

Number Employed Persons Increasing, District Office Says

Unemployment Is Less in This Section Than in Parts of State

A pick-up in employment conditions in the counties of this section, indicated by increased numbers securing jobs, is reported this week by the Williamston office of the State employment service.

Jobs for approximately sixty people have been located in the past two weeks by the Williamston office, mainly in private employment of regular duration. During the month of February—a "slow" month for employment locally, eighty-seven placements were reported by the Williamston office. During February, the Edenton office placed 47 and the Elizabeth City office placed 74 in jobs.

Increasing numbers of farmers, landlords, and others, have recently called on the Williamston employment office for "wage workers," gardeners and farm hands, for temporary and regular jobs. Usually, the calls can be filled on reasonably short notice. Unemployment is less in the immediate Williamston section than in some others, the figures show.

The local office in the Town Hall building, has at this time, many qualified workers, male and female, white and colored, to fill jobs as gardeners, cooks, clerks, salesmen, farm hands, truck drivers, delivery boys, etc., as well as other workers of professional and clerical qualifications. Almost any type of worker to fill about any requirement, can be secured by the employment office, either out of local registrations or through the state-wide clearance order system, an interchange of calls with other offices over North Carolina.

Fishermen Report Increased Catches

Fishing activities are now underway in the Roanoke on a large scale, reports from the fisheries at Jamesville and in the lower part of the county stating that operations are going forward smoothly, that the catches are increasing daily. However, it was pointed out that the catches are not very large, but compare favorably in size with those of the same date a year ago.

A bright spot was found in the reports reaching here today, the fishery operators at Jamesville stating they had already taken more shad this season than they did all last year.

Herring are being taken in fairly large number in the river at this point and the market prices is now eight for a quarter. Several shad have been caught in machines operating on the river here.

Milk Ordinance Will Be Enforced Locally

Board Of Health Works To Effect Supply Increase

Efforts Made Not to Work Hardships on Any Producers

Williamston's milk ordinance, little heeded since its passage several years ago, is now receiving attention and its enforcement by state and local sanitarians can be expected in the future, according to a warning sounded this week by the county health officials. It is not the aim of the health department to work hardships on anyone, and everything is being done to increase the local milk supply rather than curtail it. No concerted drive to put ungraded dairies out of business is anticipated, but special efforts will be made to improve the supply and have all milk sold within the town properly graded. There is little demand for ungraded milk, reports show.

Following the passage of the milk ordinance here several years ago, the milk supply was greatly improved and grade "A" requirements were met to have Williamston appear on the United States honor roll. Since that time, milk consumption has increased rapidly and steadily.

The following has just been re-

Judge W. J. Bone Raps A. B. C. Profits Motive

RAPS PROFITS System Must Stress Enforcement Rather Than Sales Profits



Judge Walter Bone, presiding over the current term of Martin Superior Court, predicted yesterday in his charge to the grand jury that the present liquor control system will fail if emphasis is not taken off profits.

Two Schools Ask For Gymnasiums In Martin County

Jamesville and Oak City To Seek Aid from W. P. A.

Preliminary plans were considered last week by committees from Jamesville and Oak City in a meeting in the office of the county board of education for the construction of gymnasiums in the two towns, authoritative reports released today stating that no definite action in advancing the projects had been taken at this time.

According to reports reaching here, citizens of the two towns are planning to raise funds for the purchase of the lumber and appeal to the Works Progress Administration to construct the buildings. Some aid is to be expected from the county, but no definite amounts have been mentioned. It is thought by some that the county will participate in the program to the extent of about \$2,000 or approximately \$1,000 for each building.

Committees in the two towns are said to be making a canvass of the school patrons in their respective communities and urging them to donate the fifty or sixty thousand feet of lumber necessary for the

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UPSET

Bootlegging activities within Williamston's corporate limits last week-end were upset Saturday afternoon when Officer J. H. Allsbrooks found and confiscated twenty-three gallons of the R. F. D. spirits. Twenty gallons were found hid in a clump of bushes just off Sycamore and Railroad streets, and three gallons were found in the underbrush just off West Warren street, where little children are said to have been known to have peddled the raw liquor in small quantities.

No arrests were made, but the officer is of the opinion that the operators will be thrown out of balance economically in the future.

Evan Griffin Wins Martin County B. And L. Contest

Evan Griffin of Farm Life high school and Doris Andrews of Williamston high school were the only contestants in the county finals of the essay contest held here yesterday morning. Evan Griffin was declared the winner by Mrs. H. E. Butler, Mrs. John Hardy and Mayor John Hassell who acted as judges. The winner will speak here Thursday in the district finals to be held in connection with the district meeting of the building and loan associations.

Few Cases Handled In Superior Court Up To Noon Today

More Than A Day Is Spent Trying Hardison Liquor Case

Convening here yesterday morning with Judge Walter Bone, of Nashville, on the bench, the Martin County Superior Court soon struck a snag in the trial of the liquor case against C. B. and Perlie Hardison and up until noon today the sheet of completed cases was almost blank.

Defendants in two cases pleaded guilty, and it was thought the court was off to a good start, but the Hardison case blocked action in the other cases, and there is doubt if the criminal docket will be cleared tomorrow.

Alex Bonner, charged with the larceny of a tire, pleaded guilty in the case, and the court suspended judgment upon payment of the costs and \$6 to the prosecuting witness, J. R. Winslow.

Pleading guilty of a dynamite crusade in the Parmele, Robersonville and Bear Grass communities on January 15, Roy Bowers, Jr., and Francis Carson, two young boys, were fined \$15 each, taxed with the court costs and directed to repair damage done to a tenant house belonging to Penina Nelson in Parmele. The two boys, out for fun when they fired several charges of dynamite in the three towns, looked a bit sheepish when they appeared before the court.

Called yesterday morning shortly after 11 o'clock, the case charging C. B. and Perlie Hardison, young white men, with violation of the liquor laws, was still going strong just before noon today. Tried in the county court early last month, the case was recognized as of little importance, but it bobbed up as a major one in the high court this week. Attorney R. L. Coburn was employed to assist the prosecution, and dozens of witnesses were summoned from two counties, the testimony, conflicting at times, drawing sizeable crowds to the courtroom.

Defendants Hardison are alleged to have been operating a car loaded with liquor in the Spring Green section of this county last January 4. The car operators were chased by Officers Roebuck and Haislip, and when they saw it was a losing race for them, the two men abandoned the car and escaped across Lester Everitt's cotton patch. Hardison and Hardison were tried and convicted in the county court, and they appealed from the \$250 fines and six months road sentences. Bond was set at \$500.

Calling a large number of witnesses, the defense maintained that the car, admittedly owned by Hardison, had been stolen and that it was operated by parties unknown to them on the evening of January 4, that they were in Washington at or about the time the officers captured the load of liquor. It was pointed out by the defense that Hardison cashed a check in a Washington drug store on the night of January 4 about 8:30 o'clock. Witness, after witness maintained that they saw Hardison in Washington about 9 o'clock on January 4. The state, calling half a dozen witnesses,

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Subsidies For 1937 Cotton Approved

The senate agriculture committee last week approved a bill to hasten the payment of \$130,000,000 in subsidies to growers of the 1937 cotton crop.

The measure, introduced by Chairman Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, as an amendment to the new agricultural adjustment act, would provide immediate payment of subsidies of three cents a pound.

The requirement that cotton producers show actual compliance with the 1938 cotton production program, which would have delayed payments until this summer, would be waived by the Smith measure. Instead, cotton growers would receive the subsidy payments as soon as they agreed to comply with the 1938 program.

The Smith bill, in addition to clarifying certain passages of the new farm act, would increase the cotton acreage allotments in "border-line" counties where little of the crop has been grown in the past. Secretary Wallace has not yet fixed the amount of the 1937 crop to which the subsidy payments are to apply. In the past, such payments have been limited to cotton produced on 85 per cent of a farmer's base acreage.

Political Line-up in County To Start Taking Shape Soon

Quietness surrounding the political front for some time in this county is certain to end before the current week is spent, if reports circulated here yesterday and today prove true. No definite announcements could be obtained today, but reliable reports clearly indicate that the political line-up in the county will be shaped to a certain extent between now and Friday.

With the time limit for filing candidacies just a month away, developments in the political realm are expected to break rapidly during the next few days. Already plans are underway for setting up the election machinery, and to date no official announcement has been made by a candidate for a county office. Reports state that with one

District Building and Loan Meet Thursday

State Association Heads To Address Meet on Thursday

More Than 100 Representatives Planning Are to Attend

Plans were announced complete today for entertaining the annual district meeting of the North Carolina Building and Loan League here on Thursday of this week. Mr. Wheeler Martin of the local building and loan association, stating today that more than 100 representatives of the 30 associations in the second district are expected here for the sessions.

The first of the sessions will get underway in the Woman's Club at 4:30 that afternoon, the program to center around informal discussions of building and loan activities, and a review of the Federal Housing Administration by Fred Willetts, former president of the State association and now secretary-treasurer of the Cooperative Association, Wilmington.

That evening the visitors will be guests of the Martin County association at a dinner, Mayor J. L. Hassell welcoming the group. The evening program is certain to attract considerable attention as it lists prominent leaders in the building and loan field. Mr. N. Mitchell, president of the North Carolina Building and Loan League, Mr. O. K. LaRoue, president of the Federal Home Loan Bank, both of Winston-Salem; George W. Crone, deputy insurance commissioner in charge of building and loan units and Henry Gregory, Jr., treasurer of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Rocky Mount, have parts on the evening program. Each of the speakers has been allotted ten minutes, and their addresses will be heard with much interest. Their topics have not been released, but their remarks will be centered around current problems, common to all building and loan associations.

Following these addresses, the Keesler Memorial Essay contest will be held. At least five contestants are expected to compete for the \$30 prize and two smaller ones. Evan Griffin, of the Farm Life School, winning out in the semi-finals here yesterday, will represent the Martin County unit. Other speakers will come here from as far away as Raleigh.

Headed by Mr. Wheeler Martin, president, the second district of the organization is comprised of thirty-three building and loan associations.

Williamston Native Dies At Home In Birmingham

Augustus Ray, Williamston native, died last week in Birmingham, Alabama, at the age of 46 years.

The son of Mrs. Hannah Benjamin Ray, he was born on Ray street here, leaving when a young man for Norfolk. Mr. Ray later went to Baltimore and finally located in Birmingham.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Hannah Ray, of Norfolk and Washington; his wife, Mrs. Nellie Ray, of Birmingham; a son, William Ray, of Birmingham; a daughter, Miss Anne Ray, of New York City, and two sisters, Mrs. Essie R. Wilson, of Washington, and Mrs. John Henry Butcher, of Riverview, Norfolk. Mrs. John Cooke, of Williamston, is a first cousin.

Beloved Citizen Dies Early Today In Robersonville

Funeral Services Will Be Held Tomorrow for Mrs. Chandler

Mrs. D. R. Chandler, highly respected citizen and greatly beloved by all who knew her, died at her home at six o'clock this morning in Robersonville. She had been in declining health during the greater part of two years, and about two weeks ago her condition became suddenly worse, the end coming peaceably and gradually. Heart trouble was given as the immediate cause of her death.

The daughter of Mrs. Fate Peel and the late Mr. Peel, Mrs. Chandler was born in Robersonville 60 years ago. In 1900 she was married to Mr. Chandler who survives with two sons, Wilmer Chandler, of Philadelphia, and Randolph Chandler, teacher in the Oak City schools, and one daughter, Miss Katherine Chandler, of Robersonville. She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Joe Mizelle, of High Point; Mrs. H. C. Norman, of Robersonville, and Mrs. Ethel Anderson, of Raleigh, and one brother, Mr. Will Peel, of Philadelphia.

A member of the church for more than a quarter of a century, Mrs. Chandler lived a noble life, a life that enriched the community where she was born and lived. Her sympathetic understanding, her love for her home and family and friends, gained for her a place in the hearts of everyone. She interested herself in the religious activities of her community, and her acts exemplified the finer ideals of life.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. J. M. Perry. Interment will follow in the new cemetery there.

Pre-School Clinics Underway In County

A series of pre-school clinics was off to a good start at Jamesville last week when 30 little folks were examined there by the Martin County Health Department staff. "The general health of the children was unusually good," Dr. Furgurson said. "A few physical defects were found, but in nearly every case they can be corrected, making it possible for the children to enter school on an equal basis with their more healthy companions," the doctor added.

A clinic is underway in the Farm Life school today, and on Thursday the examiners go to Bear Grass. Next Tuesday, children planning to enter the Oak City school next term will be examined at the school there. Parents are urged to cooperate with the health authorities and have their children at the clinics in their respective districts.

POSTPONED

A meeting of the Martin County tax list-takers and supervisor, scheduled to have been held here yesterday, was postponed by Supervisor S. H. Grimes who pointed out that the court was occupying all available space in the courthouse at the time.

According to the supervisor the list-takers will meet here Friday morning of this week at 9:30 o'clock to determine a schedule of values.

Christian Workers' School Closes At Methodist Church

Large Number Receive Certificates of Credit Friday Night

The local Methodist church under the leadership of the pastor, Dr. S. A. Maxwell the past week engaged in a Christian Workers' School as a feature of the Aldersgate program. The course, "Understanding People," enlisted an average attendance of fifty-three pupils. Thirty-one of these met the standards set up by the General Board of Christian Education and received credit for the work. This school is designed definitely to prepare the leadership of the local church for the "Aldersgate Preaching Mission" to be led by the pastor Holy Week. Group graded evangelism is the distinctive feature connected with the preaching missions. The following are among those awarded certificates of credit.

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Farmers To Get Crop Quotas About April 1

MEETING

The Martin County Democratic Executive Committee, E. S. Peel, chairman, is expected to recommend candidates for places on the county board of elections at a meeting here this evening. Republicans, headed by Wheeler Martin, are expected to recommend candidates for a third position on the board. Just what action the meeting will take tonight cannot be guessed, but some believe the present board, Sylvester Peel, chairman; A. T. Perry and J. R. Winslow, members, will be recommended for re-appointment by the State committee in Raleigh on Saturday of this week.

Soda Fountains Ready For New Health Ruling

Anticipating a law requiring the use of sterilized glasses or paper cups at soda fountains, operators here yesterday placed sterilized equipment in their places of business. No regulation has been effected at this time, but it is understood the County Board of Health will direct an appeal to soda fountain operators throughout the county urging them to adopt sanitary methods in serving cool drinks. The enforcement of the practice will rest on ordinances that the several law making bodies will be asked to pass locally.

Local Office "Not Ready" To Reveal Quota For County

Cotton Allotment Delayed; Tobacco Quota Already Given County

Cotton and tobacco marketing quotas for individual farmers will probably be announced by April 1 or sooner, according to E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College.

No official information on the developments in connection with the assignment of quotas could be had from the agricultural office in this county today, but it was reliably learned that the county's tobacco allotment was assigned yesterday, a report stating that the office is "not ready" to reveal the size of the allotment. It was further learned that the cotton allotment for Martin County had been delayed. No reason could be learned for the delay, but unofficial reports from Raleigh indicate that the State authorities are experiencing much trouble with the various claims advanced by the several counties, that the claims, in possibly some cases, exceed the cleared acreage.

The Martin County committee is expected to start work at once on

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