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Peanuts Moving To Market Rapidly In Martin County Now

Several Thousand Bags Being Handled Daily By Buyers At This Point

Increased activity on the local peanut market was reported yesterday following an announcement by the Peanut Growers Stabilization Cooperative that the government would start receiving peanuts within the next few days. Sales, limited to three or four thousand bags daily, during the past week or ten days are increasing rapidly, one estimate placing the purchases yesterday as high as seven thousand bags.

Reports indicate that most of the farmers are in a hurry to sell. One local buying firm was said to have received nearly 100 calls yesterday, the callers stating that they were ready to sell and that they wanted a price. Despite the increased sales, activities on the market are not brisk. Buyers state there is a large crop, that they will be enough peanuts for everyone and that there is no need to rush the marketing. "We can't handle but so many bags a day, and since the price is not at all likely to decrease there is no good cause for rush sales," one buyer said here yesterday.

While it is certain that the government will enter the market and stabilize prices, a delay in opening the receiving station has been reported. "We plan to open two houses in Williamston the early part of next week," a representative of the stabilization cooperative said yesterday.

Prices are holding to government schedules, and as far as it could be learned this morning most sales are bringing three and a quarter cents.

Peanut pickers are running full blast throughout the county at the present time and it is likely that a greater portion of he crop will have been picked by the latter part of next week. Heavy yields are fairly general, but the quality is a bit "spotted". It is now apparent that the income from the crop this year will run far in excess of predictions and that the big crop will partly offset a shrinking revenue from the curtailed tobacco crop.

Along with peanuts, cotton is helping to bolster the farm income for this county, and it has been declared that farmers will be about as well off financially this year as they were in any fall during recent years. The cotton crop is moving to market fairly rapidly, one report from the upper part of the county indicating that a large portion of the crop had been picked and ginned in that section.

Cat Man Makes Last Round-up In County

Mark Gupton, who has been picking up stray cats in this section during past months, made his last round-up in the county today. Gathering up a fair-sized load of cats, Gupton started to deliver his last order this morning to a dealer who supplies various laboratories with cats, dogs, snakes for experimental work. "If I can get another contract, I'll possibly return some time during next year," the "cat man" said.

Taking out nearly 900 cats from this county, Gupton has hardly scratched the surface in lowering the feline count. More than 1,613 cats have been taken out of this and neighboring counties during the past six or eight months.

Wounded in the World War, Gupton turned to the unusual profession for a livelihood. This morning he had 55 cents in cash and a load of cats to show for his six months' work. "But I have managed to live and get along," he said. Finding the people quite considerate and friendly, Gupton declared that he had enjoyed his work in this county, and is hopeful that he can get another contract which will permit him to return next year.

Now that Roosevelt has been reelected, Gupton looked to the future with renewed optimism, and declared that he was not at all worried over the future.

PRESIDENT F. D. ROOSEVELT

Voicing their wishes in certain terms, more than 26 million voters last Tuesday chose Franklin D. Roosevelt to again head their government as President. Martin voters gave him the greatest vote of confidence ever polled in this county.

Local Tobacco Market To End Marketing Season Next Week

Williamston's tobacco market will end the selling season at the conclusion of the next Wednesday sale, it was announced today following a meeting of the tobacco board of trade yesterday. It is estimated that well over 99 per cent of the crop in this immediate section has been sold, that marketing activities can easily be completed by next Wednesday.

The market will observe next Monday as a holiday. All markets are observing Armistice Day for the first time in recent years.

No official announcement has been received, but it is understood that several of the smaller markets in other counties will close the season next week, that possibly all markets in the belt will have closed by Thanksgiving, if not before that time.

Selling in excess of five million pounds to date, the Williamston market has had a fairly successful year considering the crop reduction and a blocked highway across the Roanoke River at this point. Hardly fifty per cent of the crop was produced in this section this year as compared with the poundage produced last season, meaning that the market at least held its own.

Official averages are not immediately available, but the prices will range about three cents a pound over the 1939 quotations, it is understood.

Lowell Thomas Is Visitor On Local Market Recently

Lowell Thomas, noted radio commentator who was paying a return call to the Kay Kayser program last Wednesday evening, startled local radio fans when he said Williamston, North Carolina, the little town on the banks of the historic Roanoke. Just what Mr. Thomas had to say, the listeners are not quite agreed, but it was definitely pointed out that in his conversation with Kay Kayser he said that one of the happenings in Dixie impressing him most during a recent visit was a tobacco sale on the Williamston market. A sale followed in the studio, but the local color was missing.

Mr. Thomas described Farmer Louis Roberson and had other interesting comment to offer about the market and the selling methods. He never did say that he understood the auctioneer.

Many Northern visitors, including quite a few notables, are seen on the local market from day to day during the selling season. But they come and go virtually unnoticed.

Jamesville Voters Without Constable

Jamesville citizens accorded Joe H. Hardison 208 votes last Tuesday in his race for township constable, but according to unofficial reports the man will not be able to qualify for the office on account of non-residence. The township is now without a constable and it is quite likely that the citizens will have to turn to the county commissioners and ask the appointment of one of their number.

Hardison was without opposition on the printed ballot, but the names of three other persons were voluntarily written in by eight voters. Clarence Wallace polled six votes, James Long 1, and A. Corey 1.

In Williamston Township, Charles R. Moore polled 474 votes for constable, the number one precinct giving him 290 votes and the number two precinct, 184. He was without opposition.

Youth Breaks Leg While Playing Football Here

Reg Chesson, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chesson, broke his left leg just above the ankle while playing "tag" football on the high school playground here last Wednesday noon. The youth fell to the ground and several other boys fell on him.

Twelve Criminal Cases Are Called In County Court

Judge H. O. Peel Holds Long Session To Clear the Docket

Calling twelve criminal cases and one civil action, Judge H. O. Peel held the county recorder's court in a long session last Monday to clear the docket. Several cases of more than passing importance were before the judge.

Ananias Davis, Williamston colored man, who shot and badly hurt a youngster, James Wilson, for robbing his gas tank was found guilty by the court over his plea of innocence. The court suspended judgment, and a warrant is now pending against Wilson for larceny.

Linwood Spruill, colored dwarf, was sentenced to the roads for a period of two years in the case charging him with forcible trespass. The youth, just seventeen years old, forced his way into a Williamston home at night several weeks ago. The case was said to have bordered on first degree burglary.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of cost in the case charging Joshua Meeks with reckless driving.

William H. Jones and Alexander Teel, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, pleaded not guilty. Teel was found not guilty, and judgment was suspended upon payment of the court costs as to the defendant Jones.

Ben Biggs and John Robert Lawrence, charged with violating the liquor laws, failed to answer when called.

The case charging Jacob Copper with larceny was nol prossed.

Beulah Copper and Willie B. Ampey were adjudged guilty in the case charging them with an assault with a deadly weapon, the court suspending judgment upon payment of the costs.

Albert Bland, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, pleaded guilty. Prayer for judgment was continued until the first Monday in December.

Baker Council, charged with violating the liquor laws, was sentenced to the roads for a term of six months and fined $50. The sentence is to begin at the direction of the court at any time within the next two years.

Earl Hyman was found not guilty in the case charging him with speeding and reckless driving.

Charged with non-support, Archie Mobley was directed to pay $8 a month for six months for the support of his child, and reappear at the end of that period for further judgment.

Bringing a civil action against the Quality Cash Store, Whichard Brothers were awarded a judgment in the sum of $189.69 with interest from July 6, 1940.

First Dirt Moved On The River Fill Today

The first dirt for widening and building up the flood-damaged Roanoke river fill at this point was trucked in today by the contracting firm of Kiker and Younts. The bridge contractor, T. A. Triplett, is building detour bridges, and work on the damaged project is increasing from day to day.

WORKERS WANTED

The local office of the N. C. State Employment Service reports a strong demand for carpenters at wages from 70c to 90c an hour, and even more for qualified carpenter-foremen.

Every available carpenter who has no regular job in this section should register or renew his application at once for existing openings at good wages. Approximately 40 skilled carpenters have been referred to jobs by the Williamston office in the past few weeks, and more men could be placed if they would make application. Many other skilled job openings are also to be had at this time for men who can qualify.

Democrats Sweep Thirty-Eight States To Re-Elect Roosevelt For Third Term in White House

County Tenaciously Holds On To Ideals Of True Democracy

Democracy Gets History-Making Vote in This County Last Tuesday

Martin County voters tenaciously continued their hold on Democratic ideals and principles last Tuesday when they went to the polls and chalked up the greatest support ever given a Democratic ticket. The party ticket held firm in its entirety, the small vote for constable being attributed to a shortage of ballots. There were no apparent weak spots on the Democratic side of the ticket, and with two or three exceptions, each precinct added to the size of its 1936 Democratic presidential vote and cut down the total Republican vote from 111 to 106.

Bear Grass threw off the reputation of being a Republican stronghold, but that stronghold was not very strong. In 1936, the Republican vote there totaled 35 as compared with 13 polled last Tuesday. Williams, Griffins, Poplar Point and Hassell Precincts continue as Democratic strongholds. Not a single opposition vote was cast in any of the four districts, and Poplar Point went straight down the line, casting its 220 votes for every nominee.

A total of 4,758 votes was cast last Tuesday as compared with a total of 4,588 cast in the 1936 general election. The vote was recorded by precincts as follows: Jamesville, 447; Williams, 209; Griffins, 383; Bear Grass, 330; Williamston No. 1, 582; Williamston No. 2, 624; Cross Roads, 347; Robersonville, 746; Gold Point, 139; Poplar Point, 220; Hamilton, 221; Hassell, 136; Goose Nest, 374.

A comparison of the presidential vote for 1936 and 1940 follows, by precincts:

	R'lt 1936	L'n 1936	R'lt 1940	W 1940
Jamesville	443	14	417	22
Williams	203	0	207	0
Griffins	387	0	382	0
Bear Grass	318	35	315	13
W'mston 1	1066	31	566	13
W'mston 2			600	24
Cross Roads	341	3	345	2
R'ville	695	19	722	24
Gold Point	139	1	138	1
Poplar Point	177	0	220	0
Hamilton	216	0	218	0
Hassell	142	1	135	1
Goose Nest	350	7	363	6
	4477	111	4628	106

Herb Bonner Wins By Big Majority

Herbert Bonner, nominee for the First Congressional District seat in the National House of Representatives for the unexpired and regular terms, won over his opponent, John Wilkinson, by about twenty to one, according to incomplete returns on the particular contest.

The incomplete vote reported in nine of the fourteen counties in the First District follows:

	Bonner	Wilk'n
Camden	886	23
Pitt	9892	185
Chowan	1486	34
Hyde	1122	230
Perquimans	1129	148
Washington	1712	313
*Currituck	933	41
*Pasquotank	1897	155
Martin	4510	78
TOTALS	23,567	1207

*—Incomplete.

Mr. Bonner will be sworn in as the congressman from this district next Monday in the House of Representatives for the unexpired term. His old boss, Lindsay Warren, is now serving as Comptroller General.

SILVER DOLLARS

To get a true perspective as to how much the payroll of the Roberson Slaughter House affects the business firms of Williamston, Mr. David Roberson stated this morning he would pay off all his employees tomorrow, Saturday, November 9th, with silver dollars.

Not realizing the magnitude of this firm and the large payroll released each week, Mr. Roberson said he was paying off in silver dollars just to show the merchants what the business means to Williamston.

Armistice Day Has Added Significance For America Today

Day Will Be Observed As An Holiday By Various Business Houses

November 11—Armistice Day — has been recognized as a day for celebration these past 22 years, but just now the day has a newer meaning and a greater significance than it has had at any time during that period. No general holiday is planned here and no special program has been prepared in connection with the day's observance in this immediate territory. Several branches of industry, including the tobacco markets, banks, liquor store and the Virginia Electric and Power Company, will observe the day as a holiday. The power company will close its offices at noon, but the other places of business will suspend activities for the entire day.

Declared a national holiday by Congress last year, the day will see the postoffice and other federal offices closed also. No town or rural mail deliveries will be made and no window service will be offered at the postoffice.

While no definite program has been planned here it is a recognized fact that the day has a greater significance than it has had in years past. Possibly the first World War was one to end war, but members of our own Congress withdrew after thousands had sacrificed their lives and billions had been spent and to-

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Questionnaires To Be Mailed In The County Monday

Questionnaires, slated to be mailed to draftees in this county today, have been delayed and will not reach the first fifty men before next Monday or Tuesday, the chairman of the draft board said this morning. The delayed receipt of certain forms made it necessary for the draft board to postpone its mailing schedule.

The first batch of questionnaires will be mailed Monday, and they will be returnable the following Saturday. Order numbers are being posted this weekend, an official check showing that the first 716 order numbers appearing in this paper recently were correct, that the additional three hundred published were virtually correct. Questionnaires will be mailed in the order of the numbers determined by the national drawing in Washington on Tuesday, October 29.

The mailing schedule will be posted from day to day in the windows of The Enterprise.

Roosevelt Gains 449 Electoral Votes To Upset Old Tradition

Plea for National Unity Heard As Bitter Political Battle Is Brought To An End

Sweeping to victory in at least 38 states and registering gains in house seats, the Democratic Party re-elected Franklin D. Roosevelt for a third term in the White House last Tuesday, the election, marked by bitterness, upsetting tradition and proving to the world that common democracy is firmly rooted still in this nation.

Returns are not yet complete, but latest tabulations give Mr. Roosevelt a popular vote lead of nearly five million over Mr. Willkie, the electoral vote count being 449 for Roosevelt and 82 for Willkie. The National Democratic Ticket with nearly 7,000 precincts to report, polled 26,252,918 votes against 21,838,104 for the Republicans.

Early reports on the voting last Tuesday pointed to a close race, and for two hours or more as the returns came in it appeared as if the Republicans were holding an advantage, but a reversal in the trend was noted about 10:30 or 11 o'clock, and Roosevelt picked up added strength rapidly. Shortly after midnight Charles McNary, Republican vice presidential nominee, conceded the election to Roosevelt. Mr. Willkie held out until Wednesday morning when he congratulated Roosevelt, pleaded for national unity and pledged his support to the defense porgram and for greater help for England.

In his triumph at the ballot box last Tuesday, Mr. Roosevelt becomes the first man ever elected to the Presidency of the United States for a third term.

Incomplete but indicative returns for the presidential popular and electoral votes are as follows:

	Popular Vote Roosevelt	Popular Vote Willkie	Elec. Vote R	Elec. Vote W
Ala.	175,001	27,334	11	
Arizona	45,362	24,908	3	
Ark.	63,006	14,027	9	
Cal.	1,312,992	929,247	22	
Col.	125,898	144,363		6
Conn.	417,858	361,869	8	
Del.	57,233	45,404	3	
Fla.	295,190	109,639	7	
Ga.	196,956	29,233	12	
Idaho	68,383	56,830	4	
Ill.	2,069,317	1,945,292	29	
Ind.	807,525	829,418		14
Iowa	536,677	579,715		11
Kansas	228,752	322,956		9
Ken.	321,801	211,456	11	
La.	160,720	26,884	10	
Maine	154,769	163,885		5
Md.	364,168	250,362	8	
Mass.	981,571	869,248	17	
Mich.	901,132	902,643		19
Minn.	395,222	371,736	11	
Miss.	89,845	4,232	9	
Mo.	867,684	775,343	15	
Mont.	85,143	55,674	4	
Neb.	241,739	323,316		7
Nev.	22,235	16,344	3	
N. H.	125,625	109,992	4	
N. J.	1,012,291	945,750	16	
N. M.	75,822	54,189	3	
N. Y.	3,256,726	3,021,421	47	
N. C.	574,924	182,702	13	
N. D.	63,397	74,011		4
Ohio	1,565,088	1,443,748	26	
Okla.	433,577	371,554	11	
Ore.	111,959	103,959	5	
Pa.	2,164,138	1,883,714	36	
R. I.	181,881	138,432	4	
S. C.	82,368	4,131	8	
S. D.	87,495	121,644		4
Tenn.	323,710	150,531	11	
Texas	504,433	118,198	23	
Utah	84,511	52,100	4	
Vermont	64,244	78,335		3
Va.	236,354	109,597	11	
Wash.	228,749	151,957	8	
W. Va.	313,257	226,780	8	
Wis.	686,546	666,851	12	
Wyo.	51,156	46,389	3	

RETURNS, BY PRECINCTS, FOR NATIONAL, STATE, COUNTY OFFICERS

Official returns, tabulated by precincts below, tell the story of how Martin County Democrats joined with fellow party members throughout the nation to record one of the greatest Democratic victories in the annals of political history. Martin voters, polling approximately 4,758 votes or just about 650 short of the entire voting strength, broke all previous records when they topped the 1936 vote count by more than 150. Democracy was never given a greater support than it received at the thirteen polling places in this county last Saturday. The county was unanimous in several precincts, the opposition showing little strength in all the others. The third term issue, or no other issue, had no bearing whatever on the size of the vote cast for Mr. Roosevelt. He led the ticket with 4,628 votes against a low of 106 for Mr. Willkie on the national ballot. Giving the President a stirring vote of confidence, the Democratic electors extended their support to all the other party nominees with a few exceptions, of course. The vote for constable in Jamesville and Williamston Townships is not included in the vote below, but all other contests are listed, the Democratic nominees holding first column positions under the respective contests, as follows:

PRECINCT	President Roosevelt	President Willkie	Vice Pres. Wallace	Vice Pres. McNary	Governor Broughton	Governor McNeill	Lt.-Gov. Harris	Lt.-Gov. Leavitt	Secy of State Eure	Secy of State Ferree	Auditor Pou	Auditor Van Hoy	Treasurer Johnson	Treasurer Gragg	Atty General McMul'n	Atty General Downing	Sut. Pub. Inst. Erwin	Sut. Pub. Inst. Pace	Com. Agri. Scott	Com. Agri. Allen	Ins. Com. Boney	Ins. Com. Phelps	Com. of Lab. Shuford	Com. of Lab. Fussell	Congress Bonner	Congress Wilk'son	Spec. Con. Bonner	Senate Horton	House Fearing	Reg. of Deeds Griffin	Reg. of Deeds Gets'ger	Judge Coburn	Treas. Smith	Surv'r A. Corey	County Commissioners Coltrain	Commissioners Perry	Commissioners Roberson	Commissioners Haislip	Commissioners Carst'phen
Jamesville	417	22	417	22	409	21	408	21	407	21	407	21	408	21	407	21	407	21	408	21	407	21	407	21	407	21	406	410	391	403	409	402	403	402	405	395	399	396	399
Williams	207	0	207	0	205	0	203	0	203	0	203	0	203	0	203	0	203	0	203	0	203	0	203	0	203	0	205	207	208	207	207	207	208	205	208	207	207	207	207
Griffins	382	0	382	0	377	0	373	0	373	0	373	0	373	0	373	0	373	0	373	0	373	0	373	0	375	0	370	375	367	375	374	371	372	369	372	370	368	368	370
Bear Grass	315	13	315	13	292	12	285	11	287	11	286	11	284	11	290	11	287	11	292	11	287	11	284	11	288	11	294	295	277	294	297	288	285	280	277	285	277	277	280
Williamston No. 1	566	13	566	13	557	7	552	7	548	7	547	7	550	7	549	7	549	7	550	7	550	7	549	7	550	7	571	568	536	555	561	556	558	553	546	545	543	542	557
Williamston No. 2	600	24	600	24	593	12	593	13	594	13	589	13	592	12	590	12	594	11	595	13	593	11	589	12	597	13	597	602	571	588	597	594	591	583	583	579	580	578	587
Cross Roads	345	2	345	2	340	0	340	0	340	0	338	0	339	0	340	0	339	0	339	0	338	0	338	0	338	0	344	344	344	342	344	343	343	343	343	343	343	343	344
Robersonville	722	24	722	24	704	21	699	20	702	19	701	20	701	20	701	19	701	19	702	20	703	20	701	19	702	20	703	707	689	699	702	701	706	696	697	697	702	695	697
Gold Point	138	1	138	1	137	1	137	1	137	1	137	1	137	1	137	1	137	1	137	1	137	1	137	1	137	1	139	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138
Poplar Point	220	0	220	0	220	0	220	0	220	0	220	0	220	0	220	0	220	0	220	0	220	0	220	0	220	0	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220
Hamilton	218	0	218	0	198	0	197	0	197	0	196	0	196	0	197	0	197	0	198	0	197	0	196	0	195	0	199	199	192	195	196	194	197	196	193	194	193	195	195
Hassell	135	1	135	1	133	0	134	0	134	0	134	0	134	0	134	0	134	0	134	0	134	0	134	0	134	0	135	134	131	131	133	131	131	131	131	131	131	133	131
Goose Nest	363	6	363	6	363	5	361	5	362	5	360	5	360	5	360	5	360	5	362	5	360	5	360	5	364	5	368	367	359	364	365	365	365	365	365	362	363	366	363
TOTALS	4628	106	4628	106	4528	79	4502	78	4504	77	4491	78	4497	77	4501	76	4501	75	4513	78	4502	76	4491	76	4510	78	4551	4566	4423	4511	4543	4510	4517	4481	4478	4466	4464	4458	4488