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Cotton Farmers Slow To Send in Sale Certificates

Adjustment Payments Run As High as 60 Cents A Hundred Pounds

The importance of turning in cotton sales certificates was again pointed out this week by Mr. T. B. Slade, assistant in cotton control for this county. The certificates are reaching the office of the county agent slowly, Mr. Slade stating that not more than 300 had been received so far. He urges all growers who have sold their cotton to get a certificate of sale from the buyer and forward it to the office of the agent. The certificates should be turned in within seven days after sale if possible.

To participate in the cotton adjustment payment, a grower must file his certificate of sale. While there is little hope of getting a large adjustment payment on that cotton sold in November, it is possible for the grower to receive as much as 60 cents a hundred pounds for cotton sold in December. The adjustment payments are based on average prices of middling 7-8-inch spot cotton from the daily price quotation of 10 designated markets. If the average price is 11.40 cents per pound, the average for December 16, then the grower who sold on that date will be entitled to a payment of 60 cents a hundred pounds. In short, the farmer is entitled to the difference between the average price on the 10 markets and a fixed figure of 12 cents, regardless of what price he actually received. Friday of last week the average price was 11.60 cents a pound. The farmer who sold cotton on that date is entitled to 40 cents a hundred pounds in the form of the cotton adjustment payment. At times the market average was more than 12 cents, and the farmer selling his cotton on those days gets no adjustment payment.

The cotton adjustment is not to be confused with the cotton parity payment.

2 Colored Families Made Homeless by Fire Here Tuesday

Local Fire Company Gets Three Calls In As Many Days This Week

A call last Tuesday morning marked the end of the local volunteer fire company's activities in the old year, and all but marked the end for two colored families on Church Street, when their humble abode was destroyed by fire. The families, one headed by Gus Purvis, a victim of feeble health, and the other by Ethel Keyes, who is alone with her small children in life's battle, were thrown in to the open with the mercury at the freezing point and no place of their own to shelter themselves. The loss was not great, Mr. James Bowen, the owner, stating that he had planned to tear down the hut and build a new one, but that he continued to delay the change as long as the old structure was of any service to any one.

Starting from a makeshift flue out the back side of the house, the fire was spreading rapidly all over the house before the Purvis or Keyes children discovered it. The older charges hardly had time to carry the helpless babies out into the snow. Not a single piece of furniture was saved, and the clothing, only scant at the best, was on the backs of the family members. The parents were away working for a meager subsistence, one returning late to find all his earthly possessions ruined in the wrecked building.

No insurance was carried on either building or contents, and the scene presented a really pitiful sight as the victims started pulling old twisted bedsteads and other warped pieces of furniture from under the charred timbers to start again their housekeeping roles from scratch. Purvis stated yesterday that he found two rooms in a small

Rev. J. H. Smith Makes Baptist Announcements

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 o'clock.
B. T. U., 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock.
Start the new year off right by coming to church Sunday. And remember that our first quarterly church business meeting will be held next Wednesday night, January 8, at 7:30 o'clock. Show your interest in your church by your presence.

School-Building Program To Get Under Way Wednesday

Weather permitting, construction work on Martin County's \$100,000 school building program will get underway next Wednesday, Mr. C. W. Buchanan, general superintendent for the Goode Construction Company, of Charlotte, announced today. Preliminary arrangements for actual construction activities are being completed as rapidly as possible, and present indications are that the first earth will be turned on that day if the weather permits.

Manager Gilliam, of the county employment office, stated yesterday that already more than 150 men, including carpenters, bricklayers, metal workers, painters and decorators and common laborers, had already registered. Nearly half of

them signed during the past two days, Mr. Gilliam said. This number, it is understood, is hardly sufficient to handle the labor demands of the school building program, and others who are out of work and care to get employment are directed to the employment office in the county courthouse. The first labor requisition is expected any time now, and a goodly number of the unemployed are expected to start work Wednesday.

Mr. Buchanan, who will have charge of the construction of the buildings at Jamesville, Farm Life, Williamston and Oak City, will have his headquarters here. Materials for the projects will start moving within the next few days, he said.

4-Year Cotton Control Program Worked Out

Look for High Water in River As Snow Melts

With the melting of snows throughout the Roanoke basin, and with the clouds going "up" the river, much high water is expected in the stream at this point during the next two or three weeks. Old men of the river are predicting the high-water in years, but no official report has been released by the United States Weather stations, Hugh Spruill, keeper of the river bridge here, said this morning.

A rise of almost one foot was reported during the past twenty four hours in the Roanoke at this point, but that was due to local rains and snow, it was stated.

Rainfall has been general over the section during the period, the weather station here reporting 4.05 inches during the past month. About one-third or 1.38 inches, was snow, however.

11-Year-Old Girl Is Struck by Stray Shot And Painfully Hurt

Police Investigate Shooting And Warn Against the Careless Use of Guns

Bina Jackson, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jackson, was shot in the shoulder by a stray rifle bullet Sunday noon when she started to enter the front door of her Williams Street home. The child, an honor pupil in school, complained at the time to her mother, but it was thought she had been hit by a snowball and no investigation was made. That night the child's underclothing was bloody, and a wound about the size of a .22 caliber rifle bullet was found.

An indirect report reached the town police department Monday night and an immediate investigation was started by Chief Daniel and his assistant, J. H. Allsbrooks. No report has been made by the officers, but medical attention was offered by them, it was said.

Probably the one who fired the bullet does not know it struck some one, there being every evidence that the shooting was not intentional. The incident brought a sharp warning from the police chief, who declared that the careless use of firearms would necessitate their removal from the owners. Several young boys in that section of the town are said to own and use rifles.

Warm Rain Takes Snow Away Fast

Held at a standstill by snow and ice during almost two weeks, traffic on the Roanoke is gradually getting underway again. No boats have traveled the stream during that time, but a return to its regular schedule by Sunday was announced today by the Norfolk, Baltimore and Carolina line.

A small power boat, carrying several carloads of lumber, went from the Farmville-Woodward docks here last Wednesday and finally reached Plymouth the next afternoon, according to reports.

Plans for Launching Drive Will Be Made At An Early Meeting

Farmers Will Name Board To Handle Adjustments And Other Matters

Preliminary plans for launching a four-year program for cotton control in this county, beginning in 1936, will be made at a meeting of contract signers in the county courthouse about the middle of this month, Mr. T. B. Slade, assistant in cotton control, announced this morning. The meeting date will be definitely determined within the next few days, and an immediate announcement will follow.

The preliminary plans will center around the organization of a cotton adjustment association, composed of a county and two community committees, the voting being limited to the 981 contract signers in this county. As the rules are understood here, two of the old committee members for both the county and community units are to be retained, the cotton growers deciding which one to drop and whom to elect for the vacant positions. The adjustment association at the present time includes: County committee, H. H. Cowen, M. D. Wilson and J. F. Crisp; community committee number 1: D. R. Edmondson, A. R. Osborne and H. S. Everett; community committee number 2: J. R. Knowles, John Daniel Biggs and W. S. White.

New applications for the 1936-1939 contracts will be received as soon as blanks are available, probably the latter part of this month, it was stated. The assistant in control pointed out that it will be to the decided advantage of the grower to furnish accurate and definite acreage and production data or records for the years 1933, 1934, and 1935. The new contracts will be based on acreage and production records for the years 1928 to 1935, inclusive.

Cotton contract signers are urged to watch for announcement of the meeting date and make arrangements to attend.

Local Man Has Narrow Escape from Burning Car

George Mobley, local man, barely escaped with his life last Tuesday night when his car turned over and caught fire near Rocky Mount. Before Mr. Mobley could break out of the up-side-down car, his overcoat caught fire and part of it was burned off at the bottom. The man was cut and bruised about the face badly, and it is almost certain he would have burned to death if he had been rendered unconscious in the wreck. He gained his freedom by knocking out a window with a crank handle and crawling out. The car was ruined, and Mr. Mobley stated that he did not know how the fire started.

Home Destroyed by Fire On Jamesville Highway

Fire, believed to have started from an over-heated flue, burned the humble two-room home of Zenia Nichols, between here and Jamesville, last Wednesday noon, throwing the colored woman and her seven children out of doors into the snow. No one was at home at the time but the children, and the older ones, after carrying the smaller tots out and sitting them down in the snow, had no time to save a single article from the home except two old quilts, and the edges of those were burned, it was said.

15 Cases Cleared From Docket by Court This Week

Judge Peel Continues To Bear Down On Drunks And Drunken Drivers

The county recorder's court, after a recess of two weeks for the holidays, held another long session last Tuesday, Judge H. O. Peel clearing his work for the old year. The docket, carrying 22 cases, was considered small, as no session had been held since the 17th, and the holiday season fell at that time. Fifteen cases were cleared from the docket, the court continuing to bear down on drunks and drunken automobile driving.

Cases disposed of are as follows: A six months road sentence was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Jesse Walston with an assault with a deadly weapon.

The case charging Milton Smith with drunken driving was not propped, reports stating that the defendant was in a hospital.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs and payment of a certain amount to the prosecuting witness in the case charging J. P. Baker with passing a worthless check.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, James Purvis was sentenced to the roads for three months. The case charging Robert Hollis with an assault with a deadly weapon was not propped.

A 12-months road sentence was suspended in the case charging Isaac Dawes with an assault with a deadly weapon upon the condition that he pay the cost and the prosecuting witness' doctor's bill.

C. H. Gardner, charged with removing mortgaged property, appealed from the county court judgment, bond being fixed in the sum of \$100.

Luther Hampton was sentenced to the roads for three months on a bastardy charge.

Charged with drunken driving, Delmer Harris was fined \$75 and taxed with the costs, the judgment automatically revoking his license to operate a motor vehicle for one year. He appealed and \$150 bond was required.

Carrie Bell Purvis was jailed for 10 days on a drunk and disorderly charge.

Thomas Hyman drew three months on the roads on an assault with a deadly weapon charge.

Sam Roberson was sentenced to the roads for three months for drunken automobile driving. His license to operate a car was revoked for one year.

John Smith was sentenced to the roads for three months and J. D. Wiggins for four months for violating the ABC laws.

Paul Lilley was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost for the alleged violation of the liquor laws.

Charged with attempted larceny, Willie Smith was sentenced to the roads for four months.

14 Motorists Cited For Using Old Tags On Cars January 1

Approximately 3,000 Tags Have Been Sold at the Local Bureau So Far

Learning there was not extension of time for the purchase of state automobile license tags, auto owners in this section have been rushing the license bureau here during the past two or three days. Nearly 3,000 of the plates had been sold up until noon today, the managers explaining that the sale was about equal to that of last season considering the fact that additional bureaus have been opened in this section this season. Last year the local bureau sold approximately 5,000 tags during the early part of the season.

Wednesday, State highway patrolmen went into action and arrested 14 motorists in this section for using old license tags on their cars. All of them pleaded guilty before Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell, but one, Mr. Luther Hardison, appealed to the county court. The justice sentenced each to ten days in jail, but suspended judgment in every case upon payment of cost.

Yesterday the weather held the patrolmen in their office, and no arrests were reported in this section. However, few cars carrying old plates were seen on the streets that day. With clearing weather today, the patrol members are expected to renew their search for old tags.

To Take Applications for Potato Allotments Soon

1,000 Cotton Parity Checks Arrive Here for Distribution

Approximately 1,000, or 85 per cent of the cotton parity checks for the year 1935 have been received in this county, and arrangements are being completed as rapidly as possible for their distribution, Mr. T. B. Slade, assistant in cotton control, announced today. In releasing the information, Mr. Slade stated that it would be impossible for a grower to get his check until direct notification from the agent's office has been received. Mr. Slade explained that all the checks had not been received,

and that to avoid confusion and eliminate any possible trouble for the grower, the checks could be distributed only when cards are presented. Cards will be entered in the mails some time next week.

The parity payment represented by the approximately 1,000 checks amounts to slightly more than \$10,000, or an increase over the payment last year. Payments are made at the rate of 1-4 cents a pound, based on the individual farm allotment or 40 per cent of the base production.

Authorities Will Find Relief Major Problem

Many in Dire Need Of Shelter, Food and Clothing in County

Several Plans For Handling Situation Considered by Welfare Officials

Relief on a larger scale than ever before experienced in this county is expected to loom as the major problem at the regular meeting of the Martin County commissioners here next Monday. The poverty-stricken are expected to present their pleas in greater numbers that day than ever before, and already the problem is being considered by welfare heads in the county. Just what will be done by the officials is not known, but several plans will likely be considered, it is understood. One thing is just about certain, and that is that something must be done and done now.

Dropped from emergency relief rolls the early part of last month, without food, little clothing, and often no shelter, approximately 65 families are likely to turn to the county authorities Monday, it is believed. They are going to the county because they have no other place to turn.

Conditions almost unbelievable in some cases will support the pleas of the needy, who have barely escaped with their lives during the bitter cold of the past 12 days or more. Experiencing the pangs of hunger and of cold, most of those whose very lives are depending upon charity are not expected to ask relief on an extensive scale, for any succor that will aid in keeping souls and bodies together will be appreciated. And when it comes to a matter of life and death, which situation is facing quite a few in this county right now, some one must step in and lend aid.

For some time, the federal government has handled the situation on a grand and extravagant scale, possibly—but it has virtually withdrawn from the field as far as the helpless are concerned. The WPA is carrying on its rolls at this time more than 130 families. The county has on its relief rolls 105 individuals, most of whom are advanced in age. Aside from these two relief sources, no form of aid is available, leaving around 65 families to face starvation alone.

Several ways in which to handle the situation will probably be discussed by the authorities at their meeting next Monday. One suggestion is to employ a case worker about one day to the week to handle the situation. The present pauper list could be turned over to the worker who would, with an increased appropriation, handle the other really needy cases. Another suggestion is to add names to the indigent or pauper list, which allows to each person one or two and sometimes as much as three dollars a month. Other plans for handling the problem will likely get attention.

At the present time the county is spending approximately \$300 each month for the care of outside poor, and considering the large number and the condition most of the recipients are in, the sum is pitifully small. It is estimated that an increase of around \$300 a month would be necessary to cope, even in a small way, with the situation now facing some.

Blanks Expected To Arrive Next Week; Must Have Records

Hardly More Than 300 Are Likely To Apply For Allotments in County

Applications by Martin County Irish potatoes for acreage and production allotments are expected within the next week or two, according to information released by the office of the county agent. Allotment forms or blanks will be delivered to the agent's office shortly, and arrangements will be made immediately to have growers to file their applications, it was stated. Just as soon as the blanks are available, allotment applications will be received in the office of the county agent, and arrangements to handle them in the several communities will be made for the convenience of the growers.

In filing applications, farmers should furnish accurate production records for the years from 1932 to 1935, inclusive. Applications for allotments in the several counties will be adjusted in Raleigh and base contracts determined.

Compared with the number of tobacco and cotton farmers, the number applying for the Irish potato allotments is expected to be very small, Messrs. T. B. Slade and Andrew Clark estimating that approximately 300 applications will be received.

The potato control movement is not designed to interfere with the small grower who does not produce for the market, but it is understood to be aimed at those large-scale operators who flood the market by supplying seed and fertilizer.

However, all growers selling any portion of their crop, whether large or small, are expected to file applications for allotments.

The grower will have seven options in determining his base:

1. The annual average of sales in the years 1933, 1934 and 1935;
2. The annual average of sales in the years 1932, 1933, and 1934;
3. Ninety per cent of the annual average of sales in the years 1934 and 1935;
4. Ninety per cent of the sales in the year 1935;
5. Eighty per cent of the sales in the year 1934;
6. Seventy per cent of the sales in the year 1933;
7. Sixty per cent of the sales in the year 1932.

Mrs. Jane Wynn Dies Thursday at Home Of Son in Bear Grass

Elder B. S. Cowin Conducts Last Rites from Home This Afternoon

Mrs. Jane Wynn, one of the county's oldest and most highly respected citizens, died at the home of her son, Thurston Wynn, in Bear Grass Township early yesterday morning following a long period of declining health. Mrs. Wynn, 84 years of age, was the daughter of the late Milton W. Bennett and wife, and lived in this county all her life.

In early womanhood she married Sam Wynn who died some years ago. Throughout a long period of married life, she was a faithful wife, and remained devoted to her children as long as she lived.

Six children, two daughters, Mrs. Alonzo Raynor and Mrs. Lawrence Bowen, both of this county, and four sons, Lonnie, Thurston and Pete, all of this county, and Amelick Wynn, of Wilson, survive. She also leaves one brother, James Bennett, and one sister, Mrs. Fannie Wadsworth, of Bertie County.

Funeral services are being conducted from the late home this afternoon by Elder B. S. Cowin, and interment will follow in the Bennett burial ground on the farm of her birth in Williamston Township.

Sponsors Program at Bear Grass Saturday at 8 P. M.

The Bear Grass Music department is sponsoring a program by the J. E. Mainer's Crazy Mountaineers in the auditorium there tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. A small admission fee will be charged.

Schools To Open Next Thursday Instead Monday

The reopening of the white schools in this county has been postponed until next Thursday, it was officially announced by Superintendent J. C. Manning this morning.

The delayed opening after the Christmas holidays is the result of bad roads, the superintendent explaining that another delay could be expected if the condition of the roads did not improve considerably by that time. The colored schools will reopen as scheduled next Monday, it was stated.

With favorable weather prevailing during the next few days, it is believed the condition of the roads will be much better and that the schools will reopen on the 9th.

Arrest Colored Man For Two Robberies Here During Week

Hardware Store Robbery Is Admitted by Alexander Smallwood to Police

Alexander Smallwood, colored man, was arrested here Wednesday afternoon for the alleged robbery of the Williamston Hardware Company on Washington Street earlier in the week, and the alleged theft of a small amount of money from the Texas Service station on Railroad Street Wednesday afternoon. The man is being held in jail and will get a hearing before Justice Hassell some time today. Smallwood is said to have admitted the hardware robbery.

Hiding himself in the Staton building, Smallwood used a bar to prize an entrance into the hardware store house in the same building. Except for about 125 pennies and a small amount of change, the hardware store owners could miss nothing. The robber closed the door and left the outside entrance which had been left open by Mr. John Peel while working on the second floor of the Staton building.

Smallwood was seen in the filling station Wednesday afternoon opening the cash register, but was not arrested until a short while later by Officer Allsbrooks.

Night Officer John Gurganus stated that he saw the same man about four o'clock on the morning the C. O. Moore grocery was entered, and it is believed Smallwood is connected with that robbery. However he denied the charge when questioned by officers today.

Norfolk Undersellers Are Now in Their New Home

Surrendering their lease for the Tar Heel Apartment building store the first of the year, the Norfolk Undersellers have moved their stock of goods to the store just recently vacated by S. Genderson and Sons on Main Street next to J. O. Manning's grocery. The firm opens for regular business tomorrow, Mr. Chas. Frank, a partner, said today.