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## MANY CHILDREN UNDER AGE ARE SENT TO SCHOOL

### Investigations As To Ages Show Parents Have Short Memories

Attempts to make nurseries out of the first grades in some of the white schools in this county were uncovered in a review of the vital statistics this week. While the attempts to enter the tots not yet 6 and some hardly more than 5 years of age were probably not intentional, it is quite evident that some parents are a bit forgetful. One child was taking his place among the beginners in one of the schools, and he was just about 4 months past 5 years old. Several pupils have already been dropped from the rolls because they were not of school age, and it is understood that ages of some other children will be checked with the possibility that the first-year enrollment figures will be further decreased.

The law requires a child to be 6 years old or older on October 1 before entering school this term.

Approximately two dozen children were ruled ineligible to enter the school at Williamston because they will not be 6 years old until after the first of next month. Nearly every school in the county reported decreases in their beginners' classes.

The high spot in early starts was unofficially reported this week. The story has it that a 4-year-old wandered away from home with several other children and attended school the first day. After that he was roped at home until the other children, several of them, left for school.

For the most part there has been very little trouble in enforcing the age ruling in the county, most of those starting too young having done so because their ages were not exactly known by them or their parents, school authorities said.

## Man Suffers Broken Neck at Local Mill

His neck broken when a dry kiln door fell on him at the plant of the Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company mill here early yesterday, Sam Hinton, 48-year-old colored man, was reported getting along as well as could be expected this morning in a Washington hospital where the man was carried soon after the accident.

Willie Speller, caught under the same door that fell and broke Hinton's neck, was slightly injured. Several other men jumped in time to escape injury when a gust of wind blew the door from its track.

Hinton, coming here from Mount Olive a year ago, was a trusted employee of the company and a good worker, Mr. D. L. Speight, manager for the firm, said this morning.

## To Conduct One Week's Meeting At Macedonia

A meeting at Macedonia church will begin Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Preaching by D. Guy Saunders. The meeting will continue throughout the week.

Congressman Lindsay Warren, of the two Washingtons, was here this morning visiting among friends.

## HOW AGRICULTURAL BUILDING WILL LOOK



When completed, Martin County's agricultural building, next to the county courthouse, will look similar to the one pictured above. The building here will present a better appearance, the district supervisor of the WPA, which organization is handling the construction, explaining that certain alterations would effect improvements.

## Hurricane Passes To East of This Section

### ARGUE CLAIMS

Maintaining it is due a \$562,260.99 refund from the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission, Martin County will send representatives direct before the road debt adjustment commission to present the claim in person on October 8, Elbert S. Peel, county attorney, said this morning. A claim for the refund was filed by the county through its attorney the latter part of last month the commission chairman, Senator Carl L. Bailey, of Washington County, notifying the county it would hold a hearing in Raleigh the 8th of next month.

## Reject All Bids for New Theatre Here; Plan To Try Again

### Bids Range Up To \$6,000 Higher Than Estimates Of Architect

The construction on a new theatre for Williamston was postponed Tuesday following the opening of bids submitted by several contractors. The cost estimates furnished by the contractors exceeded the architect's figures by as much as \$6,000, Mr. J. W. Watts, who is contemplating the building of a second movie house, said this morning. There were marked variations in the cost estimates submitted by the contractors, there being as much as \$3,500 difference between two of the estimates, it was pointed out.

A revision of the plans was ordered by Mr. Watts, who expects to call for new bids within a month or five weeks.

Purchasing a lot on Haughton Street some time ago, Mr. Watts planned a movie house that would cost between \$12,000 and \$15,000, the size of the bids submitted this week coming as a surprise to both Mr. Watts and his architect. Mr. Watts pointed out that he planned to go ahead with the theatre building construction if the bids were reduced at the next letting by \$2,500 or thereabouts.

## Main Damage Along Coast Likely To Be Done by High Tides

### Elizabeth City Reports Big Property Damage; No Lives Are Lost

A tropical hurricane, headed for the North Carolina coast and the Virginia Capes yesterday and last night, curved back to the sea early today, saving the area from probably one of the worst storms in the history of weather bureau service. However, side winds swept over a large area, causing considerable damage to property but no loss of life, surveys made up until noon today indicated.

Extending over an area estimated to be more than 500 miles wide, the disturbance was due to strike the Carolina coast about 2 o'clock this morning. The center of the storm apparently swerved to the north and recurred to the sea, the location of the storm being about 20 miles from the coast just now, traveling north.

Side winds, reaching a velocity of 70 miles an hour at Diamond Shoals off the Carolina coast late yesterday, were reported over a large area, but the intensity was not so great over the territory first included in the path of the storm. Communications systems were cut off, blocked highways delayed and even stopped traffic in the Elizabeth City area and along the Carolina coast. The city of Norfolk reported only one entrance open at noon today, unofficial reports stating that water was 12 to 15 inches deep in the main street there at one time. Schools were closed today, and general business was handicapped, and almost at a standstill in many sections of that area.

Winds stripped pecan and fruit trees in this section, but no damage was reported to property, the wind failing to reach any great velocity here. Local communication was not interrupted, and light service was maintained.

Elizabeth City reported probably the greatest damage as a result of the storm. Unofficial reports from there stated that the storm struck the Pasquotank town-in full force between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning, tearing out store fronts, leveling trees, telephone and electric light poles. Water in some of the streets was as deep as seven or eight inches. No one was injured, and late reports stated that the wind had shifted and boats were left stuck in the mud after the tides receded to a level considerably below normal. People rushed to the marshes and picked up fish left high and dry by the receding water. Apparently the worst side winds struck Manteo, swept up to Elizabeth City and then turned back to the sea. Storm damage done in the Dare section could not be determined as the territory was completely isolated. A lone report from one of the Coast Guard stations reported that the storm was subsiding, that several homes on the narrow strip of land south of Nags Head had been wrecked, and one blown away, but that no one was badly injured there.

While considerable damage was done by winds, the greater loss is expected to result from high tides.

Coast Guard forces are continuing to rush into the storm area to supplement the forces already at work, one of the large broadcasting trucks that left Jacksonville, Fla., late yesterday, passing through here shortly before noon today for Norfolk. With the assurance that the storm had passed, people all over this area began to breathe easier this afternoon and to turn their attention to some thing else.

## EIGHT CASES ARE TRIED IN COUNTY COURT TUESDAY

### Fine for Drunken Driving Upped To \$100 by Judge H. O. Peel

The Martin County Recorder's Court held a lengthy session Tuesday, and probably the tribunal would have continued work well into the night had it not decided to continue about one-half or six of the 14 cases on the docket.

The premium exacted by the court on drunken driving reached the \$100 mark this week, Judge Peel placing a \$100 fine on Herbert Bunting for drunken automobile driving. The defendant was required to pay the cost and lost his right to drive a car during the next 12 months.

John H. Cowan, charged with violating the liquor laws, was sentenced to the roads for three months and directed to pay the costs of the action, the sentence to begin at the direction of the court.

Charged with bastardy, William Mills was directed to pay \$10 a month to the court for the child during the next six months and report for further judgment at the end of that time.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging L. L. Keel with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Kneezee Williams, charged with operating an automobile while intoxicated, was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for one year.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of cost in the case charging Alexander Jones and Sylvester Moore with being drunk and disorderly.

The case charging Rufus Taylor with being drunk and disorderly was remanded to justice of peace court "for irregularity of warrant."

Cases charging Harry S. Peel with passing bad check; Ben Rives with being drunk and an assault with a deadly weapon; Jesse Rogers, violating the liquor laws; Clyde Knight larceny and receiving; Matthew Davis, assault with deadly weapon; were continued until October 6.

The court gave notice of the suspension of activities until Tuesday, October 6, the superior tribunal going into a two-weeks term, beginning next Monday.

## FREE TICKETS TO FAIRS SENT TO 24 GOOD GUESSERS

### Passes To Williamston and State Fairs Given for Sale Estimates

Free weekly passes to the Williamston Fair, September 28 to October 3, and to the State Fair, Raleigh, were mailed to 24 persons offering the best estimates on the number of pounds of tobacco that would be sold on the Williamston market opening day, September 1.

The officials figures for the opening day sales here showed 162,302 pounds sold for an average of \$23.41. W. A. Wynne, Powellville man, with a guess of 162,500 pounds, was nearest the figure. Felton Barker, Coleraine man, was second with a guess of 162,585 pounds. In addition to Messrs. Barker and Wynne, free passes were delivered to the following:

Mrs. Dizie Perry and George N. Barker, Coleraine; Miss Mattie Lou White, E. J. Pruden, jr., and Mrs. Sallie Adams, Merry Hill; Miss Alice Dillard and W. T. Dillard, of Powellville; L. W. Holloman, Frank C. Walston and John E. Peel, Roxobel; R. T. Joyner and Richard Joyner, Kelford; Mrs. L. J. Davenport, Mrs. A. I. Mobley and Miss Irene Davenport, Oak City; Edgar Braxton and Miss Annie Wommack, Scotland Neck; Raleigh Phelps and Walter Miller, Windsor; H. H. Taylor, Mrs. D. E. Barker, and D. E. Barker, of Harrellsville.

The guesses were made during the good will tour sponsored by the Williamston Fair and the local tobacco market during the week preceding the opening of the marketing season.

## Start Series Services at Oak City Next Monday Night

The revival will begin at the Christian church in Oak City next Monday night at 7:45. Rev. J. M. Perry will do the preaching. There will be special music, such as solos, duets, and special by the choir and feature songs by the junior choir. The whole town and surrounding community is asked to cooperate and enjoy the messages in sermon and song.

## Big Rally of Farmers Planned at Williamston Fair; Representative Lindsay Warren To Be Speaker

### Construction of Agricultural Building Is Under Way Here

Construction work, delayed for one reason or another for several months, finally got underway on a new \$10,000 agricultural building for Martin County here yesterday. Thousands of brick and lumber in fairly large quantities were placed on the Main Street lot next to the county courthouse yesterday, but only a small number of workmen reported to start the building foundation.

The project, employing about 10 skilled and 10 unskilled workmen, will be completed in about five months, the time depending upon weather conditions and other factors.

Designed to house the offices of the county agent, the building will have six rooms, an auditorium seating about 200 people, a basement and halls. The project is under the direction of E. L. Winslow, supervisor of the Works Progress Administration, which organization is largely financing the cost of the structure. The engineer in charge is W. O. Pratt, and he will be assisted by Albert Gurkin, builder.

### To Be Sponsored by Farm Bureau Group On September 30th

### Hope To Perfect Organization To Push Legislation For Farmers' Benefit

Preliminary plans were advanced by members of the Martin County Board of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation in meeting here Wednesday afternoon for a big farmers' rally at the Williamston Fair on Wednesday, September 30. "We are expecting more than 2,000 farmers from this county and several thousand from adjoining territory to be present on that day, when it is hoped a strong organization may be perfected to push legislation through at the next North Carolina General Assembly in support of State compacts for tobacco and other farm crops," Mr. H. S. Everett, president of the county unit of the Farm Bureau, said following the meeting.

The need for a strong organization to urge the passage of certain legislation necessary to the welfare of agriculture was brought home to the farmers of this state only a few months ago, when authorities refused to act, it was pointed out. The big farmers' day rally planned here Wednesday week and others over the State will serve as a remedy to such situations, it is believed, and invitations are going out to thousands of farmers to attend and take part in the momentous event.

Farm Bureau organizations in 15 counties are being contacted by bureau officials in this county, urging them to send their farmers to the rally, and present indications point to one of the largest assemblies of farmers here that day of any time during recent years.

Congressman Lindsay Warren is expected here to address the farmers. State agricultural officials and Edward O'Neal, the hard-working president of the National Farm Bureau Federation have been urged in special invitations to attend and address the farmers, Mr. Everett said in explaining that the rally was one of the biggest undertakings ever sponsored by the Farm Bureau in this section.

Meeting with the representatives of the county Farm Bureau unit on Wednesday afternoon, N. Y. Chambliss and Harvey Walker, managers of The Williamston Fair, pledged their cooperation in making the rally a success. General admission fees will be reduced one-half, the grandstand will be given over to the farmers from 10 o'clock that morning until 1 o'clock that afternoon, and other special concessions made as special inducements to the farmers to gather here on Wednesday, September 30.

The time for the farmers to act is now, Farm Bureau authorities declare. Delay will mean that agriculture will go begging another year, unless action is taken by them now that favorable legislation may be demanded in ample time to assure its passage before another marketing season arrives. The Farm Bureau has already proved its worth and its possibilities for further aiding the farmer in the future are many.

All farmers in this county are urged to make plans to be present for the big rally at the Williamston Fair on Wednesday, September 30. Details of the event will be made public as rapidly as they are formulated by county Farm Bureau

## Farmers Fail To Plant Soil-Conserving Crops

### Must Take Action Soon To Insure Full Benefits of Program

### Time for Planting Some Crops Is Extended To October 1

Reports from the office of the agricultural agent indicate that quite a number of farmers in this county have not planted the percentage of soil-conserving crops necessary to the profitable participation in the soil-conserving payments. However, those farmers who have idle acres and who have not planted the necessary percentage of soil-conserving crops still have time to qualify. Mr. T. B. Slade, in charge of compliance work, stated that the time for planting such crops as vetch, Austrian winter peas, and crimson clover had been extended from September 1 to October 1. Mr. Slade explained that these crops could be planted only on idle acres; that is, land that was not used this season for growing depleting crops.

It is understood that some farmers reduced their soil-depleting crops such as tobacco, cotton, and peanuts, but failed to plant soil-conserving crops that make the farmer eligible for the soil-conserving payments. Those farmers who fail to meet the requirements will have their payments reduced by about \$13.90 for each acre. In urging those farmers who have not met the requirements to plant the soil-conserving crops before the first of next month, the agent pointed out that only idle acres may be used.

## Three Murder Cases Are Scheduled for Trial During Session

### Also Two Action Charging Manslaughter; Expect Large Crowds

Three murder cases are expected to attract large crowds to the county hall of justice next week, when the superior court convenes Monday for a two weeks term, with the possibility that the case charging Mrs. Estelle Wynne with first-degree murder will pack the auditorium to overflowing. In addition to the murder cases, there are two more alleging manslaughter, the nature of the docket clearly indicating that life was cheap in this county during recent months. Aside from the cases growing out of killings of one kind or another, the docket is considered of little consequence with the possible exception of one or two robbery counts. The docket, while burdened with murder cases, is one of the shortest prepared for a September term of court in this county in a number of years.

Judge M. V. Barnhill, second district judge, of Rocky Mount, is scheduled to preside. The old Ollie Page manslaughter case occupies first position on the docket, where it has been for the past two years. The colored man, driving a truck for J. Lloyd Corey, was arrested following an accident

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## Heavy Offerings Black Tips Hold Down Tobacco Prices

Heavy offerings of black tips and large quantities of other inferior types of tobacco effected a sharp decrease in the price averages over the marketing bell this week, causing some concern among farmers. That good tobaccos are commanding prices as high as they did during the first few days of the marketing season there is some disagreement, but those farmers offering their better grades are receiving averages around the 46-cent mark on the Williamston market today. The offerings are made up mostly of poor quality tips and other inferior grades, but if good tobacco is reached the price jumps into the 36-cent range and often passes the 40-cent mark. Reports from over the belt clearly indicate decreases in the price averages, close comparisons clearly proving that the Williamston market is holding its own with any and all of them with a slight advantage in the marketing of some grades. Including today's sales, the local market is nearing the one and a half million pound mark, the average ranging above 22 cents. Yesterday the market sold 134,460 pounds for \$28,038.49, the observers estimating the sales today at around 75,000 pounds.

## NUTS AND BOLTS



Much has been said about the day dreaming driver. But what about the wool-gathering walker? Blissfully, with his mind in the clouds, he steps out into the No Man's Land between intersections. To him, because he sees no danger, there is no danger. But he's due for a rude awakening from love's sweet dream. Figures compiled by Travelers In-

strange Company statisticians show that 4,500 pedestrians met death while crossing between intersections last year. Nearly 75,000 others were injured. This phase of jay-walking alone accounted for more than 25 per cent of all pedestrian deaths and injuries in 1935. If you would live out your allotted span, cross at intersections only, and wait for the signal.