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## 10,000,000 Bales Allowed

Quota Represents An Increase Of 1,224,000 Bales Over 1934

Washington, Jan. 17.—Cotton production for 1935 was fixed today by the Agriculture Secretary Wallace. 10,500,000 bales of 500 pounds each.

This was the figure set under provisions of the Bankhead cotton production control act.

An additional 700,000 bales not sold during 1934 was added to the 1935 figure.

The 1935 quota represented an increase of about 1,224,000 bales over 1934.

The 1934 quota was 10,576,000 bales of 478 pounds net weight.

The quotas in bales of 478 pounds net weight and last year's carryover would bring the total to 11,700,000 bales.

Secretary Wallace also announced that under the voluntary cotton adjustment program producers would be allowed to make an additional cut in acreage up to 35 percent of their base acres and receive additional benefit payments.

## J. L. Burgess Succumbed Fri.

J. L. Burgess, Halifax county native who succumbed early Friday morning at the home of his son, J. E. Burgess, in Edgecombe county, was interred Saturday afternoon in Littleton in the family grounds. Services were conducted by Rev. W. R. Hale, local Methodist minister, from the son's residence.

The deceased had made his home with his son for about five years, and had been a farmer all his life until his health forced him to give it up.

He was 80 years old.

Russell Viverette, Greenville; Eugene Viverette, city; R. J. Massengill, and Lin Almonds, Durham; Merle Joyner, city, and Wilson Jenkins, Durham, his grandsons and grandsons-in-law served as pallbearers.

He leaves his widow, formerly Miss Gertrude Allston, and eleven children.

Children by the first marriage include Mrs. J. F. Jenkins, Durham; Miss Claude Burgess, Baltimore, and Mrs. D. R. Shaw, Lumberton. A fourth daughter, Mrs. Emma Crinkley, of Nashville, Tenn., died about a year ago.

He also leaves the following children of the second union: T. A. Burgess, local lawyer; Mrs. Josephine Viverette, Willis Burgess, both of Rocky Mount; J. E. Burgess, Edgecombe county; J. M. Burgess, New York City; G. A. Burgess, near Pinetops; Mrs. T. R. Baker, near Nashville, and Mrs. R. E. Brake, near this city. Sam Burgess and Miss Laura Burgess, both of Scotland Neck, his half brother and half sister, and H. L. Burgess, Parkton, a second half brother, also survive.

## MISS GURGANUS UNDERGOES APPENDECTOMY

The many friends of Miss Pauline Gurganus will be glad to know that she is convalescing nicely following an appendectomy which was performed Thursday of last week. Miss Gurganus is a patient at the Rocky Mount Sanatorium.

## TOOK THE CHANCE; DYING

New York.—George S. Ward lies in a hospital dying of heart trouble and anemia said to be the result of drinking a glass of liquid highly impregnated with typhus germs in 1904, when he was a member of the Army Medical Corps. He volunteered to take a chance to aid humanity, and a bill has been introduced in Congress to give him a pension of \$125 a month.

Readers, when you purchase goods advertised in these columns tell the merchants you saw it in THE HERALD.

## Rotary Debaters Discuss Diversion

I. D. Thorp and T. J. Pearsall took opposite sides in a spirited friendly debate on the advisability of diversion of highway department funds as a feature of the weekly Rotary session staged at the Ricks Hotel.

The program had been planned by Dr. W. B. Kinlaw, program committee chairman, and was informal in nature. President A. L. Brandon was in the chair.

Mr. Pearsall, in his talk, contended that diversion of highway funds for other purposes was permissible while Mr. Thorp argued that it was not. The debate was called a no-decision affair.

The two speakers made their choice of affirmative or negative by the toss of a coin, a club official disclosed.

## WILSON ROTARIANS HAVE SPELLING BEE

Wilson, Jan. 26.—An old fashioned "spelling bee" with John D. Gold, editor of the Wilson Times as the prompter, was the feature of the meeting of the Kiwanis Club held here Thursday night. Such words as "lunatic" and "diphtheria" flocked many of the contestants who were sorted out in two groups, but everyone had a great deal of fun trying to spell some of the hard words propounded by the editor. The attendance prize of the meeting was won by G. B. Woodard, and was presented by W. D. P. Sharpe, Jr. The organization also agreed to sell 100 tickets for the President's Ball to be held at the Cherry Hotel next Wednesday night, and Dr. M. A. Pittman, the ball's local chairman made a speech of thanks to the gathering. It was also announced at the meeting that on March 28, Paul O. Sampson, noted dictioneer from Philadelphia, would address the club on "The Value of Foods." President M. C. Sumner presided at the meeting.

## Oration-Essay Contest Has Been Announced

Senior High School, Durham has been selected as the place for the preliminary run-off, for high schools of Caswell, Alamance, Orange, Durham, Chatham, and Wake Counties, in the state-wide oration-essay contest to be staged by High Point College in March.

This run-off will take place at 3:00 p. m., Wednesday, March 27, 1935 in the auditorium of the Senior High School. One contestant will be selected to compete with the representatives of the other seventeen districts of the state in the finals which will be held at High Point College, March 29.

The successful contestants in each of the districts will be given a \$50 scholarship to the High Point institution. The one winning first place in the finals will be awarded an additional \$350 to be added to the \$50 district win to make a total scholarship of \$400. The second prize will be an additional \$150, which, with the district award, makes a \$200 scholarship for this place. The third best contestant will receive a total scholarship of \$100. Those not winning a place in the finals will be given the \$50 district scholarship.

Only two contestants from a high school may participate, and they must be seniors, and must register for the contest on or before February 20. All contestants must be recommended by the principal or a member of the school faculty.

The subject for the oration or essay is: "Do I Expect My College Training to Make Me More Useful to My Community, or to Increase My Earning Capacity?" It is to be confined within eight hundred words, and must be in the hands of the contest directors on or before March 1.

## EXPERT OPENS CITY SAFE

Biloxi, Miss.—A safe expert was called in to open the city vault following a change in official personnel when the incoming mayor found all city records impounded behind safe doors.

## Farmers Mass Meeting Feb. 15

Chamber of Commerce Sponsors Meeting In Interest of Soil Erosion

All farmers and business men of this section have been asked to attend a mass meeting here on February 15 for the purpose of discussing soil erosion, E. H. Austin, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, announced today.

The Chamber of Commerce as the sponsoring institution has invited J. H. Stallings of High Point, regional director, and W. E. Bowers, extension agent, to address the meeting. Both are representatives of the United States department of the Interior, and are experts on the matter of soil erosion prevention.

Federal aid for local projects will be discussed at length in the meeting, Mr. Austin, who has just returned from a conference with congressmen in Washington, stated today.

The agriculture committee of the Chamber of Commerce will be in charge of the program. The committee is headed by F. P. Spruill and has the following membership: Roscoe Griffin, M. D. Munn, R. D. Gorham, W. E. Spruill, Dr. C. E. Minges, M. R. Robbins, and W. L. Cockrell.

## Mrs. Owen Is Taken By Death

Fountain.—Mrs. Susie Johnson Owens, wife of Herman F. Owens, well-known and highly esteemed young woman of this community, collapsed suddenly as she was shaking the ashes in the living room stove of her home here early Tuesday morning, and failed to respond to medical aid, which reached her at once.

Funeral services will be held from the Fountain Presbyterian Church, Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, by her pastor, Rev. H. M. Wilson.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Owens, who was formerly Miss Susie Johnson, of Monroe, is survived by four children, Frank, Jean, Merritt and Edward, whose ages range between 8 and 14 years; a sister, Mrs. J. C. Hunter, of Raleigh, and two brothers, P. H., of Monroe, and Nathan Johnson, St. Augustine, Fla.

## DENOUNCES EFFORTS TO TAX BREAD AND MILK

Winston-Salem, Jan. 26.—The proposal to remove the sales tax exemption on milk and bread was denounced by Dr. R. L. Carlton, city health officer, as a step tending to "increase the State's pellagra and tuberculosis problem."

Dr. Carlton said he viewed the proposal purely in its relation to public health. "Gross undernourishment" of North Carolina children, he declared, largely is due to the "simple reason they cannot buy enough bread and milk." The infant mortality rate, "already shamefully high," declared the doctor, "will go to still greater heights."

## LOST GOLF BALL FOUND INSIDE FISH

Middletown, N. Y.—Here's the latest fish story: Eight years ago, Col. Elmer E. Johnston knocked a golf ball into the Delaware River. The other day he was fishing through the ice and hooked a thirty pound carp. Inside the fish he found the golf ball with his name on it.

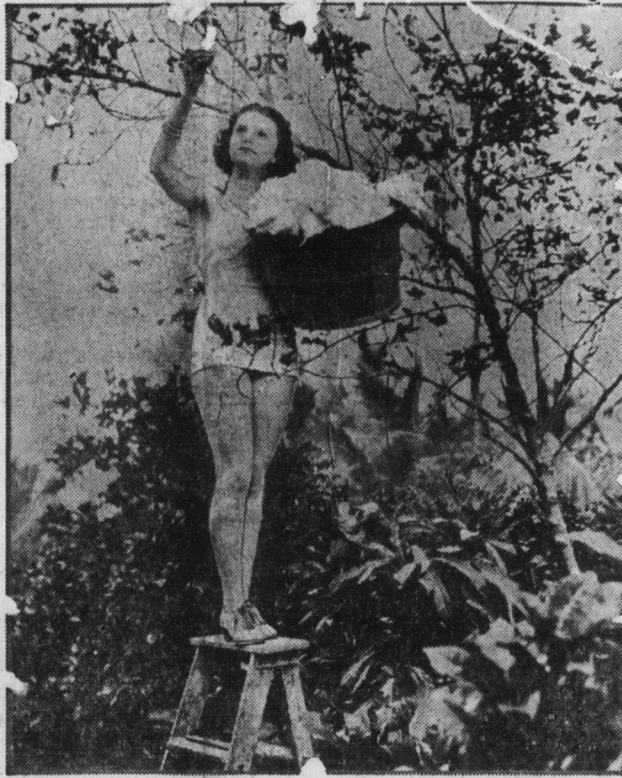
## LOOK FOR CAR, IT HITS THEM

Milwaukee.—Two police officers looking for a hit-and-run driver, in accordance with instructions received over the radio in their car, were amazed when an automobile struck their machine, a terrible jolt. They got out and found the car they were hunting.

## LIVED 123 YEARS

Moscow.—Ivan Mashuphin is dead at the age of 123 with his age authenticated by documents. Until three years ago he was a farmer. His eyesight, hearing and memory remained good until his death.

## Lois Picks Cotton From a Tree



Picking cotton from a tree might be something new to cotton growers in this country. But it's nothing new to pretty Lois Smith, who is shown picking real cotton from a tree in Miami, Fla. This cotton tree is one of the few left in south Florida. It is a native of tropical America and was introduced into the state by the Calusa Indians in the days before Columbus. The tree grows to a height of 30 feet.

## Budget Must Serve People Not The People The Budget

The Pharisees on one occasion asked Christ why his disciples did on the Sabbath day that which was not lawful—because they were hungry and had plucked grain from the fields on the Sabbath day.

Christ rebuked them and said that the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for Sabbath. We should observe the day as the Lords Day and a day of rest, and keep it holy, but how can we keep the Sabbath holy if we neglect works of mercy, charity and necessity.

Now, a budget is a good thing, and every family and business should have a budget, but the budget should serve the family or business, and not the family of business the budget. Much has been said about a balanced budget, and it has been said that the depression will not be over until the governments budget is balanced. A balanced budget is a fine thing, and something for which everyone should strive, but, there are things much worse than an unbalanced budget, and sometimes the methods used in balancing a budget are so strained and cruel that human needs and vital necessities are neglected to serve the budget. That an enlightened generation should not permit. Will Rogers speaking recently of the criticism by the bankers and Wall street of President Roosevelt's relief work, and their fear of an unbalanced budget, stated, "What father would let the budget stand in the way of saving human life when one member of the family was dying for the want of an operation." He said further that Mr. Roosevelt found a sick nation and he began to budget the needs for the sick nation, not worrying about how the budget could be balanced until the patient passed the crisis.

If the president had done what his critics appear to desire, the temple would have been wrecked and have dropped down on their own heads. If he had placed a balanced budget above human needs as his chief objective, then all would have been lost, and property would not now mean anything. And what has been said above as to our national government, applies with equal force to our state.

## Salvation Army Is There A Needs Clothing Larger Family

The Salvation Army today asked people in Rocky Mount to contribute clothing and shoes for a number of families, especially for women, who are in need of apparel.

The cold snap, said Adjutant W. H. Stanley, in charge of the Salvation Army post here, has found a number of women and children in dire circumstances and they will suffer acutely from the cold with badly needed clothing.

Army workers will call at any home in the city for clothing if people will call the hall on Chester street and leave an address. If people prefer they may bring clothing to the Army hall assuring an immediate distribution to needy persons will be made.

Adjutant Stanley requested that people look into their closets and attics and attempt to meet the demand for clothing and shoes, especially for women and children.

## ACCEPTS CHALLENGE

Paris.—France, accepting the "challenge" of Italy, will include a 35,000 ton bathtub in its naval building program for 1935.

## Tom Ave a Will Speak

Tom A. Avera, well known local speaker, will deliver the main address of the morning at the Meredith college founders day program Friday morning at the college in Raleigh. His topic has been announced as "Meredith College and Christian Education."

Mr. Avera's address will be given before the entire student body. An afternoon program will also be given Friday as part of the founders day program.

## Local Boys Get On Honor Roll

Rocky Mount Has Three, on List—Other Eastern N. C. Towns Represented

Chapel Hill, Jan. 28.—Three Rocky Mount boys, two boys from Tarboro, Scotland Neck, and Williamston, and one from Battleboro are listed on the honor roll of 352 students at the University of North Carolina for the fall term, Assistant Registrar G. K. Henry disclosed today.

A Scotland Neck student, F. S. Harrell, made all A's for a perfect average, and the others made the necessary average to gain this list.

To make the honor roll a student must average a B on all courses. A "B" means that the work is considered from 90 to 95 per cent perfect.

Rocky Mount scholastic stars include J. B. Craighill, C. A. Griffin, Jr., and J. W. Watson, while the pair from Tarboro on the list are H. C. Bridgers and E. W. Martin.

C. W. Griffin and I. C. Griffin are listed as Williamston's honor pupils, and H. T. Clark, Jr., Scotland Neck, and R. S. Bunn, Battleboro, complete the list.

While 352 made the roll this time, last year only 331 were successful. Forty of those making the honor list made a perfect record, receiving all A's on their subject.

## CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Engineering draftsman (highway), \$1,800 a year, Bureau of Public Roads.

Junior medical officer (interne), St. Elizabeths Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Associate supervisor of elementary education, \$3,200 a year, Indian Field Service.

The closing date for receipt of applications for these examinations is February 18, 1935.

The salaries named are subject to a deduction of not to exceed 5 percent during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1935, as a measure of economy, and also to a deduction of 3.12 percent toward a retirement annuity.

All States except Vermont, Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia have received less than their quota of appointments in the apportioned departmental service in Washington, D. C. Of the positions named, only engineering draftsman is affected by the State apportionment law.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office or customhouse in any city which has a post office of the first or second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

## TALK COST

Pittsburgh.—Two men who met at a cocktail bar and talked about the personal property they owned without paying taxes did not know that Ralph Barr, tax assessor, was standing nearby listening. He investigated and forced the men to pay \$216,000.

Indications are that most of the Wilson county tobacco growers will plant 85 percent of their base acreage instead of 90 percent.

## Mansion Expense And The Schools

Cost of Upkeep of Governor's Home And City Educational Unit Contrasted

Wilson, Jan. 28.—Comparison of expenditures for the upkeep of the Governor's Mansion in Raleigh and the Charles L. Coon high school here were discussed with some vigor before the Winstead school Parent-Teacher Association by S. G. Chappell, local high school principal. Mr. Chappell said he liked Governor Ehringhaus and was not voicing a personal criticism of him, but he did feel the residents of this town, anyhow, would be interested to know that it cost \$9,700 last year to maintain the executive domicile, that he understood \$17,000 would be asked for the same purpose for 1935, and that all that could be secured for the Wilson institution for the same period was \$600.

"We have some 40 rooms not counting the large auditorium to keep up during the school year with that 600," said Mr. Chappell. "There are 1,000 seats that are used every day in the school rooms and 1,500 in the auditorium and they have to be cleaned seven days in the week. And there are the light and heat. There have been many times when if we had not had outside help we would not have been able to light or heat the school. This graph I show tells you, also, that the housekeeper of the governor's mansion gets \$1,035 a year while the highest paid teacher here receives only half as much."

The graph in question was drawn by the high school scholars from figures compiled by Mr. Chappell and illustrated state expenditures for the high school and for the Ehringhaus home. Mr. Chappell made an earnest plea for more school funds.

## JOHN LEWIS INTERRED IN RALEIGH CEMETERY

Former Local Editor Leaves One Sister—Was 76 Years Old

John B. Lewis, veteran newspaperman and former editor of "The Phoenix" local paper of past years, was laid to rest in a Raleigh cemetery on Sunday afternoon after services were conducted by Dr. Milton A. Barber, Christ church rector, from a Raleigh funeral home.

Mr. Lewis, who came from one of the best known families of this city, was widely known in this section, although in recent years he had made his home elsewhere. He died at a sanatorium near Raleigh, Saturday night after an extended illness. He was 76 years old.

Mr. Lewis made this city his home for many years, and was editor of "The Phoenix," when its offices were located near what is now the Belk-Tyler building. He moved to Raleigh in 1916 as a proofreader for the News and Observer.

He attended the old Bingham school and also the University of North Carolina. When he was in Rocky Mount his home was the family place, the Lewis place off the country club highway near this city. It is one of the landmarks of eastern North Carolina, and contains bricks which were brought to this country from England many years ago.

He leaves his sister, Miss Annie Lewis with whom he lived in Raleigh.

Frank Smethurst, Russell Ferrell, Sam R. Covington, and A. F. Perkins of the News and Observer staff, and T. W. Brewer and Zack Bacon served as pallbearers.

## COP REMEMBERS BOY

New York.—Charles Seemiller, 9, took a smack from a policeman's night stick, but next day saw the cop, grinned and spoke to him cheerfully. That was fourteen years ago. When the policeman, Conrad Landman, died, it was discovered that he had established a \$5,000 trust fund for the boy who took it and smiled.

## SCALDS IN TUB

Mamareoneck, N. Y.—William Kirchner, 53, was scalded to death when he fell into a bathtub.