

FINDS SANITARY CONDITIONS BAD AT LUNCH STANDS

Many Operators Are Given 15 Days To Close Up or Make Changes

Making an inspection of hot-dog stands and other eating places here this week, Inspector E. C. Hubbard, of the State Department of Health, uncovered a "multitude of sins," it was learned yesterday from Mayor J. L. Hassell. A complete report on the inspection has not been released, the health department representative withholding his findings until he returns to make a second inspection in about 15 days, it was learned.

It was unofficially learned that two eating establishments had been fined \$10 each for the gross violation of the sanitary laws, and that nearly all, if not every one, of the hot-dog joints were given notice to meet health requirements or close up within 15 days. It is understood that many of the eating places will be unable to meet the requirements, giving rise to the belief that the town's 15 or more eating places will be considerably reduced in number and that very shortly. Withholding all names, the inspector is reported to have said that he had yet to find conditions any worse than those existing at one place here.

The George Reynolds Hotel was the only place earning an A-1 rating, it was learned from the preliminary report. It is to be added in fairness to others, however, that no reports were available for all the cafes, giving rise to the hope that there might be yet one or two establishments entitled to respectable sanitary ratings.

The drive against filth and insanitary conditions, in general, is expected to reach a climax here when the inspector returns within the next two or three weeks, it was said.

Detects Mechanical Defects in Watches

The Peele Jewelry Company on Main Street here has recently installed a Faulson time micrometer, a scientific instrument developed for detecting mechanical defects and rating watches to accurate time.

This instrument is one that enable the jeweler to repair watches in approximately half the usual time and permits him to regulate it in a few minutes, it is said. The instrument is equipped with two crystal microphones. One holds the master watch which is perfectly timed, and the other holds the watch to be rated. The head set enables the jeweler to analyze defects by amplification of sound.

Leading watch manufacturers for rating and timing their products use the new type micrometer and have found it is to be unusually satisfactory in timing watches, it is stated.

Early Communion Sunday At Church of the Advent

As usual on the fourth Sunday at the Church of the Advent, there will be a service of the Holy Communion at 8 a. m. The women of the auxiliary are urged to bring their United Thank Offering envelopes to this service. Those who cannot get to this services are asked to send their envelopes or bring them to the church on the following Sunday.

Rev. J. H. McCracken To Preach Here Sunday

Church school, 9:45. Morning service, 11 o'clock. Evening service, 7:30. Rev. J. H. McCracken, presiding elder, will preach at the evening service and the fourth and last quarterly conference for this year will be held. We cordially invite you to these services.

Oak City Parents and Teachers Staging Play

Sponsored by the Oak City Parent-Teacher Association, the play, "Here Comes Arabella," will be presented in the high school auditorium here Thursday evening of next week with local talent taking most of the parts. Proceeds will be used for library needs, and the public is invited to attend. Miss Louise Drewry is coaching the cast.

Rockingham Farmers Going for Lespedeza

Farms in Rockingham County on which no lespedeza was grown four years ago now have from 5 to 25 acres each.

Estimated 200,000 Pounds Tobacco on Sale Here Today

Passing the six-million pound mark this week, the Williamston tobacco market today is nearing its sales record for the whole of last season, Supervisor R. W. McFarland said this morning. Up until today the market had sold 6,064,424 pounds for \$1,218,017.07, a resulting average for the whole of \$20.09. The poundage up until last night was 356,110 pounds short of the record for all of last season.

For the fiscal week ending yesterday, the market sold 627,652 pounds for an average of \$24.60 per hundred, making the week the high spot in the marketing season so far. Probably some of the best tobacco raised in the east this season is being sold on the local market, and sales have been highly satisfactory. The price level has been very encouraging, but today the average was considered slightly weaker, but even then the market was said to be holding its own in every respect. There were not very many complaints, and numerous farmers were reporting good sales. The quality

of the offerings was not quite so good as it was yesterday and the day before, but a fair average was in the making as the sales progressed.

Indications this morning were that the market would miss blocked sales by only a few minutes, the estimated poundage running in the neighborhood of 200,000 pounds.

It is estimated that between 75 and 80 percent of the current crop has been sold. "If this is true," Mr. McFarland said, "the Williamston market will show a gain of 20 percent in poundage over the sales of 1934." Other estimates claim that not more than 70 percent of the crop has been sold, but reports indicate that the golden leaf is moving to market rapidly since peanut digging operations were completed.

Today tobacco is being offered for sale on the Williamston market from fifteen counties, and undoubtedly the market this season has been drawn from a larger area than at any time since the market was established 34 years ago.

Farmers Are Trading In Excess Allotments

PEANUTS MOVING

Peanuts started moving to the markets in this county this week, the offerings naturally being small. Picking activities, getting off to a fairly rapid start earlier in the week were slowed down by a change in weather conditions yesterday. Quality of the offerings was described as above the average with the production running a little below.

Opening prices ranged from 3 to 3 1/4 cents, it was learned. Peanut millers are urging the farmers to make certain that their peanuts are dry before starting picking operations, as nothing depresses the market to a greater extent than wet goobers.

With new peanuts moving, the plant of the Columbia Company, after remaining idle for some weeks, will start operations here next Monday, it was learned today.

Sale Certificates for Cotton Sold Prior to October 23 Called in

Must Be Presented at Office of County Agent by Next Friday

Following telegraphic instructions received yesterday, the office of the county agent is calling for certificates of sale of all cotton sold in this county prior to last Wednesday, October 23. Those farmers who sold cotton prior to that time are urged to request to see the buyer and get cotton sale certificates for presentation to Mr. T. B. Slade, assistant in cotton control in Martin County, not later than Friday of next week.

No definite reason for calling in the certificates just at this time was given in the instructions received yesterday, but it is believed that to share in the cotton adjustment payments, farmers selling cotton prior to October 23 must present the certificates to Mr. Slade at the county courthouse.

The cotton adjustment payment has been explained, farmers remembering that if they sell their cotton for 10 cents a pound now, they can file for adjustment payment and receive the difference in the market price at time of sale and the virtual guaranteed price of 12 cents.

Big Increase in Soil Fertility in Pastures

A tremendous increase in soil fertility on 20 acres of land seeded to Korean lespedeza and grazed by 30 cows is reported by Knox Brothers, of the Steel Creek section of Mecklenburg County.

Singing Contest To Be Held in Colored Church

A singing contest featuring the Silverstone and Harmonizing Four quartets and sponsored by the local colored Methodist church, will be held in the colored school building this evening at 8 o'clock. Seats will be reserved for white people.

Believe Production And Allotment Will Balance in County

56,000 Has Pounds Changed Hands Here in Past Few Days

Evidence showing that a large percentage of the 1935 tobacco crop has already been sold in this county comes from the office of the county agent, where a goodly number of excess marketing cards have been sold during the past few days. Up to this week, there was little activity on the marketing card exchange, but a marked increase in the sale of the cards was reported yesterday, a check on the sales showing 56,000 pounds exchanged.

Most of the cards were issued by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, since few farmers have completed their marketing, and those who have apparently did not have any excess to sell. Another factor that is limiting the sale of local cards is the desire of the farmer to participate in the parity payments. It is possible for a farmer to gain more by holding his card if he has not exceeded 85 per cent of the poundage allotment. Numbers of farmers have carried their cards to the office of the agent asking advice as to whether it would be more profitable to keep their cards or sell the excess. Conditions determine the proper course, and they should be given careful consideration before the excess on a card is offered for sale.

Asked if the sudden call for excess cards did not prove that the county's production was well over the allotment, a local representative of the AAA explained that it did not necessarily mean just that. He went on to say that those farmers who have an excess on their cards, are waiting to complete their selling before offering the surplus poundage for sale. It was the representative's opinion that the production and allotment would both be about the same in this county.

Change Homecoming Day Date at Hassell Church

The home-coming and dedication service in the Hassell Christian church scheduled for the fourth Sunday in this month will not be held until the fourth Sunday in November, it was announced today.

Beginning on November 15, the church will hold a series of services nightly, bringing the meeting to a close with the home-coming and dedication service on November 24.

Orthopedic Clinic To Be Held Again Monday

Another orthopedic clinic for cripples in this and other near-by counties will be held in the Presbyterian Sunday school building at Tarboro next Monday noon, it was announced by the Tarboro Rotary Club, which organization is sponsoring the clinics. A neuro-psychiatric clinic will be held there some time next month, it was also announced.

Mrs. Elbert N. Manning returned home today after spending four weeks in a Washington hospital.

RECORDER JUST ABOUT CATCHES UP WITH WORK

Ten Cases Are Cleared from Docket At Session Tuesday

Handling 10 cases at the session last Tuesday, the county court just about cleared its docket for the first time in recent weeks. Judge H. O. Peel continued two or three cases to await certain developments before hearing the actions. Several substantial fines were imposed, and several road sentences were mentioned in one or two cases, the court making the judgments optional.

J. R. Pierce was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost in the case charging him with drunken driving. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for one year.

Charged with assault with deadly weapon, Hardy Williams and Cora Whitehurst were found not guilty, and Emma Mabry Tyson was sentenced to jail for 30 days, the sentence to begin at the direction of the court. The Tyson woman is a relief subject, and the court readily surrendered all rights to the costs of the action. Illegal though the method might be, the Tyson woman explained that she considered a divorce in order when the husband is imprisoned for life, that she further considered it unnecessary to carry the matter before a court. She also explained that her second husband died and a third was killed in an automobile wreck.

Eli Evans, charged with bastardy, was required to pay to the prosecuting witness the sum of \$1.50 a week for six months or go to the roads for six months.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Clayton Smith with reckless driving.

The case charging Hope Brooks and Estella Hill Howell Brooks with bigamy was sent to the superior court for trial with the defendants under bond in the sum of \$200.

O. E. Hardison was found not guilty in the case charging him with disposing of mortgaged property.

Charged on two counts with violating the alcoholic beverage control act on two successive days, Charles Ayers, Jr., was fined \$75 in each case and sentenced to the roads for six months, and James O'Brien Winborne was fined \$25 in each case and sentenced to the roads for 30 days. The road sentences are to begin at the direction of the court, and failure to pay fine will automatically put into effect the sentences.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging W. E. Bass with passing a school bus while it was unloading school children.

Charged with drunken driving, James Smithwick was fined \$75 and taxed with the cost. His license to operate a car was revoked for a period of one year.

Failing to appear in the case charging him with reckless driving, Oscar Bryant forfeited his \$50 bond.

High School Boy Is Assaulted, Robbed

Pete Egan, young school boy, was brutally attacked and robbed of a Waltham wrist watch and a fountain pen near the municipal water plant here early last Wednesday night. Riding his bicycle in a lane that leads by the plant to the tennis courts, the boy was pulled to the ground and struck twice in the face by two grown colored men dressed in overalls. One blow landed on his right jaw, and a second striking the forehead rendered him nearly unconscious. He was left lying on the ground, his attackers taking the bicycle and hiding it in a ditch back of the water plant.

Pete was almost an hour regaining his senses and finding his wheel, but officers started an investigation soon after that time. Bloodhounds were called from the prison camp and placed on the trail, but no arrests were made.

Local Parent-Teacher Association Meeting

The Williamston Parent-Teacher Association held its first meeting of the school year Thursday afternoon, October 24, in the high school auditorium. Approximately 60 parents and teachers were present at the meeting and joined in discussing plans for the year's activities. It was agreed that the association should devote itself to building up the libraries in the elementary and high schools. After the business session the entire group was entertained at a tea served by the home economics department.

Many Farmers Reported To Be Selling Scrap Leaf

Average Income Per Farm In County Is Nearly \$2,000

In addition to the \$4,709,080 combined value of 12 of their major crops, Martin County farmers received \$319,792.48 in benefit payments of one kind or another from the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in 1934, making a total of \$5,028,872.47, not including several minor crops, such as cane, fruits, and vegetables. The benefit payments were divided as follows: tobacco, \$250,791.52; cotton, \$58,113.79; and corn-hog, \$10,887.26.

Fruits, vegetables and other farm produce not included in the list of major crops will, when taken into consideration increase the income by

many thousands of dollars, it is believed.

The early part of this year, when a census was made by the Federal government, there were 2,683 farms in the county. Figuring the total farm income at about \$5,250,000, a fairly conservative estimate, it is found that the average farm income was \$1,950. Using the 1930 population census as a base, and subtracting the number of people living in the 10 towns of the county from the number of people living on farms, it is found that the average income for each of the 17,123 persons living in strictly rural communities is around \$361.

Interest Is Growing in Greater Roanoke Fair

Exhibit and Racing Entries Now Coming In in Large Numbers

Many Well-Known Horses Men To Be Here; Some From Grand Circuit

"Interest in the 1935 Greater Roanoke Fair is rapidly increasing among exhibitors in this and adjoining counties," Resident Manager Harvey Walker said yesterday in assuring again the people of this entire section that the exhibition opening in Williamston the 4th of next month will be second to none in the east this year. And with favorable weather prevailing, it is believed record-breaking crowds will attend the event on each of the six days.

Exhibit entries are being received in fairly large numbers daily already. Mr. Walker said yesterday, and judging from present indications this section will see a return to a real agricultural event, in connection with which there will be plenty and varied amusements. The fair here will have many of the exhibits that were seen at the State Fair, and many more than the exhibitors found impossible to carry to Raleigh. The various boys' and girls clubs in this and neighboring counties are preparing special exhibits, and special demonstrations will tax the main hall and woman's building to capacity, it was pointed out by the management.

Old-time racers are returning to Williamston this fall for the first time in years, bringing with them around 100 horses of recognized circuits. Included in those already filing entries is "Doc" Parshall, noted Grand Circuit driver. Remembering the sporting events at the Roanoke Fair several years ago, the track followers were said to have expressed much pleasure in the opportunity to return to this section again. The management is exercising due care to avoid a one-sided program, however, and horse racing will be one of the features during three days only.

When asked if it were possible to get all the midway attractions on the grounds, Manager Walker explained that there would be little room to spare, but that the engineer for the World of Mirth show were noted for their genius in arranging a unique and compact midway.

There will be around 50 shows and rides on the midway, many of which will be seen in this section for the first time. The midway features, handled on a special train of 35 cars, will reach here early Sunday week from Wilson ready for the opening Monday.

Bloody Knife Battle To Be Aired in County Court

The bloody knife battle in which Warren Ange, young white man, and Herbert Brown, colored, nearly cut each other to death on Washington Street the 5th of this month, is likely to reach the county court next Tuesday, it was learned today. Brown, who had his belly ripped open, and who reached the hospital with part of his intestines hanging out, has returned to his home near here and was seen yesterday driving a car.

Officials of AAA Are Planning to Enforce Penalties Provided

Ruling on State Act To Be Made by Judge Frizzelle Within Few Days

Pending a ruling by Judge Paul Frizzelle in superior court within the next day or two, Agricultural Adjustment Administration authorities are making plans to throw a net around those tobacco farmers who are selling their scrap weed illegally, it was learned from the office of the county agent today. Agent Brandon called for special agents from Raleigh yesterday to investigate the sale of scrap tobacco that is said to have increased overnight in this and surrounding counties. Until the courts act, the AAA authorities will have to direct action against the seller, and reports clearly indicate that contracts of violating farmers will be cancelled at once, and all benefits withdrawn.

The scrap buying and selling activities were reported on a large scale in this section yesterday, when it was learned that five cars with trailers were touring several counties and buying scrap tobacco by loading farmers to believe that it was all right to sell scrap tobacco without entering the sales on marketing cards. The department has pointed out time and again that there is no way under the sun for the contract signer to sell scrap tobacco legally except by entering the sales on the marketing card.

Charles Yelverton, Smithfield man was carried before J. L. Hassell here yesterday for the alleged buying of scrap tobacco illegally. Under his interpretation of the law, Mayor Hassell dismissed the case because no penalty is provided. Probably the ruling by Judge Frizzelle in a similar case in Wilson will give the law some meaning. In the meantime, Inspector Froneberger is preparing warrants against five alleged buyers who have been operating out of a camp in Bertie County. It is possible that violators of the act may be fined \$1,000.

Reports reaching here yesterday afternoon stated that the five men with cars and trailers would operate during the day, carry their purchases to the Bertie camp and load it on one truck there for delivery in Smithfield.

According to the county agent's office, very few farmers in this county have risked losing their contracts and resulting benefits by selling their scrap tobacco, but some few sales are known to have been made, the agent explaining that they will be investigated.

Poplar Point Girl Is Married at 12

Stepping from the cradle to wedding lock surned up a story coming from the Poplar Point section of this county a few days ago, when Edith Whichard, 12 years old last June, was married to Frank Weathersbee, 26 years old. Although the match was sanctioned by the mother, officials in this county refused the couple a marriage license, and at least one preacher said he would not perform the wedding ceremony. They were married in another county, it was learned.

The attractive young girl, with a brand new permanent wave in her hair, has the appearance of a girl 16 years or older, partly relieving the tension thrown around the match by her tender years, it was said.

Furniture Auction Sale Tomorrow Afternoon

The Good and Bad Furniture Company, Guthrie Strawbridge, manager will hold its first furniture auction sale in recent months tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock at its two stores on East Main Street here. The sale begins promptly at 1 o'clock.

Program of Services At Hamilton Church

St. Martin's, Hamilton. Rev. E. F. Mosley, rector. Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity: Church school, 10 a. m. Holy Communion and sermon, 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.

D. V. Clayton, Local Bank Cashier, Hurt When Cars Collide

Two Autos and Buggy Figure in Accident Near Here Last Night

D. V. Clayton, cashier of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company here, and W. A. Davenport, State Highway employee of Washington, were painfully but not seriously hurt at 6:30 last evening, when their cars crashed in a head-on collision on the Sweet Water Creek bridge, about two miles from here. Mr. Clayton suffered an injury to one of his arms and several cuts and bruises about the head. Mr. Davenport had one of his knee caps badly injured, and he was also cut and bruised over the body. Both cars were demolished.

Davenport, driving a light truck, was traveling toward Williamston when he ran up behind a horse and buggy driven by Mr. Tom Hadley. The buggy was said to have carried no light, and Mr. Davenport saw the vehicle too late to stop and turned to the left and into the path of the Clayton car. However, he turned too late to miss the buggy and, all three vehicles went into a pile. Mr. Hadley was thrown from the buggy unhurt. The horse was unhitched from the buggy unhurt. Traffic was blocked on the road for more than one-half an hour.

Charges were brought against the owner of the buggy by Patrolman Hunt for driving a vehicle without proper lights.

Program of Service At Baptist Church

Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. B. T. U., 6:30 p. m. Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. D. E. Darden is our new B. T. U. director, and we want everyone who should be in the junior, intermediate and senior unions to be present Sunday night for a new beginning. The church is fortunate to have Mrs. Darden, a graduate of the W. M. U. training school in Louisville, to direct this work with our young people. Will the parents, please, cooperate with us in enlisting everyone for this fine training which the church offers?

A special offering for state missions will be received Sunday. Let us remember this worthy object and come prepared to make a contribution.

Flimflammer Held in Jail; Unable To Raise \$500 Bond

Ike Spencer, colored man arrested in Fayetteville last week-end and brought here to face a robbery charge, waived examination at a hearing held before Justice J. L. Hassell this week. Unable to raise the \$500 bond, Spencer was returned to jail to await trial in the superior court next December. Spencer is charged with robbing King Riddick, colored man, of \$256.25 near the Atlantic Hotel here last June.

George Thomas, colored man believed to have been Spencer's partner in the crime, was returned yesterday from Fayetteville to face the courts. He will be given a preliminary hearing shortly.