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## EXPECT MANY AT FARMERS MEETING

### Annual Convention of Farmers And Farm Women Begins July 31

State College Station, Raleigh, July 16.—The annual farmers and farm women's convention to be held at the State college on July 31, Aug. 1 and 2, will be one of the most largely attended gatherings in the twenty-one years of its history, says J. M. Gray, who is general secretary of the organization this year. Mr. Gray, co-operating with the officials of the College and Department, with Dr. J. V. Joyner of the Tobacco Association, and with Mrs. Lacey McArthur, president of the women's section, have arranged a program that will be both instructive and entertaining.

The first day will be largely devoted to the opening exercises, with talks by the officials of the organization. Some interesting addresses will also be made by visitors. C. I. Lewis, editor of the American Fruit Grower, will be one of the leading visiting speakers on that day. Dr. R. Y. Winters will hold the annual meeting of the North Carolina Seed Breeders association on Tuesday afternoon.

Wednesday, August 1, is Farmers' Business Day. Hon. Asbury F. Lever, formerly of the Federal Farm Loan Board, will speak on this day. The entire program of the joint session will be devoted to financial problems, marketing and other business affairs of the Tar Heel farmer. Invitations have been extended to a number of prominent men to be present on this day, and indications are that many will accept.

Thursday, Aug. 2, is Boll Weevil Day. George A. Maloney, of the Delta laboratory at Tallulah, La., will be a speaker on this day. Practical farmers and scientists who have heard Mr. Maloney say that

the boll weevil is the worst pest in the South. Mr. Maloney has been associated with Dr. B. R. Coad at the Government boll weevil experiment station for a number of years.

Much time will be given over to problems affecting the rural women of North Carolina. The sessions and reports of the Home Bureau Federation will be of special interest in that they will give reports from the various counties of the State as to just what the women are doing along all lines. Home furnishing, helping out with the farm income, beautifying the home grounds, how to feed the family, and other items, will be discussed by some of the best known farm women in the State.

Time will also be given for amusement and recreational features. The night programs will be set aside for this purpose.

Mr. Gray states that no progressive farmer in North Carolina can afford to miss this convention, and that plans should be made now to attend. The dates are July 31, August 1 and 2. The college furnishes rooms in the dormitories free of charge, and meals will be provided at 50 cents each. Guests will have to bring their own linen and toilet articles, as these are not furnished by the college. Farmers and their wives who plan to attend, but would first rather have more detailed information about the meeting, should write to Mr. J. M. Gray, secretary, College Station, Raleigh, N. C.

## HUSBAND DEAD AND WIFE IN HOSPITAL

High Point, July 13.—Grady Taylor, 22, is dead, and his wife, Mrs. Jennie Coltrane Taylor, is in a critical condition at a local hospital tonight as the result of bullet wounds received yesterday afternoon. Taylor is alleged to have done the shooting.

Police officers called at the Taylor home and found Taylor on the floor dead with a 32 calibre German automatic pistol about two feet from his hand. Mrs. Taylor at that time was receiving first aid treatment before being removed to a hospital for medical treatment.

Mrs. Taylor was shot in the abdomen, and although it was impossible to determine the extent of her wounds, it was stated that she was believed to be seriously if not fatally wounded.

The tragedy is believed to have been the outgrowth of domestic difficulties.

Dr. R. A. Schoonover, of Greensboro, coroner of Guilford county, visited the scene of the tragedy tonight and after interviewing a number of persons decided that an inquest was not necessary, he expressing the opinion that Taylor shot his wife and then took his own life.

## WATERMELON CROP IS FIFTY PER CENT OFF

Washington, July 14.—Only slightly more than half as many early watermelons are in prospect this year as compared with last year. The Department of Agriculture's July forecast of production places the number at 29,853,500, while last year it was 56,672,800. Georgia's crop is forecast at 8,393,200, while last year it was 20,630,500, and Florida's at 4,328,800 compared with 14,470,000. Texas displaces Florida this year as the largest producer, with 6,750,000. South Carolina will have 4,312,000.

## BOARD OF HEALTH ISSUES WARNING

### Urge Every Precaution Possible Against Typhoid During Summer

Raleigh, July 16.—Six cases of typhoid fever among the members of one family in Union county and five cases among the children of a Cleveland county family reported to the State Board of Health has called forth a warning from the Board that the typhoid season is just beginning, and that every precaution against this preventable disease should be taken during July, August and September, when illness from this cause reaches its peak.

In both instances of family epidemics the disease has attacked children. The Union county family is one of negroes, with the youngest of the sick children a baby of three years, and the eldest a boy of sixteen. The Cleveland county family is a white one, with the youngest victim six years of age and the eldest seventeen years.

Experience of the health officials has demonstrated that annually the typhoid rate, both case and death, rises with the warm weather and the increase of house flies, especially

typhoid and other intestinal diseases. Each year for the past ten years the typhoid rate has been consistently lowered in North Carolina, until last year the total number of deaths for the first time since accurate statistics have been kept, dropped under three hundred, being 298.

That this total may be decreased this year the State Board of Health is advising three things: inoculation against typhoid by taking three doses of antityphoid vaccine at intervals of one week; the cleaning up of breeding places of flies and the destruction of these dangerous, deadly insects by traps, poison, and swatting, and the screening of houses to keep them out; sanitary disposal of wastes from the body either through water sewerage or some approved sanitary privy.

While the report of eleven cases of typhoid in two families is startling, figures for the whole State as gathered through the one hundred local quarantine officers and reported to the State Board of Health indicate a better condition than at this time last year. A total of 404 cases have been reported to date as against 495 cases for the first six months of 1922. The deaths from typhoid for the first five months of 1922 were 39 as against 32 for the same period this year.

## TRYING TOBACCO FOR EXPERIMENT

### Dr. J. R. Butler Has Five Acres Of "Weed" On Farm, Near Dunn

Much interest centers around the farm of Dr. J. R. Butler, four and a half miles southeast of Dunn. The reason for the interest is the fact that Dr. Butler is cultivating five acres of tobacco this year as an experiment.

While the prolonged drought during the growing season retarded the growth of the tobacco, a fairly good crop is now promised. A fine rain fell in that vicinity last Friday evening, and the crop is already showing signs of improvement. The first "cropping" was cured last week and the second is being "put in" today.

Dr. Butler is one of several farmers scattered throughout the Dunn district who this year are trying out tobacco. The success with which these meet will determine largely the number of acres to be planted in tobacco in this section next year. If growing tobacco proves a financial success for those who are experimenting this year, then it is likely that many other farmers will grow the "weed" next year.

## PROBABLE CAUSE AGAINST NEGRO

### Dunn Negro Held On Charge Of Killing Rocky Mount Merchant

Rocky Mount, July 14.—James Jones, alias Pat Spence, was held for Edgecombe superior court without bond this morning when he was given a preliminary hearing in Recorder Lancaster's court on a charge of the murder of W. S. Biggs, local merchant, on the night of June 30.

Jones was slipped into the city day before yesterday from Raleigh, where he had been taken for safekeeping after being captured near Selma, following a gun battle and lively chase through the swamps and the morning after the murder. After the preliminary hearing this morning he was immediately taken to the Edgecombe county jail at Tarboro, where he will await trial at the September term of Edgecombe superior court.

While the negro did not take the stand this morning, officers stated that he had admitted to them that he was present when the murder of Mr. Biggs, the assault upon W. W. Andrews and the robbery of the latter's store on Hassett street, occurred about 10 o'clock on the night of June 29. Officers also found a roll of bills and much small change upon his person when he was apprehended, which coincided with the funds taken from the store's cash register. A gun, bullets from which tallied with the ball removed from Mr. Biggs, was also taken from him.

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chases which preceded it. A second negro suspect, Ernest Robertson, who had been taken in tow at Selma, was also given a hearing before the court on a first degree charge in connection with the same case. The authorities, however, were unable to produce anything against him, with the result that his case was not pressed with leave.

## WILSON SUPPLIES A WINNING PUNCH

### Hurler From Dunn Shows Up Well In Game With Raleigh

The following report of a ball game recently played in Raleigh which appeared in The Raleigh Times, shows that "Lefty" Wilson, of Dunn, is "holding his own" with the Danville, Va., team:

"A double by 'Lefty' Wilson, star Danville moundsman, following two brilliant plays, one a diving catch by Graves, and the other a pretty pickup by Smith of a low throw by Lennox, and an error by Smith on J. Smith's easy grounder which should have retired the side, let Wilson score with the counter that broke a tie and gave the visiting Tobaccunists a five-inning encounter 2 to 1, yesterday afternoon at League Park in the first of a two-game series.

"Rain began falling in great 'gobs' after one Capital had been retired in the sixth stanza, but the damage had been done, and the game reverted back to five innings. After waiting the customary thirty minutes, during which time J. Pluvius reigned supreme, Umpire Morgan announced to the fans that the game had been called.

"Riel was Duke Duncan's choice to do the chinking for the locals, and the former Senator twirler was breezing them over in fine fashion, when the rain intervened. 'Lefty' Wilson, Riel's mound opponent, was running the Capital hurler a close race for tossing honors, by setting the locals down with a curve ball that is hard to beat.

"Sessions, Duncan and Wilson led the 'chubs with the stick, the former getting two doubles, while Wilson 'satisfied himself with a double and single out of two trips to the pan. Duncan got a brace of singles.

The farmers realize that owing to the coming of the boll weevil they must turn a part of their attention to other crops than cotton. What these crops shall be, is the question which they are debating.

## WORK IS BEGUN ON DUNN-DANVILLE ROAD

### Contract Calls For Paving Five Miles

Work was begun on hard-surfacing the highway from Dunn to Duke. As stated in The Dispatch, the contract for this work was set to J. J. Co. for \$119,376.67 for the structures to be built for \$15,156.67 of road to be hard-surfaced, and completion of the work in fifty work days.

Hard-surfacing at Duke, though it will not be begun until the month before the concrete is begun. The work from Duke will be put on the road by putting the road bed

L. M. Weisiger, tender in charge of the machinery, and the work arrived here at the latter's store on Hassett street, occurred about 10 o'clock on the night of June 29. Officers also found a roll of bills and much small change upon his person when he was apprehended, which coincided with the funds taken from the store's cash register. A gun, bullets from which tallied with the ball removed from Mr. Biggs, was also taken from him.

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## POLICE HAVE SOLVED

### Principal

Greensboro, July 13.—A mystery still surrounds the case of criminal assault upon a girl, highway robbery and the larceny of a Cadillac automobile here, with the chief actors in the drama kept silent for the most part.

Mrs. Myrtle Norris, of Norfolk, Va., a nurse, who is the woman in the case, is unable positively to identify W. R. Melvin, of this city, as the man who held her, and H. J. Markham, also of this city, formerly of Raleigh, on the Greensboro college campus here Thursday night, took Melvin's watch, sent him to get money, took the girl to a dark spot and assaulted her, she says.

Here is the amazing story. She accompanied the man to the dark spot and submitted to his attack because, she states, he said he was a policeman and she was afraid to make an outcry. Further, he took her nearly to where she was staying, and passed couples on the way, yet no alarm was sounded. Further, she said, she didn't want to prosecute, just drop it. But the city prosecutor holds Melvin in jail without bail. The mysterious hand that robbled a garage where he was employed and forced him to take him part of the way to Winston-Salem in the Cadillac, hasn't been found. Melvin says he can prove an alibi.

H. Perry Newsome, Winston-Salem young man, automobile thief and escaped prisoner from the State prison, is captured, the case may become clear. Melvin says he is the fellow who held him up.

## LIGHTNING STRIKES SAME PLACE TWICE

### Killed Man Last Week, Sets Fire To House This Week

Henderson, July 13.—Since the memory of man is not to the contrary, it has been said that lightning never strikes the same place twice in the same year. During a severe electrical storm last week, Bennie Jarrell was killed by lightning while he was standing at a screen door when he was killed.

The lightning burned a big hole in the screen door, and Mrs. Jarrell covered the opening with cloth a few days ago.

This afternoon another terrific electrical storm visited this section, and a bolt of lightning struck the screen door of Jarrell's home, setting fire to the cloth which had been placed in the hole created when Bennie was killed. Mr. and Mrs. Jarrell came to the house today declaring they would not return to the house until

## SHEPHERD SLAYER GETS TEN YEARS

### Luke Britt Submits To Second Degree Murder For Killing Georgian

Lumberton, July 14.—Luke Britt was sentenced to ten years in the State penitentiary here today by Judge N. A. Sinclair, of Fayetteville in Superior court after counsel for the defendant had offered a plea of second degree murder of E. R. Shepherd.

Solicitor T. A. McNeill accepted the plea and recommended the sentence. Shepherd mysteriously disappeared from Lumberton on April 1st, 1922. His remains were found last February, immediately after which Britt was lodged in jail charged with the crime. The jury selected from a special venire of 100 men had just been completed when E. J. Britt, one of the attorneys, announced to the court the plea of the defendant. The case had attracted lots of attention and the courtroom was crowded.

F. M. Huggins and Duck Rozier, the later a negro, who had been held under \$5,000 bonds charged with being accessories to the killing, had their cases continued for the term. Mrs. Shepherd, widow of the deceased, and child, his brother and sister, were present at the trial, arriving in Lumberton from their home in Doerun, Ga., a few days ago. Britt looked neat and trim when he appeared in the courtroom. He had during the past three weeks undergone a serious operation for hernia, having been taken from the prison cell to a local hospital. His father was buried a few days ago. His physical condition did not seem to be good. For these reasons, it is possible that the solicitor recommended the short term sentence.

In announcing judgment Judge Sinclair stated to the prisoner that he had better get ready to leave his home and family.

## MIDNIGHT RACE DUNN TO BENSON

### Two Ford Cars Do Their Limit In An Exciting Officers Chase

An exciting automobile race extending from Dunn to Benson was experienced by members of the local police force during the wee wee hours Sunday morning. The race between two Ford cars began on East Harnett street when the officers attempted to halt a supposed whiskey car. Instead of halting, the driver of the visiting car turned on the gas and left town at full Ford speed.

Chief of Police B. A. Rowland had been advised to be on the watch for a car loaded with whiskey and also that the occupants of the car were well-armed. Just after midnight the car "showed up" and it was then that the officers attempted to halt it. Then the race began, and in the wind-up two of the occupants—John Canady and Claud Jones, of Johnston county—were arrested in Benson. The third occupant jumped out of the car, carrying a bundle under his arm, and escaped into the darkness of the night. While no whiskey or firearms were found on the car, Canady and Jones were recognized for their appearance before Recorder Jernigan on Thursday of this week in answer to the charge of speeding.

Failure of the driver of the Johnston county car to stop when demanded by the officers to halt increased further suspicion in the minds of the local officers, and they were determined to find out the reason why. The officers making the chase were Chief of Police B. A. Rowland, Policemen W. F. Nipper and M. F. Martin. They were joined by Bill Wade and Ed Warren, these having been deputized to assist in the capture of the fleeing men.

In view of the information received, the officers expected to be engaged in a pitched gun-battle at any moment, and to say the least, it was nothing short of an exciting race.

They had found something to safeguard them from lightning.

## PROHIBITION DIRECTOR MAKES HIS REPORT

### Salisbury, July 11.—North Carolina moonshiners lost exactly 111 illicit distilleries, 1,234 gallons of rum; 67,925 gallons of malt liquor; 17 automobiles and property valued at \$30,000, during the month of June, according to the report of activities of federal prohibition agents in the State, issued this morning by State Director R. D. Cultrane, who has headquarters here.

Sixty arrests were made and 123 prosecutions recommended. The mixture of liquor and property during June was slightly smaller than either April or May.

## MRS. VANDERBILT PLEADS FOR FAIR

### Completes Speech - Making Tour of Eastern Carolina Counties

Raleigh, July 16.—Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, President of the North Carolina Agricultural Society, has just completed a tour of Eastern North Carolina in the interest of the State Fair. She went on the warpath for the purpose of urging closer co-operation between the county and community fairs and the State Fair. She met with a gratifying response from the large crowds that heard her the past week.

She spoke at Monroe, Wilmington, New Bern, Kinston, Goldsboro and Wilson, and visited several other points in the State. She made the trip in approved stump-sucking style, traveling by automobile so that she could make better time.

Her poke bonnet had caught the fancy of her audiences, and many a Tar Heel farmer is ready to wager that she is going to make the Fair this year the big success that she has in mind. Certainly she will if those who heard her speak can

qualify her. Mrs. Vanderbilt in her addresses explained that the proper function of a State fair or any fair for that matter is not the amusement of pleasure seekers, but the development along proper lines of education in agriculture, industry and general knowledge.

She adventured to say that there is no other State on the Atlantic seaboard that can present so much in the way of natural resources as can North Carolina, and she further ventured to predict that a State Fair on a State-wide basis and financially organized would do more for North Carolina in five years than a million dollars spent in any other way. Even as it was last year's fair brought favorable comments from as far north as New Hampshire and as far west as Wisconsin.

The logical conclusion of the program of the Agricultural Society, she said, is to build up an institution that will belong to the State and that will adequately represent the State.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Underwood, of Smithfield, were week-end visitors at the home of Mrs. Underwood's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McNeill.

## NEGRO DIES FROM ACCIDENTAL SHOT

### Robert Blainey Victim Of Accidental Shot Fired By J. E. Bannerman

Robert James Blainey, negro who had been employed for the past three months at the plant of the Highman Lumber Co., near Dunn, died yesterday afternoon at 3:45 at the Dunn hospital as a result of being accidentally shot early yesterday morning by J. E. Bannerman, superintendent of the mill. The shooting took place in the office of the lumber company, and a steel bullet passed through the stomach of the unfortunate man. His larger intestines were punctured in two places. After passing through the man the bullet also passed through two walls.

Mr. Bannerman picked up the pistol from a drawer just as the negro entered the office. As he turned to face the negro with the pistol in his hand, it was accidentally discharged. That the shooting was purely an accident was evidenced by the fact that Blainey told several people after he was shot that it was unintentional on the part of Mr. Bannerman. There had never been any bad feeling between Mr. Bannerman and Blainey, and Blainey was said to have been a

good worker. He came here some three months ago from his home at Manning, S. C.

The deceased was about 31 years of age, and is survived by a wife and three small children. The remains were taken in charge by The Barnes & Holliday Co., local undertakers, and will be interred in the colored cemetery here, at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

After hearing the story of the accident, Dr. Chas. Highsmith, county coroner, decided that an inquest was not necessary. Medical attention was rendered the injured man by Drs. H. C. Turlington, W. E. Coltrane and R. L. Warren, though no hope was entertained for his recovery.

## SHORT A MILLION ON TAXABLE LIST

### Property Listed Shows A Great Shap From That Of Last Year

County Auditor D. P. McDonald expects the total value of property listed for taxation in Harnett county to fall at least a million dollars short of the listing last year. Property values on the tax books in 1922 ran around twenty-three million dollars. Evidence from the reports of the various tax listers shows that personal listers took a decided slump this year, a tremendous number of taxpayers listing only three hundred dollars' worth and having that balanced off under the exemption.

It will be impossible to say exactly how much valuation there will be for the county commissioners to levy on when they meet the first Monday in August, until the figures are gone over after the alterations made by the commissioners here on Monday of this week. The auditor states that this will require several days.

The County Board met here Monday and sat as a board of equalization. There were a considerable number of requests for reduction—a sufficient number to keep the board in session all day.

Such sessions as the county fathers have been experiencing since their installation have convinced them that the jobs they are holding are quite exacting—in fact it is thoroughly understood by this time that the members are well earning their per diem and mileage.

Some little diversion from the reduction process was had when once in a while a piece of property was discovered as listed far below "par." The commissioners took the liberty of raising some of this "low-priced" stuff and putting it more nearly on a par with

equalization idea, and that it was something of the meaning of "normalcy," that is, inflating the deflated as well as deflating the inflated.

One of the most important of the phases of tax listing this year will be the amount of property placed in the books after the tax listers have reported. These reports are already in, and yet there are coming in to the auditor's office numerous persons and letters daily, asking admittance to the roll of taxpayers. Some of this property, the auditor says, has never been placed on the tax books of Harnett county. Examination of one commissioner's status revealed the fact that five years had elapsed since he had complied with the law in listing his property.

Auditor McDonald says that The News' comment on this form of delinquency a few weeks ago served to awaken some of the delinquents, and if present indications mean anything, the million dollar shortage will be made up by the first Monday in August. From fifteen to twenty requests per day are received by the auditor from persons who failed to list while the listing was good. The law provides for a penalty in such cases, and the auditor is of opinion that it should be attached to the tax requirement from the late ones.

In only one or two of the townships, states the auditor, do the reports of the listers seem to be complete, after-listings coming from all the others. Lillington is cited as one township report that came "clean." No delinquents have been found in this township yet. A. M. Shaw was the lister.—Harnett Co. News.

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While the killing was accidental, Mr. Bannerman appeared to have deplored it keenly.