

He Knew About This Barn Burning

In the wind up of the tobacco curing season many Brunswick farmers are still losing their barns by fire. Interviewed Monday, County Commissioner A. P. Russ advised that Dave Smith of Shallotte lost a barn full of his last curing this week. Nathan Stanley of Waccamaw township had like bad luck. Turning from Commissioner Russ, Chairman O. F. Bellamy was asked if he had heard of any barns being

burned this week? "Yes," said he, "I lost a barn myself; two thirds full of my last curing."

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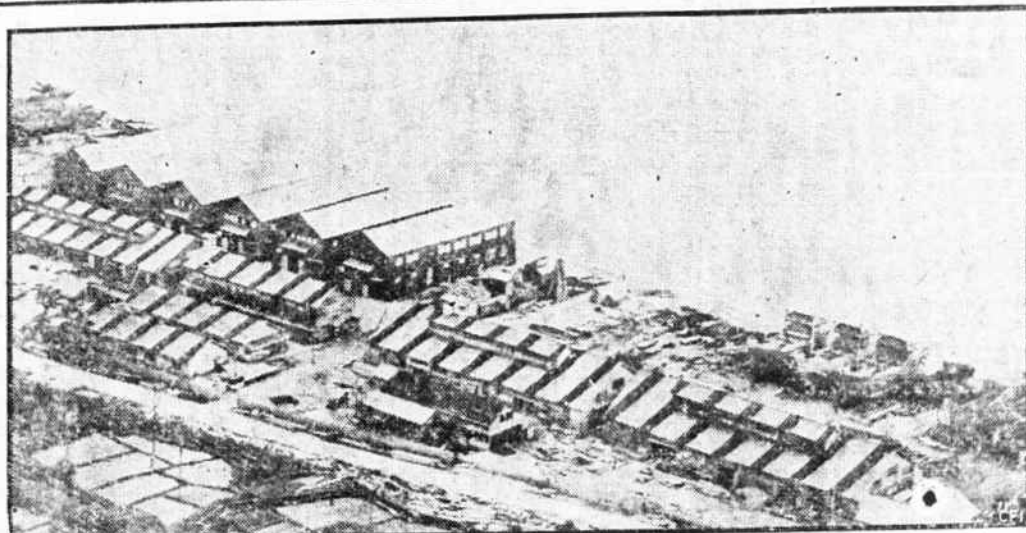
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CAPITAL LETTERS

By Thompson Greenwood

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GUILTY?—Those folks who have been sitting in on the Meadows trial at Greenville believe the former president of Eastern Carolina Teachers College will be found guilty this time. Of course, the two trials will cost the State much more than Meadows is charged with embezzling (about \$18,000), but you can't say your old N. C. isn't persistent.

Incidentally, reports are that most people are "tired of hearing about the old mess." However, if you want to get some real lowdown on the business, talk to an E. C. T. C. graduate.

SHEEP—If you own and sell sheep or know anybody who does, read this little announcement: Beginning August 5, the Commodity Credit Corporation will subsidize lamb prices, in other words pull up the price, an average of \$2 per hundred pounds. Those sheep growers who sold their lambs three weeks ago for \$15.88 (which is a good price) per hundred would have been paid \$17.88 under the new plan. The subsidy will be \$2.15 per hundred for lambs weighing more than 90 pounds.

COLTRANE—By the time this reaches you, the D. S. Coltrane situation may have been cleared. However, at this time the Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture has not decided whether to go with the fertilizer firm at \$8,300 or stay with the State at \$6,000. All of which just illustrates how much we North Carolinians love our native land.

WARREN—Talk is developing that Lindsay Warren, U. S. Comptroller, may come home to run for the Senate in 1948. Chances are good he won't do it. He's making around \$12,000 per year now, his job has about 10 more years to run, and the race with J. M. Broughton, J. W. Bailey, and W. B. Umstead, who

are all in the fight, would be tough and expensive. Warren has some strength in the eastern counties, is scarcely known among the vote-getters in the West, and, brother, that's where the votes are.

315,000—Who is the leading newspaperman in North Carolina? Well, basing it on circulation—and what better way is there to figure it?—the answer is as easy as pie. Lynn Nisbet is the feller. As editor for the N. C. Association of afternoon dailies, his writings have a total circulation of \$15,000. Compare this with Carl Georch and his State Magazine (circulation about 15,000), the Charlotte Observer (100,000) the Raleigh News and Observer (\$8,000), the Agricultural Review (70,000), and you can understand how one man can sway and mould public opinion. What makes Nisbet's comments so popular? Well, he never tries to mould public opinion, he never sets himself up as the Great Writer, he never crusades, and he is seldom a major or a minor prophet.

COAL—Are you a flue-cured tobacco producer. Well, put this down as a major prophecy. By 1955, you will be curing your tobacco entirely by coal. Our woods are virtually gone. Oil is expensive. Recent tests conducted at the Oxford Tobacco Experiment Station show that coal is two thirds cheaper than oil, and is considerably less expensive than wood if you have to buy it. Coal companies are now making plans for rural deliveries and stokers will be released for farmers by the thousands by 1950. A stoker costs about the same as an oil burner and it will last a lifetime. You can go to bed and leave it.

The control of Granville Wilt is regarded as the outstanding research achievement ever accomplished in this State. E. G. Moss, director of the tobacco farm, says the facts discovered about coal is curing tobacco will rank next in importance to Oxford 26, the tobacco which resists Granville Wilt and cures better than most other strains of leaf.

BEAR—W. B. Austin of Jefferson, member of the State Board of Agriculture, took a drive up to Clingman's Dome last week. He saw signs which warned visitors not to feed the bears. Well, he wanted to see one, promising himself and friends there would be no fraternization. And so the energetic Mr. Austin left the party at the parking grounds and went by foot path to the top of the peak. On the way up, he saw an overturned can and proceeded to kick it out of the way. Up to his right the bushes began rattling and the noise grew louder, moving in his direction. Being a big man on a steep and rocky trail, he knew there was little chance to make a getaway. He stood there and sweated in the 60-degree temperature. Austin got his thrill—but the "bear" was a big police dog which some climbers up ahead had brought with them.

CHEESE—It's had to get good cheese these days, so a prominent Raleigh man ordered a quantity,

getting some limburger in the lot. The postman who delivered it last Friday didn't know what the box contained, but he knew the odor was terrific.

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Tobacco Acreage Indicates 23,500 Acres This Season

Even though Columbus County has been extremely hard-hit by shortage of labor and has been unable to secure labor from any source other than regular farm labor and a few workers out of towns of Columbus County, the farmers themselves have spent from twelve to twenty hours a day during this tobacco season harvesting the crop that will bring them close to \$12,000,000. To date no definite figure is known as to the exact number of acres of tobacco planted in Columbus County. The indications are that there is approximately 23,500 acres of tobacco planted with an average prospective yield of 1100 pounds per acre. In producing and harvesting this crop of tobacco many farmers are completely worn out and have used every source of labor—his skill, ability, and his own strength, to house one of the largest crops of tobacco ever produced in Columbus County. The total 1945 farming income of Columbus County will be approximately \$18,000,000 as compared with \$3,500,000 fifteen years ago. In 1935, when farm labor was plentiful, the breakdown of the approximate income for Columbus County farmers is \$11,250,000 gross income from tobacco, representing 62 per cent of the Columbus County income; \$2,825,000 from forestry, representing 15 per cent of our tobacco income; \$2,100,000 from strawberries, sweet potatoes, and other vegetables, representing 12 per cent; \$1,025,000 from cotton and peanuts, representing 6 per cent; and \$800,000 from livestock and poultry, representing 5 per cent. Our total gross income of 1945 is reduced from last year approximately \$2,000,000, due to the shortage of labor. Primarily, however, the storm

of June 25 and two hail storms in Columbus County help reduce our total gross income. This year in producing 23,000,000, farmers have used every means available for cutting costs and our crop this year is due primarily to the farmers of Columbus County being conscientious of World War II and the needs of our Armed Forces and Allies. Farmers realize that our crop produced is instrumental in helping bring our boys home quicker and, with the aid of their ingenuity and with farm equipment they have been able to produce this record of cropping this fourth year of total war.

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