

## Farm Bureau Group Asks Continuation Of Crop Penalties

### Eight-Point Program Adopted By Farm Leaders in Tarboro Wednesday

Receiving reports that some farmers were planning to increase their plantings in excess of allotments despite penalties, farm leaders, acting as a unit of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, met in Tarboro Wednesday afternoon and adopted an eight-point program asking for the continuance of the crop penalty provision and pledging support to the national defense effort.

Presided over by R. Flake Shaw, of Greensboro, executive secretary of the State Farm Bureau, the meeting went on record in its program as favoring the following:

- (1) Provision of a penalty on excess flue-cured tobacco of 10 cents a pound or 50 per cent or more of the gross selling price whichever penalty is the greater, instead of the present 10 cents a pound.
  - (2) Continuation of the 85 per cent parity loan rate.
  - (3) Provision that the Secretary of Agriculture be asked to assure peanut farmers a price equal to the cost of production, namely 3 1/2 cents a pound.
  - (4) Provision that the Secretary of Agriculture be asked to retain the present acreage allotment for tobacco for 1942.
  - (5) Provision that a committee be appointed to look into the necessity of amending the present law regarding acreage of tobacco so that regardless of the annual production of tobacco there will be no suspension of the quota.
  - (6) Asking for a ceiling on all commodities including labor, industry and agriculture that would be equitable to the best interests of our post-war economy.
  - (7) Urge priority on flue iron, tin roofing, tobacco canvass, twine, REA requirements, farm machinery and other materials for all production of agricultural commodities.
  - (8) Asking every farmer in the State to cooperate to the limit of his capacity, and pledge the support of our State organization to the Secretary of Agriculture, the AAA and the North Carolina Extension Service in the promotion of this most worthy cause.
- Shaw started the meeting with the statement that "we want to conserve the gains that we have made in agriculture. We are facing one of the most crucial moments in agricultural program."
- B. B. Sugg, of Greenville and Heywood Foxhall, president of the Eastern Carolina Warehouse Association, warned of harder times ahead, and urged that the program of agriculture at present be maintained to the limit.
- The group spent most of its time on the question of an increase in penalties on tobacco overplanting over the penalties of this year. Several speakers warned that unless penalties were not increased the situation would be bad next year because of the good prices this year and possible better prices next year.
- Messrs. J. R. Winslow, Charles Daniel, Willie Ausborn, Frank Bailey and T. B. Slade represented this county at the meeting.

## Russians Again Ask Creation Of Second Front Against Nazis

### Bright Spots in War Around Moscow Are Reported Early Today

Addressing his people and the world on the eve of the 24th anniversary of Russian liberation, Premier Joseph Stalin yesterday again asked for the creation of a second front "in its difficult and great struggle against our common enemy—blood-thirsty Hitlerism."

While the leader pleaded for a second front in an effort to relieve the pressure being brought by German, Italian and Rumanian troops against embattled Russia in the East, Stalin was not unmindful of the aid being extended his country. He expressed the sincere gratitude of the Russian people for the unusual substantial aid offered his country.

Explaining that Russia had experienced reverses because of a numerical insufficiency of tanks and planes, Stalin declared that the Red Army would yet destroy Hitler's Nazis "to the very last man."

The Russian leader released some startling figures on German losses, holding to a low point those suffered by Russia. Stalin declared that already 4,500,000 of the invaders had been killed, wounded or captured. Russia's losses were listed as 350,000 killed, 378,000 missing and 1,020,000 wounded. He declared that it was unnecessary to add that the German blitzkrieg had failed in Russia.

Accompanying the Premier's address, were reports telling of reverses experienced by the German invaders around Moscow and Leningrad. German lines were reported in those areas, and it was apparent that Hitler's time table calling for the cap-

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Mrs. Large's resignation is the second in the department in recent months. Much of the work in the department has been centered around the nurses in past months, and it is believed that the health program will be greatly impaired if the position is left vacant for any great length of time.

## Annual Red Cross Roll Call Gets Underway Next Tuesday

The annual Red Cross membership roll call will get underway in the Martin County Chapter next Tuesday and continue through the month. Roll Call Chairman Harry Biggs announced today.

Plans have been completed for handling the membership campaign. Mr. Biggs stated and a favorable response is expected. The following chairmen have been named for the several districts comprising the chapter: J. F. Jordan, Dardens; Mrs. Camille Fleming Turner, Jamesville; Mr. Corey, Corey's Cross Roads; Mrs. Noah Rogerson, Bear Grass; Charles Daniel, Williams-Township; Mrs. Arthur Roberson, Farm Life; Stephen Manning, Piney Grove, and Mrs. J. A. Eason, Williamston. Several of the chairmen will be assisted by volunteer workers. In Williamston, mem-

## DEDICATION

In a special Armistice Day program in the hut here next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, the American Legion will dedicate its debt-free building, it was announced today.

The program will include two brief addresses and a concert by the local high school band. A picture of John Walton Hassell, after whom the post in this county was named and who was killed in action during the first World War, will be given to the organization. The public is invited to attend the exercises.

## This Week In Defense

**Aid to Britain and Russia**  
OPM Materials Director Batt said in a radio speech from Washington he had returned from the aid conference in Moscow with the thought that the "sensible, sane and selfish" course for the U. S. "is to deliver the goods—everything we possible can provide—into the hands of people who can use them . . . against the enemy while he is still thousands of miles from our shores . . ."

The Maritime Commission announced delivery of the first of 60 emergency cargo boats being built for the British. The President signed the \$5,985,000,000 second lend-lease appropriation and created in the Office of Emergency Management a Lend-Lease Administration with Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., as administrator.

**Prices**  
The Labor Department reported its daily price index of 28 basic commodities rose 1.3 per cent during the week of October 17 to 24, bringing prices in the index to more than 34 per cent higher than a year ago.

Price Administrator Henderson announced a comprehensive program to stabilize prices of all products made of copper, brass, or their alloys. He also issued a price schedule on glycerine and bed sheets. Sheet prices will be approximately 15 per cent below current market levels, Mr. Henderson said.

**Employment and Wages**  
Secretary of Labor Perkins reported average hourly earnings of factory wage earners were 74.5 cents during August. Wage-Hour Administrator Fleming said he favored a program of wage stabilization which would not freeze wages at present levels, but would first adjust existing differences between one plant and another doing the same work and make provisions for adjustments to increases in the cost of living.

**Labor Disputes**  
The President directed Secretary of War Stimson to take possession of and operate the Bendix, N. J., plant of Air Associates, Inc., after a dispute developed at the plant over the reinstatement of strikers on the recommendation of the Defense Mediation Board. Colonel Roy M. Jones, in charge of 2,100 soldiers who took over the plant, said, "employees desiring to return to their jobs will be given all necessary protection . . ."

The Defense Mediation Board began hearings on the labor dispute involving captive coal mines in the Appalachian area after the United Mine Workers voted to accept the

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## REMEMBRANCES

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DURING 1870's and '80's

Professor Sylvester Hassell, Elder Hassell, as his church people, and many that were not, bespoke him, was a man of rarity. It is worth one's time to read Joseph Daniels' close-up depiction of him and his life's work, as set forth in Mr. Daniels' book, "The Tar-Heel Editor." During my years at Williamston, he had given up his duties at Wilson Collegiate Institute, and was at the old home of his boyhood where his brother Walter kept house, and giving his life to his church and his books. As a boy, my opportunity was limited in knowing him well, but what I did see of him attracted me much. Upon several occasions I was sent to his study on errands, where I was always pleasantly received and talked to as the errand required. He was always busily occupied.

When he started out from his study on missions of his own, its object seemed his only aim. He walked hurriedly to and from his mission, bowing slightly to casual acquaintances, and best of friends alike, and back to where "his life" awaited him. He took frequent walks for exercise, all leading into the solitude of some unfrequented by-way, and at his usual hurried gait. Shortly after I left Williamston he befriended his community by teaching at the Academy. (The same being vacant partly because Miss Sue Williams, while not having shifted occupations to "her-ringing the Roanoke," but had, through marriage, hurried herself into a whole host of step-children) where my brother Bruce studied under him, and where man and boy learned to like each other. Many a time have I heard Bruce sing praises of Professor Hassell.

Mr. Walter Hassell was my man chum of those days. He would talk with and favor me, listening to my own talk. He had a set of side-whiskers like I had never seen before, and I hope to some day have a set just like them. In fact I commanded one of Mr. Biggs' idle razors, and began shaving my jaws. I did not bother, or think to bother, the other parts of my face where whiskers are supposed to sprout, but only the parts where I longed for the side-burns. But, alas, I must have gotten the roots, for no sprouting of beauty has yet taken place, and the few that did eventually straggle through, I knew would not fulfill my ambition, and a mustache had to suffice till it went out of style, and off it was shaven.

But I hardly think I would have sacrificed my side-whiskers, had I been able to raise them. I conceived an idea of flying a kite at night, with a Japanese lantern tied to its tail, mentally wondering what folks might think upon seeing a lighted lantern sailing through the air. I described to Mr. Hassell how it might be done. He said, "Get everything ready, and let's go out in my field tonight and try it."

The Hassell field extended clear up to Hassell's Lane, except for the block of houses facing directly on Main Street.

There we tried out the lighted kite for some nights, and while we could not get the thing to stay aloft stationarily, we did make the light fly through the air so long as we could hold out to keep running with the cord, and which seemed quite an achievement to me. Mr. Hassell seemed to concur. But it did not have the effect of astounding the public as did Orson Well's broadcast "Worlds at War" fifty years later.

Of the third Hassell brother, Doctor Alonzo Hassell, my heart overflows with love, gratitude, and appreciation. His were the "horse and buggy" days. And to the sick, suffering, and afflicted, he went through heat or cold, sunshine or rain, hail or snow. Never demanding the dollar, but graciously accepting what might be brought or handed him, be it pig-meat, or peanuts, pennies or parsips, corn-fodder or cucumbers; chickens, eggs, or what else the sickly, hard-run sufferers might be able to spare, at any time they could.

His consideration for suffering humanity was so great, and his own

## Judge W.H. Coburn Calls Six Cases In The County's Court

### Don Johnson Prosecutes the Docket at Session of Court Last Monday

The last Monday session of the county recorder's court went down into the record little noticed by the public. Less than a dozen white spectators were in the courtroom, and most of the small number of colored spectators were there, more or less, out of habit. Judge W. H. Coburn, calling half dozen cases, completed his work and adjourned the court long before the noon hour. Solicitor Don E. Johnson, regular appointee, was at the prosecutor's table. Studying Diesel engineering as a part of the country's defense program, Solicitor Johnson is not expected to attend many of the court sessions between now and next January. Attorney Wheeler Martin was appointed assistant solicitor by the Martin County commissioners in their regular session last Monday.

Proceedings in the court:

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, Grant Dunlow was fined \$50, taking with the court costs and had his driver's license revoked for one year.

The case charging James Johnson with an assault with a deadly weapon was continued until next Monday.

Oscar Council who went on a rampage and ripped Clarence Swimpson's coat and slashed the man's skin and hide in a fracas at the Big Apple in Robersonville on October 5, pleaded guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon. He was sentenced to the roads for three months, the court suspending the sentence on condition that the defendant pay Swimpson's doctor's bill which amounted to \$25, pay \$10 to Swimpson for damage done to the man's coat and pay the court costs.

Charged with drunken driving, careless, and reckless driving and operating a motor vehicle without a

## Dedicate Local Library Tonight

The formal dedication of the Williamston Public Library will take place this evening at 8:00 o'clock in the library room, with the use of the mayor's office and the police office. The mayor, John L. Hassell, will dedicate the building and the prayer of dedication will be offered by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, the minister having served the longest in Williamston.

Rev. John L. Goff, chairman of the local board will present the mayor and the guests. Following this brief ceremony the citizens of our community will be invited to examine the book exhibits, to register as borrowers of the library and enjoy the refreshments as a part of our Open House program. The library has just received a large new collection of books which will be circulated to any patron desiring one of the new titles.

Beginning Saturday morning from 10:00-12:00 the Story Hour will be held in the library room. The parents of the community are asked to cooperate in this venture and have their children profit by the program.

Our local library has made no appeal to the community for funds with which to operate during the past two years, but now must appeal to the friends of the library to support the effort that will be made next Tuesday and Wednesday when a canvass will be made of the town. Had it not been for the splendid cooperation of the WPA in furnishing a library clerk, it would have been most difficult to have operated. With our beautiful library room and present equipment and substantial support from our community the library will be in a position to meet the demands that may be made upon a growing library. This community asset must be underwritten to assure its continued service. You are requested to observe the posters in the several store windows and also the display in the window of the Economy Auto Supply Company on Main Street, not forgetting the dedication and the Open House tonight.

## Infant Dies At Home Of His Parents Near Here

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben L. Rogers died at the home of his parents near Williamston Wednesday afternoon. The child was only one week old. Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon and interment was in the Rogers cemetery.

## HOLIDAY

Next Tuesday, November 11th, will be observed as a holiday by the local banks and post office, the V. E. P. Company announcing it would suspend business at noon that day. No village or rural deliveries will be effected by the post office department.

It is the first time in years that the banks have observed Armistice Day as a holiday. Heretofore, the tobacco market was open, and as a convenience of the market patrons the banks continued their scheduled activities.

## Planters Warehouse Leased to Gurkin, Manning & Langley

Preliminary plans for operating the Williamston Tobacco Market next season were advanced Wednesday afternoon when Messrs. John Gurkin, John A. Manning and Carlyle Langley leased the Planters Tobacco Warehouse for a three-year period. While the new warehouse firm has not announced its operating line-up, plans will go forward within the next few weeks for the next marketing season, Mr. Langley announced this morning.

Several bids were submitted by prospective renters, a member of the rental committee said. He added that the house was rented to the highest bidder.

Holding a meeting Wednesday afternoon, the directors of the Martin County Warehouse Company, owners of the Planters warehouse, declared a four per cent dividend, subject to the approval of the annual meeting of the stockholders. The proposed dividend is the first offered the stockholders in a long number of years. The house was enlarged and the cost eliminated dividends for several years. During the winter of 1935-36, heavy snows crashed in the roof, and the repair bill eliminated dividends until this year. While the company is not completely out of debt, its obligations can easily be handled now, a member of the board of directors explained.

No date for holding the annual meeting of the warehouse company's board of directors has been fixed.

## No Instructions For Curtailing Electricity

### Normal Schedule Of Lighting Suggested Here for the Present

Not certain that the order of the Office of Production Management calling for a curtailment in power and light consumption in several southern states is applicable to Virginia Electric and Power Company territory, customers of the VEP in this section are planning to continue normal lighting schedules until direct instructions, if any, are issued by the authorities through the operating company.

The State of Virginia has not been directed to curtail its power for diversion, and it is the general opinion that this territory served by the Virginia company will be grouped with that in Virginia and not with that where curtailment programs have been ordered. Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne states that there is some doubt if Martin and the several other counties served by the Virginia Electric and Power Company are to be included in the program calling for curtailment. Municipalities, operating their own power plants, are not being asked to curtail consumption, according to an official report heard here yesterday. Little or nothing can be gained by curtailing consumption if the surplus cannot be diverted to points where more power is needed. Unofficial reports state that the VEP Company is already turning over approximately twenty million kilowatt hours to the Carolina Power and Light Company for defense use, that the power pool being maintained in this State is furnishing as much power as the present lines will carry.

Expressing a willingness to cooperate with the OPM in every way possible, VEP officials yesterday stated that until definite instructions are received ordering curtailment they saw no valid reason why light and power users in this immediate section should not continue their

## Openings For More Industrial Workers

Workers who are interested in jobs in various industrial and defense plants and also those who wish to be considered for various training courses in the future should register or renew their applications with their nearest employment office without delay.

At present there are many openings for both young and middle aged men who have had certain specified mechanical training in such work as automobile mechanics, assembly work, sheet metal, electrical, plumbing, ship carpentry, welding and other occupations. There is no cost and no obligation to any person for filing application with the State Employment Office nearest his home. Special files of potential workers are being built up at this time. Many young, middle aged and even old men will be hired in the ensuing months on the basis of past mechanical or skilled experience. Others will be considered for training courses to be set up wherever the number and need justifies. A large aircraft corporation in the east will call for many more workers from this and adjoining states soon. Many of these have never seen an airplane factory but have had enough mechanical experience to qualify at good starting wages. A man with reasonable qualifications has everything to gain and nothing to lose by filing application and keeping in contact with the local employment office. The Williamston office in the Town Hall is open every day and also gives extension service on established days at Washington, Belhaven, Swan Quarter, Columbia, and Plymouth, for workers in adjoining counties.

## Collector's Sale

A comparatively small number of real estate tracts will be placed on the auction block in front of the county courthouse door here next Monday at noon.

All that real estate upon which 1940 taxes have not been paid will be offered for sale by Mrs. Louise U. James, tax collector for the town of Williamston. The unpaid tax list is the smallest in years. If the unpaid accounts are not paid within eighteen months, final action will be taken to transfer ownership of titles.

## Civilian Defense Week Proclaimed By The President

In proclaiming Armistice Day as the start of Civilian Defense Week, President Roosevelt has focused attention upon the fact that the new war is not only a war of soldiers, but of civilians as well.

The heroes of "total war" may never don a uniform, may never enter a trench, may never fire a gun. Back yards have become front lines. Cellars have become dugouts.

The spectacle abroad will bring particularly sober thoughts to the veterans of the A.E.F. who will dominate the celebration of Armistice Day. But it is to the people of the occupied countries of Europe that this year's Armistice Day must bring the most poignant memories. They are the people of France, of Denmark, of Belgium, of Holland, of Poland, of Czechoslovakia, of Norway.

It is in the hearts of the people of these erstwhile democratic countries that Armistice Day must evoke the most bitter reminiscences.

Great Britain finds herself this Armistice Day in the death-struggle for survival. All but forgotten are the mistakes of Munich and Berchtesgaden. Forgotten too are the mistakes of apathy and of negligence which in the beginning rendered ineffective the attempts at protection of the civilian population in London, Coventry, Birmingham and Dover.

Civilian defense in Britain no longer is academic. Civilian defense to the populace of Britain today is one of the realities. There is a place for everyone in the gigantic program of civilian defense throughout England, and the world has watched with awe and admiration the work of its air raid wardens, its fire watchers, its rescue and bomb squads, its decontamination squads and all the myriad other services in to which the civil populace of the "tight little isle" has rallied with such magnificent valor.

But in Paris and Antwerp, in Prague and Warsaw, in Copenhagen and in Oslo, there is no civilian defense. There is instead the goose-step

## Tragedy Hits Twice In Halifax Family

Advised of the death of her husband, Hugh House, on the ill-fated destroyer, Reuben James, on Tuesday, Mrs. Gertrude Walston House, saw her sister, Blanche, an eleven-year-old school girl, run down and killed the following morning near Palmyra.

The school child was walking to board a school bus when a drunken driver, William Jones, 33-year-old Greensboro man, struck and fatally injured her with his car. Jones was arrested after he had tried to escape in a nearby swamp. The driver was said to have passed on the right side while the school bus was standing still.

## Martin County Farm Bureau Members for The Year 1941-1942

### Membership Committee Still At Work To Reach 1000-Member Goal

Gaining support from farmers, all types of businesses and professional men, the Martin County Farm Bureau is now regarded as one of the strongest farm organizations ever effected in the county. It is recognized as one of the strongest in North Carolina, and according to reports the organization has gained nationwide publicity for the county. Reports state that Martin County has been declared by national farm leaders in the organization as being one of the best counties in the South and one of the best-balanced in the entire country.

The membership committee, reporting 950 members already signed, is working to reach its goal of 1,000 by Friday night of next week.

A list of members follows, by townships:

## Jamesville Township

- Carl Griffin, C. N. Martin, W. B. Gaylord, H. A. Sexton, C. G. Gurkin, J. W. Long, Simon Barber, J. H. Dickerson, Mearn Jones, V. B. Harr, Julian Eagan, J. Davenport, L. E. H. Ange, W. L. Brown, C. C. Fleming, P. M. Holliday, Arthur Modlin, W. C. Wallace, Mrs. Mable Lilley, Mrs. B. F. Lilley, R. C. Sexton, F. C. Stallings, Aileen Griffin, W. M. Davis, C. C. Martin, G. E. Martin, U. S. Hassell, G. M. Anderson, C. C. Sexton, W. M. Mizelle, H. S. Hardison.

## Williams Township

- C. L. Daniel, L. D. Hardison, W. D. Gurganus, J. L. Hardison, R. J. Harrison, Clyde Williams, Paul Harrington, G. F. Godard, T. S. Tetterton, Vernon Griffin, O. S. Green, A. W. Hardison, Joe L. Coltrain, Clyde Roberson, L. J. Hardison, N. S. Cherry.

## Griffins Township

- Geo. C. Griffin, R. H. Peele, Geo. E. Peele, Robert E. Peele, Howard Coltrain, Ira T. Hardison, O. B. Roberson, W. B. Harrington, S. B. Lilley, W. E. Manning, D. S. Coltrain, J. Heber Peck, Saunders Revels, S. J. Lilley, J. Leroy Griffin, Elbert Tice, Roland Griffin, A. P. Tice, L. H. Roberson, Coy Griffin, B. F. Lilley, Garland C. Tice, W. D. Manning, B. R. Manning, Jordan G. Peck, Abram Roberson, Roy Godard, Julius Daniel, John A. Revels, Leslie J. Griffin, C. W. Gurkin, William Gus Woodard, Herbert Lilley, John A. Lilley, Miles R. Lilley, Raleigh Lilley, Mrs. Laura M. Hadley, D. C. Gurkins, J. J. Manning, David T. Griffin, W. T. Roberson, Lester J. Griffin, N. T. Tice, William Peck, J. C. Gurkin, A. T. Gurkin, J. R. P. Griffin, Nathan E. Roberson, T. C. Griffin, John A. Ward, John E. Griffin, Elbert W. Griffin, W. B. Wynn, S. E. Manning, N. R. Peck, Sylvester Godard, James M. Peck, A. A. Manning, Asa J. Hardison, James Peck, Ira E. Griffin, Aubrey Gurganus, W. J. Lilley, M. D. Hardison, Roy S. Hardison, Claudius Hardison, Chas. Peck, A. C. Roberson.

## Limited Number Of Men Are Drawn For December Jury Duty

For the first time in the history of the county only eighteen men were drawn for jury duty in a regular term of the Martin Superior Court. The members of the September grand jury will return for further duty at the December term. At their regular November meeting the Martin commissioners drew the names of eighteen men for duty as petit jurors. Next February, the commissioners will draw 27 men, eighteen for petit jury service and nine for service as members of the grand jury. The nine men drawn for grand jury duty will succeed the nine who will have completed six months of service as members of the county's permanent grand jury. They will serve for one year, beginning next March.

## Members of September Grand Jury Will Return For Further Duty

Notices will be mailed to the 18 grandjurymen, reminding them that they are to continue their services at the December term convening the second Monday in that month.

Judge Henry Stevens, making his first appearance on the bench in this county last September, will return for the one-week term in December. Only one case has been definitely scheduled for trial at the December term, and that one charges murder.

Names of jurymen drawn to serve on the petit jury at the December term follow, by townships:

## Jamesville Township: G. E. Martin and H. C. Lassiter.

Griffins Township: N. Felton Daniel and Nat G. Ellis.

Bear Grass Township: E. C. Harrison, John W. Green, Archie Mizelle and J. B. Whitaker.

Williamston Township: J. F. Weaver and A. P. Coltrain.

Cross Roads Township: Mack L. James.

Robersonville Township: J. R. Winslow, L. A. Croon, J. D. Page and J. R. Daniel.

Poplar Point Township: K. A. Edmondson.

Hamilton Township: G. W. Coltrain and W. A. Fleming.