

## Leaf Prices Open Strong On Border Markets Tuesday

### Early Reports Point To An Average Of \$55.00 Per Hundred Pounds

Tobacco prices opened strong on the border markets this morning, early reports pointing to an average ranging between \$55 and \$60 per hundred pounds.

Reporting the opening, Leman Barnhill and Carlyle Langley, local tobaccoists, stated that some of the markets would easily average \$56, that the lowest priced pile they saw during the first hour of sales was 35 cents and the highest 67 cents. Sales were comparatively light on most markets, but the quality of offerings which were mostly lugs was good. Nearly every one of the domestic companies were buying.

The United States Crop Reporting Board indicates a production in South Carolina and on the border markets of 201,275,000 pounds. This would be almost 60 million pounds or about 23 percent below last year and the smallest crop since 1943. Total flue-cured harvest was placed at 1,010,346,000 pounds — also approximately 23 percent less than in 1947. The crop yield was estimated at 1,177 pounds per acre this year as compared with 1,131 pounds the previous year. This increase, if realized, will offset to some extent the approximate 28 percent reduction in acreage. A contributing factor to the greater yield is that a large number of farmers have used more fertilizer and set plants closer together than normally.

Unlike 1947, plants were more plentiful this year. Good growing conditions prevailed over most of the South Carolina and Border North Carolina Belt; however, a very dry, hot June in some sections caused premature ripening and cut the yield per acre considerably in these areas. Recent rains over most of the dry fields have improved the situation. The quality of the crop is "pretty good," but in most instances the poundage is expected to fall below that of last year.

The loan rates of the Commodity Credit Corporation have been increased in most instances from \$1.00 to \$8.00 per hundred; however, rates for some grades, mostly lower qualities, remain unchanged. The flue-cured tobacco average 43.9 cents per pound, which is 90 percent of the June 15 parity price. For "untied" tobacco, the loan rate for each grade is 4 cents per pound below the rate for "tied" tobacco of the same grade. The loan rates for "tied" offerings range from \$9.00 for nondescript to \$70.00 for choice lemon wrappers. Receipts of the Stabilization Corporation last season for this particular type amounted to 42,761,000 pounds or 15.6 percent of net sales. Total flue-cured receipts for all types last season amounted to 232,280,000 pounds or 17.8 percent of net sales.

On July 1, 1948 there were 1,550,000,000 pounds of flue-cured tobacco stocks on hand with

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## Native Of County Killed In Race

Bennie Leggett, native of this county, was fatally injured while riding as a jockey at the Cumberland, Maryland, track on July 25 and died the following day in a Baltimore hospital. He was 22 years of age and was a son of Biscoe and Elsie Ayers Leggett of Brockville, Maryland.

Born in Poplar Point Township, he moved with his parents to Maryland when he was a child and was a jockey for about four years, riding many winners during that period.

Funeral services were held at the Maryland home last Thursday, the funeral of his uncle, Marion A. Leggett, being held in this county the following day.

Surviving are his parents, widow and one child and a sister, Agnes Leggett.

## 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 it is 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, Diana, nine months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cowan, Williamston; Andy, thirteen months, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Johnson, Oak City; Velma Gray, seven months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Harrison, Jr., Williamston; Bottom row, Mylinda Kay, four months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Holliday, Williamston; Janice, one year, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bailey, Robersonville; and Ashley, sixteen months, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hardison, Williamston.

### HARVEST

Even though it has hardly reached its peak, the 1948 tobacco harvest is moving along rapidly in this county, several farmers having already completed the task. Farmer Dock Hardison of Griffins is believed to have led the parade when he harvested his last curing early last week. Farmer Delmus Rogerson of Bear Grass is now curing his tips and possibly a dozen other farmers harvested the last of their crop a few days ago.

While some farmers have harvested only their first and second curings, the task is well over half complete, and by the end of this or early next week the harvest will be complete.

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## No Ban Clamped Down Against the Spread of Polio

### No Cases Have Been Officially Reported in County, Health Authorities Say

Support for a voluntary ban on public gatherings for children sixteen years of age and under has not yet been advanced, according to reports heard here late yesterday. Discussing the situation with health officials last week-end, religious leaders and others thought it best to have a uniform ban, voluntarily supported rather than to suspend one public activity for the children while other activities were under way. The matter was to have received attention over the week-end, but as far as it could be learned no action was taken. Public gatherings are still permitted, but reports indicate that attendance upon various events, including church schools and functions, has dropped considerably in the children's groups.

The swimming pool was closed last Saturday in accordance with an agreement reached among the recreational committee, but so far that is the only outward action taken against the possible spread of polio. However, some families are keeping their children off the streets.

Contrary to fairly numerous rumors, no cases of polio have been reported in this county so far. It was learned that there had been a few cases of illness which attending physicians could not immediately diagnose, but later observations proved that it was not polio.

In the State, as a whole, the count has gone over the 1,100 figure, and various bans have been clamped down in some counties as a precautionary measure against the spread of polio.

Teh Health Department will announce it should there be a case

## Sixteen Marriage Licenses Issued In Martin County

### More Than Half of Licenses Went to Colored Couples In Month of July

Sixteen marriage licenses were issued in this county last month, the issuance dropping to the lowest point for any July since 1945. However, business at the marriage bureau was nearly up to the point recorded for the marriage month of June.

After trailing 1 to 16 in June, colored couples staged a comeback last month to lead the white nine to seven.

White

James T. Stevenson and Emma Moore, both of Williamston.

Julius Earl Edmondson, RFD 3, Williamston, and Carlean Edmonds of Williamston.

Elbert S. Griffin and Amanda Faye Rogerson, both of Williamston.

Staton Roberson Williams and Ada D. Andrews, both of Robersonville.

Milton Lyman Eason, Jr., of Farmville, and Jessie Reid White of Williamston.

Rex F. Edmond of Tillery and Mrs. Fannie Whitfield of Robersonville.

Benjamin Urnee Bunting and Sally Hardison, both of Williamston.

Colored

William R. Bell and Josie Lee Tyner, both of Williamston.

Emmett Thomas and Mildred Coffield, both of Williamston.

Lenton Blango of Blounts Creek and Annie Bell Woolard of Williamston.

Joseph Slade of Robersonville and Sarah Lynch of Oak City.

George T. James and Malinda Peel, both of RFD 1, Jamesville.

Plum Rogers of Williamston and Hartie B. Rhodes, of RFD 3, Williamston.

Garfield Moran of Williamston and Martha Nicholson of RFD 2, Williamston.

William Theodore Sprull and Lucille Outterbridge, both of Williamston.

## Marion Leggett Dies In Hospital At Fayetteville

### Funeral Friday for Veteran Of World War I In Poplar Point Township

Marion A. Leggett, veteran of World War I and a retired farmer, died in Veterans' Hospital, Fayetteville, last Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock after a long period of declining health. His condition had been serious for about three weeks and he was removed to the hospital on July 25. Heart trouble was given as the immediate cause of his death.

The son of the late Jesse and Goldie Pierce Leggett, he was born in Poplar Point Township 52 years ago on April 6, 1896, and spent most of his life there. He farmed until about three years ago when failing health forced his retirement.

He was first married to Miss Julia Belcher and three children, a daughter, Mrs. Helen Merritt of Roanoke Rapids; and two sons, William Leggett of Spencerville, Maryland, and Rudolph Leggett, U. S. Merchant Marine now in France, survive that union. Following the death of his first wife he was married to Miss Cleo Lilley, one daughter, Miss Frances Leggett, surviving that union. Also surviving are six brothers, Ernest Leggett of Hamilton, Andy, Jack, Charlie, Mayo and Biscoe, all of Poplar Point; and three sisters, Mrs. Albert Gray of Washington, Mrs. F. L. Whitfield of Wilson and Mrs. Viola Owens of Macesfield.

Mr. Leggett was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church. He was active in American Legion circles for years.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of his brother, Andy Leggett, Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. Stewart B. Simms, Baptist minister of Williamston, and Elder W. E. Grimes, Interment was in the Stanley Leggett cemetery in Poplar Point Township where a detail from the John W. Hassell Post of the American Legion had charge of the graveside rites.

## Veterans Receive Over 8 Billions

### A Veterans Administration report issued a short time ago said that the organization had given out 14,300,000 "benefits" totaling \$8,223,000,000 during the four years of the G. I. bill. In detail, it was stated, some 7,900,000 veterans received readjustment allowances, including \$2,584,000 for unemployment and \$483,000,000 in self-employment allowances. More than 5,000,000 received education and training benefits totaling about \$5,000,000,000. And 1,252,000 bought homes, farms, and businesses with the aid of government-guaranteed and insured loans. Interest on these loans cost the government \$140,000,000 and defaults cost another \$6,000,000.

Of the nation's 14,800,000 World War II veterans, many have taken advantage of more than one type of assistance. Other thousands have applied for no benefits whatever. At the end of May, 503,176 veterans were receiving readjustment allowances and 2,333,776 were in training under the G. I. bill. The bill, properly known as the Servicemen's Readjustment Act, became effective June 22, 1944.

## Barn Wrecked By Fire In County

Believed to have started when timbers just over the furnace became overheated, fire wrecked a tobacco barn on the J. S. Ayers farm near Hamilton about 6:45 o'clock Sunday evening. The thirteen hundred sticks of tobacco in the large barn were damaged, possibly ruined, the damage to the barn and tobacco approximating as much as \$1,000.

The tobacco was comparatively green and did not burn readily. Williamston's fire department answered a call and it was possible to save most of the barn.

## ROUND-UP

With the exception of a flare-up in Oak City last Saturday night, all was fairly quiet on the crime front in this county over the week-end. Only six persons were arrested and detained in the county jail, one for assault with a deadly weapon, two for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and three for public drunkenness. It was reported that one or two persons were battered in fist fights, but no arrests were reported.

The six persons arrested were colored, their ages ranging from 20 to 32 years.

## SCHOOL DAYS

The summer holiday for approximately 7,000 Martin County school children will come to an end this month, the board of education in session this week fixing the opening date for all the schools on Wednesday, September 1. In fixing the schedule, the board allowed two days for Thanksgiving. The Christmas holiday will run from December 17 to the 30th. The dates are subject to change, the board pointing out that the polio epidemic or weather conditions could alter the schedule.

## ABC Enforcement Officers Wreck Stills In the County

### Total of Eleven Plants Torn Down During The Past Thirty Days

Rearing its ugly head during the hottest spell of the year, the illicit liquor manufacturing business received telling blows during the month of July, according to a report filed this week with the Martin County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board by ABC Enforcement Officer Joe H. Roebuck.

Working in the sweltering weather, the enforcement officer and his deputy, Roy Peel, wrecked eleven distilleries, capturing several fairly new copper kettles. The officers poured out 15 gallons of raw liquor and 1,150 gallons of sugar beer, most of which graded little better than low-grade hog slop. Two persons were arrested for manufacturing the illicit stuff and were fined \$200 in addition to receiving six months road sentences.

Officer J. H. Roebuck said it was one of the most active months on the illicit liquor front in some time.

A climax in the illicit business

days of last week when four plants were wrecked. On July 27, the officers in this county, assisted by ABC officers from Pitt, raided in Bear Grass and captured a 50-gallon capacity copper kettle and poured out 100 gallons of sugar beer.

Two days later Officers Roebuck and Peel went into the Hassell section of Hamilton Township and tore down a 50-gallon oil drum used for a kettle and poured out 50 gallons of nasty beer.

Last Friday an oil drum still was wrecked in Williams Township. The officers poured out 100 gallons of low-grade beer. That afternoon the officers went into Bear Grass for the second time, capturing a 50-gallon capacity copper kettle and wrecking three fermenters. They poured out 100 gallons of sugar beer there. The plant was comparatively new, Officer Roebuck said.

## Taken Ill While Riding Bus Here

Suffering from what was believed to have been an attack of acute indigestion while riding a charter bus from Manteo to her home, 507 E. First Street, Cherryville, Mrs. M. H. Hoyle was removed from the carrier to a Biggs Ambulance here Sunday afternoon. Unable to find a doctor available here immediately, Ambulance Driver W. E. Pace carried the patient to the Robersonville clinic where she was treated. Reports reaching here stated that she was soon able to continue her trip.

During the latter part of last week, a workman had one of his fingers nearly cut off, and when he could not find a doctor locally he made a quick trip to Windsor for treatment.

## Prominent Minister Able To Be Out Again

Confined to his home for almost a year falling victim to a stroke of paralysis, Elder B. S. Cowin, prominent county minister, is able to be up and out much of the time now. Although he has to have the assistance of others when walking, he enjoys getting out and riding around, looking over the crops and meeting old friends.

## Parking Meter Ordinance To Go Into Effect On August 9

Meeting in regular session this evening at 8:00 o'clock, Williams-ton's town commissioners are expected to pass a parking meter ordinance with the possibility that it will become effective on Monday, August 9. In addition to passing the ordinance, the commissioners are expected to adopt certain rules and regulations for the operation of the meters. The meters have been installed and checked and are ready for operation; in fact, a few persons, mostly strangers, have been "feeding" the meter coin boxes.

Before the meters were purchased, town officials explained that the meters would be installed primarily as the best possible remedy for the acute parking problem in the business districts. In accordance with that policy, the officials are expected to depend on the cooperation of parkers for the enforcement of the meter ordinance. It is likely that tickets for violations will be issued, directing the violator to report to the police department and pay the parking fee but no fine or cost. If the system is abused, possibly more stringent measures will be considered for enforcement.

No meters were placed directly in front of the post office, the board expecting the public not to abuse the five-minute parking privilege there.

The meters will be in use from 8:00 a. m. until 6:00 p. m. each day except on Sunday and holidays.

If their operation does not prove successful, they will be removed at the end of six months without cost to the town. During the meantime, it should be remembered that they were installed only after business house operators had favored them 47 to 9 and in the hope of relieving the parking problem in the business districts.

## Prisoner Breaks Hip Of Arresting Officer

### Edmond Early Is Carried To Duke Hospital Sunday

### Willie James Dickens, 22, Held In Jail Without Privilege of Bond

While acting in the performance of his duty, Officer Edmond Early suffered a bad fracture of his right hip when attacked by Willie James Dickens, 22-year-old colored man, in Oak City last Saturday night. The officer, suffering considerable pain, was removed to the hospital Sunday.

Chief Early, advised by a colored woman that Willie James Dickens was carrying a butcher knife and that he had threatened to kill her husband, went to Lorenzo Bryant's piccolo place in Oak City and questioned Dickens. Reports declare that Dickens acted contrary and insulted the officer. Searching Dickens, the officer found a Bowie knife in his bosom, and placed the man under arrest. Dickens was said to have resisted, but the officer moved him along, firing at his prisoner's feet. When they reached the railroad, Dickens turned abruptly on the officer and knocked him down. The prisoner took the officer's blackjack from a pocket, but even though his hip was broken the officer managed to hold on to Dickens' hand and save himself from blackjack blows. It is thought the officer suffered the hip fracture when he was knocked down.

Officer Early called for help and several white citizens, including Donald Earl Bunting and Fred Barrett, started to him, but one Hillard Knight, 26-year-old Negro, attempted to take charge. He was quoted as saying to them while the prisoner was on top of the officer, "Stand back and let them alone." Bunting and Barrett and the others moved on in without further interference, took Dickens and placed him in jail. At the direction of the officer who continued helpless on the ground, Knight and Willie Joe and Moses Bunch were arrested, placed in the Oak City jail and later removed to Williamston by the sheriff's department along with Dickens.

No formal charge has been lodged against Dickens who is being held in jail pending the outcome of the officer's condition. The two Bunch men, who allegedly cursed and asserted that while people were trying to run their business, stand charged along with Knight with disorderly conduct. It is possible that other charges will be brought against them following an investigation now in progress under the direction of the sheriff's department.

In a note to the sheriff, J. C. Johnson, Oak City mayor, advised

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## County Board In A Short Meeting Monday Morning

### Group Heard Few Reports And Cleared Business Slate Before Noon

Meeting in regular session Monday, the Martin County commissioners completed their work and adjourned before noon. No new business was considered and very little time was required to handle the routine calendar. A jury list was drawn for the September term of the superior court. Most of the time was spent hearing detailed reports from the various department heads. All members of the board, Messrs. Joshua L. Coltrain, J. H. Edwards, W. M. Harrison, C. A. Roberson and R. A. Haislip, were present.

Tax relief orders were granted the following: Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company, \$68.85 on property listed in error in Jamesville Township. Melvin Stall, Jamesville, \$2.94 listed in error. L. Boston, Jamesville, \$5.31 listed in error. The \$7.56 account held against Claud Parker of Robersonville was dropped when it was pointed out that he had died.

Reporting to the commissioners, Tax Collector M. L. Peel stated that \$222,336.58 of the \$233,406.95 tax levy for 1947-48 had been collected, leaving an unpaid balance of \$11,064.65. All but \$3,378.99 of the \$207,294.63 levy for 1946 had been collected, that there was an unpaid balance of \$1,645.58 on the 1945 levy which amounted to \$189,637.93.

In his report to the board, Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne said that income from the county's recorder's court amounted to \$2,135.60 in July, including \$1,230.00 in fines. Miscellaneous income amounted to almost \$200.

Register of Deeds J. Sam Getzinger reported an income for his office in the sum of \$575.65, including \$484.65 for registering deeds.

Several marriages were reported to the clerk of court. The number of marriages licenses amounted to \$64 and the issuance of delayed birth certificates amounted to \$100.

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## Crowded Dockets Before Justices Of Peace Monday

### Several Defendants Booked For Terms On Roads By Justice Johnson

Going on a strictly cash basis, local justices of the peace courts last night started invoking road terms. Convinced that the day of easy credit had vanished, several defendants sent out hurried SOS calls, but still there was some doubt this morning if the cash would be presented ahead of the prison wagon. One of the defendants, it was brought out, had been allowed sixty days to meet the terms of an old judgment of the court, but it was declared he had been too busy hanging around the "clubs" to get out and meet the obligation.

Beating board bills appeared to be a pastime at Eugene Bonds' home, and one report stated that several defendants were called to answer. Justice R. T. Johnson directed Ernest Stallings to pay Bonds a \$7.50 board bill and the costs or go to jail for thirty days. He arranged to have the bill and costs financed, but maintained he did not owe that much board.

Called up for further judgment in the case in which he was charged with disorderly conduct, William Stokes was sentenced to the roads for thirty days. Stokes had failed to pay costs imposed at a previous session of Justice Johnson's court.

William James of Jamesville was fined \$5 for public drunkenness, plus \$8.50 costs. James was doing right well in court until he admitted that he had been up for a similar offense the week before in Jamesville.

W. C. Chapman, drunk and disorderly, was sentenced to jail for thirty days. The judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs and on the further conduct of the sheriff's department.

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## Farm Committee Attends Meeting

### The Martin County Farmers Home Administration Committee attended a one day training meeting in Halifax last Thursday.

This committee, composed of William J. Beach of Hamilton, Garland H. Forbes of Everetts, and R. J. Hardison of Williams, heard J. B. Slack, state director, Vance E. Swift, chief of the Farm Ownership Division, S. E. Wilson, state field representative, and others explain the FHA program for 1949.

It was stated that the FHA is set up to help low income farmers and veterans who cannot get adequate credit at a reasonable interest rate from other lending agencies.

The responsibility of the County Committee is to investigate the eligibility of each farming family who applies to the Farmers Home Administration for assistance. The FHA will not make a loan until the committee certifies in writing that in their opinion the applicant is eligible and in need of the services provided by the Farmers Home Administration. There are many other duties of the Committee such as certifying the farms to be purchased under the FO program, advising the county personnel in regards to problem cases. Reviewing the progress of those presently indebted to the FHA and make recommendations to the county personnel as to how they can give the most assistance to the farm families with whom they are working.

Forty farm families in Martin County have purchased farms under the provisions of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act. Seventeen of these families, although given 40 years in which to pay, have already paid for their farms in full. One hundred and ninety-six other farm families in the County are receiving credit and supervision for production and subsistence loans through the Farms Home Administration.