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Drastic Reduction In Cotton Quotas Effective In 1954

Individual Farm Allotments For County Being Placed In Mails Today

Finding the country literally "snowed under" by cotton, the Department of Agriculture is placing into effect a drastic reduction in acreages for 1954. The crop in North Carolina is being cut back by almost one-quarter million acres, or from 770,000 to 528,638.

The acreage in Martin County is being cut from 3,792 acres, the average for the past five years, to 2,721 acres for 1954, a reduction of 1,071, or about 28 per cent.

The approximately 700 cotton farmers in this county are being advised of their individual allotments by mail this week.

While the over-all reduction runs almost one-third below the five-year average plantings, some individual reductions are much greater, but despite the cut it is declared that there is little for the farmer, large or small, to do except vote for quotas in the referendum on December 15. It is possible that some of the drastic reductions will be eased when Congress meets next month. No promises are made, however, to that effect.

The program is proving to be a bit complicated, and there is some confusion as to the meaning of acreage allotments and marketing quotas. The difference between "acreage allotments" and "marketing quotas" was explained by T. B. Slade, office manager of the Martin County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

Acreage allotments may be declared for a commodity when supplies of that commodity reach a certain level. Marketing quotas are declared when two-thirds of the producers voting in a referendum vote in favor of marketing quotas.

If more than one-third of the producers voting in the referendum vote against marketing quotas, then marketing quotas are disapproved, and the subject is dropped.

Treasury Expects Good Collections

As new business records fall and new profit totals are announced, the U. S. Treasury is looking ahead to 1954—becomes more and more optimistic. Because 1953 is sure to be a record profit year for business and individuals, the Treasury will probably take in record collections in 1954. This is true because most people pay their taxes for 1953 in 1954.

Since high income tax rates will apply to 1953 income (these rates are expected to be reduced for 1954 income), the tax take of the U. S. Government next March will probably give the Eisenhower Administration something to be optimistic about. It is estimated that Uncle Sam will receive almost sixty per cent of total gross corporate earnings in 1953.

In 1952, the Government took about fifty-five per cent of corporate earnings, but since corporate earnings are so much higher this year, and since excess profit levies on many companies will be higher, the Treasury will probably realize an even better percentage of the total corporate gross earnings this year.

Renew Appeal For Second-Hand Toys

Netting comparatively few toys in a town-wide canvass last Sunday afternoon, the local Jaycees are planning a direct pick-up system this coming Sunday, it was announced by President Exum Ward.

Town residents who have used but serviceable toys to spare are asked to call the local radio station, and the station will broadcast directions to the canvassers who will have their radios tuned to the station. The program is tentatively scheduled to get underway about 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

During the meantime, any one having toys to spare, including residents in the rural communities, are asked to deliver them to the collection center at the Williamston Hardware Company store on Washington Street.

The Jaycees are sponsoring the annual Christmas party for the less fortunate tots in the community. All the sponsors ask is old toys. They will repair them and handle all the work, it was explained.

County Board of Health Holding Meeting Today

Members of the Martin County Board of Health are meeting with representatives from the State Board in the health center here on Ray Street this morning. The nature of the meeting was not disclosed, and it could not be learned if the topic is to be secretly discussed.

College Band Concert Here Next February

The East Carolina College Band will appear in a concert here during the week of February 14, it was announced this week by Herbert L. Carter, director.

Red Cross Bloodmobile To Return Here December 15

The bloodmobile, which has made about twelve visits to this chapter, and the quota has been met on all but two occasions, and they were the last two. The quotas have been barely met on the other occasions. It is quite possible that the blood bank program will be discontinued if the quotas are not met over a certain period.

While this chapter has been lagging in meeting its quotas, the Red Cross has been returning considerably more blood to the county than the chapter has been asked to donate, not to mention the actual amount sent from the county to the regional center. During recent weeks, the Tide-

water Regional Blood Center, managed by the Martin County Chapter, has made available as many as five and six pints of blood to individuals. During the past few months more than 150 pints of blood have been returned to the county to meet emergencies. The blood, handled by members of the high-way patrol in emergencies, can reach a patient in a matter of minutes and a week seldom passes that two or more emergency runs are not made.

The future of the blood program is to be determined by the people. It isn't too much to ask 150 pints of blood from 15,000 people. Those who can and will donate a pint of blood on the 15th and help the chapter meet its quota, are asked to contact the Red Cross office in the town hall or call Dr. J. S. Rhodes, Jr., chairman, without delay.

Santa Coming

A last-minute report states that Santa Claus is all set to make his scheduled visit to Williamston Friday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock.

Following a two-hour stay he will take leave of absence until Christmas. The merry old gentleman plans to maintain headquarters in a temporary "igloo" between the Vicar Theater and J. Paul Simpson's insurance office.

Town decorators are hurrying in an effort to get the holiday lights ready for Santa when he comes to town tomorrow.

Busy Monday For The County Board

It'll likely be a busy day for the Martin County Commissioners next Monday when they hold their last scheduled meeting of the current year. A hearing has been asked by the Martin County Board of Education, but the nature of the hearing was not disclosed. Possibly, but the nature of the hearing was not disclosed. Possibly, the education board will discuss the proposed Negro high school building in the Robersonville area.

While a reorganization of the board is in order, there is likely to be no change. Chairman J. H. Edwards is expected to continue in that position. Appointed district attorney, E. H. Papp, is after many years, withdrawing as county attorney, leaving the position open to appointment. His son has been unofficially mentioned as his successor.

The board is scheduled to appoint a tax supervisor for 1954, and name a superintendent for the county home. No changes in those positions have been mentioned.

While the special and routine business is crowding the agenda, the commissioners are not expected to remain in session longer than noon since the chairman is being called away that afternoon.

Demonstration Kitchen Planned

Work was started on the construction of a model demonstration kitchen in the main offices of the Virginia Electric and Power Company here late yesterday. Officials of the company explained that the main floor of the building is to be altered to make room for the new unit. The accounting office will be moved to the front, and the kitchen will be arranged in the rear of the building.

It will be equipped with all modern units, including refrigerator, stove, dish washer, garbage disposal, revolving shelves, etc. The project is designed to enhance the value of the home economist's program. She will hold classes for various groups, including Girl Scouts, and cooperate with the home demonstration agents, club members and others.

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Marked Decrease In Weddings Last Month In County

Only sixteen marriage licenses issued during November.

The number of marriage licenses issued in this county last month was far below the average for November, the count falling nine below the issuance for the corresponding month in 1952. The issuance was the third smallest on record this year. A review of the records shows that the decrease is traceable to the colored race, the number of white marriages having more than held its own during the month.

Licenses were issued by Registrar of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger to ten white and six colored couples, as follows:

White
Raymond Japer Modlin of Jamesville and Hester Ann Swain of Creswell.

Wilson Wiggins and Joyce Mobley, both of Williamston.
James Clarence Wallace of Chapel Hill and Nina Elizabeth Gray of Robersonville.

Furney Keith James of Williamston and Elsie Ray Roberson of Robersonville.
Samuel Sanford Ross and Doris Lee Davenport, both of Plymouth.

George Carlton James and Mrs. Neva B. Ayers, both of Robersonville.
Fred Bennett James of Stokes and Sarah Frances Keel of Robersonville.

George Mahlon Edmondson of RFD 1, Oak City, and Shirley Ann Bryant of RFD 1, Bethel.
William David Barnes of RFD 1, Williamston, and Pauline Warren of Union Avenue, Williamston.

Wade Leon Cliborne of Dinwiddie, Va., and Jacklin Perry of Robersonville.

Colored
Allen King and Anne Everett, both of Robersonville.
Frank Belcher and Delia Gurganus, both of Williamston.
John A. Lloyd and Mary Millie Scott, both of Williamston.

Luke Thomas Knight of Oak City and Doris Demary of RFD 1, Oak City.
Thelma Whitfield of RFD 1, Robersonville and Beatrice Sheppard of Robersonville.
James Willie Thomas and Mary M. Perkins, both of Williamston.

Sixty-two cases have been placed on the docket already and others are likely to find their way there for trial in the Martin County Recorder's Court next Monday. The large docket is an accumulation of cases during the two weeks the superior court was in session handling civil cases.

It is now fairly apparent that Judge H. O. Peele and Solicitor Griffin will be occupied just about all day Monday, trying to clear the docket.

Eighteen speeders are booked. Six are charged with operating motor vehicles without drivers' licenses and another half-dozen are booked for violating various other motor vehicle laws. Five each are charged with assaults and violating the liquor laws. Four others are booked for careless and reckless driving, and still four others are up for non-support. Other defendants are booked as follows: two for deadly weapon assaults, two for carrying concealed weapons, two for resisting arrest, two for issuing worthless checks, and one each for temporary larceny and failing to list property for taxation.

WORK ON BY-PASS

Clearing the right-of-way last month, the Hill Construction Company of Washington this week moved heavy equipment here this week to handle the work on the town's truck route or by-pass. Large tile has already been laid in two of the ravines, and the company is making ready to start moving dirt for the fills. Most of the dirt will be moved from the Ellison farm.

The house mover is now relocating several homes on the west end of the route.

Weather Review For Past Month In This Section

Mercury Played All Up And Down On Thermometer; Rain About Normal

While the rainfall was holding to about a normal figure, Ole Man Winter asserted himself on at least ten of the thirty days last month, according to an official report released this week by Bridgekeeper Hugh Spruill on Roanoke River here.

The rain fall was measured at 2.25 inches or .21 of an inch below normal. Rain fell on seven days and there were traces of rain on three other days.

Ole Man Winter scored on ten days all right, but the mercury played at the other end of the thermometer, too, on several days. The high mercury reading was recorded at 81 degrees on the third, and the low of 23 was entered in the record last Sunday morning.

Ole Man River was as tame as a kitten as he continued to roll along all of last month. The stream reached a maximum of five feet, or five feet below flood stage, and dropped 2.2 feet, the low point inviting the tide to come in and reverse the flow of the river.

The weather data, including the river gauge readings, as released by Mr. Spruill for the month of November follows, with the date in the first column, the river range readings in the second column, the maximum temperature reading in the third, minimum temperature reading in the fourth and the rainfall in the fifth column for each day of the month:

Date	River	H	L	Rain
1.	5.0	68	36	0
2.	4.6	77	35	0
3.	3.9	81	37	0
4.	3.8	71	39	0
5.	3.8	60	44	*
6.	3.8	46	35	1.14
7.	2.2	53	30	0.1
8.	3.4	57	28	0
9.	4.0	58	40	0
10.	3.7	55	45	.23
11.	2.9	59	39	.09
12.	3.4	62	30	0
13.	3.9	66	35	0
14.	3.8	66	38	0
15.	3.9	71	30	0
16.	3.9	75	33	0
17.	3.5	76	35	0
18.	3.5	77	32	0
19.	3.7	76	33	0
20.	3.8	77	41	0
21.	3.8	80	46	0
22.	4.0	79	50	*
23.	4.3	75	60	.67
24.	4.3	69	53	.04
25.	4.5	61	48	.07
26.	5.0	54	25	0
27.	3.3	57	33	0
28.	4.3	52	23	0
29.	4.1	55	25	0
30.	4.1	55	25	0

* Indicates Trace of Rain

Coroner Gets On Sheriff's Trail With Civil Papers

After serving papers, civil and criminal, on thousands of others, Sheriff Biggs was pressed into service.

From the time he was carrying out an order of the court, the sheriff wondered what the coroner was closing in on him for. It could not be trespassing because he was covered by court order. He had followed court instructions to the letter, leaving the officer puzzled until Coroner Biggs explained that there was a race on for the proceeds from the harvest.

It was learned that the sheriff had spent about \$12 harvesting \$6 worth of corn, but he had twenty-five bags of peanuts to partly satisfy the claims in the total amount of about \$650.

It was one of the few times a coroner had served a paper on the high sheriff in this county, and the first time on Sheriff Holloman.

Employment Ass. Meeting Tonight

The International Association of Personnel in Employment Security will hold its district meeting in the local Employment Service Office in Williamston this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The main address will be given by Mr. Ernest C. McCracken, State Director of the Employment Service Division of the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina. The title of his address will be "Can we Afford to Maintain a Balanced Employment Security Within The Present Budget?"

Mr. McCracken's address will be followed by a discussion of "Can You Afford to Retire When The Time Comes?", led by Mr. Nathan Y. Yelton, Director of Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System.

J. Kelly Gay, manager of the local Employment Office, and his staff will be host to the local offices in the Elizabeth City-New Bern Area. This area is comprised of offices in Edenton, Elizabeth City, Greenville, Jacksonville, Kinston, Morehead City, New Bern, Roanoke Rapids, Washington and Williamston.

Mr. Ralph E. Miller, President of the North Carolina Chapter of the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security, along with Mr. P. B. Pollock, Area Supervisor of the Employment Security Commission, will inform the group of plans for the International Convention to be held in Asheville during June 1954.

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Superior Court In Final Session Here Yesterday

Adjournment Comes Unexpectedly When Final Case Was Settled

Actually working less than six days of a two-week term, the Martin County Superior Court unexpectedly folded its tent and moved out yesterday morning when a final case that had been scheduled for trial, was settled by agreement. The court, presided over by Judge Malcolm C. Paul of Washington, handled only civil cases, and few of those ever reached the jury.

Proceedings not previously reported: Most of Tuesday was spent hearing the case brought by Henry T. Thomas against Coastal Plain Life Insurance Company. At the completion of all the evidence, Judge M. C. Paul, presiding, allowed a motion for non-suit, and then directed the jury to answer the issues, giving the plaintiff nothing on his \$500 claim. The judgment provides for the refunding a \$37.26 premium, and the plaintiff is to be taxed with the cost, plus a \$15 expert witness' fee.

Apparently the jury hesitated to sign the issues favoring the defendant. It was reported that after the jury had been out about an hour without following the directions of the court, it was called out and the instructions were repeated. Going back into their room, the jurors returned about thirty minutes later, the instructions of the court carried out.

The plaintiff gave notice of appeal and the case is almost certain to go before the State Supreme Court.

The defendant company maintained that the insured had misrepresented the facts, but it was admitted that the plaintiff's wife had explained she had been treated for minor ailments such as colds. The defense declared that it was found the insured has suffered with gall bladder trouble and did not mention that ailment when the policy was written. The

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Korean War Cost Fifteen Billion

Since the signing of the Korean truce on July 27 the nations involved have been adding up the costs of the conflict.

Exactly how much the United States spent on it will probably never be known, but the Defense Department has made a rough estimate of \$15,000,000,000, compared with \$25,000,000,000 for World War I and \$323,623,501,000 for World War II.

American battle casualties, up to July 24, totaled 139,272, including 24,965 dead, 101,368 wounded, 2,938 captured, and 8,476 missing.

South Korean casualties exceeded 184,000, and those of other United Nations forces, 13,500.

North Korean and Chinese casualties have been estimated at 1,865,000, so that the total number of combatants on both sides, killed and wounded, was well over 2,200,000.

Yet this figure does not tell the whole tragic story by any means. An estimated 2,000,000 South Korean civilians, men, women, and children, also became casualties. Half of them were killed. North Korean civilians suffered comparably, although no figures are as yet available. Altogether about 10,000,000 Koreans have been left homeless.

Native Of County Accident Victim

Critically injured in an automobile accident near Manning, South Carolina, last week, Jimmy Griffin, native of this county, was reported improved yesterday. Suffering an eye injury, extended lacerations of the face and internal injuries, the 13-year-old youth barely escaped with his life when the car he was driving was turned over and pinned him down. The car had to be lifted away before he could be removed. He continues in a hospital in the South Carolina town.

The lad's father, Carroll Griffin, was killed in an accident on his farm in Griffins Township almost eleven years ago. He moved to South Carolina a short time ago when his mother, Mrs. K. C. Owens, the former Miss Nina Bland of this county, and other members of the family.

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"The drive has made splendid progress in several areas, and it is hoped that every community in the county will measure up to the noble obligation," Mr. Hardison said.

TOBACCO DIVIDEND

Quite a few Martin County farmers are in line for a dividend from the Flue-Cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation on the 1950 crop, according to information reaching here this week. The organization has three millions of dollars to distribute during January and February in all the flue-cured territory.

Making ready for the distribution, Manager L. T. Weeks, former assistant agent in this county, asked all growers who sold tobacco to the cooperative in 1950 and who have moved since that time, to send their new addresses and stabilization number to the Stabilization Corporation, P. O. Box 2718, Raleigh.

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