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Price Of Tobacco To Be Stabilized

Buying Corporations Reach Agreement With Tobacco Association of United States; Means Orderly Marketing

DANVILLE, Aug. 10.—The Tobacco Association of the United States has reached an agreement it was learned this evening, with the large tobacco buying corporations in this country whereby tobacco prices during the coming selling season will be stabilized, thus eliminating those fluctuations which have for years been the source of complaint from the tobacco planters.

Under the terms of the agreement the big companies are willing to maintain the prices for the grades they handle from the beginning to the end of the selling season, this having the effect of assuring the grower of a reasonable return and obviating "glut" periods seen when tobacco on reaching a peak price brings the growers to the market centers by the hundred, overtaking the marketing facilities. This invariably results in a sudden slump because of the inability to rehandle the leaf before it has suffered some deterioration.

John L. Tucker, president of the Danville Warehouse Corporation, this evening admitted that the agreement has been reached and issued a statement urging farmers to realize that it will be to their interest not to rush their leaf to market. The principle if carried out successfully will mean, it is said, the establishment of "orderly marketing" and very probably an extension of the selling period instead of crowding it into a few months.

The price stabilization plan is expected to do away with the reclamation of tobacco. Farmers often add to the costs of marketing by refusing to accept the price bid on the auction floor and taking the tobacco to another

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STANDARD OIL COMPANY

ERECTS NEW STATION

FOUR OAKS, Aug. 12.—Near the highway and just opposite from the Corner Drug store, the Standard Oil company of New Jersey recently built one of the most modern filling stations found anywhere. It is a credit to any city from the standpoint of appearance and complete service.

A paved section from the highway back to the station, extending on either side but further to the right, adds greatly to the approach and appearance of the place. At the back and extending from either side is an attractive lattice fence in front of which grass, flowers, and shrubbery will be planted.

This complete service consists of air, water, gas, oils, a draining pit, various standard parts and products, and modern rest rooms.

The station was erected by the Standard Oil company at a cost of approximately seven thousand dollars. From the day the first excavation was made it took three weeks to build the station. The contractor was L. Lamymore of Norfolk, Va. Lester Williams of this place has charge of this new business which opened Saturday.

This addition to our town has greatly improved the business district, especially this unsightly lot, which was a drifting place for various kinds of rubbish. It is an addition for which we should be proud for attractiveness if for no other reason.

Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield or Johnston County, and to the one deciphering their name and presenting a copy of this paper to the Herald office, we will present a free ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Ada Pope Faircloth deciphered her name last issue. TODAY'S TANTALIZER roeadrsdfo

Sanders Family Has 3rd Reunion

More Than a Hundred Gather at Ancestral Home Near Smithfield; Well Planned Program Carried Out

Although Thursday, August 8, began with a steady rain, 120 of the Sanders clan met at the old John Sanders home in the Elizabeth section, now the residence of Mr. C. L. Sanders, for the third annual reunion.

After the guests arrived, registration took place in the reception hall where each guest was tagged. They then sought the living room where they greeted those in the receiving line, which was composed of the oldest living members of the Sanders family. Mrs. A. M. Sanders, of Smithfield, as the oldest member of the family, headed the line. Others were: Mrs. E. B. McCullers, of Clayton, a member of the Betsy Leach branch; Mrs. Lizzie Cook Jones Blanchard, of the Nancy Price branch; Mrs. J. W. Wellons, of Smithfield, of the J. F. Sanders branch; Mrs. Anne K. Faison, of Faison, and Mrs. W. S. Stevens and John K. Sanders, of Smithfield, of the Claudius B. Sanders branch; Mrs. W. R. Long, of Smithfield, of the Baldy Sanders branch; Robert A. Sanders, of the W. H. Sanders branch; Mrs. Rufus Sanders, of Wilson, and Mrs. Emma Ellington, of Clayton, a devoted friend of the Sanders family.

A short program conducted by L. G. Stevens of Smithfield entertained those present during the morning. C. L. Sanders extended a hearty welcome to the entire assemblage, and following this Rev. N. C. Yearby, pastor of Elizabeth Methodist church, read Psalm 31, after which prayer was offered by Rev. J. D. Bundy, pastor of the Smithfield Methodist church. The singing of "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," with Mrs. Athal Price at the piano, concluded the devotional exercise.

Wade Hampton Sanders of Gastonia, was then introduced and he entertained the audience with reminiscences of the Sanders family. He closed with the reading of the John Sanders will, written ninety-nine years ago and which he had found in the county courthouse. Mrs. Warren McCullers, of Clayton, sang "Swanee River" and by that time the dinner hour had arrived.

On account of the inclement weather it was necessary to serve the bountiful repast on the porch. Every good thing to eat imaginable was on the table and those present did full justice to the delectable viands.

In the afternoon stunts were enjoyed. One group gave Aunt Nancy Price's mother's recipe for gingersnaps, after which gingersnaps made from the recipe were passed. Another group of the family gave an original yell. A poem, "To Our Forefathers," composed by Miss Emma Wellons, was read. A toast, written by Miss Virginia Williamson, was proposed to the Sanders family.

Before the family separated, W. Ransom Sanders, of Raleigh, was elected chairman of the reunion committee for another year. L. G. Stevens was chosen as vice-chairman. The second Sunday in August was designated as the time for the next gathering which will be held at Elizabeth church. This church was named for the late John Sanders' wife, and it is fitting that the reunion be held at this place.

Swapping Masks.

"Yep I had a beard like yours, and when I realized how it made me look, I cut it off."
"Well, I had a face like yours once, and when I realized that I couldn't cut it off, I grew this beard."—Fruivol.

When a Woman Speaks.

Mr. Scott: "Our boy is certainly growing fast."
Mrs. Scott: "Yes he will soon be big enough to collect all the money you've taken out of his bank."



School Matter In Hands Of Clerk

H. V. Rose Will Render Decision In Ten Day's Time Concerning Differences Over School Budget

Differences between the Johnston county board of commissioners and the board of education as to the school budget were heard N. C. Yearby, pastor of Elizabeth Methodist church, read Psalm 31, after which prayer was offered by Rev. J. D. Bundy, pastor of the Smithfield Methodist church. The singing of "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," with Mrs. Athal Price at the piano, concluded the devotional exercise.

The board of education contends that the total budget for 1929-30 should not exceed that of last year, in spite of an increase of \$24,292.06 in the debt service fund. H. B. Marrow, in presenting the case for the board of education, pointed out that the operating cost of the schools had been cut down \$16,586.19, and that a further reduction would lower the efficiency of the schools.

The board of commissioners apparently is not particular where its proposed cuts fall just so an amount equal to the increase in the debt service be taken out of the budget. Cutting out high priced teachers in favor of inexperienced ones who demand less salary than experienced teachers was again advocated. The chairman of the board of commissioners, J. T. Edgerton, stated that this suggestion had been made to the superintendent of schools but that the school folks had been stubborn about it. Mr. Edgerton, in his remarks, stressed the hard times, the poor cotton crop, the tightness of money when it comes to borrowing.

After some little discussion, Clerk H. V. Rose stated that he would take the matter under careful consideration, and in ten days' time would render a decision. If his decision is not satisfactory an appeal can be taken to the Superior court.

CAMP MEETING AT FALCON AUGUST 15 TO 25

The thirtieth session of the Falcon camp meeting will be held from August 15 to 25 to which the public is cordially invited. Rev. E. D. Reeves, of Toronto, Canada, and Rev. Chas. A. Shreve, of Washington, D. C., will be the leading preachers this year. Special music will be a feature of the services. The meeting is interdenominational and all Christians will be given a cordial welcome. The camp is three miles from Godwin, and those going by rail or bus will stop at Godwin and go to Falcon by automobile.

1200 Finish High School In State

Johnston County Ranks High In Number of White High School Graduates With A Total of 231

RALEIGH, Aug. 12.—More than 12,000 white boys and girls graduated from the public high schools of the state at the end of the year just closed, it is revealed from tabulations completed and released today by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. A total 12,145 finished this year and 11,278 the previous session, or an increase of 867 graduates during a year's time.

Of the total number of pupils who graduated this past year, 7,795 were from rural schools and 4,350 from special charter or city schools. The year 1927-28 there were 7,073 rural and 4,245 city graduates of white high schools. In other words, the number of rural graduates increased during one year's time 10.2 per cent, or exactly three times the percentage that city graduates increased.

Comparing this year's figures with those five years ago, 1923-24, there is found a 75 per cent increase in the total number of white public high school graduates. In 1923-24 the total number of graduates of the white high schools was nearly 1,000 less than the graduates of only rural schools.

The largest number of graduates from the rural schools in one county was in Buncombe, where 273 boys and girls were given diplomas or certificates of graduation from high school. Johnston county had a total of 231 white high school graduates, and Mecklenburg had 216.

There were only five graduates of rural high schools in Scotland county, 15 in Chowan and 16 in Camden. There was not a county that did not have at least one standard rural high school serving out its graduates.

Unusual Snake Story.

Mr. C. B. Thomas, who lives near Holt Lake, killed a highland moccasin near his home last Tuesday. The snake was shot in two and twenty little snakes each eight or ten inches long were found.

Tobacco Barn Burned.

Mr. J. L. Lee of Meadow township had the misfortune to lose a tobacco barn Thursday night by fire. The tobacco had about finished curing. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

To Clean Up Pisgah Cemetery.

Those interested in the Pisgah cemetery are asked to meet Wednesday morning with tools to clean up the graveyard.

Jasper Beasley Badly Beat Up

Two Beasley Brothers Alleged To Have Been Attacked by Will Wiggs and a Negro —Wiggs In Jail

Jasper Beasley, a white man of Pleasant Grove township, and his brother, Baldy Beasley, were severely assaulted about midnight last Saturday by Will Wiggs and a negro by the name of Jack Boylan, according to a statement made here Sunday by Jasper Beasley.

Jasper Beasley was brought to the hospital here about four o'clock Sunday morning in a badly maimed condition, one of his eyes apparently being knocked out, his left arm broken and a severe blow across the head which may indicate a fractured skull. He was treated in the hospital and by noon was resting easy enough to make a statement.

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Criminal Term Superior Court

The August term of the Superior court opened here on the 12th. Hon. C. C. Lyon, of Elizabethtown, is presiding. The term is for the trial of criminal actions only and will continue for the week. Judge Lyon's charge to members of the grand jury was very brief but it went straight to the vitals of their duty. He charged them that they were forced to make an earnest effort to see the criminal law enforced and declared that unenforced law was equal to no law at all. He outlined the four major crimes against our law, the violation of which carries the death penalty—murder, rape, arson, and burglary—and then emphasized the necessity that all crimes of less magnitude should be presented without fear or favor. Solicitor Clawson Williams, of Sanford, was present, prosecuting the docket.

The calendar was called over and several defendants were absent when called. Instantly capias were issued for such as failed to answer, and then followed the trial of the docket.

R. D. Hedgepeth, a white man of Nash county, was present and submitted to violation of the bad check law and was given six months on the county roads.

Ransom Holt, a white man, age 30, of Princeton, went to the jury on a charge with assault with deadly weapon. At the close of the evidence he entered a plea as charged and was sentenced to the roads of Johnston county for 12 months.

The case, State vs. Jesse Bailey, resulted in a verdict of the jury of not guilty. The defendant was charged with violation of the prohibition law. Counsel for the defense of Oliver Rand, of Wilson.

Hamilton Reunion.

Sunday, descendants of the late B. B. Hamilton assembled at the old home place near Smithfield for a family reunion. Living at the old home place which has in recent months been remodeled are Mr. J. D. Hamilton and his sister, Miss Nancy Jane Hamilton. Other brothers and sisters present Sunday were: F. C. D. B. and B. M. Hamilton, of Smithfield; R. L. Hamilton, of Oxford; and Mrs. G. H. Morgan, of Selma. There were about 150 at the reunion Sunday including friends and relatives.

During the day string music was enjoyed. At the noon hour a sumptuous dinner was spread on an improvised table arranged in the yard.

Among those present from out of Johnston county were: Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Wood and family, of Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Waldhall, of Alberta, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith and children, of Raleigh; W. E. Oaks, of Raleigh; Mrs. L. M. Hamilton and daughter, of Currituck county.

NATIONAL GUARDS TO FORT BRAGG

The Smithfield National Guards left Sunday for Fort Bragg for a fifteen-day encampment. They made the trip in trucks, there being a total of forty-six men who went to camp. The unit was in the command of Capt. H. L. Johnson with Luby F. Royall as first lieutenant and L. K. Jordan as second lieutenant.

Census Machinery About Complete

Population, Unemployment, Farm and Trade Statistics To Be Enumerated; 100,000 To Get Jobs

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Machinery for the census tabulation next spring which is to be the greatest ever undertaken in the history of the nation was said today by census bureau officials to be practically complete.

An army of 100,000 persons will be mobilized to enumerate statistics of four phases of American life—population, unemployment, farms and trade distribution. They will be under the direction of 573 supervisors and will start on April 1, 1930, their census taking, which is the 15th decennial enumeration of the nation. No appointments of supervisors or enumerators have yet been announced by the bureau.

The census will be more difficult to compile than previous ones, because trade distribution and unemployment will be embodied with the usual population compilation. In the past, also, farms have been enumerated in separate censuses. Another phase of the census will be the allocation of the population as it affects the distribution of seats in the house of representatives among the states.

A census on manufacturers also is to be made, but this will be started next November and will not be taken by enumerators, the manufacturers themselves furnishing the bureau information about the value and quantity of their products, amount of materials used and number of employees.

The enumerators must have the ability to be clever questioners, according to Dr. Joseph A. Hill, assistant to the bureau's director. To gain information about the population, they will be commissioned to ask each individual, man, woman or child a total of 30 questions and a dozen more queries of each unemployed person.

For the farm enumeration they will have to ask 350 questions of each farm owner, seeking information about the value and production of the farms, the number of livestock and the varieties of crops. The distribution census will embrace wholesale and retail sales of farm commodities with the objective of obtaining the statistics on the value and quantity of the sales.

The nation's population is expected by the bureau to be about 133,000,000 in 1930. In order to obtain a speedy tabulation the 100,000 enumerators are distributed throughout the nation's 3,074 counties, while the country is divided into 573 districts each to be headed by a supervisor. The division of the country into enumerators, and supervisors' districts has been two-thirds completed by the bureau. In cities an enumerator is allotted the area is the criterion for their assignment. It is expected the census taking will require two weeks in the cities and a month in the rural districts.—Associated Press.

NEGRO EVANGELIST PREACHES HERE

Last night a 17-year-old negro evangelist, Charles Hodges, of Baltimore, Md., began a two weeks' revival at the Negro Baptist church here. This boy evangelist has preached here before, having held a service in the courthouse. Charlie Hodge, the veteran hack driver, states that special reservation will be made for white people who may care to hear the young evangelist preach.

Thurston Breedlove Kills His Father With Shotgun

Advices Farm Boys



Michael H. Cahill, retiring president of the New York State Bankers Association, was born on a farm in New York State 42 years ago. One of the most prominent of American bankers, he is noted also for his interest in matters pertaining to farm life and the problem of the boy on the farm.

Killing Ends Quarrel Over Small Child of Younger Man; Slayer Is Now In Jail

One of the most horrible homicides to occur in recent years in this section took place Friday morning when Thurston Breedlove, aged 30, shot and killed his 62-year-old father, E. L. Breedlove, a prosperous farmer who lived four miles from Smithfield in the Pisgah community. The two men were well known figures on the streets of Smithfield and the people here were shocked Friday morning when they heard of the tragic occurrence. Numbers of citizens rode out to the scene of the murder during the morning.

The killing resulted from trouble between father and son over the custody of the younger man's child, although there is said to have been bad blood between the two before this time. It seems that Friday morning the elder Breedlove started to the home of his son, Gilbert Breedlove, about a mile distant, to bring to his own home Thurston Breedlove's child. Thurston Breedlove's wife is dead and he with his two children had been living with his father. When the elder man started for his grandchild Thurston Breedlove commanded him to leave the child where he was. The elder man went away in his automobile which was driven by a negro, Fred Layton. In a short time he was on his way back home with the little two and a half year old child sitting in his lap. When about half way they met Thurston Breedlove who ordered the negro to stop the car. Young Breedlove had a shotgun in his hands which he threw on his father and fired a shot which proved instantly fatal. He was shot through the neck, the jugular vein having been severed. Young Breedlove then snatched his child from the dead man's arms, proceeded to the house where he got into his Ford roadster and after leaving his child at the home of Rev. S. S. McGregor without explanation hurried away in an effort to make his escape.

N. C. Home Coming Week October 12-29

Central Committee Suggests County Home Coming — Names Local Committee With H. B. Marrow As Chairman

The central committee on Home Coming Week which will coincide with the dates for the North Carolina state fair, October 12-19, met in the governor's office recently and decided that it would be fitting for each county in North Carolina to have a home coming on Saturday and Sunday of October 12 and 13.

This central committee named a county committee as follows: H. B. Marrow, chairman, W. G. Wilson, of Wilson's Mills; J. T. Edgerton, of Kenly; H. V. Rose, Miss Luma McLamb, A. J. Fitzgerald, Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, J. Ira Lee, of Smithfield; C. C. Canaday, James Raynor and J. B. Benton, of Benson; W. S. Penn, of Clayton, and H. F. Hutchesin, of Selma.

It is suggested that the county committee meet at once, expand the committee, and begin work without delay.

It is also suggested that the home coming program for the counties consist of a public meeting at the county seat, public speaking by some distinguished son of the county now living in another state or county, dinner, picnic or barbecue, and a sight-seeing trip on Saturday, October 12. On Sunday, October 13, the churches might like to have native sons, now preaching elsewhere, return for sermons in the old home county.

North Carolina has made unequalled progress during the past twenty-five years and has now reached such a position amongst the states of the union that our 1929 Legislature decided by resolution (Resolution 17, Public Laws of North Carolina, Session 1929) to invite all former citizens of this state who now live in other states to come back for a visit. Therefore, the Legislature of 1929 set aside the week of October 13-19 as Home Coming Week and State Fair Week.

A description of the fleeing man had been telephoned to nearby towns, and since it was believed that he was headed for Petersburg, Va., officers on that route were keeping a lookout for the hunted man. Sergeant J. R. Garr saw him pass the police station in Wilson and summoned Detective T. L. Lucas gave chase. Breedlove was overtaken at London's church. When Detective Lucas approached Breedlove's car, the murderer asked, "Are you an officer?" And Mr. Lucas replied that he was. Breedlove then said, (Turn to page four)

Aunt Roxie Opines

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"Hit look lack what de farm bode lack ruinin' de farmer, is border backer market gwine frish. Nothern' hi' bout dat but Jo cost uv haulin'!"

A Picnic Supper.

Princeton, Route 1, Aug. 12.—Mr. W. P. Wiggs gave his tobacco barn hands a very enjoyable picnic supper last Wednesday evening. The crowd arrived at twilight and the feast immediately began. The table was large and filled with many good things to eat, consisting of chicken, wieners, fish, bread, iced tea, sandwiches, cake and most delectable banana pudding.

After everybody had partaken of the feast, games and music were enjoyed in the house by the young folk while the fathers and mothers played out of doors. About eleven o'clock everybody departed for home declaring they had spent a most enjoyable evening.

