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August Tobacco Sales

The Agricultural Department reports that the tobacco sales in the State during August amounted to 22,657,900 pounds, being an increase of 7,876,319 pounds over that of last year for the same period. Of this amount, Martin County markets sold 865,682 pounds. Robersonville selling a total of 398,070, and Williamston, 467,612. The Washington market was behind the Williamston market, though the claim has been made that the latter was one of the smaller markets compared to the former.

Where Are The Overseers?

People who are unfortunate enough to have to travel the road to Jamesville at this season of the year, or rather during the present unpleasant weather, have cause to complain of the neglect of the road overseers, who seem to have forgotten that they have any duty to perform. There is a road law existing in the State of North Carolina, and the Justices of Peace should see that it is not entirely ignored. Of course, very few roads are good now, but the roadway to Jamesville is the worst ever. Good roads are the signpost of progress, and surely Martin County can have better roads in every section. The Board of County Commissioners should look into the matter, and give the public better highways upon which to travel.

Southern Luxuries

If the heavenly aroma of ripening scuppernongs doesn't greet your nostrils as dew falls on September evenings, resolve that your family shall have this privilege in future years; for it is certainly a privilege just to smell their matchless fragrance, to say nothing of actually tasting the liquid nectar, and then tasting on until the palate is satisfied.

A Southern farm house without a cluster of crape myrtles to glorify and a pecan to dignify the front yard, a scuppernong vine fruiting in the back yard, a watermelon patch to gladden the summer and a sweet potato patch to furnish juicy sweetness for every meal in winter—well, such a home simply isn't Southern. It's in the South but not of it; denying to itself the real glories and privileges of our Southern climate. All of these things—crape myrtles, pecans, watermelons, scuppernongs, and sweet potatoes belong to the South and will not come to perfection outside of Dixie, and certainly none of us in the Sunny South ought to neglect the special opportunity that Providence offers us in allowing us to grow them here.

Let's make these things the badge of the Southern farm home: in the front yard stately and pecans together with crape myrtles with their long-lived beauty; scuppernongs alongside the house then in the fields watermelons to gladden the summer and sweet potatoes to increase the joys of winter. The pecans, crape myrtles, and scuppernongs may be set out in this fall. Let's decide now where to put them.—Ex.

A Valuable Book

The Peoples Bank is giving away a book of valuable information that any farmer will profit by reading as it contains over 100 practical suggestions that will save both Time and Money. The next time you are in town go by and get one as they are Free for asking.

Real Life On The Farm

Many farmers lose all of life except the drudgery. Now is the time to begin life for another year. As we see it, September really means as much, if not more than any month in the year.

1st. It shows us the full results of our operations for the year.

2nd. It is the month during which we can do more towards enriching the farm than any other month.

3rd. It brings with it time (leisure day) for the work.

This time taken in getting in rye, oats, wheat, clover, pastures, etc., will make us happy, home-loving, RICH.

"Feed and care for the land, and it will feed and care for you."

Rye and oats sown now will make most luxuriant growth, furnish grazing for the work stock, cows, hogs, sheep and keep them in perfect condition through the winter, and fill the barn lots with an abundance of manure, which is so much needed on our soils and leave an abundance of vegetable matter for the soil, making of it, a sponge-like soil, which will store moisture in sufficient quantities to take care of next year's crop, and at the same time will hold only so much water and release the surplus water.

This is the month also which furnishes the greatest opportunity for sowing clover and permanent pastures. The clover will give us an abundance of grazing, furnish seed for next planting and add humus and fertility to the soil, practically equalling the application of a ton of cotton seed meal per acre.

Listen, September days well spent will mean fat, sleek stock, and fat acres of corn next year. Again, it means milk and butter for the family in plenty and to spare; what more could we charge for a few days and a few dollars?

The permanent pastures mean free feed to all idle stock, cows, sheep and hogs. The burden of fodder pulling lifted, plenty of succulent feed every day in the year, and with care will last for years and years. Let us tell you how. These are some of the things which make for a happy family, a good community, good schools, good roads, better churches, better people.

J. L. Holliday, County Agent.

Thirty-Six Baptized

At the close of a one-week meeting held at Christian Chapel Church by Rev. Fred B. Powell, of Ayden, the pastor, Rev. S. W. Summerell, baptized 19 young men and 17 young women at the old Everett mill race, Sunday afternoon. A crowd of not less than 1,500, perhaps, 2,000 people had assembled, and quietly witnessed the scene. Rev. Mr. Powell preached the plain Gospel in an impressive way and was much liked by the community.

Notice To Soldiers

All young men called to the war, should before leaving, call on N. S. Peel, Chairman of the County Board of Elections, and register, so that they will be entitled to vote in their home precinct wherever they may be at the time of the elections. This is very important and every soldier should attend to the registration of his name before leaving home.

POLICEMAN MURDERED AT JAMESVILLE

Elias Gray, Dealer in Monkey Rum, Killed Officer Parrisher On Saturday Evening. Negro Makes Escape and Still at Large

Saturday night about 6:30 at the Norfolk and Southern Steam Boat Warehouse on the river bank in Jamesville Charles Parrisher was brutally shot down by Elias Gray.

He was shot just behind the left ear with a 38 caliber pistol the ball ranging forward and upward.

Dr. Smithwick rendered such aid as was possible but he died about four hours afterward.

Mr. Parrisher was Chief Police of Jamesville and had been about one or two months. Proving himself a very efficient officer. He was at his post of duty and had just taken a quart of rum from Gray which he had in his hand when found.

No one saw the occurrence seemed willing to talk and the murderer was not known until 3 o'clock Sunday morning Sylvester Moore and Hardy Gardner two young white men gave his name. These two had just bought some rum from Gray and walked a few steps up the river bank, and while Gray drew from a two gallon jug which he had hid under the old warehouse the quart of liquor which was taken from him, he was apprehended and was taken and arrested by Parrisher who had evidently covered him with his pistol and failing to take the proper precaution turned his head when he was shot.

The choice of the young men to try to smuggle and protect the negro put the officers many hours behind the murderer which enabled him to escape. Though he was diligently hunted by Sheriff Page and a posse of many good citizens of Jamesville neighborhood assisted by Sheriff Reed and a number of citizens of Plymouth and Roper, aided by blood hounds. Parrisher was about 50 years old originally from Columbia, N. C. but for some years had lived in Roper, where his wife and two children reside. He was taken from Jamesville to his home in Roper Sunday where was buried.

The sadness of this scene deepens when we think of the cause which is only the outgrowth of a long series of lawlessness. Gray had for many years been engaged in illicit distilling and selling illicit liquors encouraged and helped by white people. This long line of law breaking acquiesced in by white people, and patronized by white people, conceived in this negro's heart the blackest murder, and a good white man is dead, who knows but that God hold every man who has ever patronized this negro in his lawlessness to some extent responsible for this murder.

It will be remembered that Policeman White was murdered under exactly the same circumstances—a negro who had long been a law breaker. The terrible tragedy in which two Tarboro policemen were killed several months ago was only the outgrowth of a series of lawlessness.

But how may we expect to better conditions when men are convicted in courts and judges permit them to pay cost and perhaps a small fine. And furnish bond for good behavior, which generally means only small license for what they have done,

Excerpt From The Devil's Dictionary

(By Thomas Addison of The Vigilant)

Pro-German—a wart developed by the war; dangerous unless speedily removed.

Slacker—one who is willing to "let George do it;" a plain coward.

Exemptionist—who suddenly discovers that he has dependents whom he never gave a thought to before; a hard boiled egg turned soft.

Pacifist—a peace bargain-hunter; one who would explain away an insult to his mother.

Profiteer—a thief in broadcloth.

C. O.—abbreviation of Conscientious Objector; one who quotes the Bible to support his position, and neglects to quote it where it puts him in wrong.

Peace Talk—pink pabulum for "patriots."

Sedition—one of the fine arts practiced by the pro-German press of America.

Bluff—a German name for American valor; also a steep headland, such as precipitated certain swine into the sea and destroyed them.

Freedom of the Press—a license to vilify America and get away with it; to abuse a generous confidence.

Status Quo Ante—A German quack medicine to relieve the patient of artillery solerosis; made only in Berlin.

Boche—a butcher; disqualified by law for (international) jury duty.

Kaiserism—a disease requiring certain powerful powders and pellets to eliminate.

Autocracy—the right to do as you d— please, and ask a blessing on it. See Me und Gott.

DSJordan—a doctor of something; one who pours peace drugs of which he knows little into body politic of which he knows less. (Apologies to M. Voltaire.)

Submarine—An American invention perfected in Germany and perverted into a tool for the murder of women and children.

Hell—a "made in Germany" trademark.

The Roanoke Baptist Association

The Roanoke Association of the Missionary Baptist Church will hold their annual meeting with the Williamston Church, October, 9-10-11. Sessions will begin, Tuesday, October 9 that 7:30 p. m., and continue until Thursday at 4:30. About one and delegates will be in attendance. The local church is making arrangements to entertain them in true Williamston fashion. If any of our citizens, not members of the Baptist Church, desire to entertain one or more delegates or visitors, Mr. B. S. Courtney, Chairman of the local committee, would be glad to get their names as soon as possible. Also he would be glad to know of any preference as to assignment of guests.

W. R. Burrell, Pastor.

and a warning to not be quite so bold in the future.

And often when a man is convicted the Governor arbitrarily, in his humble compassion and tender mercy pardons him and turns him loose on a suffering public to again harass and trouble decent society.

Work on the excavation for the Peoples Bank building is progressing rapidly.

Martin County Boys Appreciative

Every citizen in Martin County will read with suppressed feeling the resolutions signed by the seven men who were the first to answer the country's call in the selective draft. The appreciative words shows that these soldier boys have within their breasts that finer sentiment always in the Southern man. They appreciate the thoughtfulness of the people back at home and gave expression to the feeling amid the duties new and strange to each. In the heart of every true citizen of the County, these seven men are treasured, for they are to fight for the freedom of the world for which America ever stood.

RESOLUTIONS

316 Reg., F. A. Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.

We, the boys from Martin County, North Carolina, selected to answer the first call of 570 men under the National Military draft, having in mind the true Americans at home do with one accord, resolve:

1st. We realize the responsibility of the selective boards and we believe that our county board is faithfully performing its duty, and we wish to express our appreciation of the kindness shown us by the members.

2nd. We wish to sincerely thank the women of the Williamston Red Cross Auxiliary for the useful comfort bags.

3rd. That our thanks are extended to Mr. W. C. Manning for helpful advice, and the gift of Bibles, which are highly prized.

4th. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Enterprise, Williamston, N. C., and to the Weekly Herald, Robersonville, N. C., for publication.

(Signed)

James A. Leggett
Jodie D. Woolard,
Dennis C. Taylor,
William G. Gray,
Russell R. Carson,
Robert E. Harrell,
Bernard G. Hyman.

Good Sum Realized

The Red Cross Auxiliary through Mesdames Rhodes and Godwin, solicited contributions from the buyers on the market here, and those asked cheerfully gave each day the past week. Monday the piles contributed were placed in the different warehouses and the sum of \$205.20 was realized from the sale of same. Mr. W. H. Edwards, one of the most successful growers of the weed in the county, gave the ladies 14 pounds of tobacco, which sold for 60 cents on the Farmers Warehouse. Other farmers among whom are Mr. W. A. Perry and H. M. Burras have promised to contribute some bundles. The members of Red Cross feel deeply thankful to those who contributed, for the sum realized will make comfortable quite a number of soldiers who though wounds or sickness are placed in hospitals.

As the buyers have done their bit, the farmers will be asked to contribute each Friday of the week—even one bundle from half the farmers that come to the market would mean great comfort for the soldier boys, who are fighting for the safety of the country. There is no doubt that many farmers will be glad to give in this way to help the cause of humanity. The war will not be won by the soldiers alone, but by the people back home who do their bit in any way they can.

Negro Mess Attendants Wanted For The Navy

Word has been received at this office from Washington, D. C. that a limited number of negroes may be enlisted in the Navy as Mess Attendants. Only desirable applicants who have had previous experience in hotels, clubs, restaurants, or private families will be accepted in this rating, and then only upon presenting recommendations from previous employers.

The pay of the Mess Attendants 3rd class is \$37.00 per month, which is in addition to his board and lodging and clothing. The duties of a Mess Attendant consist of waiting on officers' messes and taking care of officers' rooms and clothing. Well qualified and deserving Mess Attendants may be very shortly be advanced in rating to second or first class, with the corresponding increase of pay.

I am enclosing several application blanks and circulars giving physical requirements. It will be necessary for applicants to report to the nearest Recruiting Office for examination and demonstration of his fitness.

Yours very truly,
JOHN J. LONDON
Lieut. Commander, U. S. Navy,
Recruiting Officer

The Cold Snap

Not in the history of weather observations has there been such a cold snap in the South as that of the present week. In this section, the rise in the temperature was preceded by one of the greatest rainfalls ever seen here. This rain fell early Monday morning, and in the afternoon the mercury commenced to drop, and Tuesday morning, early risers saw a little frost. Fires, winter clothing and shivers were the usual things, and the woodpiles were visited often. The tobacco farmers, who had been laboring under the hot, wet spell came Tuesday with load after load of leaf until the warehouses were filled. Like the weather man, the oldest citizen has never seen such weather at this time of the year. It is the usual thing to blame the Germans for all the unpleasant conditions, but they would never be accused of sending cold weather—as their co-worker does not live in the Arctic regions, and so does not deal in the cold but heat is his "long suit."

The cool weather will have a tendency to injure the immature bolls of cotton, and it was earnestly hoped that the fall would be late in opening.

Notice To Grape Growers

Under the new law, governing the manufacture of wines, etc., citizens can make 200 gallons of wine, but are not allowed to give even one quart away. There is a small tax on each gallon. Full instructions can be obtained by writing to J. W. Bailey, Internal Revenue Collector, Raleigh, N. C. There are large quantities of scuppernong grapes in Martin County, and many of the citizens will desire to manufacture wine for their family use.

The re-dying plant is operating night and day, and still the work is heavy, for tobacco comes in large quantities every day. The farmers know where the high prices are roosting—right here at the Farmers, the Dixie and the Brick Warehouses.