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## DANGER OF WEEVIL IS STILL WITH US

### A Wet Year Would Result In Disappointment For The Careless Farmer

Raleigh, Dec. 26.—"There is no doubt but that our cotton growers are optimistic and most of them are not yet much dismayed by the boll weevil," says Prof. Franklin Sherman, Entomologist for the State College and Department of Agriculture, who is now assembling opinions of county agents on this subject for the close of the year 1923.

Prof. Sherman says, "Here is the county agent of one of our southern counties who says he fears the majority of his farmers now believe the weevil's bark is worse than his bite, but that a wet year would correct that impression. That agent has had experience in a state farther south and knows how variable the weevil-damage is from year to year and how bitter the disappointment of those who become unduly careless about the weevil.

"Here is another agent in one of the upper counties who knows something of the dust-poison method who says that during the 1923 season he did not see occasion to urge the use of this method. His opinion is in line with our usual experience and observations in his section, but this same agent goes on to say that their first bad weevil year over the whole county is still to be looked forward to. He hates to see it come but he knows that it will come eventually.

"Another county agent of experience in a section which was due for only light injury in 1923 writes to commend the advocacy of the cultural methods of using good seed of good varieties, and proper fertilization and tillage. This has been stressed at all our boll weevil meetings in the past and will be stressed at our meetings through the northeastern counties in January and February.

"But perhaps the most completely satisfactory testimony that I have yet

well to the eastward where many fields were quite severely hurt by weevil in 1923. This agent reported that some fields where no efforts were made to control the weevil made fair yields, but that other similar fields were badly damaged by weevil, the infestation being spotted and irregular. All careful observers know how true this is, an how easily one may be misled by it. This same agent went on to say that in fields where well-selected seed of chosen varieties was used side by side in the same field with ordinary seed, and approved cultural methods followed that the yield was so much greater as to be very convincing—and that when in addition to this, ample proper dust-poisoning was done the yield was still further increased to a highly profitable degree.

"One agent remarks that a considerable number of farmers are inclined to the idea that a little poisoning is all they need to do to control weevil-damage,—and their ideas as to how and when to poison may be hazy and incomplete at that.

"All of this testimony from county agents of the Agricultural Extension Service is in line with our own experiences of 1923 and it should surely be sufficient to convince farmers that we must yet expect years in which weevil injury will be much worse than it was in most localities during the past season. The safe and reasonable thing to do therefore is to give studious attention to the whole subject of crop improvement, the culture, and protection of the cotton crop. We should not allow ourselves to be carried away by an exaggerated idea that one little thing alone will solve the weevil problem. The boll-weevil meetings which we hold each winter are designed to present just such a balanced and complete program for farmers to follow. There should be a large attendance at all of the meetings which are scheduled for January and February in our northeastern section."

## Increase Is Shown In Cost Of Living

New York, Dec. 28.—The cost of living increased 2.1 per cent between July 15 and November 15, according to a survey by the National Industrial Conference Board, made public today.

The average cost of food, sundries and rent increased during the 30 days ending November 15, while clothing, gas and electricity costs declined, the report stated. The survey disclosed that the purchasing value of the dollar based on the cost of living in November was 60.5 cents as compared with one dollar in July, 1914.

## TARHEEL ERUDITION

(From the Chesapeake Pilot.)

Suppose all the students of proper age in all the public schools of North Carolina should learn one of the following facts each day, not only learn to repeat the words, but have impressed upon their minds by the teacher just what each fact means and its relation to the life of the State and its bearing upon North Carolina's relation to other States and the world:

North Carolina has the largest group of hosiery mills in the world.

North Carolina has the largest denim mill in the United States.

North Carolina has the largest towel mill in the world.

North Carolina has the largest aluminum plant in the world.

North Carolina has the largest damask mills in the United States.

North Carolina has the largest underwear factory in America.

We consume annually in our textile mills 1,100,000 bales of raw cotton.

North Carolina has the largest pulp mill in the United States.

North Carolina has more mills that dye and finish their own products than any other Southern State.

North Carolina leads the world in the manufacture of tobacco.

North Carolina has a total of more than 6,200 factories.

These factories give employment to 158,000 workers, whose total annual wages amount to more than \$127,000,000.

North Carolina has \$900,000,000 invested in manufacturing establishments.

## MEBANE GROCER BRUTALLY SLAIN

### No Clue To Perpetrator Of Foul Crime Found By The Officers

Mebane, Dec. 26.—So far there has been no clue found by the officers as to who killed Joe F. Trollinger, who conducted a small grocery store here. When found Monday evening, Mr. Trollinger was found lying behind the counter in his store with his skull crushed, his nose cut almost from his face and lips cut through to his teeth.

It is supposed the crime was committed sometime between 6 and 7 o'clock. At about 7:30 someone going into the store to make a purchase discovered him lying on the floor in a pool of blood, unconscious. He was carried, still living, to the home of his brother, Jim Trollinger, where he died about fifteen minutes later without regaining consciousness.

The instrument used to commit the crime was an 18-pound window weight and it is supposed that the murderer went into the store, purchased a can of sardines and struck Mr. Trollinger turned his back, struck him with all his might, knocking him down and striking again. A can of sardines, partly eaten, and some cakes were found on the counter.

## Baraca Class Elects Officers For New Year

The following officers were elected Sunday by the Clifford Baraca class of the First Baptist church: President, Earl Barefoot; first vice-president, Louis Strickland; second vice-president, Perry Godwin; third vice-president, O. T. Noel; secretary-treasurer, Leslie Parker; assistant secretary, W. A. Jackson; teacher, J. C. Clifford (re-elected); class reporter, F. Grover Britt.

An effort will be made to increase the membership of this class to 100 during the next few weeks. The officers elected Sunday will serve for a term of six months.

## W. A. Graham, Junior, Succeeds His Father

Governor Cameron Morrison Wednesday night announced the appointment of William Alexander Graham, Jr., as commissioner of agriculture to succeed his father who died Monday morning. The new commissioner of agriculture is a member of the State Senate from the Lincoln district. He will enter upon his new duties at once.

## WORDS OF COMMENDATION

Editor Dunn Dispatch: Please allow me space in your valuable paper to commend the people of Dunn and surrounding community on their good behavior on Christmas day. There was no drunkenness or any disturbances of any kind to be seen. Everybody spent their money

## Dies From Drinking Of Poison Liquor

High Point, Dec. 26.—William Dawson, negro, died Christmas Day here from the effects of drinking poison liquor, according to the physician who attended him. Another case of alleged poison liquor drinking was reported but the white man who was the drinker did not die although he barely escaped death, it was stated.

## THREE WHITE MEN CAUGHT AT STILL

### Were Making Christmas 'Ran' When Officers Appeared On The Scene

Local officers captured a copper whiskey still of 60-gallons capacity while in operation and arrested three men—Harry H. Stewart, Talmage Holmes, and R. B. McLamb—found at the still last Friday afternoon. The three men arrested were given a preliminary hearing Saturday before U. S. Commissioner E. Lee and all three were bound over to the Federal court under a \$200 bond each, which they provided.

The still was being utilized for a Christmas "ran" when the officers reached the scene and the three men found operating it were caught unaware. Four gallons of the finished product and three barrels of beer found about the still was destroyed. The still was set up in a hog-pasture and one or more other sites where stills had been operated were found in the same pasture by the officers. The pasture is not far from the home of Seth McLamb, near Dunn, though the officers failed to learn to whom the pasture belonged.

The still was well equipped for making "the old familiar" and in capturing it so near Christmas time the officers reduced somewhat the holiday supply for this immediate section. A. B. Adams, local prohibition agent, was aided in the raid by other local officers. The operators offered no resistance when the officers approached and one of them stated that it was his first experience in operating a still.

## Half Million Dollars Lost In Mebane Fire

Mebane, Dec. 26.—Rough estimate of the damage done by fire which practically destroyed the manufacturing plant of the White Furniture Company was placed by President W. E. White at approximately \$500,000. Mr. White also stated that a recheck of insurance carried led him to believe approximately \$500,000 insurance was carried. Both figures, that of damage and the amount of insurance, he stated, are rough figures. It will be several days before definite figures can be announced.

A new factory will be built soon, it is believed, Mr. White making the statement that while no pans for the future have been discussed he thinks work will begin at once on a new building.

freely. The members of the Christian church (colored) raised \$215 for their good behavior on Christmas day. There was no drunkenness or any disturbances of any kind to be seen. Everybody spent their money

## Robbers Make Cent Haul From Smith

A haul of twenty cents was made Monday night by robbers who entered W. W. West's cabinet shop, Joe P. Smith's garage and Henry P. Johnson's garage and attempted to enter E. M. Warren's store. All the buildings entered in the same block, Cumberland street and railroad avenue, and it is thought the robbers, or robbers, were in search of cash.

The only thing missing from any of the places entered was twenty-five pennies which were taken from the cash drawer in Mr. Smith's office. Entrance to the buildings was made through the windows. While the store of Mr. Warren was not entered, the door in the rear of the building was slipped with some sharp instrument.

## GORDON TAYLOR IN AUTO ACCIDENT

### Leg Broken When Auto Collides With Bicycle On Magnolia Avenue

Gordon Taylor, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Taylor, who live in the Newton Grove section of Sampson county, had his left leg broken below the knee and injured other bones Christmas day when he was struck by an automobile driven by a Mr. Royal of Rocky Mount. The unfortunate had been riding a new bicycle which had been given him for a Christmas present on Magnolia avenue when the accident occurred. He was spending the day at the home of his uncle, E. G. Taylor, near the scene of the accident. The bicycle was badly damaged. Young Taylor was taken to the Dunn hospital and his condition is reported as favorable. It has been difficult to learn how the accident occurred, it is thought dodging another car. The bicycle in front of the car was struck by Mr. Royal Taylor.

It was unavoidable. This was the only automobile accident reported in and around Dunn during the holidays, which is remarkable, considering the large number of cars operated hereabouts.

## MAJ. W. A. GRAHAM DIED ON MONDAY

### Served For Fifteen Years As State Commissioner Of Agriculture

Major W. A. Graham, for the past fifteen years State commissioner of agriculture, died early Monday morning in a Raleigh hospital. His death resulted from pneumonia, developing from an attack of influenza. The funeral was conducted Tuesday afternoon from the First Baptist church of Raleigh, of which deceased had long been an active member. The remains were taken Wednesday to Lincoln and interment was made in the family cemetery in Lincoln county, the burial taking place on Major Graham's eighty-fourth birthday.

The deceased was a Confederate veteran, having served in the army during the four year's conflict. Returning from the service at the close of the war, Major Graham took a leading part in the public affairs of his home community. He served his country in the lower house of the Legislature and also served several terms as State Senator. From 1899 to 1908 he served as a member of the State board of agriculture and in 1908 he was elected to the office of commissioner of agriculture, which office he held to the time of his death. He was ever active in the interest of the agricultural class and did extensive farming himself.

Major Graham was a member of one of the oldest and most honored families of the State and his life's work added greatly to its good name and high standing. A second wife and several children survive the distinguished North Carolina citizen.

## Matthews Child Run Down By Automobile

A 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Matthews, who live at Godwin, was seriously injured Wednesday afternoon when run down by an automobile driven by Junius Bassel. The child's collar bone was broken and he suffered other painful bruises about the head and body. The accident occurred on the streets in Godwin when the child ran in front of the moving car.

## A BEAUTIFUL STORY IS PORTRAYED IN PAGEANT "THE PERFECT GIFT"

### Impressive Pageant Given At First Baptist Church On Christmas Night

### SERVICE TO OTHERS MOST PERFECT GIFT

Characters Played Their Parts In A Most Creditable Manner—Came As A Fitting Close To Christmas Festivities. Audience Thrilled And Uplifted By The Message Of The Pageant.

(By ALBERT B. HARRELL) The blessed season of Christmas has passed, Santa Claus has come and gone. We have ascended the peak of joy, revelled upon its summit for one all too-brief day, and we are now again on the decline to normalcy.

Another year lies before us in which we may manufacture a new supply of fire-crackers, and grow a new crop of turkeys.

A fitting close to the Christmas festivities here was the presentation at the First Baptist church by the Baptist Young People's Union, of

## Cumberland County Woman Died Sunday

Mrs. J. H. Jackson died Sunday at her home in Black River township, Cumberland county. Deceased was 35 years old and is survived by her husband and several children. The funeral was conducted Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Piney Green church and interment was made in the church cemetery.

## PASTOR WOUNDS UP

### Rev. J. A. Campbell Resembled By Congregation At Buies Creek

Buies Creek, Dec. 26.—Buies Creek Baptist church Sunday celebrated the closing of 30 years of service by the present pastor, J. A. Campbell. Evangelist B. Townsend preached at the morning hour. When he was about to dismiss the congregation Senior Deacon Z. T. Kivett announced that he had a word to say. He called upon some young men to bring out a basket which the members of the church, led by the good women, had filled to overflowing with beautiful presents for the pastor and his good companion, Deacon B. F. McLeod again stopped the benediction to announce a beautiful lunch stand as a gift to Prof. and Mrs. A. E. Lynch who have directed the music for the year.

At the close of the Sunday school hour beautiful presents had been made to the superintendent, Prof. Wallace; Prof. Marshbanks, teacher of the citizens' class, and to Miss Emily Robinson, secretary of the Sunday school.

At the close of the service the congregation sang "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," and few there were who were not moved to tears. "How good and how pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity."

At the morning hour the pastor recognized 13 of the members of this church who are college students and 14 who are away from home teaching in other sections.

## Twin City Man Killed In Auto Accident

High Point, Dec. 26.—J. H. Howerton, of Winston-Salem, died at a local hospital at 8 o'clock as a result of injuries received in an automobile wreck on the Winston road late Saturday afternoon. Mr. Howerton was 65 years old.

Mr. Howerton and his son were on their way to Greensboro and Reidsville to visit relatives when the accident occurred. Young Howerton was driving the car at the time. From reports of the accident, it seems that the other car had accidentally pulled across the road and the Howerton boy was unable to avoid the collision.

Mr. Howerton was brought to High Point by another car coming from Winston. It was thought that his injuries were serious but it was not expected that they would prove fatal.

E. R. Koons and his sister, Miss Myrtle Koons, returned Tuesday night from Chatham, where they spent a few days visiting relatives and friends.

## HAMLET JEWELER ARRESTED IN N. Y.

### Left Wife And Children To Elope With Wife Of A Baptist Minister

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Eugene Dew Langston, 43, for years a jeweler at Hamlet, N. C., was arrested here today by Thomas Gallego, department of justice agent, charged with a violation of the Mann act in eloping with Mrs. Gertrude Harrell, wife of Rev. Benjamin Harrell, said to be in a sanatorium at Thibodaux, N. C.

Langston made a statement, acknowledging the charge and making it unnecessary to take Mrs. Harrell into custody as a witness, the customary procedure.

Langston was found at the E. J. Howe jewelry store, 241 largest here, where he was employed. Mrs. Harrell has a position as stenographer in the Packard automobile agency. They have been rooming in West Geneva street, a fashionable residence section, having separate apartments and being known as Mr. Langston and Mrs. Harrell. She paid her own bills. Others in the house believed that only to have become acquainted while dining together there.

Traced by Photograph. Langston was traced here by a photograph which he had sent on from Hamlet, first to New York, then to Canastota and then to Syracuse. He told the Syracuse police he had been married 15 years and has a wife and three children. He is said to have disposed of his interest in Langston Brothers jewelry store at Hamlet before leaving, giving his wife the equivalent to \$25,000 of \$50,000, and taking only about \$700 with him.

## DOGS RUN DOWN WOUNDED NEGRO

### Wanted On Charge Of Making Murderous Assault Upon Mr. and Mrs. Owen

Lexington, Dec. 23.—Charged with attempting one of the most dastardly crimes in the history of Davidson county, a South Carolina negro, giving his name as John Roggins, is in jail here a waiting assault by blood.

The negro has a bullet wound in the temple and one in the shoulder inflicted by D. L. Owen, Southmont merchant, whom the black had attempted to murder and rob of about \$200 Sunday morning. Doctors removed a bullet from behind the negro's ear. It had passed entirely through his head. Latest reports are that he will recover. Mr. Owen will recover from wounds about the face from a lead of birdshot fired at close range by the negro unless unforeseen complications arise. His plucky wife, who stood in front of the negro's cocked shotgun and held him at bay while her bleeding husband was tracing his steps to recover the pistol he had thrown away when the highwayman's first shot caused him to think his own weapon accidentally discharged, was only slightly wounded. Shortly after the attempted murder and robbery she coolly recounted every detail of the horrifying incident. Outside a large band of armed men who had gathered were extolling the bravery of her and her husband.

The negro, when overpowered by bloodhounds in charge of W. C. York and P. F. Miller, of Asheboro, had traveled only about five miles though following the railroad tracks and having a three-hour lead. Upon sighting the sheriff's posse he attempted to run and members opened fire. The black then ran into a swamp between the railroad and river and several other shots were fired before he surrendered. Sheriff Talbert went into the thicket and took the prisoner into custody. None of these last shots fired took effect, an examination disclosed. The negro, when taken, denied he had committed the crime, declaring he was walking by Owen's store and that shots fired by Mr. Owen at another negro struck him.

To reach Lexington with the negro the sheriff and deputies drove their prisoner by the scene of the crime. Several hundred men were still there, most of them armed, and cars blocked the road. While excitement was strong the crowd was calm and made no effort to seize the wounded negro.

## Fayetteville Will Use Asphalt And Bitulithic

Fayetteville, Dec. 24.—Asphalt and bitulithic were adopted as the types of paving to be used in the extensive street paving program now being inaugurated by this city when Mayor H. McD. Robinson broke a deadlock between two factions of the board of aldermen at a special meeting of the board. The contract for the paving, on which bids from 14 construction firms was submitted last week, was not awarded last night.

The aldermen had been deadlocked on the selection of a type of pavement for several days, and when the question came to a vote last night the board, true to tradition, stood four to four. One-half the aldermen stoutly contended for the more economical concrete paving, while the other half stood out for the more expensive type of pavement, which it was contended, would be more easily repaired. Votes were taken on a number of propositions but the board still stood four to four, and it becoming evident that no decision was possible without the mayor's vote, Mayor Robinson cast his ballot for the asphalt and bitulithic.

## Only 26 Lynchings In U. S. This Year

New York, Dec. 21.—Lynchings in the United States during 1923 numbered 26 against 61 in 1922, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People announced today. The decrease was laid to agitation for a federal anti-lynching law and the northward migration of negroes. Mississippi and Florida were reported to lead with five lynchings each. Georgia was listed with four, Oklahoma three and Arkansas, Alabama and Texas two each. Louisiana, Missouri and Virginia each had one.