

## WELCOME TO WILLIAMSTON

### Tobacco Market Opens Here Next Thursday

#### Farm Bureau Gives Continued Support To Farm Programs

More Than 2,000 Farmers Meet in Greenville Wednesday

More than 2,000 farmers from 32 counties, including more than 100 from Martin, realizing what a return to 1933 will mean, pledged again their support for a continuation of New Deal farm policies at a State meeting of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation in Greenville this week.

J. E. Winslow was again chosen to head the organization as president, and W. F. Woodruff, of Nashville, W. W. Eagles, of Edgecombe, and R. C. Holland, of Edenton, were named vice presidents.

A feature of the meeting was an address by Ed A. O'Neal, president of the national organization.

The meeting acted favorably on the motion of Mr. Sam T. Everett, former president of the Martin County Bureau, to employ a full-time worker to canvass memberships.

Thirteen objectives are being advanced by the organization as follows:

1. Continuance of the present 3.5 per cent rate on Federal Farm Land Bank loans.
2. Federal aid for public schools.
3. Adequate rural hospitals, built with Federal aid.
4. Trade agreements favorable to farm products.
5. Inclusion of all crops under the order provision of marketing agreements.
6. Discontinuance of tax-exempt securities.
7. Parity payments for all farm crops selling below parity.
8. Federal crop insurance.
9. Classification of peanuts as a major commodity with payments and penalties.
10. Development of agricultural limestone quarries to build farm-to-market roads and save soil taken for roads.
11. Fostering and protection of agricultural extension work and vocational agriculture.
12. Revision of State feed, fertilizer and seed laws.
13. Revision of the school system to give a more adequate manual training.

#### Three Martin Men To Pass On Loans To Tenant Farmers

Large Number Applicants Anxious to Buy and Operate Farms

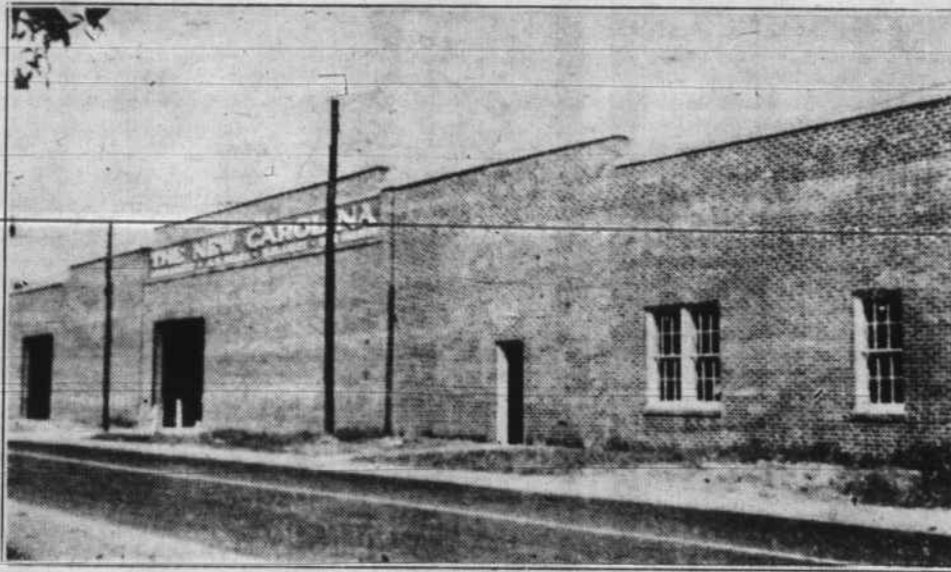
Arrangements for advancing loans to tenants who want to start out on their own are virtually complete in this county, D. G. Modlin, of the Farm Security Administration, announcing that a committee had been named to carry out the tenant purchase program.

Messrs. J. F. Crisp, of Oak City; Gaston James and W. Mayo Harrison, both of Williamston R. F. D. 3, have been named to study the applications and recommend loans, it was announced this week.

Any tenant farmer who is anxious to buy and operate a farm of his own is eligible to apply for a loan. The applicant, if he is designated by the committee, selects a farm and the committee approves the price asked by the seller. The number of loans will be limited this year, some estimating that not more than ten or fifteen purchases can be effected by tenants under the Farm Security Administration plan. Between 75 and 100 applications have already been received in the office from tenants in the county.

The county committees were chosen by the secretary of agriculture on the advice of the state farm tenant committee from lists sent in by County FSA Supervisors and farm agents. These local committees will study applications for loans, choose tenants who have the character and ability to pay for a farm, and appraise the farms successful applicants want to buy.

#### WILLIAMSTON'S FOURTH TOBACCO WAREHOUSE



The New Carolina, Williamston's fourth and largest tobacco warehouse, is ready for use. Manned by an able and experienced quartet, this house is certain to materially increase the ever-growing patronage enjoyed by the Williamston Tobacco Market. The New Carolina, recognized as the most modern and having an unusually even light regardless of weather conditions, has a floor space of 46,070 square feet.

The construction of the huge house is another evidence that the Williamston Market is going forward, that men of vision see for it a promising future.

#### MARKET GETS ADDED POWER



Forming a partnership last season, Messrs. Johnnie Gurkin and W. R. Ingram gained an enviable reputation as able warehousemen throughout this entire section. They will operate with Messrs. Arlie Belch and Sylvester Lilley the New Carolina and Planters Warehouses here this season.

#### Half Holidays End For Another Year

The half-holiday schedule inaugurated last June by local merchants and other business men was brought to a close this week, and next Wednesday will find business activities underway without a scheduled interruption. Already there is in evidence an upward trend in business activities, the merchants and employees being kept busy much of the time rearranging their stocks and adding additional goods to their shelves in anticipation of an increasing business volume this fall.

Visits to local stores show that Williamston merchants are making extensive preparations for the fall trade, that every effort is being made to adequately serve the patrons of this section.

The half holiday schedule, ending this week, was described as very successful, general reports indicating that the holiday arrangement is now considered of a permanent nature and that it will be observed again next summer.

#### MEN OF ACTION

The Williamston Tobacco market opens the season next Thursday morning at nine o'clock with the strongest operating personnel in its history. The men of action are:

New Farmers: Leman Barnhill, Holt Evans and Joe Moye, proprietors; Reed Armour, of Kentucky, auctioneer.

Roanoke-Dixie: S. Claude Griffin and Jimmie Taylor, proprietors; "Jakie" Taylor, auctioneer.

Planters and the New Carolina: A. T. Belch, Sylvester Lilley, John Gurkin and W. R. Ingram, proprietors; Hugh Mylam, of Danville, auctioneer.

#### Farm Bureau Names Directors at Meeting

In a recent meeting, the Martin County Farm Bureau Federation named its directors for the new year. Nearly all the new group have been prominently connected with the organization during the past two years, and a renewed interest in its activities is predicted under their leadership.

The names of the directors and alternates are as follows, by districts:

Bear Grass, H. U. Peel and E. C. Harrison; Cross Roads, J. M. Griffin and W. L. Ausbon; Goose Nest, Russell Turner and W. Robert Everett; Griffins, George C. Griffin and Marvin Leggett; Hamilton, Lester Everett and Brown Etheridge; Jamesville, J. L. Knowles and Ferd Holliday; Poplar Point, LeRoy Taylor and W. S. White; Robersonville, S. T. Everett and J. R. Winslow; Williams, C. L. Daniel and Joshua L. Coltrain; Williamston, C. O. Moore and Fred Taylor.

#### Young Democrats Name Delegates

Meeting in the office of Hugh G. Horton here last evening, a group of Young Democrats named delegates to the State Convention of Young Democratic clubs of North Carolina to be held in Durham September 8, 9, and 10.

Names of the delegates are: Hugh G. Horton, president, Williamston; Clarence Griffin, Griffins; Mrs. Dewey Leggett, Bear Grass; Paul Roberson, Robersonville; William Haislip, Hamilton; Russell Martin, Jamesville; G. W. Barrett, Oak City.

The county convention was very enthusiastic and harmonious. Plans were presented for an active work for the Young Democrats of Martin County during the weeks just previous to the November elections.

All of the above mentioned delegates who can attend the State Convention are requested to see Carter Studdert, secretary of the Martin County club for their credentials.

#### Unable To Get Analysis Of "Poison" Medicine

Unable so far to get an analysis of the liquid which is believed to have caused the death of Chaney Williams, colored woman, near Hamilton last Saturday, officers said today that a hearing scheduled in the case for next Tuesday will likely be postponed. The State laboratory is said to have reported that it had no appropriation for making an analysis of the "medicine" ingredients.

The partially filled jar of liquid alleged to have been concocted by George Barnes, Tarboro colored man who has the reputation of a conjure doctor, was sent to the laboratory last Monday by Sheriff Roebuck. Learning late yesterday that the laboratory could not make the test, the officer made arrangements to place the "medicine" in the hands of a private chemist for analysis.

#### WILLIAMSTON MARKET IS BETTER PREPARED THAN EVER BEFORE TO SERVE FARMERS OF THIS SECTION

#### WELL-KNOWN WAREHOUSEMEN



Gaining the services of Messrs. Sylvester Lilley, left, and Arlie T. Belch, right, the Williamston Tobacco Market has an added power that assures a steady growth in the future. Mr. Lilley, of this county, and Mr. Belch, of Bertie, are co-proprietors in the operation of the New Carolina and Planters Warehouses here.

#### Tobacco Marketing Cards Will Be Distributed in This County on Next Wednesday

#### ESCAPE HEAT

Seldom ever can a whole county agree on any one thing, but during the past two weeks everybody agreed the weather was hot. Not only did human beings run for shelter, but according to a story coming out of lower Bertie domestic animals took advantage of natural conditions in an effort to escape the heat.

On the Avoca farm, two horses owned by Farmer W. T. Tadlock plunged daily into Salmon Creek. The two horses, just recently purchased, splashed close to the shore and darted into deep water each morning.

#### Slight Damage Done By Wind Storm This Week

A heavy wind and electrical storm striking this section last Wednesday afternoon did a slight property damage, reports stating that a few old buildings were blown down, tree limbs felled and light service interrupted for a short time in certain instances.

Reports from travelers across the new Albemarle bridge maintain that the high wind halted traffic there. "I had to stop my car on the bridge and apply the emergency brakes to hold the machine," a traveler said.

#### Allotments Will Be Turned Over To The Agent Late Monday

Sixteen Hundred Farmers Have Applied For Leaf Quotas

Tobacco marketing allotment cards of the permanent type will be made ready for distribution to 1,600 Martin County farmers here next Wednesday morning according to an official announcement released by Agent T. B. Brandon here this morning.

The individual allotments carried on large sheets will be delivered to the county agent and his assistants by the Raleigh office late Monday.

Plans have been made for employees in the office to work all night Monday, Tuesday and Tuesday night transferring the poundage from the special sheets to the small pieces of lightweight card board. The office of the agent will very likely be closed all day Tuesday while every available worker is assigned to the task of preparing the marketing cards for distribution direct to the tobacco growers. No cards will be available for distribution.

#### Williamston Bids For A Continued Growth Of Market

Four Big Warehouses Are Operated by Strongest Force in History

Just ending a long and weary season in the fields and around the curing barn, farmers of this county and section are now eagerly looking forward to the opening of the markets next Thursday when a liberal reward is due for the long days of toil and worry. What to expect in the way of prices one cannot be certain, but every one is hopeful the return will justify the strenuous efforts put forth during the long months just past and allow a margin of profit sufficient to serve as a foundation for the next year's activities.

The opening of the tobacco marketing season on Thursday, August 25, finds Williamston better prepared than ever before to advantageously serve the farmers of this and other eastern North Carolina counties. A fourth warehouse, modernly constructed, ideally lighted and the largest in this section, will be opened for the first time this season. In addition to the more than one acre of floor space made available in the New Carolina, a second house, the New Farmers, has increased considerably its floor space giving the market 157,090 square feet or nearly four acres of floor space.

The market operating personnel this year is regarded as the strongest ever brought together regardless of place or size of the market. With this group of able warehousemen in charge and with greatly enlarged marketing facilities, Williamston is making a strong bid for a steady and continued growth of its market this year and the years to follow.

More power has been added to the able personnel of a year ago, and the Williamston market is prepared and ready to lead the way to a more advantageous tobacco marketing for the thousands of farmers in this section of the State.

It is not of boastful intent that the operators point out that Williamston showed the largest percentage growth of any market in the country last year. The operators point out that there is a reason for that phenomenal gain, that in their un-

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#### Courses Added To Curriculum Here

Several courses have been added to the curriculum of the Williamston high school for the 1938-39 term with the hope that the organization of the school work may eventually permit a full twelfth year of study for the young people of this community. Supplementing the business education offering which includes bookkeeping, typewriting and shorthand will be advanced course in English and chemistry. The English course will be based largely on the study of speech, spelling, dramatics, and creative writing. Business arithmetic and advanced algebra, which were offered last year, will be elective courses for seniors and graduates who feel the need of further study in the field of mathematics. After an interval of several years, Latin will be taught to those students who are interested in this language.

All graduates of the Williamston high school and other nearby county high schools are eligible to enroll for commercial and other advanced courses which will be offered during the new term which begins September 1. A considerable number of the class which was graduated from the local high school last spring plan to enroll for advanced work next week when the schedule for registration is announced.

#### Strong Buying Corps

A strong corps of buyers will be on the tobacco market here this season, Sales Supervisor Henry Johnson announcing that the representatives are the "cream of the crop." Every company is ably represented, and more independents will be here than ever before.

The roster of buyers: Al Ballou, for the Imperial, comes here from the market at Live Oak. He is from Richmond and bought in Tarboro last season. Graham Boyd comes here from Warrenton for the Export. Mr. Boyd was on the Farmville market five years.

Bob VanMeter, R. J. Reynolds buyer, comes here from Tennessee. Mr. VanMeter was associated with the market here several years ago and has many friends among farmers and local people.

Dale Harper is returning from Horsecave, Ky., for the American, and he is looking forward to a good season here.

Jack Buster who was on the Wilson market last season will ably represent the Liggett and Myers Company.

Norwood Thomas returns from Wilson for the J. P. Taylor Company.

Mr. Beale will again represent the Washington Tobacco Company and P. Lorrillard.

The China American and Skinner Company will be represented by J. E. King again. He will also handle special orders for independents.

To date, fourteen independent companies have made arrangements to be represented on Williamston's growing tobacco market, and it is quite apparent that there will be some keen competition on local floors this season.