

Farmers Battling Tobacco Lice and Other Problems

Hail and Diseases Also Taking Toll; Damage Difficult to Estimate Now

Busy now with the harvest of their tobacco and fighting off the plant lice which are causing much damage throughout the county, Martin farmers are having other difficulties as well. Some hail has hit their fields in recent days and there are cases of black shank and Granville wilt in the county. A little of these are found in many fields while in some such as the old Staton farm as much as an acre at a time has gone down with black shank.

The plant lice, a form of aphid similar if not the same as the green peach aphid, are all over the county but the farmers are getting them under control although they will not know until they cure their crops just how much damage has been done.

Agriculture officials explain that the aphid did not suddenly descend upon the tobacco this year like a swarm of locusts from another land but that they have been here all along being kept under control by their natural enemies, the lady bug and the braconid wasp which feed upon the aphids. The same conditions, cool, damp weather, which promoted the rapid propagation and growth of the aphid this spring also worked to the disadvantage of their enemies the lady bug and braconid wasp which thrive on warm dry weather.

The aphids were first noticed in the spring by gardeners and florists whose flowers and shrubs have suffered tremendously as a result of the attacks of the tiny creatures. They have been controlled to a certain degree by the use of a nicotine solution. This does not work, however, on the aphid after he gets on the tobacco leaf for as he eats the tobacco leaf he develops a resistance to the nicotine which is used as a remedy.

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CITIZENS OF TOMORROW



The Enterprise takes much pleasure in presenting another in a picture series of this section's "citizens of tomorrow". So far none has figured prominently in public affairs, but as future citizens they have a tremendous assignment to handle in a muddled world. Certain they'll do a better job than has been done or is being done. The Enterprise presents the youngsters as the one great hope for the future.

Top row, left to right, Philip, four, Janice, thirteen months, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, Williamston; James Russell, five and a half, Cherry Joyce, one and a half, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lee, Williamston; Margaret, two and a half, Frankie, one and a half, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Doherty, Williamston; Bottom row, Nancy, ten, Billy, six, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Revels, Williamston, and Nancy, seven, Diana, four, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Harrison, Williamston.

County Goes Back To \$1.20 Tax Rate

USING POTATOES

Farmers in this county have placed orders for 33 carloads of potatoes which the government is shipping in here prepaid and free for us in feeding hogs and other farm stock. Eight of the cars have already arrived in the county and 25 are on the way. The deadline for ordering expired last Saturday.

The potatoes are cooked for feeding to hogs and crushed for feeding to cattle. It takes 400 to 450 pounds of potatoes to equal 100 lbs of corn feed value. Protein and mineral mixtures are used to correct the deficiency in these two elements.

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Held In Death Of Neighbor

William Thomas Rogers of the Palmyra community, was in the Martin County jail this morning in default of a \$1500 bond charged with responsibility for the death of a neighbor, Moses Harrell, 55, who died in a Tarboro Hospital early Monday morning of injuries sustained when he was slapped or fell from a cart Saturday, June 12.

According to information received here Harrell died of a broken neck. One of the witnesses to the incident said that Moses Harrell and Rogers, along with two others, were riding in a cart, all of them drinking heavily, when Harrell fell from the cart and injured his neck. Another report was to the effect that Rogers hit Harrell and knocked him from the cart. A hearing was held in Oak City last night and Magistrate Whitfield held Rogers for superior court, setting bond at \$1500.

The two men, both colored, are tenants on the old A. P. Hyman farm between Oak City and Palmyra.

Magistrate Tries Several Cases

Appearing before Magistrate R. T. Johnson Monday night on a drunk and disorderly charge, Luther Bonds was fined \$5.00 and taxed with the jail fees, taxi fare and court costs which amounted to \$10.00.

Fred McKenzie received a 30-day suspended sentence on a similar charge being required to pay fine and costs in the amount of \$12.50.

Emma Eide, white woman better known as Duck Thomas, was ordered to leave the county for at least sixty days. She was arrested on a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

Funeral Sunday In Hamilton For Henry S. Johnson

Prominent Merchant And Farmer Died Last Friday Morning

Funeral services were held in the Hamilton Baptist Church last Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for Henry S. Johnson, Sr., 60, prominent merchant and farmer of Hamilton who died Friday morning at 11:55 in a Rocky Mount hospital. Rev. E. R. Stewart, pastor, conducted the last rites.

Mr. Johnson was hurt in a fall last January and had suffered from complications of the injuries since that time. The immediate cause of his death was pneumonia and he had been critically ill for a week.

Born in Hamilton July 27, 1887, Mr. Johnson spent his entire life there. Prior to going into business for himself about 35 years ago he was connected with Salsbury Brothers in Hamilton. He was a member of the Hamilton Baptist Church and of Skewarkey Masonic Lodge, the Masons having charge of the rites at the graveside in Hamilton Cemetery.

Regarded as an outstanding business man of his community and of the county, Mr. Johnson was known as a square-shooter in his business dealings and a staunch defender of what he believed to be right. He was faithful to his friends and his church. He never aspired to public office but always cooperated with those in charge of his county and town.

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Firemen Answer Couple Of Calls

The local fire department answered two calls over the weekend but in both cases the damage was negligible. Saturday afternoon...

Members of the local fire company were called to the home of Essie Clemmons, 401 Broad Street. An oil stove went out of control in the colored woman's home with little if any damage resulting.

On Sunday the fire department was called to the residence of Henry Peel, colored, on 306 White Street. Using a wood stove with a pipe extending to the attic without a flue the building caught fire. The dwelling, owned by Wilson Staton, was damaged to the extent of about \$25.00.

Lions Hear Report On The State Convention

At their regular dinner meeting last Thursday evening in the Woman's Club, members of the local Lions Club heard a detailed report on the recently held State Lions convention by Delegate C. J. Goodman.

Lion Goodman reported that there are now 6800 Lions Clubs operating throughout the world, and that a total of 759 had been organized in the United States alone in the past nine months. He pointed out that there are 167 clubs in North Carolina, with a total membership of 9,000. He said the Lions club is the largest of any of the various civic organizations, having a total membership of over 300,000.

One new member, Lion J. B. McGee, was installed into the club by President K. D. Worrell. Lion McGee is the manager of the local office of the Civil Aeronautics Administration. Due to the extremely hot weather and a doubleheader baseball program, the meeting was adjourned early, but not until after a delightful dinner was served by the ladies of the Piney Grove Baptist church.

FIRST BLOOM

The first cotton blossom reported this season, or at least the first presented to The Enterprise this year, was shown this morning by Mr. Will Griffin. Mr. Griffin farms in the islands on the Williamston-Jamesville highway.

Six Injured When Auto Forced Off Road By Truck

Father and Five Children Sustain Bruises, Lacerations in Accident

Six persons were injured, one seriously, when the car of Leland Roberson was forced off the highway on the curve near No. 90 filling station between Jamesville and Williamston late last Thursday afternoon. The car turned over and completely collapsed.

Roberson, 41, was accompanied by his five children. James Gordon, six, received serious injuries about the back, legs and feet. He had previously received injuries to his head when, according to his father, he had fallen out of an open door to the car and hit the pavement.

Roberson received bruises on his shoulder and back. Mamie Diane, one and a half years old, was scratched on the left cheek and sustained bruises on her head and back but her injuries were considered minor ones. Robert Wayne, 10, was bruised on the head and back, Ed Saunders, 12, bruised on the head and shoulders and Verona Blanch, 16, sustained bruises on her shoulder and back.

According to Patrolman J. T. Rowe who investigated the accident, a large truck forced Roberson off the highway causing him to lose control of his car and damage was estimated at \$500, a total loss. Roberson was not held responsible for the accident but was brought into Magistrate Johnson's court last night and fined \$500 and taxed with the costs for not having registration plates for his car. It was recorded as his second violation of motor vehicle laws.

All of the injured have been released from the hospital where they were taken for treatment after the accident.

There were no other accidents reported in the county over the weekend.

Band Concert Draws Praise

A forty-minute concert by the Williamston High School Green Wave Band last Sunday afternoon did not attract as large an audience as might have been expected because of the stormy weather, but it drew considerable praise from the people of the community who attended and from visiting experts of Greenville and Goldsboro.

While the local band's forte has been marching and the execution of drill numbers, it is beginning to improve in its musical showing as well. This was the first formal public concert the band has given since its re-organization last year. For the concert it had the assistance of two players from Greenville who are majoring in music at ECTC.

A specialist from Goldsboro remarked that the local band was well ahead of the Goldsboro unit although the Goldsboro group is much older and better established.

After the overture, Golden Glow, Director Jack Butler led his charges through some difficult numbers including Beautiful Garden of Prayer, trumpet solo, Miss Marie Peele, soloist; Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, chorale, Bach; Holy is the Lord, chorale; Queen City, march, Boorn; Tea for Two, selection; Indian Boy, novelty; I'll See You Again (Coward); American Red Cross, march.

Body Of County Man On Way Back To States

Word was received here this week that the body of Pvt. Dennis ... the county for burial. It is not expected to reach the county before the middle of July.

Pvt. Harrison was wounded in the battle of Luzon and died on March 30, 1945. He was buried in the cemetery at Santa Barbara, Philippine Islands, and the body is to be transferred to the Mobley Cemetery in Bear Grass Township. Funeral services will be in Rose of Sharon church.

Inspection Lane Returning July 13 for One Week Stand

According to the mechanical inspection lane schedule recently issued the lane for inspection of all motor vehicles in this area will resume operations here July 13 for a one-week stand.

Estimating that only 30 percent of the motor vehicles in the state which will have to be inspected at least once prior to January 1, 1949, have come in for examination at the state's 36 lanes, the motor vehicles department is reported considering the issuance of special regulations requiring motorists to come in for inspection of their cars or trucks at certain times.

The last time the lane was in Williamston it had a "fair" run of inspections but was by no means rushed. The first time here it drew a large number of customers and passed a high percentage of the vehicles inspected.

Automobiles, trucks or trailers which fail to pass inspection the week of July 13 to 20, unless in a highly dangerous condition, will be able to continue in operation.

Downward Trend In Legal Whiskey Sales

Total of \$4,251,566 Spent For Liquor Since July In 1935

Sales In the First Quarter Of This Year \$24,899 Less Than Year Ago

While still holding to astoundingly high figures, liquor sales continue to maintain a downward trend from the high peak established in the four legal stores in this county the latter part of 1946, according to an official audit released just a few days ago by the Martin County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board. Sales in the last quarter of 1947 were nearly \$63,000 less than those reported in the corresponding period in 1946, and now the first quarter sales of this year are \$24,899 less than those reported in the corresponding quarter of 1947. However, sales in the first quarter of this year were nearly seven times as large as those reported in the March quarter of 1946.

In the first quarter of this year the four stores reported sales in the amount of \$167,936.60 as compared with \$192,829.45 handled in the corresponding period of 1947. Profits, passing the million dollar mark, last quarter were over \$10,000 less than those reported a year ago.

No depression has struck here, but the fairly steady decline in legal liquor sales clearly indicates that conditions on the economic front are gradually tightening up, and it is believed that the day of peak sales is come and gone.

While there is some traffic in the illicit liquor trade, it is believed that business in that quarter is off, but with the money spent for liquors, legal and illegal, beer and wine, this county could maintain its operations, finance the schools, churches and build and maintain a hospital.

A review of the 1947 first quarter audit shows that the ABC board has assets in the sum of \$110,350.82, including \$57,771.09 in cash, \$52,526.08 in inventories and \$53.65 in fixed properties. The board at the end of the period owed \$20,442.71 to distillers, \$4,565.46 in accrued taxes, \$202.75 in accrued expenses, \$42,820.37 to Martin County, \$5,870.71 to town of Williamston, \$2,840.83 to town of Robersonville, \$1,337.45 to town of Oak City and \$656.09 to town of Jamesville. The reserve for law enforcement stands at \$19,614.45 and there is a surplus of \$12,000.

Expenses for the first quarter were listed as follows: cost of liquor, \$129,756.34; salaries and wages, \$3,515.50; rent, \$366; store supplies, \$10.57; heat, water and lights, \$190.28; administrative and general expenses, \$2,143.84; or a total of \$137,078.03.

until the lane returns for its fourth tour here August 31 to September 6.

Authorities are pointing out that those cars who wait until the last minute for inspection will probably be forced off the road for a while as it will be impossible to handle the tremendous number of vehicles which appear to be waiting for the last minute stand. There is, of course, a number of vehicle owners who feel that their cars or trucks will not pass the inspection and that they do not desire or feel justified in spending the money it would take to replace some necessary items and they will probably wait until the deadline and then junk the vehicle, hoping to trade it for a new one in the meantime or to get a new one by the time they have to discard the old one.

Should regulations be passed requiring the older models to come in for earlier inspection, they will have to make up their minds before the December 31 deadline, of course.

HAIL

Hail struck several farms between Williamston and Hamilton Sunday afternoon inflicting serious damage to crops in some sections. Beginning at Mayo Harrison's farm the hail rained down on the farms of Johnny Holliday, Slade White and others. The crops on the Holliday farm were said to be the most seriously damaged.

Mrs. Sarah Keel Dies Here Early Monday Morning

Mrs. Sarah Peel Keel, 73, wife of Bill Keel, died at the home of a daughter on Ray Street Monday morning at 3:30 o'clock after a long period of declining health.

The daughter of the late Billy Peel and Jane Stalls Peel, Mrs. Keel was born in the Everetts community September 6, 1884. In 1892 she married Bill Keel, also of the Everetts community, moving to Williamston about 23 years ago.

At the time of her death, Mrs. Keel was the oldest living member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Bear Grass.

A devout christian, Mrs. Keel led an humble life and had many friends throughout the county.

Besides her husband, survivors are four children, Durant Keel of Plymouth, Mrs. William W. Meyers of Williamston, Mrs. R. A. Taylor of Williamston and Mrs. ...

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Larceny Reported To Be Increasing Here

Reports, official and otherwise, indicate that larceny is beginning to bud out here again and officers have pointed out that it would be well for property owners to be as cautious as possible in protecting items that are apt to attract thieves.

The local police reported yesterday that two G. E. fans valued at \$100.00 were stolen during the robbery of Robersonville, \$1,337.45 to town of Oak City and \$656.09 to town of Jamesville. The reserve for law enforcement stands at \$19,614.45 and there is a surplus of \$12,000.

Johnson Carries County But Scott Wins In the State

Margin for Johnson Cut To 113 Votes In Second Primary Saturday

Martin County retained its reputation of never going along for the winning governor when it gave Charles M. Johnson a majority of 113 votes in the second primary last Saturday while the rest of the state was electing Kerr Scott governor and upsetting the old tradition that the top man in the first primary always takes the governorship in the run-off.

Contrary to expectations, the vote in the second primary in the county was heavier than in the first round on May 29. In the first primary the county voted 3,033 for all the candidates for governor but in the run-off the total reach 3169.

Four precincts which went for Johnson in the first primary had changed their minds by the time the run-off voting time arrived. One which had gone for Johnson in the first primary gave the candidates an even split in the voting last Saturday while one which divided its votes equally between the two top men last time gave the nod to Johnson this time.

The precincts which changed from Johnson to Scott were Williamston No. 1 and 2, Poplar Point and Hassell. Hamilton dropped Johnson back to a tie while Goose Nest broke a first round tie to give the nod to Johnson the second time around.

For all that was said about the race in the first primary and all that was not said about it in the second, there seems to be no great excitement about it in this section.

While it is certain that some department heads will roll in Raleigh after the inauguration of Scott local officials anticipate no problems in handling business of a mutual nature between county, town and or state offices.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Tot.
Jamesville	102	245	347	
Williams	18	101	119	
Griffins	158	82	240	
Bear Grass	156	88	244	
Williamston I	163	188	351	
Williamston II	222	244	466	
Cross Roads	84	95	179	
Robersonville	368	133	501	
Gold Point	101	40	141	
Poplar Point	50	79	129	
Hassell	34	53	87	
Hamilton	85	85	170	
Goose Nest	100	95	195	
Totals	1641	1528	3169	

Vaccinations Still Being Given Here

Reporting that the vaccinations in the county for typhoid fever had reached the usual 10,000 this year, Martin County Health Department officials yesterday called attention to the fact that the office is open in Williamston each Thursday afternoon from 1 to 5 o'clock and Saturday mornings, 9 to 12 for vaccinations.

State law requires all parents to have their children vaccinated for whooping cough, diphtheria and small pox before they reach their first birthday anniversary but no prosecutions have been offered in this county. It was pointed out yesterday, however, that some counties are beginning to take legal action to compel parents to give their children this protection. No child can enter school until it has had these vaccinations but by waiting until the child is five or six years old the parents rob it of several years of protection which would be provided by first-year vaccinations.

Declaring that if it were made known that a vaccine had been found for Polio the county would flock to the office for a "shot", the health authorities pointed out that few people learn from the diseases for which there are preventatives than from polio.

CONSTRUCTION STARTED The foundation has already been poured and cement blocks moved to the site along with other materials for the new building at the Williamston High School. It is expected that the building will be ready for use by early fall.