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GOOD BUSINESS REPORTED HERE LAST SATURDAY

Increase in Business That Day Said To Be Greatest Here in Several Years

Local business establishments reported a marked upward trend in trading last Saturday, many merchants stating that the day was one of the best from a business standpoint they had experienced in several years.

Conservative buying, for the most part, marked the trading activities for the day, it was stated by a number of the merchants. In other words, the traders were buying necessities they had been doing without for some time.

Local merchants are cooperating in every way possible in the NRA movement, it was learned from the merchants association here this week. Prices have been advanced only in proportion to the increased costs of new merchandise.

Goods on hand before the increased prices went into effect were, as an almost unanimous rule, sold at the old price levels, affording the buyers every break possible. There is very little old stock on hand in local stores now, but the merchants have hundreds of bargains awaiting careful and conservative purchasers.

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, the county tax collector, said he did not have such a good week last week, as far as tax collections were concerned, but almost every one hopes to see him later or just as soon as the backs are covered and the feet are shod for the fast-approaching winter months.

STATE FAIR ACTS AT ROCKY MOUNT

Is Almost a Reproduction of Amusements Seen At State Fair

The State Fair at Raleigh did not end last week, instead it has moved almost in its entirety to Rocky Mount, where it is operating this week.

This fact was learned after Norman Chambliss, manager of the State Fair and vice president of Rocky Mount Fair, had called Manager C. W. Jacks by long-distance telephone and told him that he had been successful in his attempt to have almost all of the State Fair attractions agree to show in Rocky Mount this week at the fair which started Monday.

"This means," Mr. Jacks said, "that the Rocky Mount Fair will be a great deal larger and better than any of us dared hope for. Before Mr. Chambliss had reached an agreement with these attractions, we were planning about the biggest fair Rocky Mount ever had, but now it's going to be three or four times that big."

Included in the list of attractions will be the Winter Garden Review, a musical novelty with a large girls' chorus, which has created a sensation at the State Fair. This act alone is expected to increase materially the already large number of patrons expected.

Other acts on the list include Billy Ritchie's Water Show, featuring high diving stunts; the Relmut troupe, showing tight-wire walking feats; the Arabian Follies, an acrobatic act; Melino's comedy and novelty act; Pallenburg's trained animals and circus act and Max Gruber's elephant show, featuring trained elephants in a comedy attraction.

All of these, of course, are in addition to the large number of attractions previously announced. The World of Mirth shows on the midway will contain 34 separate attractions including 14 "thrill" rides.

Track events will include motorcycle and automobile racing, climaxed by what is expected to be the biggest thrill of all—a head-on collision between two automobiles going at the rate of 40 miles an hour.

Martin Farmers Have Started Picking Peanuts

Farmers in parts of Jamesville and Robersonville Townships started picking peanuts last week, but it is understood the picking operations were stopped today on account of unfavorable weather.

The picking operations are well advanced this season, the dry weather having been ideal for the crop. Some farmers, however, are of the opinion that it is unusually early to take the nuts from the vines.

Mrs. Brown Has Accepted Position with Local Store

Mrs. Anna Bell Brown has accepted a position with Baenhill Brothers in their store here. Mrs. Brown, popular with a large clientele throughout this entire section, entered upon her new duties this morning.

Advantages of Local Tobacco Market Will Be Outlined at Booster Meet Friday Night

Several hundred local citizens will be called and farmers from all sections will be invited to attend a tobacco market booster meeting at the courthouse here Friday night of this week at 7:45 o'clock. A meeting that will be of interest to every one is assured and a large attendance is urged. The meeting scheduled for last evening was adjourned after various committees were named, and preliminary arrangements were made for a campaign in the interest of the Williamston market. Sales Supervisor Pritchard, talking with the committees last night explained that the market had already sold more tobacco so far

this season than it did all last year, and that the average compared very favorably with the highest in the belt. "There is no doubt but what the Williamston market average would have been the highest in the state had it not been for the large amount of damaged tobacco sold here following the reopening," Mr. Pritchard said. "Only two markets, Washington and New Bern, have been held back by the large amount of tobacco damaged in the storm-stricken areas," Mr. Pritchard added. Yesterday, five reliable farmers divided a barn of tobacco each, placing portions on the local mar-

ket and on a larger market. It was authentically reported that the sales here averaged from \$1.50 to \$5 a hundred pounds more than the sales averaged on the other market. This comparison is not offered to low-rate another market, but it is offered to prove that tobacco sold on the Williamston market sells just as high as that offered on the larger markets. One farmer averaged \$34 a hundred for a large lot of tobacco sold here yesterday, the highest average called to attention so far. The facts and figures show that the local market is just as good a place to sell tobacco as any place in the State.

CROP CONDITION FOR THIS STATE REPORTED GOOD

Storm Damage in Eastern Part of This State Is Placed at \$2,300,000

The government report recently released in connection with general crop conditions in this State and for the various sections, shows a favorable situation as far as the crops are concerned.

September weather conditions were favorable for the harvesting of most crops. The mid-September tropical storm that did considerable damage in about 15 coastal counties interrupted the harvesting operations for a few days only.

The damage from the eastern tropical storms of late August and September totaled about \$1,000,000 loss. Other agricultural damages to buildings, fruit trees, timber, etc., totaled about \$1,300,000 more.

It has been a fine year for both the yield and saving of hay crops. This is especially true of Eastern Carolina in spite of the storm conditions. An average of 1,800 pounds of hay is reported, which indicates 641,000 tons or about 13 per cent more than last year. Pasture conditions for October 1st averaged 71 per cent in North Carolina as compared with 76 for the 10-year average, but about 22 per cent better than a year ago.

Corn was quite good in spite of the unfavorable June and July dry weather fears. The 42,530,000 bushels estimated is almost 25 per cent more than last year and about 8 per cent greater than the 5-year average. The old corn on farms is about one-fourth of the farm supply or stock of the two previous years.

Peanuts show 69 per cent condition for the North Carolina-Virginia commercial area as compared with 71 for the 10-year average. The acreage is reduced appreciably which largely accounts for this year's estimate of 302,000,000 pounds being 24 per cent less than last year and 12 per cent less than the 5-year average. The nuts are fewer per plant but better filled pods than usual.

Sweet potatoes are showing 8,360,000 bushels for this state, based on a condition of 74 per cent, which compares with 76 for the 10-year average. The American crop is estimated at 69,951,000 bushels, or 9 per cent less than last year, but 11 per cent more than the five-year average. The dry fall conditions thus far indicate good keeping qualities.

Tobacco
With the exception of the 1930 crop, when 586,000,000 pounds were made, the current year's forecast of 520,000,000 pounds in North Carolina is a record high production. The 1930 crop sold at an average of approximately 13 cents. However, the 1931 much smaller crop sold at an average of 9 cents and the last year's crop at 12 cents. The tobacco sold to date shows an average of 12 cents. In spite of the closed markets during September, the sales to October 1 were slightly more than the year before. The total flue-cured tobacco belt crop in the southeastern states is indicated at 705,000,000 pounds, which is almost twice last year's crop, but 4 per cent less than the five-year average.

COL. LANGSTON HERE SUNDAY

Good-sized Crowd Present For Prohibition Rally In Courthouse

Col. John D. Langston, prominent attorney of Goldsboro, coming here at his own expense, championed the cause of the Eighteenth Amendment before a good sized and representative audience in the county courthouse last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Langston, active for a number of years in the professional and political life of the State and who has done much in the service of his party, is a volunteer speaker for the cause of the dry forces. He is working without pay and meets all his expenses personally.

His speech, from of eshrduenuth His speech, free of all bias, challenged all opposers to dispute the statements and facts presented. He called the attention of his listeners to interesting figures comparing crime drunkenness, poverty and other deplorable conditions found in wet and dry countries. "In the United States there were 98 Keeley Institutes flourishing before the passage of the Eighteenth Amendment, and today there are only 11," the speaker said.

He said all this tax propaganda is advanced by the extremely wealthy, who hope to abolish the income tax laws and pass the burden onto the laboring class of people to pay by drinking taxed liquor.

Tobacco Average Is 15c Here Yesterday

AID SUFFERERS

A second shipment—a truck-load—of food and clothing was made to the storm victims in nearby counties by Red Cross workers in this county last Saturday.

The Bear Grass school and community led the list with cash and food donations, it was learned. The district there raised \$10 in cash and a large quantity of food and much clothing.

According to estimates, citizens of Martin County, outside the individual Red Cross chapter in Robersonville, offered aid valued at more than \$300 to the storm victims.

The Everetts school children made a sizeable contribution for the storm sufferers, including 25 quarts of fruit, 5 bushels of sweet potatoes, one and one-half bushels of Irish potatoes, 5 bundles of clothing and 4 pounds of lard.

FUNERAL TODAY FOR W. N. GRIFFIN

Griffins Township Farmer Died in a Washington Hospital Yesterday

W. Noah Griffin, Griffins Township farmer, died in a Washington hospital yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock from a complication of diseases. He had been in ill health for some time, but was able to attend to duties around the home up to about two months ago. He entered a Washington hospital for treatment last Friday.

Born and reared in Griffins Township, Mr. Griffin was 63 years old. He had farmed all his life. About 25 years ago he was married to Miss Mary Harrison who survives him. He also leaves three sisters, Mrs. James Griffin, Mrs. Jos. E. Griffin and Mrs. R. W. Perry, and two brothers, Asa and Dawse Griffin, all of Griffins Township. Elders Hutchines and Harris, of the Primitive Baptist church are conducting the services. Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from his late home. Interment will follow in the Tice Cemetery in Griffins Township.

COTTON GINNED SHOWS INCREASE

Nearly 3,000 Bales Ginned in This County Up To First of October

Up to the first of this month, 2,736 bales of cotton had been ginned in this county from the 1933 crop, it was reported this week by Mr. Luther Harrison, of Jamesville, recently appointed collector of cotton ginning statistics in this county. Last year up to the same date 1,919 bales were ginned in this county, or 817 fewer bales than the report shows for the period this year.

While the report indicates a considerably larger crop was grown in this county than was grown last year, it must be remembered that farmers centered their activities on cotton harvesting during much of September, when the tobacco markets were closed. It is believed, however, that the crop this year is some larger than the one in 1931.

According to reports received from various sections of the county, the crop this year is very little larger than it was last season.

Seven gins are operating this year in the county, Lilly's Store, Williamston, Everetts, two in Robersonville, Oak City, and Hassell.

Rev. Mr. Mashburn To Preach at Jamesville

Beginning Monday night of next week, Rev. C. B. Mashburn, of Farmville, will conduct a series of services in the Christian church at Jamesville.

Mr. Mashburn is well known throughout this section. He was a resident of the county for a number of years, holding the pastorate of several churches during that time. The public is invited to hear him.

New York Attorney To Speak Here Friday at 8

Ruth Whitehead Whaley, New York attorney, will speak in the colored school auditorium here Friday evening of this week at 8 o'clock. It was announced today. The public is cordially invited to hear her.

GOOD TOBACCOS SOLD UNUSUALLY HIGH YESTERDAY

Average Here Yesterday Is Only Two Cents Below The Parity Price

With a fair-sized break on the floors the local tobacco market had its best sales of the season yesterday, when a general average of slightly over 15 cents was reported. No marked change was noted in the sales today, reliable reports indicating that the price trend was just about the same as it was yesterday.

Good tobaccos sold unusually well yesterday, and prices for the inferior lots were firm.

Despite the upward trend, the price level continues below the 17-cent parity figure, but with an increase in receipts over last week, farmers are more hopeful than they were before the price agreement was signed last Thursday.

Agreement Criticized

To Congressman Frank Hancock of the fifth North Carolina district, the tobacco marketing agreement is a "sop to the growers and a flop by the agricultural adjustment administration."

To J. C. Lanier, of Greenville, an official of the tobacco section of the agricultural adjustment administration the program "will certainly result in the tobacco farmers receiving 3 to 4 cents more per pound for this year's crop."

These differences of opinion were revealed in week-end statements, Lanier in reply to Hancock.

The Congressman said growers would not get within hollering distance of a 17-cent pound parity price, and Lanier announced tobacco farmers ought to be informed of Mr. Hancock's activities in "our efforts to secure increased prices after a plan by Hancock was turned down."

Mr. Lanier's statement charged Congressman Hancock with "opposing" the administration's efforts to secure higher prices this year.

Replying to the statement issued at Oxford by the fifth district representative, Lanier said he was ready "to stand or fall" on the proposition that the tobacco marketing agreement signed in Washington Friday will result in millions of dollars of additional returns for tobacco growers for this year's crop.

FIRST FROST OF YEAR SUNDAY

Frost That Morning Earlier By Several Days Than First One Last Year

Frost, the grim reaper of nearly all vegetables in this section, made his first visit of the fall here Sunday morning. However, the old scoundrel was not accompanied by the coolest weather of the season. He must have been so busy striking in other parts of the country that he found it impossible to strike here during those brisk mornings of last week. His visit Sunday morning was several days ahead of his first appearance last fall.

The first visit this year was a very short one and only those early risers even got in-speaking distance of the vegetation destroyer. Later in the day signs of his visit were noticed on sweet potato tops and other tender vegetation.

It was toward the latter part of October when the first frost struck last year.

Oak City Man Accidentally Hurt in Fall Here Monday

Julian Hyman, of Goose Nest, suffered a bad cut just above his right eye when he accidentally fell on a concrete sidewalk on Main Street here yesterday afternoon. Medical attention was necessary, but the last reports received indicated that Mr. Hyman was getting along all right.

VanDyke Starts Big Sale Here Next Thursday

The VanDyke Furniture Company is announcing a big price-smashing sale beginning at its Williamston store Thursday morning of this week. The sale is store-wide, prices being reduced on every article.

SHORT SESSION OF CONGRESS IS THING OF PAST

Next Regular Session Of Congress To Convene Early Part January

Washington, D. C.—The Twentieth Amendment was officially written into the Constitution this week, automatically forbidding any future short sessions of Congress of the type that so frequently in the past has wound up in a blaze of filibustering oratory.

Carrying the distinction of being the only change in the constitution to receive unanimous ratification by the 48 states, the new article also established a record for the speed by which it was approved by them. However, when there were about a third as many states, in 1804, the Twelfth Amendment was approved in the speediest time of all—about eight and a half months.

Although three-fourths of the states—all that is necessary—ratified the 20th amendment within one year after it was submitted to them March 2, 1932, by its own language it did not become effective until the first October 15 after it was ratified.

Abolition of the lame duck session, which permitted senators and representatives defeated in the biennial elections to help make laws during the session after their defeat, for nearly 10 years was an annual controversy between the Senate and House.

Senator Norris, independent Republican from Nebraska, author of the resolution, held out for two indeterminate sessions of Congress. Republican leaders in control of the House remained steadfast for a limitation on the second session. Not until the Democrats gained control of the House in December, 1931, was it favorably considered.

By eliminating the three-month lame duck session, the amendment moved from the first Monday in December to January 3 each year the date for Congress to assemble. It permits a newly elected Congress to begin operating the legislative machinery within two months after election instead of 13.

In addition, it moved from March 4 to January 20 the inauguration date for the President and vice president. In doing this President Roosevelt's term will be cut short by almost two months and he will lose about \$9,000 of his salary.

Local Eleven Wins Over Ayden Team 33 To 6

Coach "Frosty" Peters' eleven bested its stock considerably in the estimation of local fans last Friday, when a 33 to 6 victory was entered into the records against the strong Ayden team. It was the second win of the season for the locals, who downed Hobgood here in the season opener by a 38 to 0 score.

The teamwork of the locals featured the game last Friday, the line showing much improvement, and reflecting much credit to the coach. Next Friday afternoon the locals meet Washington, a northeastern conference team, on the high school field here.

Increased Figures Reported In Martin County Schools

A marked increase in attendance figures was reported during the past few days by nearly all the schools in the county, the superintendent of county schools announced today. The large number of pink-eye cases has dwindled and while the eye trouble is still scattered here and there throughout the county it is not affecting the attendance upon the schools to as great an extent as it did a week or two ago.

Crop harvesting, calling for child labor, is about completed on many farms, causing an upward trend in attendance figures.

NEAR \$10,000.00

Martin County farmers have received \$9,119 from the Government for their part in the cotton reduction movement so far. Fifty two checks, amounting to \$2,013, were received last Saturday. There are now due 284 checks, 181 having been received. According to reports received some time ago, the government planned to have all checks in the hands of the farmers by the 15th of this month, but another delay has already been experienced.

Miss Mary Carstarphen, secretary in the county's agent's office, said yesterday that many of the owners of the 181 checks already in the office here had not called for them.

J. J. CARSON HELD IN NASH KILLING

Alleged Killer Formerly A Resident of Parmele In Martin County

J. J. Carson, former resident of Parmele, was jailed in Nash County last Saturday night in connection with the killing of Jesse Ezzell, 35-year-old farmer of that county a short while earlier. Ezzell was instantly killed after a brawl at Carson's club or roadhouse, near Rocky Mount.

Carson, admitting that he killed the man, told police that an argument developed over the charge of 50 cents he tried to collect for a bed Ezzell wanted to use for the night. Carson claimed he killed the man in self defense.

Alonzo Buck, present at the time, is being held as a material witness but he said he knew nothing of the shooting. Buck asserted he purchased whiskey in Rocky Mount and that one drink knocked him out. He also claimed to be "out" when the shooting occurred.

The alleged killer is a brother of E. R. Carson, of Robersonville.

Parity Price for Tobacco Based on Pre-War Days

Answering a question as to what is meant by "parity prices" for tobacco, the State College News Service says: "This term is used to express the purchasing power of one pound of tobacco in pre-war days. A simple explanation is that if one pound of tobacco was equal to 17 cents worth of produce before the war, then this amount would be the parity price of tobacco at this time. The same rule applies to either cotton, wheat, hogs, or any other farm product.

Describes Fire-Break And Its Principal Use

A "fire-break" is a cleared strip through the woods varying from 10 to 100 feet wide and is kept free from all litter by plowing or burning. These breaks are used to divide large wooded areas or as property lines between separate farm lands. A properly built break will check a slow moving ground fire and also serves as a vantage point in fighting more heavy fires that are fanned by a stiff wind.

Processing Tax Is Applied Only on Domestic Users

A processing tax of 4.2 cents a pound has been levied on all flue-cured tobacco used in this country. No tax is charged on exported tobaccos. From 50 to 60 percent of all flue-cured tobacco produced is sent out of the country and, as the estimated yield for this year is 667,053,000 pounds, this means that the government will collect processing tax on approximately 330,000,000 pounds. This money will be refunded to the farmers as rental for land taken out of production in 1934-1935.

TOWN CAN GET MONEY TO DIG NEW WELL HERE

Engineer To Make Survey of Proposed Improvements Here Soon

Discussing the need of improvements to the local waterworks system, Attorney R. L. Coburn was assured last Saturday by Mr. H. G. Baily, state engineer of public works, that the money could be borrowed from the Federal Emergency Fund, provided certain requirements are met. The engineer pointed out that plans of the proposed improvements would have to be prepared and submitted to the fund authorities along with the application for a loan.

Engineer Rivers has been asked to make a survey for a water line on Haughton Street to that section referred to as "Doodle Hill," and another extension out Main Street beyond the railroad underpass. Well and machinery concerns will be asked to submit plans and bids for a deep well.

According to recent reports from the pumping station here, the town's water supply is rapidly decreasing, and it is causing the authorities much concern. The pumps are being operated during a greater part of the day and night and are barely maintaining a small surplus in the reservoir, it was stated.

At least two or three months will be required to negotiate the loan, if the application meets with the approval of the authorities, it is believed, and if the application is turned down, the town will be forced to make other arrangements for maintaining or improving its water source.

LABOR SHORT IN SOME SECTIONS

No Surplus Labor Reported in Mill Centers of the Piedmont Section

Raleigh. A piedmont North Carolina textile manufacturer has advised the re-employment office in Raleigh that he advertised daily for a week in four daily newspapers in the textile areas of North and South Carolina for "drawing in hands—female" and had only six responses. He said he had 70 weavers idle because of the lack of such workers and asked if the NRA would allow him to work the drawing in hands he has 48 hours a week, instead of the 40 hours under the code, in order to give the 70 unemployed work. He would do it until the places could be filed and pay extra. The re-employment office was uncertain, but asked any experienced women in that job need employment to register at their county office.

Runs Down Fox During Day In Jamesville Section

Mrs. N. R. Griffin, driving her car in Jamesville Township recently, ran down and killed a grown fox, the supposedly cunning animal jumping from a bunch of thick bushes directly into the path of the car during the day-time.

Automobiles have run down many rabbits and a few foxes at night, when the animals were blinded by the car headlights, but this is the first time, as far as it could be learned, that a fox has been run down in the day-time.

Change Is Made In Prison Camp Personnel Near Here

Paul Ballard, connected with the State Highway camp here during the past year or more, has resigned his position there to go with the Thigpen and Cherry sales stables. Biscoe "Toby" Rogerson, recently of Whiteville, is now connected with the camp.