

## Preparing Tobacco for Market Opening

### Flood Damage Locally Is Estimated at \$16,000

### County Farmers To Have 100,000 Pounds On Floors Tuesday

Hope for 20-Cent Average; Quality of Crop Is Said Very Good

Washington County tobacco growers are expected to sell approximately 100,000 pounds of their 1,000,000-pound crop on the markets in the bright belt opening next Tuesday, according to an estimate by County Agent W. V. Hays.

Principal offerings from the local growers to the buyers on the warehouse floors in the bright belt on opening day will be a good quality of lugs and tips, the quality of the offerings from this county being the best in recent years, according to the county agent.

It is understood there will be a uniform six-hour selling period observed in this belt, as well as in the border belt, and 360 piles of tobacco can be sold in an hour.

Mr. Hays said that there would be 254 families or representatives of tobacco growing families from this county, to attend the opening of the markets in the eastern belt on Tuesday, some going to Washington, Williamston, Robersonville, Greenville, Rocky Mount and a few others probably as far away as Wilson.

It has been the custom of growers in this county, as well as others over the belt to offer their first primings on opening day, and the prices this tobacco brings indicates the crop average price, giving them an index as to prices for better grades of tobacco.

Farmers in this county believe that the 18 to 20 cents per pound average reported on the border markets, which opened about 10 days ago, will be about the same average price for markets in this area and if they can get this price they will be fairly well satisfied.

### Clyde L. McCallum Passes Suddenly at Home in Hertford

Well-Known Figure in Local Business Circles for About 17 Years

Funeral services are being held in Hertford this afternoon for Clyde L. McCallum, 63, well-known Plymouth business man, who died at his home there early Wednesday morning following a heart attack. He had been confined to his bed for three days.

The last rites are being held in the Holy Trinity Episcopal church at Hertford, with the Rev. E. T. Jillson in charge. Interment will be made in the church cemetery. A large number of people are attending and a beautiful floral offering was contributed.

### Four Young Men Enlist In Army Here Saturday

Four young men enlisted in the Army here last Saturday, when a recruiting party was here for an hour at the post office. Officials said they were well satisfied with the results of their trip.

Those who enlisted here were: Roy D. Haislip, of Plymouth; Winfield J. Comstock, of Creswell; Elwood Allen, of Pike Road; and Rufus Rose, of Puno. Halle, Elmo Chesson, of Plymouth, also enlisted at Greenville recently.

### Marketing Cards Are Distributed

Distribution of marketing cards to tobacco growers in Washington County is now underway here at the office of the county agent and will be completed by next Tuesday, when the markets in the bright belt will be opened for sale of the west, according to County Agent W. V. Hays.

Several hundred of the white cards, carrying the right for unlimited sale of tobacco poundage where AAA compliance requirements have been met, will be distributed. Not a single red card is expected to be used in the county this season, as practically every one of the approximately 400 growers complied with the control program, gaining the right to sell their entire poundage.

### Committees Named For Celebration To Be Held in October

Date of the sesqui-centennial celebration to be held here this fall will be announced within the next few days, according to General Chairman John W. Darden, who said that a meeting would be held soon of directors of bands in the Eastern Carolina All-Star High School Band Association to determine the date for this organization's appearance here.

Celebration officials had hoped that the celebration could be held on the same date that visiting band members came here for their rehearsal from 10 to 2 with time out for lunch with a parade in the afternoon and a concert at night.

H. H. McLean, chairman of the music committee, said that the directors from the 17 bands in the association were to meet here to determine whether the two activities could be held on the same date.

### Creswell and Roper Schools Open New Term This Morning With 857 Enrolled

The white public schools in Roper and Creswell opened the 1940-41 term today, with a total of 857 students enrolled at the two institutions, the records showing an increased enrollment of 27 at Creswell while there was a drop of 29 at the Roper school, as compared with opening day last year.

There were 520 enrolled in the Creswell school today, against a first-day total last year of 493. At Roper the figures today were 337, in comparison with 366 last year. Within three weeks after the schools open, the enrollment usually totals from 30 to 75 more than on the first day, it was said by school authorities.

The schools in Plymouth do not open until Thursday, September 12. Principal R. B. Trotman expects the enrollment here to be around 725 or 750, against 696 last year. The expected increase is based on the large number of families recently moving into Plymouth from other places.

The colored schools in the Roper and Creswell districts also opened today, but no enrollment figures are available from them. It will be difficult to get an official enrollment total from the colored schools until the conclusion of the first month of operation. The Plymouth colored school will open at the same time the local white school does.

### NORFOLK SOUTHERN FREIGHT STATION



The Norfolk Southern freight station was completely surrounded by water last week when the Roanoke River was at flood. The above picture shows West Water Street leading to the station, where the flood stood about two feet deep. The station was made Coast Guard headquarters, with the surfboats using the station platform as a dock.

### American Fork and Hoe Company Plant Among Hardest Hit

#### Highways and Other Industrial Plants Also Suffer Material Losses

No personal injuries were reported, but property owners in Plymouth and the surrounding section suffered damages assessed at about \$16,000 as the result of the record high water in Roanoke River last week. Even at that, this immediate territory suffered but little in comparison with those up the river, where several lives were lost and property destruction was figured in the millions of dollars. The river reached a crest here last Friday about noon, when it was estimated the water was about eight feet above normal tide.

J. B. Cutchins, district highway engineer, of Washington, here this week, said that he was unable to estimate the damage done to highway No. 64 and the roads leading to the North Carolina Pulp Company in this and Martin counties, but other observers believe that repairs to highway 64 at Ward's Bridge and the state-maintained roads to the North Carolina Pulp Company plant may cost upwards of \$3,000.

Damage to industrial plants, business, private and town property was estimated to total about \$11,000 in Plymouth alone. However, Chief of Police P. W. Brown, Mayor B. G. Campbell and Dr. S. V. Lewis, district health officer, were delighted that there was no loss of life, serious personal injuries or epidemics as an aftermath of the receding flood waters.

Resident Manager George M. Snyder said the North Carolina Pulp Company suffered damages estimated at \$1,000 due to the flood. The plant was closed from Thursday afternoon until Tuesday, when operations were resumed. The loss of time was not figured in the amount of damages. Motors and other equipment were raised high enough from their permanent locations to escape water damage.

E. F. Still, president of the Plymouth Box and Panel Company, said that about \$500 damage was done to that plant when conveyors were flooded and machinery had to be moved to escape the water. This plant was closed for three days because of the threatened flood.

**\$2,500 Damage at Handle Plant**  
The most extensive damage to industrial plants was done at the local unit of the American Fork & Hoe Company, where Miss Ethel M. Arps, resident manager, placed the loss at \$2,500. The office building was almost totally submerged, and water stood on the floors there today about two feet deep. The machine shop, power plant and grounds were severely damaged, while the warehouse, mill buildings, storage shed and dry kiln got off comparatively light. Records were removed from the office before the water rushed into the building and moval equipment raised to prevent water damage.

Tracks of the Norfolk Southern Railroad in this section was damaged about \$3,000, with about 50 cars of roadbed material needed for repairs. No material damage was done to the station on Wter Street, which had three feet of water on all sides of it Friday.

The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company was damaged to the extent of at least \$500. Roadbeds were washed away. The high water on that end of the street prevented trains from coming into the station for several days and the water pump

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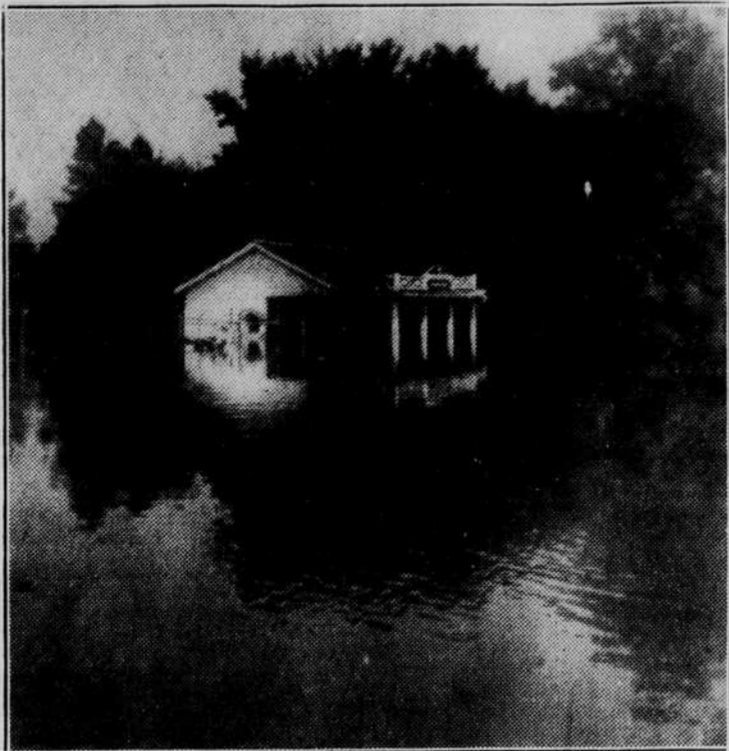
### Law Passed Here Exempts Farmers

A misunderstanding has developed among some farmers of the county about the efforts of local merchants to get an ordinance enacted to prevent peddling in Plymouth, according to W. F. Winslow, president of the merchants association.

The merchants urged the town council and were successful in getting passed an ordinance to prohibit peddlers from out of town coming here to sell and take orders for merchandise which they did not make or produce, said Mr. Winslow, but farmers who bring their farm produce to Plymouth and sell it from house to house are encouraged by the merchants and there was no effort to discourage this kind of peddling.

The ordinance prohibiting peddling passed by the town cannot conflict with the State law, which permits a person to sell anything that they produce.

### FLOOD AT LOCAL INDUSTRIAL PLANT



The Roanoke River flood last week reached a depth of four feet in the office of the American Fork and Hoe Company, shown above when the water was about at its height. It is not expected that work will be resumed at this plant before next week.

### Plans Completed for Labor Day Program Sponsored by Unions

#### Local Merchants To Close Monday

Local merchants observed the last of their mid-week half holidays Wednesday of this week, and beginning next Wednesday the stores will remain open all day as usual, it was said this week by W. F. Winslow, president of the merchants association.

Mr. Winslow said he wished to express the appreciation of the merchants and their employees to the public for cooperating with them in making the summer half holidays possible.

It was also announced by Mr. Winslow that local merchants would close their stores next Monday morning at 11 o'clock for the remainder of the day to join in observance of the Labor Day program planned here.

### U.S. 17 Temporarily Routed Over Sound Bridge Thru Here

#### New Bern Man Says 400 to 600 Tourists Daily Use This Highway

From 400 to 600 tourist cars will daily travel over temporary United States highway No. 17 through Plymouth between November 15 and March 1, with tourist homes, hotels, drug stores, filling stations and most all business benefiting from the traffic, according to Harry M. Jacobs, president of the New Bern Chamber of Commerce.

It will take some time to repair the damage to U. S. highway No. 17 on (See U. S. 17, Page 4)

### Order Sets Minimum Pay at 40 Cents Hour for Employees in Pulp Industry

A wage order requiring payment of at least 40 cents an hour to employees engaged in the manufacture of pulp and primary paper, effective September 16, will call for a general increase in wages to some 150 persons employed by the North Carolina Pulp Company here.

This wage increase will mostly affect colored workers, who have been employed here for some time at a minimum wage of 33 cents an hour and it will make it possible for all workers who have been earning less than 40 cents an hour to get an increase in pay.

It could not be determined what the payroll increase here at the local plant would amount to when the increase became effective the middle of next month. The 40 cents an hour minimum

recommended by a committee composed of representatives of the public, employers and employees, under the chairmanship of John A. Lapp, of Chicago, which investigated the economy of the industry. This was approved by Col. Philip B. Flemming, of Washington, D. C., administrator of the wage and hour law of the United States Department of Labor.

Application of the 40 cents minimum wage to the industry as defined, will increase the hourly wage rates of more than 8,000 wage earners. The total number of employees in the industry is about 150,000. The industry is carried on in 841 establishments in the north and south and on both coasts, and its annual value of product is \$1,000,000,000.

### Parade, Speeches at Courthouse Among Features Scheduled

#### Barbecue Will Be Staged at Albemarle Beach During Late Afternoon

Workers from all over Washington County are expected to participate in the third annual Labor Day celebration, sponsored by 800 members of organized labor, to be held in Plymouth next Monday, with a parade, speeches, baseball game, barbecue, and other events scheduled for the occasion.

Heading the activities will be the program at the courthouse here at 11:45, when L. James Johnson, of Atlanta, Ga., a representative from the office of the Southern Division of the American Federation of Labor, will be the main speaker. J. A. Green, of Durham, a colored minister, who is also connected with the organization department of the A. F. L., will also make a talk. Both are well-known labor orators and officers of the unions here say they will bring important messages on union activities.

Prefacing the speeches by the two visitors will be the invocation by the Rev. R. H. Lucas, with John W. Darden, judge of recorder's court, making a brief address. The principal speakers will be introduced by W. H. Townsend, spokesman for the organized groups here.

The union men who will participate in the parade will gather at the Labor Temple at 10:30. The parade will start at 11 o'clock, proceeding west down Water Street to Jefferson, south on Jefferson to Fort Williams, east down Fort Williams to Washington Street, north down Washington to the Legion Hall, east down Water to Grace Episcopal church, south down Madison to Main, west down Main Street and thence to the courthouse, where the speaking will take place.

The Plymouth High School band, under the direction of L. W. Zeigler, will lead the parade. Merchants, who will close their stores at 11 a. m. for the remainder of the day to join in (See LABOR DAY, Page 4)

### "Albemarle Day" To Be Observed at Manteo

A number of Washington County members of the Southern Albemarle Association are planning to attend "Albemarle Day" at Fort Raleigh on Roanoke Island tomorrow, the program being sponsored jointly by the Southern Albemarle Association and the Greater Albemarle Association.

Those who attend may purchase tickets for a fish fry and the "Lost Colony" presentation tomorrow night for only \$1. The fish fry begins at 5:30 in the afternoon. Former Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, of Raleigh, will speak on the 30-minute program to be presented prior to the opening curtain for the drama. Sponsors of the event expect a crowd of 3,000 persons from the Albemarle area.

H. H. McLean, E. H. Liverman and W. L. Whitley were appointed on a committee by President P. W. Brown of the Lions Club to arrange for the broadcast of a half-hour program by local talent over the Greenville radio station Friday afternoon at 3:30.

Miss Louise LeFever, of Wenona, left this week for Norfolk, where she entered the Norfolk General hospital for training as a nurse. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. LeFever, the young lady graduated from Plymouth High School and worked in the principal's office last year.

Six additional game protectors were authorized for temporary employment in Washington and Martin counties by the district supervisor, Rubert E. West, of Moyock, to protect the game that had been driven to highlands by floods last week.

George Harrison and A. P. Wheaton, who have pictures developed said they were swamped with films last week when men, women and children snapped many a shot of the high waters along Roanoke River while it was in flood stage.

Edward S. (Teddy) Blount said that the highlight of his vacation trip last week came on Thursday night, when he shook hands with Jack Dempsey, at his famous restaurant on Broadway in New York City. He said the former champion heavyweight boxer of the world was very "affable."

H. J. Furbee, of Wenona, said Saturday that recent rains had helped the farmers in that area. The ditches were about half full of water. Corn and soybeans were helped very much by the nine inches of rain there recently.

Clarence Smith and Edward Picard, of Carolina Moror Club, were here last week routing traffic through Elizabeth City by way of Albemarle Sound bridge and Plymouth to Washington, as U. S. Highway No. 17 was temporarily, at least, routed properly.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Collins of Roper think that the Captain Charlie Collins, born here 195 years ago, about whom information is sought, was the great-great-uncle of Carl L. Bailey and their great-great-uncle.

T. L. Gwynn, manager of the Asheville stock yards, was in this county recently and said that he was impressed with the number of cattle in the county. While here he saw many herds that caused him to express his favorable opinion of the cattle business.

### Jesse Moore Horton Died Here Monday After Long Illness

#### Funeral Was Held Tuesday For Prominent Lumber And Mill Man

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon for Jesse Moore Horton, 72, who died Monday evening at 7 o'clock after four months confinement to his bed. He had been in declining health for a year. The last rites took place at his home on Main Street and interment was made in the Grace Episcopal church cemetery. The Rev. Sidney E. Matthews, rector of the church, and William B. Daniels, student minister, conducted the services.

For twenty years Mr. Horton was superintendent of the timber department of the Wiltz Veneer Company; here and later was employed by their successors, the Chicago Mill and Lumber Corporation. He afterwards went into business for himself and for the last several years he was an independent timber and mill man.

Fifty years ago he was married to Miss Neile Chesson, who died about 20 years ago. Mr. Horton was interested and took an active part in civic and church affairs during his lifetime.

Surviving him are three sons, J. Lloyd Horton, H. Lewis Horton and Bosie Horton, all of Plymouth; and two grandchildren: Jesse Lloyd Horton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lloyd Horton, Sr.; and Eleanor Elizabeth Horton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bosie Horton.