

## Outlook for Number Of Crops Next Year Rated Fairly Bright

### Some Crops and Products Generally Predicted

In view of the probable high level of domestic consumption of most tobacco products and improved export prospects, the outlook for most types of tobacco during the next year or so is favorable. Stocks of aged tobacco are below normal in relation to demand, however production in 1944 is greater than disappearance during 1943-44 season. Consequently, with consumption tending to level off, no further reduction in stocks is anticipated. Although the immediate post-war outlook for tobacco is bright growers should not lose sight of the fact that over a longer period of time (perhaps 3-5 years) the situation may not be particularly favorable. In view of the upward trend in foreign production, exports will probably decline after foreign stocks are again built up to normal levels. Should industrial employment and consumer income decline appreciably in the early post-war period, stocks and supplies in this country could pile up quite rapidly and prices decline materially.

**Cotton**  
With cotton being purchased at parity prices by the War Food Administration, producers are assured a favorable return for their 1944 crop. In fact, the crop as estimated in October would, if the price averaged 21.08 cents per pound (the present parity price), have a value of 1.4 billion dollars. This is about 11 per cent higher than in 1943 and the highest since 1928. On a per-acre basis, gross returns this season promise to be the highest on record. The indicated average of about \$72.50 is 173 per cent above the 1909-13 average and 5 per cent above the previous high reached in 1919.

**Potatoes and Sweet Potatoes**  
Prices for potatoes of the 1945 crop may be expected to be somewhat lower than in 1944 if the war in Europe ends by the spring of 1945. An acreage of potatoes in 1945 similar to that planted in 1944 might be expected, with average yields, to produce a crop of between 390 million to 400 million bushels. Under such conditions, prices might be expected to be nearer the support level than the ceiling if such support and ceilings are similar to those in effect for the 1944 crop.

Prices for sweet potatoes during the winter season are expected to average lower than the high prices of a year earlier. The ceilings for this year's crop were established at a somewhat lower level than those existing last year under the temporary freeze order of the Office of Price Administration. This year's crop is estimated at 73,465,000 bushels, only slightly larger than a year ago but about 9 per cent larger than the 10-year (1933-42) average.

**Poultry and Eggs**  
Since the number of layers on farms January 1, 1945, will probably be 7 to 10 per cent less than a year earlier production of eggs in 1945 is expected to be 8 to 12 per cent less than 1944. But with stocks of egg products, including government-owned stocks, large, more eggs may be available in 1945 for civilians than in any previous year. Per capita consumption of eggs in 1945 may exceed that in 1944, which is tentatively estimated at a new record of 347 eggs. This compared with a pre-war (1935-39) average per capita consumption of 298 eggs. Prices received by farmers for eggs during 1944 probably will average about 34 cents per dozen, 933 per cent of parity. Some slight decline from this average price may take place in 1945.

Demand for poultry during 1945 may be slightly lower than in 1944. But supplies of poultry meat will be less due to a smaller number of layers.

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## Soldier Seriously Ill In New Guinea

Pvt. James E. Moore, son of Mrs. Lula Moore Gardner and the late Claude Moore, is seriously ill in an Army hospital somewhere in New Guinea, his mother was advised here a few days ago. It could not be learned whether the 32-year-old county man had been wounded or had fallen victim of some tropical disease. His chaplain, the Rev. Peter Bissett, in a letter to Mrs. Gardner, explained that her son would not be able to write for a few days, that he was getting the best of care in a large hospital somewhere in New Guinea a long way from where he was in action.

Pvt. Moore has been overseas about two years, leaving this country a few months after entering the service. Relatives had not heard from him in about six weeks until the War Department advised his mother that he was seriously ill. Approximately fifty Martin County young men have been treated for wounds or for illness in various Army and Navy hospitals throughout the world so far in the war.

## Receipts At Local Post Office This Year Highest on Record

Receipts at the local post office in Williamston, according to Assistant Postmaster F. Earl Wynne, who predicts the total will be well in excess of \$32,000 by next January 1. Income for the third quarter was nearly \$2,000 greater than a year ago, and the increase in the first and second quarters was of substantial size. While the receipts, traceable mainly to the sale of stamps in small denominations, skyrocketed to new high levels, money order business decreased by over \$6,000 last quarter as compared with the business handled in the corresponding period, a year ago. The decrease in money order business was possibly due to the increased fees. However, the fees were reduced the first of this month to their old rates, and the outgoing cash will probably start moving up again.

## County Man Killed In Accident on Oak City-Tarboro Road

Roland Raynor, 28-year-old Martin County farmer, was killed instantly and Sylvester Wynne, neighbor farmer, and Tom Pilgreen of near Hamilton, were painfully but not seriously hurt in an automobile accident on the Oak City-Tarboro Highway about 10:30 o'clock last Monday night. Few details could be had here, but one report stated that the accident climaxed a day of celebration for the three men, that they were driving in Edgecombe County toward Oak City on the Tarboro Highway when Raynor, apparently speeding, lost control of his car. The machine left the highway and plowed across a ditch and struck a tree, breaking Raynor's neck. Wynne, cut and bruised about the body, was hospitalized for a short time. Pilgreen's leg was badly bruised, but hospital treatment was not given immediately. The car was wrecked, one report stating that it could not be repaired.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Raynor, the victim of the fatal accident had lived on the old river road, a few miles from Hamilton, for the past ten or twelve years, moving there from the Oak City community. He was a hard-working farmer, reliable and accommodating, and had many friends. He was married to Mrs. Eva Clark Whitaker who survives with four small children whose ages range from six months to six years. He also leaves several step-children. Funeral services were conducted at the home Wednesday afternoon by Rev. J. M. Perry, Robersonville minister, and interment followed in the cemetery at Hamilton.

## Lewis T. Holliday Died Last Evening At Home In County

### Funeral Service for Prominent Farmer To Be Held Saturday Afternoon

Lewis Thomas Holliday, prominent county farmer and retired teacher-preacher, died at his home on the Williamston-Washington Highway in Bear Grass Township last night at 10 o'clock. He had been in feeble health for four or five years, but was able to be up until about two months ago. Since that time his condition had been critical and the end was not unexpected. Mr. Holliday, a son of the late Thomas S. and Sarah Leggett Holliday, was born on June 10, 1870. When a lad he attended the old Williamston Academy and started teaching in the county schools when a young man. His teaching and guidance have been instrumental in the cultural and material advancement of his county. For a number of years he was pastor of several churches in the Roanoke district, the exemplary life he led as a minister and citizen supporting his pronouncements. He was an industrious and hard-working farmer and was held in high esteem as a neighbor, friend and citizen. When a young man, or some over fifty years ago, he was married to Miss Charley Ann Coltrane. No children were born to the union, but his home was opened to others. Down through the years he befriended those in need, and six children were taken into his home and reared as if they had been his own. One of the number, Jack Lilley, died while in the service of his country just last week.

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## Former Local Man Missing in Action

Wilbur Anderson, for three years a resident of Williamston has been reported missing in action, according to information received by friends here this week. Few details could be had, but it is understood that the young man was a petty officer on an ill-fated destroyer that was lost in the great sea battle in the Philippine area on or about the 23rd of last month. Coming here in 1932 from Roanoke Rapids, Mr. Anderson was employed in the local offices of the Virginia Electric and Power Company for about three years. He and Mrs. Anderson made many friends here during that time. Promoted, he moved from here to the company's offices in Williamsburg. The young man was one of a large number from the Virginia Electric and Power Company personnel to volunteer for service in the war.

**LOCAL GIRL PROMOTED**  
Fort Sill, Okla.—Pvt. First Class Elizabeth L. Cowan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Cowan, Williamston, N. C., has been promoted to corporal at the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where she is stationed with the WAC Detachment.

## Superior Court In Recess for Holiday Until Next Monday

After granting eight divorces, the Superior Court in the first of a two-weeks session, spent considerable time on the trial of one or two other cases before recessing late Wednesday afternoon for the Thanksgiving holiday. The court with Judge Jeff Johnson of Clinton presiding, will resume its activities next Monday when a series of more or less important civil actions including a few more divorce cases are tentatively scheduled for trial. Questioning the legality of certain proceedings advanced in several divorce cases, Judge Johnson apparently ruled the method was all right and belatedly signed two decrees. However, he did not recognize a deposition submitted in the divorce case of Marshall Gray Moore against Wannie Mae Moore, and directed that the verdict favoring the plaintiff be set aside as being contrary to the greater weight of competent evidence. A witness, acting by written statement, alleged he had had illegitimate relations with the defendant in the case. Divorces, based on two years' separation and not previously reported, were granted in the following cases: Luther Hardison against Minnie Mabel Hardison, William Everett against Susie Everett. A divorce based on adultery, was granted Lillie Ryan Rodgers against Octavius Rodgers. In the case of Betty Ann Green against Askew Green, matters in controversy had been settled and the case was dismissed, the court taxing the defendant with the cost. A voluntary non-suit was taken in the divorce case brought by Tony Manson against Mary Whitley Manson, and the Linwood Willie Rhodes, suing Cora Lee Alberta Rhodes for (Continued on page four)

## Club Sponsors Sale Of Christmas Seals

Sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club of Williamston, the annual sale of Christmas seals for the National Tuberculosis Association is scheduled to begin in Martin County next Monday, Nov. 27th. This year's goal, exclusive of the town of Robersonville, which will conduct a separate sale drive, has been set at \$600. The N.T.A., organized June 6, 1904, by a small group of physicians and laymen, is a non-governmental health agency which now has 2,500 state and local affiliated associations in 48 states, District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Canal Zone. The tuberculosis association's attack on tuberculosis is carried on through health education, medical research, statistical research, public health nursing, case-finding, clinics, consultation service, patient rehabilitation, and close cooperation with the U. S. Public Health Service, state and local health departments, and other voluntary health and welfare associations. The annual Christmas Seal Sale is the sole support of the N. T. A., and its affiliated associations. Ninety-five per cent of the seal sale income remains in the state where it is raised. Five per cent goes to the national association. Christmas seals are not charity. Because the disease is highly communicable, Christmas seal dollars can well be considered an investment in health insurance. Christmas seal income is not used to pay for treatment of poor and needy patients. In place of treatment, Christmas seals finance an extensive program of prevention and control in this country. The associations early realized that the cost of hospitalization for indigents was completely beyond the power of any voluntary organization. Hence, they have worked, are still working, to secure tax supported institutions to meet the problem. Mrs. Asa Crawford is the Martin County chairman of the Christmas Seal sale. Her sub-chairmen are as follows: T. B. Bond sale: Mrs. Ben Courtney; booth sale: Mrs. "Bud" Crockett; Newspaper Day: Mrs. J. Paul Simpson; newspaper publicity: Mary Whitley; church publicity: Mrs. Wheeler Manning; high school sale: Evelyn Baker; grammar school sale: Grace Talton.

## Has Face Operation In Naval Hospital

Wounded in the fierce fight on Peleliu Island the latter part of August or early September, Cpl. George Norman White, son of Mrs. W. A. White, RFD 1, Oak City, is now in a naval hospital at Norman, Okla. He was returned to this country about a month ago. While the exact nature of his wound is not yet known, the young man underwent an operation on his face the 14th of this month, a report received by his mother last week stating that he was feeling much better and that he would be all right in a few more months. Cecil White visited him a few days ago, and both enjoyed seeing each other very much. It was very plain in a recent letter that the young man was a bit disappointed in existing conditions on the home front. "If the boys were as slow doing things overseas as the people are over here, they probably would have lost the war by this time." The young man's record a few days ago had not caught up with him and he has been without pay for some time. It is apparent that the young man will more than appreciate a card or letter or some remembrance from friends and acquaintances back home. His address is: Cpl. George Norman White, Ward 26, U. S. Naval Hospital, Norman, Oklahoma.

## Over Hundred Tires Allotted By Board

One hundred and thirteen tires, including 96 Grade I's, fifteen for small trucks, one for a large truck and one small one for a tractor, were allotted by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday evening. Grade I tires were released to the following: Mary Slade, Clarence Hardy, J. E. Gardner, Robert L. Ward, W. A. Coffield, Mildred Everett, J. R. Winslow, King Bullock, Oliver Carter, W. H. Gray, Bryant Wynne, S. F. Mizelle, Herbert A. Sexton, David F. Mizelle, H. H. Taylor, C. U. Rogers, Jesse Matthews, Claudius Hardison, Mrs. J. A. Everett, Dan Jones, C. B. Keel, Arrington Hale, Capt. Bitty J. Fulton, Roy Clark, Jasper Taylor, Chester B. Reeves, Willie Lanier, Jessie Peel, Garland Rogers, John Mobley, John A. Mizelle, J. G. Tyre, Hebron Lanier, Mrs. Mamie G. Taylor, Charles Everett. (Continued on page four)

## TOBACCO SALES

Selling approximately 100,000 pounds since last Monday, the total tobacco market boosted its total sales this week to 10,527,432 pounds and closed down for the Thanksgiving holidays. The season's sales to date, amounting to \$4,580,611.14, have averaged right at \$43.52 per hundred pounds. The market will reopen next Monday for an indefinite period. It is believed, however, that the crop in this section will have been marketed in its entirety in a few more days, that possibly the market will hold its last sale next Thursday. No definite date has been fixed, however.

## Bond Sales Off To A Good Start In County

Jamesville first to go over top with 'E' bond purchases. Nearly \$38,000 invested in "E" bonds during first three days of drive. That the Sixth War Loan Drive is gaining momentum and is certain to meet with marked success is evidenced in early reports released at the end of the first three days of the drive by County Chairman Herman A. Bowen. No sales of negotiable bonds has been reported, but investments are beginning to pile up rapidly in the "E" bond series, the chairman explaining that most of the purchases had been made without solicitation. The chairman added that out in front of all the townships on the third day of the drive when a number of its citizens, remembering the price a number of young men in that section have already paid on the field of battle, oversubscribed the district's "E" bond quota. Township Chairman Chas. Davenport reports that \$9,112.50 had been invested in "E" bonds in Jamesville during the first three days, the amount exceeding the \$8,250 goal by almost \$1,000. "We have hardly begun the drive," Mr. Davenport said, adding that his township always went "long" on "E" bonds. It is possible that the people of that township and possibly those in other districts will boost their "E" bond sales to cover their over-all quotas. The original goals can and must be met, but there is no limit to the amount of bonds the people in any one district may buy. All but two townships, Bear Grass and Poplar Point, have reported sales. While the total is not impressive, over fifteen per cent of the "E" bond quota has been subscribed and when a record like that can be established in the first three days, there is every reason to believe that Martin County people will carry the drive to a successful conclusion and do it in a hurry. Based on early reports, Robersonville holds second place in the purchase of "E" bonds with \$12,243.75 to its credit. Williamston is third, and little Williams is making progress with half of its quota already subscribed. The "E" bond quotas for the ten townships and reports from eight are listed as follows:

## WOUNDED

Pvt. Waylon K. Brown was slightly wounded in Germany on October 9, according to information received a short time ago by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brown, RFD 1, Oak City. He was removed to a hospital in England.

## J. Henry Gurganus Dies At Home Here Early This Morning

### Funeral Services for Well-Known Citizen To Be Held Saturday Afternoon

John Henry Gurganus, well-known local citizen and retired farmer, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Henry D. Harrison, Sr., on Hassell Street this morning at 2:30 o'clock following a long period of declining health. His condition had been serious following an operation in a Durham hospital the early part of last month and his illness had been critical since the early part of this week. Despite his infirmities, he never complained, and maintained his cheery disposition until he lapsed into a coma two or three days before the end which came peacefully. Although troubled with a heart ailment, he was unusually active up until the time he entered the hospital on October 4, taking time that day to call on many of his old friends and bid them good-bye before leaving. The son of the late Simon D. and Jane Coltrane Gurganus, he was born near Everett in this county on July 24, 1870. After spending his early life there he was married to Miss Virginia Elizabeth Manning and purchased the Slade farm near here, living there until 1917 when he located in Williamston. His wife died a few years ago. When a young man he joined the church at Christian Chapel in Cross Roads, later moving his membership to the local Christian church which his father helped build years before. He was one of the oldest members of the church here. Mr. Gurganus' life was marked for its sincere simplicity, and while (Continued on page four)

## Allies Score More Gains In The West

Starting a week ago what is now fairly certain to be the greatest offensive of the war, the Allies are scoring new gains slowly but steadily on the Western Front. While the greatest advances have been reported at the almost extreme ends of the line, the bloodiest and possibly more costly battles are raging east of Aachen, aided by forces from the British Second Army, are pushing ahead slowly. In a nineteen-mile dash to the Rhine, the French have taken Strasbourg, the action ousting the enemy from about the last bit of French soil. It was at Strasbourg that Hitler, following his goose-stepping and arrogant troops some over four years ago, did a jig, proclaimed the territory for Germany and changed the name of the streets. It was a battered and beaten enemy that retreated from the city day before yesterday. The drive to the Rhine is believed to have outflanked 100,000 Germans. Reports declare that the enemy is fleeing across the Rhine and moving to other fortifications, some going to join the main fight in the sector east of Aachen. RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck returned home Wednesday after more than six weeks spent in a Washington hospital for treatment. He returned to Washington today for treatment, but is expected to stay only a few hours.

## Stresses Prayer In Thanksgiving Day Message Yesterday

### Rev. Huske Preaches At Union Service in Local Baptist Church

Delivering the Union Thanksgiving sermon in the Baptist church here yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. Jos. H. Huske, Jr., stressed the need of prayer, and urged the large congregation to "put first things first." Repeating the prayer of a 17th century bishop, Edward Reynolds, the minister asked, "Which of us would put the emphasis upon primary things...?" Bishop Reynolds's general Thanksgiving prayer reads: "Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days." Rev. Huske said, "We may say these words glibly enough or hear them gone through time after time without ever realizing their tremendous import. In effect, it is as though we said, 'I give thanks to thee, O God, that I was born, that I entered this world as a member of the human race and so am able to give thee praise. I thank thee that I did not die of diphtheria, of scarlet fever, that I did not get run over by an automobile as a child. I am grateful to thee for the roof over my head, a father, a mother, children, three meals a day, a happy family life, for the privilege of being able to live in the United States where I can freely move and live and worship and pursue the things which engender my own happiness and the happiness of those near and dear to me, for a few luxuries now and then; but what I value far more than any of these things or all combined is the assurance of Thy love for me, because of the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ and his redeeming sacrifice on the Cross, that I may hope for a joy beside which all these other blessings sink into insignificance and nothingness. And I am grateful for that thou, O God, hast left to the world the means where by I may take hold of and make my own the merits of that sacrifice of redeeming love. That, in substance, is what is meant by the central portion of that prayer. 'I wonder if that is what any of us really mean by being present here this morning. If not, we should strive to make it so...'

## Martin Ninety seven Percent Democratic

Martin County Democrats rallied the highest percentage vote over the Republicans of any county in the State in the recent election, according to unofficial figures. With 4,540 votes counted, 4,407 voted democratic and 133 the republican ticket in this county, with a percentage of slightly more than 97. Bertie ran a close second with a vote slightly less than 96 per cent in the democratic column, and little Franklin took third place with slightly more than 94 per cent. Only eight counties in the State gave a majority to the Republicans, and three of them were very close; in fact, two of the eight were less than a 100 majority, Clay giving the Republicans 254 and the Democrats 238. Transylvania voted 312 republican and 259 democratic. The other counties that voted over the 50 percent mark for the Republicans were Avery, Davie, Madison, Sampson, Wilkes and Yadkin. The headlines in the St. Petersburg Times (Democratic) Fla., the day after the election should be very consoling to Martin County Democrat: "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning!"

## PASSES GOAL

A new high figure in Farm Bureau membership was reported Wednesday evening when Secretary L. L. McLendon checked the list and announced that 1,502 members had been signed by the organization during the past few weeks. With a goal of 1,500 members, the drive has already passed the figure and it was learned that one or two other canvassers had not made their final reports, that the membership will approach 1,525 or more.

## No One Hurt In Main Street Accident Here

No one was hurt and no great damage resulted about 7:30 Wednesday evening when an express truck driven by Geo. Edward Phillips sideswiped a log truck parked by Floyd Aller. Whitfield two feet on the highway in front of Rogers' store on West Main Street here. Cpl. W. S. Hunt of the Highway patrol, estimated the damage at about \$50. Whitfield was charged with improper parking and Phillips is to face the parking and December 4 for speeding.