

**STATE NEWS
IN DIGEST**

Lenoir, and Greene, officially styled the sixth district, will hold a great educational meeting in Wayne county courthouse at Goldsboro on August 14.

The peach crop of the Sandhills which is usually all marketed by this time of the season is holding over until this week and the growers report a rapid rise in prices.

Patriarchs of the Grand Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in North Carolina from all sections of the State journeyed to Raleigh this week for a two-days session of the grand encampment which was held in the Odd Fellows hall of that city.

The Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association has won a complete victory in its first injunction hearing in South Carolina last Saturday, when Judge Shipp, in the Florence County court, upheld the Association in all points, strengthening the contention of the Co-ops of all the tobacco grown upon the lands of the landlord members must be delivered to their own Association.

The country store of Z. A. Jackson near the Bayleaf School twelve miles northwest of Raleigh was wrecked by a charge of dynamite a short while after midnight last Thursday, followed by the receipt of a letter by Mrs. Jackson signed "K. K. K."

Ernest M. Green of New Bern was elected President of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad at the meeting of the new board of directors and stockholders held in Morehead City last Thursday. Mr. Green succeeded Dr. J. F. Patton, also of New Bern.

Summones were filed in seven suits against farmers in Martin county on last Thursday by the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association, and also three by the Cotton Growers Co-operative Association.

The annual North Carolina Negro Farmers' Congress came to a close in Greensboro last Thursday night with an address by Dr. J. H. Walker of the North Carolina Sanatorium, telling the negroes of the plans now being made for the erection of a hospital for negroes infected with tuberculosis.

Preparations are being made for the annual celebration of Virginia Dare day August 18 at Old Fort in Roanoke Island.

For the first time in the history of 36 summer sessions at the State University the register books show that there are more men registered than

women.

Indications are that North Carolina will produce 6,633,000 bushels of wheat this year according to a statement issued last Friday by the Statiscian for the State Department of Health.

"If I raise all this fuss about a temporary borrowing of five million dollars to be liquidated in a few months by surplus uncollected revenue, I want to know it and I want the people of the State to know it," declares A. J. Maxwell, Corporation Commissioner, in reply to a statement issued by Governor Morrison who places all the blame for the fuss on Mr. Maxwell's shoulders.

In Raleigh, September 5, representatives of the Standard Oil Company, Texas Oil Company and the Indian Refining Company and other companies distributing gasoline in North Carolina will meet in conference with attorney general James S. Manning, in lieu of a summons issued by the latter who is seeking to lower the rates charged for gasoline in the State.

Governor Morrison in a thousand word statement issued from Asheville last Wednesday says that while there was a deficit in cash of five million dollars on December 31, 1922 there was no deficit in revenues levied; and alleges that the gentlemen who made this attack upon the financial policies of the State are dealing in misleading intellectual gymnastics and that the leaders in the deviltry know it.

The budget for the city of Greensboro calls for an outlay of \$247,500 and for part of the money there will come permanent improvements and enlargements. A bond issue of \$160,000 to provide for fire protection is included.

The dates for the annual convention of the North Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy which is to be held in the city of Greensboro has been changed from October 10-13 to October 3-6.

Duncan C. Mangum, who was run down by a bicycle in Raleigh one day last week, died from the injuries received in a hospital in that city.

\$33,410,730 is the tentative valuation of all real and personal property in Davidson county.

Alumni of the University of North Carolina banqueted at New York City last Thursday night at the hotel Breboort, at the second gathering of the year, and elected John Gordon Battle as its president.

More than 5,000 homes representing an investment of more than \$15,

000,000 were built in North Carolina in the year ending April 30, through the agency of building and loan associations and the total savings in the associations amounted to more than forty thousand dollars, according to a report of Stacey W. Wade, Insurance Commissioner for the State.

Checks ranging in size from \$10 to \$300 were distributed this week to members of the New Bern Potato Association representing the profits of the first season of co-operative marketing of potatoes.

Numerous complaints have been made of red spiders doing damage to cotton in Wilson, Bertie, Halifax and Warren counties, according to Franklin Sherman, chief entomologist of the State Department of Agriculture.

Heavy frosts during the months of March and April cut down the yield of fruit in this State to levels that have not been approached in years, say reports from State Department of Agriculture at Raleigh.

People are becoming more interested in the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce each day, reports indicate. All over the State the public is becoming acquainted with the kind of work being done, and the plans being laid for future development of this section.

City officers of Shelby and county officials of Cleveland in which Shelby is located seemed to have started something when they decided to dig deep wells on the courthouse lawn. Real gold has been found in the hard granite rock through which the well diggers' bits were slowly passing.

The resolution of the Wake county commissioners providing that any loan made from the county sinking fund should be made with the approval of the board is not an innovation and contemplates merely the performance of functions required by the county board, according to a statement recently made by the county attorney to Miss Lewis, the treasurer for Wake County.

Last year there was a bumper crop of hay, say officials of the Department of Agriculture. Especially was this true in the coastal counties, they state.

Challenging the authority of the former Commissioner of Revenue, A. D. Watts, now resigned, to allow a rebate to Liggett & Myers and the American tobacco companies upon their property located in Durham county, William S. Markham, former tax agent for the county, has filed an action in the superior court to secure a mandamus to force restoration of

\$13,642,308, the amount of the reduction in valuation made.

"It is time to call a halt in the ever increasing burden of taxation that threatens to arrest if not actually to impair the boasted progress of North Carolina in the last twenty years," declared Josiah William Bailey of Raleigh in an address made before the State Real Estate Convention held in Wrightsville this week.

A record breaking trucking season for southeastern Carolina is just now closing according to information gathered from officials of the American Express Company.

Delegates to the annual convention of the North Carolina division of the American Federation of Labor convened in Greensboro last Monday, attacked what they termed the long hours of labor in the State and demanded eight hours by law and 48 hours per week.

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