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Tells How Tobacco Allotments Are To Be Fixed This Year

AAA Committeemen Gathering Necessary Information From Farmer

Tobacco growers' marketing quotas for 1938 will be determined in part from information that AAA committeemen have been gathering for the past few days.

The methods to be followed in calculating tobacco marketing quotas for individual growers have been established by Congress in the crop control program for this year, said E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College.

The committeemen have been asked to determine what is considered the normal marketings of farms which have been producing tobacco in the past. These normal marketings will be subject to adjustment if necessary to keep the total for all individual growers from exceeding the state and national quotas.

The national quota for flue-cured tobacco is 705,000,000 pounds of which three per cent has been set aside for new growers. The state quotas will be determined on a basis of the normal marketings of the growers in each state producing flue-cured leaf. A four per cent addition to state quotas will be allowed for increasing the poundage of farms whose quotas are inadequate in view of past marketings.

In determining normal marketings, allowance will be made for abnormal weather, plant diseases, and other factors affecting production. The committeemen will consider the total crop land on the farm, the land in cash crops other than tobacco, the available curing barn space, and the number of families on the farm.

Also taken into consideration will be marketings during the past three years, with the highest of the following three items being used: (1) the three-year average; (2) 40 per cent of the sum of the highest two years in the three-year period; (3) 60 per cent of the highest year.

Fire Department Gets Call Monday

Williamston had its first fire yesterday in two months, the local fire department answering a call from the warehouse district at 8:20 o'clock that morning. On May 10, the fire company was called to a colored home on North Sycamore Street. However, during the meantime the department received a call on June 4 from Aulander.

Fire Chief George Harris said yesterday that he could not recall a longer period when Williamston had no fires than the period ended when Sparrow's service station caught fire yesterday.

Starting from an oil burner used in heating water, the fire burned two automobile tires, an overcoat and the Sunday pants of the cook working in the service station's kitchen. The burning rubber sent a heavy smoke throughout the building, but there was very little damage done to the structure by the fire itself. The operator estimates the loss at about \$50.

Plan Big Meeting At Sweet Home Church

Religious leaders are planning for a big quarterly meeting in the Sweet Home Church of Christ next Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock. A business session will be held at that hour with James D. Taylor in charge. Rev. Edgar Harden will preach at 11 o'clock and again that evening at 8:15.

An invitation is extended to all who worship there to participate in the business session and attend the preaching services whether they are members or not.

On Sunday the school will be graded, and a drive launched to effect an increase in the enrollment and average attendance. Rev. Harden will preach both morning and evening on Sunday.

Injured In Fall, Negro Recovering In Hospital

Roy E. Tapp, 30-year-old colored man who was injured in a fall from a beer truck on Washington street here last Friday evening, is recovering in a Washington hospital and his discharge from the institution is expected today.

Tapp, a Danville, Va., man was bumming his way south and caught a ride on the truck. He was knocked unconscious and his identity could not be determined immediately. At the hospital an examination disclosed that no bones were broken and that his injuries were only of a minor nature.

Last Call for Information in Determining Market Quotas

A last call for information to be used in determining 1938 tobacco marketing allotments was issued today by the office of the county agent. Growers are advised that they will have through Saturday of this week to file the information and apply for their 1938 marketing quotas.

Unless applications are received in the office of the county agent by that time, agricultural authorities cannot guarantee the delivery of marketing cards on or before the markets open next month, it was explained. The information gathered during the past few days will be forwarded to Raleigh this week-end where the allotments will be determined. All those farmers who have their names in can expect their marketing cards in plenty of time for use this coming season. A large force will be employed to handle the marketing quotas in Raleigh, but

even then considerable time will be required to handle the thousands of applications, and it is likely that those farmers who do not file the necessary information or report to the county agent's office by Saturday of this week will be from 30 to 60 days late in receiving their marketing cards.

Those farmers who have lost their poundage records for the past two years must report and file applications. Those farmers who are not cooperating with the soil conservation program must also report to the county agent's office if they are to receive a marketing card.

It is highly important for all farmers, large or small, white or colored, to report at the county agent's office and file their applications for marketing cards if they have not already done so. No more applications will be received in the several communities.

County Forest Warden Files Report for Year

BUS ROUTES

Routes the Martin County school buses will run this coming term are to be determined this week by F. C. McGregor, representative of the State School Commission, Raleigh. McGregor will travel most of the routes in person and will order changes where it is possible to curtail operating costs and not interrupt service.

The approximately 30 school buses in this county operate a total distance of 1,005 miles daily during the school term, and few changes in the routes are likely to be ordered by the commission representative.

Negro Dangerously Shot Early Sunday

Percy Pugh, 25-year-old colored man, was dangerously shot by Bud Shank, also colored, at a lumber camp in the old Dymond City area in Griffins Township about three o'clock Sunday morning. His intestines punctured by a shot from a pistol, Pugh was described in critical condition, late reports indicating that he is not expected to recover.

Shank, arrested by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and W. B. Daniel Sunday afternoon, stated that the shooting followed an argument, that he was drinking at the time and remembered very little about the events leading up to the shooting. When arrested, Shank was under the influence of liquor and asleep in a car at the home of Shad Griffin in Griffins Township, a few miles from the scene of the shooting.

Shank, about 25 years old, and Pugh came to this county just a few weeks ago from Georgia, and were employed at a lumber camp during the past month and a half.

Pugh was carried on a truck to Jamestown where a doctor described his condition as critical and advised his removal to a hospital.

Toxy Named To Local High School Faculty

The local school faculty was announced complete last week when C. B. Toxy accepted a position as mathematics teacher in the high school department. Mr. Toxy, resident of Wake Forest and graduate of the college there, succeeds Miss Mary Exum Kinsey, resigned.

Professor Toxy has had two years teaching experience, he having been associated with the school system in Columbus County during that time.

The elementary and high school department here this coming term will have six male members of the faculty including Principal David N. Hix. Professors Foster Ferguson, of Clyde, and Sam Edwards, of Wanam, Pa., return as head of the commercial department and coach and science teacher respectively. Mr. Neeley, graduate of the University of North Carolina, will teach history. He is from Hendersonville. Lewis Enloe, of Swannanoa, will teach the sixth grade.

Move To Courtney Apartment. Mr. H. C. Williams, employee of the Roanoke Chevrolet Company, has moved his family here from Washington to an apartment in the B. S. Courtney home.

Forest Fires Burn 3,185 Acres in the County Last Year

Warden Estimates Damage At Approximately \$4,600.00

Seventy forest fires burning over 3,185 acres did a damage estimated at \$4,600 to timber lands and other property in the county last year, according to the annual forester's report just recently released by Warden S. J. Tetterton.

The report reads as follows: As county forest warden I wish to submit the following report covering my activities for the fiscal year just closed as these activities relate to your county's cooperation in forest fire control under your cooperative agreement with the forest service of the State Department of Conservation and Development.

There are approximately 199,071 acres of timber land in Martin county. This timber land varies from the swamp type through the pocomin type to the upland pine.

Seventy forest fires occurred this year, burning a total of 3,185 acres or an average of 45.5 acres per fire. This total acreage burned was made up of 805 acres of merchantable timber, 1728 acres of reproduction and 655 acres of open land. These seventy fires have done a total damage of \$4600 to timber land in this county.

The largest percentage of these fires was caused by brush burning and careless smokers. The total area burned represents 1.6 per cent of the area under protection.

For the first time since Martin County has had fire control work, five parties were prosecuted for violations of the state forest fire laws. The state and county were reimbursed for fire fighting costs in the amount of \$82.11, which amount was credited to Martin County and made available for re-expenditure.

The CCC camp at Washington contributed labor, material and equipment for fighting one large fire in the amount of \$493.35.

During the past year the CCC division of the Federal government has placed in this county one towerman's house and garage at Hassell that represents an investment of \$1400. The CCC has also constructed a telephone line from the Foreman tower in the lower end of the county out to U. S. Highway 47, giving direct communication to Williamston. This telephone line represents an investment of approximately \$1900. This makes a total of approximately \$3300 worth of improvements placed in this county by the CCC, at no cost to the county.

During the period I worked 2221 hours, traveled 8,265 miles, posted 135 notices, interviewed 939 people, inspected 22 sawmills, visited 22 schools and appointed six wardens. The towermen-smokechasers working under the county warden supervision have worked 304 hours and traveled 1400 miles. The district wardens worked 432 hours, and traveled 1124 miles.

There are now in the county the following fire-fighting equipment: 24 forest service badges, 21 galvanized buckets, 22 bush hooks, 44 Smith Indian pumps, 44 council fire rakes, 2 fire fighting trailers with water tanks and various other small equipment.

There are two forest fire lookouts

Tobacco Production Estimates Too High For North Carolina

The first estimates of the 1938 tobacco production released yesterday by the federal crop reporting board were recognized as too high. Although the board's estimate—1,496,644,000 pounds, including all types—is 3.7 per cent below last year's crop, agricultural authorities in this State believe that that portion of the estimate as applied to North Carolina is nearly fifty million pounds too high. The federal board estimates that there will be approximately 801,700,000 pounds of flue-cured tobacco, the more conservative estimates placing the total flue-cured figure at 750,000 against 854,000,000 a year ago. However, the production this year based on the more conservative estimate is about sixty million pounds greater than the ten-year average.

Flue-cured tobacco production, grown in Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida and Alabama and accounting for more than half the nation's tobacco crop, was estimated at 801,700,000 pounds compared with a marketing quota of 733,000,000 pounds and 1937 harvest of 854,882,000 pounds.

Along with the tobacco report came an estimate on the 1938 peanut crop, the federal crop reporting service guessing there are 2,154,000 acres planted to the crop this year exceeding the record planted in 1936 by 3.2 per cent.

Increased plantings in the Virginia-Carolina area, the south-eastern and southwestern belts were reported.

No estimate was made of probable production but the crop was said to be 77 per cent of normal.

Peanut acreage by states compared with 1937 harvests included: Virginia, 160,000 acres this year and 154,000 in 1937; North Carolina, 252,000 and 240,000; South Carolina, 15,000 and 14,000.

Former Martin Man Dies In Pitt County

Ernest Walter Tetterton, father of Mrs. S. C. Peel and Miss Irene Tetterton, both of Williamston, died at his home in Pitt County, near Greenville, last Sunday night at 10 o'clock. Apparently in his usual health, Mr. Tetterton suffered an heart attack and died a short time later.

A native of Washington County, Mr. Tetterton was born near Plymouth 69 years ago. Some years ago he moved to this county and lived in the Dardens community where he was married to Miss Harriet Davis. About eight years ago he moved to Pitt County and was superintendent of the State prison farm there for four years. Mr. Tetterton, an active and prominent member of the Free Will Baptist church, had many friends in his native county and in his adopted homes in this county and over in Pitt. He was a progressive farmer.

Funeral services are being conducted from the late home this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. D. W. Alexander, Free Will Baptist minister of Bethel. Interment will follow in the Baptist cemetery here. Active pallbearers are: Alton O'Neal, F. W. Jacobs, G. E. Forbes, Claude Hardee, Norman Jones and Clayton Jones.

Besides his widow and two daughters here, he is survived by the following children, Miss Jessie Tetterton and Chester Tetterton, both of Pitt County. He also leaves two sisters, Miss Courtney Tetterton, of Greenville, and Mrs. Jesse Bowen, of Plymouth, and two brothers, J. B. Tetterton, of Edenton, and Stuart J. Tetterton, of Williams Township, his county.

County Officers Capture Three Stills Last Week

Raiding in three townships—Goose Nest, Williams and Jamesville—last week, Enforcement Officer J. H. Roebuck and Deputy Bill Haislip captured three illicit liquor stills and poured out several hundred gallons of beer. No arrests were made.

Towers in this county with towermen's residences and garages and tool rooms at both towers. In the immediate future these two tower sites will be fenced by the CCC forces.

Most of the timber landowners in this county are willing and anxious to cooperate with us in the protection of their timber lands from fire and I have found that most of these timber landowners heartily endorse the burning permit law, which was passed by the last legislature.

County Commissioners Will Discuss Budgets Tomorrow

A great deal of head scratching and figuring is almost certain tomorrow when the Martin County commissioners meet here for a study of the proposed budget for the current fiscal year. Uncertain of the trend of corporation values which have not yet been certified by State authorities and experiencing a slight rise in bonded indebtedness, the authorities will find the increase in regular county values might small when it comes to holding the rate down. Some think a slight increase in the rate will be necessary because the levy last year fell short in some of the departments. The close of the last fiscal year found poll tax collections and dog taxes below expectations, and these factors along with others of a similar nature will be reflected in the new budget. Preliminary figures are being pre-

pared today for inspection by the commissioners tomorrow. One or two of the departmental budgets have been tentatively prepared and given approval by the various boards but the figures do not appear in combined totals as yet and it is impossible to see which way the wind will blow the rate. The health department budget remains the same, it is understood. A slight increase is expected in the school budget, and no material change is expected in the welfare costs. The general county budget is expected to show no great change either up or down.

The commissioners, meeting tomorrow at 9:30 o'clock, are expected to review the figures and give the budget their formal approval. Within the next few days the budget estimate will be placed before the public, final adoption to follow the early part of August.

Condition of Crops in This Area Improved

Estimates Point To A Twenty Per Cent Tobacco Decrease

Crops Need Rain in Some Sections of County At This Time

Dry weather prevailing during the past week renewed the hopes of many Martin County farmers who report conditions of their crops are greatly improved. According to late estimates the reduction in tobacco will not exceed 25 per cent as a whole, but in some cases the loss will run well over 75 per cent. This 25 per cent estimated reduction does not take into consideration the reduction brought about by the control program.

"Some farmers have a poor outlook, but the majority have much to be thankful for," one reporting grower said yesterday in pointing out that there would be more tobacco for sale than many believed there would be in this county.

General reports maintain that the curings so far are of bright color but unusually light.

The general outlook today is far more encouraging than it was a week or ten days ago, but farmers are again looking to the future with much concern about their corn crops. Hardly before the earth had shedded the excessive rains, the corn crop needed rain, some farmers declaring that unless showers fall within the next few days there will be a marked reduction in that feed.

Peanuts are looking good in the county, but cotton is not doing so well. A State report as of last week describes the cotton crop conditions as follows: North Carolina's 1938 cotton crop is estimated at 911,000 acres in cultivation as of July 1, according to the report released today by the Cooperative Crop Reporting Service of the United States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture. This estimate is 82 per cent of the acreage in cultivation on this same date last year and is only 70 per cent of the ten-year average plantings from 1927-1936.

The total acreage planted in the United States was 26,904,000 as compared with 34,471,000 planted in 1937 a decrease of 22 per cent. The 18 per cent decrease in acreage for North Carolina was the smallest for any state except Tennessee and was six per cent less than the average for all states.

Last year North Carolina harvested 780,000 bales from 1,103,000 acres, with an average yield of 338 pounds of lint per acre. This is the highest yield on record excepting the 1811 crop. Less than one per cent of the acreage planted in 1937 was abandoned. The ten year average abandonment from 1928 to 1937 is one per cent.

Growers this year have encountered quite a difficult growing season. The time of planting was slightly earlier than last year, but extremely dry and abnormally cool weather caused slow germination of seed. Many fields were planted over and poor stands are prevalent. The latter part of May and practically all of June experienced continued rains and cool weather. Such unfavorable growing conditions naturally have resulted in abnormal plant growth and heavy boll weevil infestation. Cultivation has been greatly hampered and grassy fields are noticeable.

Town Authorities Hold Short Meet Here Last Night

Plan Sewer Line Extension On Washington Street

Williamston's town commissioners, their meeting twice postponed on account of the July 4 holiday and again for other reasons, were in a brief business session last night, the authorities taking up no important business for final action. Budgeting activities are to await the completion of the annual audit, and it isn't likely that the 1938-39 tax rate will be determined before the latter part of next month or early in September.

The problem caused by the sale of fish on or near the streets in the business section was solved partially, at least, when a permit was granted Joe Roberson for the construction of a sanitary fish house on Railroad Street, just off Washington Street. Roberson is to meet all sanitary requirements and conform to fire district regulations.

Taking an active stand against the proposal of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company to discontinue its passenger trains on its line running through here, the commissioners appropriated \$35 for lawyers' fees. The money is to be turned over to the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce which organization has employed lawyers in Ayden, Kinston and Tarboro to prepare briefs and present evidence at the hearing scheduled in Raleigh three weeks from today. Unofficial reports indicate that the railroad company is not losing as much money as it claims it is in the operation of trains on branch lines in this section of the state.

Mayor J. L. Hassell was directed to issue a warning to owners urging them to cut down weeds and clean up all vacant lots. Arrangements were made for the town employees to cut down weeds on outlying streets.

A survey was ordered for an extension of the town sewer lines to the New Carolina Warehouse on Washington Street, rough estimates offered at the meeting last evening showing that the cost will not exceed \$500. A survey will be made on three routes, one from the Planters warehouse on Haughton street, one from Main Street down Elm and on to the New Carolina house, and a third from the A. C. L. station, up Railroad street to Elm and thence to the warehouse.

Mayor Hassell was asked to arrange a schedule of vacations for the members of the police force, the board making arrangements to have the complete force on duty every Saturday.

Negro Takes Life Near Robersonville

Lonnie Best, 40-year-old colored man, ended his life by firing a load of gunshot into his head at his home near Robersonville at noon today. At home alone, Best is said to have gone to his room, undressed himself and sat down on the bed. Placing the barrel of the gun against his body, he used a stick to push the trigger. When he was found a short time later he was dead. Officers, investigating the case, declared it suicide and no inquest was considered necessary.

Best is said to have quarreled with his wife last Saturday night, and since that time he had been drinking heavily.

The sheriff's office stated shortly after Best killed himself that it was the first case of suicide reported among the colored population in this county on record.

Infant Of Mr. And Mrs. Marvin Coburn Dies Here

Tony Francis, six months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Coburn died at the home of his parents on Pine Street here last Saturday morning shortly after six o'clock. The little fellow, apparently in splendid health was taken critically ill that morning and died fifteen minutes later. An enlarged gland caused by an inflammation of the chest is said to have affected the heart and prevented breathing, it was said.

The only child, the little fellow was announced in good health following a medical examination the day before. Funeral services were conducted Sunday morning at 10 o'clock from the home by Dr. S. A. Maxwell, pastor of the local Methodist church. Burial was in the Whitley cemetery near Williamston.

FEW REGISTER

Few citizens registered yesterday when the books were opened for the first time preparatory to holding a \$72,000 local bond election on August 9. Five names were entered on the books during the day by Registrar C. B. Hassell at the town office in the municipal building.

The books will be open each Saturday through July 30 at the town office and on other days except Sundays in the office of the mayor for the convenience of those who wish to register and participate in the election.

Number Of Youths Enter CCC Camps

An unusually large number of Martin County youths enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps last week, welfare authorities stating that the quota was one of the largest ever given this county.

The sixteen youths, fourteen white and two colored, were examined in Washington, the white boys going to Buxton down in Dare County, and the colored boys going to a camp in Craven County, near New Bern.

Names of the boys are: Jerry Patterson, Williamston; James Clarence Hardison, Williamston Route 2; Charles Audrey Lilley and Henry Bateman, Jamesville; Clarence Modlin and Charles Beacham, of Williamston Route 2; Marvin Peel, Oak City; Thad Hodges, Williamston, Route 2; Hubert Hardison, Jamesville Route 1; Irving Bennett, Williamston; Henry David Whitfield, Robersonville; James Willie Griffin, Williamston Route 3; William David Scott, Hamilton; Bert Dixon, Williamston Route 3, all white; and Willie Williams and Thomas Bagley Allen, both colored of Williamston.

Alleged Car Thief Held In Default Of \$1,000 Bond

James R. Miller, South Carolina man, arrested near here with his wife, last Friday morning, was ordered held for trial in the federal court at Washington next October in default of a \$1,000 bond. Miller's wife was released. United States Commissioner Walter Halberstadt explaining that there were no charges against her.

Miller is charged with stealing a car in South Carolina last April and driving it through several states.

At the hearing last Saturday afternoon Miller claimed he left Myrtle Beach with a strange man, that they got drunk and when he woke up he was alone in the car. When the other fellow failed to return, he (Miller) operated the car as his own.

Friday Last Day To File Claims For Gas Rebates

Friday, July 15, is the last date for farmers to file claims for rebates on gasoline used in tractors and other farm engines. Applications should be filed prior to Friday for rebates on gasoline used during the months of April, May and June.

Employees of the Harrison Oil Company and the proprietors themselves will be glad to assist any farmer in filing claims for rebates. Mr. G. H. Harrison said today.