

Can Reach Cotton Goal Despite The Old Boll Weevils

Former Produced Six Bales Of Lint Cotton On Five Acres Last Year

By S. A. Tuten, Jr. Assistant County Agent

The removal of controls from cotton production and the announcement of a U. S. goal of 16,000,000 bales of cotton for 1951 have affected the plans of practically every cotton grower in Martin County. There has been considerable discussion among growers both for and against a return to pre-control or increased acreage. This observer has heard arguments on both sides. This article, in part, is an attempt to summarize the opinions of those who are deciding how much cotton to plant this year.

Most growers agree that there is a real need for increased cotton production. Enough cotton must be produced to make up for losses suffered last year and to supply increased defense needs. There seems to be little doubt about demand for the 1951 crop. Also growers are confident that Martin County can produce its part of the national quota profitably if, and this seems to be the big question, boll weevils can be controlled. Of course, no one can say yes or no at this time. So a decision must be made at this time on the basis of past experience.

Fewer boll weevils are expected to survive the colder weather this winter however, even if they do emerge in large numbers and weather conditions are unfavorable in July - control is still possible.

We don't have to go outside of the county to find someone who made a good yield of cotton last year. Mr. Hassell Warren, Robersonville carried out a very commendable cotton production program on his farm near Gold Point. He produced six bales on five acres. Gin weights were: 582, 594, 482, 534, 512 and 486 pounds. The total weight is 3190 pounds which figures out a little better than one and one-fourth bales per acre.

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Financial Report On Paralysis Fund

Martin County's Infantile Paralysis Fund has been depleted and more, Treasurer W. Clyde Griffin reporting this week that the fund has a bill of \$275 with only \$162.52 in the treasury.

At the beginning of last year, the fund had \$3,107.18 on hand. Hospital and professional care of two patients who contracted polio during the year called for expenditure of \$2,548.05. Ambulance services, including the transfer of the victims and suspected victims, cost \$162.50. Expenses of post polio cases amounted to \$175 and miscellaneous expenses were \$59.11, making a total expense for the year of \$2,944.66. On the first day of this year, the fund had \$162.52 with a bill payable in the amount of \$275.00, leaving the fund overdrawn by \$112.48.

One of the victims was a small colored child of near Oak City, and the other victim was a small child of Cross Roads Township.

Reviews Need for Drainage On Farms in Martin County

Speaking before a farmers' meeting in the courthouse a few days ago, Howard F. McKnight, Director of the Soil Conservation Division, reviewed the drainage problem in Martin County.

While much progress has been made to improve the drainage situation, far more is yet to be done before the problem is solved according to the conservationist.

Engineers have estimated that 100 miles of open canals are necessary under a modern and adequate program. In addition to the canals, possibly nine million feet of farm drain tile are necessary to provide adequate drainage for the county.

Superior Court To Hear Drainage Case

WON'T BE LONG

It won't be long now before Williamston's radio station, WIAM, will be on the air. However, no definite date for the opening has been fixed, the management explaining that a few more technicalities must be cleared before the formal opening.

The transmitter tower has been completed near the river. A United Press teletype machine has been installed and the studios are ready, it was learned.

Vital Meeting Of P.-T. A. Planned

Problems vital to the very life of the Williamston schools, and especially to certain departments of it, will be taken up at the business session of the Williamston Parents-Teachers Association in the Elementary School auditorium Monday evening at 7:30. A program following the business session will feature an address by Dr. Fred West, dean of Religious Life at Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, on the subject, "Character and Spiritual Education."

Faced with a curtailment of its program, the school needs the attention and help of every citizen in the community and school district, officials of the P. T. A. pointed out today.

Recent changes in the building plans of the county board of education are threatening to cost the Williamston school its recently acquired agricultural and vocational department, according to some observers and it may be that other curtailments will have to be effected, also.

Report On Boys In The Service

Visiting several Martin County boys in Fort Jackson a few days ago, Sgt. C. E. Jenkins, Jr., asked if they had anything to tell the boys back home. Harry C. Ayers was quoted as saying, "Tell 'em nothing. Let them find out the hard way as I am doing."

Sgt. Jenkins, who is stationed at the Fort, said he sees most of the boys from home often, that he had just talked with Recruit Ayers, Dillon Cherry and Buster Modlin. "All the boys are doing fine, except for being a little homesick at times. But they'll get over that in time," Sgt. Jenkins said.

Building and Loan Group To Meet Here Monday

The annual meeting of the Martin County Building and Loan Association stockholders will meet in Attorney Wheeler Martin's office here next Monday morning at 11:30 o'clock. Elections will be held and other business is to be handled at that time, it was announced today.

Reviews Need for Drainage On Farms in Martin County

So far, approximately five and one-half miles of open canals have been dug, and nearly one-half million feet of farm drain tile has been laid, Mr. McKnight told the meeting.

Losses, especially where tobacco production is concerned, have been greater in a single season than the cost of some drainage projects. Mr. McKnight suggests that tobacco land be drained first, and the program extended from that point.

He explained that assistance is available, that machinery for laying the drain tile and digging the canals is right here in the county, that now is a good time to push the drainage work.

School Activities Bus Fund Passes Goal of \$4,000.00

Chairman David Davis Reports Fund Now Stands At \$4010.00

A report from Chairman David Davis yesterday revealed that the High School Activities Bus Fund has reached \$4010.00, passing the original goal of \$3,750.00 by a nice margin and even going over the revised goal of \$4,000.00. While a number of donations for \$100.00 each were received and there were some for \$50.00 and \$25.00, the individual contributions of small amounts were responsible for the fund passing the final mark.

Chairman Davis said the response to the drive was excellent and after the Plymouth game and special tag sales had sent the drive off to a flying start, the contributions started moving in and provided the rest of the needed cash. The vehicle has been ordered and there is now sufficient money to take care of taxes and insurance and possibly add a heater later.

"The Bus Fund Committee," Mr. Davis said, "wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the contributors listed below, whose generosity made the undertaking a success."

The donors: Roanoke Chevrolet Co., Woolard Furniture Co., Margolis Brothers, Dixie Motor Co., B. S. Courtney and Son, Williamston Band Parents Club, Harrison Oil Co., Harrell Everett, Chas. H. Jenkins Co., Town of Williamston, Mrs. J. G. Stator, Martin Elliott Co., Davis Pharmacy, N. C. Green, Belk-Tyler Co., Dr. J. S. Rhodes, Sr., W. I. Skinner Tobacco Co., Employees of W. I. Skinner Co., King Tobacco Co., W. H. Ross, Roy Ward, Williamston Lions Club, Williamston Kiwanis Club, Martin County

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Long Session County Court Held Monday

Known as Martin County Drainage Project No. 1, the undertaking is commissioned by Sidney Beacham, elected for three years; H. M. Ayers, elected for two years, and Arthur Peaks, elected for one year.

It is understood that many of the 128 petitioners have already met their initial assessments, and if favorable action is obtained in the courts next week, possibly actual work on the project will get under way within a short time. A contract has been entered into, subject to the action taken by the court.

In an answer filed July 4, 1949, several of the respondents denied

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Exum L. Ward, Jr. Buys Local Firm

Exum L. Ward, Jr., who has been associated with Mr. George Harris since 1943 in the operation of the Williamston Hardware Company on Washington Street, announced today the purchase of the firm from Mr. Harris.

Mr. Harris, who purchased the hardware store from the Wheelbees of Ashokie in 1939, will devote his time to his recently established used furniture business. Hubert Bland has been employed by Mr. Ward to assist in the direction of the store.

Badly Hurt In Fall Tuesday

While working on his daughter's home near Jamesville late Tuesday afternoon, Mr. William R. Price slipped and fell about ten feet from the second to the first floor, injuring himself badly. Eighteen stitches were required to close cuts on his head and forehead. He suffered a shoulder injury, possibly a fracture, and bruises about the body.

His daughter, Mrs. James Jennings, had him removed to a local hospital for treatment, last reports stating that he continues quite ill.

County Board Delays School Problem Until Next Monday

New Developments Pending In Recent Assault Cases

No official information has been released, but it was learned today from reliable sources that new developments are pending in the case in which a 15-year-old county girl was allegedly attacked late last Sunday night and early Monday morning.

Martin Deputies Raymond Rawls and Wiley Craft returned Samuel R. Hardison and Clarence McCool from Fort Bragg late yesterday afternoon. Hardison along with his brother, James has been formally charged with attacking the girl, but it could not be learned if or whether a warrant would be drawn against McCool or what the charge is or would be if a warrant is drawn.

McCool is the young man who was referred to as an army buddy and who accompanied Samuel Hardison from Fort Bragg to the county for a visit last week-end.

Accompanied by James Hardison, Meredith Cherry, Rachel Lee Bailey, 14 years old, and the victim of the alleged attacks, were returning to Fort Bragg when the 15-year-old girl was claimed to have been attacked near Wilson by Samuel Hardison while James held her in the front seat.

It was reported that the Bailey girl's family was preferring charges, similar to those embodied in warrants against James and Samuel Hardison. No copy could be seen immediately.

It was also reported that special agents of the army were in the county investigating the case, but they could not be contacted. A hearing has not been definitely scheduled, one report said possibly it would be held either Friday night or Saturday, that likely it would be closed to the general public.

Sixty-nine Men Take Pre-Induction Tests

Local banks will observe tomorrow, Friday, January 19, as a holiday in commemoration of that great Southerner, General Robert E. Lee.

No other business houses or offices will observe the day as a holiday here, it was learned.

Twenty Others To Report For Final Induction Monday

Sixty-nine Martin County men left Wednesday for pre-induction examinations at Fayetteville and Fort Bragg. They returned late last night, but no report could be had on the number accepted or rejected.

The group, including thirty white and thirty-nine colored, was the largest to move out of the county at one time since the Army started calling men after World War II.

Returning here about 12:30 o'clock last night, one of the boys said he understood that right many of the group were rejected, that about eight were held over for further examination.

Those making the trip include the following:

White
Johnny Franklin Scott, John Haywood Rogers, Robert Saunders Rawls, (Mr. Rawls was leader for the white group, it was learned.) Henry Gray Corey, Daniel Ray Wynne, Alfred Hollis, Mac Edwin Manning, Dennis Raymond Peel, Archie Allen Lilly, Perlie Bembridge, Jr., Marvin Holliday, Chester Emmett Mims, Tommie Shelton Roberson, Clayton Earl Manning, David Ray Gurganus, Coy Lee Bryant, Marvin Henry Leggett, Jr., Tommy Rogers, Perlie Monford Ange, Jr., Jesse B. Edward Green, Carl Hugh Spruill, Jr., Clayton Grant Savage, Lester Sanders Clark, Bill Roberson, Kenneth E. Johnson, Raymond Gray Modlin, James David Lilly, Winslow Morton Critcher, James Darrell Wynne.

Raymond D. Davis, Jr. was transferred from the draft board in Elizabeth City.

William Robert Harris of RFD 1, was transferred to a board in Wake County.

Colored
Cary Flowers, Jr., Leon Roosevelt Williams, Benjamin Frank Bennett, Henry Brown, Rascoe Williams, Paul Williams, Thomas Wilson, Jr., Prince Lynch, Almer Brown, James Arthur Gorham, Arnold Lyons, Joseph Curtis, Odis Clark, James Edward Hassell, Roosevelt James Russell, Woodard Arlander Stokes, Charlie Bullock, Jr., Lester Cotten, Alge Lee Wallace, James Rawleigh, Zebedee West, Surry Mack Whitaker, James Bell, Larrick Dickens, Sherman Cecil Andrews,

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Special Bill For Judges Offered In The Legislature

Another Bill Would Remove Palimony and Stream Pollution In State

By Scott Summers

A bill that would put much-publicized ex-Superior Court Judge Luther Hamilton of Morehead City back on the State payroll was introduced by nine senators Tuesday.

The bill did not mention Judge Hamilton, but one of the introducers said it would have the effect of putting the Morehead City jurist back on the retired list, giving him the back pay that was stopped last month and allow him to continue collecting \$550 each month as a retired judge of superior court.

Heading the list of introducers were Dunn Frink of Brunswick and Junius Powell of Columbus, 10th District senators. Other co-introducers were Rivers Johnson of Duplin, Alton Lennon of New Hanover, Wesley C. Watts of Robeson, H. P. Eller of Wilkes (a Republican), J. R. Young of Harnett, Donald Banks of Yancey (Republican), and Zeb Weaver, Jr., of Buncombe.

Noticeably absent from the list of co-signers were the names of Senators John Larkins, Jr., of Jones and Carl Hicks of Greens—senators from Hamilton's own Seventh District.

The bill states simply that when any justice of the Supreme Court or any judge of the Superior Court (regular or special) "heretofore has retired, or hereafter may retire . . . such judge shall be entitled to receive the retirement pay" provided by statute. It sets out that the pay shall continue even if the judge cannot be assigned to hold terms of court "by reason and cause of the nature and cause for his retirement."

The bill immediately was labeled the "Hamilton Bill" by the press. Hamilton was retired on total disability and subsequently held court. The Supreme Court ruled he could not legally hold court after such retirement, and Attorney General Harry McMullan ordered Hamilton's retirement.

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Transfer County Boys To Indiana

Declaring all were doing all right even though not altogether satisfied, Ret. Harper M. Peel, Jr., in a special communication to The Enterprise this week, said that quite a few of the Martin County boys were recently transferred from Camp Rucker, Alabama, to Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

Included in the transfer were, Rets. James W. Ward and Archie Revels of Williamston, Harper M. Peel, Jr., and David Boyd of Hamilton, Dixie Green and Henry Brown Winslow of Robersonville, Ernest Wynne of Bear Grass, Garland Bunting of Oak City, William Martin of Jamesville, and Asa T. Whitley of Griffins.

Rets. Peel and Ward were in Indianapolis last week-end for a special piano concert given by a group of misplaced Latvians who have been in the country only a short time.

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March Of Dimes Drive Off To Good Start In County

The March of Dimes fund drive was off to a good start in most parts of the county on Monday of this week, according to a preliminary report released by one of the fund chairmen this morning.

Sending out 2,000 direct mail appeals, the chairmen said that the early response was encouraging. All of the schools in the county have been contacted and the principals promised their best efforts for the drive. Nearly 200 coin collectors have been placed in business establishments throughout the county. The chairmen expressed the hope that no personal solicitation for contributions from business firms in the

county would be necessary. Perfecting a working agreement with the town of Williamston whereby dimes could be collected in parking meters and turned over to the paralysis fund, the chairmen said that the plan is being widely accepted.

After reviewing the plans formulated for the drive, the chairmen explained that liberal donations are necessary if the \$6,000 goal is to be reached. "We are convinced that the goal should be reached, and we earnestly hope that our people, white and colored, rich and poor, will take a prominent part in supporting the drive." Chairmen Bill Gray and Hoke Roberson said.