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## \$2,734,000 WORTH FARM PRODUCTS SHIPPED HERE

Thought Shipments From County This Year Are Largest in History

## 390 CARS OF TOBACCO

Peanuts Second With 256 Cars; Part Of Products Shipped by Boat; More To Be Shipped

Farm products, valued at two and three-quarter million dollars, were shipped from this market during the past season. According to the various records obtained from shippers and transportation companies, there were 256 car loads of peanuts, 390 car loads of tobacco and 4,000 bales of cotton shipped from this market from the early part of September up to and including yesterday.

The estimated value of the 768,000 bags of peanuts was placed at \$384,000. Tobacco led the list with its value estimated at \$1,950,000. While these two commodities represent the shipments of the local market, the 4,000 bales of cotton represent several markets. The value of the cotton was estimated to be \$400,000, making a grand total for the three commodities of \$2,734,000.

Placing the total for the three commodities at one-half the total value for the entire county, a resulting average income for the 25,000 individuals—the population of the county—would be around \$220. This income only includes the receipts from cotton, tobacco and peanuts. To show a complete report, corn, potatoes, meat and other farm commodities should be considered.

It is thought that shipments of farm commodities from the market here were the greatest they have been in the history of the county. For a period of almost four months, dozens of railroad cars have been pulled from the sidings here loaded with peanuts and tobacco. The Norfolk, Baltimore and Carolina Boat Line has handled boat load after boat load of cotton, peanuts and tobacco.

And the shipping is not all completed according to one of the local peanut buyers who stated yesterday that he thought there would be at least twenty-five more cars of peanuts would be shipped from here before the market closed. Tobacco shipments will continue during the next few days, it was also stated.

## WEED REPORT FOR DECEMBER

19,912,916 Pounds Sold in Bright Belt During Past Month

According to the North Carolina tobacco sales report, 19,912,916 pounds of tobacco were sold in the New Belt during the month of December, bringing the total sales for the season in the belt up to 241,811,826 pounds. The average for the season was given at \$21.99. Local warehouses reported 529,308 pounds sold during the month of December, and 7,357,554 pounds for the season up to the time the holidays began. The figures for the season are shown in the report do not include dealers' resales. The average price paid on the local market, 20.29, was figured with all scrap bought on the market added to the number of pounds sold.

## Favorable Trend in Business Circles

New York, Jan. 15.—Industry displayed continued signs of expansion last week, while other lines of trade were just beginning to recover from the post-holiday lull. The general trend of the country's commerce as a whole was favorable.

## STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY WALLY WALES

in "The Action Craver" Also

2-REEL COMEDY and

FREE TICKET FOR SHOW FRIDAY

Theatre Well Heated

## Roanoke Fair To Begin September 25 This Year

The Roanoke Fair here this year will be held September 25, 26, 27 and 28 according to tentative dates arranged at a meeting of fair secretaries in Wilson last Friday. The fair here is the first on the list according to the dates announced at the Wilson meeting.

Mr. J. L. Rodgers left Sunday for Richmond where contracts for the midway attractions will be drawn up and signed. Before leaving, he stated that he was going to make every effort possible to bring the biggest and best attractions on the road today.

## TENTH SERIES BUILDING AND LOAN MATURES

\$29,400 Paid Out By Local Association Yesterday; About Half Cash

## NEW SERIES IN MARCH

Association Has Paid Share Holders Six Per Cent Besides Helping To Build Many Homes

With the tenth series of the Martin County Building and Loan Association stock maturing this week, shareholders subscribing when that series opened, were paid \$29,400 yesterday. The tenth series was subscribed to entirely by local people, and represents a saving of \$29,400, accumulating over a period of 332 weeks.

The cash paid out by the association to its shareholders amounted to around \$13,500; the remainder of the \$29,400 was for the cancelling of loans floated by the organization. The Martin County Building and Loan Association has paid its shareholders six per cent on their savings, and during its existence it has financed many home-builders in the construction of their homes. Another series of the association will open in March, it was announced by officers yesterday.

## NEW FREIGHT RATE FOR SOUTH

How New Rates Will Compare With Old Ones Not Yet Known

New freight rates for the South have been ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission, effective January 15. Both shippers and carriers declare they are unable to say just how the new rates will correspond in actual cost to the old rates. They have divided the commodities into twelve classifications. The first class rate is based at 34 cents per 100 pounds, the sixth class is 13 cents and the twelfth class is 6 cents the hundred pounds.

It will cost, according to this new schedule of rates, \$1.01 to ship 100 pounds of first class freight 200 miles; 40 cents for the sixth class shipment, and only 18 cents for the twelfth class. These rates are for less than car load shipments.

Shippers generally agree that there will be a considerable saving in freight charges in the South now that the new rates are in effect.

## Oakland Increases Sales Organization

The Oakland Motor Car Company, which advanced from the position of ninth in point of sales volume during 1926 to fifth place in 1927, has expanded its already extensive sales organization to handle an expected further sales increase during this year, it is announced by W. R. Tracy, vice president in charge of sales. All of the district sales offices are being expanded and moved to larger quarters and the number of representatives traveling among the dealers from the district offices has been increased. Many more dealers are being added to the present total of more than 4,300 which now is nearly five times the size of the dealer organization in 1925.

## Shortage in Office Force This Week

Editor W. C. Manning is in Raleigh this week attending the State meeting of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he is vice president. Mr. W. H. Booker, head of the composing room of The Enterprise, is also in Raleigh where he is a delegate from the local Masonic lodge to the Grand Lodge meeting being held there this week.

We are short another important member of the force, "Snowball" who was sent home yesterday morning when it was learned that his father had the smallpox.

## FIRE LOSS HERE DURING 1927 IS NEARLY \$15,000

Fire Company Answers 10 Alarms During Year, Chief Reports

## MAKES GOOD RECORD

Insurance Commissioner Says He Is Much Pleased With Record of Volunteer Company

Williamston's fire loss during the year 1927 amounted to \$14,100, it was estimated in the report of Chief Henry D. Harrison, of the local volunteer fire company, to Dan C. Boney, State Insurance Commissioner. The loss for the year was practically negligible with the exception of that incurred by Murray-McCable Lumber Company when its dry kilns were burned.

During the year, ten alarms were turned in and to each the volunteer firemen responded hurriedly and faithfully. The number included the false alarm sounded in the early morning of December 25. In 1926 there were only six alarms, and the loss during that year was considerably smaller than it was last year. In his report, Mr. Harrison stated that two of the 1927 fires were caused by oil from oil stoves, another by a cigarette, a third by sparks from smoke stacks, and a fifth by ashes, and the others by causes that were unexplainable. In the majority of cases, carelessness was said to have been the indirect cause of the fires.

Insurance Commissioner Boney, in a letter to Chief Harrison, stated that he was very much pleased with the record made by the local volunteer fire company during the past two years.

The 1927 report showed that not a single fire alarm was turned in from January to about the middle of September.

## A. J. DAVIS DIES IN JAMESVILLE

Victim of Paralysis; Funeral Services Held Sunday

Augustus J. Davis died Saturday at his home in Jamesville. Mr. Davis was a native of the Poplar Chapel neighborhood where he had lived the greater part of his life. He was, for many years, a fisherman on the Roanoke, and during that time he caught millions of fish.

For the past number of years, he was afflicted, being stricken years ago with paralysis. He was twice married. By the first marriage, he leaves five children, John Davis, Norfolk; Wright Davis, Mrs. Dudley, Mrs. Laura Tyndall, and Mrs. Will Keel, all of Savannah, Ga. By his second marriage, he leaves three children, Carrie B., Mary E. and A. J. Davis, Jr.

He was from one of the old families of the community and leaves many relatives. The funeral services were by Warren A. Davis and D. W. Arnold, of the Christian church, of which he had been a member for more than fifty years. Interment was made in the Davis grave yard, near Poplar Chapel church, Sunday afternoon.

## Special Program Federation Meeting Next Friday Night

The Williamston Christian Federation will meet Friday night at 7:30 in the Baptist church. At this time, the Rev. Stanley W. Rogers, pastor of the Bethel Baptist church will speak. There will also be special music by the Poplar Chapel Quartette. These boys are singing in the air and have made quite a hit.

The public is cordially invited to attend and we urge all members, especially those who have not been attending lately, to come. The church should be crowded for this service. Come and tell others to come. Roger Critcher, Pres.

## East Carolina Exposition In Goldsboro April 9th

Goldsboro, Jan. 16.—At the meeting of the steering committee of the sixth Eastern Carolina Exposition and Automobile show, to be held in Goldsboro the week of April 9, at the Hotel Goldsboro, last Thursday night, the best program ever brought to the people of Eastern Carolina was adopted, and the secretary, Newell C. Bartlett, was authorized to proceed to carry it out.

## To Present Play At Jamesville Tonight

"Saved by the Woodmen" will be staged by an Everetts cast in the Jamesville school auditorium tonight. The play, in four acts, is prompted by Miss Rebecca Bonner and it has had two successful showings in Everetts and Bear Grass.

## TEACHERS AND PARENTS MEET

Mrs. W. W. Martin To Address Gathering Here Thursday

Mrs. W. W. Martin, a special worker of the North Carolina College for Women, will address a meeting of the parents-teachers' association in the school auditorium here next Thursday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock.

Mrs. Martin is especially interested and informed about the parents-teachers' organization in the entire State and she is carrying on a very constructive work at this time. The president of the local association, Mrs. W. C. Liverman, is making an urgent appeal to every citizen and school patron to attend the meeting and hear Mrs. Martin.

The meeting was postponed from last week to next Thursday when Mrs. Martin will meet with the organization.

Mrs. Martin is spending the entire week in the county, visiting the various parents-teachers' associations and assisting them in their work. She was in Bear Grass last night and is at the Farm Life school this afternoon. Tomorrow afternoon she will visit the Hamilton organization and Wednesday night she goes to Jamesville, where she will address the association there. Thursday afternoon, she will be at the meeting here and that night she will meet with the association in Robertsonville. Her last visit in the county will be to the Oak City school Friday night. From there she goes to Raleigh.

## CHURCH LETTER PRAISES ELDER

Says Misunderstanding Is Reason for Differences In Church

Misunderstanding was given as the cause of differences in the Primitive Baptist church at Smithwick's Creek in a letter to the Council of that church from the church at Bethlehem, Tyrrell county. Members of the church at Bethlehem stated that they felt it their duty to speak in behalf of Elder W. B. Harrington, submitting the following remarks in Christian fellowship:

"Columbia, N. C.

"To the Council at Smithwick's Creek, 'Dear Brethren,

"We humbly beg to be allowed the privilege of thus addressing you in behalf of our beloved pastor, Elder Harrington. Brother Harrington has served us as pastor six and one-half years and during that time he has preached a strict Bible doctrine of Salvation by Grace and not of works. He has known nothing among us save Jesus Christ and him crucified. We both love him and the doctrine he preaches and feel it our duty to speak a word in his behalf. We believe that he is following in the footsteps of Jesus, the meek and lowly Nazarene, who hath said, 'Judge not that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge ye shall be judged and with what measure ye mete it shall be measured to you again.' Did not our Savior command us to love one another?"

"The fruit of the spirit is love, joy peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such there is no law. Do we love one another when we are condemning and judging our brother, knowing there is one Judge who will judge us all? Did not the apostles suffer criticism. Were they not brought before councils and threatened? Yes, even beaten. Yet God strengthened them and preserved their doctrine to this day. Therefore, we beseech you as Gamaliel did the council of old. 'Take heed to yourselves what you intend to do as touching this our brother. Refrain from this man and let him alone, for if his doctrine be of man, it will come to naught; but if it be of God, you cannot overthrow it.'"

"We have been made to rejoice in God our Savior while sitting under the sound of his voice and we have conversed with him and ever found him sound in Bible doctrine and he has never preached Armenian doctrine or any other doctrine save the doctrine of Salvation by Grace in our hearing and we believe his accusers have misunderstood him and that God will preserve him and bring all things out right in the end.

"Therefore we submit these few remarks in love and Christian fellowship for you and all true believers. Trusting in the goodness of God to bring peace among us all.

"Church at Bethlehem."

## Sixty One Cases On The Docket Edgecombe Court

Sixty-one cases are on the criminal docket of the Edgecombe County Superior court, scheduled to be held in Tarboro next Monday. Five of the cases involve murder.

## COUNTY BOARD EDUCATION WILL MEET TOMORROW

Routine Matters To Be Considered at Meeting In Afternoon

## ALSO NIGHT MEETING

Will Take Up Problem of Choosing Location for Local School Building at Night Session

In all probability, the selection of a site for the proposed new school building here will be made tomorrow afternoon and evening when the County Board of Education meets in its regular session. The meeting has been announced for 3 o'clock in the afternoon when regular routine business will be handled. That evening, the board is expected to consider the selection of a school site.

It is understood that written recommendations will be placed before the county board by the local school committee. If these recommendations are direct, that is centered on one plan, it is the opinion of many that the school site will be selected at the meeting tomorrow evening. If the written opinions of the local board members vary, it remains to be seen just what action the county board will take. The local committee will hold a meeting tonight when it will prepare its recommendations as to the selection of a site.

While it is virtually understood that the town will run its water and sewer lines to any point within the town to connect with the building, it is expected that its willingness to do so will be expressed in written form and will be considered by the educational board. The necessity, if any, of erecting sidewalks will also be cared for by the town, it is understood.

## MRS. MATILDA F. BROWNING DIES

Was One of Oldest Citizens of Jamesville Township; 73 Years Old

Mrs. Matilda F. Browning, 73, one of the oldest citizens of Jamesville township, died last Thursday from an attack of pneumonia. The daughter of Mack Ange, she was born in the Jamesville neighborhood where she lived all her life.

She married Luke R. Browning who died 23 years ago. From this marriage twelve children were born, seven of them are now living. They are William K. Browning, Washington; Mrs. Mary M. Mobley, Everetts; Mrs. Martha Smith, Aurora; Henry E. Browning, of Leggettts. The three youngest children were triplets and all are now living and married. They are John R. Browning, New Bern; W. C. Browning, Washington and Mrs. Allie Norris, of Jamesville.

The deceased had been a member of the Free Will Baptist Church. The funeral service was conducted by Elder W. B. Harrington and interment was made at the Ange burying ground near the home.

## Engineers Refuse Facts on Surveying of the Roanoke

A few months ago, a meagre sum of money was recommended for the improvement of the mouth of Roanoke river. According to a Plymouth correspondent a survey is being made of the river's mouth, and it is reasonable to believe that the meagre appropriation recommended will be wiped out if the engineers linger much longer at the river's mouth.

Plymouth, Jan. 16.—Because engineers in charge of surveying the mouth of Roanoke river near here, will not disclose any facts or will not divulge any information as to their work, President Zeb Vance Norman, of the local chamber of commerce appointed C. L. Groves, A. L. Alexander and J. W. Norman, as a committee, to interview the officials in charge of the work and if they continue to refuse information, they are to correspond with Congressman Lindsay Warren and Senator Simmons.

If the river is dredged as the meagre information reveals, the commercialists wish to request the enlargement of the channel by several yards. This is the reason for the interest manifested.

## Margolis Brothers Make Changes in Their Store

The Messrs. Margolis Brothers are making several changes in their store this week preparatory to the enlargement of their ready-to-wear department. To make these changes, they are making great reductions in many lines of dry goods, and Frank, the senior member of the firm, stated that every yard of goods must be closed out before he leaves for the market next month.

## SAYS TRAINS ARE RUNNING AT LOSS

A. C. L. Train Master Gives Some Facts About Removal of Trains

Official figures given out by C. G. Grigg, train master of the Norfolk division of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, here yesterday showed that the revenue originating from the operation of trains 56 and 57 between Tarboro and Plymouth amounted to only one-third the actual cost of maintaining the schedule. Mr. Grigg pointed out that the two trains had made money during the twenty years the schedule has been in force, but with the development of the highway system, competition has grown to such an extent that the train company is now operating the two trains at a great loss.

The train master stated that a bus company could render a service similar to that rendered by the trains, and at an expense far below that incurred by operating the two trains.

## STATE FIRE LOSS MILLION UNDER PREVIOUS YEAR

But Policy Holders Paid Premiums From 10 to 25 Per Cent Higher

## 2,333 FIRES IN STATE

Total Loss Was \$5,674,787; Amount Is \$974,145 Less Than in 1926, Commissioner's Figures Show

Raleigh, Jan. 16.—North Carolina's fire loss was reduced nearly a million dollars last year over 1926, but State policy holders paid insurance premiums from 10 to 25 per cent higher for protection during this banner year.

The rates were boosted by the Southern Underwriters Association and after hearings before Stacey W. Wade, then Insurance Commissioner, were placed in effect in the fall of 1926. The insurance companies claimed that they were actually losing money in North Carolina, but analysis of their claims showed that they figured on a very high cost of doing business.

The matter of the increase was taken up by the insurance committee of the last legislature, but nothing was done toward reduction. The loss ratio was reduced by twenty per cent last year, but still Tar Heels are paying the increased premiums—ten per cent on certain mercantile rate and twenty-five per cent on so-called special hazards.

The question has arisen: Who benefits by the saving? Does it go to fatten earnings of the insurance companies or will the purchasers of insurance, a public necessity, be benefited by lower rates?

In Iowa in 1922 the Insurance Commission issued orders reducing fire insurance rates ten per cent. The companies protested, carried their case to the United States Supreme Court. Last month it was decided that the reduction was legal, and the insurance companies will have to return some seven or eight million dollars collected in premiums after the order was issued to policy-holders. The Iowa decision appears to open the way for a reduction in North Carolina. The striking reduction in fire losses appears to make such a reduction imperative.

Loss from fires in North Carolina last year was \$974,145.00 less than in 1926 despite material advances in property hazard, official figures announced by State Insurance Commissioner Dan E. Boney show.

The total of fires during 1927 was 2,333 and they entailed loss of \$5,674,787. In 1926 there were 2,436 fires with a total loss of \$6,649,032, accounting for a decrease in 1927 of 103 fires and loss of \$974,145.

## Salesmen Say Eastern Carolina in Good Shape

Drummers traveling through this part of the State declare the outlook for 1928 to be the brightest in years. Especially is this outlook bright in Eastern Carolina, according to the traveling men. They claim everybody is making progress in this part of the country. They go far enough in their statements to say they believe diversified crops is the source of prosperity.

## To Start County School Championship Series

The first game of the County Basketball Championship series will be played tomorrow night when Farm Life and Williamston meet on the local court. The game is scheduled to begin at 7:30.

Dates and places of play for other teams taking part in the series had not been announced last night. Next Friday night, the high school boys will play Beulahville here.

## MANY SEEKING PROTECTION FROM SMALLPOX

Many People Throughout County Apply For Vaccination

## FREE FOR CHILDREN

Order Requiring All Children To Be Vaccinated By Wednesday Issued By School Authorities

While the smallpox epidemic has not reached the stage where it is considered serious in this county, many people are making sure that they are safe from the disease by being vaccinated. Old scars counted for little yesterday when it was learned that many new cases of smallpox had developed, for person after person appeared in doctors' offices here for another scar.

A close check of the health records in the schools of the county revealed the fact that scores and scores of children had never been vaccinated against smallpox. In the local school there were 140 such cases, and it is reported that a large percentage of the children in other schools have not been vaccinated. An order, requiring all children in school to be vaccinated by Wednesday morning, was issued here yesterday by school authorities. Those who fail to be vaccinated, it was stated, will be turned from the doors tomorrow.

Two years ago, the county board of health passed a law requiring all school children to be vaccinated against smallpox. At that time practically all the children in the schools were vaccinated, but it is understood that the vaccination was not complete. The law also provided free vaccination of the school children, and according to school authorities, there will be no charges now for vaccinating school children at this time.

Reports coming from the several towns in the county show where many, both school children and citizens, are being vaccinated daily.

## EVERETTS AND AULANDER TIE

Extra Five-Minute Period Leaves Court Knotted At 10-All

One of the most exciting basketball games witnessed here this season was played last Saturday night when Aulander and Everetts tied 10 all. With only one field goal to its credit, Aulander saved itself from defeat with goals made from the free-throw line, while Everetts tore away from defensive playing every now and then to gain two points from the field. With the score tied at the end of the game, five more minutes of play were ordered, but at the end of the additional period, the score remained unaffected.

The game was witnessed by a large crowd, and another match between the two teams is expected to attract an even greater number of fans.

## DOUBLE HEADER HERE THURSDAY

Jamesville-Maysville and Local and Washington Teams To Tie Up

The basketball season in the county will be put in full swing next Thursday night when Jamesville meets Maysville and the local town team meets an all-star quint from Washington on a local court.

The locals begin the 1928 season with an expressed aim to better its record of 21 victories out of 23 games made last year. For the past several weeks they have been going through regular practice, preparing to open the season in a mid-season form. While there are several members from last year's team out again this season, new material has been added and a fast and steady team has been developed. This year's squad includes H. B. Anderson, Irving Margolis, B. Hood, David Hix, Raymond Taylor, Lyman Britt and Ira Harrison. Last year, the locals turned down teams from all over Eastern Carolina, and out of twenty-three games played they turned twenty-one of them into victories.

Jamesville meets Maysville at 7:30, the Williamston-Washington game following immediately.

## County Teachers Meet Here Next Saturday

A meeting of the teachers of the county here next Saturday was announced this morning by the County Superintendent. This is the first meeting of the teachers that has been called this year and is the fifth to be held during the 1927-28 school term.