

## FIRST SHIPMENT POULTRY TO BE MADE NEXT WEEK

### Prices Range From 3 to 5 Cents Higher Than for Same Time Year Ago

The first cooperative poultry shipment of the new year is scheduled to be loaded in this county four days next week, the first stop to be made at Jamesville on Tuesday, February 4; Williamston, Wednesday; Robersonville, Thursday; and Oak City, Friday.

Prices announced by County Agent T. B. Brandon are from 3 to 5 cents above those prevailing last year, and are said to be higher than local market quotations. Colored hens, bringing only 15 cents last year, are quoted at 18 cents a pound. Geese, quoted at 12 cents a pound, are 5 cents higher than they were last year. Prices for all types of poultry are higher than they were last year, but no quotation was offered on guineas, the fowls that brought 25 cents each year in and year out nearly ever since the first car was operated eight years ago.

Handling the loading in cooperation with the division of markets, Agent Brandon stated that the operation of additional cars the latter part of February or early March depends upon a successful loading next week. While the prices might advance, the quotations for next week are considered quite strong, and many believe they represent a top market for the season. However a fluctuation is possible.

One of the main advantages in operating the cars is the removal of poultry to northern centers, eliminating blocked markets at home. The car will likely reach Robersonville about 11 o'clock by passenger train on Thursday of next week.

## State Police Radio System Bids Being Studied by Officials

### Fate of System Including Station Here, Is Now Considered Doubtful

Bids received by the State yesterday indicated that the proposed State police radio system would cost \$148,000 in install and approximately \$30,000 a year for maintenance, creating some doubt that the proposed stations here and at four other points would be built any time in the immediate future.

A strong opposition to the system has apparently developed in Raleigh against the system, and the opposition now comes from those who sponsored the legislative act making the creation of the system possible. Officers of the law and others in this section were heartily in favor of the system, because they have been convinced of the possible value radio control has over law enforcement by the operation of the Virginia police network.

The purchasing division did not complete the tabulation of the bids yesterday, but got far enough to indicate the approximate cost of the transmission equipment. To this must be added other expenses, such as housing. The State Board of Awards will consider the bids today.

Under the police radio act, the money needed for the radio, over and above that appropriated for the safety work, comes out of the "betterment" appropriation of the highway fund. However, the Governor must give his approval before road money can be used for radio.

## Firemen Called Out During Cold Spell

Called to the home of Joe Williams, tenant on the farm of Messrs. R. T. and W. G. Griffin on Watts Lane, local firemen had a cold time battling a roof fire that threatened the two-story building last Tuesday afternoon shortly after 4 o'clock. Frozen water in a hose nozzle made the work more difficult, and before the nozzle and a section of the hose could be removed the fire had spread all over the roof. Water was pumped from the truck through the open inch and a half hose, and the fire was finally checked after doing damage estimated at \$20 or more. A defective flue and dry roof caused the fire.

Water poured on the burning structure froze as it trickled down the roof, but the firemen held to the roof until the fire was checked. The call was the first received during the present cold spell, members of the fire company expressing themselves as being grateful that the call was not in the dead of night.

## Martin County Farmers Are About Through Killing Hogs

Martin County farmers in many communities are completing their hog killings this week, leaving a few scattered here and there yet to kill and pack their meat. Reports clearly indicate that the meat supply is larger in the county this year than it was last, that there are only a few farm families who will have to buy from the market during the next 10 or 12 months.

Some unusually large killings have been reported this season, but no records have been broken. Farmers Van G. Taylor and Harrell Everett are said to have killed a plentiful supply, Mr. Taylor killing about 80 nice porkers and Mr. Ev-

erett some over 100. Griffins Township probably still leads with the largest per capita supply, there being few times in the last three or four generations when the citizens there did not have enough and more meat to last them a year or longer.

Farmers are facing another problem this season than the one ordinarily experienced. Much meat has spoiled in times past on account of the weather being too warm. This season some farmers are afraid their meat will freeze before the salt takes full effect, causing the meat to ruin if the cold season is followed by a warm one.

## County Tax Collection Little Behind Year Ago

## LEGION TO HELP VETERANS GET BONDS FOR BONUS

### Blanks For Filing Claims Are Now In Hands Of Post Officers

The John W. Hassell Post, No. 163, through its commander, H. L. Swain, announces that it has received a number of applications upon which to ask for the bonds for the adjusted compensation certificate. These bonds can be cashed after next June 15th.

Each veteran must have his certificate if he has it, or if he has borrowed on it, he must bring his pink slip in its place. The veteran must also bring his discharge.

The post will also assist veterans in filling out these applications and will certify to the correctness of the application of all members of the post. Mr. Swain wishes to emphasize that unless veterans bring their discharge and the pink slip, if they have borrowed on it, or the adjusted service certificate if they have it, there is subject to be a delay in completing the application.

The major portion of the credit of getting Congress to pay the bonus before the interest on the amount borrowed ate up the balance goes to the American Legion, Mr. Swain said, and every veteran is indebted to the Legion for its great efforts along this line which have brought success. The legion is continuing this service by helping the veterans make applications for the bonds. Legionnaires will please bring their 1936 legion cards with them.

## Contracts Let This Week for Highway Projects in County

### Road From Spring Green To Robersonville To Be Paved

Contracts were let this week by the State Highway and Public Works Commission for the widening of Highway 64 through the town of Robersonville, and the surfacing of the road from Robersonville via Gold Point to Highway 125, near Spring Green.

The contract for widening the street was let to F. D. Cline, of Raleigh, for \$8970. The Holloway Construction Company, of Columbus, Ga., was low bidder on the road project, the bid being \$69,766.81. Other county projects are likely to be considered at the next meeting of the commission the middle of March. The widening of Williamston's Main Street at both ends has been mentioned, along with the improvement of one or two important roads in the secondary class.

## Several Minor Wrecks Occur Here Yesterday

Snow and ice were given as the cause for several minor automobile crashes on local streets yesterday. No one was hurt, and the property damage was slight, reports stated. As far as it could be learned, no serious automobile accidents occurred on snow and ice-covered roads in this section.

Rev. E. C. Kolb, of Windsor, damaged the side of his car last Tuesday morning, when he turned his car quickly to the right to avoid hitting another, driven by Ira Ainsley, and skidded into a machine parked on the shoulder of the road just this side of the Edgewood Dairy on West Main Street.

## SNOW ABRUPTLY ENDS SESSION OF SUPERIOR COURT

### Number Witnesses Snowbound and Unable To Attend Yesterday

The two-weeks term of Martin County Superior Court for the trial of civil cases only came to an abrupt end on the ninth day yesterday morning, when a large number of witnesses were snowbound and could not reach here. The court, with Judge Clayton Moore on the bench, had started work on the case of James against James the afternoon before, but the action was continued out of necessity. The plaintiff is said to be attempting to set aside a certain deed.

Other than the James case and two or three others, the court during its eight days of work virtually cleared the crowded docket, many of the cases having been settled by agreement out of court.

In the case of A. D. Griffin, jr., against R. D. Johnson, lumber man, the plaintiff was given a judgment in the sum of \$50, the plaintiff Griffin alleging that the defendant cut timber under a certain size specified by contract. Foreman and Blades Lumber Company received a judgment against R. D. Johnson in the sum of \$390.70 on its claim that the defendant cut over a dividing line.

In the case of Lindsley Ice Company against Eli Rogerson, a settlement was effected out of court.

The plaintiff recovered nothing in the case of Cox Motor Company against J. D. Wynn.

A divorce was granted Rena Gray Vollers from George W. Vollers, on the grounds of adultery.

A non-suit resulted in the case of Johnnie James against Matthews, the plaintiff being taxed with the costs.

A judgment in the sum of \$414 was granted the plaintiff in the case of Lindsley Ice Company against J. F. Hopewell.

J. W. Watts, jr., administrator, was given possession of certain lands in his case against W. B. Boston.

In the case of J. A. Powell against Charles D. Drake, the plaintiff was awarded \$125.

The case of J. T. Brown jr., vs. Matthews was non-suited.

The term of court adjourned yesterday was to have been held last November, but was postponed until this month on account of the presiding judge's ill health at that time. It was the first time, as far as it could be learned, that a term of Martin County Superior court was held in January.

## RIVER RECEDING SLOW; NEW RISE MAY BE DUE SOON

### Traffic Returns To Normal After Long Period Of Inactivity

After reaching the highest mark, 14.8 feet, last Monday, the Roanoke started falling rapidly, but slowed up considerably yesterday, when the stream fell only 3 inches, compared with 1 foot during the previous 24 hours. A change in the wind yesterday is believed to have affected the stream, as it continued its way to within the banks. This morning the stream was still about 1 foot over its banks, but all indications are that it will be within the banks by Sunday, if not before.

The effect the snow that has fallen in the Roanoke basin this week will have on the stream has not been determined, but it is possible another freshet will reach here within the next two or three weeks. No record high water or even an approach to the freshet now going out is expected, however.

Considerable ice and snow started floating down the stream yesterday, but not in sufficient quantities to interrupt river traffic.

Regular freight schedules are being maintained on the stream now after a long period.

## County Farmers Have Exciting Hunting Trip

Farmers Will Ross and Gus Powell, prominent in the Gold Point neighborhood, apparently had an exciting hunting trip up in Wake County a few days ago, if the reports reaching here are correct. According to the story, the two men became so engrossed in fox chases that they unintentionally swapped trousers overnight and did not discover the change until they reached home. Sure, they had a successful hunt there, while the foxes at home had a rest, with Messrs. Powell and Ross, Edwin Holding, and Charlie Roebuck off their trail.

## Relief To Again Be Principal Problem at Meeting of Board

The relief situation among the county's needy is expected again to command considerable attention when the commissioners hold their regular monthly meeting here next Monday. Additional appeals are expected to reach the authorities at that time, and unofficial reports indicate that a more definite relief program will follow. Two special workers, Mrs. Winifred Wiggins and Miss Selma Ayers, have been handling their work and reports will be heard from them on the relief activities handled during the month of January. A fairly complete survey of the relief situation has been

made since the Federal agencies withdrew, in a large measure, from participation in local relief, it is understood. The welfare workers have distributed hundreds of articles made in the sewing rooms now in operation in various parts of the county.

In addition to their routine duties next Monday, the commissioners will select a jury list for the March term of court, but most of the session will be devoted to the relief situation, it is believed. More direct appeals for aid were directed to the commissioners last first Monday than at any one time previously in the history of this county.

## Smith and Robinson Talks Interest Many

## Democratic Leader Calls Smith Traitor In Face of Enemy

### Smith's Attack on Present Administration Brings Condemnation

Everyone is having his day these days. The Republicans and a few donkeys—to put it mildly—had theirs last Saturday night, when Al Smith attacked and berated the New Deal, President Roosevelt and everyone else trying to help the masses, in an address to the so-called Liberty League, an organization formed, participated in, and supported by the wealth of this country, including some great liberty lovers from this state. The former governor of New York attacked everything that had been done by the present administration with one or two exceptions, to the delight of those who are declared to be masquerading in the name of liberty.

Then the Democrats had their day last Tuesday, when Senator Joe Robinson, of Arkansas, Democratic leader in the Senate and running mate of Al Smith in 1928, answered Smith in an address over the radio. The Senator buried Smith with excerpts from Smith's own speeches and branded him a traitor and deserter when the masses needed him most.

The attack by Smith and answer by the Senator occasioned much comment and philosophy of the old town bench type in this section. Those who could not stomach Smith when he ran for the presidency back in 1928 and voted for Hoover seemed a bit justified after the man joined the ranks of the enemy. Others were slow to admit they ever supported the traitor.

Robinson's answer Tuesday night received a ready response in this section, with one or two exceptions. Attorney J. C. Smith, of Robersonville, referred to it as a sane and adequate answer delivered in an artful way. Albion Dunn, the attorney with a wide-brimmed hat, from Greenville, found the address of Robinson boring and turned his radio off, he said. Others listened intently to the man who held the welfare of this country and its masses to the front in everyone of his utterances.

The identity of the 2,000 attending the Liberty League affair last Saturday probably throws more light on the organization as to what it stands for and why it is against the present administration than any other explanation. Among those attending from North Carolina were John L. Morehead, prominent textile manufacturer, of Charlotte, and a probable candidate for governor in 1936 on the Republican ticket; Alex S. Hanes, of Winston-Salem, another prominent manufacturer and one-time chairman of the highway commission; H. Smith Richardson, head of the Vick Chemical Company, Greensboro; Robert H. Frazier, Greensboro lawyer, and former Republican candidate for governor; and others, all of whom apparently are far removed from the farming and laboring interests.

Members of the advisory council of the so-called Liberty League who did not attend were: W. G. Bramham, of Durham, former Republican state chairman; Julius Cone, of Greensboro, textile manufacturer; F. H. Fehlig, of Wilmington, railroad executive; Dan W. Hill, of Asheville, prominent Republican politician; Kemp P. Lewis, of Durham, textile manufacturer; and Millard F. Jones, of Rocky Mount, banker.

## STUDY PROBLEM OF STREET SIGNS AND STOP LIGHTS

### Both Matters To Be Taken Up at Town Meeting Monday Night

The stop light question is expected to receive notice again by the local town commissioners at their regular monthly meeting next Monday evening, but no definite action in that connection is expected at that time, according to Mayor John L. Hassell. Action on the signal light question is being delayed, pending the next meeting of the district highway patrol, which has been invited here. It is likely that the traffic officials will be called upon to discuss the proposed installation of the signals on the town's main street at that time.

Street markers, discussed at the December meeting, will likely come up for consideration again at the next meeting, the mayor said. A cost estimate on the markers is expected to be ready at that time. The mayor pointed out that there was a possibility that the village mail delivery service would be discontinued unless the streets were marked. He also added that it might be possible to have the post office department to add another village carrier after the streets are designated by markers.

Other than these two matters, the business before the meeting next Monday evening will be of a routine nature, it is understood.

## Postpone Hearing of Beaufort Osteopath On Murder Charge

### State Witnesses Unable To Attend On Account Of Bad Roads

A preliminary hearing scheduled in the Beaufort County Recorder's Court this morning at 10 o'clock was again continued in the case charging George R. Clay, Washington Osteopath, with murder and the practice of medicine without license. The charges were brought against the head of the Pamlico Osteopathic Sanitorium in Washington Park following the death of Mrs. Kathleen Lilley there the day of January.

A continuation in the case was granted when witnesses in Raleigh and Wake Forest advised attorneys here and at Washington that they found it impossible to travel with safety over ice-covered roads. Scheduled to have been held last Friday, the preliminary hearing was continued until this morning, when the State asked another continuance. It could not be learned definitely, but it is understood the hearing will be held next Friday morning. In the meantime, Clay continues at liberty under a \$2,500 bond stood by "Buck" Taylor, Washington filling station operator.

## Ministers Will Use Newspaper Medium

Desecration of the Sabbath Day has become alarm and the ministers of Martin County propose to use the newspapers in this section, as well as the pulpits to improve conditions and Rev. Gilbert Davis, mayor-minister-merchant of Plymouth, who has charges in Martin County is on a committee to cooperate with the newspapers in spreading news of the effort for Sunday observance.

The Roanoke Beacon, Plymouth; The Enterprise, Williamston; and the Herald, Robersonville, are joining the ministers in their efforts and will devote space to religious news. Assisting Mr. Davis on this publicity committee of the Martin County Ministerial Association is Rev. J. M. Perry, pastor of Christian church, Robersonville; and Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Williamston.

## Peanut Farmers In Bertie Patiently Await 5c Market

Windsor.—Since the announcement that the AAA has been declared unconstitutional and that this in turn did away with the processing tax, many farmers of Bertie County, are recalling that last year some peanut buyers were telling them that if it was not for the processing tax they could pay a cent more a pound for peanuts. Now, since the tax is abandoned, the farmers are anxiously awaiting—that 5c market, which the buyers promised them.

## WISE OLD OWL

Finding the weather on the outside too everlastingly cold, an owl wandered into the county courtroom early Wednesday morning to get warm. Perched on a rod near the top of the auditorium, the old hooter found the proceedings of the court that was in session under him so dry and uninteresting that he closed his eyes and went to sleep. In short, the bird found the courtroom a good place to get warm and the conditions ideal for sleep. Probably the owl was disturbed once or twice when a lawyer shouted at a witness, but he continued tight to his roost and registered no complaint.

## MISSION WORKER TELLS OF LIFE IN BELGIAN CONGO

### Makes Two Addresses In Local Christian Church Last Wednesday

Herbert E. Smith, representative of the United Christian Society in the Belgian Congo, Africa, for 27 years, interestingly described the mission work in two addresses at the local Christian church Wednesday afternoon and evening. Mr. Smith, a teacher in the Christian schools in that land, described the many difficulties experienced in teaching the natives to understand English, and the difficulties the English speakers face in getting the true meaning of the numerous dialects of the natives. The missionary explained that the natives of the Congo have no words for snow or ice, for they have no snow or ice. In describing the washing of robes of the saints as white as snow, he said that the translation had to be white as "the meat of the cocoon" before it meant anything to the natives.

When brought from under the influence of witch doctors, the natives make friendly neighbors and good citizens, the missionary explained, adding that the young people are greatly interested in education and would travel miles to attend the mission schools. Students, for the most part, are required to work their way through school.

Mr. Smith said that the unselfish and sacrificing service of the missionaries has changed the opinions of the natives regarding white people, and they are turning their idea of savagery to that of enlightenment and Christianity and making friends out of enemies.

The two talks here proved very interesting and instructive to the fair-sized audiences.

## Canning Demonstration Cancelled Here Thursday

A meat-canning demonstration scheduled in the office of the county home agent yesterday afternoon was cancelled on account of bad weather. Miss Dickie Lewis, the canning expert, was here, but since only two people were present no demonstration was given.

## No Meeting of Board of Education Next Monday

With no urgent business on its calendar for consideration, the Martin County Board of Education will not meet next Monday, according to a report coming from the board chairman, Mr. W. O. Griffin, yesterday. The board will hardly meet before the first Monday in March.