

## Tobacco Markets In Georgia Will Open Season On Tuesday

### Number of Local People Will Spend Several Weeks In The Belt

Tobaccoists, including warehouse operators, auctioneers, buyers, book and office men, speculators and common laborers are now moving into Georgia and Florida from this section for the opening of the tobacco markets there next Tuesday. Quite a few Williamston people plan to leave tomorrow and Sunday for the several markets where they will participate in the marketing activities during the next several weeks.

Preliminary reports indicate that the markets are expecting record sales this season, and doubt has been expressed as to the completion of the marketing work within the allotted time. It is possible that a few markets will remain open during the entire month of August.

Said to have a bumper crop, the markets in the two states are expecting to market well over 100 million pounds during the few brief selling weeks.

Price forecasts for the crop have been few in number but farmers and others are hoping for the best. Early reports from the opening last year placed the average for the first few hours of selling at about 25 cents a pound, a figure slightly above the average for the season the year before. Prices on the opening last year ranged from four to 52 cents, the first reports stated.

Price reports from the opening will be eagerly awaited by farmers in this county although there is generally a variation in the figures there as compared with the averages here.

Among those from here who are leaving this week-end for the several markets are: Messrs. Jack Hardison and James E. Griffin, Valdosta; Wesley Peel and W. R. Ingram, Douglas; Joel Muse, Tifton; Jackie and Jimmie Taylor, Hahira.

## Large Attendance At Venereal Clinics Reported In County

### Second Quarterly Report By Health Unit Reflects An Active Work

The work of the health department during the quarter of April, May and June has been mainly concentrated on an anti-typhoid and diphtheria campaign which began May 22nd. Only one-half the county has been immunized. The second half will be immunized during the month of July. This department has been under a definite handicap in putting on this campaign. The health department was not in existence three years ago and we were forced to start blindly into this adventure. Some slight mistakes were naturally made in the selection of dispensary points but these will be corrected before the next campaign. A total of 17,188 injections of typhoid vaccine were given and 805 injections of alum precipitated toxoid were given this quarter.

The maternity and infancy clinics have been well attended this quarter and the local doctors have cooperated well in assisting us in this work. We feel that it is necessary that all pre-natal cases receive some medical and nursing advice as this is the best approach to reducing the maternal and infant death rate.

Whooping cough still persists in the county in epidemic form. Not until we are able to get more speedy and accurate reports on the prevalence of disease can we feel that these epidemics can be prevented. One case of diphtheria and one case of tuberculosis was reported during the quarter.

The venereal disease clinics reached a new high in attendance during the quarter with 3,847 patients coming to the clinics for either treatment, examination, or advice. Of this number, 2,657 were syphilis treatments and 741 blood tests. The Robersonville venereal disease clinic has been renovated and the working conditions there have been much better. Arrangements were made with Dr. V. A. Ward to take charge of the Robersonville clinic after July 1st, as clinic physician. This arrangement will allow the department to do more administrative and follow-up work on the patients.

The entire personnel of the department has rendered excellent service, and feels that its work has been to good advantage. The department was notified that an additional nurse and an additional doctor would be assigned to us after July 1st for six weeks.

During the past three months, two new grade A raw dairies have been put in operation in the county and are supplying milk to those towns in the west half of the county in which Grade A milk has not been available before. The sanitary officer attended the Milk Seminar held in Chapel Hill by the U. S. Public Health service in cooperation with

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## New Budget Estimate For County Released

### HEAVY RAINS

Heavy rains have been reported generally throughout the county and section this week, the weather station here on the Roanoke River up until noon today recording more than three inches since last Monday. The rainfall so far this month is slightly more than that for all of July last year. However, the current fall followed a comparatively dry May and June.

Questioned this morning, farmers were unable to say what effect the rains this week would have on tobacco. Some stated that with the return of clear and warmer weather, the crop would ripen faster. Others state that the crop was already ripening unusually fast and that the rains would make little difference.

## Mrs. Nina Gardner Dies At Her Home Near Jamesville

### Last Rites Are Conducted At Cedar Branch Yesterday Afternoon

Mrs. Nina V. Gardner, highly esteemed county citizen, died suddenly at her home, near Jamesville, last Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Following the evening meal, Mrs. Gardner suffered a heart attack and died before medical aid could reach her thirty minutes later. She was 69 years old, her last birthday falling on February 29, 1938. Despite her advanced age, she was very active right up to the time of her death.

The daughter of the late Christopher Columbus Bundy and wife, Mrs. Gardner came from a northern state when she was a young girl. Her father was the captain of a boat operating between Roanoke River points and the north more than half century ago.

Locating in the Jamesville community she was married to Mr. Staton Gardner 53 years ago, next Christmas, the event marking the beginning of a long and happy married life.

Mrs. Gardner, held in high regard by all who knew her, was a member of the Cedar Branch Baptist church, near Jamesville, for a long number of years. The last rites were conducted there yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington. Interment was in the old Gardner family cemetery in Jamesville Township.

Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, C. L. and L. R. Gardner, both of Jamesville Township, and two daughters, Mrs. Mattie Rogers, of Creswell, and Mrs. Addie Williams, of Jamesville Township.

## Adjuster Settles Damage Suit Here

A damage suit brought by Ernest Cox against Alfredo Garcia Gonzalez following an automobile crash at the intersection of Main and Haughton Streets here the early part of last week was settled out of court this week by an insurance adjuster. The plaintiff was allowed \$181 car damages and \$100 for the personal injuries of the plaintiff's wife, driver of one of the cars.

Entering the intersection at Main Street, Gonzalez was said to have failed to stop, evidence in the case further pointing out that he was looking for road signs and was not looking where he was going.

Maintaining that the plaintiff snatched the car keys and \$70 in a small holder attached to the keyring holder, Gonzalez was unable to give bond and was placed in jail where he remained until bond could be arranged through his insurance company.

The New Jersey man's idea of North Carolina hospitality was not so colorful when he left here following his release. "They have pulled down the American flag and replaced it with the German flag," Gonzalez told his attorney just before he left. "I would like to see you again, but not here," Gonzalez also told his attorney, Clarence Griffin.

## Child Suffers Severe Burns To Both His Feet

"Pete" Cullipher, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cullipher, was severely burned about his feet last Tuesday afternoon when he stepped into a bed of coals raked from a tobacco curing barn furnace near their home on the Pennie Slade farm in Williamston Township.

Treated in the offices of Drs. Saunders and Brown here, the little fellow is getting along very well, the attending physician stating that the burns are not expected to prove serious.

## Nearly Quarter Of A Million Dollars To Operate County

### About One-half the Amount Is To Go For Retirement Of Old Debts

Nearly one-quarter of a million dollars—\$229,955.08 to be exact—is needed to finance the various county activities during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1940, according to a budget estimate made public today by the Martin County Board of Commissioners over the signature of J. Sam Getzinger, clerk to the board and county accountant.

Of the amount needed, the county is looking to the property owners to contribute \$177,098.00 through the channels of common taxation, the remainder to come from various other sources of revenue such as profits from liquor sales, Schedule "B" licenses, fines and forfeitures and so on.

A review of the budget estimate shows that old debts are like a thorn in one's side. More than \$100,000 is needed to satisfy the bond holders with their principal and interest. A greater part of that amount is to be raised from the rich and poor alike to pay the interest and small principal installments on bonds issued for highways and bridges which the great State of North Carolina claims to have built and paid for. Digressing here just a second, the dirty deal handed Martin and some other counties by the highway commission in taking the last fraction of a cent of the gas tax and then ignoring the appeals of these counties is the greatest injustice ever perpetrated on the common property taxpayers in this State since the old days of corrupt Republican rule. And that old regime never boasted about what it did for the people.

The budget estimate is a bit confusing in that the rate for various departments reflects a marked increase. A close examination of the complete budget shows that appropriations are little changed from what they were last year. For instance, the general county fund, \$47,100.00, is virtually the same as it was last year, but the rate is four and one-half cents higher. Revenue from sources other than the tax levy have shrunk considerably, and a rate boost was necessary to offset that loss. The poor fund, estimated at \$19,922.50, is about \$3,000 greater than it was a year ago, and a one-cent boost in the rate was found necessary to care for that increase which increase is attributable to greater demands for "outside poor" and hospitalization.

County debt-service as well as school debt service is reduced from last year, and a reduction of four and one-half cents was possible. Other items in the budget are virtually the same as they were a year ago.

The county officials predict that \$8,432.92 of the 177,098.00 will not be collected and that one item more than offsets the increase in the rate from \$1.41 to \$1.45 on the \$100 assessed property valuation.

The rate proposed in the budget estimate was tentatively adopted by the commissioners in special session on Monday, July 17. Property owners are accorded the right to offer their views on the budget figures. Unless there are objections voiced, it is very likely the rate of \$1.45 will be formally adopted by the commissioners at their next regular meeting on Monday, August 7.

## County Resident Defendant In Suit

An unusual suit has been brought by Mrs. Mollie Goodrich in Halifax County, against T. E. Goodrich, Martin County citizen. Papers, served on the defendant this week by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, directed him to show why he should share in the estate of the late Mrs. Ernest Davis.

In December, 1937, Mrs. Davis, her husband and their small child were killed in an automobile wreck near Oak City. C. J. Shields was named administrator of the estates which were valued in excess of \$3,000. After paying expenses and other accounts including the price of the machine owned by Shields or his company and driven by Davis, the administrator reported a balance of \$946.42. Unable to determine who died first, the heirs-in-law of both Mr. and Mrs. Davis agreed to an equal division of the residue.

Mrs. Goodrich, a divorcee, claims she is entitled to the half due Mrs. Davis' heirs-in-law, offering to show that she cared for Mrs. Davis.

## Dr. Saunders Continues To Improve In Hospital

After undergoing a third operation in about two weeks, Dr. J. H. Saunders, local physician, was reported to be improving rapidly in a Richmond hospital today. His return home is not expected within the next several weeks, however.

## County Court Has Unusually Small Docket on Monday

### Only Four Cases Before Judge Peel During Short Session

With only four cases on the docket, Judge H. O. Peel held the county recorder's court in session hardly more than an hour last Monday, the alleged crimes coming before the court being centered around liquor law violations.

Judging from the annual report filed by Special Enforcement Officer J. H. Roebuck, the illegal liquor traffic continues to flourish, and the continued violation of the liquor laws indicate that the people drink in the summer time to keep cool and drink in the winter time to keep warm.

Willoughby Andrews, alleged Hamilton bootlegger with a yard-long reputation, had his case continued until next Monday. Taking their watch in Hamilton last Saturday, Officers Roebuck and Haislip forced their way in so close on a sale that the money offered by a customer never reached Andrews' hand, it was said.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Joe Coffield was fined \$25, taxed with the cost and given a three months suspended sentence.

Alexander Hill, Jr., charged with an assault, was given the choice of two judgments. He was directed to pay a \$25 fine and accept the court costs or pay \$7.50 to the prosecuting witness' doctor and serve three months on the roads. Neither of the judgments suited him and he appealed, Judge Peel requiring bond in the sum of \$100.

James Finch was fined \$25, taxed with the cost and sentenced to the roads for three months in the case charging him with the violation of the liquor laws. The road sentence was suspended by the court.

Clerk L. B. Wynne announced yesterday that no session of the court will be held next Monday as Judge Peel would be out of town. The next session will be held on July 31.

## Comparatively Few Attending Typhoid Clinics In County

### Tobacco Harvesting Interrupts Drive Against Fever, Reports State

Comparatively few people are attending the clinics as the triennial campaign against typhoid fever approaches a close in the county, officials of the health department stated today. "The attendance upon the clinics in most places has been disappointing, and the effectiveness of the campaign is being limited greatly," Dr. F. E. Wilson, head of the department, commented.

Carrying the anti-typhoid drive into the upper part of the county three weeks ago, the health forces vaccinated less than 2,000. Last week the number jumped to 2,742, but a decrease in the number was reported this week.

Delayed partly by the July 4 holiday during the first week, the campaign gained momentum in the second period, but tobacco harvesting is now interrupting the health work, and the final reports are not expected to be very encouraging.

The response has been particularly disappointing in Robersonville where fewer people have taken advantage of free immunization than at any other point in the county, population considered. Quite a few people there are taking the vaccine privately, however.

A complete review of typhoid immunizations for the first three weeks follows:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Robeck's Store	58	70	76
Hamilton	161	332	286
Oak City	491	692	572
Robersonville	156	380	323
Gold Point	170	301	322
Hassel	126	203	176
Parrelle	86	109	91
Everetts	310	407	408
Cross Roads	176	248	233

Totals 1986 2742 2487

The campaign in the upper part of the county will end next week.

## Small Child Dies In A Washington Hospital

Billie Lee Bullock, three years old, died of diphtheria in a Washington hospital last Sunday afternoon. Thinking the child had croup, the mother did not call a doctor until Sunday morning when she was advised to rush him to a hospital for an operation. When the little fellow reached the hospital, he was so near dead that doctors considered an operation useless, and the little bit of humanity choked to death.

In a local doctor's office that morning, the little fellow was able to walk, the expression on his face holding a pitiful appeal for life. Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon and interment was in Cross Roads Township. The Bullocks make their home in Poplar Point Township.

## Many County Farmers Forfeit Soil Payments

### Soil Compliance Check Shows Big Excess Acreages

### Preliminary Estimates Point To Increase Ranging Up To 25 Per Cent

Pushing the soil conservation program aside, Martin County farmers, according to preliminary and unofficial reports on the compliance work, this season chose to gamble on the open markets, the reports stating that the county as a whole will show an increase in its tobacco acreage ranging up to 25 per cent. The increased plantings mean that the farmers, as a whole, have forfeited soil conservation payments and surrendered all rights to any claim for benefit payments from the government agriculture adjustment administration program.

Excess tobacco plantings are being reported by the supervisors in nearly every section of the county. The office of the county agent has not yet released any official information as to the exact findings of the supervisors, but reports, coming from recognized sources, indicate that in those sections where tobacco plantings have ordinarily been large in the past were increased more than the comparatively smaller plantings in other sections. It could not be learned what the total acreage figure will be for the county, but it was learned that the increase will run as high as 30 per cent in some townships and as high as 100 per cent on some farms.

A fairly strict compliance was predicted today in Griffiths Township, the prediction resting on an incomplete check of crop acreages there.

In one or two other townships, the excess acreage will hardly exceed ten per cent over and above the regular allotments, meaning that those farmers will be penalized at the rate of two cents a pound on their allotted poundage. Where the plantings exceed 10 per cent of the acreage allotments, the penalty or tax will be applied at the rate of eight cents a pound on the allotted poundage.

No estimate could be had as to the extent to which the county will participate in the soil conservation payments next spring, but it is not expected that more than one out of ten farmers will be eligible to receive the maximum amount offered under the triple-A program.

Reports from the field state that farmers are losing tobacco in the fields because it is ripening so rapidly that they are unable to save all of it. The reports further stated that many of those farmers could have held their plantings to the stated allotments, saved as much tobacco as they are going to save and then met the program requirements for benefit payments.

This year, Martin County farmers received in excess of \$150,000 under the soil conservation program. The amount of the payments under the 1939 program will be determined just as soon as the compliance work is completed. The surveys or supervisors are making rapid progress in handling the compliance check, and the task should be completed within the next few weeks.

## Few Farmers Make Tour In County

Busily engaged trying to save a rapidly-ripening tobacco crop, Martin County farmers were unable to participate in the annual county tour last Wednesday. A group of about twenty farmers and others interested in agriculture made the tour which, despite the small number, was described as very successful.

Leaving here that morning, the group visited the farms of Marvin Jones and Elmer Modlin and Bennie F. Lilley in the Jamesville section before dinner. In the afternoon much time was spent by the group on the farm of A. E. Smith, Robersonville. The stock man really had something for the group to see, and most of them have not stopped talking about the 938-pound pig the farmer had. "I believe the animal will weigh 1,400 pounds by the time he is grown," D. G. Modlin, one of the party, said.

An interesting stop was made on the farm of W. Robert Everett in Goose Nest Township, the party making a last call on Bob Everett's farm, near here, late that afternoon.

## Arrested For Alleged Theft Of Lady's Watch

Jimmie Dixon, Roberson Slughter House employee, was jailed here yesterday for the alleged theft of a lady's wrist watch at Roberson's trace there a few days ago. Officers traced the watch to Beaufort County where the young man had given it to a young lady. His case is scheduled for the courts Monday-week.

## Martin Farmers To Go To Canada And Help Cure Tobacco

### Ten Are Signed for Work By C. D. Grove Here Yesterday

At least ten Martin County farmers and possibly more will participate in Canada's tobacco expansion program this summer, according to C. D. Grove, representative of the Cooperative of the Tabac Laurentines, Joliette, Province of Quebec, Canada.

During his short stay here yesterday morning, Mr. Grove, former representative on the local market for the Export Tobacco Company, contracted with ten farmers to go to Quebec and cure tobacco. The selections, Mr. Grove explained, were limited because it was difficult to get passports for a large number at one time. He also explained that he planned to return here some time next week and offer curing contracts to other farmers.

W. Jasper Weaver, young Martin farmer, was chosen as group leader, and he, with nine others, are planning to leave here about the fifth of August for Three Rivers, a farming community about 600 miles from Ontario. The names of others under contract are: F. A. Barnhill, A. V. Bowen, J. M. Johnson, H. W. High, Walter Brown, Paul D. Manning, Fred Grimes, Park Hardison and Elmer Modlin.

Nearly 100 Martin farmers applied for the jobs. Mr. Grove stated that several hundred had also applied in Greenville, Wilson and Kinston. He also explained that his company could use between two and three hundred men, and that they were having trouble getting passports for that number.

According to Mr. Grove, certain sections in Canada are more than doubling their tobacco crop this year over their last year plantings. In the Quebec province where the Martin farmers are scheduled to go, the farmers are increasing their crop from 2,000 to 5,400 acres. The type of tobacco is very similar to that grown in this country, and at marketing time it has a 50-import duty differential over the United States leaf.

"I am afraid Canada is increasing its crop too rapidly just as they are apparently doing in the States," Mr. Grove said.

Quite a few farmers applying for curing jobs were disappointed when they failed to get contracts yesterday, but it is possible that some of those who signed will not make the trip and others will be chosen by the group leader to take their places. Very little English is spoken by the Canucks (French Canadians), but as one of the farmers signing a contract pointed out, there'll be a great deal of hand waving and head shaking.

## Assistance Lists Jump 8199 During Last Fiscal Year

By A. LAURANCE AYDLETT  
New cases added to the public assistance rolls during the last fiscal year accounted for 8199 of the total number of 34,113 receiving government aid at the end of June, Nathan H. Yelton, director of the division of public assistance of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, announced this week.

Only 17 of the new recipients were foreign born, two of them listing Asia as their birthplace, according to figures compiled by J. S. Kirk, department statistician.

Year-end summaries showed the 8199 total new cases to be composed of 5321 white, 2329 Negro and 49 Indians, with men accounting for 3693 and women for 4506 of the number.

Of the total new additions, 903 were living alone, the majority of whom received from \$8 to \$11; while 4360, the majority of whose grants ranged from \$5 to \$10, were living with relatives. At the time of investigation of their cases, 6876 of the new recipients were receiving no other aid.

Listed as having no income other than their public assistance grant were 5821 persons, while of the 2378 receiving a small income, 515 were doing so by means of their own earnings, 505 from the sale of farm produce, and 1007 from contributions from friends or relatives.

Four hundred and ninety-four of the new cases were bedridden, 2142 required considerable care, and 5563 were able to care for themselves. Of the 8199 total, 3011 were under the

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## Recent Fire Loss Here Is Adjusted This Week

Representing the J. E. Pope Insurance Agency, insurance men this week adjusted the recent fire loss sustained by the Harrison Brothers Estate last Monday evening. Full coverage was said to have been allowed, reducing the estate's loss to approximately \$1,200, it was reliably learned.