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## Plan Formation Of County Road Group

### Ten Townships To Name Delegates to August 6 Meeting

#### Committee will Study Road Problem And Make Recommendations

To promote the interests of this county in the State-wide road program and to help formulate plans for advancing the program within the county, a movement is well under way to perfect a road program organization. Initial steps were taken at a meeting of the Jamesville Ruritan Club recently when a committee of three was named, including A. Corey, Carl Griffin and C. G. Gurkin. So far that district is the only one of the ten townships in the county to name a committee, but others are to take action without delay and have their committees ready for a county-wide meeting to be held in the courthouse at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Saturday, August 6.

The movement is supported entirely by individual citizens, the voluntary leaders expressing the belief that it would be better for the citizens to meet voluntarily and select their committees rather than have the groups named by an official or any one leader of the movement. While no set rules have been advanced, it has been suggested that the committees be limited to three members in each township, that they be selected to represent various sections of the individual district.

While no plan for naming the committee has been advanced, Jamesville went forward through its Ruritan Club. In those districts where there are no civic organizations, the citizens are asked to discuss the proposal among themselves and select three representatives.

While it has been suggested to limit the township representations to three members, no formal or set rule has been established in that connection or on any other point. Rules of organization and procedure will have to await the pleasure of the county meeting on August 6. In those cases where no delegates are named, interested citizens should attend the county meeting.

It was definitely explained that the organization is not to be advanced with the motive to advance one road project at the expense of another, but to promote the road program on a fair and square basis. Recognizing the impossibility of paving every road, the committee is expected to formulate a basis for the program; that is, a formula might well be advanced, giving certain roads priority over others with each township coming in for its fair share of the funds to be expended.

Martin County, theoretically is entitled to about \$400,000 in the first allotment to be made. It is the aim of the proposed committee to study road problems and go forward on a solid unit from, rather than have one area pulling against the other and delaying if not blocking the work.

The committee, after discussing the problems, will, it is suggested, go into a huddle with the county

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### Mrs. Perry Dies In Pasquotank

Mrs. Narcissus Perry, 69, widow of Reuben A. Perry and mother of Mrs. George Haislip of Hamilton, died at her home in Pasquotank County near Elizabeth City last Thursday evening after a long illness. Funeral services were conducted in the Bethlehem Christian Church Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock and burial was in the Hertford Cemetery.

Surviving besides her daughter in this county are four sons and four daughters, two step-children, two sisters, nineteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

#### MEETING

##### Prices Somewhat Lower This Year Than Last for Initial Offerings

Meeting in special session Monday morning, the Martin County commissioners formally adopted the proposed \$1.20 tax rate and approved in accordance with law, the various departmental appropriations for the new fiscal year of 1949-50.

While in session the commissioners purged the new tax scrolls and set up a reservoir from which jurors will be drawn during the coming year or more.

### Several Curing Barns Burned In County Recently

#### Eleven Barns Are Lost On Farms In County So Far This Season

Four additional tobacco curing barns were destroyed by fire in this county last week-end, pushing the unit loss to eleven so far this season in the county. It was also reported that one or two other barns, including one on the old Daney Taylor farm near Bear Grass, were threatened by fire during the period.

Three of the barns destroyed last week-end were in Bear Grass Township and the other one was in Jamesville.

Farmer C. C. Fleming lost a barn on the Ball Gray farm in Jamesville Township Thursday evening. Few particulars could be learned immediately.

Farmer J. D. Wynne lost a wood-burning barn that evening in Bear Grass.

Farmer Gilbert Rogerson lost a barn fired by a coal stoker in Bear Grass Friday evening, and another barn was threatened by Williamson's fire department volunteers were called there but they could render little assistance.

Farmer Jay Lilley lost a barn on the Mason farm in Bear Grass Saturday afternoon. The farmer went to the barn and was making ready to take the cured tobacco out. He found a few swelled stems and decided to build a second fire and dry out the stems.

Using a few small limbs and several sticks of split wood, he built just a medium fire and sat down on a tobacco truck to rest. Tired out, he dropped off to sleep and did not wake up until he was almost choked by smoke. Seeing he could not check the fire he started removing a few pews and equipment from the barn shed, and when he got into his pick-up truck to drive it out, the engine flooded. The farmer was about to abandon the truck to the fire when he thought to run it out with power from the starter.

### Mother of County Man Died Sunday

#### Dairy Tour To Be Made Thursday

Mrs. Perry T. Roane of Kelford and mother of Perry T. Roane, Jr., of Hamilton and Williamston, died in a Richmond hospital Sunday morning after a long illness. Funeral services were conducted this morning at 11:00 o'clock in the Kelford Baptist Church by her pastor, Rev. E. C. Upchurch, and burial was in the Roxobel-Kelford cemetery.

Mrs. Roane, a native of Bertie County, was the daughter of the late Eugene and Betty Tyler. Besides her husband and one son, she is survived by three sisters and four brothers.

#### Sheriff Continues Quite Ill In The Hospital

Taking a turn for the worse about the middle of last week, Sheriff C. B. Roebeck, a patient in a Washington hospital for the past two months, continues about the same. A report from the hospital this morning stated he did not rest at all well last night.

### Marketing Season Opened Today on Georgia Markets

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Early reports from the Georgia tobacco markets were considered not very encouraging, but farmers were said to be "very well pleased and there was no dissatisfaction expressed." No definite trend could be established in the first hour of selling, but it was reliably reported that the general price average would fall considerably below the estimated \$53 average reported on the opening a year ago.

The first few rows sold in Valdosta ranged in price from 15 to 55 cents, which amounts to 19 and 55 cents considering the price differential between untied and tied tobacco. For all practical purposes, the 55-cent figure seemed to be the top figure.

A preliminary report from Hazelhurst stated that the first 125 piles sold there averaged \$52.30. That figure compares very well with the opening price average a year ago.

No price average was mentioned during the early morning, but down in Moultrie farmers said they were well satisfied, that tobacco was selling good. J. Lloyd Corey, Pitt County farmer who offered an entire row for sale on the Moultrie market said he was satisfied with his sale but at that time did not know what it averaged. Several Martin County farmers were said to have tobacco on the Georgia markets today.

It was estimated that there were more than 30 million pounds of tobacco on the approximately 80 warehouse floors in the twenty-one markets.

Conflicting reports were heard about the quality, some saying that it was better than it was a year ago and others saying it was inferior.

Press reports showed a variation in the early price averages. Valdosta, reporting the average for the first few rows, placed the price at 57 cents as compared with \$55.64 a year ago.

Douglas, according to press reports, averaged \$49.50 for the first few rows sold there this morning.

The average for the season in Georgia last year was \$48.48.

As of July 1, the U. S. Crop Reporting Board estimated the 1949 crop of Georgia and Florida flue-cured tobacco to be 131,708,000 pounds. If this production is realized the crop would exceed the 111,634,000 pounds produced last year by almost 18 percent. Also, it would be the second largest of this type in history being surpassed only by the 1947 harvest.

Production in all flue-cured types this year is expected to be 1,155,058,000 pounds as against 1,089,584,000 pounds in 1948.

The United States Department of Agriculture reports that producers' sales in the Georgia and Florida flue-cured belt last year amounted to 120,690,013 pounds averaging \$47.48 a hundred. Totals in all flue-cured types in

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