

Tobacco Markets To Open On Next Monday

(Special to Johnstonian-Sun)
Smithfield, Sept. 20.—Tobacco warehousemen and other business firms in Smithfield are expecting a great rush of business next Monday, Sept. 25th, when the tobacco markets in the bright belt will be reopened, after remaining closed for three weeks.

There is much anxiety among the people as to the prices to be paid to the farmers for the remainder of the 1933 season.

Immediately after the markets were closed, committeemen began a canvass of this and other counties getting the farmers to sign contracts agreeing to reduce their acreage of tobacco in 1934 and 1935, in the hope of getting an arrangement whereby the weed would bring higher prices. It is reported that good progress is being made in getting the growers signed up.

Girl Is Drowned When Help Fails

Caught Under Timbers, She Tells Family Good-Bye and Meets Death

New Bern, Sept. 18.—Through the storm-battered sound country, the land of treacherous shoals and hardy fishermen, here tragedy and bravery have carved many epics of the sea, they are recounting the story of the death of young Frieda Mae Caraway.

It has been only two days since the fishing villages were swept by a 100-mile gale, described by oldest residents as the worst in their memory, and hunger and desolation prevail in many towns, but the story spreads from lip to lip wherever refugees get together.

House Crumbles

Frieda lived in what is known as the Bachelor community of Craven county, a section that suffered heavily in the storm. Pounded alike by wind and water, the Caraway home could not withstand the fury of the hurricane Friday night, and began to crumble.

Beams and heavy timbers fell. The members of the family began to seek safety. But a heavy timber pinned Frieda to the floor. Water was creeping in the house and the roof was gone. Wind tore through gaps in the wall, making it hardly possible for one to stand up.

Tide Creep Higher

The girl's father, and members of the community, sought frantically to free her. The timbers were too heavy, they would not budge. The tides crept higher into the house, inch by inch. The girl struggled. The water came higher and higher, sweeping through the wreckage. The roof fell. The family and the neighbors had to feel for their own lives.

The girl looked upon the frantic faces of her father, and the fishermen-neighbors.

"It's no use, Daddy," the girl said, straining to keep her head above the water. "Tell mama goodbye."

The water strangled the girl, as the men continued to struggle with the timbers, waist-deep in water. It was as Frieda said—it was no use. They had to flee for their lives to higher land. And through the sound country, the land of native "sob" ballads they're singing of the death of a little girl who knew how to look death in the face.

PERSONAL MENTION

Emma Hooker Godwin, of Dunn, is visiting Miss Rebecca Godwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Noble, Jr., and little son, Bobbie, and Miss Anne Noble spent the week end in Raleigh with the family of Dr. R. P. Noble.

Mrs. Annie Barham spent Sunday with her daughter, Miss Esther Barham, at Meredith College.

Mr. Ralph Hoffmeister, of Raleigh, spent Tuesday and Wednesday in the city with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stancil of Smithfield, accompanied by Editor M. L. Stancil, spent Tuesday afternoon near Garner with Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Stancil.

Recent Storm At New Bern Recalls Hurricane That Occurred In 1769

An account of a hurricane that wrought havoc at New Bern on the night of September 7, 1769, is taken from a scrapbook belonging to Miss Anne Noble, of Selma, and formerly the property of her grandmother. This account was written by Thomas Clifford Howe, collector of the port of New Bern, at that time, to Earl Hillsboro, of England. This letter was found years ago in a book store in London, and is now in possession of the Boston Public Library. The letter follows:

Brunswick, 10th September, 1769
Earl Hillsboro: The effects of the storm, which happened in the night of the seventh instant are so fatal to New Bern that I cannot omit giving your Excellency the best account I can of it. Beginning with Mr. John Smith, whose store full of goods was undermined with the washing of the waves and tumbled down and broke to pieces all of the goods washed away; besides this his wharf and a large warehouse that stood upon it, was broke to pieces and scattered along the shore. The cellars of the house where he lived being well stored with wine, rum, sugar, &c., were undermined and destroyed, and all it contained either stove to pieces or floated away by the violence of the wind and currents. He saved himself and family by cutting through in the garret to Mr. Cornell's house, which they entered, but were soon obliged to leave, carrying with them Mr. Cornell's children and the nurse, by which means they were saved, for the floor of the house very soon after fell in, and with the furniture, washed away. Mr. Smith's two sloops are also lost, one stove to pieces at the wharf, the other drove up near the edifice, so high that she never will be gotten off. It is supposed his losses cannot amount to less than 3,000 pounds. Mr. Cornell's cellar under his dwelling house was undermined and the walls destroyed. Out of the cellar and store together floated away near 200 hogsheads of molasses, 80 of rum, and several pipes of wine. Two store-houses that stood on his wharf, well filled with valuable goods, were beat down and carried away with the wharf. The goods were all lost and destroyed. His brig was drove over the large marsh to the south westward of the town, quite into the woods and entirely lost, also two large sloops belonging to strangers, drove up and lost near the brig. Mr. Cornell's ready money store, kept by Partridge, at the corner opposite Mr. Ellis', is entirely destroyed with all the goods and money, and the store-keeper so bruised that is thought he cannot live. All the houses on the left hand side of the street from the corner up as far as Mr. Cogdell's were washed away. Two women, Mrs. Johnston and Mrs. Pope, with their two children, and two negroes were drowned or killed by the ruins of these buildings, no other life lost that we know of as yet. Mr. Ellis' wharf and store houses, with the goods in them, were washed away and entirely lost. The cellar of his store opposite the front of his dwelling-house was undermined and the wine, rum, &c., &c., washed out and the store to pieces. Those buildings of Mr. Clethrell's, where Mr. Neale lived and kept the public ferry, and those long houses of Mr. Wilton's, next adjoining, were entirely destroyed—not one stone left upon another. The part of the still-house next the water was beat down and the works destroyed almost irreparable.

Doctor Hasten's tea house, store and yard are entirely ruined and destroyed, and the chimneys of his dwelling-house have fallen on the roof but luckily did it no damage. His garden is quite torn up and ruined. Mr. Davis' house is a mere wreck, his printing office broke to pieces, his papers destroyed and types buried in the sand. The pail-

ing where your Excellency lives when in Newbern was blown down and the front of the lot, up to the gates, washed away. Br. Coer's store with the store house on the wharf next to this, were thrown down and carried away with all the goods they contained. Col. Sieche's tan-house, with thirteen other houses situated about it, and belonging to him, are entirely destroyed. Many other people have lost all they had in the world, among these is the unfortunate Mr. Sitgreaves who, with a large family of small children, has not a second shirt to his back.

The edifice has received no damages that I know of, if any, it must be inconsiderable, for though I have seen Mr. Hawks he has never mentioned anything of the kind to me. Newbern is really now a spectacle. Her streets are full of the tops of houses, timber, shingles, dry goods, barrels and hogsheads, empty most of them, rubbish, etc., inasmuch that you can hardly pass along; a few days ago so flourishing and thriving—it shows the instability of all sublunary things.

Thus I thought it my duty, sir, to give your Excellency the best account I could of an event so fatal to a place which has always had your protection and encouragement and which I hope will still merit a continuance of the favors it has received from your Excellency. Mr. Cornell's loss, from a moderate computation cannot amount to less than four or five thousand pounds.

Mr. Ellis referred to in the above letter was a great-great-grandfather of Miss Noble.

SMITHFIELD NEWS.

A fishing party composed of about a dozen Wake county citizens headed by Mr. L. J. Penny, of McCullers section, passed through Smithfield Wednesday on their way to Swansboro. Mr. Penny said they had intended to go to a point on Pamlico Sound, but had learned that almost everything in that section had been wrecked last week by the tropical hurricane, and that they had therefore decided to change their course.

Considerable interest is being shown in the protracted meeting which is in progress at the Smithfield Baptist church this week. The services, which are largely attended, are conducted by Dr. S. D. Gordon, a well known lecturer and writer, who has a rather unique way of expressing his thoughts and impressing them upon the minds of his hearers.

Mr. Lawrence U. Stancil, who for the last three years has been a special agent of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company of Boston, Mass., with headquarters in the postoffice building here, has been promoted by his company to the position of supervisor of agents for eastern North Carolina. His headquarters are now in Raleigh.

Rev. E. M. Poteat, of Raleigh, addressed a mass meeting in the court house last Sunday afternoon and warned his hearers of the dangers of legalizing the sale of intoxicating liquors. He made an interesting talk and it was well received.

In closing his address the speaker placed on the dry side the schools, the medical profession, the engineers, the scientists, the builders of the nation, and the fathers and mothers who were trying to give proper training to their children. On the wet side he placed the brewers and distillers, the president of Columbia University, and even the president of the United States.

In the county organization for the fight against liquor A. M. Noble was elected county chairman; C. A. Jacobs of Selma, first vice-president, and Henry Watson of Kenly second-vice president.

McLamb Is Given Respite

Johnston Slayer to Get Either Reprieve or Commutation; Reprieve For Edwards.

The electric chair at State's Prison will not be called into use tomorrow, even though two men convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to die on that day are now in death row cells.

The two men are Charles Luther McLamb, Johnston county white man charged with having killed George R. Hudson, also of Johnston county, and John Louis Edwards, Charlotte Negro, convicted of having killed a Charlotte street car motorman in a robbery.

Governor Ehringhaus, shortly before he left for Washington yesterday, said McLamb "will be either reprieved or commuted." The Governor also said the McLamb case was being left in the hands of Commissioner of Paroles Edwin Gill.

Gill is now investigating the case to learn if McLamb killed Hudson in a drunken brawl. McLamb at his trial contended he killed Hudson in self-defense.

Gill said Edwards would be reprieved so that his attorneys could perfect an appeal to the Supreme Court. "The reprieve is being granted on those grounds and not on the merits or demerits of the case," he stated.—News and Observer, Sept. 21st.

Receives Letter From President

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Pittman, of Selma, have received the following letter from President Franklin D. Roosevelt:

"My dear Mr. and Mrs. Pittman: May I extend my hearty congratulations upon the birth of your daughter, Nira Delano Pittman. I am sending herewith a small memento for my name-sake with the hope that she will have a happy, active and useful life.

Very sincerely yours,
Franklin D. Roosevelt."

The gift referred to is a lovely white silk handkerchief with the name of the President and the words "Happy Days" embroidered in one corner.

Red Cross Sends Out Its S. O. S. Call

Disaster has never before struck so close to the doors of Johnston County people as it did last week when the tropical storm swept the eastern coast line of the State. New Bern, Morehead City, Beaufort and many smaller towns and villages, as well as farm houses and fishermen's home were left in a devastated condition. Sixteen deaths have thus far been reported. Hundreds were injured and thousands left homeless, hungry and faced with disease epidemics. The disaster is unparalleled and the misery of it is unbelievable.

The American Red Cross has been designated by the President of the United States to take charge of the relief work. Cash is the immediate demand. All people of the county, men, women, and children are called upon to do their part. Every contribution, however small, will be gratefully received and sent to National Headquarters the very day it is received.

Send contributions directly to National Headquarters, American Red Cross, Washington, D. C., or to H. V. Rose, Chairman, Johnston County Red Cross, Smithfield, N. C.

H. V. ROSE, Chairman.

REV. AND MRS. D. F. WADDELL ENTERTAIN AT SUPPER

The Selma Presbyterian Manse on West Railroad street, was the scene of a most hospitable occasion on Wednesday evening at the hour of seven when the officers and teachers in the Selma Presbyterian church and Sunday School enjoyed a most appetizing evening meal and, then engaged in an hour or so of social conversation.

Those present went away declaring that the evening had been one of unusual social hospitality and with an earnest desire to return to this minister and his good wife the same degree of hospitality as was evidenced by them on this occasion whenever the opportunity affords.

Clayton Defeats Kenly By 8-7 Score

Asked To Hold Cotton

Smithfield, Sept. 19.—Urging cotton growers to hold their cotton for higher prices which he said should result from the acreage reduction campaigns and increased consumption and general rise in commodity prices under NRA, M. G. Mann, of Raleigh, secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, addressed a meeting of Johnston County farmers in the court house here this morning.

"Don't sell a bale of your 1933 cotton at present prices if you can possibly keep from doing so," Mr. Mann told the more than 500 growers present. He pointed out that with the rise in commodity prices the purchasing power of a bale of cotton at present prices is no greater than it was last year when it was selling for six cents a pound.

As indications that cotton prices will rise before another planting time Mr. Mann pointed to the recent "plow up" campaign which removed several million bales of cotton from this year's crop, the plans for cotton acreage reduction next year, and the increase in cotton consumption as people go back to newly-created-by-NRA jobs.

He pointed out that seed loan borrowers do not have to sell their cotton by October 31 to pay their loans but that the administration has given them the right to store their crop in bonded warehouses for orderly marketing, and in so doing that it warmly endorsed cooperative marketing.

He recalled that seed loan borrowers who collateralized their loans last year with cotton on a 9-1-2 cent basis made a profit of from \$15 to \$18 per bale over those who sold their crop outright at six to seven cents or less per pound.

"The farmers' only hope for better conditions lies along the cooperative highway," said Mr. Mann as he pointed out that nothing was done about the tobacco situation until the growers got their heads together and put pressure on Washington. He reminded the farmers of a statement by Secretary Wallace in which farmers were told to get together and work out a plan, present it to Washington and that results would be forthcoming.

He said the plight of the cotton farmer would now be much worse than it is were it not for the cotton cooperative association "already here with 11 years of success back of it and still fighting at all times for the interest of the farmer."

"The most misunderstood item about the association is 'expense,' said Mr. Mann as he pointed out that regardless of what a farmer does with his cotton, whether he piles it in his own yard or stores it in a bonded warehouse, he pays storage and insurance charges. If he dumps it on the ground the weather collects these charges through "country damage," while the cotton may be burned or stolen. If he stores it in a bonded warehouse, he pays storage and insurance. If he borrows money on it from the bank he also pays interest.

Mr. Mann pointed out that the cotton association renders the members a complete classing service; that it is their watch dog in Washington, that it keeps them posted through letters and through the Cotton Grower on up-to-date information they should know.

A great deal of interest was shown in the meeting, one of the most widely attended to be held here in some time.

AN EXPRESSION OF THANKS.

The Free Will Baptist Sunday School wishes to express their thanks to the town board for the use of the city hall for the Middlesex Orphanage concert, also thank every one for their attendance and contribution. They received about \$20.00.

Catawba county farmers have purchased more farm machinery in the past three months than they have in the whole of the past three years.

Homers by Blinson and Poole In Ninth Defeat Kenly 8-7 In Series Opener.

Clayton, Sept. 20.—Successive homers in the ninth by Delma Blinson and Tick Poole enabled Clayton to come from behind and defeat Kenly, 8-7, today in the opening game of the Johnston County League championship series.

The locals, first half champions, came to bat in the ninth two runs behind. Blinson's homer knotted the count and then Poole proceeded to duplicate the circuit clout and break up the game.

More than a thousand fans saw the series opener, a nip and tuck affair throughout. The visitors out-hit Clayton, 13 to nine, and also made one less error than Clayton's four. However, the home team made its blows go the limit and the homers served to top off things.

Cooke Moore and James Moore, brothers, pitched for Clayton. J. Barnes caught. Ballance and Evans formed the Kenly battery.

Pittman, Newsome and Ballance, each with three hits, led Kenly's attack. Baucom, J. Barnes, Blinson and Gattis made two safeties each to lead Clayton.

The teams will play the second game of the series at Kenly on Friday afternoon. Incidentally, the Kenly team tonight elected Harvey Pittman as manager for the remainder of the season. Pittman, a first-sacker and former professional player, had been playing for Snow Hill in the Coastal Plain League. Election of Pittman, who succeeds Geohinton, came tonight at a meeting of the Kenly club in Kenly.

W. B. Drake Trial Starts

Jury Is Composed of Johnston County Citizens—C. A. Jacobs, of Selma, One of the Twelve—Big Array of Counsel.

Less than two and one-half hours were required yesterday in Wake Superior Court in selecting the jury, including an alternate juror, which is to decide the fate of W. B. Drake, former Raleigh bank president, charged in several counts with embezzlement and making false reports.

With the opening of court this morning, the State will begin presenting evidence in its effort to prove accusations against the former head of the defunct Raleigh Banking and Trust Company. The bank crashed in September, 1930, the indictments resulting from its failure.

A total of 36 of the special venire from Johnston County underwent questioning before the State and defense attorneys announced that they were satisfied with the 13 men selected.

Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, of Snow Hill, transferred here by special request, is presiding over the trial.

Members of the jury are as follows: R. L. O'Neal, Selma, Route 2; W. C. Barbour, Wilsons Mills; W. Herman Creech, Princeton, R. 2; Wade Grice, Four Oaks; L. F. Holmes, Four Oaks; C. G. Mumford, Selma, R. 2; C. A. Jacobs, Selma; J. L. Moore, Four Oaks, Route 2; G. B. Johnson, Smithfield; R. L. Smith, Selma, R. 2; Phillip B. Edwards, Princeton, R. 1; and Wiley T. Grimes, Benson, R. 2. James Thompson, of Pine Level, was selected as the alternate juror. He will take part in deliberations of the jury only in event of illness of a regular juror or other emergency.

Drake's wife and his brother, J. W. Drake, of Drake, S. C., were in the court room and sat beside the defendant during the selection of the jury.

State attorneys announced yesterday the addition of E. J. Wellons, of Smithfield, to their staff and Wells had complete charge of questioning the prospective jurors yesterday. Solicitor J. C. Little, Kenneth C. Royal and I. M. Bailey complete the prosecution attorneys' list.