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PEANUT MARKET WEAK; FEW SALES ARE BEING MADE

Farmers Are Disappointed As Price Average Falls Below Three Cents

Staring peanut harvesting activities on a big scale a few days ago, after being delayed by unfavorable weather, farmers in the peanut country are finding a weak market, reports yesterday placing the top price at 3 cents, with the average ranging around 2 3/4 cents.

While buyers are getting numerous calls, comparatively few sales are being completed in this county at the present prices, large numbers of farmers stating they plan to hold their peanuts for three or four weeks. A few peanuts are moving; but for this season of the year deliveries are considered unusually light. Present indications now are that the main marketing season will fall in January. Many farmers are placing their crops on storage, it was learned.

Distressed by the prevailing prices, farmer representatives, federal agricultural authorities and oil-mill operators met in Washington this week to discuss the weak market. It is hoped that a minimum price of 3 cents a pound can be established with the better grades bringing a premium.

The crop was damaged, or the hulls were darkened by rains falling after the peanuts were dug and stacked, but otherwise the quality is considered superior to that of last season. Farmers, as a rule, are not getting the quantity they expected, and all are disappointed with the price.

Local Legion Post Is Leading Its Class in Drive for Members

Nearly 150 Former Service Men Included in Its Membership

The John W. Hassell Post, No. 163, with its 143 members for 1935, is the leading class C post in North Carolina, according to news from the state headquarters. This post won the loving cup for having the greatest increase in membership for 1935, and went from class D to class C. Josephus Danieja, jr., state commander, sent personal congratulations to the post for its splendid work and urged it on to greater glory. H. L. Swain is commander and John A. Ward is adjutant and finance officer and Mack Wynne, of Robersonville, is chairman of the membership committee. They want the post to continue to lead the state in membership. They are requesting all members who can to bring another member to the meeting Monday night, December 9, at 7:30.

The post is doing great work in this county. It sponsored a Mother's Day program last Mother's Day and has employed Dr. Mercer, a local dentist, to give free dental service to certain children of Martin County. On Armistice Day it sent speakers to all the high schools of the county to speak on patriotism. It is sponsoring a declamation and essay contest among the high school students of Martin County in the near future. The subject for the declamation contest has not yet been selected, but it will be on some phase of Americanism. Any one wishing to submit a subject is requested to send it to J. R. Winslow, chairman of the Americanism committee, Robersonville, or John A. Ward, adjutant, or H. L. Swain, commander, Williamston, before Monday night.

Every member of the post is requested to be present at the meeting Monday night at the hall.

Jamesville Boys Win Over Kinston, 27-21, Last Night

Jamesville's basketball boys continued their undefeated record last evening when they defeated the strong Kinston quintet 27 to 21 in one of the most interesting contests of the season. The game was played in Kinston before a large crowd.

Free Will Baptist Service Here Sunday Afternoon

Rev. E. L. Abrams, Free Will Baptist minister of Rocky Mount, will preach in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Warren here Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Expect Many Bids on School Building Projects Next Week

Contractors from at least six towns and cities are planning to bid on one or more of the eight projects constituting the proposed \$100,000 school building program in this county next Wednesday, according to unofficial reports heard here today. Sealed proposals had already been received yesterday from five building and five plumbing and heating contractors, it was said.

Other contractors are expected to enter their bids within the next day or two, it is understood.

Record Session Is Held By Recorder Tuesday

ONLY NINE CASES ON DOCKET FOR SUPERIOR COURT

Is One of Smallest Dockets in Recent Years; Begins Next Monday

One of the smallest dockets in years faces the December term of the Martin County Superior Court, convening next Monday with Judge E. H. Cranmer, of Southport, presiding. Following one of the largest dockets in the county recorder's court this week, the court next week has only nine cases scheduled for trial, all of which with one or two possible exceptions are of no great interest to the general public.

The more than a year old case continues on the docket against Ollie Page, charging him with manslaughter or criminal negligence in connection with the deaths of John Leavister and Marshall Andrews, near Robersonville, on the night of September 6, a year ago. Since the civil action is still before the supreme court on appeal, the criminal case is likely to be continued.

G. N. Cowen faces two counts, embezzlement and violation of the liquor laws.

Norman Jones, notorious bootlegger of the Oak City section, is booked for trial for the alleged violation of the liquor laws, but it is understood he is absent just now.

Charged with highway robbery, Ike Spencer maintains that he pulled the old "skin" game on King Riddick, colored man, at Williamston and relieved him of around \$250 in cash last July. Spencer continues in jail.

Roy Keel faces a charge of attempted burglary, the state alleging that he tried to break into and enter the home of D. R. Chandler, G. A. Crofton, and Mrs. Bettie Gray in Robersonville about the 27th of October.

Levi Radford is charged with the larceny of an automobile from Warren Ange.

Warren Ange is charged with an assault with intent to kill Herbert Brown the early part of last October.

Hope Brooks and Estelle Hill Howell Brooks are facing a bigamy charge.

While it is possible a few civil cases will be handled, it is likely that the court will adjourn soon after the criminal docket is completed. Court observers are of the opinion the session will be brought to a close early in the week.

Local Band Plays At Edenton School

Receiving an invitation from teachers and pupils in the Edenton High School, 27 members of the local band and their director, W. S. Bobbitt, appeared in a special concert in the auditorium there yesterday afternoon. The young musicians were cordially received, and each of the six numbers rendered was much applauded.

Those making the trip were: Jack Saunders, Wilbur Culpepper, Ben Hardison, Edgar Gurganus, Whit Purvis, Reg Griffin, Jimmie Watts, Ray Goodman, Dale Wagner, Jerry Clark, Louise Cooke, Frank Weaver, Elmer Jenkins, E. S. Peel, jr., Reg Manning, Milton James, Eli Gurganus, Carlyle Hall, Jack Edmondson, Thad Harrison, Jim Manning, Billie Biggs, E. G. Wynn, Clifton Malone, Dick Dunn, Ellis Ramey.

ABANDON PLANS TO EXTEND FARM ELECTRIC LINES

Very Little Interest Shown At Meeting Held Here Last Wednesday

Plans for an extension of electric lines in this county in connection with the Federal government's rural electrification program were virtually abandoned, temporarily at least, this week when D. E. Jones, state rural electrification authority, met with two or three county citizens in the office of County Agent T. B. Brandon here and reviewed several preliminary line surveys.

Two main reasons were found that would make a further extension of lines in rural sections of this county inadvisable, it was learned. During the past several years, it was pointed out, the Virginia Electric and Power Company has carried on what might be termed a rural electrification program of its own, making available light and power to citizens along many highways and in every incorporated town within its territory except one, Bear Grass. A survey has been made there, and it was found that the patronage load in that section would fall considerably short in justifying the construction and maintenance of the several miles of line necessary to effect the proper connections with the company system at the nearest point.

It has been estimated by Federal bureau authorities that a revenue averaging \$200 for each mile of line would be necessary to justify an extension. The surveys made in several sections of this county show that the estimated revenue would average considerably less than \$100 for nearly every one of the proposed extensions.

The only extension possible in this county, it is understood, at the present time would be the inclusion of the towns of Oak City and Hamilton in the V. E. P. system, making it possible for that company to construct a line from its distribution system in Bethel via Hassell. Of course, action in this case rests with the two towns.

Two of those present at the meeting Wednesday were from the Gold Point section, but details of a possible extension of a line to that town could not be learned. The nearest connecting point is Robersonville, and that town was not represented.

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Forest Fire In This County Yesterday

Martin County forest fire protection service had its first test since its organization when a small fire, said to have been started by a motorist whose machine broke down along the highway between Oak City and Hamilton, was brought under control yesterday morning. Very little damage was reported, but County Warden Hardison was of the opinion that a large fire would have been the result had it not been for the organized service.

Receiving a report over telephone from a traveler, County Warden immediately dispatched Deputy Warden Rawls, of Hassell, to the scene. About half hour later, the county warden was there and found Deputy Rawls and two other men bringing the fire under control.

An investigation is being made, and it is possible that the case will be prosecuted.

Home Club Members Plan Christmas Bazaar Here

Home demonstration club women are busy working on articles to be sold through the Christmas bazaar beginning here Thursday of next week and lasting until December 14. All articles sold will be the Christmas donation of the Martin demonstration club women to the Jane S. McKimmon loan fund which is used to help girls living in this county secure a college education. When you buy at the bazaar next Thursday you help yourself and some worthy girl. Watch further notices for the location of this sale.

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Two Services at Church of The Advent Here Sunday

Rev. E. F. Moseley, Rector Second Sunday in Advent Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer, and sermon, 11 o'clock a. m. Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 o'clock p. m.

The Archbishop of York, one of the great leaders of the Anglican church is preaching at Washington, D. C. Sunday morning at 10 a. m., and his sermon will be broadcast over the radio. The public is cordially invited to listen in.

Services at Local Methodist Church Sunday Announced

Church school, 9:45 a. m. Preaching, 11 o'clock. Epworth League, 7 o'clock. Preaching, 7:30 o'clock. An opportunity will be given those who wish to do so to join the church at the morning service.

Boy Scouts Seek Old Toys For Distribution To Poor

Christmas Lights on Streets Are Turned on Last Night

A cheery spirit pervaded the air here last evening when more than 1,000 vari-colored lights were turned on in the business districts. Hundreds of visitors here during the evening were favorably impressed with the scheme of decoration, and the Christmas season began to look very much more like the Christmas season. Swinging high overhead, the lights extend from the Courtney Furniture Store on East Main Street to Houghton on West Main and from Main down Washington Street to the railroad.

The border of soft lights placed around the town's water tower high in the air, sends a cheery welcome to travelers afar. Store windows and stores are greatly indicative of the season, and especially attractive are the show windows of the Woman's Shop.

Each day, local merchants and others spend long hours preparing for Christmas, and it is apparent that the shops will attract thousands during the remaining 15 shopping days, adding to the gay spirit of the season.

Christmas Shopping Gets Under Way Here

Williamston Stores Have Large Stocks To Care for Needs

Appeal Made Urging Local Citizens To Give Home Merchant Consideration

Another holiday shopping season is here, and the cheery Christmas spirit is spreading rapidly as decorations appear and store shelves are packed with toys, gifts, and other seasonable goods. Local merchants, after an unseasonable fall, are fast completing arrangements for what promises to be their busiest holiday trade in recent years. Larger stocks will be found in the stores here this year than at any time in the past, and when prices, quality and service are compared the exacting shopper will find no better bargains anywhere.

Williamston's numerous stores are amply prepared to handle the shopping needs of the people throughout this section. Thousands of useful, attractive and practical gifts will be found in the local stores this holiday season.

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BUNDLE DAY

Williamston's most promising young citizens, the Boy Scouts, will canvass all local homes tomorrow for toys to be used in brightening the Christmas season for the town's needy children. While the campaign is for toys mainly, old clothes and other useful articles will gladly be received. No cash contributions will be asked, but any one wishing to participate and who has neither toys or old clothes may donate to the cause.

The cooperation and sympathetic understanding is asked of every Williamston citizen in promoting the cause. Prepare your bundle now and greet the Scouts with a smile tomorrow.

Domestic and Legal Liquor To Go To Mat In Recorder's Court

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Schedule of Services At Presbyterian Churches

Church schools will be held Sunday as follows: Bear Grass and Williamston at 9:45 a. m. Roberson's Chapel and Poplar Point at 3 p. m. The worship service and sermon in Williamston at 11 a. m., and at Bear Grass 7 p. m.

The young people of the church will meet at Bear Grass Sunday at 6:15 p. m.

The men of the church will meet Tuesday night at 7 p. m. at Roberson's Chapel.

The prayer meeting services for next week are: Spring Green in the home of Mrs. Harrell on Tuesday night at 7 o'clock, and at Roberson's Chapel Thursday night at the same hour.

Parents Invited to 4-H Club Meeting Here Tomorrow

Parents interested in 4-H club work are invited to attend the county 4-H achievement meeting tomorrow at 10 a. m. in the Williamston high school.

Cooperation Asked To Bring Cheer To Local Poor Children

Preliminary Survey Shows Large Number Facing Sad Christmas

Christmas time is at hand again, affording one of the greatest opportunities of the year to bring cheer and happiness to the poor and needy little ones of this community. Following the suggestion of a number of local citizens, and believing the people of the town will lend their support, The Enterprise is making a preliminary survey of those homes where, there will be a Christmas for little boys and girls unless outside aid is rendered them. Into those homes where federal relief has never been extended, where organized aid of any kind has never been felt, and where the family heads have to forego special holiday expenditures that they might keep the bodies and souls of their little ones together during every day of the year, The Enterprise, with the aid of the people of this town, plans to carry a ray of sunshine to the Christmas time.

Mindful of the urgent calls made upon the merchants and other citizens by home-talent play producers, Red Cross, associations against tuberculosis, the beggars on the streets, old-age pension funds, organized charities and many, many others—all worthy, no doubt—The Enterprise, in sponsoring the movement, will not ask a single cash contribution or any other type of aid that will prove costly to any one. It is a simple plan, and one that has worked very successfully in many towns and cities of the nation.

Between now and Christmas Eve, bundle days will be designated, and a drive for old discarded toys. If any toy you have is not in too bad repair, and its removal will not, in any way, impair the Christmas program in your own home, won't you please join in the joyous movement and give it for use in some home where not even the bare necessities of life will be found on Christmas morning? Drag the old toys and any other articles that you spare from the attic today, and call 46 or just drop a card to The Enterprise at once stating that you can and will cooperate in the undertaking which will cost so little and yet bring worlds of joy to the needy little ones here.

Further details will be announced from time to time.

Man Arrested for Felonious Attack

A warrant was issued here Wednesday for the arrest of M. U. Hodges, Beaufort County man, for an alleged brutal attack on Heber Cox, also of Beaufort County, at the old Mill Inn on the Washington Road last Tuesday afternoon. Details of the attack could not be learned, but the condition of Cox when he reached here was such that the warrant carried felonious assault as the charge against Hodges.

It was reported that Hodges followed Cox, rheumatism victim and alleged possessor of a criminal record, all the way from Washington to the inn, about six miles from here, and attacked him there. Using his fist, Hodges closed Cox's right eye and sent a stream of blood down his victim's face. It was stated that Hodges would probably have beat the man to death had no one intervened.

Mrs. Fannie Carstarphen Quite Ill at Home Here

Mrs. Fannie Carstarphen is very ill at her home here following a stroke of paralysis suffered early yesterday morning. Stricken while preparing breakfast, she was found on the floor unconscious a few minutes later. While her condition is regarded as serious, she was said to be slightly improved this morning. Her son, Martin Carstarphen, of Tarboro, and her brother, Watts Martin, of Norfolk, are at her bedside today.