

FARMVILLE AGAIN LEADS IN HIGHEST AVERAGES PAID.

Pays From \$1.50 to \$2.00 More Per Hundred for Tobacco Than Greenville or Wilson. Leads Other Markets in State By Much Larger Figure.

According to the report recently sent out from the State Agricultural Department, Raleigh, out of forty markets listed Farmville leads with an average price of \$25.37; Wilson follows next in line with an average of \$23.74; Greenville fourth with an average of \$23.32; Kinston \$22.89; Rocky Mount \$22.20; Goldsboro \$20.60; Tarboro \$20.50.

Is the above report not sufficient reason for you to market your tobacco in Farmville? Or is it that you are content with less money? Bring it to Farmville and enjoy the difference. Farmville welcomes you.

NEWSY ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM FALKLAND, N. C.

Falkland, Nov. 23.—All of the Falkland teachers attended the Northeastern District Teachers' assembly that met in Greenville November 16 and 17.

Misses Elizabeth and Mattie Vines Mayo, of Greenville, spent last weekend with Miss Annie Mayo.

The many friends of Mrs. C. A. Marslander will be glad to learn that she is at home again and much improved after her recent course of treatment in Park View hospital in Rocky Mount.

The High School in Falkland is fast becoming the center of many and varied interesting activities. A new literary society has been organized and is carrying on regular business and literary meetings twice each month. A new publication has recently made its appearance too—"The Falkland Hi-Light," which carries in its columns enlightening and entertaining bits of information. Much excitement prevailed in the school when the glad news from the Fountain-Falkland games was told—both the boys' and girls' teams having won over the Fountain team.

showing made in those first games is due the faithful coaches who have spent much time with their teams, Miss Olive for the girls and Prof. Goodwin for the boys.

Falkland, Nov. 15.—The Church Council plan is now in use in the Falkland Presbyterian church. The first meeting of this council, which is formed of representatives from all the various organizations within the church, was held on Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. S. M. Crisp. As one of the results of that meeting the council will recommend to the session that a series of evangelistic meetings be held in the church at an early date.

The Women's Auxiliary met on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. G. H. Pittman as hostess.

Miss Aletha Cannady spent last weekend at her home near Bath, N. C.

Mrs. J. L. Fountain, of Raleigh, was a recent visitor in the home of her brother, Mr. E. C. King.

Mr. George B. Crisp was at home Sunday on his way back to N. C. State, after a trip to Roanoke Rapids, where he played in the Carolina-State Freshman game.

Mr. O. K. Goodwin spent last weekend in Greenville.

A special Armistice Day program was given in the school on Monday, November 12. After an appropriate scripture selection was read by Miss Patterson war time poems by Edgar Guest were given by Miss Olive and Miss Crisp. The High School chorus sang the national songs of America, France and England, after which Prof. Goodwin made a splendid talk on our responsibilities in carrying out the ideal that was fought for in the great war.

On Wednesday morning at chapel time a short piano recital was given by several of the pupils of Miss Lucy Crisp. Those taking part were Olive Mayo, Elaine Pierce, Edith Marslander and Ruth Pittman.

The colored people of Falkland are planning to raise money for the erection of a new school building. The first meeting for this purpose was held on Wednesday night.

The regular November meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association will be held on Friday afternoon, November 23, at 3:00 o'clock in the Falkland school building. The program will be "School and Community Music," with a demonstration of the music work that is being done in the Falkland school.

Captain James Cotton, who was in Japan during the recent disaster, in connection with the earthquake, has returned to his home in San Francisco on Monday, November 12.

PROMINENT GEORGIA MAN DISCUSSES INCOME TAX INQUISITION LAWS.

(Published by Request)

Editor Constitution: There are some outrageous abuses of authority being inflicted upon the public by the federal authorities, having charge of the collection of the income and various other taxes, which ought to be corrected, and to this end it occurs to me that the press of the country would render a great service by taking hold of the matter and expose the harassing methods used and the inconveniences and worries that a long suffering and much suffering public has endured uncomplainingly for a long time. Especially is this important at this time as the national election approaches. The party that is given control of the administration next time ought to be made to give evidence in advance that it will see to it that the payers of these taxes will have at least decent treatment and a square deal.

If you will allow me space I will give you some facts as to my own experience along this line, which no doubt many other business men in the country will recognize as similar to their own. My only reason for giving details of my own private business and personal affairs is to illustrate the exasperating treatment to which all business men have been or will sooner or later be subjected.

Several years ago the people in and around this little village decided to build a small cotton mill to be known as the Summerville Cotton mills. No one had any large sum to put into the project and we had to scour the earth to raise enough stock to start with. All the subscribers to stock were people of limited means, many of them being women, who, from their meager savings, took one or two shares.

Revised Funds We raised enough money to build the mill building and make a small payment on the machinery, going in debt for the most of the machinery and starting without a dollar working capital—trusting to luck or Providence, one or both, to pull us through. Thus we began a high vaulting career, treading constantly, for several years, on the crumbling brink of bankruptcy, but Providence, or luck, or hard work and agonizing economy eventually brought us out all right.

At the time and was finally granted the extension, but only on condition that I sign an unconditional waiver of the statute of limitation—thus giving the agents and investigators all eternity to dig me up again as often as they see fit—five or six years had not been long enough.

Annual Ordeal Then there came the annual ordeal of making my return for 1918, and by a change in the date of my fiscal year, I made another return for eight months of 1919. Again I had to call in the aid of my \$50 per expert. He made my returns and told me to sign on the dotted line, which I did gladly and with singleness of heart, and by these returns for a period of one year and eight months I admitted that I owed the small sum of \$248,234.50. I paid this small amount and was glad—delighted—glad that the mill was left and I was left.

Well, by and by, another expert came along and said my first \$50 per—had made an error and that if I had paid too much taxes and that if I would give him most of what he recovered he would file a claim for a refund.

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I got only the impression: "So I will, as I command, that pro ratione voluntas." I removed my hat, as was fitting and meet, but before I could get my shoes off I somewhat regained my poise, and I finally divined that he was the whole United States epitomized, and backed by both the army and navy; but I was not mistaken in my understanding that his "wish must stand for the reason."

I do not know what his title was, but the English of it is, he had come to smell over my tax returns for 1917 and try to find something wrong with it—these special examiners never find anything right. If they could not find that a taxpayer was delinquent or should find that he had overpaid I do not doubt that they would lose their jobs—at least they evidently think they would.

Another thing about this army of so-called accountants, or experts or special examiners that the government has prowling around and nosing into everybody's business and sagely telling us how we ought to run our affairs, no two of them ever agree on the construction of any law or ruling of the higher authorities, or what is exempt, or what is not exempt. One will tell you to fix it one way and the next one that comes along tells you the opposite.

Well, he demanded every book, record, check, paper, voucher, etc., that I had. He got them, of course; otherwise I do not suppose I would be here to tell the tale.

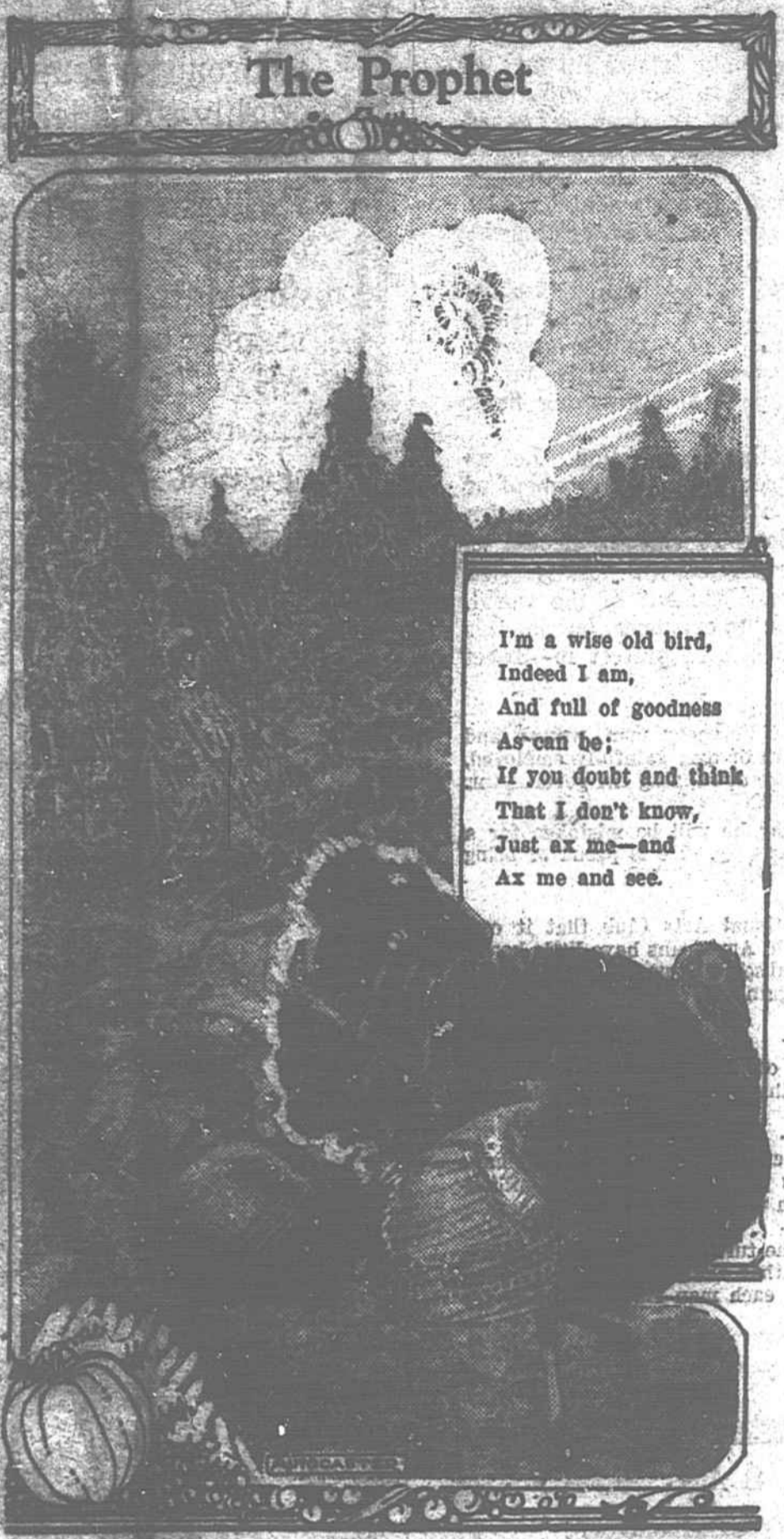
He incubated for about a week and then departed—speechless as a sphinx. He never intimated that anything was wrong or gave an opportunity to anyone to explain anything.

Shortly afterwards I received the amazing statement that I still owed \$32,825.76 more taxes for the year 1917. This agent's bare statement, not even buttressed by a cheap oath, was taken as the absolute facts in the case. I was put on the defensive. Not only was the presumption against me, but the case was closed against me and stood condemned already. A forlorn hope of redress was held out by graciously giving me a few days to show cause, if any I had, why I should not send in the additional little change of over \$32,000. The expert accountant I had was very ill at the time and was finally granted the extension, but only on condition that I sign an unconditional waiver of the statute of limitation—thus giving the agents and investigators all eternity to dig me up again as often as they see fit—five or six years had not been long enough.

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The Prophet

I'm a wise old bird,
Indeed I am,
And full of goodness
As can be;
If you doubt and think
That I don't know,
Just ask me—and
Ask me and see.

GREAT INTEREST MANIFESTED IN RED CROSS DRIVE

In connection with the present Red Cross Roll Call it would seem to be most appropriate to mention a few interesting facts.

Winterville, Grifton, Grimesland, Fountain, Stokes, Falkland and Paoletto are putting on their drives this week and that the interest is being evidenced in the drive.

In speaking of this drive Mr. Futrell said: "I want every section of the good county of Pitt to respond as a man to this Roll Call and make a creditable showing that we can telegraph Miss Hubbard and make the news act magically on her weakened body and bring recovery to one whose whole soul and personality was wrapped up in the people of Pitt County."

DR. COOK AND CO-WORKERS DRAW HEAVY SENTENCES
Texas Oil Operators Are Found Guilty of Fraud.

Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 21.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, oil operator, who was found guilty in federal court here this afternoon of fraud in connection with the operation of the petroleum producers association of which he was sole trustee, was sentenced to serve 14 years and 6 months in the federal prison and assessed a fine of \$12,000 by federal Judge Jna. M. Killite. Fred K. Smith, treasurer of the company, was sentenced to serve 7 years, and was fined \$3,000. S. E. J. Cox was sentenced to eight years and fined \$3,000. Other co-defendants of Cook who were found guilty were also given sentences.

RECORD CROWDS ARE EXPECTED AT FOOTBALL GAME

Every Preparation Being Made to Care for Crowd, More Than 10,000 Seats Already Sold.

Chapel Hill Nov. 21.—More than 10,000 seats already have been sold for the annual meeting between the University of North Carolina and University of Virginia football teams here on Thanksgiving day.

There are 13,500 reserved seats in the stands. Charles T. Woole, graduate manager, stated today that preparations were being made to handle 15,000 persons. Policemen from a number of North Carolina cities will be here to help handle the crowds.

BIG FIRE TRUCK TURNS OVER HURTING FOUR

Mr. W. T. Barnes and Alonzo Little Seriously Injured; the Others Slightly Injured.

Greenville Nov. 21.—W. T. Barnes, driver of the local fire truck, is in the Fifth Street Hospital suffering from a compound fracture of the leg, Alonzo Little, negro fireman, is also confined in the hospital suffering from wounds on his head, and Police Officer C. E. Swain, and a volunteer negro fireman, Ben Outerbridge, are suffering minor injuries, received this morning about 8 o'clock, when the large Stutz fire truck on which they were riding turned over at the intersection of Fifth and Elizabeth streets. The truck is badly damaged but is covered with liability and collision insurance.

The firemen were responding to an alarm sent in from box 43, in West Greenville, when the awful accident occurred. Mr. Barnes was driving with Alonzo Little on the seat with him, the other occupants of the truck were in the rear.

Reports as to the exact cause of the wreck vary. Eye witnesses state that the truck was being driven at a high rate of speed while others declare that Barnes lost control in some manner.

ELECTRIC LAMPS MAKE HENS LAY MORE EGGS

Raleigh, Nov. 20.—Announcing today the results of a series of experiments in chicken feeding, Dr. E. F. Kaupp, poultry investigator of the North Carolina experiment station at State College, declared that the experiments showed that it pays to keep Rhode Island Red hens awake overtime by the use of 120 watt electric lamps.

Dr. Kaupp took two flocks of poultry, giving one group 14 feeding hours by the use of electric lamps and allowing the other flocks only the normal daylight hours.

When the test was concluded, he announced, it was found that the hens kept awake 14 hours with artificial light laid 147 eggs per hen during a year, while those having no artificial light laid only 116 eggs per hen during the same period.

Durham To Soon Have A Woman On Police Force.

Durham, Nov. 21.—Chief Walter F. Doby, of the Durham police department, states that he has been considering the employing of police matron for the police department here. He intimated today that in all probability Durham will have a police woman on the force within a short time. Conditions have made it necessary, he stated, that a capable matron be employed to look after young women and girls who get into the toils of the law.

Falkland High School Quits Defeat Fountain

Falkland, Nov. 21.—The boys' and girls' basketball teams of the Falkland High School played the first games of their 1923 season when they met the Fountain team on the Fountain court on Tuesday afternoon, November 20.

The Falkland boys were winners by the close score of 9 to 8, while the Falkland girls' team heaped up a score of 13-0. Both games were marked by quick, clean playing and splendid sportsmanship, which is a thing worthy of congratulation for the teams and their respective schools. The Fountain teams will give return games on the Falkland court on Wednesday, November 22.

The Rouse Way, The Right Way FOR BETTER PRINTING THE ROUSE PRINTERY Farmville, N. C. or Greenville, N. C.

\$250,000 FIRE AT GOLDSBORO GETS BIG LOT COTTON

Warehouse Owned by Co-Operative Association. Cotton Valued at \$175,000. Covered by Insurance.

Goldsboro, Nov. 21.—A warehouse together with 950 bales of long staple cotton were destroyed early today by a fire of undetermined origin. The cotton, valued at \$175,000, was owned by B. G. Thompson, local cotton trader. It was fully insured. Mr. Thompson estimated this morning that 15 per cent of the cotton could be salvaged.

The warehouse, totally destroyed, was the property of the North Carolina Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association and was valued at \$75,000.

The fire, discovered shortly after midnight, raged for an hour beyond the control of firemen, threatening nearby buildings, one of which was a freight house of the Norfolk Southern railway, caught fire. However, the blaze was extinguished before appreciable damage was done to this building.

TEN MILLION IS ASKED FOR PROHIBITION FIGHT

Washington, Nov. 20.—An appropriation of more than \$10,000,000 for the enforcement of the prohibition and narcotic laws during the next fiscal year was said by prohibition officials today to have been included in treasury estimates submitted to the Director of the budget. The estimates include \$1,250,000, an increase of \$500,000 over this year's allotment, for enforcement of the narcotic act.

If these figures are agreed to by Congress they will represent an increase of approximately \$1,500,000 over the appropriations granted for the fiscal year ending June 30 next.

With Treasury plans for a supplemental appropriation of \$28,500,000 for additional coast guard cutters and personnel approved by the President, together with the \$10,000,000 included in Treasury estimates for ordinary day-to-day maintenance, it was estimated by officials today that more than \$40,000,000 would be asked of Congress at the coming session for enforcement of the prohibition and illicit drug laws and for the prevention of rum smuggling.

Prohibition officials would not disclose today for just what purposes the increase in appropriations would be used. A force of 1,522 prohibition enforcement agents now is operating throughout the country, but whether it is desired to augment this force could not be learned officially.

FARMVILLE FURNITURE CO. GIVE AWAY THREE VALUABLE PRIZES.

This Firm Will Give Away Several More Prizes on Saturday, Nov. 24 and Dec. 1st.

Saturday, November 17, dawned clear and bright, bringing a huge crowd to witness the first drawing of prizes given away by the Farmville Furniture Company.

The first prize, an Allen Range, value \$100.00, was drawn by M. C. Hobbs; Mr. Hobbs had only five trade receipts in the box and was overjoyed at his good fortune.

The second prize was drawn by Mrs. Lizzie Allen. It was a \$30.00 mattress.

The third prize was drawn by Bert Burnette, a \$25.00 set of silver.

Mr. T. E. Joyner, manager, predicts the heaviest buying of all in these last few days of this sale, and the trade has been steadily increasing on the force within a short time. Conditions have made it necessary, he stated, that a capable matron be employed to look after young women and girls who get into the toils of the law.

IRENE CASTLE WANTS TO MOVE STOCK OF BOOZE

New York, Nov. 21.—Irene Castle wants to move her supply of liquor, valued at several thousand dollars, from her home in Ithaca, N. Y., to her residence here. She made application for the transfer yesterday to Prohibition Director Canfield but refused to discuss her cellar.

Officials said the regulations did not allow them to disclose confidential information regarding such applications, because "certain applicants for such transfer permits are of such respectable standing in this community that they were afraid such disclosures might 'shamefully harm them.'"

Mr. C. S. Rountree spent the week-end here with his family.