

Distribute Leaf Marketing Cards Later This Week

Some Will Be Distributed To Farmers Direct, Others To Go Out By Mail

The distribution of approximately 1,650 tobacco marketing cards will be effected in this county on Thursday of this week, it was announced by the office of the county agent. Some of the cards will be distributed in person to farmers by the community committeemen, others will be mailed and still others—the red ones—will be distributed in person at the agent's office in the agricultural building.

Meeting Wednesday afternoon in the courthouse, county and community committeemen will make plans for distributing approximately 1,200 of the cards in person to the growers on Thursday at designated places in the several communities.

The community committeemen will deliver cards in person only to those farmers who are participating in the current soil conservation program. The farmers are being asked to make their farm reports at that time, presenting bills for cost of lime, oats for seed and pasture programs.

Those farmers who are not participating in the soil conservation program will receive their cards by direct mail on or about Thursday of this week. The office is placing the cards for the approximately 400 non-cooperating farmers in the soil program in the mails on Wednesday.

Then there are approximately fifty cards to be delivered to farmers who planted in excess of their allotments. The red cards will be delivered to the farmers at the agricultural building. Farmers planting in excess of their allotments must submit a production estimate advanced by the community committeeman. The agent's office pointed out that a farmer, planting in excess of his allotment, is not allowed to sell more than one farm, must have the committeeman estimate the production on each farm. Those farmers who planted in excess will be penalized at the rate of 16 cents a pound for tobacco marketed in excess of the allotment.

Quite a few farmers in this county planted in excess of their allotments, but all but about fifty destroyed the surplus in the field.

Pests Threaten Acres Of Corn

Combining their destructive power corn ear worms and the old army worm are threatening one of the best corn crops in the county, Farm Agent Tom Brandon said this week.

Centering on seven acres of corn on Bill Abbott's farm near Williamston, the worms have exacted considerable damage already and the agent advised the farmer to turn his 160 or more hogs into the field and let them race against the pests.

It was conservatively estimated that the seven acres would have produced approximately 125 bushels of corn per acre. While the corn would have been more valuable if it had been saved for harvest in the fall, the farmer is certain to realize something from it by letting the hogs harvest it.

The farmer pointed out that a trucker's corn there and it was attacked by ear worms, the second crop of worms coming just in time to threaten the second crop of corn.

ROUND-UP

Seven persons were rounded up and temporarily detained in the county jail last week-end for alleged violation of various laws. Two were booked for drunkenness, two for larceny and two for assaults and one for drunken driving.

The group, including two white men and a colored woman, had ages ranging from 21 to 44 years.

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, Melvin, two months, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Crisp, Oak City; Sandra, two months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Leggett, Williamston; Brenda Gail, four months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Scott, Williamston; Bottom row, Kenneth, eight months, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stalls, Williamston; Jimmy, seven months, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Rogers, Williamston; and Dianne, six months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Beach, Jr., Everetts.

NEARING END

The tobacco harvesting season is rapidly drawing to a close in this county, reports stating that a majority will have harvested their crops before the week-end. Several completed the task week before last, and a goodly number barned their tips last week.

In a few cases, the growers will hardly complete the work before week end next with the possibility that a dozen, or so will get their tips the following week.

The crops look very good and is curing out much better than was expected before the dry spell was broken.

An Embankment

Bending over to recover an electric cigarette lighter he had dropped in the foot of his car, a Plymouth motorist lost control of his car and ran it down an embankment just this side of Sweet Water Creek late last Saturday afternoon. Traveling alone, the driver had almost stopped his car but while he had his head down the machine moved off the road. He regained his driving position too late to stop the car and it gradually moved down into the swamp, injuring no one and causing very little damage. A wrecker recovered the car.

Small Outhouse Burned Sunday

Believed to have been of incendiary origin, fire destroyed a small outhouse near the basket factory on East Main Street shortly before 4:00 o'clock Sunday morning. The owners had some winter clothing and blankets packed in the small structure which were a total loss.

Firemen answered the call and kept the fire from spreading to adjoining buildings. Neighbors heard some one run from the small building just before the fire broke out.

The call was the third received by volunteer firemen here in seven days.

Injured Officer Has Operation In Durham

Suffering a broken hip when attacked by a prisoner in Oak City on the night of July 31, Constable Edmond Early of Oak City underwent an operation in Duke hospital last Saturday. The operation was said to have been successful and the officer's condition was reported as fair, according to information reaching here this week.

His attacker, Willie J. Dickens, 22, continues in the county jail. A hearing has been delayed pending the outcome of the officer's condition.

Paper Will Issue Tobacco Edition Later This Week

Old Papers Reveal Many Interesting Facts About This Section

Following a custom dating back at least forty years, The Enterprise publishers plan to issue their annual tobacco edition as usual this year. Scheduled to reach the press on Thursday of this week, the edition carries a goodly number of items of local interest.

The publishers are greatly indebted to Mr. Henry C. Bourne, Tarboro attorney, for the use of old files of the Tarboro Southerner now in his possession. Quite a few items and stories were taken from the paper dating back as many as 89 years ago and pertaining to this county and its people.

While the first of the five sections in the edition is limited, more or less, to current topics, the others deal more with history, especially the Civil War period. In section 2, the incorporation acts of the town of Williamston are reviewed in detail. The review is a bit long, but it picks up the town's history from its incorporation and follows it right on down through the years. The section also carries a few Civil War items, general stories and a few pertinent facts about various topics.

Section 3 features a Civil War story by the late Wilson G. Lamb, father of our present Wilson Lamb. Then there is a story about a comparatively new cotton picker, not to mention a short account about honesty during a war period.

Section 4 offers a detailed report on the Martin County Health Department and its activities for the past fiscal year. In the section, quite a few times were picked up from the old Tarboro papers, telling about the fight at Rawls Mill. King James' attack on tobacco, trouble on the Roanoke and other little stories, no doubt, will be read with interest.

The editors of the section are prediction, looking for "good times" for the next twenty-five years.

In the last section, Professor V. B. Hairr, Jamesville agriculture teacher, reviews the veterans' trainee program in that section of the county. There are other articles dealing with methods employed by the students in promoting a progressive agriculture on a practical basis. Possibly one of the most entertaining articles in the edition is the one on page two of the No. 5 section, having to do with collards—just plain old common, ordinary collards.

The collard story was written by a Confederate veteran who recalled a collard feast after playing hide and seek with Foster's army in various parts of the county. On page 8 of the same section is a hot word feud between two newspaper editors back in 1859. Abner S. Williams, editor of the Williamston Mercury at the time, had no love for Bill Eborn, editor of a Washington paper. Williams, near the end of his attack on Eborn, calls him a "fiddle-backed, flat-footed, razor-nosed whangdoodle".

Other stories in the paper deal with early railroading in Martin County, and there is a general (Continued on page six)

Misses Dynamite By Few Minutes

Considerable property damage resulted as it was, but Mrs. C. F. Merten of Miami Beach driven her new Lincoln into three parked cars on Main Street here a few minutes later than she did last Thursday there's no telling what would have happened.

Farmer Clarence Stallings of the little village of ... and knocked into the Woolard Furniture Store front, was on his way to his car to place some dynamite and caps in it for use on his farm.

Reporting damage estimates, Chief W. E. Saunders said the loss would approach \$1,100 or \$1,200, including between \$750 and \$1,000 to the store, \$150 to the Stallings DeSoto, \$45 to Asa Hardison's Ford and \$100 to the Lincoln. W. R. Banks, whose Chevrolet was battered a bit when Mrs. Merten rounded the corner at the intersection of Washington and Main Streets and swerved a bit too far to the right, had filed no claim as far as it could be learned.

Mr. Merten, accompanying his wife, remained over night and made arrangements to pay all the damages.

Farms Requiring Fewer Workers

Two U. S. Department of Agriculture reports tell this story: "Farm output per worker" increased 45 percent from 1935 to 1947, while "farm employment" fell more than 10 percent.

"Farm population" decreased from 32 million in 1910 to little more than 27 million in 1947, and is expected to fall to only 24 million in 1975.

In short, fewer and fewer people are required to produce more and more on farms, so millions move to towns and cities to compete with industrial workers for jobs.

The results are not very noticeable now, in the present "boom," but would be serious in a depression.

Meters Provide Plenty of Parking Space This Week

Few Violations Reported the First Day; Warnings Are Issued

Placed in operation yesterday for the first time, parking meters provided plenty of parking room in the business sections here. There was a wholesale movement from the streets to the backlots, merchants clerks and others cleaning up the out-of-the-way parking places to relieve the congestion in the streets in the business sections. The mass movement from the parking places to the backlots left the streets almost deserted during certain periods of the day, and one would almost think a holiday was in effect.

As far as it could be learned there were no strenuous complaints registered against the meters the first day, several shoppers declaring they were pleased to be able to pay a penny to get a place convenient for their shopping.

For the most part, the cars parked at the meter posts were from out of town, proving that most of the parking space had been used previously by merchants, clerks, and other business men.

Very few violations were reported the first day. No one has yet been cited to the police station. Violators from out of town are advised of their action and are asked to pay for the parking time without reporting to the police station. The same courtesy is being extended the local people, but they are reminded that the violations are being entered in the police records with the warning that a second offense will carry a fine.

It is fairly certain that while the meters may constitute a minor nuisance, they apparently are pointing the way to a solution for the parking problem.

During the ten days the meters were installed and before they were to go into actual use, nearly \$50 in pennies and nickels were dropped into the boxes, mostly by the out-of-town motorists.

The meters are in operation each week day from 8:00 a. m. until 6:00 p. m., excepting holidays and Sundays when no charge is made for parking.

Offers Proof To Support Claim

The doubt registered on Farmer Will G. Hardison's face a few days ago when Gardener P. H. Brown told him he had a vince bean ever so long and so large in circumference has been eliminated with the proof.

Gardener Brown placed the prize bean on display in The Enterprise window today, and check measurements show its length to be 32 3/4 inches and its circumference, 8 1/2 inches.

The only thing in doubt now is identity. Mr. Brown, experimenting with new types of vegetables, says he planted bean seed, but some others say he reaped an Italian squash.

At Least Twelve Dixiecrats Here

According to unofficial information there are at least twelve Dixiecrats in Martin County, and there is a strong feeling that there are quite a few more.

Press reports state that twelve Martin County persons signed the petition to place Thurmond and Wright on the presidential ballot for the election in November.

The names of the petitioners in this county could not be learned since the petition did not clear through the board of elections.

Tyson Named Temporary Officer For Oak City

Gene Tyson, Oak City young man, was named last week-end as temporary chief of police there by the town officials. He is serving while the regular officer, Edmond Early, is receiving treatment in Duke hospital for injuries received while arresting Willie J. Dickens on July 31.

Postal Receipts At Local Office Gain Last Quarter

After following a downward trend for several months, receipts at the local office checked that trend and went ahead to show a fairly sizable gain in the three months ending June 30, it was announced a few days ago by Postmaster Wiley E. Dunn. The postmaster admitted that he could not readily explain the factors supporting the gain. "There was nothing unusual happening to cause stamp sales to increase other than a gradual increase in the number of patrons," Postmaster Dunn said, adding that the increased patronage, under normal conditions, would hardly support the revenue gain.

Receipts at the office last quarter were \$525.11 greater than those recorded in the corresponding quarter of last year and were actually \$17.42 greater than those reported for the previous three months in this year. Ordinarily, the first quarter receipts are much larger than those recorded in the second three months. Last quarter stamp sales amounted to \$8,267.48 as compared with \$7,742.37 reported in the 1947 corresponding period. Postage stamp sales in the second quarter of last year were nearly \$1,200 under those reported for January, February and March, 1947, making the gain last quarter over the first three months of this year even more pronounced.

Money order business last quarter while showing no gain, dropped a few hundred dollars to stand at \$62,127.37. At the same time the business in April, May and June of this year was some over \$4,000 greater than it was in the corresponding months of last year.

Several Teachers Resign In County

Late resignations leave seven teaching positions in the various schools vacant, according to a report coming from the office of the board of education over the week-end.

Four of the vacancies exist in the Williamston school, and one each in Everetts, Robersonville and Oak City.

Mrs. Mary Lee Hassell, a teacher in the Williamston school since 1933, tendered her resignation when she explained that she had been unable to find a place to live. Her resignation was reluctantly accepted along with the other three. Mrs. Hassell had ably taught the seventh grade during the fifteen years, having taught in the rural communities for several years prior to 1933.

Other resignations were submitted by Miss Ada Morris, first grade teacher; Miss Mamie Ford, second grade teacher; and Mrs. Josephine Everett Bullock, fourth grade teacher in the Williamston school, and Mrs. Christine Bailey, second grade teacher in the school at Everetts.

The seventh grade position in Robersonville has been tentatively supplied, it was learned, but the opening in the science department at Oak City is still being reported for an applicant, the report declared.

Several applications for three of the positions in the local schools have been received, but no appointments have been made.

Purse Snatchers Caught Saturday

George Green and Ananias Thompson of the Oak City section were arrested on Elm Street here late last Saturday night for allegedly stealing two pocketbooks from the operators of Duck Inn, a beer joint on Washington Street.

The two men went to the beer joint and ordered two bottles of beer. Apparently the sale was made after hours and they were advised to step into a back room and drink it. While there they saw the pocketbooks on a shelf, snatched them and ran. The operators of the place gave chase and they were followed by a large number of others who were loitering around the joint.

Green and Thompson were overtaken in front of the H. H. Cowen home on Elm Street. The pocketbooks were thrown away, but one was recovered after Frank Scott, one of the owners, had worked over one of the alleged thieves. The other pocketbook is still missing.

The chase disturbed quite a few residents along the route. Both of the defendants pleaded guilty when carried before Justice R. T. Johnson last evening and they arranged bond in the sum of \$200 each for their appearance in the county court next Monday. It was not definitely determined who stole which pocketbook, but Frank Scott said he recovered his \$22 or \$23 while Sadie Ruffin said she recovered a few papers but not the \$85 from her pocketbook.

Border Markets Averaged \$54.00 First Four Days

Markets Glutted as Farmers Complete Harvest Of The New Crop

A record high general average was established on the South Carolina and Border North Carolina flue-cured tobacco markets during the four days comprising opening week when 28,448,480 pounds were marketed for an average of \$54.44 per hundred. This average exceeded the previous first week high of \$52.64 set in 1946 by \$1.85 and opening week's average of 1947 by \$6.29. Individual market averages ranged from a low of \$48.33 to a high of \$56.74 per hundred. According to the United States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture, practically all prices advanced over opening week last year with increases ranging from 75c to \$1.00 per hundred. However, most of the gains were from \$4.00 to \$8.00. Grade averages compared with last year show cutters up from \$6.00 to \$10.00, lugs \$6.00 to \$11.00 and primings \$4.00 to \$9.00. All averages quoted were at or above the Commodity Credit support prices. Receipts of the Stabilization Corporation were estimated at around 9 percent of sales.

Volume of sales was considerably heavier last week compared with the two days of sales opening week last year, when only 6,882,125 pounds were auctioned for an average of \$48.15. Some markets were blocked during the week, but the majority reported floors cleared daily. Block sales are expected in the next few days over the entire area as harvesting is nearing completion.

The general quality of the offerings was about the same as last year. Bulk of sales was composed principally of low to choice lugs, low to good cutters and low and fair primings. Lugs were the predominating offerings and made up over half of the marketings following.

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Jaycee Dinner

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Camp Charles contains over 100 acres of wooded area, with the exception of a 50 acre lake, and when completed, will make an ideal camp for all the scouts of the Eastern Carolina Council. There are 6000 boy scouts in the council, and plans are being made to take care of about 3000 at a time at Camp Charles. Various civic organizations throughout the eastern part of the state are cooperating in this project to give the scouts of the Eastern Carolina Council a camp site second to none, with the Jaycees spearheading the drive, Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary and other civic groups are participating.

A motion was carried that the local Jaycees contribute to this worthwhile project, the amount to be decided by the club directors.

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Among other items discussed was the attendance problem. President Edum Ward presided over the meeting, with Bill Gray leading the singing and Wheeler Manning pronouncing the invocation. Alonza Bland was a guest of the club, and the attendance prize, awarded by Ernest Mears, was won by Wheeler Manning.

In addition to the petty cash fund, the center deposited \$128 in the bank, checking out \$64.70, \$12.50 for repairs to music box, \$9 for ping pong paddles and \$42.50 for a portable victrola, leaving a balance of \$23.74 which has been turned over to W. B. Gaylord, treasurer of the recreation committee.

A red hot soft ball game is being arranged between the law enforcement officers of Beaufort and Martin County. No date has been fixed for the tangle, but the officers plan to play it here sometime next week if the park can be rented.

Over 2,000 Killed While Walking The Highways

Last year 2,050 Americans walking on rural highways were killed by automobiles. Another 7,000 were injured. Since such preventable tragedies occur more often in the summer, when vacation travel is at its peak, the insurance companies warn rural pedestrians to walk on the left shoulder of the road facing traffic. At night wear white or carry a light.

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The line-ups will include members of the highway patrol, county and town officers. Recently the Beaufort officers played the Washington Lions before 800 rooting fans.