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Transplant About Half Of Tobacco Crop In Section

Hundreds of Thousands of Plants Imported from Other Sections

Despite the most acute shortage ever experienced in this part of the country, it is conservatively estimated that one-half of the tobacco acreage in this county will have been transplanted to the crop by the end of this week. Observers state that with favorable weather conditions, most of the crop will be in the ground by the latter part of next week and the following few days.

Quite a few farmers have finished transplanting the first time, but adverse weather conditions early this week was hard on the young plants, and there was some sign of dirty work by worms. The cold spell also delayed growth in the beds, but farmers are of the opinion that there'll be sufficient plants within the county during the next ten days or two weeks to meet the demand.

While it is fairly certain every allotted acre will be planted to tobacco, the completion of the task is being made possible by the importation of plants from other states and several counties in eastern North Carolina. Solid truckloads of the precious plants have been moved into the county from Florida and Georgia. A few came in from the border section of South Carolina. The early movement came out of Georgia mostly. More recently, farmers have been going to counties nearer home, pulling up the plants during the early morning hours and returning in time to transplant them in the afternoon.

Prices for plants have ranged from \$6 per thousand to around \$4 delivered, while the average for plants pulled from the beds by purchasers have ranged in price from \$1.50 to about \$3.

Martin County farmers were panicky at first over the plant shortage, but they now see that the emergency can be met, and those who have no plants are hopeful they can find an ample supply within the next two weeks, some of the farmers explaining that even the last week in May isn't too late to transplant tobacco.

The plant shortage has been costly, however, the initial cost running up as high as \$40 per acre in some cases.

Delinquent Tax List Published

In accordance with the law, Tax Collector M. Luther Peel today is advertising all 1949 delinquent tax accounts in this county. The property will be offered at public auction for taxes on Monday, June 5, at 12:00 o'clock, noon.

There are 336 delinquent accounts—87 white and 249 colored—representing unpaid taxes in the sum of \$6,099.13.

Collector Peel is certain that many, if not most of the delinquent accounts will be cleared off the books before the sale on June 5.

A year ago there were 304 delinquent accounts, \$5 white and \$16 colored, representing unpaid taxes in the sum of \$5,024.69.

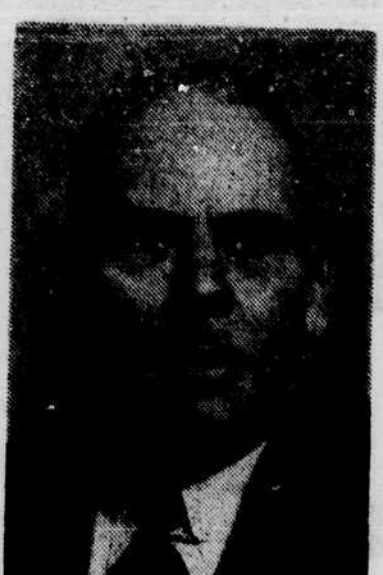
There are approximately 7,000 accounts on the tax books, representing a total tax levy of \$286,189.07.

PROGRESSING

Work on the new hospital on Liberty Street here is progressing rapidly, but no date for the opening has been fixed. There's a great deal of work yet to be done, but work on one wing of the building is almost completed. The plasterers finished their work in the clinic a short time ago and floors have been laid, including tile composition.

While work on the hospital continues, other building construction is getting under way. Workmen started preparing foundations this week for at least three new homes, including one for Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Johnson on Roosevelt Drive.

Candidates For State Senate From This District.



Pictured above are the four candidates for the North Carolina State Senate from this, the Second District. Reports from several of the seven counties—Dare, Hyde, Pamlico, Tyrrell, Washington, Beaufort and Martin—in the district, and including at least two of the other candidates, "bluntly" point out that Hugh G. Horton of this county is assured of the nomination in the May 27 primary, that the race will be between the other three candidates, with a possibility that a second primary will be needed to make the selection of the second candidate. The district is allotted two senators.

Left to right, above, are O. L. Williams, lawyer, a former president of the district bar association and a past vice president of the Southern Albemarle Association, is a Hyde County man. Sam M. Campen, incumbent, is a farmer-country merchant of Alliance, Pamlico County. Hugh G. Horton, Williamston attorney and former member of the State House of Representatives and senator. Dallas Mallison, of Oriental, is a former county representative in the General Assembly, former school teacher and county superintendent.

Senator Graham's Work Means Much To Martin County

New Peanut Provisions Can Add \$350,000 To The County's Income

While his mortal enemies peddle hate and engage in disreputable sneering tactics, Frank Graham, candidate for the United States Senate, has accomplished much for Martin County farmers and others in the peanut producing areas. According to information coming out of Washington as released by Congressman Herbert Bonner at the Martin County Farm Bureau meeting a few days ago, peanut farmers may plant with immunity their 1947 peanut acreage this year with the virtual assurance that all plantings of the edible type peanuts will receive parity support.

On the basis of the assurance received, Martin County farmers stand to profit to the tune of about \$350,000 next fall. Their peanut acreage reduced to a little more than 19,000 acres this year by the original law, farmers, as a result of an amendment, now may plant right at 23,000 acres, meaning that the income from the additional acres will approximate \$350,000, weather conditions and other factors permitting.

Senator Graham, the record shows, successfully pleaded with President Truman in behalf of the peanut farmers, headed off a veto, and saved the law amending the program and including edible peanuts.

Frank Graham, while opposing the Brannan plan, said this week that he would not hesitate to support other changes in the present program when such changes could benefit the farmer, and are similar to the change made for peanuts and cotton.

It has been pointed out that while one billion dollars were spent supporting farm prices during the past ten years, nearly ten billion dollars were spent to aid industry. These figures were released by Congressman Jamie Whitten, chairman of the subcommittee on agricultural appropriations, before a meeting of

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P. T. A. To Install Officers for 1950-51

J. C. Eubanks, retiring president of the Williamston Parents-Teachers Association, said today that the new officers for the next school year would be installed at the last regular meeting of the group on Monday night at 7:30 in the Grammar School auditorium.

Aside from the installation and regular business of the association no program is planned, it was said. New officers include: Lee Reynolds, president; R. L. Coburn, vice president; Miss Peggy Hopkins, secretary, and Mrs. Edith Davis, secretary.

Delay Radio Station Here Pending Survey Completion

Construction of a commercial radio station in Williamston has been unexpectedly delayed pending the completion of a special survey, it was learned here this week. During the meantime, the owners are making ready to move in regular equipment for the station, including an organ, electrical equipment, approximately 6,000 record discs, and various machines.

According to reliable but unofficial information received here yesterday, the Federal Communications Commission is suggesting that a new site be selected for the station. One report stated that the station should be located just to the southeast instead of northwest of the town. Such a move is likely to conflict with the CAA airways, it has been pointed out.

R. L. Easley, consulting engineer of R. L. Easley, D. C., is scheduled to arrive here late today or tomorrow to make a survey, and as a disinterested party try to work out a satisfactory solution to the problem.

During the meantime, the promoters, after purchasing a four-acre site about three miles from here on the Hamilton Highway, are awaiting clearance to continue their construction plans. The proposed Hamilton Road site has been marked off and a circular drive made from the highway to the spot.

Opposing Use Of Certain Poisons On Peanut Crop

Fearful Some Poisons Will Leave An "Off-Taste" In Peanuts

Suffolk, May 10.—The Association of Virginia Peanut and Hog Growers has a resolution of the Virginia-Carolina Peanut Association opposing the use of benzene hexachloride as an insecticide on peanuts.

The peanut association went on record at a meeting of the Association of Peanut and Hog Growers Friday, it was explained. The resolution of the Association follows:

"The association endorses heartily the action taken by county agents and peanut millers of Virginia and North Carolina opposing the use of benzene hexachloride on land which this year or in future years might be used for the production of peanuts.

"The association feels that no effort should be spared to eliminate any factor which might militate against the ready sale of Virginia type peanuts. The interests of the growers and the millers are identical in this respect. If the millers cannot sell the peanuts we produce, all will suffer.

"While it is hoped that some form of benzene hexachloride can be developed which will not impart an unpleasant taste to peanuts, we feel that we should avoid all risk by eliminating completely the use of this insecticide until research shows beyond a doubt that no harmful effect will result.

"The executive committee of this association therefore recommends for the 1950 crop year that peanut growers use no benzene hexachloride on any land that is to be used for growing peanuts, or on land that might in future years be rotated to peanuts.

The Virginia-Carolina Peanut Association went on record as opposing the use of benzene hexachloride on peanuts.

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Asking Court To Nullify Will Of Late County Man

Caveators Say Will Of Dr. Jesse E. Ward Not Found Among Valuable Papers

Relatives of the late Dr. Jesse Ward started proceedings in the Martin County Superior Court to set aside or nullify the paper writing purported to be the will of the late Robertsonville doctor.

The caveators, Needham Erastus Ward, Walter Gideon Ward, Herbert S. Ward, Jr., pointing out that Dr. J. E. Ward died on last March 23, say that on March 30, 1950, R. L. Moore presented to the court "a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of the said Dr. J. E. Ward."

It is further claimed by the caveators "that the paper writing was not and is not the last will and testament of the said Dr. J. E. Ward for the reason that it was not found among the valuable papers and effects of any deceased person, nor had it been located in the hands of any person for safe keeping."

The caveators also allege that the paper writing was not "subscribed in Dr. J. E. Ward's presence by two witnesses, at least."

No other allegations are made. The caveators asking the court to set aside and annul the probate of the said paper writing.

Answering the allegations, the respondents, R. L. Moore, administrator, and Mrs. Clellie Moore Ward, widow, deny that the paper is not the will because it was not

Installation Of Jaycee Officers

The Williamston Junior Chamber of Commerce will have its Fifth Annual Ladies' Night and Installation banquet on Friday evening of this week at 7:30 in the Woman's Club building. Approximately 125 Jaycees, wives and special friends are expected to be in attendance, including Jaycees from Wilson, Rocky Mount, Washington, Plymouth, Columbia, Edenton and Wilmington.

John N. Hackney, Jr., vice president, District 7, of Wilson will install the incoming president, and National Director Hal Love of Wilmington will install the other officers. Officers to be installed for the coming year are, President, Edgar Gurganus, first vice president, Bernard Harrison; 2nd vice president, Albert S. Peel, Jr.; secretary, Elton Hardy; treasurer, Grady Luffman; sergeant-at-arms, Joe H. Vann; State director, Nelson Leggett; and directors, Hoke Gurganus, Eli Gurganus and Al Sweatt.

Wheeler M. Manning, a past president and charter member of the Jaycees, will serve as toastmaster. After the banquet, the Jaycees will have their annual dance in the high school gym.

Handle Fourteen Cases on Monday In County's Court

Fines, Imposed During the All-Day Session, Add Up To Only \$175

Although only fourteen cases were handled, the Martin County Recorder's Court was in session just about all day clearing the docket Monday. Two jury cases delayed adjournment considerably, one jury debating the issues for about one hour late in the afternoon.

Fines, imposed at the all-day session, amounted to only \$175, and a few cases were continued.

Proceedings: Carrying his case to a six-man jury, James Norman Hollis, charged with drunken driving, was found not guilty. J. S. Mallory, Paul Leggett, Ralph B. Holliday, L. T. Carrow, Arthur W. Lilley and Clyde Williams served on the jury in the case.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs after Hallie E. Little pleaded guilty of an assault.

Ernest Wooten was sentenced to the roads for four months for an assault, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs.

Pleading not guilty in the case in which he was charged with assault, Raymond Hyman sustained his plea.

Pleading not guilty, George Thomas Bailey, was found with drunken driving, was charged not guilty by the following jury, C. T. Roberson, Ralph B. Holliday, W. H. Peel, C. B. Roebuck, L. C. James and L. T. Carrow.

Pleading not guilty, Lemuel Otterbridge was found guilty of bastardy and he drew six months on the roads, the court suspending the road term on the condition he pay \$4 a week during the next two years for the support of the child and a \$25 doctor's bill.

Found guilty of drunken driving over his plea of innocence, William Bazemore was fined \$100, taxed with the costs and lost his driver's license for a year.

Arthur Lee, charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was sentenced to the roads for sixty days.

Speeding along at 73 miles per hour, William Thomas Taft pleaded guilty and was fined \$25, plus

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New Firm Plans Formal Opening

The Williamston Office Supply Company, a new firm, will open for business on Main Street between the Critcher Shoe Store and Leggett's here Friday evening, it was announced today by the owners, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bowen of Ahoskie. Extensive arrangements have been made for the formal opening between 8:00 and 10:30 o'clock tomorrow evening, Mr. Bowen explaining that special flower corsages will be given to the first 100 ladies visiting the store at 8:00 o'clock for the formal opening. Hundreds of other special souvenirs will also be distributed, including special manufacturers' items.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowen will be accompanied here for the formal opening by their son, Charles, a freshman at the University, Chapel Hill, their daughter, Mrs. C. E. Mangum who is a member of the Knightdale School faculty, and Mr. Mangum who is finishing his BS degree in industrial engineering at State College, Raleigh, this year, Miss Bessye Harrell, a former teacher in the local schools, Mr. and Mrs. John Overton, Mrs. Louise Jones and Messrs. Robt. Askew and Dowell Curtis, all of Ahoskie. A general invitation is being extended the public to visit the formal opening and inspect the store.

Mr. Bowen announces that Mr. Mangum, his son-in-law, will manage the store just as soon as he is graduated from State on June 12, that Mr. and Mrs. Mangum will make their home here.

The new firm, certain to meet a growing need for such a service, will handle all types of office furniture, book-keeping supplies, gift items; in fact, a complete line of about 6,000 individual items for the office and school.

Registration Ends In County On May 13th

Goodly Number Of Names Added Last Saturday To List



Edgar Gurganus, young local attorney and a prominent figure in civic affairs, will take over the duties of President of the Williamston Jaycees following the installation service in the Woman's Club tomorrow evening.

Hold Last Rites For Mrs. Mobley In County Today

Mrs. Effie Roberson Mobley Died In Florida Monday Morning

Last rites are being conducted at the grave side in the Mobley Cemetery in Cross Roads Township this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for Mrs. Effie Roberson Mobley who died in a Lake City, Florida, hospital last Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. She had been in declining health for some time, suffering with a heart condition.

Funeral services were conducted in the Melton Funeral Home in Lake City yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and the body reached the county this morning. Mrs. Mobley was a member of Christian Chapel in her home community for many years, but after moving to Florida she joined the Baptist church. Her pastor conducted the service there, and Rev. J. M. Perry, pastor of the Robertsonville Christian Church, is officiating at the graveside rites this afternoon.

Mrs. Mobley was born in Cross Roads Township 66 years ago, and spent nearly all of her life there. In early womanhood she was married to Louis N. Mobley who died about eight years ago. About six years ago she moved to Florida to make her home with a daughter, Miss Eva Mobley. She last visited this county about a year ago, spending a month with friends and relatives.

Surviving are three daughters, Miss Mobley, Mrs. Marie Wilkins of Richmond and Mrs. Edna Gregory of Graham; and one son, Ben Mobley, a student at Chapel Hill. Her mother, H. D. Roberson of Robertsonville, and two sisters, Mrs. Herbert Taylor of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. James Knox of Oak City.

A son, Sgt. Rufus N. Mobley, was killed while in the service of his country during World War II on December 4, 1943. His body was the first of a World War II casualty to be returned for burial in native soil.

Speaks Briefly To County Ruritans

Curtis Olds, national president of Ruritans, in a brief address to Martin County Ruritans and a few special guests at Hamilton last night told of the unselfish work the organization was doing in this county and throughout the states. The short talk, made from a truck body near the river, was well received by the nearly 100 Ruritans, representing every one of the clubs in this county.

LeRoy Everett, president of the host club, presided, and a sumptuous rock muddle

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Registration Shows To Big Vote In This County - On May 27th

Registrations for the May 27 Democratic primary are believed to have broken all records, and pushed the total to a record high in this county. Fairly complete reports from the registrars state that more than three hundred new names were added to the books during the first two registration Saturdays, and it is anticipated that the increase on Saturday of this week will be even larger than for either of the other two registration days. Saturday of this week is the last day for registration. It also will be the last day for any elector to change his party affiliation. A few electors are listed as Republicans and a still fewer number are listed as independents. Unless those so listed declare a change in their party affiliation, they'll not be eligible to vote in the May 27 primary.

If the registration is to be accepted as a guide, a fairly large vote is to be expected in this county on May 27.

Plenty of information about the registrations have been heard, but elections board officials declare that it has been regular. One report indicated that quite a few persons reported to the registration centers but could not qualify. No report could be had immediately from Jamesville, Robertsonville and Poplar Point precincts, but 233 new names were added to the books in the other precincts, as follows: Williams and Griffins, 7 each; Bear Grass, 20; Williamston No. 1, 90; Williamston No. 2, 51; Cross Roads, 9; Gold Point, 16; Hamilton and Haswell, 10 each; Goose Nest, 68.

A special registration gets underway in the north and west end sections just outside of Williamston on Saturday of this week. That registration is for the proposed annexation plan, and is not to be confused with the registration for the May 27 primary. The citizens in those two areas, in order to participate in the May 27 primary and the June 10 annexation vote, must have their names on two registration books.

Large Number At Music Festival

The music festival, presented under the direction of Mrs. Beecher Patterson in the high school auditorium here last evening, was well received. The large auditorium was filled just about to capacity.

Nearly three hundred pupils from the first grade through the high school participated in the event.

World Church Study In The Methodist Church

The Study of the World Church will be held tonight at the Methodist Church at 7:30 instead of 8 o'clock as was announced previously.

REGISTRATION

Not to be confused with the regular registration for the May 27 Democratic primary, a special registration of citizens in North and West End is to get under way on Saturday of this week. Those in the two areas who wish to vote on the annexation plan as proposed will find it necessary to register on one of the three Saturdays, beginning this week. The special vote will be held on June 10.

Dennis Hardy is registrar for West End and he will have the books open in his store. Chas. B. Wynne is registrar for North End and he will have the books open in Dan Gardner's store.