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COTTON REPORT FOR DECEMBER

North Carolina Has Produced Crop of 1,090,000 Bales; 60,000 Bales Not Yet Ginned

(Special To The Enterprise) Raleigh Dec. 8.—North Carolina has produced a cotton crop of 1,090,000 bales, according to the final December estimate released December 8 by the United States Department of Agriculture. Of this amount, 1,030,000 bales were ginned to December 1st, which leaves 60,000 bales, or about 5.5 per cent of the crop to be ginned. This is the largest crop that North Carolina has ever produced, being 15,000 bales more than the 1911 crop, and 70,000 more than was produced in 1923.

Fields through the southern portion of the cotton belt have been picked fairly clean. It is not unusual, however, at this date, to see large fields white with cotton through the north-eastern section of the belt. Farmers state that their yields have been unusually good, and the quality of the lint is much above the average.

It seems that for the crop as a whole, the dry weather was possibly the best thing that could have happened to it, as it held the boll weevil damage down to a minimum, and the amount picked has been much in excess of expectations. Plants made a late start in the spring, due to cold and rain, but had established a good root system when they began to grow. This resulted in heavy fruiting everywhere, and although the early maturity of plants and heavy fruitage caused smaller sized bolls than usual, the greater number made up for the loss in yield due to size.

Heavy frosts, beginning about October 11th and continuing until the present time, reduced the prospective production by killing the plants and stopping the opening of many bolls that might otherwise have produced cotton. Farmers estimate that 97 per cent of the total crop was picked by December 1st.

There were 2,036,000 acres for harvest this year, after an abandonment of 1 per cent. Estimates on yield per acre average 256 pounds of lint, compared with 192 last year, and an average yield during the past five years of 254 pounds. This year's yield indicates a production of 521,216 tons of cotton seed. There was practically no top crop anywhere in the State, due to early shedding.

The crop indicated for the United States is 15,603,000 bales, compared with 13,627,936 ginned last year and a past five year average crop of 10,984,584 bales. 89 per cent, or 13,857,666 bales, was ginned prior to December 1st. The acreage harvested amounted to 45,945,000 acres, after an abandonment of 4.6 per cent.

Dr. Hilley To Preach At Christian Church

Dr. H. S. Hilley, president of Atlantic Christian College and one of the most brilliant young men of this State, will preach at the Christian church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. It is not known definitely whether he will be here for the evening service or not, but it is expected that he may arrange to do so. The hours for the Sunday services will be: Sunday school, 9.45 a. m. Morning service, 11 a. m. Evening service, 7.30 p. m.

Federation Meeting At Holly Springs

The united federations of Williamston visited the Holly Springs Church last night and a very inspiring meeting was held. Mr. H. A. Timberlake was leader, and his talk was very helpful and enjoyable.

Strand Theatre

TONIGHT "Gerald Cranston's Lady"

TOMORROW Bill Bailey in "The Lash of the Law"

2-Reel Comedy Episode of "Perils of the Wild"



POSTAL HOLIDAY IS EXPERIMENT

If Public Cooperates With Post Office Workers Christmas Will Become Regular Holiday

Widespread approval has greeted the recent announcement of the Postmaster General that there will be no mail deliveries on Christmas Day.

Almost without exception the American public has agreed with the inherent justice of the ruling which gives to the army of postal employees some of the holiday privileges enjoyed by others, but so long denied them.

Of course the ruling applies only to the coming Christmas, being in the nature of an experiment, the success or failure of which will determine the procedure next year.

The Postmaster General was enabled to take the course he did as a result of early mailing campaigns conducted in past years through the press and the "movies" and over the radio, which had the effect of moving the peak of holiday mailing back far enough to justify the experiment.

Officials of the department who are watching the experiment closely have the utmost confidence that it will go through without hitch and that Christmas Day of the future will be a day of rest for the postman and the postal clerk.

To accomplish this purpose—and it is believed a laudable one—the American public must mail holiday tokens and greetings in time for delivery at least before the close of business on December 24.

If there is any appreciable mail left over for delivery on December 26, it will militate against the chances of postal workers for a similar holiday in 1926.

Local Store Is Ready For Christmas Rush

A visit to Harrison Bros. & Co., Martin County's largest department store, this morning convinced our representative that the Christmas shopping rush had started in earnest.

A shopper from this county remarked that she had tried in two towns larger than Williamston for an article and she had not found exactly what she wanted until she saw it at Harrison Bros. A dependable stock of everything one can think of is to be found at this lovely store, which is attractively decorated in red and green attire during the holiday season.

Parish Meeting Of Episcopal Church

After the evening service last Sunday the annual parish meeting was held. The rector, Mr. C. O. Pardo, made a report for the past church year. The present vestry was reelected for the coming year. At the close of the parish meeting the vestry had its official election of officers.

Wilson G. Lamb was elected senior warden; N. Cortez Green, junior warden; Clayton Moore, clerk; and Richard Smith, Treasurer.

Episcopal Church Sunday Services

Rev. Clarence O. Pardo, Rector Third Sunday in Advent: 9.00 a. m.—Children's eucharist. 9.45 a. m.—Church school. 11 a. m.—Morning prayer and sermon. 3 p. m.—Holy Trinity mission. 7.30 p. m.—Evening prayer and sermon.

HOW THE AVERAGE INCOME IS SPENT

Waste and Luxuries Consume 36 Per Cent of Average Income; Costs 25 Per Cent To Live

At this particular time when everyone is demanding that taxes be lowered and complaining about the excessive cost of government, which, they say, the people can no longer afford to pay, it is well to investigate the state of affairs.

From the following table, taken from a graph in the American Educational Digest, we can see how our entire income is actually spent for each of the several items involved, personal, state and national, by the rates per cent:

	Per Cent
Church	75
Schools	1.50
Government	4.50
Crime	8.25
Investments	11.00
Waste	14.00
Luxuries	22.00
Living costs	24.50
Miscellaneous	15.50

Excluding the personal item of actual living costs, it is rather surprising to find that three of the most important social items are found at the bottom of the scale.

That portion of our income which crime costs us more than the church, the schools, and the government combined. The suppression of crime is necessary. It is also wise to provide adequately for old age. However, the comparatively large percentage lost through waste can not be lightly set aside—14 per cent of waste as compared with 6.34 per cent for government, schools, and church should not be accepted calmly.—Fenn. Educational Bulletin.

Window Display Is Attracting Attention

Santa Claus is in every window of Margolis Bros. & Brooks, suggesting gifts for men and women, boys and girls, and babies, too. Gifts practical, gifts luxurious, and gifts sure to please.

Lovely hand-painted Santas, made and designed by our local artist, John A. Philpot, have reins that lead to the articles on display.

The boys' window attracts attention constantly. A huge toy electric train, with track, station, bridge, underpass, and all electrically lighted, is attracting the attention of every little fellow that is large enough to walk down town.

Everetts Woodmen To Meet Monday

The Everetts Camp No. 15,642 will hold its annual meeting Monday night, December 14. All members of said camp are urged to be present at this meeting, as this is the time for the election of new officers for the coming year.

Every member of the camp owes it to himself and the camp to take part in this meeting. It is hoped that there will be 100 per cent present.

Cleaning up the garden spot, burning or plowing under the refuse will help to control insect and disease troubles next spring.

Rev. A. J. and Editor W. C. Manning are in Washington today for the Christian convention.

Mrs. James G. Staton is spending today in Weldon.

Mrs. J. T. Hinson Died Tuesday

(Special To The Enterprise) Dardens, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Lillian Frances Hinson, wife of J. T. Hinson, died Tuesday at her home, and was buried at Corinth Church, of which she had long been a member. The funeral was conducted by A. J. Manning of Williamston.

She was nearly 61 years old and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. She leaves her husband, two sons, W. H. and C. J. Hinson, and one daughter, Mrs. Maud E. Mizell.

She was the daughter of the late Wm. J. Wright, and had lived all her life in Dardens.

THE ENTERPRISE WEEKLY SERMON

By REV. C. O. PARDO

Dr. S. D. Gordon gives us what he calls, "The best picture I ever saw of God."

"It was a man, a clergyman, who lived in a town in South Carolina and who had a son about fourteen years of age, attending school. One day the boy's teacher called at the home and asked for the father and said to him, 'Is your boy sick?'"

"No, why?" "He was not at school today," replied the teacher. "Is that so," said the father with surprise in his tone? "Nor yesterday, nor the day before," said the teacher.

"Well," said the father, "I am surprised. The teacher left the father as he sat thinking and going over the whole matter. He recalled his own boyhood and the school days so long ago. He remembered how irksome and tiresome those last days before the holidays and vacations were, and just then he heard the click of the gate, and he knew the boy was coming. So he went to open the door, and the boy knew as he looked up that his father knew about those three days.

The father said, "Come into my study, Phil," and Phil went in and shut the door. Then the father said, "Phil, your teacher was here this afternoon and told me you were not at school today, nor yesterday, nor the day before, and we supposed you were here. You must know, Phil, how badly we feel. I have always trusted you, believed in you. I have boasted and said, 'I can trust my boy,' and here you've been living a lie for three days. I can't tell you how badly I feel about it." Phil felt badly, too.

After a pause the father said, "Phil, we'll get down and pray," the very thing Phil didn't want to do.

But they got down on their knees, and the father poured out his heart in prayer. And Phil saw himself on his knees as he never had seen himself before—the mirror of knee-joints is a wonderful mirror.

When they arose from their knees the father said, "Phil, there's a law of life that where there is sin there is suffering. You can not separate those two things.

"Now," he went on, "you have done wrong, and I am in this home like God is in the world, so we will do this: You go up to the attic. I'll make a pallet for you there. We'll take your meals up to you at the regular times, and you stay up there as long as you have been living a lie—three days and night."

"They went upstairs; the pallet was made; the father kissed his boy and left him alone. The evening supper-time came; the family sat at the table but the father did not eat.

The hour for retiring came; the clock struck ten, eleven, and twelve. At last they locked up the house and went to bed, but neither father or mother went to sleep; the clock struck one, then two, and then the father said, "Mother, I can't stand this any longer. I am going up stairs with Phil." He took his pillow and tipped up and across the attic floor, and there Phil lay wide awake. The father lay down, and they put their arms around each other's neck, and they slept. The next night the father said, "Good night, mother, I am going up stairs with Phil," and this night he slept in the place of punishment with his son.

You are not surprised to know that today that boy is a man—grown—is telling the story of Jesus and His love from the pulpit of the church.

Fathers, do your sons find Godliness in you?

Baptist Church Sunday Services

Sunday school 9:45 a. m.—J. S. Seymour, superintendent. Morning service, 11 a. m. Evening service, 7.30 p. m. Rev. J. L. Jones, of Hamilton, will conduct the services at this church Sunday. Every one is cordially invited to attend these services.

PARENTS-TEACHERS MEET LAST NIGHT

Small Number Attend; To Affiliate With State Association; Favor Whole-Time Health Officer

There was a very small crowd at the parents-teachers association meeting held last night in the courthouse.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Dunning, and the roll was called and minutes of the last meeting read by the secretary.

Several things were discussed by the few present and it was decided to affiliate with the State parents-teachers association, as it would be beneficial to the local association for several reasons.

The association on a motion made by Mrs. John D. Biggs, jr., went on record as favoring a whole-time nurse and health officer for Martin County. This proposition having been brought up at the last meeting of the county board of commissioners.

In view of the fact that so few of the parents have been attending the monthly meetings, a motion was made to change the hour of the next meeting to 3.30 in the afternoon, that it might be possible for more of the mothers to attend.

Bear Grass Local And Personal News

Mr. T. S. Robinson has returned from Drum Hill, N. C.

Mrs. Samuel Rodgers spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Will Gurganus.

Misses Mary Bailey and Lena Bell Ausbourn visited friends in Rocky Mt. Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wynn, a daughter, Monday, December 7. We are glad to know little J. T. Bailey is much improved after being quite sick.

Miss Louise Rogerson spent the week end with Mrs. J. T. Woolard, near Washington.

Mrs. Fannie Cowing and Julius Jackson visited friends near Washington Sunday.

Mr. Herman Rodgers and Clayton Bailey visited friends in Robersonville Saturday.

Mrs. Estelle Whitehurst was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Lloyd Cowing, Sunday.

Mrs. Sallie Whitehurst visited her daughter, Mrs. Walter Bailey Saturday.

Mr. Harold Flynn was the guest of Miss Louise Rodgers Friday.

Miss Vera Green Rogers spent the week end with Miss N. Taylor.

Mr. Marvin Gurganus was the guest of Miss Mary Harris Sunday.

A large crowd attended the show at Bear Grass Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlus Cowing spent the week end in Tarboro.

Mr. Church Cowing and Tom Rodgers motored to Goldsboro Saturday.

Plan to Lease Muscle Shoals Before Congress

(Special To The Enterprise) Washington, Dec. 9.—A joint resolution to lease Muscle Shoals is now before Congress. The resolution embraces the general recommendations of President Coolidge in his message to the Congress. A joint committee of the Senate and House will likely be appointed to negotiate a lease.

It is not expected that the Ford Company will ask for the property.

Owing to the fact that General Electric interests have such a dominating influence over the water power of the new world, it is expected that interests friendly to and perhaps financed by them will procure the lease.

The General Electric Co. owns a major portion of the patents on electric equipment, giving it almost an undisputed monopoly in the electrical world.

J. Franklin Hardison Dies In Jamesville

At the home of his niece, Mrs. C. A. Askew, in Jamesville, Mr. John Franklin Hardison died on Wednesday in his seventy-fifth year, following an acute attack of Brights Disease and pneumonia.

He was born in 1851 near Jamesville and lived at the old homestead or in Jamesville his entire life. He was married when quite a young man to Miss Emma J. Hardison, who died in 1886. To them was born one son, P. Franklin Hardison, who now resides in Alta Vista, Va. The deceased is also survived by one brother, Mr. Staton S. Hardison, of Virginia Beach. For many years he was a member of the Jamesville Methodist church.

Funeral services were conducted by Revs. W. J. Lowe, of Plymouth, and A. Corey in the Cedar Branch church and interment took place in the church cemetery.

Few men are living who have the love and respect of his fellowmen to a greater degree than did Mr. Hardison. And a great concourse of people from Jamesville and the surrounding country paid their last respects to their deceased friend and relative yesterday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

TWO MILLION PAID FOR PENDER STORES

D. Pender Sells Controlling Interest In Business But Will Continue To Manage It

Norfolk, Dec. 9.—Associates of Asa G. Candler, Atlanta Coca-Cola king, failed yesterday to gain control of the D. Pender Grocery Co., it became known today. They lost out in a contest with New York bankers representing mercantile interests which Norfolk business men have been unable to identify as yet, but who, it was announced, would take over the Pender business on January 1.

There was a spirited struggle here yesterday between the two groups of out-of-town financiers and men close to Mr. Pender today asserted that he could have obtained a better price for his business had he sold to the Coca-Cola men than he secured from the other group. He was pledged, however, to give the others first call and could not take advantage of the better offer which the Atlanta men made.

The sale, in which a cash consideration of nearly \$2,000,000 is rumored to have passed, took business men, even those closest in touch with the Pender organization, by surprise. It was known that within the last two or three years Mr. Pender has received several offers for his business, but his close friends, knowing that he had rejected what appeared to be generous terms, believed he would never relinquish control of the great business he had built.

In announcing that he had sold control of his chain store business and all its offshoots, including the main Pender store and restaurant on Market Street, Mr. Pender revealed that he retained an interest in the business and would continue in charge after the sale became effective on January 1, and that the main offices of the company would remain at Norfolk.

During 1923 the Pender Co., then operating 160 stores, did a business of more than \$7,000,000. Its 1925 business, it is said, will run into \$10,000,000.—The business was founded by Mr. Pender in 1899 with a capital of \$2,000.

Sherrod Farm Bid In By Owner for \$51,500

The W. L. Sherrod farm was offered for sale at auction Wednesday. After the farm had been sold in sections for small farms, ranging in price from about \$54 to \$70 per acre, the entire farm was then offered for sale and bid in at \$51,500, which was the owners' bid.

The sale by lots did not bring the price asked for the farm as a whole. While portions of it sold well, other parts did not, holding the aggregate price down.

The Savage farm, between Hamilton and Scotland Neck was also sold this week at an auction sale and is said to have sold at very fair prices.

Federation Meeting To Be Held Tonight

The federations will hold their weekly meeting at the Christian church tonight at 7.30 o'clock. Mr. E. J. Peel will be leader. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Mortimer Harrison, of Danville, Va., was in town this morning.

One farm woman has found that she walked three-fourths of a mile while baking a lemon pie, because she didn't have her kitchen properly arranged.

WILLIAMSTON SCHOOL NEWS

Sanitary Inspection of Rooms; Athletic Club Meeting; Auditorium To Be Repaired

(By MARGUERITE COOK and CECIL TAYLOR)

Sanitary inspection of school rooms was begun Friday afternoon, December 4, and will be continued weekly throughout the remainder of the school year. The rooms are graded upon the following: Desks free of paper, clean erasers, clean blackboards clean floors, clean windows, desks free of books on top, clean moulding, clean chalk troughs, clean lunch cases. The following are the scores of the rooms for the past week:

Grade	Score
Fifth B	96
First B	93
Seventh	92
Fifth A	92
Second	91
Sixth	91
Eighth-ninth	91
Fourth	90
First A	85
Tenth and eleventh	85
Third	81

Athletic Club Meets

On Monday, December 7, the girls' athletic club met in the tenth and eleventh grade room. No new business came before the meeting, but a discussion of old business was brought up. In considering the point system for winning letters and the loving cup it was decided to give the smaller classes a chance as well as the larger ones. Basing a point on a unit of five, or giving one point for participating in the different clubs five times. The meeting closed to meet again on the first Monday of the next school month.

Receive Life-Saving Medals

While at Silver Lake, near Wilson, the past summer, George Harris and Thomas Crawford took the senior life saver's test under Mr. Frank Stallings. They practiced a week before taking the test. They were given six hours of instruction, and it took 10 hours for passing it. But in spite of these severe trials, the boys came out on top, George making a score of 81, and Tom 82 1-2. Both boys proved to be excellent swimmers, and for this very reason they were recently awarded life-saving medals by the Red Cross. They are very proud of this distinction and really have a right to be, for "to the victor belongs the spoils."

Favor Repairs to Auditorium

At the regular meeting of the county board of commissioners last Monday, they passed favorably upon the loan of \$5,000 for the repair of the graded school auditorium. This loan, if secured, will come from the State building loan fund. However, before the loan is finally approved it will have to run the gauntlet of several State channels.

Dr. and Mrs. Warren's Daughter Christened

At their home yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Warren had their little daughter, Mary, christened. Rev. L. C. Larkin, of Murfreesboro, and Rev. W. T. Lee officiated.

Those present besides the parents were Mesdames C. D. Carstarphen, A. Hassell, W. C. Manning, L. B. Harrison, F. L. Minga, of Petersburg, Va., G. W. Hardison, W. H. Crawford, Jennie Yarrell, Miss Sallie Harris, Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Larkin, of Murfreesboro, Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. John D. Simpson.

Mesdames A. R. Dunning, G. H. Harrison and J. D. Woolard attended the Christian convention held in Washington today.

Mesdames Ben Barnhill and W. A. James visited friends in Washington yesterday.

Santa Says---



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