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Martin Farmers Ready to Tackle Serious Tobacco Problem

Alleged Meat And Chicken Thief Is Taken In Georgia

Ed Thompson Caught Driving Car Stolen From a Local Man

The wholesale thievery of meat and chickens in Martin County and other sections of eastern North Carolina was abruptly interrupted in Georgia early last Sunday evening when Ed Thompson, former Martin resident, was arrested by troopers of that state.

The Thompson case was connected with the murder in an indirect way, later developments proving the reports unfounded. On the steering wheel of the stolen car was the driving license of Sadie Richardson, Miss Richardson married Mr. Dean Speight, of Williamston, after the license was issued and it had never been changed.

Attention was centered on Thompson as eastern Carolina's No. 1 chicken and meat thief. Federal Bureau of Investigation representatives entered the case as the man is wanted for driving stolen cars across state lines.

Thompson and a young man who was thought to have been his son, barely escaped arrest in Bertie County on the night of September 15.

England Prepares For Long Struggle

Speaking to parliament this morning, Prime Minister Chamberlain warned England to prepare for a long war and intimated that the economic side of the war will claim greater attention in the future.

The tragic spot in the war today centered on Poland where a starving population is making its last stand against a barbarian invasion.

Artillery duels featured the activities on the Western Front where the Allies have things well in hand.

Neutral shipping is entering vigorous protests against submarine attacks, but the dastardly business of sinking them continues, the count passing the half hundred mark.

Russia and Turkey are conniving, but details of their scheme are not yet known.

October 9 Is Tentatively Set For Opening Tobacco Market

Monday, October 9, has been tentatively set as the date for reopening the tobacco markets, according to information received here last evening from unofficial sources.

No official information has been released, but it is quite likely that the six-hour selling day proposed by warehouse operators and buyers will be observed when the markets open with the possibility that the selling period will be limited to five hours daily shortly after the markets are reopened.

With the successful passage of a control program, it is reasonably certain that the markets will be fairly well stabilized, making it unnecessary for farmers to rush themselves to death in an effort to get their offerings on the floors during the first few days or weeks.

Farm Bureau Mapping Big Membership Drive

P. T. A. MEET

The first regular meeting of the local parent-teacher association will be held in the high school auditorium tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

An interesting program featuring short talks by Mrs. S. A. Maxwell and Elbert S. Peel, has been arranged. Mr. Peel will speak on economic and social change affecting the home.

All patrons of the school are invited to be present.

Mrs. John D. Mizelle Dies On Saturday At Home In Jamesville

Funeral For Highly Respected Citizen Held Yesterday Afternoon

Mrs. John D. Mizelle, highly respected county citizen, died at her home in Jamesville last Saturday morning at nine o'clock following a long period of declining health.

The daughter of the late William E. and Mary Roebuck Manning, Mrs. Mizelle was born in Griffins Township on September 13, 1888.

Selecting their workers by drawing numbers, the membership campaign captains plan a county-wide drive.

On Captain Winslow's team are: Sidney Beacham and Joe Griffin, of Bear Grass Township; Gaston James and W. L. Aulsion, of Cross Roads Township; M. H. Leggett and H. L. Manning, of Griffins Township; Robert Everett and J. H. Ayers, of Goose Nest Township; Henry Johnson and Lester Everett, of Hamilton Township; J. W. Eubanks, of Hassell; J. L. Knowles, and Elmer Modlin, of Jamesville Township; W. M. Hardison and V. G. Taylor, of Poplar Point Township; C. L. Green and T. L. House, of Robersonville Township; R. J. Hardison and Floyd Moore, of Williams Township, and H. L. Barnhill and J. P. Woodard, of Williams.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon from the late home in Jamesville by Elder P. E. Getsinger, assisted by Rev. W. B. Harrington.

Martin Farmers To Register This Week For Leaf Election

All Farmers Urged To Make Sure Their Names Are On the List

The large scale registration of farmers for the tobacco control referendum to be held possibly some time during next week is slated to get underway in this county on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Partial registrations have already been prepared by the county office, but it is certain that the registration is not complete in any of the districts.

Value Of Bureau Is Pointed Out In Big Meeting Last Night

Joe Winslow and Chas. Daniel Chosen To Head Drive For Members

Recognizing the splendid work done by the Farm Bureau Federation and realizing a greater need for a live organization of their own in the future, Martin County farmers set machinery in motion last evening for conducting an extensive membership drive for the organization following a mass meeting held in the county courthouse.

J. T. Cooper, representative of the State organization, briefly addressed a large gathering of county farmers in the courthouse last evening and pointed out the work done by the Farm Bureau toward saving a 119 million dollar appropriation from which funds will be drawn to finance the purchase of tobacco in the place of the Imperial Tobacco Company.

The second service in the special series will be given next Sunday night when a chorus, a quartet, and soloists from the Maple Grove Christian church will interpret evangelistic music to our church.

This service opens the "Church Interest Month" series that is being put on by the local Methodist church.

Sunday is designated "Go to Church Day." The morning service will center again in the benevolent obligations of the church.

While recognizing the inherent right of every grower to vote as he chooses, Williamston business men, sensing the serious situation facing this community and all its people, are addressing a sincere appeal in behalf of the control program.

Suicide Bob Hayes, a former employee on the local tobacco market, is offering \$25 to any person who will ride with him when he attempts to jump fourteen stock cars in front of the Williamston fair grounds Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Thousand Farmers Crowd Into And Around the Courthouse Last Evening To Hear Discussions

Sizable Number Exhibits and Big Midway at Fair This Week

Opening for the first time in recent years under clear skies, the Williamston fair today has a surprisingly large number of exhibits and a greater midway than were expected.

The Art Lewis midway, recognized as one of the fastest growing shows in the South, was rapidly making preparations this morning to open the 1939 edition of the fair with a dozen rides and amusement stands.

Eighteen group exhibits had been virtually completed this morning by 4-H club members, home demonstration clubs, Boy Scouts, the county health department and Works Progress Administration.

measure up to expectations in quantity, and the colored high school is fast preparing an interesting display of work on the second floor of the exhibit hall.

"We realize the unfavorable conditions existing in this and adjoining counties due to the closing of the tobacco markets, but we are going ahead with the fair all this week, bringing here what we consider the people will enjoy."

More than 3,000 pounds were received at Tarboro last week under the old Colonial barter system.

Schaub And Floyd Cite Urgent Need For Leaf Program

There's Hope If Program Is Carried; Little Hope If Program Fails

Realizing the serious situation now facing them, nearly 1,000 Martin County farmers, their faces stern and their nerves tense, made it quite clear at a mass meeting in the courthouse here last night that they are ready and anxious to tackle the tobacco problem at the ballot box on Thursday of next week.

For more than an hour they listened intently to Dean I. O. Schaub, North Carolina's grand old man of agriculture, and E. Y. Floyd, State administrator of the Triple-A, review the serious plight of the tobacco farmer and then outline the proposals for coping with that serious situation.

"Tobacco farmers are facing a serious situation, but it is in the hands of the farmers to determine if that situation will be turned to their favor or turned against them."

Dean Schaub, who rushed here from a governor's conference late in the afternoon, told the interested group. The need for a production control program was well founded upon good business sense by the head of the State extension forces in the State.

Funeral Held For Mrs. Wm. Roberson In County Sunday

Daughter of Mrs. Annie Glenn Died Last Friday Near Robersonville

Mrs. William Roberson, a native of Williamston, died at her home near Robersonville last Friday night at 9:30 o'clock following an illness of only three weeks' duration.

The daughter of Mrs. Annie Glenn, of Williamston, and the late Robert Glenn, Mrs. Roberson was born in Williamston on December 21, 1901.

Following her marriage to Mr. Roberson she made her home near Williamston for a number of years, moving to a farm near Robersonville about a year or two ago.

Funeral services were conducted in the little Presbyterian Chapel in Poplar Point Sunday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. Z. T. Piephoff. Interment was in the family plot in the Bowen Cemetery, near here.

Planning County-Wide Campaign for Control

Basic Facts Will Be Placed Before Farmers Of County

Large Numbers Expected To Attend Series Of Meetings

A whirl-wind campaign to place basic facts before tobacco growers in connection with the tobacco control referendum is getting underway in the county this week with meetings scheduled in nearly every one of the ten community centers.

The campaign got underway in the county courthouse last night when a large crowd heard prominent farm leaders discuss the problem now facing the tobacco grower.

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Two Hurt In Factory Accident Here Monday

Roxie Wilder and Helen Ormond, employees in the plant of the Skinner Tobacco Company here, were painfully but not seriously injured in an accident there yesterday morning.

RESOLUTION

Sensing the serious situation facing the tobacco territories and realizing that a concerted effort on the part of everyone in those territories is necessary to win the battle, a large gathering of Martin County farmers in the courthouse Monday evening upon the motion of Rev. W. B. Harrington, of Farm Life, endorsed resolutions urging all business and professional men to fall in line and help carry the control program over the top on Thursday, October 5.

Recognized as 100 per cent for control, local business men have been a bit hesitant to enter the campaign for fear they would be branded as meddlers, but with the invitation extended last evening, it is certain that business men and other interested persons will do all they can.

Increased Church Attendance Here

After experiencing an almost bottomless attendance slump, Williamston churches last Sunday reported an increased interest in religious worship, one report stating that nearly 100 persons were present for a special program.

For some time, local ministers have viewed the problem with much concern, and failing in their efforts to find a solution some of them are greatly disheartened.