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GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES 12,842,000 BALES COTTON

\$20,000 RAISED FOR COMMUNITY CHEST ON FIRST DAY

State's Cotton Worth 16 Per Cent More Than Big Crop Of Last Year

North Carolina Estimate Is
Placed at \$48,000 Bales
This Year

**MARKET BREAKS \$4.00
BALE WITH REPORT**

Report Shows Increase of
About 200,000 Bales Over
Month Ago

RALEIGH, Nov. 9.—(AP)—North Carolina's cotton crop of 845,000 bales worth about \$38,000,000 shows about 16 percent greater value than last year's 1,312,000 bales, Frank Parker, agricultural statistician for North Carolina, said tonight, following the crop report from Washington today.

Based on 21 cents average for the first week in November, local market, and 13 cents paid to the farmers last November, this year's crop is worth 23 percent an acre more than the 1926 crop.

The national 12,842,000 bale crop is worth \$177,000,000 more than last year's November value, Mr. Parker said.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—(AP)—A cotton crop of 12,842,000 equivalent 160 pounds to the bale this year is indicated by reports of the department of agriculture as of November 1.

A month ago a crop of 12,678,000 bales was indicated with a yield of 149.3 pounds per acre. Last year's crop totaled 17,977,377 bales with a yield of 185.6 pounds per acre.

From the 40,825,000 acres for harvest this year, as preliminarily estimated, the indicated production would approximate a yield of 151.2 pounds of lint cotton per acre.

The yield per acre and indicated total crop by states follow:

Virginia—226 pounds per acre and total production 34,000 bales.
North Carolina—226 and 845,000
South Carolina—144 and 730,000.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Cotton of this year's crop shined prior to November 1 totaled 9,925,795 running bales counting 243,688 round bales as half bales and excluding lintless compressed with 11,263,873 bales including 358,327 round bales to that date last year and 11,207,197 bales including 184,796 round bales to November 1 in 1926, the census bureau announced today.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Cotton prices broke \$4 a bale on the New York Cotton exchange today on publication of the Department of Agriculture crop estimate showing an indicated crop of 12,842,000 an increase of 164,000 over the October estimate.

METHODISTS BEGIN WORK

Cause of Superannuated Preachers Occupies Conference in Raleigh

RALEIGH, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Pleading for action to establish an adequate fund for superannuated preachers, Dr. Luth Todd, secretary of the board of finance, Methodist Episcopal church, south today urged preachers attending the Methodist conference here to do their part in attaining the \$5,000,000 goal set.

Bishop Edwin Mouson of Charlotte presided over the conference, urged that action be taken as there is something out of joint when Methodist minister retires after 45 years of service and gets only \$25 a month while a railway conductor gets \$125 a month.

Some of you ministers are suffering from an inferiority complex, said the bishop. The laymen want leaders and let me assure you to get behind this movement which has been a humiliation to the church through its lack of support.

SCHOOL WILL GIVE PROGRAM

St. Mary's Will Observe Education Week With Patriotic Celebration

American Education week will be observed in St. Mary's School this city on the evening of Armistice day by a combined educational and patriotic program. The exercises will be held in the school hall, starting at 8 o'clock. A general invitation has been extended the public to visit the school on this occasion and attend the entertainment.

The program follows:

Address of Welcome... Frank Monk
Class Demonstrations in Music
Songs and Recitations—Pupils of the Kindergarten, First and Second Grades.
Recitations and Dramatizations—Grades 3 and 4.
Signing the Declaration of Independence—(Dramatization).
"Economic Value of Education"—Reading—Violet Lane.
"What Will Higher Education Do For Me?"—Francis Mohr.
"Our Schools and Their Mission"—Reading—Louise Fartour.
"Americanism of The Catholic School"—Anna Reeves.
"Our Flag"—Marie Ellis.
Old Glory—Recitation—Virginia Romanus.
Salute to the Flag.
"We Salute Thee, Old Glory"—Chorus—School.
"In Flanders Fields"—Recitation—Edna Reeves.
The Star Spangled Banner.

DR. MANN NAMED

CHARLOTTE, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Dr. L. T. Mann of High Point has been appointed representative of the North Carolina department of the American Legion on the rehabilitation commission of the national organization, Y. P. Rousseau, retiring department adjutant announced today on his return from an executive committee meeting at Greensboro.

Fire Badly Damages A Smithfield Home

SMITHFIELD, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Fire of unknown origin severely damaged the handsome residence of Mrs. Lillian Sanders here today, causing a loss of several thousand dollars. The fire started in the roof of the dwelling and gained considerable headway before checked.

Traveling Incognito, Santa Claus Makes Stop In City

(By JOHN D. LANGSTON, JR.)
Folks, I have seen him, have shaken hands with him, and have even talked with him, and after all, Santa Claus is just a human being like the rest of us, although he is a rather unusual one, having remarkable powers of memory, perception, keenness of thought, and a most valuable asset of being able to see the humorous side of almost any situation.

Santa Claus or St. Nicholas, as he is sometimes known, landed on the 100 acres of a large farm located about a mile from Goldsboro, in his huge tri-motored monoplane, late yesterday afternoon (about five o'clock to be exact). A taxi, by a pre-arranged schedule, was there to meet him, and he was quickly driven to a local hotel in the city, where he registered for the night.

It was only by chance that I happened to learn that he was here. While taking the day registry in the hotel mentioned above, I happened to

SERMONS TRIAL STARTED

COURT UPHOLDS BAD CHECK LAW

Justice Adams Writes Opinion Affirming Constitutionality Of Act

RALEIGH, Nov. 9.—(AP)—The State Supreme court late today declared the 1927 bad check law to be constitutional.

Justice Adams wrote the opinion, the reversal of the holdings of Judge Grady in Halifax superior court last June. Chief Justice Stacy and Justice Connor wrote concurrences while Justices Brogden and Clarkson wrote dissenting opinions.

The law upheld was drafted and passed to prevent the giving of worthless checks. It denounces as a crime the mere non payment of a debt without finding of fraud or false pretense. The case involved O. Y. Yarboro, who drew a check on the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Louisville payable to the order of "George Green for \$100."

Chief Justice Stacy declared the present statute is aimed at a practice which has become a menace to trade, an evil and a mischief in the field of commerce where the major portion of business is done on paper. "The uttering of a worthless check is both a private and a public wrong, like the passing of counterfeit coin," he wrote.

Justice Clarkson in an opinion concurring in the punishment of A. A. Hicks, Forsyth county blind tiger operator, recalled that the 400,000 Tar Heels on March 27, 1908 gave the Federal prohibition act and later gave an overwhelming majority to the 1927 Turlington act, which makes the state and Federal acts more stringent and the said defendant violated the "law of his state and nation—a law of moral virtue and economic worth and a blessing to the human family."

Examine Over One Hundred To Get Jury

Case An Outgrowth of Moonshine-Prohibition Agent Battle Months Ago

A venire of 118 men was exhausted yesterday when trial of the Sermons brothers on charges growing out of the prohibition officer-moonshiner battle at Fort Barwell several months ago was begun in Pamlico County Superior Court, at Bayboro, according to information supplied The News by The New Bernian of New Bern.

Selection of a jury was completed late in the afternoon and the taking of evidence will begin this morning.

Luther Sermons is charged with having fired the shot which caused the death of Prohibition Officer W. T. Lewis, Lewis was mortally wounded in the engagement, Vergil Sermons is charged with being an accessory before the fact and Lee Sermons is charged with being a material witness.

Vergil Sermons was wounded in an arm and leg in the engagement, and escaping officers, came to Goldsboro where he entered a hospital. He spent several weeks in military guard.

One report is that the brothers contend that the prohibition officers were a tempting to hi-jack them out of 200 gallons of liquor.

The Sermons were able to provide stiff bonds and have employed a big battery of counsel for their defense. Hugh Dortch of Goldsboro is one appearing for the defendants.

DRILLS HOLE IN BODY OF RIVAL

Ernest Thompson, Negro, In Hospital With Wound In Abdomen

Ernest Thompson, negro, employed cave man tactics Wednesday evening about 7:30 when he attempted to drill a hole through the abdomen of Tom Smith, to decide where he or Smith should claim the hand and heart of a certain "dusky beauty" of the little Washington section Thompson's weapon was not a stone ax or spear of the stone age, but was his "trusted revolver."

As the result of this rather one-sided duel, Tom Smith is in a local hospital with a bullet hole in the lower part of his abdomen, but with fine chances of recovery. Officer Grover Lancaster, who carried the wounded man to the hospital and who had arrived on the scene soon after the shooting, told The News reporter last evening that he "sure thought that man was a dead negro when I first saw him."

Thompson escaped immediately after the shooting and is still at large, but it is believed that he will soon be apprehended.

SMITH VICTORY REVIVES TALK

Lenders Enquire How Much New York Vote Reflects Al Smith Influence

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Yesterday's smashing Democratic victory in New York State was echoed by a revival of speculation and questioning in Washington today about the 1928 presidential aspiration of Governor Smith.

The Governor's friends saw in the outcome of the election a new guarantee that he would be invincible in next year's Democratic national convention. His opponents reserved their judgment but asked many questions about the election returns. Republicans followed suit.

Until today the capital had taken little notice of the Empire State campaign which involved no national issues but was waged around proposed amendments to the state constitution.

When it turned out that the amendments favored by Governor Smith were overwhelmingly adopted and the one opposed by him and favored by the Republicans were overwhelmingly defeated the politicians began to enquire just how much weight the governor's personal hold on the voters may have in the result.

MILK CANS USED AS WATERWINGS TO SAVE COWS FROM DROWNING

WEST FIELD, Mass., Nov. 9.—"Water wings" had been used for many years by aquatic novices but it remained for T. J. Dewey, a local farmer, to devise such means of floating for cows.

When the recent flood waters descended upon Dewey's farm he was confronted with the problem of saving his herd of milk cows. The "water wings" idea crystallized. Twenty-five milk cans with the stoppers firmly plugged in were attached to the cows. When the flood grew deep the cows just floated until they struck terra firma again.

OUTSIDE HELP FOR SUFFERERS

Icy Hand of Winter Closes In, Making Relief Work Difficult

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 9.—(AP)—In the calming presence of outside help and communication New England's flood relief programs stood forth tonight as a race against the white "spectre" of winter. Help had reached nearly all sections, wire communication was rapidly resuming every corner of the state. Railroads and highways were opened up, but the relief at best was temporary, spurred by the knowledge that bitter winter weather will freeze makeshift communication lines and lock battered wrecked communities in the grip of ice and frozen mud that will not be broken until the spring thaws.

Army, Red Cross and civil authorities have succeeded in getting food and clothing to every point where they were most needed. Both in flooded Vermont and West Massachusetts the pushiest and great accumulation of freight at the Hudson river gateways in New York and have established communication with those areas by a round about route.

Only a few miles of railroad are under operation in Vermont and it will be weeks before service can be restored on many lines where bridges are out. Federal aid is needed in that state.

Crew of Eight Are Taken From Vessel

NORFOLK, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Eight men composing the crew of the four masted schooner Adelaide Day were taken off their wrecked ship 250 miles southeast of Cape Henry today by the American steamer Gulf Light yesterday afternoon, a message received here today. The schooner was a wash her deckhouse had been carried away and her sails destroyed.

Continue Drive Today To Secure Remaining Five Thousand Needed

IS PROVIDED WITH NEW LEG

And If William B. Ellis Had Pair of Glasses He'd Be Happy Boy

William B. Ellis, a boy employed in a local textile mill, is a happy boy this morning, for he is the proud possessor of a brand new leg, a perfectly good artificial one.

When William was just a little shaver he had erysipelas and when the disease left him a leg was gone. His father was a laboring man, dependent solely on his hands for bread. The father developed high blood pressure and had to quit work, William, though one-legged had to turn to make a part of the living. With one other member of the family, he found work in a textile plant. The two together make \$5 a week for the family treasury. Not much but it is \$24 a month.

But the work was pretty tough on young William with his one leg, and he didn't have money to get an artificial one. The state rehabilitation service of the Board of Health heard of his case. Through the state board William got his leg.

One other thing William needs, it was said, put him in fine shape to make the best of the life given him. He needs a pair of glasses. The work he was reported as doing requires close concentration of the eyes on a tiny spot for long hours. About five o'clock each afternoon the boy develops a severe headache. Now when he gets the glasses, he will be sitting on top of the world.

NEGRO IS HELD IN KINSTON ON CHARGE KILLING ANOTHER

KINSTON, Nov. 9.—Joe Weldon, negro, is being held here on a charge of murdering "Uncle" Gus Dawson, favorite character of the section between here and Constantine Neck. Dawson a 75 year old negro, lived alone in a shack three or four miles east of the city. White plaster aided sheriff's officers in the search for the slayer, determined that someone should pay for the crime.

LODGE APPEARS TO HAVE WON DETROIT POST OVER SMITH

DETROIT, Nov. 9.—(AP)—John C. Lodge, who has held public office nearly a quarter of a century without ever having made a campaign speech, appeared to have been elected mayor over John W. Smith, incumbent and anti-prohibition advocate, in yesterday's non partisan primary.

Plan Organization Of Wayne Co. Merchants Association

Wayne County will be the first county in North Carolina to organize a county Merchants Association affiliated with the North Carolina Merchants Association if plans of the latter organization materialize. An outline of the plans was given yesterday by E. M. Boykin, Field Secretary of the Association, who is in Goldsboro preparatory to beginning an effort to organize the county merchants.

Mr. Boykin announced the schedule of a dinner meeting at the Hotel Goldsboro for next Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock to which he hopes several hundred of the merchants and store employees in the county will be present. The Goldsboro Merchants Association is cooperating in the effort, it was announced and H. H. Jenkins, president of the city association, yesterday expressed the hope that the effort to organize the county will be successful.

M. E. Newsom, of Durham, president of the State Association, and Willard Dowell of Raleigh, secretary of the Association, are down as speakers on the banquet program. Mr. Newsom is engaged in the office supply and book store business in Durham, and is one of the ranking officers of Rotary International. Mr. Dowell was for many years Raleigh city clerk and came to his new office several months ago.

"The county Association idea," said Mr. Boykin, "is one which Mr. Newsom as president of the Association have given much thought to for some time. It has been discussed in our meetings and I am here to see how it will take in Wayne county."

Leading Goldsboro merchants who were approached yesterday expressed the belief that a clearing house for information concerning mercantile data for Wayne county dispensed from a central point would be a benefit to all members.

Chairman O'Berry Makes Final Appeal For Workers to Meet at 8:30 Today

REPORTS MADE AT MEETING LAST NIGHT

Director Commends Spirit Shown By Canvassers and By People of City

Twenty thousand dollars of the \$25,000 goal was pledged yesterday in the third annual community chest campaign for Goldsboro, reports made at the dinner meeting of canvassers at the Goldsboro Hotel last night showed. Confident that the remaining \$5,000 needed will be reached, canvassers will again begin the appeal this morning.

"There were a number of people who could not be canvassed in the short time yesterday," said Campaign Director Tom O'Berry last evening. "and it is to be hoped that the work will be resumed. I would like to take this means of thanking all who aided in any way in the campaign. The spirit showed by the men and women who yesterday visited the citizens to ask subscriptions was the commendable, and in keeping with the Goldsboro spirit."

The response of those who were also encouraging. Now only a few thousand dollars are needed to take the city to its goal and to provide adequately for the nine philanthropic organizations of the city for the next year. If we can continue the enthusiasm of yesterday the remaining sum should be reached today.

"I want to again urge that all workers report at the community building at 8:30 Thursday morning to take up the task where it was left off Wednesday."

About two hundred men and women gathered at the Community Building at 9 yesterday, the firebell sounded twenty five times to indicate the \$25,000 goal met, and after a final heartening talk, brief but pointed, from Mr. O'Berry the captains and their crews were off for the day. The weather man had been kind and ordered an Indian summer day of delightful texture for the occasion.

"One thing I could like to add," said Mr. O'Berry taking up the discussion again "is that too much can't be said for the women workers. Fifty odd of them were out and they combed this town. They left deep the responsibility for the record in the chest and they did some mighty fine work."

ROSEWOOD CLUB MEETS TONIGHT

Col. George K. Freeman Will Deliver Armistice Day Address at 7:30

Wayne county's observance of Armistice Day will begin this evening, when the Rosewood Community club presented a patriotic program at the Rosewood school and the students present a special program at St. Mary's parochial school at 8 o'clock.

At Rosewood, Col. George K. Freeman will deliver an Armistice Day address and the grade of Miss Lillian Austin and the grade of Miss Lillian Howell will offer short dramatizations embodying the spirit of the occasion. The meeting at Rosewood will take the place of the regular Friday evening meeting of the Community club.

In Goldsboro, no organized effort to observe the holiday has as yet taken form. Fremont merchants have voted to a man to close their businesses for the day.

On Friday evening, Col. Freeman will again be Armistice Day speaker when he addresses the annual dinner of the 321 Infantry of the 8888th Central Postal Directory at the Yarrborough Hotel in Raleigh beginning at 7:30 p. m.