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## Potatoes Sell Much Higher On The Organized Markets

In the United States Market News Service of July 11th, the report shows shipments of potatoes for the season to date, old crop 237,739 car loads, new crop, 34830 car loads against last season same date 200,000 cars old crop and 28,168 cars new crop, making an increase in shipment of 43,895 cars.

The prices quoted on the New York market are Virginia's Eastern Shore \$3.75 to \$4.00, Norfolk section \$3.00 to \$3.25 and North Carolina's crop \$3.00 to \$3.25 per barrel. So far as we know the potatoes grown in the Norfolk section and in Eastern Carolina are as good as are grown in any section of the entire world and the only reason why The Eastern Shore potatoes sell higher on the same market the same day is that they are backed by a Farmers Cooperative Association. The farmers in that section of Virginia and Maryland were a few years back a very delapidated bunch measured in real prosperity. Every fellow was "beating along" in the same old way that we and most other farmers everywhere are doing and have always done. Then the farmers began to do a little thinking and looking around. They would ship a bushel of potatoes and a basket of tomatoes to New York and the next day when they dropped into a hotel for dinner in that city and found that a service of tomatoes and two small potatoes cost them more than the entire bushel of potatoes and tomatoes brought them, it was of course enough to make them think and they thought, "Somebody has 'shored' skinned us." They went back to the old farm and talked to their neighbors and among themselves about how high potatoes and tomatoes are. The fabulous prices paid in hotels for the articles they themselves produced and received less than enough to pay for the seed, the fertilizers, packages and freight.

Agreat gathering was had and all the neighbors came in as one man and said that we will all stand or fall together. We will sell our crops collectively. We will not stand on the docks and cut each others throats. In fact they organized. They are today getting 75c per barrel more for their potatoes than we are. If 40 barrels is a fair yield they get just \$30.00 more per acre for the use of their land than the Norfolk or Carolina farmers. Ask anybody who knows the Eastern Shore of Virginia how those farmers are now getting along. Several residents of Williamston are Eastern Shore citizens, ask them if they have farmers there who formed Associations for marketing their crops several years ago and have found it good.

### CASHIER OF STATESVILLE FOUND SHORT IN ACCOUNTS

Statesville, N. C. July 13.—C. E. Pennington, assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Statesville late today fired a bullet through his head at his home here and died 45 minutes later. The tragedy followed an announcement today of a shortage of approximately \$86,000 in the accounts of Cashier J. W. Guy, Sr.

The announcement of the shortage was made by a national bank examiner. Upon receiving this information the officers and directors made provisions to protect all patrons against any loss.

The condition of the bank came as a surprise both to the public and the directors. Twice this year an examiner had been over the affairs of the institution and reported everything all right.

The shortage, it is said, extends over a period of years. The report made to the comptroller of the currency of the condition of business as of June 30 by the bank showed total resources of \$964,233.58.

President R. A. Cooper assumed the duties of cashier, and the bank is being operated as usual. The directors state that the stock in this bank is absolutely worth one hundred cents on the dollar, and the depositors are fully protected against any loss whatever.

### NOTICE

To the citizens of Williamston: I hereby notify you that you must have your automobiles and trucks properly licensed by the State of North Carolina on or before July 20, 1922, or the penalty will be added.

H. T. ROBERSON, Sheriff.  
C. F. PAGE, C. Police.  
Tanlac can bring health to you as it has to thousands of others.  
Sold by Dr. J. B. H. Knight, Williamston, N. C.

### BANK STATEMENTS SHOW IMPROVEMENT

A glance at the bank statements of the county in this issue will show much improvement over the one last year. This applies especially to the amount of cash on hand which is more than in 1921 and bills payable which are greatly reduced. It will be seen that two banks of the county had no bills payable on June 30th, which is a remarkable showing.

### CHILE AND PERU SETTLE DISPUTE

AGREEMENT FINALLY REACHED IN GENERATION-OLD CONTROVERSY

### IN CONFERENCE EIGHT WEEKS

Generally Considered as Victory For Conference Plan of International Relations.

Washington.—Having at last reached an agreement to arbitrate the generation-old dispute over Tacama, the representatives of Chile and Peru made plans to bring to a quick conclusion the conference which they began here eight weeks ago at the invitation of President Harding.

None of the points remaining to be settled, it was agreed on both sides, were of such a character as to cause further extended debate or to endanger the accord already reached on the main issue. Another week or ten days, it was predicted generally, should see the negotiations finally terminated.

The arbitration agreement assured when Chile accepted the American compromise proposal as modified at the request of Peru, was hailed by plenipotentiaries of both governments as a long forward step in Latin-American amity. By removing an irritation which has estranged Santiago and Lima for the past 46 years, the settlement was regarded among Chileans and Peruvians alike as meaning not only a new Chilean-Peruvian accord, but as exercising a beneficial influence that will be felt throughout the length and breadth of South America.

By officials of the United States, who will act as arbitrator under the agreement, and later, under certain contingencies will exercise "good office" in insuring a final and complete reappraisal, the result of the negotiations here was characterized as another victory for the "conference plan" of international negotiation and as further evidence of the disinterested manner in which the Washington government is striving for peace and understanding among the American republics.

### Improvement in General Business.

New York.—While the holidays have served to obscure the trend in business and to dampen the market, the available evidence indicates a continuation of the improvement in general business. The securities markets have continued to show considerable irregularity, but the tendency has been on the whole, toward higher prices. Call money has been a variable factor and the reserve ratio of the combined federal reserve system has fallen for the second consecutive week. The normally heavy demand for currency in connection with the early July holidays has, however, caused the latest decline in ratio, and the real tendency of money rates during the month remains to be disclosed.

No falling off is discernible, meanwhile, in the demand for steel, despite the fact that the pig iron output for June set a new high record for the year, a daily average of 78,700 tons, comparing with 74,400 tons in May and 83,100 tons in January. Loadings of railroad cars have also risen to a new high record. Thus for the week ending June 24 the total is 378,000 cars, or 17,000 more than in the previous week, and 51,000 more than in the week immediately preceding the coal strike, although loadings of coal cars in that week ran 106,000 higher than in the one ending June 24.

Other signs of increasing stability in business are furnished by firmness in the general level of commodity prices and a continuation of the falling off in the volume of business failures. Dun's index of wholesale prices rose 2.2 per cent during June, with all seven groups of constituent commodities participating in the advance. Commercial failures as reported by the same agency, declined to 1,740, which is 220 less than in any month of the year. Liabilities involved fell off in similar measure. These facts illustrated apparently the growing safety of doing business and explain the increase in confidence lately apparent.

### LILLIAN RUSSELL AS LAST SEEN BY CAMERA



Lillian Russell (Mrs. Alexander P. Moore), the celebrated stage beauty, has passed on, but we still have her picture to remind us of her great charm. The above is a new and unusually charming portrait which was made in England during her recent visit there as Special Commissioner on Immigration.

### DEATH OF W. GURGANUS

Wiley Gurganus died on July 12th after suffering from an attack of paralysis for five weeks. He was the son of David and Anna Biggs Gurganus, and was seventy four years old. He first married Parthie Whitaker of Beaufort county, moved to South Carolina and lived there for more than a quarter of a century where his wife and four children died. About nine years ago he returned and has since lived with his brother, Eli Gurganus, looking after his farms and stock raising until a year ago he married Mrs. Nancy Cherry who with grandson, one brother, Eli and two sisters, Mrs. David W. Stalls and Mrs. J. S. Peel survive him.

He had been a member of the Baptist Church for more than forty years. He was buried in the Baptist cemetery, the funeral rites being performed by Reverends A. V. Joyner and L. C. Larkin.

### Publishers in Annual Meet.

Asheville.—Adoption of resolutions in honor of Edward W. Barrett, publisher of the Birmingham Age Herald, who died suddenly in Birmingham, was the first action of the convention of the Southern Newspaper Publishers' Association, at the opening of the first session here which was attended by more than 100 newspaper owners and managers representing all of the 13 states of the south.

The address of the president, W. A. Elliott, general manager of the Jacksonville (Fla.) Times-Union, and the report of the secretary-treasurer, Walter C. Johnson, general manager of the Chattanooga News, both gave indications of a successful year's work in the S. N. P. A.

Advertising and its relation to news paper publication, the situation in the news print market, with special reference to Alaskan timber lands as a source for wood pulp for the manufacture of news print paper, the new department of Journalism at Washington and Lee University, were the topics of leading interest in the informal discussion.

Simultaneously with the meeting of the S. N. P. A. members of the Southern Council, American Association of Advertising Agencies are conducting their annual gathering with about twenty participating.

### Orders Express Rate Inquiry.

Washington.—Notice was given by the Interstate Commerce Commission that an investigation would be instituted immediately into the reasonableness of existing express rates in all parts of the country. Hearings will be fixed later, the order said, and a plan of procedure outlined.

Through freight rates were reduced generally ten per cent from the highest levels reached during the war on July 1, express rates have been maintained substantially unchanged since 1920. A considerable number of complaints involving express charges have been pending before the commission.

### Large Seaplanes Being Utilized.

Washington.—Use of large sea planes for transportation of men and material between the various naval air stations on the Atlantic seaboard and the Gulf coast has resulted in increased speed, efficiency and economy in that service, the bureau of aeronautics of the navy announced.

During the past week the NO-9, the largest seaplanes in the naval air service, was sent from Hampton Roads to Philadelphia carrying a complement of 20 officers and men.

### NOTICE

We will run our market only Fridays as the road building blocks the days as the road building blocks the traffic.

Respectfully,  
NEWTON AND MANNIG

### BETTER FARMING IS WAY TO PROSPERITY

By C. B. Williams

There can hardly be a shadow of doubt but what the most important factor in the development of the farm home, the rural church and in the betterment of schools and health in the country, is that of making farming pay better. To do this, it is obviously necessary to increase our acreage production in the State at a minimum cost and at the same time secure at least reasonably fair returns from the crops produced. Poor homes, inadequate church and school facilities are more prevalent than we should like to see them in North Carolina, because of the fact that so many of our farms are producing such poor yields and net returns for the efforts put into their operations.

During the past few years in our visits to different sections of the State we have been struck very much with the marked correlation between the productiveness of the soil and the character of the farm homes and their surroundings; schools and churches; and with the educational qualifications of the people. In close proximity to such areas, it is not uncommon to find other areas sparsely settled with the people living in humble homes without beautification and with their children not permitted to enjoy social, religious and educational advantages as do the communities established on more productive lands. The underlying conditions largely causing these differences is not hard to find. My observations are, first to a large extent they are fundamentally connected with differences in the productiveness of the soils of these different communities. Does not this then, unmistakably point to the fact that the greatest and most fundamental necessity of North Carolina farming is that of securing and applying information that will aid in the economic building up of the productiveness of soils of the State? No Community, State or Nation dependent upon its agriculture, can prosper when its soils are not productive.

North Carolina farming, in a general way, therefore, cannot be profitable unless goodly acreage yields are secured and at economic costs per unit. No amount of temporizing along other lines in a broad way can bring prosperity to the masses of our people on the farm. Year in and year out, where farmers do not get goodly yields of their crops, it is not possible to secure large returns for labor and expenses put into their production, it matters not how favorable prices may ordinarily be.

It is evident, therefore, from the foregoing that North Carolina farmers must have economic production and in order to secure this they must have more productive soils so that larger acre yields may be secured. For the average farmer, one of the most economical means to aid in building up soil fertility is by the adoption of suitable crop rotations on every farm in which legumes enter, and to utilize the legumes after growth in such a way so that they will aid in building up organic matter and nitrogen supplies of the soil. On the general farm, it will have to be seen to that a portion at least of the legumes after growth go back into the soil direct. No one can, or has ever been able to remove them from the land, and have their growth on the field benefit that field in a permanent way. It cannot be done.

Again, after the crops have been produced, steps must be taken by farmers to see that the very best returns are secured for them.

### MRS. BELINDA SIMPSON DEAD

Mrs. Belinda F. Simpson of Jameville died at the summer home of her son, Fred Simpson, at Virginia Beach Tuesday evening. She was only sick a few moments and had a slight case of nausea during the afternoon, but was apparently recovered until a few moments before her death.

Mrs. Simpson, seventy two years old, was the widow of E. N. Simpson who died about six years ago. After the death of her husband she left her farm near Jameville and made her home with her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Askew. She leaves beside Mrs. Askew two sons, Mr. Fred Simpson of Norfolk and Virginia Beach and Mr. Charlie Simpson of Greensboro. She also leaves two brothers, Mr. Jno. F. Hardison of Jonesville and Mr. S. Staten Hardison of Virginia Beach.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. O. W. Sawyer, Pastor of the Baptist Church of which she had long been a member. She was buried in the Cedar Branch Church yard on Thursday afternoon.

### PREBYTERIAN SERVICES ON THIRD SUNDAY

Rev. J. T. Wildman will preach in Hassell in the morning, and at Parmelee at night. This in place of the regular fourth Sunday services when he will be away at Henderson in a meeting.

Sunday School at Roanoke and at Peel school house in the afternoon.

### Local News and Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Watts and children of Norfolk are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watts.

Messrs. C. F. Outlaw of Wilmington and C. C. Ware of Wilson were in town Wednesday night.

Mr. R. W. Hicks, Jr. of Wilmington was a business visitor in town yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Long of Hamilton are in town today.

Mr. Clarence Latham, Chief State Bank Examiner is in town today.

Mr. Harry A. Biggs is at Morehead City this week to be with the boys who are in training there.

Mrs. Sallie Biggs left this morning for Waynesville.

Miss Sallie Brown is visiting Gordon James in Norfolk.

Messrs. Benny Lilley and S. T. Jackson of Jamesville were in town Thursday.

Dr. W. H. Harrell, U. S. N. is at home visiting relatives before leaving for two years in Haiti.

Mr. Wheeler Martin left today for Wake Forest. When he returns Mrs. Martin and son, Wheeler, Jr. will accompany him.

Mrs. Leslie Powden, Mrs. Warren Biggs and Miss Anna Crawford left this morning for Western North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. William K. Parker will return Sunday from Virginia Beach where they have been spending several days.

Mrs. Matthew Nicholson and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ward left this morning by motor for Roper where they will visit Mr. Charlie Mizelle for a week.

Messrs. Q. Gregory, S. M. Cary and N. L. Stedman of Halifax, W. H. White and J. E. Shield of Scotland Neck and G. T. Andrews of Enfield were in town yesterday.

Rev. and Mrs. A. V. Joyner and children, Margaret, Rena Forest and Raymond returned Wednesday from Waynesville where they have been for several weeks.

Mrs. John L. Rogerson went to Park View Hospital in Rocky Mount Wednesday for treatment. She was accompanied by Mr. Rogerson and Dr. Hugh B. York.

Miss Mary Gladly Watts entertained with a Gypsy Tea at Daniel and Staton's Mill Saturday afternoon in honor of her house guests, Misses Helen Mitchell of Kinston, and Miss Cawthorne of Littleton.

Latest reports from the boys at Camp Glenn are that they are working hard and getting a concentrated dose of real army life. Some of our boys don't miss much of being tenderloins and a little man's work will be good for them.

Mrs. Mary H. Weathers of Selma, Dr. J. B. H. Knight's only sister, had the misfortune on Tuesday evening to get her left hand so smashed and mutilated that it had to be amputated at the wrist. She was otherwise injured so that she is suffering terribly.

### MRS. MOLLIE JOHNSON DEAD

Mrs. Mollie Johnson, one Hamilton's oldest and most respected citizens died Wednesday at the age of seventy six. She had been an invalid for many years, suffering from chronic heart disease, which was the cause of her death. Her husband, the late Asa Johnson died some twenty five years ago, since which time she has lived with her only children, Miss Vivian Johnson and Mr. Asa Johnson. She was buried in the Hamilton Cemetery Thursday. The funeral services were held by Elder John Harrell of the Primitive Baptist Church, of which she had been a member for many years.

### A GREAT NUISANCE

The running of motor cars of all kinds in Williamston with cut outs opened seems to be a favorite pastime with lots of youngsters and some older people who are supposed to know better. Sick people are constantly annoyed by this nuisance. The worst feature of it is that boys and girls are foolish enough to think it is fun to put the cut out on and off alternately every second, making ones head feel like its in a cyclone. It would be a nice thing if all drivers would govern themselves better and if not perhaps it would be a good thing if the police would take the matter up.

A. J. Livingston, living near Ashland City, Tennessee says, "I feel like going from house to house and telling the people about Tanlac." Sold by Dr. J. B. H. Knight, Williamston, N. C.

### SUBSCRIBE TO THE ENTERPRISE

### \$100,000 PAID FOR WILLIE KAMM



A record price of \$100,000 was paid by the Chicago White Sox for Willie Kamm of the San Francisco Club. Kamm is rated as the greatest third baseman in the minors. He seems to be happy in the picture.

### JAMESVILLE NEWS

Mr. Roscoe Stallings was in town Wednesday attending to business matters.

Miss Lena Brown entertained a number of friends Saturday night. Those present were Misses Lillie Bell and Mamie Brown, Carrie Sexton, Lizzie and Beattie Mizelle, Mildred Lewis, Essie Brown, and Mamie Clyde Langley, Messrs. Curlye Langley, Harry Moore, Robert Mizelle, Bennie Lilley, Oscar Brown, Floyd Hardison and A. J. Holliday.

Mr. P. M. Holliday motored to Washington county Monday.

Miss Studie Martin is visiting her sister, Mrs. Archie Modlin this week.

Misses Lillie Bell and Mamie Brown and Messrs. Tom Harden, Julian Fagan and Carlye Langley were the guests of Miss Carrie Sexton Saturday afternoon.

Misses Martha and Della Kate Ward, of Rocky Mount, are visiting relatives this week.

Messrs. Johnson Corey and W. W. Roberson were here on business Monday.

Messrs. Johnson Corey and Weimf Messrs. N. B. Lilley, Hoyt Barber, Noah Roberson and J. W. Martin were in town Tuesday.

Mr. Charlie Blount of Roper was the guest of Miss Lillie Bell Brown Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Waters motored to Williamston Monday.

Mr. J. E. White is in town this week.

Miss Mattie Roberson and Mr. Bill Harrison were the guests of Miss Carrie Sexton Sunday.

Mr. J. A. Getzinger of Dardens and Mr. J. J. Roberson of Griffins Town were business visitors in town Tuesday.

Messrs. Harry Moore and Carlye Langley left Monday for Wilson.

Mr. Vernal Jackson motored in the country Tuesday afternoon on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Martin and children left Wednesday for Goldsboro and Seven Springs. They will be the guests of Mr. Outlaw while in Goldsboro.

Miss Mamie Brown and Carrie Sexton will sell ice cream at Mr. Z. Z. Price's store Saturday afternoon July 15th for the benefit of Cedar Branch Church. The public is asked to patronize them.

Messrs. Windell Hamilton and J. E. White motored to Plymouth Wednesday afternoon.

Messrs. Sylvester Davis and Herbert Jenkins were business visitors in town Wednesday.

Messrs. B. T. Jackson and Robert Daws motored to Washington this week.

### WILLIAMSTON, N. C. July 10, 1922.

To the Stockholders, Depositors, and other friends of the Peoples Bank. Because of the inconvenience of seeing you in person, I take this means of expressing to each of you my thanks and keen appreciation of your confidence in me in recommending my appointment as permanent receiver for the Peoples Bank. Such confidence will be an inspiration to me in winding up the affairs of the bank. In this connection, you may be assured that it is my purpose and intention to realize every dollar possible out of the assets of the Bank and to pay as promptly as practicable, as far as possible, the creditors and the depositors of the Bank. In this connection further I bespeak now the continued co-operation of those interested, and at the same time desire to serve notice on those indebted to the bank to make arrangements to pay their indebtedness as soon as possible, to the end that creditors and depositors may be settled with. It is my purpose and intention not to embarrass or work any hardship other than may be required by the Court. With full co-operation upon the part of debtors and creditors and other parties interested, better results will be obtained.

Again expressing my appreciation of your confidence and assuring you that I will do my best, I beg to remain

Yours very truly,  
J. G. STATON, Receiver.

### WHOSE BUSINESS IS IT TO CHECK THE TIDE?

In your last issue I noticed that you asked fathers and mothers this question, "Whose business is it to check up the present generation?" I for one must answer that I don't know. We all know that a job of gigantic proportion sadly needs doing.

The Church, if indeed it has every earnestly tackled it, has failed. The school whose business should be to train the youth and instill within it a love of right and decency has in a great measure failed. The home, the great cradle of the nation, has also failed. What then is there to try next? I think it is meaty a desire to be popular and to keep up with the crowd, regardless of what the crowd is doing or where it is going, that has resulted in the present state of affairs. All living things, whether they be hogs, cattle, crows or people have leaders, some member of whom the crowd accept as their standard and example maker. Have our leaders led us to where we are at present? I think so.

Mollie thinks it all right to go swimming almost nude with a crowd of men because Jane does. John pretends to believe that it is fine to gamble, drink and indulge in all manner of vices because Harry does, and Harry is certainly considered a fine young man. Try to convince them that deeds are unworthy to say the least and you only succeed in making them fighting mad and your enemies for life. Why Jane does so and so Harry does so and so? They are all right what harm can it be for me?

It is strange, yet true that we select such people as Jane and Harry for our leaders. Do we stop to abhor, then pity and finally embrace? Or do we embrace at any and every opportunity? Rome was changed and so will we be but who will accomplish it how or when I cannot say? It is a big job—big enough for everybody and should be everybody's business, but as the old adage runs, "What is everybody's business results in being nobody's business?"

### PICNIC AT BIG MILL

The Modern Woodmen and Christian Sunday School picnickers enjoyed themselves at Daniel and Staton's Mill Wednesday where neighbors and friends big, little, old and young from town and county met and mingled together. The tables indicated great prosperity, for food was in abundance. The mingling of people is always helpful, it makes better friends and neighbors, creates a better understanding between people and is uplifting generally. After dinner Mr. Tremain, State Deputy of Modern Woodmen of America with headquarters at Winston-Salem made a good speech on the great work that the organization has and is accomplishing. "Bathing was one of the happy past-times for both young and old.

### METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES SUNDAY JULY 16TH

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.  
Sermon at 11:00 o'clock.  
Evening service at regular hour.  
L. C. LARKIN, Pastor.