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EAST CAROLINA ON

BRINK OF PANIC

LOW PRICE OF TOBACCO AND SLUMP IN COTTON THE CAUSE

Complacency of Month Ago Has Given Way to a Gloom Hardly Less Deep Than the Tragedy Of 1924

Raleigh, Sept. 7.—Promised prosperity in eastern North Carolina this year has all but vanished with the opening sales on the big tobacco markets during the past week and the much feared slump in cotton has put the great agricultural empire in the brink of a financial panic. The reports of low prices for tobacco have been understated and the bumper crop of cotton has been overstated.

The agricultural complacency of a month ago has given way to a gloom that, while less shocking is hardly less deep than the tragedy of 1924. The tobacco slumped 50 per cent. At that it sold above the prices which are being paid this year. The crop put on the market last Tuesday morning is selling about 20 per cent below the price paid in 1924.

Officials in the state department of agriculture estimated that the prices the week is bringing now amount, in a total, to an average of one to three cents below the actual cost of production. With such a condition obtaining, the department is pointing out:

The crop, instead of being a poor crop, is one of the best in quality and quantity which eastern North Carolina ever produced.

Other observers here, less professional are finding:

That the cost of farm operation has steadily increased. Taxes have advanced by percentages that are not approached in any other commodity.

The big tobacco companies and the officials are paying the greatest income tax to the federal government. It is a safe assumption that they are paying equally high taxes on income to the state government.

It is reported by business men who have surveyed the situation on a number of the large tobacco markets that very few growers will be able to pay their old bills. Some of them will not be able to pay for this year's fertilizer. Those who make a profit on the year's work will be as scarce as hen teeth.

It is generally conceded, by newspapers which have been hostile to co-operative marketing, that the price this year would have been even lower than it is but for the activity of the association. Co-operative farmers are not satisfied but they are in much better shape than those who have sold on the auction floors. The dumping system has demonstrated its most vicious form this year and even newspapers like the Wilson Times have quoted the buyers as saying: "We're tired; please go away and let us rest."

Bankers and business men in the east who had looked for a bonanza year are grief stricken. The east has never recovered from 1921. Two years ago it staged as spirited comeback but last year was another failure. This year the low tobacco prices have all but paralyzed the farmers and the merchants. It is idle to warn against the invasion of stock salesmen now.

NEWS FROM ROUTE FIVE

Mr. Joe Satterfield of Pleasant Shade, Va., spent the week end visiting friends and relatives on route 5.

Miss Alma Moore spent last week with Miss Irene Rogers of Virgilina, Va., route 4.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Rogers of Timberlake, route 2, spent last Sunday with Mrs. Joe N. Lunsford.

Mr. Vernon Hall of Wilson, N. C., visited his mother last week.

Miss Vera Lunsford and Mr. P. W. Wicker motored to Durham Saturday afternoon.

Mr. David Garrett entertained a host of his friends Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Tapp of Durham spent the week end with Mrs. Jenny Tapp.

Mr. P. W. Wicker left Sunday afternoon for the American Legion convention at Fayetteville, N. C.—L

CEMETERY LOT OWNERS CONCERNED

For more than four years we have worked to get our Cemetery in a more respectable state. Of the 196 lots that are in use or have been bought only 68 are in grass. The development has necessarily been slow but now if lot owners will do their part we can bring about further change more quickly. If yours is one of the lots not in grass, please do one of the following:

1—See W. W. Woods, Town Manager, by September 15th 1925, and pay him \$3.00 to cover the expense of the material needed to do this work.

2—Send out to the Cemetery by September 15th one good two-horse or two one-horse loads of manure for your lot. We will prepare the soil and put in the grass seed.

Our progress in this particular improvement depends on you. Will you keep putting the matter off or will you attend to it at once while there is opportunity to get it done?

HATTIE E. BURCH

PALACE THEATRE

Monday and Tuesday Sept. 14—15th

The mightiest dramatic Spectacle of all the Ages, "THE PASSION PLAY" Creating through the medium of Motion Pictures an authentic record of the World's oldest Passion Play constitutes the most important step in entertainment annals—Nothing is added and naught expurgated from the inspired record set forth in the Bible, this mighty drama on which the foundation of modern civilization rest is given in its gripping awe inspiring entirety—See the Multitudes acclaim the Savior—See Judas when bribed to betray Christ—See The last Supper—See Christ before Pilate—The only picture giving the life of Jesus Christ from his birth to the Crucifixion.

Special Matinee Daily at 3:45 p. m. Admissions 15 cents up to 15 years of age. Evening Performances at 7:30-9:00 p. m. Admissions 25 and 50 cents.

BETHEL HILL H. S.

WILL OPEN SEPT. 14

Things are being made ready for school opening at 9 a. m., Monday, Sept. 14th. Books for the grade department already have been placed in the principal's office. High School registration will be as follows: Eighth and ninth grade pupils Friday, Sept. 11th from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.; Tenth and eleventh grade pupils Saturday a. m. Sept. 12th. Every high school pupil is expected to register on days specified.

The following faculty has been secured: Grades Department, Mrs. W. R. Hayes, Woodsdale, N. C., Miss Rosa Bailey, Tarboro, N. C., Miss Nellie Bird Woods, Roxboro, N. C., Miss Rosa Robertson, Woodsdale, N. C., Miss Carrie Wilkerson, Roxboro, N. C. High School: Miss Gladys Beam, Woodsdale, N. C., Mrs. J. A. Beam, Woodsdale, N. C., Mr. Maury Fontaine, Woodsdale, N. C., Mr. George W. Smith, Woodsdale, King D. Brown, Principal, Woodsdale, N. C.—G.

CHANGE SCHEDULE OF RURAL CARRIERS

Postmasters at Bahama, Rougemont, Moriah, Timberlake, Hurdles Mills, and Roxboro, yesterday received instructions from the post office department to delay the starting of rural carriers from their offices until after the arrival of the Durham and Lynchburg train No. 34.

The schedule on this train was changed last Sunday, calling for it to leave Durham at 9 o'clock instead of 7 o'clock, as had been the case in the past. Under the new arrangement which goes into effect today, rural carriers served by the train, will operate under a later schedule.

THE JOHNSON WAREHOUSE

On another page will be found the large and attractive advertisement of The Johnson Warehouse, Mr. S. M. Watkins, proprietor, Oxford, N. C. Mr. Watkins is no stranger to many of our people and his invitation will be accepted by many of the tobacco farmers of this County. The opening day is Tuesday, September 15th. Read the announcement.

BOY SCOUTS START ORGANIZATION

The boys of Roxboro have gotten together and have started to work for an organization. They have applied to headquarters for a charter which they hope to receive this week.

If your boy is interested encourage him in his work. Scouts, when they live up to what the organization stands for, become the best boys in town. The work of a scout teaches him to be able to handle himself in all situations, in danger, in play, in church, and in the home. It also teaches him to be helpful to all other in the home, school, church, and state.

Boys of the scouts are loyal, fine fellows. Let every one in town help us make our troop the best in North Carolina.

Bernard Crowell and Cary Adams are at present acting scout masters.

HELENA HIGH SCHOOL

The Helena High School will open Monday morning September 14, 1925, at 8:45.

Prof. R. C. Garrison, the new principal, comes to Helena with wide experience as a school man. He was science instructor in West Virginia colleges before coming to this State two years ago. For the past two years Mr. Garrison has been connected with Henderson High School as science and mathematics instructor, and principal last spring. Many of the old teachers will return to the grades, while Miss Merritt will return to the high school department again this year. The complete list of teachers is as follows:

1st grade—Mrs. Bailey Harris Dickerson; 2nd grade—Miss Rosa Pollard; 3rd grade—Miss Louise Stephens; 4th grade—Miss Ruby Benjamin; 5th grade—Miss Laura Fogelman; 6th grade—Miss Mabel Montague; 7th grade—Miss Norma Dickerson.

The high school teachers are Miss Annie Burch, Miss Eglantine Merritt, Mrs. Roy C. Garrison, and principal, Miss Mary Riley will have charge of the music department.

The Helena school authorities are looking forward to one of the best years in the history of the institution. All indications are that the enrollment will be larger than last year. The school trucks are reported to be in good condition for the opening Monday, September 14, 1925.—G.

AGED MAN DIES WHILE EATING

Jim Robinson Found Dead Friday Morning

By Fellow Workmen
Jim Robinson, a 71-year-old white man living alone in a small house near the sawmill belonging to Banks and Wilkins, near here, was found dead Friday morning about 7 o'clock by fellow workmen, who after finding Robinson not at work, went to his home. The man apparently died while eating supper Thursday evening, his body being found at a table on which food had been placed.

The sheriff and coroner were notified of the finding of the man's body, and an inquest was held during the morning. The coroner reported that the man came to his death of natural causes, as no evidence of any foul play was found. Mr. Robinson had been living alone near the sawmill for some time, and was apparently in good health Thursday afternoon.

The deceased is survived by one son, C. O. Robinson; four brothers, John, William, Bud and Dox Robinson and one sister, Miss Alice Robinson.

MR. CARVER VISITS SCENE OF STORM

Mr. John H. Carver visited the scene of the storm in Granville county last Sunday evening. He brought back with him some of the stocks of corn, cotton and tobacco, and we have never seen anything like it. There was not a vestige of growth on either of the stalks exhibited, the tobacco stalks looked as if someone had taken a knife and scraped the bark off of it, while the corn stalks were literally torn into shreds. He says he saw one field of seventy five thousand hills belonging to a Mr. Hicks with not a single leaf on it. The storm was in the Babney neighborhood, between Oxford and Henderson.

Society

A business meeting of the Friday Afternoon Book Club was held at the home of Mrs. E. P. Dunlap on last Wednesday to elect new officers and select books for another year. Mrs. M. R. Long was elected president, Mrs. T. E. Austin vice president and Mrs. E. R. Love librarian. The first meeting will be held October 2. Mrs. Dunlap served her guests punch and sandwiches.

Miss Onie Whitfield and Jasper Whitfield delightfully entertained a number of their friends on last Thursday evening at an old fashioned Brunswick stew honoring their house guest, Miss Bettie Whitfield. The spacious country home and lawn was beautifully decorated with baskets of late summer flowers, making a fit setting for the crowd of young people who crowded around the long tables. After the supper games were played until a late hour. About two hundred guests enjoyed the evening.

On last Thursday evening Mrs. C. S. Cozart delightfully entertained several girls from Jalong at her attractive home on North Main Street. The guests enjoyed music rendered by Miss Jeanette Cole. The guests were invited into the dining room where a delicious lunch was served, followed by ice cream and cake.

Miss Esther Burch entertained about fifty friends last Wednesday night from 8 to 11 o'clock in honor of her cousin, Miss Fannie Burch of Mt. Olive, N. C. The hostess was assisted by Miss Lottie Burch, and Mrs. W. G. Clayton in serving cream and cake to the guests.

ORCHESTRA DIRECT FROM DETROIT

We have another instance of the progressiveness of the management of the Palace Theatre. On Thursday, Sept. 10th, they have secured Graham Prince and his orchestra direct from Detroit, Mich., maker of Victor records, to appear before a Roxboro audience. They will be at the Palace Theater for one night only and you do not want to forget and make any other date for that night. You can not afford to miss it, that is if you love music. This orchestra is rated as one of the best in the United States. Besides being a musical organization they feature many Vaudeville Specialties.

The management feels proud in being able to offer the amusement seeking public an attraction of this class and we hope they will be favored with a full house.

CLEAN UP DAY AT OLIVE HILL H. S.

The patrons of Olive Hill school are requested to meet at the school Tuesday, September the fifteenth, at 2 p. m. The object of the meeting is to clean up the school building preparatory to the opening, Thursday, September the 17th. Come prepared to work and bring the necessary brooms, dust cloths, etc.—W.

ROXBORO WELCOMES THEM

Mr. J. W. Montague and family moved into their attractive home on South Main Street Monday. Mr. Montague, proprietor of the Big Four Grocery Co., has been doing business here for some time but he and his most estimable family have made their home at Bethel Hill. Roxboro extends the glad hand to them and rejoices to have them become full fledged Roxborites.

CALL COMMUNICATION

Call Communication Person Lodge No. 113 A. F. & A. M. Tuesday Sept. 15th, at 7:30 o'clock. Work in 2nd degree.

WM. W. MORRELL, Master. O. B. CROWELL, Sec.

LOST OR STOLEN—Two bird dogs, Setters, one with lemon spot and other with small spot of brown, male and female. Reward for return. W. F. Reade, Timberlake, N. C.

FOR RENT, THREE IDEAL Offices, in the heart of town. Steam heat, running water in each, electrically lighted, well ventilated, spacious halls. Over our new store in front of court house. Rates reasonable. Apply to—Wilburn and Satterfield

PERSONALS

Mrs. Stafford of Lynchburg is visiting Mrs. K. L. Street.

Miss Villia Reed of Danville, Ky., is visiting Mrs. J. H. Hughes.

Mrs. F. A. W. Mills and daughter of South Boston are visiting Mrs. W. A. Mills.

Mrs. Clyde Allen and daughter have returned home after spending some time at Barium Springs.

Miss Sallie Parham of Raleigh spent the week end with Mrs. W. C. Bullock.

Mrs. M. R. Long and children have returned home after spending the summer at Asheville.

Mrs. Ray Carter of Scottsburg spent several days here last week with Mrs. G. W. Pulliam.

Miss Catherine Moore left last week for the Eastern part of the state where she will teach this year.

Miss Mary McCausland has returned after spending some time in Philadelphia with relatives.

Miss Margaret Hardy of Norfolk is visiting in the home of her cousin Miss Mona Frederick.

Mrs. K. S. Hall and children of Ga. are visiting Mrs. Hall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Featherstone.

Misses Mildred and Francis Long left Tuesday for Greensboro College for Women, Greensboro, N. C.

Miss Isabel deVlaming left Friday for Mecksville where she will teach this session.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Masten, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Masten and son, Robert, spent the week end in Winston.

We enjoyed a pleasant call Monday from our good friend, Mr. W. S. Dixon of Mebane.

Mr. Kemp Walker, a sturdy Old Vet of Woodsdale, favored us with a pleasant call Monday.

Miss Elizabeth Harris has returned from a pleasant visit to Miss Ruth Bennett of South Boston, Va.

Miss Elizabeth Green of Alton, Va., was in town Wednesday as the guest of Mrs. J. Y. Blanks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Blanks and Master Joe, Jr., were guests of relatives in Brookneal, Va., Sunday.

Mrs. F. L. Page, Jr., who has been visiting relatives here has returned to her home in Zebulon, N. C.

Miss Bettie Whitfield has returned to her home in Hillsboro, N. C., after spending some time with Miss Onie Whitfield.

Mr. Claude Harris of Sanford, who is connected with the State Highway, is spending his vacation here with relatives.

Miss Henry Sergeant, William and James Thomas left Monday morning for Bell Buckle, Tenn., where they will attend the Webb School.

Mrs. J. C. Stafford and children of Petersburg, Va., have returned home after spending a week with relatives and friends.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ivey James, a daughter, Marion Sue, on Monday, Sept. 7. Both Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Owen Pass, who have been in Blackshear, Ga., for the past several weeks, have returned home.

Mrs. A. M. Burns and daughter, Miss Janie, left yesterday evening for Raleigh, where Miss Janie will enter Meredith College.

Miss Christine Bryant, who has been visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Cheek, returned to her home in Belmont last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Herring and sons left Friday for their home in Richland after spending some time here.

Mrs. P. T. Thaxton and daughter of Greensboro are visiting Mrs. Thaxton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Atkins and son of Durham spent the week end with Mrs. Atkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Younger.

Mr. and Mrs. Talmage Reams of Apex, N. C., spent last week end with Mrs. Reams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Satterfield.

Mrs. J. A. Snipes and little daughter, Elizabeth, who have been spending some time here as guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Blanks have returned to their home in Durham.

Mr. I. T. Stanfield, who is connected with the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association, left yesterday morning for Washington, N. C., where he is stationed this season.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Woodlief of Norfolk, Va., spent last week end with Mrs. Woodlief's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Satterfield. Mrs. Woodlief will remain here for some time.

Miss Corinna Harris left Tuesday for Louisburg College where she will graduate in the spring. Miss Harris is president of the senior class and also president of the Person County Club.

Miss Katye Harris left this week for Stoneville, N. C., where she will teach this year. Miss Harris goes to Stoneville to teach with a former superintendent, Owen Odum, with whom she taught in Zebulon, where she was a member of the Wakon school faculty for three years.

NOTICE

This notice is to inform the general public and the school committees of the following resolutions passed by the County Board of Education at its last meeting:

1. "Unless there is some agreement between committees of local tax districts, pupils shall attend school in the district which they reside."

2. The date for opening the County Schools shall be left to the discretion of the local committees if that date is not later than October 5.

B. I. SATTERFIELD

ANOTHER REVIVAL

A revival at Woodsdale Methodist church is being conducted this week by Rev. J. W. Bradley. Preaching at 7:30 each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend. The meeting will continue through Sunday.

Preaching at Lea's Chapel at 11 a. m. Sunday and also at Warren's Grove at 4 p. m. Rev. Chas. Long will help out with these services.

ROXBORO BAKERY MOVED UP TOWN

The Roxboro Bakery has moved into more convenient and larger quarters, now occupying the room one door west of Hotel Jones. This concern started here in a small way but we are glad to know that their superior service and close attention to business has been rewarded and they are now in position to serve the public in the very best manner.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

All ladies who have not paid their dues to the Woman's Club for the coming year, please do so this week and get your name in the year book. If the committee fails to see you just send dues to one of the following: Mrs. J. Y. Blanks, Mrs. Moffit Spencer, Mrs. T. B. Woody, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. deVlaming, Miss Elizabeth Noell or Mrs. Henry Long.

MRS. E. P. DUNLAP, Chairman Membership Com.

NOTICE

The Allensville High School will open for the 1925-26 term Wednesday, September 16. Parents are urged to get their children in school the opening day.

Allensville High School Com.

NOTICE

To the members of Oak Grove Camp, No. 755, W. O. W.: You are requested to be present at the regular meeting Thursday night, Sept. 10th, at 7:30.

B. W. PEEK, Com.

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