

Tobacco Marketing Quotas Announced By AAA Authorities

North Carolina Is Allotted 494,938,000 Pounds This Season

Under a ruling by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, North Carolina can market 494,938,000 pounds of tobacco free of tax, the total for the flue-cured crop standing at 739,068,000 pounds, a reduction of 13.4 per cent under the record crop of 854,882,000 pounds grown last year. Of the 494,938,000 allotted this State, 9,256,000 pounds were set aside for new growers.

Fixed on the basis of an average for a period of years, the 1938 quotas are somewhat above a normal crop. The average crop for the 10-year period, 1927-1936 inclusive, was 690,051,000 and the 1936 crop was only 682,850,000 pounds.

The AAA took as a basis the combined period of 1936-1937, the two years immediately after the invalidation of the old AAA act and the only two recent years in which there has been unrestricted production of tobacco. The quotas announced are 96 per cent of that average.

The quotas for other states follow: North Carolina, 485,678,000 pounds; South Carolina, 84,302,000 pounds; Georgia, 71,053,000 pounds; Virginia, 65,458,000 pounds; Florida, 11,007,000 pounds; Alabama, 420,000 pounds; new farms for all states, 21,150,000 pounds.

The department issued the following statement on regulations governing individual growers: "In administering the quotas, each farm operator will be given a marketing card showing the amount of tobacco he can sell without penalty. The card is to be presented to a representative of the AAA at auction warehouses for all sales to tobacco, and all sales within the time of the marketing, and will be paid to the secretary of agriculture by draft, money order, or check sent with weekly reports to be made in accordance with regulations.

Discontinuance Of Trains Be Fought

"To remove all of the passenger service on the Weldon-Kinston, the Tarboro-Plymouth and the Washington-Parmele branches of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad would be the most damaging blow that this part of Eastern Carolina has felt in the past ten years," according to a statement made by N. G. Bartlett, secretary, Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, Kinston, which organization is leading the opposition of the removal of these trains. This statement, according to Mr. Bartlett is purely on the basis of encouraging development for this section. Recently when the Veterans' hospital for Eastern Carolina was finally given to the Fayetteville vicinity one of the main reasons for placing the hospital in that area was that the city was served efficiently by passenger trains in and out, according to a statement given out by one of the officials in charge of selecting the location. Every effort will be made by the local towns working through the regional organization to retain the services of these trains and not only to keep the trains on but get improvements in the service and equipment.

The hearing will be held in Raleigh, August 2nd at 10 a. m. before the Honorable Stanley Winborne, utilities commissioner for North Carolina and indications point now to a large representation of citizens present to support the movement to retain the trains. Data is being collected and assembled for the regional organization by a committee comprised of Judge Guy Elliott, chairman, Kinston; Mayor J. B. Eure, Ayden; George M. Fountain, Jr., Tarboro; E. H. Harding, secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Washington and N. G. Bartlett, secretary, Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce of Kinston. The interest all up and down the line is keen according to an observer and a strong opposition case will be presented on August second.

Anti-Diphtheria Campaign Gets Underway Next Week

Between six and seven hundred children are expected to seek free protection against diphtheria when a series of vaccination stations are opened in this county next week. A schedule of the clinics appears in this paper.

In connection with the clinics, the county health department authorities offered the following comment: "There were 35 cases of diphtheria reported in Martin County in 1937. Among this group there were two deaths. Probably many other cases occurred throughout the county in which no doctor was summoned and which, as a result, were never reported.

"There are certain persons known as 'diphtheria carriers.' These are individuals who, without symptoms of the disease, harbor and spread the diphtheria organisms. Usually, carriers are themselves immune to the disease, but this is not necessarily the case.

Little Crime Wave Is Reported in County

MORE CARDS

Martin County cotton farmers whose plantings are within the 1938 acreage allotment will be issued white marketing cards ere long. Those farmers who have overplanted their acreage allotment will receive red cards showing the amount of cotton that can be sold tax free.

That the cards might be distributed before ginning season, agriculture authorities are urging farmers to assist the supervisors in measuring crop land as it is necessary that compliance be determined before cards can be issued, or before cotton price adjustment payments can be made.

Prominent County Citizen Dies In Hospital Monday

Funeral This Afternoon For Mrs. Everett in Hamilton

Mrs. LeRoy Everett, prominent Hamilton woman, died in a Washington hospital at 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning following a short illness. Taken sick just a few days ago, Mrs. Everett was removed to the hospital last week.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Davenport, members of a well known family in this county, Mrs. Everett was born in Hamilton May 4, 1899. She was married to Mr. Everett on November 16, 1917, and he with three sons, Hilton, Frank and Norman, and three daughters, Doris, Kay and Gladys, survives. She also leaves besides her parents, four sisters, Mrs. Walter Roberson, of Robersonville; Mrs. Verne Fulmer, of Springfield, S. C.; Mrs. Elmer Edmondson, of Hassell; and Mrs. Banks Cozart, of Greenville, and one brother, Clayton Davenport, of Robersonville.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock from the late home in Hamilton by Rev. E. C. Shoe, pastor of the Baptist church of which she was a faithful member. Interment will follow in the Hamilton cemetery.

Government Engineer To Hold Meeting Tomorrow

Municipal and county authorities from this and a number of eastern Carolina counties are expected here for a meeting in the courthouse tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock when H. G. Baity, special government engineer, will explain the procedure for getting Public Works Administration loans and grants.

The public is invited to attend the meeting, and all town and county officials in Martin and surrounding territory are urged to be present even if they are not anticipating a project in cooperation with the PWA.

Number Of Births Continues Decline In Martin County

Decrease Is Confined To County's White Population

For the third successive year, the number of births in Martin County continues to decline, a review of the 1937 vital statistics revealing a decrease of 20 births as compared with the number in 1936. The decrease was confined to the white population, the colored race having a slight increase last year over the 1936 figures.

The decline was slight in all but two of the townships, Williamston and Goose Nest, and in those, particularly in Williamston, the number of illegitimate births boosted the totals to show a slight gain in the total number for the two districts.

Despite a decrease in the total number of births, the crop of illegitimate births just about held its own as compared with the 1936 records, the number of such births among the white population increasing almost 100 per cent. Most of the illegitimate births, the records show, were among girls under 20 years of age, quite a few of them being only 15 or 16 years old. It is understood that the records for illegitimate births are not complete, that the birth registrations are entered in other counties or states. The record for the colored population is apparently inclusive as there were 83 such births, thirty-two of them being located in Williamston Township. The records show the following number of illegitimate births: Jamesville Township, four white and three colored; Williams Township, one white and one colored; Griffins Township, no white and four colored; Bear Grass, one each; Williamston Township, no white and 32 colored; Cross Roads, no white and one colored; Robersonville, no white and 16 colored; Poplar Point, no white and two colored; Hamilton, three white and 13 colored, a total of nine white and 83 colored.

Five Calls Keep Officers On Duty During Long Hours

Assaults, Robbery, Suicide Attempt Hold Spotlight In This County

A little crime wave sweeping over the county last week-end called into action combined State, county and local police units, the forces working long hours handling four cases and trying to solve a fifth which officers described as one of the most brutal in the section's crime annals.

The brutal attack on Mrs. Lyda Jenkins, 70-year-old woman, near Robersonville some time during last Saturday night held the spotlight. Today, the crime remained unsolved, but officers were working diligently on every available clue, and developments can be expected.

Visited on several previous occasions, the home of Charles Sexton, near Williamston, was entered by robbers early last Saturday night. The sheriff's office reported that the thieves stole only those clothes and articles that could not be seen on one's person. No clue to the identity of the robbers has been established.

Sylvester Griffin, Griffins Township colored man, was arrested and booked on a drunken charge Sunday evening. Griffin is said to have attacked his wife, and threatened the lives of neighbors when they went to his home to learn what was the trouble. Griffin was released yesterday.

Charged with running his wife and children away from home, Martin Whitaker, Jamesville Township man, was arrested and placed in jail yesterday afternoon. The charge against Whitaker, reports state, is an indirect one. Saturday night he took his gun and told his wife that he just as soon shoot a man as to shoot a bird. Badly frightened, his wife was afraid to go to sleep and late in the night she called her children and went to the home of a neighbor. Whitaker is to be given a hearing Thursday.

Crazed by drink, Eli Raynor, young colored man living near the Martin County prison camp, is said to have quarrelled with his wife and then attempted to take his life Sunday morning. He borrowed a rifle and shot himself, the bullet plowing a furrow around the top of his head. Summoned there, officers found Raynor at the breakfast table eating a corned herring, the man's face partly covered with blood. Raynor explained that he was responsible for the quarrel with his wife, and officers continued on to the Jenkins case without making an arrest.

Methodist Sunday School Postpones Annual Picnic

On account of the rainy weather and the reports both in newspapers and over the radio that the rainy weather is likely to continue for several days, it has been decided to postpone the Methodist Sunday school picnic which was expected to be had on Wednesday afternoon of this week to some day to be announced later.

Skewerkey Masons Will Hold Meeting Tonight

Work in the third degree will be handled at the regular meeting of the Skewerkey lodge membership here this evening at eight o'clock, Worshipful Master L. Bruce Wynne announced this morning.

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Search Underway For John Small, Alleged Attacker

Mrs. Lyda Jenkins Is Said To Be in Critical Condition

Brutally attacked late last Saturday night or early Sunday morning, Mrs. Lyda Jenkins, widow of Alfred Jenkins, was reported in a critical condition today at her home on the old Williamston-Greenville Road in Robersonville Township. Struck on the head five times by a fire poker, Mrs. Jenkins has remained unconscious since the attack except for a short while when she rallied and accused John Small, 25-year-old colored man, with the attack. Realizing her condition, investigating officers have delayed questioning her and a direct motive for the attack has not been learned.

Three possible motives have been advanced, but officers are withholding details until the case is more fully developed. Findings in a medical examination have not been divulged, causing some to doubt that the 70-year-old woman was criminally assaulted before she was brutally beaten. Little evidence has been found to support a second motive, that of robbery. Officers are said to have found articles in dresser drawers and trunks in proper order. However, the robbery motive is claiming most attention from investigators in their search for the attacker. It is possible, officers are quoted as saying, that the attacker, believed to have been under the influence of liquor at the time, made a mistake, broke into the Jenkins home thinking it was another and attacked Mrs. Jenkins for another person.

Living alone, Mrs. Jenkins is believed to have been attacked about midnight Saturday. Beaten into unconsciousness, she was not found until neighbors called at the home about nine o'clock Sunday morning and found where someone had broken through a window. County Commissioner C. Abram Roberson was called to investigate and he broke into the home with others and found Mrs. Jenkins lying on a bed. Medical aid was summoned at his direction, and officers were immediately notified. A combined force of county, town and state officers started work on the case immediately, and their first clue was established when Mrs. Jenkins rallied a few minutes and accused Small.

Fire Destroys Two Windsor Buildings

Fire of undetermined origin wrecked two two-story buildings and threatened a considerable portion of Windsor's Graniteville street business property, citizens describing the fire as one of the town's largest in a number of years. The Perry hardware store and stock were virtually destroyed and an adjoining vacant store belonging to the Bazemore heirs was wrecked. No estimate on the loss has been offered, reports stating that the damage to the buildings will exceed \$10,000. Stocks, including those of the Basniet Furniture Company and the D. L. Mardre, Jr., haberdashery were moved from buildings in the path of the fire.

Called to the scene, fire-fighting equipment was rushed there by Ahoskie, Edenton and Williamston, Aulander's recently organized fire-fighting group rendering a valuable man service. The Williamston department pumped three streams of water on the fire for nearly two hours before the combined forces brought it under control. Leaving here at 9:35 the firemen returned with the equipment at one o'clock.

During the first twenty-four hours the search carried officers into several sections of this county and into Small's old home in Beaufort county, but he has not been identified since he was last seen walking toward Stokes between 12 and one o'clock Sunday morning.

Mrs. Jenkins was reported to have recently sold some timber to a logging firm operating in her community, and as Small worked with the logging firm for a long time before he was fired a few days ago, some believe he knew about the transaction and went to the home to rob Mrs. Jenkins.

District Commissioner In Richmond Hospital

D. Collin Barnes, first district highway commissioner of Murfreesboro, continues ill in a Richmond hospital, reports stating that he is getting along very well. However, it could not be learned when Mr. Barnes would be able to return home.

Pending the commissioner's return, no action has been taken in connection with allotting \$26,000 for a road improvement project in this county. Unofficial reports received here state that the proposed project will not be included in the next highway letting, that action will possibly be delayed six or eight weeks.

PRODUCTION

If estimates just recently released by the government prove correct, North Carolina will raise 43,462,000 more pounds of tobacco than it can sell tax free. The government estimates that this State will produce 538,400,000 pounds of the leaf this season, the total allotment announced last week-end by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration being only 494,938,000 pounds.

The government estimates that the per acre poundage in this belt this season will be around 875 pounds compared with 925 last season, that the total belt production will drop from 305,250,000 produced last year to 271,250,000 pounds this season.