

## Martin Farmers To Get Around \$40,000 In Cotton Payments

### Price Adjustment Money Is Due Between Now and Late Fall

The several hundred cotton farmers in Martin County will receive approximately \$40,000 in price adjustment payments between now and the late fall, according to estimates released by the county agent's office this week.

Application blanks will be made available within a short time, and the farmers will be notified direct by the agent's office when to apply for the price adjustment payments. In making the applications, it was pointed out, farmers will be asked to bring each tenant who grew cotton on their farms last year as it is likely the signatures of both the landlord and tenant will be necessary in filing claims for the payments.

Under an amending act passed by Congress near the close of the recent session, cotton price adjustment payments on cotton produced in 1937 will be distributed to farmers who certify that they have not knowingly overplanted their 1938 cotton acreage allotments, as soon as forms and instructions can be prepared and issued and producers make application for payment, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration has announced.

The legislation authorizing the payments previously required proof of compliance with cotton acreage allotments before the payments could be made.

The amendment also puts into effect a flat payment rate of 3 cents per pound on the amount of cotton eligible for payment which was not sold prior to September 10, 1937. Under the legislation as it was shaped before the amendment, it was necessary in all cases for the producer to sell his cotton before his payment rate could be determined, the rate being the difference between the average price of 7-8 inch middling cotton on the ten designated spot markets and 12 cents per pound on the date of sale, provided that the rate was not to exceed three cents in any case. Under the amendment, all cotton not sold prior to September 10, 1937, the date on which the ten spot market average price of cotton first fell below nine cents during the marketing season of 1937-38, will be treated as if it had been sold on a date when the ten spot market average price was less than 9 cents, giving the producers the maximum payment of three cents. This means that producers who put their cotton under the nine cent government loan may receive cotton price adjustment payments on that part of the loan cotton that is eligible for payment without transferring title.

The rate applicable to cotton sold before September 10, 1937, will be governed by the spot market average price of cotton on the date of sale, as previously provided. For example, if a farmer sold his cotton before September 10, 1937, and on a date when the spot market average was 10 cents a pound, the payment rate applicable to the eligible part of his cotton would be the difference between 10 and 12 cents, or 2 cents per pound.

## Farmers To Tour County Tomorrow

Quite a few Martin farmers will tour the county tomorrow and inspect various farm projects that are being advanced under the direction of the county agents and assistants. Any one is welcome to accompany the group.

The schedule and projects the farmers will inspect are, as follows:

- 8:00—Assemble at Agricultural Building.
- 8:05-8:25—J. G. Stator, Lambs, Permanent Pasture.
- 8:30-9:00—R. L. Perry, Timber Thinning.
- 9:15-9:35—E. H. Manning, Jr., 4-H Corn.
- 9:40-10:10—B. F. Lilley, Jr., 4-H Pigs.
- 10:30—Williamston, Agricultural Building.

### Afternoon

- 1:00—Williamston, Agricultural Building.
- 1:15-1:30—W. M. Hardison, Tobacco.
- 1:35-1:50—V. G. Taylor, Permanent Pasture.
- 2:15-2:30—B. M. Worsley, Tobacco.
- 2:40-2:55—R. A. Haislip, Potato Curing House.
- 3:15-3:45—A. E. Smith, Pure Bred Hogs.
- 4:00-4:20—J. R. Winslow, Tobacco Oil Burner.

## Quietness Marks Observance Of Holiday in Martin County

July Fourth was quietly observed and without serious accident in Martin County, the Tarboro-Williamston baseball game yesterday afternoon attracting an unusually large holiday crowd. A lone arrest was reported during the prolonged holiday, and the defendant faces only a minor charge.

Last Saturday night two cars, one driven by Mr. Augustus Williams, and the other by Linwood James, of Stokes, crashed on the Stokes road, but none was hurt. Considerable damage was done to both cars, however. This morning Miss Cora Holiday was run down and badly but not seriously hurt by an automobile driven by Melvin Roundtree, young colored man of Greenville. Miss Holiday was walking along the highway near the county home when Roundtree started to pass a

truck and lost control of the car. She was treated in a local doctor's office and was later removed to her home near here. Roundtree was booked for reckless driving and assault and is to appear in court on July 18.

The last count on the holiday death toll for the nation stood at 378, nearly 200 of that number losing their lives in traffic mishaps. Pennsylvania with a death toll of 29 led the states. A year ago 563 people lost their lives in holiday accidents in the nation.

Business activities were slowed down to a slow pace here, but a majority of the farmers finding it possible to run their plows for the first time in quite a while held to their fields. However, a goodly number quit their tasks early in the afternoon to attend the ball game here.

### LANDMARK FALLS

The old Biggs and Davenport store, used as a warehouse in recent years on Smithwick Street, is falling before the wreckers this week, the old landmark to give way for an addition to the George Reynolds Hotel.

Built by the late Dawse Biggs and John W. Davenport, about 1884, the building was used during several years or until the firm constructed a new brick building where the George Reynolds hotel now stands. The structure was one of few that escaped the big fire about the close of the century.

## Employment Office Has Busiest Month

Locating jobs for a total of 196 persons during the month of June, the Williamston office of the State Employment Service reported more placement activity in that time than in any month since its establishment here last year. Placements made, included workers from each of the five counties of Martin, Beaufort, Tyrrell, Washington and Hyde, the counties served by this office.

Manager C. W. Bazemore of the local office stated this week that demands for qualified workers ranged from waitresses and cooks to highly skilled tradesmen, such as highway machinery operators, stonemasons, brickmasons, plasterers, painters, etc. A number of carpenters, form builders, and assistants, were also placed, in building construction and highway project work.

The local employment office reports that there always exist jobs and work opportunities, of a general variety; adding that skilled, experienced and qualified workers are invariably those in demand. Many unskilled and untrained workers also find employment, but have to compete with large numbers of other inexperienced and unskilled job seekers. Any person may register for employment, without charge or obligation. His application is then placed in the proper classification, ready for referral when any job is open of the type and occupation he is best fitted for. Many contacts are made with employers of labor, contractors, business men, and others, all vacancies listed as found, and referrals made of qualified applicants.

## Hamilton School Faculty For New Year Is Named

Hamilton's school faculty for the coming term was announced complete yesterday following the reelection of three and the election of three new teachers.

Professor B. B. Castellow returns to the school for the third year as principal. Misses Kathleen Smith, of Vanceboro, and Dorothy Whitehurst, of Bethel, return as teachers of the second and fourth grades respectively. The new teachers are Miss Price, of Scotland Neck; Miss Edna Barnhill, of Stokes, and Miss Hazel Jarrett, of Grifton.

### SPECIALS

The highways of this section possibly bore the heaviest traffic during last week-end on record. No complete check on the heavy flow of traffic is available, but during certain periods last Saturday there was an average of 180 automobiles moving across the Roanoke River bridge here.

## County Allotted Teachers For The New School Term

### Total Number of Teachers Is One Less Than Year Ago

Martin County has been allotted 191 teachers for the coming school term by the State School Commission, the total number being one less than the total a year ago. In the group allotted strictly by the commission are 95 white and 96 colored teachers, two white elementary schools, Robersonville and Farm Life, losing one each, and the white high school at Williamston gaining one teacher. In the colored group, the elementary schools at Everetts and Hamilton each lost a teacher, but the elementary schools at Parmele and Smithwick's each gained a teacher.

Commenting on the allotments, county school officials explained that the loss was not as great as had been anticipated, three other schools in the county falling under the requirements to hold their faculties intact by two or three pupils.

In addition to the number of teachers allotted by the State Commission there are eight vocational instructors who will continue in the schools of the county, receiving salary payments jointly from the county, state and federal governments. The list of these teachers follows: Jamesville agriculture teacher; Williamston home economics and commercial teachers, Robersonville commercial and home economics teachers; Williamston colored vocational trades teacher, and Parmele vocational-agriculture teacher, making a total of 101 white and 98 colored teachers.

Nearly all if not all the positions in the various school faculties have been filled, it is understood.

The allotments made by the State School Commission to the various schools in the county are, as follows:

White	Ele.	H.S.
Jamesville	9	4
Farm Life	4	3
Bear Grass	7	3
Williamston	15	7
Everetts	8	0
Robersonville	9	8
Gold Point	2	0
Hassell	2	0
Oak City	7	5
Hamilton	6	0
Totals	69	26

White Vocational	Ele.	H.S.
Jamesville	1	1
Williamston	2	2
Robersonville	2	2
Oak City	1	1
Totals	6	6

Colored	Ele.	H.S.
Williamston	11	4
Biggs	4	0
Woolards	3	0
Burroughs	3	0
Poplar Point	1	0
Parmele	6	4
Robersonville	6	0
Everetts	3	0
Gold Point	4	0
Oak City	6	0
Hamilton	4	0
Salsbury	3	0
White Oak	2	0
Jones	3	0
Whichard-James	3	0
Bowers	2	0
Jamesville	4	0
Dardens	4	0
Keys	1	0
Piney Woods	1	0
Coreys	1	0
Smithwicks	2	0
Bear Grass	2	0
Cross Roads	1	0
Totals	84	8

In the elementary school the basis of allotment is:

- Twenty-five average daily attendance, one teacher;
- Forty-five average daily attendance, two teachers;
- Seventy-five average daily attendance, three teachers;
- One hundred and ten average daily attendance, four teachers;
- One hundred and forty-five average daily attendance, five teachers;
- One hundred and eighty average daily attendance, six teachers;
- For each additional 36 elementary pupils in average daily attendance, one additional elementary teacher is assigned.

In high schools the basis of allotment is:

- Twenty-five average daily attendance, one teacher;
- Forty in average daily attendance, two teachers;
- Sixty in average daily attendance, three teachers;
- Eighty-five in daily average attendance, four teachers;
- For each additional 35 high school pupils in average daily attendance, one additional teacher is assigned.

## Local Tobacco Market Will Open Season on August 25th

Williamston's growing tobacco market will open the 1938 season on Thursday, August 25, the date set by the United States Tobacco Association in annual meeting at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., being one day earlier than the opening last season. Farmers and warehouse operators had hoped for an opening not later than Tuesday, August 23. The fixing of the opening dates for the various belts was marked by heated arguments, and long hours were spent before a decision could be reached by the committee.

Last year the markets in this belt opened on Thursday, August 26, but farmers and warehouse operators pointed out that the crop was further advanced this season than last and that an earlier opening should be provided. Efforts were made by those markets in competi-

tion with those in the Border and South Carolina area to have the openings fall nearer together, but the association committee's action calls for activities to get underway on the Border three weeks ahead of the eastern markets. The dates caused a long debate on the floor of the meeting last Friday, but representatives of the North Carolina and Old Belt territories were unsuccessful in their efforts to have the report tabled and other opening dates considered.

Georgia will open its markets on the 28th of this month, the markets in South Carolina opening about a week later. Opening dates for other belts are: Eastern North Carolina, Thursday, August 25; Middle Belt, September 13; Old Belt, September 27, and dark fired Virginia on November 28.

## Ask Information For Determining Leaf Allotments

### Committeemen to Receive Facts During Next Three Days

Plans were completed last Saturday for receiving information necessary in determining individual tobacco marketing allotments and beginning tomorrow nine community committeemen will sit in the various districts through Friday to get the required facts. The county agent's office is urging every tobacco grower to offer the information asked, and explains that a farmer must report before he can receive a marketing allotment. If he has lost his sales records, the farmer must so report to his respective committee.

The information received by the community committeemen will be forwarded to the Raleigh office where the allotments will be determined.

During Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week, the community committees are located as follows:

- Williams Township: Joshua L. Coltrane and C. L. Daniel at the township house near No. 90 filling station.
- Williamston and Poplar Point: Fred Taylor and John R. Peel at the county agricultural building.
- Hamilton Township: D. R. Edmondson, C. L. Nelson and J. H. Lillard at Hassell.

- Jamesville Township: C. C. Martin, P. M. Holliday and J. L. Knowles at Jamesville's town hall.
- Robersonville: J. R. Winslow, J. R. Daniel, R. S. and S. T. Everett, next to postoffice in Robersonville.
- Bear Grass: J. D. Wynn, Sidney Beacham and W. M. Harrison in town of Bear Grass.
- Cross Roads: W. L. Aushon, Gaston James and Henry D. Peel at Everetts.
- Goose Nest: J. C. Ross, A. W. Outerbridge and L. H. Hux at Oak City.
- Griffins: S. E. Manning, W. B. Harrington and George C. Griffin at Farm Life school.

### TRAFFIC

As an aid to housewives, a number of Williamston merchants are offering extra specials in their stores tomorrow morning. Prices have been materially reduced for the buying ing, and attention of Enterprise readers are directed to the several advertisements appearing on the back page of this paper.

## Sanitation Program Making Marked Progress in County

Marked strides have been made in recent months in advancing a general sanitation program throughout Martin County, the construction of privies standing out as a feature in the valuable work.

Since the first of last February, the Martin County Health Department through its sanitary division and associates and with the cooperation of the Works Progress Administration has constructed and actually placed 256 sanitary privies in various sections of the county, and according to Sanitarian Charles Leonard the work is gaining in momentum. Last month the department placed 44 of the little units, scattering them along the hillsides and in the bottoms in nearly every section of the county. Construction units have been

### POSTPONED

The regular monthly meeting of the Martin County Commissioners scheduled to have been held this morning was postponed until 9:30 a. m. tomorrow on account of the death of Mr. J. E. Pope's mother.

In addition to routine duties, the calendar tomorrow includes a scheduled visit from Griffins citizens who are planning to protest the action of the board last Friday when the authorities recommended the surfacing of the road from Butler's Bridge to the Hassell school house.

## Tenth Electric Line Has Been Completed

The Virginia Electric and Power Company completed its tenth rural electrification project in this county last Friday evening when fifty-four customers in Griffins Township were added to the extensive power and light system. Additional customers in the territory will be added later, it is understood.

The line completed last Saturday is the longest in the county. Starting at Lilley's store, the 7,600 volt line runs about ten miles and furnishes service principally in the Farm Life area of Griffins Township.

At the present time, the V. E. and P. Company has approximately 59 miles of strictly rural lines in this county and is supplying current to several hundred homes. The mileage does not include those lines connecting towns.

The program of the Virginia Electric and Power Company and those of one or two independent concerns are now almost fully developed in this county, service being available to customers located in every township.

## Local PTA Asks Jars For Lunch Room Project

An appeal is being made by the local parents-teachers association for quart and half-gallon jars for use in preparing food for the lunch room next fall and winter. Anyone who can spare a jar or two is asked to call either Mrs. A. J. Osteen or Mrs. J. C. Manning.

## State Sells Only Small Part Of 1937 Corn Crop

While North Carolina produced a 45 million dollar corn crop in 1937, the state sold only \$3,000,000 worth, reports Chief Statistician W. H. Rhodes of the State Department of Agriculture.

## County Health Unit Gets Recognition From Officer

The sanitary division of the Martin County Health Department was complimented by Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health officer, a few days ago when the head of the state's health work stated that he had found the work of the inspector highly satisfactory.

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## Prominent Citizen Dies at Home Here Monday Afternoon

### Funeral for Mrs. Pope Will Be Held at Home on Houghton Street

Mrs. Elizabeth Waters Pope, prominent citizen and one of Williamston's oldest residents, died at her home on Houghton Street here yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock following a long period of declining health. An invalid for nearly four years, Mrs. Pope was taken seriously ill about two weeks ago, the infirmities of age and bronchial trouble combining to cause death which came peacefully.

The daughter of the late Hardy and Elizabeth Ayers Waters, Mrs. Pope was born in Washington County near Plymouth, on October 23, 1851. When a young girl she experienced the hardships visited on the South by civil war, and although orphaned when just a child, she never complained but ever looked forward to the bright side of life. When sixteen years of age she moved to Williamston to make her home with her sister, the late Mrs. W. H. Roberson. A few years later on May 4, 1871, she was married to John Edward Pope, a native of Halifax County, and who died a long number of years ago.

More than half a century ago she joined the Methodist church, remaining a faithful member until the end. She was a devoted mother and found great pleasure in looking after the welfare and happiness of her children. Mrs. Pope was interested in her fellow-man, offering good sound advice that was marked by long years of experience, and understanding. She enjoyed life and showed a keen and friendly interest in all activities about her. She was the last member of a large family of children who figured prominently in the affairs of Martin and Washington counties for a number of years.

Two sons, Messrs. Herbert Pope, of Robersonville, and John E. Pope, chairman of the Martin County Board of Commissioners, of Williamston, and one daughter, Miss Anna Pope, also of Williamston, survive. She also leaves seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home this afternoon at 4 o'clock by Dr. S. A. Maxwell, her pastor, and Rev. Charles T. Rogers, former local minister, now of Roanoke Rapids. Interment will follow in the family plot in the local cemetery.

## A. C. L. Hearing Is Delayed Two Days

The Utilities Commission last Friday postponed from July 6 to July 8 petitions of the Atlantic Coast Line for discontinuance of passenger service between Washington and Parmele and between Plymouth and Tarboro.

The action followed a request by delegates from Eastern North Carolina towns that the hearings, along with a third involving the Kinston-Weldon route, be postponed for 45 days while the protestants study the A. C. L. petitions and further information regarding the road's financial condition.

Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne gave the delegates until July 7 to present their requests for further information to Murray Allen, special counsel for the A. C. L., who appeared here yesterday along with the protestants.

On July 8, when the hearing convenes, Commissioner Winborne will determine whether to allow the requested 45-day postponement.

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