

Vote For Control In Martin County Near 100 Per Cent

Opposition Fails To Materialize and Program Goes Over With Bang

Pushing into the background voting records of all kinds, Martin County farmers marched to the front yesterday to give an overwhelming support to the 1940 tobacco production control program, the unofficial vote standing at 3,367 for and 26 against with 229 challenge votes to be inspected and counted today. The vote reflects an increase of nearly 1,000 over the 2,691 votes cast last December 9 when the program was defeated. Growers, sensing the serious situation confronting tobacco, did not stop with a mere 66 2-3 percentage vote but went ahead to nearly reach 100 per cent—99.23 to be exact—for control.

Voting was orderly throughout the county, and what little opposition existed was not expressed openly. However, the anti made no secret of the way they voted in most cases. The usual oddities followed the course of voting, one farmer voting both for and against the measure, little realizing that he had not voted at all.

Hardly before the returns were in last night, various farm agents in surrounding counties began to worry over quota allotments. That there will be dissatisfied farmers can be expected, but it was quite evident in the referendum yesterday that farmers believe reductions and even drastic reductions will be better than the bitter fate that would have been theirs without a program. "We will never know how costly it would have been had the program been defeated, and we are well satisfied if we never know," a farmer said as the trend of the vote was determined.

The high spots in the voting in this county centered around the boxes in Williams, Gold Point and Hamilton precincts where the opposition apparently saw its shadow and withdrew to its hole. In those precincts where a fairly strong opposition was expressed last December, the adverse vote dwindled to a mere one or two votes.

An unofficial tabulation of the vote not including the 229 ballots that were challenged, is as follows:

	1940 Quota		1939 Quota	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Jamesville	292	10	217	47
Williams	144	0	106	17
Griffins	380	3	288	10
Bear Grass	365	3	250	33
Williamston	572	1	445	33
Cross Roads	335	1	219	22
Robersonville	472	5	274	86
Gold Point	140	0	119	6
Hamilton	117	0	113	9
Hassel	152	1	135	3
Goose Nest	398	2	258	40
Totals	3367	26	2404	287

—Includes Poplar Point vote.

Cooperative Group In Meeting Today

Meeting in Edenton today, members of the North Carolina Peanut Stabilization Cooperative are effecting its reorganization preparatory to entering the markets this fall, if necessary. A detailed schedule of activities for the coming season will be outlined following the election of officers.

R. C. Holland, of Edenton, has been the popular president of the organization since it was created three years ago, and his re-election was predicted in this county earlier in the day.

More than 500 farmers are participating in the meeting by proxy, quite a few leaving early this morning to attend the reorganization session in person. Only two farmers in this county refused to participate in the meeting either by proxy or in person, it was learned.

It was considered doubtful last summer if the stabilization cooperation would be re-created by the government, but a strong demand by the American Farm Bureau brought results and it was recently announced that the market will be stabilized at the same basic rates in effect last season.

Filling Station At Everetts Is Robbed

Gaining an easy entrance through a window, a robber stole eight automobile tires and a small number of Camel cigarettes from the filling station of W. C. Bullock in Everetts some time during last Monday night or early Tuesday morning.

Raising a window without breaking a single pane, the robber went into the main part of the station and then into a small room where the tires were stored. When he removed the goods, he closed the doors and lowered the window and the station operator did not detect the theft immediately.

Several hours later a customer came along and wanted a tire. When Mr. Bullock went into the store room he found eight tires missing.

Officers investigated the case on Wednesday, but no clue that will support an arrest has been uncovered. The robbery was the first of its type reported in this county during a number of months.

Tobacco Market Ready For Opening Tuesday

UNANIMOUS

Reversing their stand taken last December, the six tobacco-producing states combined gave the 1940 crop control program a substantial majority of nearly 90 per cent. According to unofficial figures, 204,340 favored the program, while 22,796 voted against it.

A tabulation of the vote in the six states follows:

	Yes	No	Pct.
Georgia	15,780	2,600	85.6
Florida	2,260	496	82.0
Alabama	78	2	97.5
N. Carolina	147,717	15,004	90.8
S. Carolina	20,474	2,353	89.7
Virginia	18,510	2,395	88.6

Clear Four Cases From County Court Docket On Monday

Nine Cases Are Continued By Judge H. O. Peel For Trial Later

Devoting considerable time to the trial of one or two cases, Judge H. O. Peel cleared only four cases from the county recorder's court docket last Monday. Nine cases, charging the alleged violation of various laws, were continued for trial at later sessions. Most of the cases are scheduled for consideration next Monday.

The thirteen cases on the docket constituted an accumulation of charges during the two weeks the superior tribunal was in session. The period coincided with the tobacco depression and crime took a holiday, for the most part. Considering the presence of a carnival in the county last week, crime activities were unusually limited.

Daniel E. Davis pleaded guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving and the court fined him \$50, added the costs and revoked his licenses for a period of one year.

A plea of not guilty was entered in the case charging W. T. Crawford with drunken driving, the court continuing the action under prayer for judgment.

Joseph Land, charged with non-support, was found not guilty. Ralph O'Worthington, charged with drunken driving and the temporary larceny of L. J. Hardison's car, was sentenced to the roads for sixty days.

Sylvester Ange was found not guilty in the case charging him with violating the liquor laws.

In the list of continued cases were those charging L. B. McCormick with the violation of the State slot machine law, or Flannagan Slot Machine Act. The cases against the distributor were set for trial on October 23.

More Applicants Granted Pensions

Ten applications for old age assistance and two applications for aid to dependent children were approved by the Martin County Welfare board in a recent meeting here. A large number of requests for old age pensions was received by the board, and several pensioners asked that their allotments be increased.

The ten old-age assistance applications allow an average of \$11 to each of the successful applicants, while the average grant in this county averages a few cents less than \$10. The two grants approved for dependent children average \$15 per family.

At the present time there are 205 persons receiving old age pensions, and the welfare forces explain that the number constitutes the full quota for this county. Other applicants must await openings in the growing ranks of the dependent aged which are created mainly by death. Few, if any, ever get off the rolls any other way.

Repeated and thorough case reviews are made before a grant is allowed any person or any needy child.

INTEREST

Considerable interest is being shown by eastern Carolina people in the daring program announced this week by "Sulicide" Bob Hayes. Recognized as the No. 1 daredevil, Hayes announces he will attempt to jump sixteen stock cars at the Williamston fairgrounds Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, weather permitting!

In addition to the one big stunt, he will turn a car end over end, crash through burning objects and perform other hair-raising and breath-taking stunts. Hayes, a former Williamston resident, has been rained out twice and if the weather is favorable, thousands will see him in action Sunday afternoon.

Record Sales Are Certain On Local Mart After Holiday

Deliveries, Started This Week, Are Increasing Very Rapidly Here

Ending an enforced holiday of one month next Tuesday, the Williamston Tobacco Market is certain to eclipse all past records with deliveries expected to approximate a figure between three-quarters of a million and one million pounds. Row after row is being placed for first sale on the Planters warehouse floors, and unloading activities have been gaining momentum in the Roanoke-Dixie house where second sale is scheduled.

When the market opened the 1939 season back in August, approximately half million pounds of the golden leaf were placed on the warehouse floors here. Sales were blocked for a week, and from then up until the holiday was declared on Tuesday, September 12, sales activities required seven full hours each day. Blocked sales were fairly frequent even during the week before the market closed.

Realizing a first sale cannot be had by everyone, the growers are placing their tobacco on the floor where space is available, hoping a sale can be had in due time. With the size of the baskets averaging heavier than is ordinarily the case at the beginning of a regular season, it is quite likely that the first sale offerings here next Tuesday will constitute an all-time record.

It is reliably understood that sales will continue during six hours only next Tuesday, starting promptly at 9 a. m. and ending at 4 p. m. Here-tofore the sales lasted seven hours. It is possible that the selling day will be further curtailed to five hours, depending upon the size of the deliveries after the first few days of selling.

It has been suggested that this action be taken if it is seen that the factories and preliminary storage facilities cannot avoid a glut. No action has been taken in this connection, however.

No fancy prices are to be expected when the markets reopen, but with the passage of a control program for 1940, farmers are confident that they will have a stable market and a much higher price than could have been expected if the program had been defeated in the referendum yesterday. Unofficial reports indicate that the markets throughout this belt during the time they were open this season averaged under 14 cents. It is hoped the price next week will not fall under seventeen or eighteen cents a pound.

While there is some slightly damaged tobacco in this section, the offerings already on the local market for the next Tuesday sale are of good quality and the leaf is in unusually good condition.

It is estimated that nearly 700 million pounds of the 1939 crop, an amount larger than the entire crop last season, remains to be sold and that between one-fourth and one-third of that poundage is ready to move to the market.

Anticipating crowded conditions and showing a keen interest in methods to improve the conditions surrounding tobacco marketing, officials of the United States Tobacco Association recently adopted the following resolutions:

"Whereas, first—The adoption of uniform system in all belts, whereby the growers' tobacco will be placed on the warehouse floors in such manner as to protect and display same to the best advantage possible, is of the greatest importance; and

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Club To Beautify Grounds Next Week

Taking the initiative in a campaign for a more sightly town, the local Woman's club has launched a movement to beautify its ground on Smithwick and Church Streets.

The club is directing an appeal to all members and to others, also, asking the donation of any shrubbery that can be conveniently spared. Donors are merely asked to notify any one of a special committee and arrangements will be made to have the plants dug up and removed to the club grounds. The names of the committee members are: Mesdames N. C. Green, L. T. Fowden, J. McKimmon Saunders and J. E. King, and Miss Lora E. Sleeper.

Those who can spare shrubbery are asked to call a member of the committee not later than next Monday. Planned by the American Home Department of the club, the program for the next regular meeting on Wednesday, October 11, will center around landscaping. Mrs. John Harris, extension landscape architect, of Raleigh, will speak to the club members and illustrate successful plantings in various parts of the State. She will also cite possibilities for simple improvements in the community.

Score Convictions In 42 Of 46 Cases In Federal Courts

Four Defendants in Liquor Cases Draw Long Prison Terms

Equalizing in size a docket created during the old prohibition days, the fall term of federal court in Washington—this week—scored forty-two convictions out of forty-six cases charging the violation of the federal liquor laws. The cases were established following raids by federal officers in several eastern North Carolina counties during the past several months. Thirty defendants are awaiting removal to Atlanta, the transfer to take place following a regular term of the high court in Wilson later in the month.

Eight of the forty-six defendants facing Judge I. M. Meekins in the court at Washington this week were from this county. Four of the eight were found not guilty. Joe Taper, James Moore and Louis Keys proved that they were merely beer drinkers and that they were not connected with the illicit liquor manufacturing business.

Handy Ore, local taxi driver, was sentenced to Atlanta for a year and a day when he was adjudged guilty of hauling liquor. Ore implicated John Griffin, Everetts colored man, and while Griffin was adjudged guilty, the court placed him on probation for eighteen months. Ore claimed that Griffin had hired him to make the haul. James Duggan, Williams Township colored man and a third defendant in the case, was found not guilty when he explained to the court that he was merely bumming a ride from his home to Williamston when Patrolman Brown stopped the taxi and turned the case over to the federal authorities.

A. C. Harrison, charged with retailing illegal liquor, was sentenced to Atlanta for a year and a day.

Grover Nicholson will start serving an 18-months term in Atlanta on December 15, the court allowing him until that time to complete the harvesting of his crops.

Five of the 42 defendants were brought to this county to await their removal to Atlanta later in the month.

Colored School Occupys Addition

Crowded conditions existing in the local colored schools during the past few years were partially relieved yesterday when three grades were moved into a new three-room addition. Prior to the move yesterday three grades were taught in the auditorium and the principal, E. J. Hayes, held a class in his office with the students overflowing into the hall.

The addition completed this week was constructed at a cost of \$3,200, the education authorities allotting \$600 for the purchase of furniture and equipment.

"We are overjoyed with the relief that has come, and we are greatly appreciative of the effects of the county education authorities in coming to our rescue," Principal Hayes said this morning. "We are more determined than ever to execute a program acceptable to those who entrust to us the important work of making better citizens of our pupils," Hayes added.

While the addition greatly relieves the crowded conditions in the school, the authorities find it necessary to continue two shifts. The arrangement is not very convenient, but the teachers, forgetting the extra work, are now in a position to handle an effective work.

Crowded Bus Problem Again Before Board Of Education

The problem centered around a crowded bus serving the Parmele Training school has been dumped back into the lap of the county board of education. Going to the State School Commission in Raleigh this week, Superintendent of Schools J. C. Manning reviewed the problem with the school authorities, reports stating that he could not get to first base with his plea.

The commission agreed to maintain and operate the bus, but the purchase cost is up to the county, the county board will be advised in special session here next Monday.

On an average, 65 grown children ride the bus daily.

RECORD LOW

A record low in September rainfall was recorded by the weather station on Roanoke River here last month, the precipitation dropping below an inch for the first time in September since the station was opened nine years ago. And the rainfall was the smallest for any month since October, 1935.

The last month's fall of .92 of an inch compares with seven and one-half inches in September of last year and with nearly ten inches for last August. On the first day of this month 2.68 inches of rain fell in this immediate section.

Production Control Program for Tobacco Given An Overwhelming Majority in All Belts Thursday

Membership Committee of the Farm Bureau to Meet Monday

With farmers, business and professional men rallying to its support, the annual Martin County Farm Bureau Federation membership drive is progressing rapidly at the present time. A report will be submitted by the captains of the two membership teams at a meeting in the agricultural building here next Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock and all of the 42 campaign committee members with their captains are expected to attend. Other farmers are cordially invited, the organization's secretary said.

R. G. Arnold, Southern director of the American Farm Bureau Federation, will attend the meeting and address the group. Mr. Arnold is an entertaining speaker, and his address will prove interesting and informative.

The membership campaign to date is clothed in secrecy, but farmers have it that there has been

some diligent work carried on by the canvassers. In Williamston—99 per cent of the business men called on have taken membership in the organization so closely allied with their businesses to agriculture. A report, equally as favorable, has been received from Robersonville business men. And when it comes to the farmers, the canvassers, are rounding them up here, there and everywhere. The canvassers, whetting their appetite in anticipation of a free dinner at the expense of the losing side, are really doing a splendid work, and despite the tobacco marketing holiday, the farmers are taking memberships in almost unbelievable numbers.

No one will dare offer a guess as to the number of members that have been added since the campaign got underway just a little over a week ago, but it is thought that several hundred are already within the congenial membership fold.

Jurors Are Drawn For Special Term Of November Court

Judge Luther Hamilton, of Morehead City, Slated To Preside

In their regular first Monday meeting this month, the county commissioners drew jurymen for service during the special two weeks term of Martin County Superior Court convening on November 20. The session, coming almost at the tail end of a regular two-weeks term of the high tribunal, will be presided over by Judge Luther Hamilton, of Morehead City.

Created by a special act of the legislature just a few years ago, the November court, interrupted by Thanksgiving, has a ragged ending, as a rule. The taxpayers are greatly encouraged over the prospects of the court clearing the calendar and for abolishing one or both of the special sessions. The two special courts, the other one falling in April, are almost looked upon as permanent parts in administering civil law in this county. No criminal cases are considered by the two special courts.

Names of the jurymen drawn for service during the coming term are:

First Week
Jamesville Township: Dennis Modlin and Andrew Long.
Griffins Township: A. T. Whitley and S. E. Manning.
Bear Grass Township: W. M. Harrison, Walter Bailey and Joseph L. Holliday.
Williamston Township: Benjamin Courtney and J. S. Gurganus.
Cross Roads Township: Mack L. James and L. A. Bullock.
Robersonville Township: C. L. Wilson and S. L. Roberson.
Hamilton Township: R. T. Purvis, D. G. Matthews and W. A. Fleming.
Goose Nest Township: F. S. Harrell and L. A. Thompson.

Second Week
Jamesville Township: William H. Davis, M. H. Ange, and J. G. Long.
Griffins Township: O. S. Coltrain.
Bear Grass Township: K. O. Rogers.
Williamston Township: Joseph E. (Continued on page four)

Youths Impressed With New School

Arnold Wallace and Arthur Edmondson, local youths who were before the courts in this county recently for starting unique crime careers, developed a new outlook on life almost over night when they were entered in the Jackson Training School, near Concord, this week. "The boys were greatly impressed with the school, its surroundings and the friendliness of those in charge of the institution," Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said upon his return here.

A large swimming pool, one of the most modern in the State and one that is in use all year, attracted the attention of the boys. "They saw enough there in a few minutes to cause them to want to stay," the officer added.

Looking around the grounds and buildings, the Wallace chap explained that possibly he had rather study the baker's trade. "And then I'll know that I won't go hungry," the youth said. Edmondson, apparently, wasn't so very enthusiastic about going to work, but he will fall in line all right.

"Numerous trades are taught the 500 youths in the school, and the surroundings are all that one could ask for," Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said.

Acreege Quotas To Be Invoked Soon As Possible For 1940

North Carolina Piles Up A Smashing Vote For Control

Realizing the costly practice of piling up huge surpluses by the sweat of their brow and enslaving their families, farmers in six tobacco-growing states marched to the polls in thousands of precincts yesterday to reverse the stand taken against a planned production program last December. Record voting was reported throughout the tobacco territories in the six states. Alabama where there are mostly new growers, leading the way with a vote of 97.5 for the program.

Based on unofficial returns, the six states combined to give the program a favorable vote figured right at 90 per cent or about 23 per cent more votes than were necessary to invoke the quotas for 1940.

An unofficial but fairly reliable review of the vote in this State is, as follows:

	1940 Quota		1939 Quota	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Alamance	1292	208	513	1191
Alexander	664	32	506	213
Anson	61	1	41	31
Beaufort	2146	292	959	1578
Bertie	2009	65	1364	426
Bladen	2242	261	1155	1050
Brunswick	1008	99	576	618
Cabarrus	0	0	0	0
Caldwell	226	9	147	61
Camden	2	0	2	0
Carteret	246	64	151	322
Caswell	3776	309	1879	1424
Catawba	0	0	0	0
Chatham	1033	97	356	686
Chowan	169	6	136	24
Cleveland	2	1	0	0
Columbus	4649	673	2551	2846
Craven	1939	367	1006	1308
Cumberland	1240	317	771	800
Currituck	10	0	1	2
Davidson	1333	424	682	1284
Davie	608	49	333	250
Duplin	4210	804	1994	3519
Durham	1343	39	507	538
Edgecombe	4125	41	3084	221
Forsyth	2032	235	1118	1129
Franklin	2660	452	1189	2134
Gates	25	5	69	7
Granville	4621	26	3635	441
Greene	4199	22	2905	358
Guilford	2573	422	1405	2485
Halifax	2255	53	1695	390
Harnett	3956	730	2023	2168
Hertford	1168	55	716	281
Hoke	626	57	559	186
Hyde	3	2	0	0
Iredell	361	48	243	228
Johnston	5502	1570	2300	5118
Jones	1611	126	615	702
Lee	1521	117	854	538
Lenoir	4745	169	2699	1320
Martin	3367	26	2408	294
Mecklenburg	0	0	0	1
Montgomery	305	32	183	156
Moore	1064	88	552	884
Nash	7942	171	4217	1490
New Hanover	25	0	18	10
Northampton	122	19	91	18
Onslow	2649	132	1332	1039
Orange	1187	34	446	611
Pamlico	142	136	72	236
Pender	1159	122	544	504
Perquimans	0	0	4	0
Peterson	3392	168	1846	1522
Pitt	6286	74	5491	995
Randolph	981	110	548	906
Richmond	347	96	155	353
Robeson	7073	562	4523	1323
Rockingham	4304	224	3128	1638
Rock	16	5	7	3
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