds Hotel here on Wednesday of next week at 1 o'clock. It was learned from an announcement made this week by Albert Coats, director of the Institute of Government. Similar meetings are being held in seven other districts in the state in an effort to bring some clarity out of the confusion in the laws controlling tax collections and foreclosures, the institute director explained.

Representatives are expected here from Currituck, Dare, Camden, Tyrrell, Pasquotank, Kates, Perquimans, Chowan, Northampton, Hertford, Bertie, and Washington Counties.

Small collections of taxes during the past few years in many counties, and resulting confusion from orders restraining sales of land for taxes, discounts allowed and penalties imposed and laws controlling foreclosure proceedings and costs will be some of the problems that will be discussed at the meeting, it was stated.

In connection with the work of the Institute of Government in trying to straighten out a bad situation in which many taxing units are now finding themselves, Attorney General A. A. F. Seawell has the following to say:

"I wish to emphasize the timeliness and the importance of the district meetings of county and city attorneys and tax collecting officials to be held within the next few days to discuss the many pressing problems involved in tax collections and foreclosure proceedings.

"The tax laws and procedure have become exceedingly intricate and very complex situations have arisen which render these meetings all the more valuable. I wish to congratulate the staff of the Institute of Government on the very thorough study it has made of these problems and the very accurate conclusions at which they have arrived.

"The practical discussion of these laws and procedures in district meetings will be productive of very valuable results in clarifying the existing confusion and in giving city and county authorities and tax-collecting officials the most valuable assistance in getting a uniform understanding of these problems at a time when it is most needed."

## Presbyterians Announce Schedule Sunday Meets

Williamston: Church school at 9:45 a. m. Worship service and sermon at 11 a. m. Sermon by the pastor, Bear Grass: Church school at 9:30 a. m. Worship service and sermon at 7:30 p. m. Young people of the church at 8:45 p. m.

Roberson's Chapel: The series in progress now and attended by large congregations, will be continued through next Tuesday night. Please notice that the church school will not be held at 4 p. m., but the service will be held at 7:45 p. m.

Poplar Point: Church school at 2 p. m. There is a service and some place in every community in the county each Sunday by some church. Go to church this Sunday.

## Farm Life Parent-Teacher Association Reorganized

The reorganization of the Farm Life Parent-Teacher association was perfected at a meeting of interested patrons there last Wednesday evening when Professor C. B. Martin was elected president; Rev. Malcolm Pennie, vice president, and Miss Brownie Roberson, secretary and treasurer. Membership, program and social committees were appointed, and plans for the year's work were outlined and discussed. One of the matters coming before the meeting was the purchase of song books. Virtually enough money was raised then and there to offset the book costs.

The association will hold its next meeting on October 17 when further matters of importance to the school will be considered.

## One Service at Methodist Church Sunday Morning

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Regular worship service, 11 a. m. No service at night, but will ask our congregation to worship with the Baptist congregation and greet the new pastor, Rev. Mr. Smith.

## New Baptist Minister Takes Up Pastorate Here Sunday

Rev. James H. Smith, recently called as pastor of the Williamston Memorial Baptist church, will meet his regular appointments there Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour and in the evening at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced today. Members of the congregation are planning a large attendance upon the morning service and that evening all the other churches will suspend their regular worship to join in the service at the Baptist church, it was stated. Members of other congregations are cordially invited to attend, and the church membership is urged to be present for both services.

At the morning service, the newly called minister will speak on "Not Forsaking the Assembling of Ourselves Together." "Prayer" will be the sermon topic at the evening hour. The minister also announced that a prayer service would be held the following Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

## Prices Climb on Local Market; Sales Nearing Four Million Pounds

### PRaises OFFICERS

"I wish to commend the officers of this county for their efficient service," Judge E. H. Cramer said during a lull in the superior court proceedings here Wednesday morning. The way Clerk of Court Wynne administers the oaths of witnesses and jurors was especially cited by the judge, who said he was well pleased with the selection of officers by the people of this county. He praised the jury for its capable decisions, apparently forgetting that he had set aside a verdict that was said to have been contrary to the weight of the evidence just two days before.

The affairs connected with the court were rated above the average, the judge explaining that even the lawyers were good when they were asleep.

## ROBERSONVILLE NEGRO FARMER ROBBED OF \$184

### Tricked and Held Up By Two Strangers There Last Wednesday

The robbery of \$184 from Henry Jones, colored farmer, in Robersonville Wednesday afternoon was reported to the sheriff's office here yesterday morning, the facts in the case clearly indicating that the farmer has very little or no chance of ever recovering all or even part of the cold cash.

Jones told a pitiful story to the county officers here, explaining how some one had befriended him earlier in the day and laid a trap into which he fell that afternoon. Jones said that a man claiming Ed Wallace for his name, saw him that morning and explained that he had married a relative of Jones, that she wanted to see him. The farmer paid little attention to the invitation, but after much persuasion he decided to visit his cousin. Wallace, or the man claiming that name, started off with Jones to see the relative, and they had gone only a short distance before another man joined them. When they had reached a quiet section, the two robbed Jones of all his money and ran. Jones said he started running after the two men, but the chase was ended when the man giving his name as Wallace pulled a pistol from his pocket and threatened to shoot.

The description offered by Jones of the two men failed to fit any of the group that figured in a flimflaming game here about two weeks ago.

In connection with the flimflam case here, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said this morning that he had heard nothing from any of the four men alleged to have figured in the hold-up game with Willie Land and pulled on Wotsley and Taylor, two colored farmers in this county. Land is now serving a three-year sentence in the State penitentiary for his part in the crime.

## Coach Peters To Play with Cardinals in Sunday Game

Coach "Frosty" Peters has signed up with the Elizabeth City Cardinals, professional football team, to play against an organized eleven out of Norfolk in Elizabeth City Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, it was learned today.

## WORK SUPERIOR COURT FINISHED HERE THURSDAY

### Plaintiffs and Defendants Appeal To High Court In Several Cases

Completing the work scheduled for the two-week term, Judge E. H. Cramer yesterday noon adjourned court here, marking the close of what was described one of the most uninteresting sessions held in the county in recent months. Lawyers were said to have remarked that it was the poorest term in many moons, the fees hardly more than meeting even moderate grocery bills in some cases, it was alleged.

The trial of several cases was completed in their entirety, but many were continued to future terms, or referred to one agency or another for consideration, none of them being considered of any great importance. Non-suits were fairly numerous, and appeals were noted in two or three cases by both the plaintiffs and defendants.

A cross action was taken in the cases of Worsley and Raynor against the Green Oil Company, the court granting the defendant a judgment of \$200 against Plaintiff Worsley. The plaintiffs were asking \$2,500 damages alleged when an oil truck of the defendant crashed into their car at a street intersection in Oak City last March.

A judgment in the sum of about \$700 was granted the Standard Fertilizer Company against Gerald.

The case of Preston Rogers against W. L. Bailey was non-suited, and an appeal was noted.

Judgments in the sum of \$711 and \$217.50 were granted the Standard Fertilizer Company against W. C. Waters and N. C. Cotton Growers Association, respectively. The association entered suit against the other defendant, and the case was set for trial at the next term of court.

Sylvester Peel was named court surveyor to make surveys of certain lands as necessary procedure for settlements in the case of Z. D. F. White against Jesse Matthews and in the case of Taylor against Hadley.

The case of J. A. Powell against G. H. Manning was settled by agreement, the plaintiff recovering \$50.

A non-suit was ordered in the case of Nancy Bullock against Allie Bullock and others, and an appeal was noted.

The case of C. M. Minton against the Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company proved a baffling one. Demurrers in the case were overruled and both the plaintiffs and defendants appealed to the supreme court.

A voluntary non-suit was accepted in the case of Mrs. L. C. Davenport and others against Cassie Davenport and others.

Appeals were also noted in the case brought by property owners against J. T. Wildman, town of Parmele tax collector. He was restrained from advertising land upon which taxes were due prior to 1934, and ordered to sell 1934 taxes on the first Monday in November of this year. The plaintiffs gave notice of appeal and so did the tax collector.

## New Ruling Admits Six First-Graders

The recent ruling by the State School Commission changing the entrance requirements of school beginners admitted six children to the first grade in the local school, Principal Hix said today. Any child becoming six years of age on or before January 15 is eligible to start school. Heretofore, the beginning had to reach the age of six years on or before November 15 after schools opened several weeks prior to that time.

Principal Hix pointed out that the attendance in the local schools this season broke all records, explaining that the percentage had been greater than at any time during a similar period since he came here.

## Bowman Galloway Called Home by Father's Death

Bowman Galloway, popular buyer on the local market for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, was called to his home in Winston-Salem last night by the sudden death of his father, Mr. J. B. Galloway, who was killed in an automobile accident. No particulars of the accident could be learned here today.

Mr. Buck Cliff, former buyer on the local market, is following sales for Reynolds in the absence of Mr. Galloway.

## Little Tangible Results Are Seen As Result of Conference on Leaf Prices in Washington Wednesday

## Farmers of County Turn To Harvest of Peanuts and Cotton

## Tobacco Sales Will Likely Decrease for Next Several Weeks

### Peanut Crop Quality Said To Be Above Average; Production Smaller

While the marketing of tobacco continues as the main task just now, farmers in this section are starting the harvesting of their other crops, and next week and the week following will find peanut digging the main work on many farms. A few have already started digging their peanuts, but the harvesting will hardly get underway on a very large scale until next week and the week following. Cotton picking is now being carried on in some areas of the county, but the harvesting of that crop is generally handed at the convenience of the farmers, as a rule. During the peanut harvesting seasons, tobacco sales throughout the peanut belt can well be expected to show a decrease in size.

While there are some exceptions, general reports indicate that the peanut crop is of fair quality, but that the production will hardly exceed two-thirds of a normal yield. The upper part of the county, reports indicate, has a crop of unusually good quality, and while the quality for the county, as a whole, is considered better than average, some farmers report near failures. It is understood that the acreage this year is about the same, probably a little larger than the average of the past three years, but no increase in yield is predicted just now.

Mr. Buck Gardner, Williams Township farmer, offered a report that is found to be fairly common over most of the county. He said, "The bunches I have pulled from my fields have solid nuts, but the number of peanuts is smaller, indicating that the quality is fair or good, and the quantity slightly smaller."

Recent reports maintain that the market for the old crop has been stronger, but the activities of the old crop can hardly be advanced as a criterion for new crop prices. However, some believe the 1935-36 prices will open around 3 cents a pound.

The cotton crop in the county is hardly expected to exceed the 1935 allotment, reliable reports indicate. Questioned when they called for their tax-free certificates for marketing their crops, most of the cotton farmers state that boll weevils and weather conditions had reduced their production, especially late cotton. Over 1,000 of the tax-free certificates have been delivered to the farmers in this county already, and owners are calling fairly rapidly for the approximately 1,000 remaining ones, it was stated.

As a whole, the sweet potato crop is of the poorest quality of any crop in this section in several seasons, farmers explaining that the wet weather had damaged the crop considerably. Very little of the potato crop has been dug so far, however.

## Associate Justice To Speak At Episcopal Church Here

Church of the Advent. Rev. E. F. Moseley, rector. Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity. Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.

St. Martin's, Hamilton. Church school, 10 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.

The guest speaker at Williamston in the morning and at Hamilton at night is Associate Justice Herriott Clarkson, of the Supreme Court of North Carolina. Justice Clarkson is a vestryman of St. Peter's Church, Charlotte, but spends a good bit of time in Raleigh when there are sessions of the supreme court. The public is cordially invited to hear Justice Clarkson at these services Sunday. In the morning his subject will be "Two Biblical Lawyers" and in the evening it will be "Esau."

## Hope Better Prices This Week Will Last Throughout Season

### Crop of 650,000,000 Or Less Being Considered for Next Season

A tobacco conference growing out of a mass meeting of 3,000 farmers in Raleigh last Saturday to protest against low tobacco prices was held in Washington Wednesday, reports from the Washington meeting leaving one in doubt as to whether any good was accomplished, or whether the confab made any difference at all, or whether it actually harmed the chances of farmers for better prices for their tobacco. The committee, composed of Governor Ehringhaus, Senator Bailey, Dr. Clarence Poe, and several congressmen, was divided in its opinion as to the success of the conference, some thinking that no good had been accomplished, while others believed the strengthened prices reported on the tobacco markets this week will continue through the season, and certainly during October.

As for advancing any direct measure for boosting prices, the conference did nothing, according to reports. Indirectly, the meeting may have some effect in that the dissatisfaction of the farmers was impressively called to the attention of the AAA officials and the big companies which were represented.

Governor Ehringhaus has found the attitude of the administration, as signified by the contents of a letter he received from Secretary Wallace, and by the attitude of Mr. Hutson, as "very disappointing," and the governor clearly indicated through the day that he did not feel any better about the situation. He said that the department had left the impression on the farmers that parity would be 21 cents a pound this year, and Mr. Hutson found himself on the defensive, measurably, when Representative Hancock produced a newspaper report of a speech delivered by Mr. Hutson last winter. In his speech Mr. Hutson had expressed himself as "assuming" that parity would be 21 cents this year.

Mr. Hutson considers it likely that he should have "hoped" instead of "assuming."

Parity, it seems, varies from month to month. For August, it was brought out by Senator Bailey, the figures, when all the factors were considered, stood at 15.6. In September at 16.6, while the 1934 figure was given as 18.9 cents a pound for flue-cured. The parity price for 1935 (estimated) now stands at 19.5.

The spirit of hope was due chiefly to an apparent general sentiment that the slight upturn in prices noted this week will likely continue. It was pointed out that prices after October 1 have been in the past 23.5 per cent above prior to that date. That would mean this year an average of about 21.5 cents from now on and an average for the season of between 20 and 21 cents.

E. Y. Floyd, tobacco specialist of the State Extension Service, reported that the sign-up for the new AAA contracts now being offered for 1936-39, inclusive, is already under way in all but five counties and will be practically completed within 10 days.

A sign-up of 98 per cent already has been obtained in both Pitt and Fender counties, with Martin and several other counties over 90 per cent.

J. B. Hutson, chief of the AAA tobacco section, who attended all three sessions of the delegation and held a fourth session with the Tobacco Advisory Committee, at which it was concluded that possibilities for a change in parity prices of great benefit to the growers are decidedly limited, was somewhat more specific than he has been heretofore in regard to 1936 reductions.

"The crop certainly will be placed (Continued on page six)

## Nineteen County Youths Apply for Special Funds

Nineteen youths, seven white and twelve colored, entered applications yesterday with the National Youth Administration for funds to aid them through the current high school term in this county. The applications call for an appropriation of \$114 monthly, each of the youths to receive \$6 each.

The allotment for this county was based on the number of unemployed the first of last May, it was learned.

## Jamesville Man Hurt When Struck by an Auto Tuesday

Johnson Modlin, Jamesville Township man, was painfully cut on the head, but not seriously hurt, last Tuesday afternoon when he was struck by an automobile on Highway 64 in the town of Jamesville. He was given treatment here, and is said to be getting along all right now.