

District Meeting Here Will Study New Farm Setup

Community Meetings Are to Be Held in This County Soon

County farm agents and county committees and representatives from community committees in five counties will study the new 1938 soil conservation program in the Martin County Agricultural building on Thursday of this week, it was announced today by Agent Thos. B. Brandon.

Plans for the next year program have just been released to agricultural officials in this State, and they will be discussed by Murphy L. Barnes at the meeting in this county beginning at 9:30 Thursday morning. The meeting will continue in session a greater part of the day, and it is important that all county committees and chairmen of the various community committees in the counties of Bertie, Hertford, Martin, Washington and Tyrrell be present.

Plans that will be advanced at the meeting in this county are not at all dependent upon action by the Congress, and the passage or non-passage of control legislation will not affect the soil conservation features of the 1938 program.

This meeting will be followed soon by community meetings at which farm agents and the committees will present details of the program and explain the background to the growers.

Dates and places for the community meetings will be announced soon, said T. B. Brandon.

E. Y. Floyd, State AAA executive officer, has pointed out that the meetings are being held this fall to give farmers ample time to consider provisions of the program before they plan next year's crops.

He also said state AAA officials hope that individual growers' "goals" will be established at an early date so they will have a definite objective to guide them in planning their work.

The 1938 program differs from this year's program in details, but the fundamental objectives of encouraging the growing of soil-conserving crops and limiting cash crops remain the same.

Series Of Services In Local Church

The series of evangelistic services conducted by the Williamston Christian church was begun on Sunday with two large congregations. The feature of congregational singing was very much in evidence in the evening service. The pastor, the Rev. John L. Goff is doing the preaching. On Monday evening the attendance was considered fine for the first Monday evening of the meeting. The pastor spoke on the subject of "Soul Winning as Art Taught by Philip."

Rev. L. B. Scarborough of Bath will arrive this evening to lead the song service and to assist in the formation of a "Sunbeam Chorus" and solicits the cooperation of parents with their children in order that they might have this fine part in services from night to night.

Mr. Goff will use as his subject tonight, "The Secret of a Victorious Life."

Thursday evening will be a feature service since it will be Armistice Day. The ministerial association voted to have a joint service at the Christian church with Mr. Goff preaching the sermon with its emphasis falling on peace. The public is invited to this and all of the services held during the meeting.

Firemen Are Called Out Several Times Recently

Williamston's volunteer firemen were called out twice during the week-end, first to the Atlantic Hotel Saturday evening at 6:30 o'clock and yesterday morning at 11:15 to a trash pile fire on East Church street.

A stove went out of control in the hotel lobby and threatened to fire the building. The oil supply was cut off and the fire burned itself out without causing any damage.

Fanned by a strong wind, the Church street trash pile fire was sending up a large volume of smoke and threatened to spread to nearby buildings. Street department employees, using a hose line laid by the firemen, put out the fire.

A third call within four days was received by the fire department this morning at 10:20 o'clock to a grass fire on Pearl Street near the Meadows and Ballard homes.

Jobs Go Begging For Workers In This Section of the County

According to reports coming from the district employment office in Williamston, there is no unemployment problem in this immediate area, the reports further stating that there is actually much difficulty in filling jobs that are calling for workers in fifteen or more vocations.

The following statement was released today by Manager Cyrus W. Bazemore:

"The Williamston unit of the State Employment Service has been looking for qualified help lately to fill some of its orders from employers in this and other areas of the State. Present open jobs for which there seems to be a shortage of applicants in this section, include the following:

"Cooks, colored, bellboy and house boy, salesman, carpenter for steady work, 55c hour, store clerk, young man, 20-25 years old, cafe waitresses, Saturday clerks, tile setters, experienced, roofers, experienced, shoe salesman, auto mechanic, experienced, second cook, colored, man, experienced blacksmith, electric arc welders, and brickmasons.

"Shortage of certain kinds of labor has been reported from the Williamston section, recently. Farm workers, and day laborers have been hard to locate. Work opportunities exist in many lines, for qualified applicants, and the employment office in the town hall will supply full information to all those interested."

Lunch Room Fills Big Need In Local Schools

CLOSING DATE

Friday, November 19, has been tentatively set as the closing date for the Williamston Tobacco market, Sales Supervisor Henry Johnson said today following a meeting of the tobacco board of trade yesterday. A definite date for closing what is described as the most successful season in the history of the local market will possibly be determined at a meeting of the board of trade some time this week.

A sale of more than 100,000 pounds was held here yesterday, but the offerings are small compared with the blocks on the market just a few weeks ago. Farmers are offering now the remnants of their crop, and it is believed that all of it will have been marketed by or on Friday of next week.

Local Schools To Hold Open House

In observance of National Educational Week which is being celebrated throughout the nation from Nov. 7-14, the local schools will hold open house on Thursday, Nov. 11. The Williamston Parent-Teacher association through its president, Mrs. W. K. Parker, is urging parents of school children and interested citizens to visit the classrooms at the three buildings between 8:30 and 3:30 on that day. Regular school activities will be carried on during the day and visitors will have an opportunity to observe pupils and teachers in typical classroom situations. It is hoped that many parents will show their interest in the school program by visiting the classrooms on Thursday. A regular devotional program with Rev. Goff as speaker will be held in the grammar school auditorium at 8:40. The special Education Week observance program will be held in the high school auditorium at 10:30. Feature of the program will be the following addresses:

Education for Peace, Elbert S. Peele.

What North Carolina Offers in the Way of Educational Opportunity, Supt. James C. Manning.

All parents and friends of the school are invited to attend these programs and visit the school sometime during the day.

Miss Beal To Address Woman's Club Meeting

Miss Marjorie Beal, representative of the State Library Extension department, will address the regular meeting of the Woman's club here tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, the president announced today.

Considerable importance is attached to the meeting since it may be possible to formulate plans at that time for establishing a public library for Williamston and community. Special invitations are extended members of the Junior Woman's club and the general public urging them to attend and hear Miss Beal. Mrs. J. F. Thigpen, chairman of the education department, will have charge of the program.

Williamston Native Ill At Home In Belhaven

Suffering a heart attack several days ago, Mr. Will A. Ellison continues quite ill at his home in Belhaven. Mr. Ellison is a native of Williamston, but has made his home in the Beaufort County town for a long number of years.

Issue Twenty-five Marriage Licenses During Past Month

Number Issued to White White Couples Largest Since Last December

Twenty-five marriage licenses were issued by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger in this county last month, the number being the second largest issued so far this year. The marriage bureau patrons came from as far away as Tennessee, Oklahoma, Maryland and Virginia. The number of licenses issued to white couples was the largest since December of last year and exceeded the issuance to colored couples for the third time this year.

Licenses were issued to the following:

White
T. C. Whitley and Mary Louise Everett, both of Hassell.

Gary Bunting, of Martin County, and Reba Pridgen, of Edgecombe county.

Kader L. Rawls and Idell Williams, both of Robersonville.

Lester Hayes, of Cooksville, Tenn., and Helen Haag, of Perkins, Oklahoma.

Geo. T. Clark and Edna L. Suttle, both of Greenville.

Mackull Souders, of Hancock, Maryland, and Helen Louise Bryant of Roanoke, Va.

Theodore Ange and Mary Stewart Ambrose, both of Martin county.

Dan Dukes, of Greenwood, S. C., and Mary Jefferson of Hyde county.

Wm. Alton White, of Hassell, and Janita Jane Perry, of Robersonville.

Johnnie Bowen, of Williamston, and Gladys Warren, of Robersonville.

C. J. McDonner and Florence Thompson, both of Gastonia.

B. C. Chesson, of Robersonville, and Marie Spruill, of Williamston.

LeRoy Knox and Emeline Barber, both of Williamston.

Jos. H. Roebuck and Annie Estelle Gardner, both of Williamston.

Audrey Burl Gurganus and Mattie Luelyn Roberson, both of Plymouth.

Wm. Baker Howard, of Scotland Neck, and Katie Mae Bennett, of Martin County.

H. Nathan Woolard and Mamie Carraway, both of Beaufort County.

Walter H. Brooks, of Lenoir county, and Jean Stocks, of Greenville.

Colored
Aaron P. Perry and Dora Johnson, both of Williamston.

Elliott Jordan and Jessie Pender, both of Robersonville.

Robert Peel and Christine Perkins, both of Robersonville.

Irvin Ross and Lucinda Battle, both of Parmele.

Cecil Keel and Bessie Ward, both of this county.

Edgar Elbron and Annie Gertrude Bell, both of Robersonville.

Augustus Ford and Clester Jones, both of Martin county.

Marco Theatre To Open Here Soon

The opening date for Williamston's second movie house, the Marco, on Houghton Street, has been tentatively set for next Monday, Mr. J. W. Watts, owner-manager, stating today that every effort was being made to have the house ready for use at that time.

No formal opening has been planned, the management announcing today that it plans to show the first picture at 7:15 that evening, followed by a second showing at nine o'clock.

The "Marco," deriving its name from Martin County, is a modern movie house and is equipped with the latest machinery.

A definite opening date can possibly be made the latter part of this week.

LAND SALE

One hundred and twenty-four delinquent town tax accounts were offered for sale at the courthouse door here yesterday noon. Not a single bidder was present and Collector W. B. Daniel bought every one of them for the town. The sale, begging for buyers, was completed five minutes after it was started.

The number of accounts offered for sale yesterday was about the same as for 1936.

Sales certificates will be issued and placed on record within the next few days, and foreclosure proceedings will follow in accordance with the law within two years.

Peanut Market Sags Under Record-Breaking Deliveries

Bogged down by record-making deliveries last week, the peanut market nearly suspended activities here yesterday. With prices ranging at three cents, an occasional lot commanding 3 1-8, farmers halted their marketing work and started inquiring for warehouses of the North Carolina Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, and it is believed that few sales will be handled until the warehouses are opened unless the open market comes out of its present slump.

Applications to operate three bonded warehouses in Williamston have been filed with the proper authorities, and it is possible that deliveries will be received within the next week. Pressure is now being brought for the opening of the warehouses, while just no longer than last week the sellers were rushing to the open market. The opening of

the houses will be announced just as soon as one or more of the applications have been approved, according to information reaching here.

Thousands of bags of peanuts were delivered here by Martin farmers and others in nearby counties. Reports from independent dealers state that the quality of the crop is very good, and it is believed a large percent will grade above the government minimum requirements and command 3 1-4 cents at stabilization warehouses.

Peanut harvesting is now in full swing over the county, some sections reporting the thrashing operations more than half completed. Threatening weather today may interrupt the work, but with favorable conditions existing, the farmers plan to have 90 per cent or more of the crop ready for market by the end of next week or the middle of the week following.

Total County Liquor Sales Are \$270,750.00

Quarterly Increases Shown Since Stores Opened In July, 1935

Net Profit to County at the End of 26 Months Is \$52,000

Liquor sales in the four Martin County Alcoholic Beverage Control stores amounted to \$30,259.05 during the third quarter, bringing the total sales since the stores were opened in July, 1935, up to \$270,750.47, according to an audit released recently.

A year ago, the system reported sales amounting to \$27,864.59, the third quarter sales this year being greater by about \$2,500 than they were in 1936 and about \$8,000 greater than they were for the same three months in 1935. Total expenses for handling the sales in the third quarter of 1936 were \$3,557.36 or 13.15 per cent of net sales as compared with \$4,336.76 or 14.35 per cent of net sales last quarter. While the operating expenses were greater in July, August and September of this year, the audit explains that bonds were renewed during the period at a cost of nearly \$900.

Cost of purchases has increased a fraction of one per cent over the cost of a year ago, the audit showing that just about 66 cents out of every dollar spent for whiskey go to the manufacturers.

The profit received by the county for operating the stores from July, 1935, to the first of last month amounts to \$52,000.10. Profits have run as high as \$11,661.14 in a single quarter, but with the State receiving a greater share—seven per cent on gross sales—and the "store" towns participating to the extent of 20 per cent of the net, profits to the county are now and will continue smaller even though the volume of sales continues to increase. Since the stores were opened the State has collected as sales tax, first at the rate of 3 per cent and late 7 per cent, nearly \$10,000. The towns have shared at the rate of 20 per cent of net profits during the last two quarters a total of \$1,881.01 divided as follows: Williamston, \$1,031.67; Robersonville, \$431.41; Oak City, \$134.79, and Jamesville, \$283.14. In addition to the approximately \$64,000 profits, the system has set aside \$3,311.87 for law enforcement.

Sales by quarters since the first store was opened and the profits accruing to the county in those periods are:

Quarter Ending	Sales	County Profits
Sept., 1935	\$22,249.35	\$2,743.11
Dec., 1935	37,379.29	9,887.99
March, 1936	25,274.96	4,759.91
June, 1936	21,584.05	3,425.70
Sept., 1936	27,864.59	5,619.98
Dec., 1936	44,727.00	11,661.14
March, 1937	29,771.20	6,563.07
June, 1937	31,640.98	4,484.77
Sept., 1937	30,259.05	2,654.43

Totals \$270,750.47 \$52,000.10

Opening of new stores first in Bertie and later in Washington County was affected sales to a certain extent in this county, but the volume of business continues to show an increase, but the rate of increasing is apparently approaching a maximum.

R. H. Goodman is in Richmond this week attending to business matters.

Accident Claims Life In County Over Week-end

Several Serious Wrecks Reported in Section During Week-end

Death stalked on the highways of Martin County again during the week-end when Charles L. Cameron, young white man, was fatally hurt near Gardners Creek on the Jamesville Highway. Cameron died this morning in a Washington hospital from injuries received when his car went out of control and turned over on a curve just this side of the creek late Sunday night.

The accident was one of several serious ones reported in this and adjoining counties during the week-end. Calvin Pritchard was fatally hurt in Bertie and his son lies critically injured in a hospital as a result of an auto wreck on the Aulander road near Windsor Sunday night. Several people were hurt, one seriously, in a wreck near Plymouth Saturday afternoon. Leon Ange, one of the car drivers figuring in a head-on collision, was badly hurt and his fourteen-year-old son is in a Washington hospital with a skull fracture and other injuries.

Driving alone toward Plymouth late Sunday night, Cameron is said to have been driving rapidly. Mr. Joyner, express messenger on the train operating through here, was driving the same road and according to information reaching here Cameron passed him a short distance from the scene of the wreck traveling about 65 to 70 miles an hour. The Cameron car, a new DeSoto with just over 1,000 miles on the speedometer, is said to have turned over possibly eight times. The man's skull was fractured in three places and he was badly cut and bruised on other parts of his body. The car was demolished.

Cameron, about 30 years old, was a native of Goldsboro. He was railway mail clerk on the train operating through here, having held that position for about four years. He is survived by one sister who is in the State Sanatorium. Funeral arrangements had not been completed at noon today but it is expected the funeral services will be held in Goldsboro tomorrow and that interment will follow in a cemetery there.

Plan No Program For Armistice Day

No program will be observed here in connection with the celebration of the Armistice Day celebration on Thursday, but Martin County Legionnaires and members of the Legion Auxiliary in this county plan to participate in a big program over in Windsor, it was announced today by J. E. Boykin, commander of the John W. Hassell Post in this county.

Williamston will fly its flags, and programs will be held in the schools, but business will go forward as usual here.

An interesting program has been arranged for the celebration over in Windsor and hundreds of former soldiers from Hertford, Northampton, Bertie and Martin are expected to attend. Registrations will get underway in the Bertie courthouse at 9:30 that morning. A parade will form at the courthouse and led by the Robersonville High School band will continue to the high school where the exercises will be held. Judge W. C. Morse, Jr., will deliver the main address. Dinner will be served all registered veterans, their wives and friends.

November Gardening Is Reported Here

November gardening is being reported here by a number of town-lot farmers who are plucking sizeable and juicy tomatoes, the vines of which ordinarily stop bearing long before this time.

"Farmer" J. G. Godard has just recently harvested a sizeable tomato crop from a few vines grown at his home in New Town, and several other families are supplying their tables from vines in the backyards.

Legion Post Makes Plans For Completion of Hall

The John W. Hassell Post of the American Legion is making plans to raise enough funds to complete the Legion Hall before Christmas.

Letters have been written to all who have not paid their pledges asking them to pay and a club has been started known as "Twenty Fivers." This club is to be composed of twenty-five persons each raising or giving \$25.00.

HEALTH BOARD

Members of the Martin County Board of Health will meet in special session in the courthouse here tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock when they will consider applications for the full-time health officer.

There are several applications on file, but the meeting is expected to center its attention around an interview with one of the applicants, it was learned. The doctor whose home is in

Louisburg is now taking special training in the public health school at Chapel Hill.

Consider Peanut Control At Meet

Martin County farmers and others from 34 peanut growing counties have been called to meet at 7:30 Wednesday night at Windsor to confer with Congressman John H. Kerr of the second district on a peanut section to be drafted in a general crop control bill, it was announced here last night by E. F. Arnold, secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation.

Congressman Lindsay Warren of the first district was invited to attend, but advised R. C. Holland of Edenton, who arranged the conference, that he had other engagements. Holland said last night he would have a rough draft of the desired peanut section ready when the farmers convene and expressed the hope it would be polished sufficiently to be presented to Congress.

Potato growers, who have voiced demands for control legislation, also have been invited to the conference.

First Forest Fire Of Season Is Reported

The first forest fire of the season in this county was reported in the upper part of the county last week by County Warden S. J. Tetterton. No great damage resulted, the warden stating that Towerman T. E. Goodrich and assistants brought the fire under control before it had burned hardly fifteen acres.

Refusing to take a dare from her school playmates, Mavaughn Bell, 11-year-old colored girl is said to have started the fire. Her father, Tom Bell, accepted the cost of checking the fire and the State will not prosecute the case. Warden Tetterton said it is a bit early for forest fires in the county, but the forestry group is making preparations to go into action within the next few weeks.

Episcopal Church Will Hold Day Of Prayer

On November 11, the Church of the Advent will join with many other churches in the day of prayer for peace. The church will be open all day and leaflets, prepared for the occasion, will be found on the table in the vestibule of the church.

On the evening of November 11 our congregation is urged to attend the service at the Christian church where a special Armistice sermon will be preached.