

## Fair Week Will Also Be Trade In Bess City Week

Greatest Fair Advertising Stunt Ever Pulled Off in Old Home Town Will be Undertaken If Only Ed Spencer Can Get Fifty Automobiles

Fair Week will also be "Trade in Elizabeth City Week." This was decided on by Elizabeth City merchants this week, and the decision has given a big impetus to the enthusiasm for the whirlwind publicity tour of the ten counties of the district and Bertie County as well.

The original plan adopted by the Merchants' Association, it will be remembered, was to appoint a committee of 25 members to arrange an itinerary of the counties of the district, to divide the committee into three squads of eight members each, and to assign to each squad a certain part of the district.

That plan, however, when it had been decided to make Fair Week Trade in Elizabeth City Week, was not big enough for Ed Spencer, president of the Elizabeth City Merchants' Association. Mr. Spencer conceived the idea of increasing the number of automobiles to 40 or 50 and covering the entire territory within one day. He is seeking, accordingly, for 50 automobiles to be ready at 8 o'clock on the morning of Tuesday, September 25, to carry the message of attend the Fair and trade in Elizabeth City to 11 counties.

Mr. Spencer knows that the automobiles are here, and, if they are to be had, it is planned to distribute something like 10,000 circulars advertising the Fair on next Tuesday in every village and hamlet and throughout the entire district.

But it is not proposed to depend upon the printed message to bring folks to Elizabeth City during Fair and Trade in Elizabeth City Week.

The members of these touring parties will talk to the folks on the farms and in the towns and villages and along the country roads which they traverse, and carry a direct message of the good things and the good times of Fair Week in Elizabeth City to the people of town and countryside, following this with a cordial invitation to everybody to attend what is for Elizabeth City the big gala event of the year.

The plan, in other words, is to advertise the Elizabeth City District Fair in Elizabeth City as it has never been advertised before, and to bring to the town for the Fair, and for the opportunities of trade in Elizabeth City Week, the biggest crowds that have ever thronged the streets of the Old Home Town during any like period of its history.

Elizabeth City merchants believe that the Albemarle section this fall is about to enter upon the most prosperous season since 1919, and they expect during Fair Week to start these good times with a flourish, the impetus of which will continue to be felt until the arrival of the Christmas holiday season.

Getting the automobiles to Ed Spencer's mind, is the one big problem to be solved. If automobiles can be had to the number of 40 or 50 to undertake the trip the success of the plan, Mr. Spencer declares, is assured. He is, therefore, appealing to every patriotic citizen and wide-awake business man in Elizabeth City who owns a motor car to put it at the city's service for this one day. Mr. Spencer is anxious to hear from every motor car owner in the city who is willing to respond to this invitation. A telephone call to him at the Spencer-Walker Company or to the headquarters of the Merchants' Association in the Hinton Building from anyone desiring to offer a car will be greatly appreciated.

### SUPER-GOVERNMENT RULES SAY CITIZENS

Baton Rouge, La., Sept. 20.—Governor Parker today made public the contents of the resolution adopted by a mass meeting of citizens of Jackson Parish charging that a "super government" has been established in Jackson Parish to the extent of "disrupting the judiciary and the machinery of the courts in such way as to punish innocent persons while guilty ones go free and practically disfranchising voters who are not in sympathy with the Ku Klux Klan."

### COTTON MARKET

New York, Sept. 20.—Spot Cotton, closed quiet, Middling 30.50 a decline of 25 points. Futures, closing bid, Oct. 29.70-82, Dec. 29.35-42, Jan. 28.80-85, March 28.78-80, May 28.67-77, July 28.60-trading.

New Sept. 20.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: October 29.85-92; December 29.60-58; January 28.70-75; May 28.55-58.

### NORFOLK MARKETS

COTTON AND PEANUTS  
(Reported by Winberne & Co.)  
September 20  
Cotton Middling, (open) . . . 29 1/2  
Cotton Middling, (close) . . . 29 1/2  
Peanuts, steady . . . . . 5 1/2 to 5 1/2

## Pecans Here Are Bigger And Better

State Forester Curran Believes Albemarle Pecans Would Be Premium Winners

More pecans and bigger and better pecan trees in the Elizabeth City section than anywhere in North Carolina east of Raleigh is what H. M. Curran, State farm forester of the Extension Service of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture found in a recent visit to Elizabeth City, during which he availed himself of the opportunity to inspect the two largest pecan groves in the vicinity of Elizabeth City, that of C. O. Robinson in Camden County and that of F. V. Scott in Pasquotank.

Mr. Curran was highly enthusiastic with the beginnings that have been made by Mr. Robinson and Mr. Scott toward commercial pecan culture on a large scale and was most favorably impressed with the growth and yield that these young trees are showing, as well as with the quality of the nuts. He does not believe that a better quality nut is produced anywhere and has urged both Mr. Robinson and Mr. Scott to enter exhibits of their pecans at the next horticultural show in New York City, believing that the Albemarle product will be found among the premium winners.

The State has pecan trees on its experimental farm in Edgecomb County but C. O. Robinson, who has visited the farm, says that the trees there have made no such showing as have the trees on his own farm in Camden, falling particularly in the matter of attaining the growth of the trees in this section. Mr. Robinson thinks that Mr. Curran hopes to bring about the establishment of an experimental farm in this section of the country for the development of trucking as well as for pecan culture.

At any rate, Mr. Curran was thoroughly convinced from what he saw here of the fact that the soil of the Albemarle section is peculiarly adapted to nut culture, and he urged the planting of pecan trees on a general scale. Among those who are now planning to go in for pecans is A. E. Cohoon.

"The pecan," says Mr. Cohoon, "grows well on a large variety of soils. But when I was in forestry work for the Government in the state of Missouri I found great pecan trees growing wild in the forests of the black land of that state. I have a considerable acreage of black land very similar to that in Missouri and it is on this that I am planning to try out pecans."

Mr. Curran believes that Albemarle farmers should not only go in for pecans but for other nuts as well, citing the fact that the United States imports annually \$64,000,000 worth of nuts. While speaking to a reporter for this newspaper, he took from his pocket a handful of English walnuts grown in Elizabeth City on the lot of the Misses Albertson on Church street and cited the fact that there is a magnificent and prolific chestnut tree on the lot of the late Mrs. Lizzie Overman on South Road street.

### BI-WEEKLY MEETING OF OF KIWANIS CLUB FRIDAY

The Kiwanians will meet for luncheon and program Friday night at 6:30 at the Southern Hotel. A special "Constitution Week" program is planned. The session will adjourn in time for all who desire may attend the circus.

## Friday Is Circus Day And Parade Starts At Eleven

Friday, tomorrow, is Circus Day. As the dawn breaks, the working army of the Christy Brothers Four-Ring Wild Animal Exposition will begin unloading magic wonders in the Norfolk Southern railway yards.

The gay wagons will roll to the lot on Walnut street, where the circus is to be held. The tents will be raised, the hundreds of people and animals fed, groomed and garbed for the big parade which will leave the show lot promptly at 11 o'clock Friday morning.

The performance, which opens with stirring and opulent pageantry, starts at 2 p. m. and 8 p. m. Hundreds of arctic artists, clowns and trained wild beasts will do thrills in the four rings, the air and the steel arenas, all will be the best that there is to be seen in the land, from the big elephant act to the last monkey races.

Hundreds of wild and domestic animals, all highly educated and finished actors, are said to present their performance with clock-like precision. Among the feature of the animal numbers are Christy Brothers' group of performing Black-Maned African Lions, a group of performing Black Bears showing almost human intelligence in the presentation of their many displays, the World-Famous Mixed Group of performing elephants, zebras, horses and dogs, a combination never before successful-

## EVENTS MOVING TO A SHOWDOWN

Governor Walton and the Oklahoma Legislature Continue to Clash in Regard to Situation in State.

Oklahoma City, Sept. 20.—Events in Oklahoma moved toward a shut down between Governor Walton and members of the Legislature today over the executive exercise of authority and his war on the Ku Klux Klan and mob floggers.

The call for an extraordinary session of the lower house to consider a series of charges that the governor has taken unto himself the powers of a despot and has supplanted the government with a dictatorship was issued this morning.

At almost the same moment the executive appealed to the people in a proclamation to repudiate the attempt of lawmakers to assemble, charging that those sponsoring the movement are "Klan members inspired by the invisible empire and aided by the Klan press."

Oklahoma City, Sept. 20.—Governor Walton yesterday ordered all the fiery crosses which have blazed in all the big cities as a mark of defiance to him by the Ku Klux Klan to be taken down.

Oklahoma City, Sept. 20.—Defying Governor Walton the legislators yesterday issued a call for a special session to consider his alleged unlawful acts and will attempt to meet in spite of his martial law.

Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 20.—Oklahoma editors made addresses to the public last night calling attention to the alleged despotism of Governor Walton.

### NEXT SUNDAY TO BE HOME COMING DAY

Next Sunday is Home Coming Day at the First Methodist Sunday school, an annual event at which time members and friends are welcomed back to the Sunday school.

J. C. B. Ehringhaus will make the address of the occasion and his subject will be "Learning to Obey the Law of Life."

Former members, friends and the public generally are extended a cordial invitation by the superintendent, J. A. Hooper, and by the entire Sunday school.

### ALLEN LOSES FIGHT AGAINST EXTRADITION

Los Angeles, Sept. 20.—Doctor Helon Allen, formerly head of a school for girls at Sabot, Virginia, and wanted in Pittsburgh to answer federal charges of having taken a girl from Sabot to Pittsburgh, lost his fight today against extradition when the circuit court of appeals refused to sign the writ of habeas corpus Allen, who was arrested here several weeks ago, will be returned to Pittsburgh.

### COMMISSION DELAYS ITS RATE CHANGES

Washington, Sept. 20.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today announced suspension until January 18, of the proposed rate changes on various carload and less than carload commodity tariffs, affecting practically every railroad south of the Potomac and Ohio rivers.

An investigation of schedules suggested and which were to have become effective tomorrow was ordered.

## Elizabeth City Is Being Sidetracked

Inevitable Consequences of Forces in Motion When Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal Was Purchased by Government Just Now Becoming Apparent

Slowly, but surely, the inevitable consequences of forces set in motion when the Albemarle & Chesapeake Canal was purchased by the Government are beginning to become apparent, and influences which were at first insidious and almost imperceptible are taking their toll of Elizabeth City shipping and robbing Elizabeth City of its primacy as a distributing point for points accessible only from the Albemarle Sound.

Had the Dismal Swamp instead of the Albemarle & Chesapeake Canal been purchased by the Government Elizabeth City would have been on the main highway of water-borne commerce between Norfolk and points south and its importance as an inland port would have been enhanced.

As it is, Elizabeth City shipping interests are beginning to find that the Pasquotank River is becoming a mere sidetrack for sound traffic.

With the Dismal Swamp Canal on even terms with the Albemarle & Chesapeake, the Dismal Swamp route, before the latter was purchased by the Government and made a free waterway, was by all odds the favorite and practically all sound traffic to and from Norfolk passed through Elizabeth City.

But with the Dismal Swamp Canal a toll waterway, and with the Albemarle & Chesapeake not only made a free waterway but also widened and deepened, more and more commerce that used to pass through Elizabeth City is being diverted to the free canal.

By the Dismal Swamp Canal Newbern's Landing, in lower Currituck, is just as near Norfolk as it is by the Albemarle & Chesapeake. By the Dismal Swamp Canal Manteo, county seat of Dare, is, if anything, nearer Norfolk than it is by the Albemarle and Chesapeake. Everything being equal, trade from Newbern's Landing and Manteo to Norfolk would pass through the Dismal Swamp Canal and touch at Elizabeth City. But everything is far from equal, and is growing more and more unequal every day. Not only is the Albemarle & Chesapeake a free canal while the Dismal Swamp is a toll waterway; but also the Albemarle & Chesapeake is having money spent on it freely to maintain and improve it, while on the Dismal Swamp Canal improvement has been abandoned and even maintenance is being neglected. Consequently traffic, which for generations has passed through Elizabeth City, is being diverted to Norfolk by way of the Albemarle & Chesapeake Canal.

The latest instance of this tendency is the announcement that the steamer Trenton, for years plying between Elizabeth City and Manteo, is next week to be taken off this run and will begin to ply between Manteo and Norfolk. In the place of the Trenton, Elizabeth City will get a gas-boat—probably the E. R. Daniels or the Pompano.

A reason for the change is the fact that the Trenton is no longer a paying proposition on the Elizabeth City-Manteo run. Some time ago tri-weekly boat service between Manteo and Norfolk, by way of the Albemarle & Chesapeake Canal, was inaugurated, and since that time there has been a decided falling off in the number of passenger carried by the Trenton. One morning, for instance, it is reported that the Van Duzen, the gas-boat plying between Manteo and Norfolk, had 45 passengers to hardly a dozen for the Trenton. "We regret to make the change," an official of the Eastern Carolina Transportation Company is quoted as saying, "but circumstances force us to make it."

It is not so much the immediate falling off of the trade of Dare County folks in Elizabeth City as a result of this situation that is the occasion for serious thought. It is the ultimate result of the present tendency. A tri-weekly schedule between Norfolk and Manteo will probably develop into a daily schedule. With a daily schedule, Manteo can get mail direct from Norfolk instead of from Elizabeth City. With such a situation, Dare County would be so effectually lopped off of from Elizabeth City's trade territory that the only time one would see Dare County folks in the city would be when some old-timer might happen to want a loan at the bank and come over to Pasquotank's capital for this purpose or to visit his children.

If the Dismal Swamp Canal were open as a free waterway or even should it at this late time be purchased by the Government and made one, Norfolk to Manteo traffic would pass through Elizabeth City, for the Dismal Swamp route would be, if anything, shorter, and traffic to both ports could be handled by one boat instead of maintaining two lines, as is now proposed. But unless the Dismal Swamp Canal is so purchased, it looks as though Norfolk might as well annex Dare County, the birth-

## SAYS THE POLICE KILLED HIS GIRL

John Lorenz Says Daughter Told Him Before She Died How They Gave Her the Third Degree.

Detroit, Sept. 20.—While three physicians today examined the body of Gladys Slava Lorenz, 13 year old Polish girl whom her father alleges died Saturday as the result of mistreatment by the police while under arrest on the charge of grand larceny, the police were on guard in the vicinity of the girl's home to prevent any demonstration.

Two riot calls were sent in last night and early today as a result of alleged demonstrations.

John Lorenz, father of the girl, says his daughter told him just before she died that the police abused her and forced her to take ice baths in their attempt to make her confess to robbery.

### PASQUOTANK TALKS ABOUT MARKETING

Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, who had been invited to address the meeting, failed to arrive; but Pasquotank Cotton Co-ops held a talkfest at the High School Auditorium Wednesday night at which the principal feature was an informal discussion by H. H. Mask of Raleigh of the great success of the co-operative marketing of cotton since the organization just a few years ago of the American Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association, which has grown to a membership of 270,000 members.

Wednesday night a similar meeting was held at Camden Courthouse. Among those present from outside the city were O. H. Spannard of Raleigh, district field representative, and Milton Norman of Raleigh, State field representative.

Co-operative marketing is in its infancy in this section but is believed to be gaining strength with the farmers.

### WILL PROCEED WITH MINE INVESTIGATION

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 20.—Solicitor James Davis will proceed with his investigation of conditions at the Banner Mines in spite of Governor Brandon's letter of yesterday in which the executive said an inquiry would not be tolerated, as sole authority in governing convicts rested finally with Governor.

place of Virginia Dare, to the Old Dominion.

Hard on the heels of the definite announcement that the Eastern Carolina Transportation Company is going to discontinue running the Trenton to Elizabeth City, comes an unconfirmed report that the North River Line will take the Vanscover off the Newbern's Landing to Elizabeth City run and put it to plying between Elizabeth City and Norfolk, by way of the Albemarle & Chesapeake Canal. This would mean that nobody in Currituck any longer would need to come to Elizabeth City to take a train. They could take a train at Norfolk instead. Moreover, the schedule would probably favor shopping in Norfolk instead of Elizabeth City. Many Currituckians have already been doing just that in many instances. For there are already daily steamers plying the Albemarle & Chesapeake Canal between Elizabeth City and Norfolk, and it is because these steamers are carrying passengers that formerly came to Elizabeth City on the Vanscover that the North River Line is said to be considering making the change. They may only operate the Vanscover on this run, but again they may put two of their steamers on it and maintain a daily schedule.

If this is done, what's to hinder Currituck from shipping potatoes, both white and sweet, to Norfolk direct instead of having them loaded on the Norfolk Southern at Elizabeth City? And won't they spend their money where they sell their produce?

These are questions which are causing some serious thought in the Picture City on the Pasquotank and are stirring new interest in the long fight to induce the Government to buy the Dismal Swamp Canal.