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MORE COTTON IS GINNED LOCALLY THAN YEAR AGO

395 Bales Ginned Prior To October 1, As Compared With 229 Last Year

There were 395 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Washington County from the crop of 1933 prior to October 1, 1933, as compared with 229 bales ginned to October 1, 1932.

This is the result of the cotton ginnings in this county as released to R. W. Johnston, cotton statistician for Washington County, by W. L. Austin, of Washington, D. C., director of the Bureau of the Census in the Federal Department of Commerce.

These statistics reveal that 166 bales more of cotton have been ginned this year in this county than was the case last year, and this despite the fact that some of the cotton in this area suffered from the ravages of the storm that visited this section a month or more ago.

There was a slight decrease in the number of acres planted in 1932 over 1931, with 1,912 acres planted to this crop last year, and this year the facts are not available, but it is sure that there are at least 300 more acres, but the yield is expected to be shorter this year than last.

The record yield for the past four years was in 1931, when an average of 336 pounds were gathered from an acre of the staple, but there were 260 pounds taken from the acre in 1932, and this season, so far as this county is concerned, it is thought that it will be a little under the latter amount.

In 1930 1,353 bales were produced in this county, 1,041 in 1932, and this year the amount will be exceeded with approximately 1,400 bales being produced, according to indications and the judgment of important cotton growers.

The total value of the 1932 cotton crop in the lint was \$28,833, not half as much as the 1930 crop, but with cotton selling at around 8 cents a pound this year, it is expected that the total revenue from this crop this season will probably be about \$35,000.

In 1930 it was valued at \$24.80 an acre, with it dropping to \$19.82 in 1932 and then down to \$15.71 last year, but the acreage valuation of the 1933 crop is expected to be much higher than this in view of the increased valuation of the crop at this time.

The cotton situation was faced with a grave crisis once this year with a surplus and hardly a market for it, but since the government went into the markets and purchased several million bales the price of the staple has advanced since that time.

2,544 POUNDS OF PORK ALLOTTED TO THIS COUNTY

Delivery To Be Made Here Next Week; Put Up in Packages

A total of 2,544 pounds of pork has been allocated to Washington County for relief purposes this coming winter, it was learned here today from Mrs. W. C. Brewer, superintendent of public welfare, who in turn was notified by Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, State relief administrator.

This is a portion of the 607,500 pounds made available to North Carolina from the Federal Relief Administration in Washington, D. C. The shipment is being allowed to this county in consideration of the relief case load, and those who secure the meat must be recorded properly.

The pork is dry salt-cured and is put up into small cartons weighing three and six pounds each. It was shipped into North Carolina in carload lots of approximately 30,000 pounds per car and delivery will be made in Plymouth the coming week.

In order to avoid small lot shipments the state was divided into convenient shipping points, and the supply for Washington County will be sent with the supply for five other counties to Washington, N. C. This county will have to transport its allotment to Plymouth at its own expense.

Washington is included in district number 16, with Pitt getting an allotment of 13,209 pounds; Beaufort 8,142; Greene, 2,724; Washington, 2,544; Tyrrell, 1,845; and Hyde, 951 pounds.

The above tabulation shows that this county ranks very well in the division, as each of the larger counties is allowed much more than Washington, but their relief load is larger, and this shows that Washington is fortunate in getting this much meat for the needy this winter.

President of Local Bank Is Praised in Recent Article

Under the heading, "His Banking Policies Have Been Tried and Have Met Every Test Against Them," the State, newsmagazine published by Carl Goerch at Raleigh, carries a story about H. D. Bateman, president of the Branch Banking and Trust Company.

"Down in the eastern part of North Carolina, there's one banker in particular, who, in many respects, is in a class by himself."

"They call him 'Old Man' Bateman, despite the fact that he isn't so old at all. Fifty-six. He is president of the Branch Banking and Trust Company, which is one of the strongest financial institutions in this part of the country."

"When the depression hit eastern North Carolina—as it did other sections of the state—it couldn't make even the slightest dent in the Branch bank. During the run of bank failures throughout North Carolina—brought on largely by hysterical action—an attempt was made to make a run against the Branch institutions."

"It approached the stage of absurdity, and when they realized these facts those who participated in the 'run' proceeded to slink off somewhat shame facedly."

"It is interesting, therefore, to know what kind of a man H. D. Bateman, president of the institution, really is. He was born in Washington County, attended the public schools of that county and was prepared for college at Hampton Academy in Plymouth."

"From there he went to the University of North Carolina and was a member of the class of 1901. Then he went to teaching school, and the following year he served as principal of Bath Academy down in Beaufort County. The next year he was principal of Windsor Academy in Bertie County."

"In 1903 he entered the banking

business with the private banking house of Gillam and Lyon, later organizing the Bank of Windsor and managing that institution until 1907. He then became connected with the Southern National Bank of Wilmington, but remained with them only a few months, and later was made assistant cashier of the Bank of Greenville. That was in 1908, and he remained there until 1911, at which time he was named a state bank examiner.

"He left the state banking department to become connected with the Branch Banking and Trust Company of Wilson, in March, 1916. At that time, the assets of the bank were less than a million dollars. Now they are in excess of ten millions of dollars, which, as everybody knows, is a heap of money."

"The institution does a general banking business and also has quite an active trust department, the assets of this department being over a million and a half dollars, not included in the statement of the bank."

"The first branch of the Branch—that sounds rather confusing, but you realize what we mean—was established in 1923, and they've been adding branches ever since, the total number now being 10, making a total of 11 banks."

"'Old Man' Bateman has the reputation of being cold-blooded and hard-boiled. And so he is, when it comes to making loans which are not properly secured. Otherwise, he is as genial and as affable a gentleman as you'd care to meet."

"He gets cussed out a lot, but the cussing for the most part is done by those who tried to hornswoogle him out of some money. He is public-spirited, he's enterprising, and he's really a decent sort of fellow after all."

"His methods of running a bank have been tried and have been found worthy."

BAPTISTS BEGIN ALLOTMENT FOR REVIVAL SUNDAY TEACHERS' PAY

Dr. A. W. Fleischmann, of Greenville, Will Be Preacher

A series of revival services will begin in the Baptist church here Monday evening, October 23, with Dr. A. W. Fleischmann, pastor of the First Baptist church in Greenville, as the speaker. The services will last for 10 days. Special music and congregational singing will be featured.

Dr. Fleischmann is one of the outstanding Baptist ministers in this section and is a well known pulpiteer in the state, as he has held revivals in some of the largest churches in this section. He is expected to draw large crowds here. The pastor, Rev. Richard Lucas, urges every one to attend and especially invites workers of all denominations to help along with this revival by joining in the singing and in any other way they can.

List of Attractions At New Theatre

Thursday and Friday at the New Theatre, "One Man's Journey," with Lionel Barrymore is a picture great enough to crown his great career! A story of devotion with May Robson, Dorothy Jordan, Joel McCrea, and Francis Dee. His portrayal of a small town country doctor is superb. Added attractions of short and Silly Symphonies.

Saturday, Bob Steele lending his best efforts in a story of the good old West, "Texas Buddies." The comedy, "As Crows Fly."

Monday and Tuesday, "Double Harness," by far the best of Ann Harding's recent vehicles—and of William Powell's too—a very enjoyable, amusing comedy expertly played. Sparkling, classy entertainment, gay and witty. One of the finest pictures RKO-Radio ever made—and that's saying a lot.

Plymouth's own movie star, James Harlee Bell supporting Nils Asther and Kay Francis in "Storm at Daybreak." This film is playing one day only (Wednesday). Come and witness the excellent portrayal of Peter as played by James Harlee Bell.

Hallowe'en Carnival To Be Staged Here on 31st

The Young Ladies' Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church will stage a Hallowe'en Carnival on Tuesday evening, October 31, in Youngs' old store on Water Street. There will be a big street parade in the afternoon, and every one is urged to put on his costume and meet at the carnival grounds for a jolly good time.

Tentative allotments from State funds for teachers' salaries for the eight-month term in Washington County are given at \$41,223.31, according to figures released today by LeRoy Martin, of Raleigh, executive secretary of the State School Commission.

There is not much numerical difference in the tentative allotment for 1933-34 and those of the preceding year in this county. However, the allotments for the current year represent the amount to be paid for eight months.

Last year many of the local school units supplemented teachers' salaries, but this year no community in Washington County is doing this and only a few communities elsewhere in the state are supplementing, as it is prohibited by law to levy other tax for this purpose, except those already in effect.

The amount given above is merely a tentative sum as it will possibly be early in 1934 before the definite amount can be named. The school officials are now compiling records on which the final allotments will be based.

Under the salary schedule announced by the State School Commission some weeks ago, the maximum salary for a teacher was fixed at \$90 a month for eight months, or a total of \$720 for the term, while the minimum salary is \$45 per month for eight months.

Plymouth Motor Company Here Plymouth Dealers

J. R. Manning has opened here the only firm in the United States known as the Plymouth Motor Company that handles Plymouth cars which are made by Chrysler. It has been the policy of the Plymouth auto concern to refuse a dealer the use of the name "Plymouth" in their firm name, but here it is different as Mr. Manning avers that he named his firm after the town and not the car he sells.

He will be located in the quarters on Water Street formerly occupied by the Woodley Chevrolet Company. He will buy and sell small used cars that are salable to the auto public in addition to selling Plymouths, which he will feature. He will work Washington and Tyrrell Counties and parts of Martin.

Also he will have a mechanic to service Plymouths whether they are purchased from him or were bought before he opened his place here, and also he will cater to the repairing of all makes of cars.

BEACON AGAIN AT WORK ON ITS MAILING LIST

Subscribers To Be Given Every Opportunity To Pay Up To Date

The Beacon is again making a drive for paid-in-advance subscriptions, and those who are on the list are subjected to having their paper stopped at any time unless their subscription is paid in advance.

As usual, produce of any kind will be accepted in payment of subscriptions, and regular market prices will be allowed for the merchandise accepted in exchange, including chickens, eggs, hams, meat, corn, peanuts, cotton, tobacco, or anything that can be sold or used in a home.

Then, again, liberal discounts will be given those paying by cash who are in arrears to any extent in order to get the mailing list on a substantial basis and once the subscribers are all paid up, then it will be an annual occurrence to see that these subscriptions are paid annually as required for circulation.

No special emphasis was put on the subscription list for the last three years, as it was thought that from year to year that business would improve, but now something must be done and only a small number have asked that their names be removed before they would pay for their home papers.

A number of people have appreciated the efforts of the Beacon to put this list on a business basis and have come forward with their money or produce this year or during the last campaign, and this is appreciated, but the Beacon will have to cut down its list of 1,100 unless these subscriptions are paid.

Those who have cooperated with the Beacon and either renewed or subscribed in the past few days as follows: Mrs. Ida M. Halsey, G. W. Bowen, Nina L. Grimes, J. S. Craddock, T. J. Swain, W. L. Whitley, J. E. Askew, Burl Gurganus, George Simmons, Lyman Mayo, George W. Hardison, Norfolk Southern, E. F. Still, Miss Leslie Darden, Dr. W. H. Johnson, C. L. Smith, Mrs. John Carlyle, William Hurdle, Paul Sykes, Tom Sawyer, Leonard Ayers, C. C. Styrion, J. H. Styrion, J. R. Carr, Gershon Lieberson, Neva Liverman, and Virginia Cahoon.

Men Will Serve Supper Here Friday, October 27

The tables will be turned this time—men will serve men and ladies. The men will serve a combination of stein and barbecue supper at Youngs' old store on Water Street next to Owens Furniture Company beginning at 6 o'clock on the evening of Friday, October 27.

Zeb Vance Norman is chairman of the steering committee that has several subcommittees working under it for the benefit of the affair. Proceeds will be used in finishing the log cabin erected at the rear of the church, which now needs some interior work done.

Pleasant Grove Club Secures Club House

Mackeys.—The Pleasant Grove Home Demonstration Club has been granted permission to use the old Mackeys School Building for a club house and will meet there today for the first time. The members are looking forward with much pleasure to having a permanent meeting ground. They always enjoyed meeting at the different homes, but the club has grown until it is hard on one woman to act as hostess in her home.

The club members have some work to do before the new headquarters will be comfortable and amply furnished.

Funeral Services Held for J. F. Shepherd Thursday

Funeral services were held Thursday for James Franklin Shepherd, 74 years of age, who died Wednesday after an illness of two years. Interment took place in the Weede cemetery near Plymouth. Rev. Gilbert Davis officiated. He was born in Martin County, but had been a resident of Washington County for years.

Surviving him is a widow; two sons, J. W. and R. E. Shepherd; four daughters, Mesdames Tennie Craddock, Nora Davenport, Ellis Davenport, and Miss Neva Shepherd.

Prove Value of Growing Vetch Seed in Union

Practical demonstrations in Macon County have proven the value of growing vetch seed at home, and the plan is meeting a favorable reception over the county.

FARM NOTES

By W. V. HAYS

A good many hogs have died recently from salt poisoning.

Hogs need salt, especially when a good portion of their feed is green stuff.

The best known method of salting is by thoroughly mixing three pounds of salt with ten pounds of hardwood ashes. A trough full of this will not hurt them.

It is dangerous and risky business to feed hogs old or used salt. Such salt contains blood and juices which sometimes cause toxic or ptomaine poisoning.

Reports coming in are that cotton produced here in our county has unusually short staple. About three-quarters of an inch in length, which is entirely too short to be in demand or command a very good price. There are varieties to be had that yield as much or more lint per acre, are of a more open and earlier variety and that will grade one and one-sixteenth to an inch and an eight staple. This would mean about \$10 more per acre on our better cotton land.

This seed can be gotten together in quantities at very good prices. I will be glad to assist any one interested in securing recommended varieties for this section.

Most all the hay has been cut and cured without any rain. Most of the peanuts in the county have been dug. The crop should be very bright and well matured. Most of the grain, clover, and vetch has been sown. A good start has been made on harvesting corn.

FIRM IS STILL INTERESTED IN LUMBER PLANT

Letter From Concern Says Move To Be Made in Near Future

Further information about the proposed new lumber plant for Plymouth is now in the hands here of Zeb Vance Norman in the form of a letter that he has received from the industrialists, who assert that they are still interested in this matter.

The letter to Mr. Norman is from J. B. Ross, sales manager of the East Alabama Lumber Company, which has headquarters in Tuskegee, Ala., who are manufacturers of original growth long leaf yellow pine with complete planing and mill facilities.

The officers in the firm include W. G. Mitchell, president, and William H. Slaton, secretary, with Mr. Ross as sales manager. The letter refers to an accident in which Mr. Mitchell suffered injuries when an automobile he was driving collided with another.

"Replying to your letter 23rd addressed to Mr. Mitchell and myself jointly. 'Mr. Mitchell's accident turned out to be more serious than we at first thought, and since he has been laid up it has been necessary for me to remain constantly on the job here. We are just as keen on the job there as we ever were, and now that everything seems to be getting straightened out again, we expect to make an early move."

"From accounts we have read of the recent storm in that section, it would appear that we were fortunate in not having a plant in operation there and a stock of lumber on hand. Advices we have received from New Bern indicate that all industrial plants there were seriously damaged, and lumber scattered all over the surrounding country. As Plymouth seemed to be directly in the path of the storm, we assume there was considerable damage there also."

Total of 384 Births in This County Last Year

There were 384 births in Washington County in 1932, with 34 of these dying as infants, making this county have a rate of 108.3 deaths per 1,000 births. This speaks well of the county in this matter. Many of the counties have a much larger number of deaths in proportion to the number of births.

Quarterly Conference At Pleasant Grove Sunday

The last quarterly meeting of the year will be held at the Pleasant Grove Methodist church Sunday afternoon, it was announced this week. The presiding elder, Rev. J. W. McCracken, of Elizabeth City, will preach Sunday morning. The public is cordially invited.

Quarterly Conference At Local Church Sunday

Rev. J. H. McCracken, of Elizabeth City, presiding elder of this district of the Methodist Episcopal church, will preach at the morning service here Sunday at 11 o'clock. Immediately afterwards the quarterly conference will be held. All of the members are urged to attend by Dr. J. W. Harrell, pastor of the church.

WELFARE GROUP TO MEET HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

Miss Mary Ward, District Supervisor, Expected To Attend

A meeting of the central advisory board and the local committees of the Washington County Public Welfare organization will be held in the courthouse here on Friday evening, October 20, in the office of Mrs. W. C. Brewer, superintendent of public welfare.

It is expected that Miss Mary P. Ward, district supervisor of New Bern, will be present, but this is not definite. There are a number of important business matters coming before the organization and every person affiliated in the advisory capacity is urged to be present.

The members of this board are as follows: E. H. Liverman, Gilbert Davis, L. W. Gurkin, W. F. Winslow, W. H. Clark, W. H. Paramore, Abe Adler, C. L. Groves, George W. Hardison, H. P. Barnes, of Cherry; Rev. Richard Lucas, Dr. J. W. Harrell, Mrs. Minnie Cahoon, Mrs. W. R. White, Mrs. B. A. Sumner, Rev. W. R. Atkinson, Roper; Mrs. C. A. Swain, Creswell; J. J. Hassell, Roper; P. W. Brown, Rev. Roy Respass, Creswell; Mrs. William Bell, Roper; Mrs. A. W. Davenport, Creswell; F. D. Wilson, Roper; Mrs. A. W. Blount, Roper.

It is expected that an assistant to Mrs. W. C. Brewer will be chosen at this time, as Mr. Brewer, who has served in this capacity, is no longer in the service of the county public welfare organization, but Mrs. Brewer will continue in her work as heretofore. While in town, Mr. Brewer will render whatever assistance he can, but not in an official capacity.

Mr. Brewer worked without salary during his tenure of office, excepting a travel allowance that has been stopped, and Mr. Brewer has been notified that he is no longer responsible for the work here, and he is a free agent to procure any profitable employment that comes his way, but for the time being, Mr. Brewer will do all he can to help those who have cooperated with him and Mrs. Brewer in the past.

TEAM-MATE OF NOTED PITCHER IS LIVING HERE

Red Sculley and Hal Schumacher Pitched on Same College Team

Red Sculley was very much interested in the second game of the recent World Series—and thereby hangs a tale.

Mr. Sculley came here during the summer from Edenton, where he had been a member of the hurling staff of the Colonials. He left behind a friend, Vincent O'Brien, who was manager of the club and the ace pitcher for the outfit.

Both of the two ball players came down from New York state. They were members of the pitching staff of the St. Lawrence University nine of Canton, N. Y. A third member of the twirling staff was no less a person than Hal Schumacher. This was back in 1931.

A couple or more weeks ago Schumacher pitched and won the second game of the World Series for the New York Giants, and in another game that he started he was knocked from the box in the early innings, but a mate saved the day for him, so that he was not charged with the loss.

Now, Mr. Sculley made a good impression while he was down here this summer, and the school officials were short a teacher so they switched things around so that now Mr. Sculley is teaching science, biology, and history to the local high students.

Not only this, but when he received his letter of recommendation with his credits from his home state the enthusiastic superintendent of schools added the comment that "Mr. Sculley possessed a beautiful tenor voice," which he tried out here recently at morning devotions, singing "Trees," and a comedy song.

Mr. Sculley did not fare so badly here himself this summer, as he won more than half of the games he pitched and let some of the strong teams, including Tarboro once, down with only four hits to their credit.

Lower Freight Rate On Rope Is Secured

Rope shipped from Brooklyn, N. Y., to Plymouth and other Eastern North Carolina towns are expected to carry a reduced freight rate in the future, if an application filed today with the Interstate Commerce Commission by railroad officials, is approved.

HOPE IS REVIVED FOR ROUTE OVER ROANOKE HERE

Highway Engineers Collecting Data As To Need And Costs

Renewed efforts from a new angle are being made by Zeb Vance Norman and others who dream of a series of bridges to span the four waterways that are located in the swamp between Washington and Bertie Counties.

Last week Mr. Norman was notified by the North Carolina Highway Commission that a Mr. Craven, one of their engineers, was collecting some data to be used in placing the need of the bridges to connect these two counties before the Federal Public Works Administration in Washington, D. C.

It is necessary to erect four spans to cross Roanoke, Middle, and Cashie rivers and Broad Creek and in between the streams are swampy lands that must be converted into a causeway to connect the series of spans so that traffic could move in that direction.

Two drawbridges would have to be constructed as Roanoke and one of the other rivers is navigable waters, but these would be the only expensive bridges with the one across the Roanoke River at the foot of Jefferson Street being the largest of the spans.

Unless the engineer recommends differently, the new highway is to be built across the rivers from Plymouth to connect with route 17 near Edenhouse Ferry, making it only 20 miles from Plymouth to Edenton, where it now requires upwards of 60 miles travel.

It is the plan of Mr. Norman and others who are interested in the scheme to have the Federal Government erect the bridges and lease them to the counties or municipalities involved.

Mr. Craven will gather the facts in the matter and turn them over to those interested in the plan here with Mr. Norman, and they will proceed to lay the matter before the public works officials with a plea that they use the public-works money already appropriated for such purposes.

15 CASES PUT ON SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL CALENDAR

Term Begins Next Monday With Judge Barnhill Presiding

Washington County Superior Court will open here October 23 with Judge M. V. Barnhill, of Rocky Mount, presiding over a one week exclusive civil term with 15 cases on the docket. Motion and divorce cases will be called at the pleasure of the court.

As far as C. V. W. Aushon, clerk of the superior court, has been advised, there has been no exchange between the jurists and the resident judge, Mr. Barnhill, is expected to preside. Lawyers from various communities will be here attending the session.

The calendar for the October term as prepared by Clerk Aushon follows: Monday, October 23: B. F. Twiddy vs. J. C. Tarkenton; American Agr. Chem. Co. vs. Joe Nowarrath; Dr. L. D. LeGear Med. Co. vs. O. H. Lyon, et al.; A. B. Davenport vs. J. T. McAlister.

Tuesday, October 24: J. S. Shugar vs. Smith and Douglas; S. A. Holton vs. Howard Leary; E. L. Owens vs. A. C. L. R. Co.; W. A. Reynolds vs. Dempsey Bond; W. T. Phelps vs. Bank of Creswell, et al.

Wednesday, October 25: W. D. Peel Admr., vs. Estelle Martin, Admxn.; D. Davenport vs. Phillip Ambrose; Ry. Mt. Ins. Co. et al. vs. T. C. and A. S. Holmes; Reliable Stores Corp., vs. J. S. Shugar; E. Cotton Oil Co. vs. L. D. Lamb, et al.

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F. L. Speiden, head of the Southern Traffic Bureau, told Interstate Commerce Commission officials in Washington, D. C., that a greater part of rope shipments to this section at present are moving by motor truck to Philadelphia, from where it is shipped to Plymouth by water. If the new freight rate of 6 cents per 100 pounds is allowed to apply on rope to this section the railroads may command a large share of the rope traffic, said Mr. Speiden.