

Applications For Tobacco Marketing Cards Are Approved

Almost Certain Quotas Will Be Available Before Markets Open

Approximately 1,500 applications for tobacco marketing allotments have been approved, and it is almost certain that the permanent cards will be placed in the hands of Martin County farmers before the auction markets in this belt open the season on August 25. Just when the cards will be made available is not known at this time, the authorities handling the huge task explaining that prior to yesterday attention had been centered on getting cards into the hands of farmers in the border belt.

Only sixty of the 1,500 applications filed in this county were returned for correction. Necessary changes in those sixty applications have been made, and there is reason to believe that no delay will be experienced by farmers in getting their cards.

It was pointed out yesterday that there are approximately 75 farmers in this county who have not applied for a marketing allotment. In those cases delay in getting the cards is to be expected, the authorities explaining that it will possibly require several weeks to handle the applications and have the cards issued. Those farmers who have neglected to apply for an allotment can, however, ask for a temporary marketing card and sell a limited amount of tobacco while the application for a permanent card is being handled.

Indications are that the allotment in this belt will exceed the actual production, general reports pointing to a marked reduction in the crop as a result of unfavorable weather conditions existing during much of the growing season. However, it is certain that some production on some farms will exceed the allotment, but in those cases, it will be possible for the farmers having an excess poundage to buy partial allotments from farmers whose production was curtailed below the average by weather conditions.

Agricultural authorities are of the opinion that there will be very few complaints directed against the marketing allotments in this county.

Native Of County Dies In Charleston

R. A. Coltrain, a native of this county, died at his home in Charleston, South Carolina, last Monday, reports reaching here stating that his death was sudden and unexpected.

Mr. Coltrain was the son of the late John W. and Millie A. Coltrain of this county. He left this state about forty years ago and located in Virginia. During the past nineteen years he made his home in Charleston.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday and interment was in the Riverview Cemetery at Richmond, Va.

No children survive. He leaves his wife, four brothers, Joe and D. A. Coltrain, of Streator, Ill.; Charles A. and Oliver Coltrain, and two sisters, Mrs. E. Slade Peel and Mrs. Noah James Corey, all of this county.

Those from this county attending the last rites were:

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Perry, Mrs. B. F. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. State Revels, Mr. and Mrs. Saunders Revels, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Revels, Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Peel, Mrs. E. N. Manning, Miss Susie Revels, and Messrs. Oliver S. Coltrain, W. O. Peel and Clarence Revels.

Many Martin Farmers Are Through Curing Leaf Crop

While the work will continue on a few farms during next week and the week following, the tobacco harvesting season in this county is just about complete in the main. Hundreds of farmers are curing their last barns and hundreds of others are harvesting the last "pulling" today and tomorrow.

A few farmers, starting their crops back in the third week of April, completed the harvesting work two or three weeks ago, and while a majority of farmers are finishing up this week there are a few who will be curing the leaf during the latter part of this month. In a few cases, according to reports coming direct from farmers, very little of the crop has been harvested to date, one farmer explaining that he

Reward of \$25 Posted for the Apprehension of John Small

A reward of \$25 was posted this afternoon for information leading to the capture of John Small, colored, wanted in this county for alleged first-degree burglary and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Circulars, advertising the reward, are being posted in a greater part of North Carolina and sections of Virginia.

The reward, offered by the county board of commissioners at the request of Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, is being advanced after extensive efforts failed to establish a single clue as to the whereabouts of Small. Briefly commenting on the hunt, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck stated that he had traveled between 1,500 and 2,000 miles trying to trace Small. Special Officer Harry Paul, of the State De-

partment of Investigation, has worked extensively on the case, also. Logging camps in counties between South Carolina and Virginia have been visited by officers. Fishing camps on the coast have also been visited, but no trace of the man has yet been established.

Small is wanted for the brutal assault upon Mrs. Lyda Jenkins, aged woman, at her home in Robersonville Township, on the evening of July 23. He is alleged to have broken into the home and almost beat Mrs. Jenkins to death with a fire poker. Small was last seen walking toward Stokes in Pitt County late on the night of the 23rd.

The reward calls for information that will lead to the man's arrest, conviction is not necessary for payment.

Border Markets Report Average Of 25 Cents

PROMOTED



Popular manager of the Belk-Tyler store here since February of last year, Mr. Claude Plyler leaves next week for Greenville where he will have charge of a new store for the Belk-Tyler firm.

Mr. Chas. Bowers, of Washington and Goldsboro, will succeed Mr. Plyler here.

New Homes Under Construction Here

New construction underway at a fairly steady pace here during the past few months is gaining momentum, indicating that the building trade will experience its busiest fall in several years.

Construction was started this week on two new homes on Marshall Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Rush Bondurant are building a six-room frame house there next to the Goffs. Workmen started the foundation of a five-room frame house for Mr. and Mrs. William Everett between the Culpeppers' and Boykins'. Contracts are pending for the construction of a new home for Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Herriott on East Academy Street, and a new home for Mr. and Mrs. David Keel near here on the Everetts Road. Plans are being completed for several other new homes, but no contracts have been awarded in those cases.

Work on a new home for Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Wynne on Academy street is progressing.

An addition to the Farmers warehouse is nearing completion, and the work on a mule exchange is progressing rapidly on Washington Street.

Prices Range From Three To 40 Cents On First-Day Sale

Average Is About the Same As It Was Last Season

Price averages ranging from 23 to 30 cents were reported yesterday when farmers in South Carolina and along the border of the two Carolinas offered the first of their 1938 crop to the auction markets. The prices were described by some as being higher than last year, others stating they were slightly lower. Fairly accurate records coming from several of the border markets indicate little change in prices this year as compared with those of a year ago. It was generally admitted, however, that prices on the better grades were weak, that most piles sold anywhere from 20 to 32 cents.

"We visited several markets, and I saw very few piles sell for less than 10 cents," Henry Griffin, local man, said upon his return last evening. The quality of the first-day offerings was said to be good. A few tags were turned, but reports maintain that farmers were apparently very well satisfied. They were not expressing themselves very much, however.

Practically all of the markets reported blocked sales, and some predicted it would be as late as Monday before they would be able to clear their floors of the weed placed there for the first day's sales.

Warehouses were reported last night to be turning away tobacco because their floors, still covered with the first day's offerings, would accommodate no more. And still the weed was reported "pouring into the market centers."

At Fairmont, C. B. Stratford, sales supervisor, said approximately 1-100,000 pounds were sold at an average of about 27 or 28 cents. Compiling of records was slow, he said, because representatives of the government, who must approve the sales against the allotment cards of the farmers, had been unable to cope with the enormous sales with their limited forces. Prices ranged, he said, up to 50 cents a pound. "There wasn't a complaint," he said, "and the farmers seemed very well satisfied with the opening prices."

Official figures on two of three sales at the Fairmont market gave an average price of \$28.43 per hundred for 291,076 pounds, for which growers received \$82,748.08. Figures on the three remaining sales remained to be compiled late last night.

But at Chadbourne, it was something of a different picture. There, but 225,000 pounds of the 600,000 pounds which was on the floors in the morning had been sold when the sales closed and predictions were it would be Monday before the warehouses would be clear of the weed. Warehousemen estimated the prices averaged 26 to 27 cents per pound, with the prices ranging from 10 to 40 cents. There were two government men at the market, it was reported, but their inability to keep pace with the auctioneer forced a closing of the market for the day.

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Regular Legion Meeting To Be Held Monday Night

The American Legion will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday night, August 8th, at 8 p. m. This is a very important meeting as plans for our work for 1939 will be formulated and Joe Boykin, commander, is urging every member to be present.

First Movement To Organize Labor In County Is Reported

Pulp Plant Workers Sign With American Federation of Labor Group

Organized labor gained a foothold in Martin County last week-end when production workers for the North Carolina Pulp Company, near Plymouth, affiliated themselves with the American Federation of Labor, the action relieving an uncertainty that has surrounded the labor question in the big pulp mill during recent months.

No acts of violence on the part of the employees was evident, and the unionization work was without intimidation on the part of the company. It was learned here.

In connection with the unionization of the plant, the following report was released by officials:

"At a conference with the North Carolina Pulp Company it was arranged that all of the production employees of the company should be represented by American Federation of Labor Unions. The Electrical Workers Unions have had a working arrangement with the company since last October. Last evening ghte operating engineers and the pulp and sulphite workers consummated similar arrangements.

"There has been some opposition on the part of employees who desire an independent organization. At the conference it was agreed by all parties that the American Federation of Labor should represent all the employees."

No details of the agreement between the company and the unions were made public, but since there has been no mention of changes in hours, working conditions or wages it is presumed the agreement dealt only with the question of recognition for the AFL affiliates. The opposition that has been manifested by those who wanted an independent local union has apparently subsided, and it is believed removal of the uncertainty which has prevailed over the claims of the two groups should go far toward cementing a better understanding between all the employees and the management.

Judge H. O. Peel Calls Seven Cases In Recorders Court

No Session of Tribunal Will Be Held Next Monday

Little interest was centered in the regular weekly session of the Martin County Recorder's court last Monday, the tribunal hearing less than half a dozen cases during the two hours it was open. Other than witnesses, defendants and attendants upon the court, there were few people present to hear the proceedings. Judge H. O. Peel, presiding over the session, announced no court would be held next Monday. The judge will be out of town that day, it was learned.

Bud Shank, charged with assaulting Percy Pugh, 25-year-old colored man, at a logging camp in the old Dymond City area of Griffiths Township early on the morning of July 10, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for a term of eighteen months. Pugh who was first reported critically wounded is apparently recovering rapidly now. Two bullets fired from a rifle are said to be still in his body, but he is apparently suffering no ill effect from the lead weights. The victim of the attack appeared as a state witness at the trial.

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The case charging Clyde Silverthorne with disorderly conduct and destroying personal property, was again continued, the court settling the action for trial on August 15.

A continuance until the first Monday in November was granted by the court in the case charging G. R. Bateman with drunken driving. Judgment was suspended in the case charging Theodore Griffin with resisting arrest and assaulting an officer.

Charged with careless and reckless driving and operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes, H. A. Belflower was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost.

Sara Briley, colored, was sentenced to the roads for a term of twelve months in the case charging him with violating the liquor laws. Sentence is to begin at the direction of the court at any time within the next two years.

Citizens To Determine Fate Of \$72,000 Proposed Improvement Program at Polls Next Tuesday

Sample Ballot

Below is a sample of the ballot that will be placed before Williamston citizens who are qualified to vote in the \$72,000 special bond election next Tuesday between the hours of 7:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. in the town hall.

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| For the ordinance authorizing \$34,000 bonds for constructing or reconstructing streets and a tax therefor. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Against the ordinance authorizing \$34,000 bonds for constructing or reconstructing streets and a tax therefor. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| For the ordinance authorizing \$15,000 bonds for constructing sewers and a tax therefor. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Against the ordinance authorizing \$15,000 bonds for constructing sewers and a tax therefor. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| For the ordinance authorizing \$15,000 bonds for enlarging the water supply system by drilling an additional deep well and a tax therefor. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Against the ordinance authorizing \$15,000 bonds for enlarging the water supply system by drilling an additional deep well and a tax therefor. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| For the ordinance authorizing \$8000 bonds for reconstructing playgrounds, including the construction of a swimming pool and acquiring or constructing other equipment and a tax therefor. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Eighty-One Votes Needed To Carry The Bond Election

Electors Will Be asked to Vote Separately on Proposals

The fate of a proposed \$72,000 improvement program for Williamston will be determined at the polls here next Tuesday, a review of the registration books showing that at least 81 votes will be necessary to carry the election. While possibly a majority of those registering for the special election have voluntarily expressed themselves as favoring the program, there is a certainty that the election will meet with some strong opposition, that the outcome of the program will hang in the balance until the final count of votes after seven o'clock next Tuesday.

The polls open that morning at 7 o'clock and close that evening at 7 o'clock in the treasurer's office in the town hall. C. B. Hassell is poll holder and S. S. Brown and Hugh M. Burras will serve as judges of election.

Those favoring the passage of the bond election are voting against the registration books, meaning that unless 81 votes are actually cast in favor of the proposal it will fail in passage. Any voter opposed to the bond election and whose name appears on the books will not have to visit the polls to register opposition for his failure to vote automatically counts against the election.

Town authorities propose to pave several sidewalks and streets, construct water and sewer line extensions, add to the present water supply and promote a recreational center. The street and sidewalk program, estimated to cost \$34,000, is to the surfacing of sidewalks on Park Street, Marshall Avenue and Grace Street, and streets on Warren, Marshall Avenue, Smithwick, Grace, Hassell and a part of Elm.

The sewer and water line extensions, estimated to cost \$15,000, are to be placed on North Houghton, West Main and Smithwick Streets. In addition to the extensions, a third disposal plant is being considered.

A necessary addition to the town's water supply will cost, it is estimated, approximately \$15,000. Engineers propose the sinking of a fourth deep well somewhere close to East Main Street.

A fourth project calls for a \$8,000 recreational center. Work on this project is already underway in cooperation with the Works Progress Administration. If the election fails of passage, this project will likely be financed by the issuance of short-term notes.

The authorities propose to finance the first three projects in cooperation with the Public Works Administration which organization will donate 45 per cent of the total in cash and lend the remainder, if necessary. If the bond election carries and the application for PWA funds is rejected, the authorities plan to handle the program without assistance. An application for the 45 per cent cash grant has already been filed in Atlanta, and according to representatives of the PWA it is believed the grant will be made.

Child Burned to Death In Fire Near Oak City

Second Child Dies Later Of Burns In Tarboro Hospital

Sister Risks Life in an Effort to Save Young Brother

Fire, starting from a lamp, claimed the life of Caelthia Thompson, four-year-old colored child, fatally burned her on-year-old brother and wiped out most of the earthly belongings of C. S. Thompson, colored farmer living near Oak City, at 8:45 last Tuesday evening.

Alone in the house with her younger brother and sister while her father was working at a tobacco barn on the farm and her mother was visiting a neighbor, a seven-year-old girl was carrying a lamp by a window and caused the curtain to catch fire. She is thought to have dropped the lamp, causing the flames to spread rapidly. The bed where her baby brother was sleeping caught fire and burned him fatally before she could reach him and throw him out the window. Her attempt to return to the room for her four-year-old sister was blocked by the fire. Within an hour and a half, the fire had burned itself and the remains of the child were removed from the ashes. Reports state that the girl, one of ten children in the family, was horribly burned. Only the skull and parts of the limbs were left.

The second child, Cris S. Thompson, Jr., died in a Tarboro hospital yesterday morning. Badly burned herself, the girl tried to save her four-year-old sister but she was too heavy. The father, reaching the scene late, tried to reach the child and was burned in the futile attempt to save it.

When Thompson detected the fire it had gained so much headway that he was unable to do anything but stand by and watch it burn, reports stating that the screams of his daughter were heard above the cracking timbers in the fire.

In addition to several barns of tobacco stored in the home, the family lost all clothing and furniture. A milk house, standing nearby was also destroyed by fire. No estimate of the loss could be had, but it was learned no insurance was carried on either the buildings or the contents.

Thompson who lives on the old river road between Hamilton and Oak City is a hard-working farmer and owns his farm. But the disaster Tuesday evening leaves him almost penniless and heartbroken. With two barns of tobacco left and with help willingly offered by people in the Oak City community he is today striving to recuperate his material loss.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Roberson will spend this week-end at Manteo and Nags Head.

BUREAU MEETS

The Martin County unit of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation will hold its annual meeting in the agricultural building here next Monday evening at eight o'clock when delegates to the State convention will be named and other business handled, the secretary announced today. E. F. Arnold, State secretary, and other ranking officials are expected to be present.

The county bureau, under the direction of President S. T. Everett, has carried on an active work during recent months, and a large attendance upon the meeting is urged.

Diphtheria Clinics Are Marked Success

Success marks the daily clinics as the campaign against diphtheria continues in the county this week, health department authorities announcing this morning that 634 children between the ages of six months and six years had been given the toxoid.

Clinics are underway today at Robersonville and Parmele. Next Tuesday, the campaign will be brought to a close at Bear Grass and Cross Roads.

Oak City, with 166 reporting for the toxoid, leads the list, but favorable progress has been made in all the districts to date. The record of vaccinations is, as follows: Gold Point, 34; Everetts, 31; Hassell, 23; Hamilton, 46; Oak City, 166; Dardens, 41; Farm Life, 46; Jamesville, 85; Lilley's Store, 19; Williamston, 143.

Manager Making Plans for Fair September 26-October 1

Preliminary plans are now underway by Resident Manager Harvey Walker for holding the annual Williamston Fair beginning Monday, September 26. Reporting here this week, Mr. Walker stated that much had already been done in setting up premium schedules, free act bookings and contracting the midway entertainment.

"More interest in the agricultural show has already been shown during the last two days than at any time during my four years with the North Carolina Fair Operating Company," Manager Walker said today. Premiums will be maintained in all departments and slightly increased in some, Walker added. Last year, the fair operators offered \$1,500 in premiums to exhibitors. The Art Lewis' shows, making

their first trip south for contracts with county fairs, will be on the midway here this year. The midway will include fourteen rides and a dozen shows.

Contracts have been closed with the Continental Revue management and with individual grandstand act bookers, and several others are pending, the manager explained. A feature of the grandstand program this year will be a barn dance staged by a national unit, the management explaining that it is likely that "Uncle" Ezra will appear in person. "We are not certain that he will, but every effort is being made to bring him to Williamston for the event," the fair man said.

The fair will run for an entire week beginning September 26 and ending October 1. A complete program of events will be released within the next few days.