

## Martin Farmers To Make Tour Of County Tomorrow

### Between Fifty and Hundred Planning To Make Study Of Farm Methods

Between fifty and one hundred farmers are planning to participate in the third annual farm tour in this county tomorrow, County Agent T. B. Brandon said today in releasing the schedule of travel that will take them into nearly every one of the ten townships. Special guests will include Dr. E. C. Blair, agronomist of the State College Extension Division, and possibly R. W. Graeber, State Extension forester. Agents Brandon and J. P. Woodard, D. G. Modlin of the Farm Security Administration office, Vocational Agriculture Teachers Arthur Benton, of Oak City, and S. L. Andrews, of Jamesville, and others will ride the route with the farmers.

The tour is open to everyone, and farmers who can possibly leave their work for the day are urged to join the group at convenient points and make as many visits as they can, Tom Brandon said.

Leaving Williamston at 8:30 tomorrow morning, the group will go to the farms of Marvin Jones and Elmer Modlin, near Jamesville, for a study of the Farm Security Administration program in practice. Dave Modlin, of the FSA office in this county, promises some interesting facts on the visit to the two farms. At 9:45, the farmers will look over J. Linwood Knowles and observe how he farms.

Leaving the Dardens area, the party is scheduled to report at B. Frank Lilley's in Griffins Township at 10:45 where the farmers will check up on the methods followed by Mr. Lilley in raising tobacco.

After a short period for lunch at Williamston, the travelers go to Robersonville to see Farmer A. E. Smith's pure bred Poland-China hogs at 1:30 o'clock. This stop has been of unusual interest in the past two tours. At 3:30, the farmers will visit W. Robert Everett's farm in Goose Nest for an inspection of power-farming practices and to view the fine herd of beef cattle.

A last stop is scheduled at five o'clock on the farm of Bob Everett in Poplar Point where the farmers will inspect a comparatively new tobacco barn curer in operation.

Scheduled at a busy time of the year, the tours have attracted comparatively few farmers, but the value of the visits are being recognized more fully and larger crowds are expected in each succeeding year.

## Finds Jobs For 1,458 Last Year

Up to July 1st, the Williamston office of the N. C. State Employment Service made a total of 1,458 placements, for the past fiscal year. This figure represents job placements made in each of the five counties served by the local office—Martin, Beaufort, Hyde, Washington and Tyrrell. Both public and private employers were served in all the five counties.

Placements thus far in 1939 have run considerably ahead of the same period of 1938, according to C. W. Bazemore, manager of the office. Out of the 1,458 placements, a total of 852 were made in the first six months of 1939. March was the best placement month this year, with 206 persons being placed in employment through the local office.

The Williamston office has carried on its employment service activities, while during the same period a large number of unemployment compensation claims have been handled, for claimants in all the five counties also, and weekly checks distributed over this area to eligible claimants.

Orders are received and filled for many different types of occupations, both private and public. State employment offices refer persons whose experience indicates suitability and qualifications for the particular jobs to be filled, as specified by the employers needing help. More and more private business concerns are now using the local state employment offices to obtain their needs for regular and temporary help, which is usually available on short notice.

## Young Woman Fails In Suicide Attempt Sunday

Driven almost to distraction by domestic troubles in her home, Mrs. Hubert Everett attempted to end her life in an upstairs room at the Everett home in Parmele early last Sunday evening.

Using a rifle, Mrs. Everett, about 27 years old, aimed the weapon at her heart, the ball passing just above it, continuing upward until it struck a bone in her shoulder where it glanced and came out her left side. She was removed to a Greenville hospital where her recovery is expected barring complications.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leonard are now at home in an apartment with Mr. and Mrs. Lex Thigpen on Marshall Avenue.

## Liquor Law Enforcement Unit Ends Busy Year in the County

An all-time liquor law enforcement record was established by Special Enforcement Officer J. H. Roebuck and his assistants in this county during the fiscal year ending the 30th of last month. Submitting his report for the period to the State Alcoholic Beverages Control board, the special officer lists 182 liquor plants wrecked in the county or 14 more than were ever wrecked in the county during a twelve months period, including prohibition days.

A close study of comparative reports clearly shows, however, that the illicit business was advanced on a cheaper scale. More cheap plants were found, the operators, anticipating visits from the raiders, preparing small runs as a rule. In the previous twelve months, the officers poured out 264,400 gallons of beer, but during the fiscal year ending last month they poured out only 97,750 gallons

of the mash. They captured 715 gallons of non-tax liquor last year against 442 gallons this year. However, they seized 116 pints of tax-paid liquor this past year as compared with a very small quantity the year before.

A detailed report as filed with the State board this week, follows:

Arrests, 67; convictions, 45; total of sentences imposed, 334 months; fines imposed amounted to 1,385; non-tax paid whiskey seized, 442 gallons; tax-paid whiskey seizures, 116 pints; automobiles seized, three stills captured, 182; total mash destroyed (estimated) 97,750 gallons; defendants turned over to federal court, 15; number of places padlocked, none; number of enforcement officers employed regularly, one; total number of miles traveled by enforcement unit, 10,354.

## Intangible Tax Law Is Costly to the County

### THIN

While there are some heavy crops here and there, the tobacco crop is curing out thin and light in the county as a whole, according to reports coming from nearly every one of the ten townships.

"My first curings are so thin that the leaves will hardly cast a shadow," Farmer Henry D. Peel, of Cross Roads, was quoted as saying last week-end. A few farmers state that they will make in excess of 1,200 pounds to the acre, but those cases are few, it is believed.

## Review Of Health Work In County During Past Month

### More Than 3,000 Persons Were Immunized Against Typhoid

During the month of June 3,067 persons were immunized against typhoid fever, and 113 children were immunized against diphtheria. Our anti-typhoid-diphtheria campaign has covered only half the county and the attendance at the various dispensary points has been excellent. Heretofore there has been no accurate records kept on previous typhoid campaigns, but in the future we expect to eliminate any difficulties arising from our schedules.

Our monthly maternity and infancy clinic was held on Tuesday, June 6 at the health department with Dr. R. G. McAllister in charge. A record attendance of 32 patients was reached. Increasing interest in the pre-natal woman and newborn infants has swelled our only center for this work to capacity, and we are in need of at least two other centers in the county.

The venereal disease clinics have dropped in attendance, probably due to our necessary concentration on the anti-typhoid drive. During June 841 treatments were given for syphilis, 178 blood specimens were taken for the Wassermann test, and a total of 1294 patients came to the clinics for either treatment, examination, or advice. The Robersonville venereal disease clinic has been renovated and the working conditions there are much better.

Whooping cough is still prevalent to a considerable extent in the county, more cases being reported this month from the district around Hamilton and Oak City. One case of diphtheria was reported in Hamilton.

On the first of June, the Williamston Municipal swimming pool opened and has been run on recognized standards for a month with all mechanical operations working successfully. The sanitary officer, during the month of June, made frequent visits to the pool in order to be assured that correct sanitary methods were being used by the manager and his staff. Although it took some little

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### SOME DOG

Verified reports declare that Farmer Tommie Holliday has a dog "worming" tobacco down in the Jamesville section. And the animal is "showing up" his master, one report stating that the dog followed the farmer on one row and picked worms that had been left.

The reports also state that once the dog picks the worms from the tobacco he takes and bites them in two and swallows them. "Kinston has nothing on us," Holliday said.

## Revenue This Year Is \$6,699.36 Less Than 1937 Amount

### Current Allotment Is Slightly Below That For the Past Year

For the second consecutive year, Martin County and its political subdivisions have taken a licking under the provisions of the law regulating the listing and rate on intangible properties.

Compared with collections in 1937 when intangibles were listed along with other properties, the county and several towns are receiving approximately \$6,699.36 less this year under the new-fangled system that is proving disappointing as far as getting revenue from hidden properties. Apparently there has been no strong tendency for the holders of intangibles to list them even at the low rate of levy specified in the legislative act. To aggravate that bad situation, the State comes along and takes forty per cent of the amount collected as its part and grabs an additional amount of nearly \$42,000 for handling the collections.

Starting off in 1938 with an agreement to split the intangible tax collection fifty-fifty, the State this year occupies the short end of a 60-40 split but according to unofficial figures, Martin County and its several political subdivisions are actually receiving less than they did under the agreement in effect last year.

According to unofficial figures released this week, Martin County will get \$1,807.94 this year as compared with \$1,826.45 received last year, a decrease of only \$18.51. In 1937, the last year the county and towns listed the intangibles along with other types of property, and applied the same tax rate to all types, a total of approximately \$8,507.30 was collected.

State leaders, maintaining that a lower rate classification would bring much intangible property out of hiding, are obliged to be disappointed because the additional listings have failed and failed miserably to offset the loss suffered when a marked reduction in the rate went into effect.

The 1,807.94, according to the allotments unofficially announced this week, will be distributed to the county and several towns as follows: Martin County, \$1,349.08; Williamston, \$347.67; Robersonville, \$102.51; Oak City, \$68.87; and Hassell, \$1.81. Jamesville, Everetts and Parmele, other, incorporated towns in the county, apparently do not share in the fund.

For the year under consideration, the State collected in intangible taxes a total of \$1,043,931.85 as compared with \$904,633.33 collected the year before.

Where there was a discrepancy within the counties under the old system of listing intangibles, there is a discrepancy among the counties under the new plan. It is apparent that some counties are listing more intangible property than others in proportion. The county listing more in proportion to another county is contributing to the State, and in some cases is actually sharing with the "poorer" counties under the method employed in distributing the collections.

## Town Life Appeals To Run-away Country Mule

There has been a marked migration of country youths to the towns and cities in recent years, but the latest reports on the migration movements maintain that town life is now appealing to dumb animals.

Coming here early yesterday morning, Willie Roebuck, who lives seven miles from here on the Hamilton Road, was looking around in the backlots for his stray mule. "The old mule breaks out every now and then and comes to town to see the sights," Farmer Roebuck said.

## Storage House And Contents Wrecked In Spectacular Fire

### Damage To Harrison Property Estimated In Excess Of \$5,000.00

Williamston's low fire-loss record for 1939 was riddled early last night when the large storehouse of the Harrison Brothers' Estate went up in smoke a few feet back of the estate's big Main Street store. Said to have been fully covered by insurance, the building and contents were valued in excess of \$5,000.

Workmen closed the warehouse yesterday afternoon shortly after 5 o'clock. Apparently starting from spontaneous combustion, the fire was burning rapidly over a greater part of the long one-story wooden structure and bursting through the sides and top when it was discovered. Experiencing difficulty in getting lines of hose laid to the burning building, firemen were only able to keep the fire from spreading. Water from two lines of hose was poured on the fire during the greater part of three hours, and the apparatus was not returned to the station until well after midnight. Firemen and other volunteers dug 23 bales of cotton from the burning building and picked the burning lint from the bales until after 2 o'clock this morning, but up until a short time before noon the cotton was still burning. Firemen shifted hose connections from the water lines on Main Street to Washington Street late in the night and water was poured on the burning timbers and cotton until early morning.

Once or twice the fire reached the Lindsley Ice Company's coal and wood yard where hundreds of cords of dry wood were stored, but the fire was checked and damage limited to the warehouse structure.

Light from the fire was seen from a distance of several miles, and the large volume of smoke hovered over a large area of the town. It was one of the most spectacular fires seen here in many months. Up until last evening, the fire loss for 1939 was less than \$400 here.

An unofficial inventory gained from reliable sources showed the following losses: 23 bales of cotton, \$920; 380 bushels of corn, \$342; 100 bales of hay, \$25; pig feed, \$50; three thousand peanut bags, \$240; forty-five tons of fertilizer, including a number of bags of nitrate of soda, \$900; tobacco flues and equipment, \$300; miscellaneous property including plows, \$500. The building was valued at approximately \$1,800.

## Bruce Sennet Dies Early Last Sunday

Bruce Sennet, 46 years old, died at his home in Jamesville at 2 o'clock last Sunday morning, following an illness of more than two years' duration. Stricken with infantile paralysis, he had been a semi-invalid since he was three years old. However, he was able to get about some during most of his life until about two years ago when his condition became worse. About three months ago his condition became grave, the end coming gradually.

His aged mother, Mrs. Estelle Gardner, patiently nursed him for forty-three years. Unable to enjoy a normal life, the young man spent long hours reading the Scriptures and was an authority on them. He was a devout believer in the Bible, and despite his physical handicaps, he led a beautiful life in the company of a devoted mother and a few thoughtful friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington, Baptist minister. Interment was in the Holiday cemetery, near Poplar Chapel in Jamesville Township.

Besides his aged mother, he is survived by one brother, Clyde Sennet, of New York.

## Curing Barns Are Destroyed By Fire

Although the curing season has been underway on a large scale only a short time, two tobacco barns have already been destroyed by fire and a third damaged.

Farmer Tan Cherry lost a barn near Williamston last week. The farmer had removed the tobacco from the barn, but, finding about forty sticks with wet stems, he replaced them in the barn and was running high heats when the fire started.

On Monday, fire destroyed a barn packed full of tobacco on the farm of Perlie Lilley in Griffins Township. It was one of the first if not the first curing barn equipped with an oil heating system to be destroyed by fire in this county.

Several days ago, fire wrecked the tobacco in a barn on John A. Manning's farm in Hamilton Township. The farmer removed an oil burner from the barn and replaced it with furnaces, the fire following a short time later.

Patrolman W. S. Hunt was home from Manteo a short while today.

# Martin County Tax Rate for 1939 Is Tentatively Fixed at \$1.45 by Commissioners in Special Session

## Violators Of Dog Vaccination Law In On Court Saturday

### Fifteen Defendants Carried Before Justice Hassell In Williamston

"Every dog has his day," reads the old saying, but the owners of dogs had their day last Saturday when fifteen of them alleged to have violated the dog vaccination law, were carried before Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell.

The action constituted a last round-up in the drive to have all dogs in the county vaccinated against rabies in accordance with the state law. The drive is still underway and other alleged violators are soon to be scheduled for trial in various justice of the peace courts in the county.

After repeated appeals and warnings to owners urging them to have their dogs vaccinated, the sheriff's office started the law enforcement drive about two weeks ago. It is evident now that the value of the law is fully recognized by most dog owners, and it is also evident that the law enforcement agent does not propose to sit by and allow some owners to ignore the law.

Anxious to uphold the law and at the same time desiring to be lenient with the alleged violators of the law, Justice J. L. Hassell imposed no fines, but meted out 30-day jail sentences suspended upon payment of the cost. The cost in each case amounted to \$5.50.

Lossie and Lem Outerbridge, Dock Jones, Ed Bell and Osear Biggs were adjudged not guilty when they appeared in court and proved that their dogs were either vaccinated in the names of children or the dogs had been killed prior to the vaccination drive.

The names of those defendants made subject to judgments in the court are: L. D. Mizelle, John A. Hassell, Auglo Outerbridge and James A. Hassell, all of Williamston Township; Ransom Knight, Laura Gray and Wiley Lanier, all of Williams Township; Robert Gee, of Jamesville; Bert Gorham and Spencer Phippen, both of Bear Grass Township.

## Cough Epidemic Is Reported Here

An epidemic of whooping cough swept over the town yesterday and settled in Griffin Street of the colored section where nineteen cases were reported in a few hours. Investigating the spread of the cough, health authorities there a tight quarantine around the neighborhood and ordered the street closed.

Starting a few weeks ago in Jamesville, the cough was next reported in Hamilton, then Oak City, the blunt of the attack apparently centering over the small colored settlement just off the Jamesville Road here.

In connection with the spread of the cough, Dr. F. E. Wilson, health department head, warned parents to observe their children closely and upon the first sign of a cough take them to their physicians. Where a child is made subject to the cough, the health official recommends that it be given whooping cough vaccine.

Whooping cough accounts for an unbelievably large number of deaths among children under five years of age, it has been pointed out, and the cough should not be considered lightly.

## Rev. Tyndall To Conduct Services At Poplar Point

Services will be conducted by Rev. John W. Tyndall, of Texas, at Poplar Point Chapel Sunday afternoon, July 23, at 3 o'clock.

## Highway Accident Record

The automobile continued its assault on limb and property in the county last week, the victims coming through the attacks with only minor injuries. While officially no wrecks were reported during the period, reliable reports state that trucks, cars and trailers figured in two wrecks at a street intersection in Robersonville and along the Robersonville-Everetts Road.

With seven killed and twenty-two injured in this county so far this year, the law of averages is apparently cooperating in advancing the safety of human life and property. Observations show that many drivers continue their wild rides, ignoring the little signs in the streets and along the road sides.

An unofficial comparison of accident records in the county for the past week and for previous weeks in the year follows:

	Accidents	Injured	Killed	Property Damage
Last Week's Record	2	1	0	\$ 150.00
Prior Record	24	22	7	\$6,800.00
TOTALS	26	23	7	\$6,950.00

### PEANUT MEETING

Expected to experience some tough sledding in the department of agriculture during the next two weeks, the lowly peanut will be a topic of discussion at a district meeting of farmers and farm leaders in Windsor on Thursday of this week. Pointing out that production has steadily increased, the department proposes to lower stabilization prices. Congressman John H. Kerr will address the farmers' meeting and explain the price outlook at 11 o'clock that morning.

Martin County farmers are invited and urged to attend the meeting.

## C. D. Grove Will Contact Tobacco Curers Thursday

### Nearly 100 Martin Farmers Want To Cure Tobacco In Canada

In connection with a tobacco expansion program in Canada, Mr. C. D. Grove, former buyer on the Williamston market, plans to contact a number of farmers who will go to Canada this season and cure tobacco for the Canucks.

Between 80 and 100 Martin County farmers have filed applications for the curing jobs, it is understood. La Cooperative des Tabacs Laurentiens is seeking around 300 Bright Belt farmers for the jobs.

Mr. Grove, technician for the company, is scheduled to be in Williamston on Thursday of this week at 10 o'clock to interview the applicants and make arrangements for the trip north. While here he will probably establish headquarters in the offices of Harrison and Carstarphen in the Geo. Reynolds Hotel building.

Applicants will be asked for valid recommendations from either a tobacco warehouseman or a curer who has made a trip to Canada during the past year or two.

In a letter written from Quebec last week-end, Mr. Grove said: "Those chosen will be given Permits of Entry into Canada together with full information and instructions for the trip. It is our plan to furnish round-trip fares via Carolina Coach Company and everyone will leave from Rocky Mount, at a date to be given you later. You will make this trip in groups of ten men, with a leader to be chosen when I reach there. This leader will notify you time and date to catch bus at Rocky Mount. I am giving you this information in order that you may line up your group from the same neighborhood.

"For the benefit of those who were not up here last year, will state that we pay transportation and meals both ways, and board and lodging while here and a daily wage of \$5.00. Anyone desiring to make the trip other than outlined above, we will allow only such amount as the bus fare and meals enroute."

## Permits Issued For The Construction Of Homes

Permits for the construction of two new homes were issued this week, one to Mr. and Mrs. W. Hubert Coburn and one to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harrison. The Coburns are building a ten-room brick duplex home on Simmons Avenue, the contractors having already placed material on the lot preparatory to starting construction work. The Harrisons are planning to build a seven-room brick veneer home on Haughton Street. Construction work will get underway within the next two weeks.

## Condition Of Physician Remains About The Same

Undergoing a second operation within two weeks in a Richmond hospital Sunday, Dr. J. H. Saunders local physician, was reported about the same today, reports stating that barring complications he was expected to recover.

Given a blood transfusion yesterday, the popular doctor was said to have shown some improvement and that his condition remained unchanged today. He continues quite ill, and it is understood that he will have to remain in the hospital several weeks before he can return home.

## Revival To Begin Sunday At Dardens Christian Church

Rev. John W. Tyndall, of Texas, will open a revival at Dardens Christian church on Sunday night, July 23, to continue for ten days or two weeks. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services.