

COUNTY AGEN TELL'S OF WORK IN ONSLOW

Latham's Report to Commissioners Shows Year of Activity in County

JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 23.—The report of County Agent Latham to the board of commissioners reveals a year of remarkable activity on his part in the interest of the Onslow county farmers and the people of the county generally. Mr. Latham's report covers in detail the work he has done during the year and contains also a suggestion of what will be attempted in the future. His report follows in full: To the Members of the Board of County Commissioners, Onslow County: Gentlemen: I am submitting a brief outline of my annual report on the county's work for the year of 1920. First—We have had the soil survey of White Oak Pocoson finished and we are ready to call an election in the near future to vote a bond issue to pay about fifty miles of ditch cut. The average size of the ditches will be thirty feet wide and ten feet deep. This work will be done by large dredge boats cut on an average three miles per month. The soil survey shows a very fertile soil in all parts of the district. The completion of this will open seventy-three thousand acres (73,000) of valuable soil for settlement not only by our own people but by western people. I am receiving almost daily letters from western and northern men about this county. The first questions they ask are about our roads, our schools, our health, and our system of farming. When the soil survey of the county is finished I will be able to give anyone absolute information about the county as to the soil and the fertilizer to use. We are waiting every year a tremendous sum of money by using fertilizer on land that does not need the kind we use.

Community Bureaus "Second—We have organized four community farm bureaus in four different communities this year. I have lectured to over five thousand people in these meetings. The good that is being done in these meetings cannot be told. We are trying to develop a strong rural leadership in all communities and by doing this we will develop a higher citizenship. A fair sample of what it means to the farmer to co-operate is the fact that we bought fertilizer co-operatively this year and saved the farmers \$141.11. We believe in co-operative buying and selling.

Influenza and handling fertilizer knocked out our club work this year. We organized seven clubs but could not give the attention they needed, therefore, they did not accomplish much. We have almost stamped out hog cholera this year. Where I vaccinated 4,390 hogs last year and most of them in infected herds I have vaccinated only 2,186 and only about 500 of those were infected herds. Where the loss from cholera last year was about 4,000 head the loss this year was not over 100 head. The quality of the hogs this year is much better. A man can buy a good boar with some degree of safety. There are more pure bred boars in the county now than there have been. This means that the loss—that cholera has been killing is not the big loss. The big loss has been the fact that there were very few good hogs in the county and the loss has been in quality as well as quantity.

I have had an anti-fly and mosquito campaign in the county and there are more homes screened than there have been before. Formerly when I would go into some communities I would not find a single home screened, but now there are a large number properly screened and this due to the tremendous amount of talking, writing and picturing of the danger of flies and mosquitoes.

Summary of Work "I have succeeded in getting nine farmers to plant a permanent pasture and they are doing nicely. I have also interested farmers in sowing oats, hairy vetch and clover and there are acres of these now planted. This year where there never has been any ground before.

Summary of Work "Summary of work from December 1, 1919, to December 30, 1920: "Have inspected, pruned, and sprayed seven orchards containing 203 trees. "Owing to the fact that this county is tick-infested, I have been unable to interest people in buying better cows. "There has been a very marked decrease in the number of hogs dying of cholera this year due entirely to vaccination. "Have treated one cow for tuberculosis. "Have treated three cows for digestive troubles. "Have treated 1,250 hogs for worms. "Have treated 3,186 hogs against cholera, vaccinated. "Treated fifteen sheep for stomach worms. "Have advised eighty-two farmers about the use of fertilizer. "Bought in co-operative lots 180 1-2 tons of fertilizer, saving the farmers \$141.11. "Have furnished plans for the construction of two buildings. "Have induced 130 farmers to adopt systematic crop rotation. "Have established seventeen pastures. "Established one drainage system in the county. "Surveyed one farm for tile drainage. "There have been about 400 new improved cultivators, hay presses, tractors, disc harrows, gas engines, etc. bought this year. "Have traveled by railroad 2,569 miles; have traveled by team forty seven miles; have traveled by automobile 7,477 miles; have traveled by boat six miles; have had 1,703 personal calls relative to work; have had 1,495 telephone calls; have had 132 meetings in the county; attendance at these meetings: 194; have had seven field meetings; attendance at these meetings 194; have spent 572 days in field; have taken no vacation; have written 852 official letters; have written 1,003 letters for the American Cotton Association; have written eighteen articles for newspapers; have prepared and mailed four hundred different circulars; letters; mailed distributed copies of these circulars; distributed 35 government bulletins; distributed 252 state bulletins; have visited thirty-eight schools; helped plan and carry out two courses in agriculture for schools; was instructor in one short course; was engaged seven days as instructor in the course; have organized seven community farm bureaus; have had thirty-five specialists to visit and advise 802 farmers; have visited twenty-five club members. "The following is what I term 'The Year of Agriculture': (Watch Onslow for Them All) 1. Drainage—Outlet. 2. Drainage—Main ditches through farm. 3. Drainage—Tile or underground.

"4. Deep breaking with implements that will not bring too much of the sub-soil to the surface. "5. Lime in some form. "6. Thorough preparation of the seed bed. "7. Use seed of the best variety intelligently selected and stored. "8. Intensive shallow cultivation. "9. Crop economically housed and properly stored. Seed field selected. "10. Legume winter cover crops. "Here in eastern North Carolina our greatest need is drainage; therefore, I am stressing that by giving it the first three points. "Naturally deep breaking comes next because the land here has been farmed with one-horse plows and hundred-horse men too long, also deep breaking takes the soil out of the water. "Then as our soils are all deficient in lime that should come next in some form. I know of several farmers who use seven tons per acre with no harmful effects. The average amount should be one ton per acre, as a general proposition, every five years. "Surely thorough preparation of the seed bed comes next. "Of course we would not want to plant inferior seed, therefore, the use of seed of the best variety must come next. "And of all things we would not plow deep and seldom; therefore, we want intensive shallow cultivation. "It does not matter whether we harvest our corn or not just so we harvest it economically and field select our seed. "Then winter legume cover crops come last in one year, but they are first the next and there is 'The Cycle of Agriculture.' "Very respectfully submitted this the 6th day of December, 1920. "D. L. LATHAM, County Agent."

"P. S.—Perhaps, I should mention the fact that we have had a very intensive campaign to enroll members in the American Cotton Association, of which I am secretary and treasurer. "We have organized the Onslow Highway Association to promote good roads everywhere. I am acting as secretary and treasurer. "I believe in establishing a permanent system of agriculture that will enrich our soil and make us a better and more happy people and then we will have better roads, better schools, better churches, better farms, and better people."

RUPP ADMITS ATTACKING WIFE AT LANGLEY FIELD

But Authorities, Skeptical, Continue Investigation

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 22.—Lieut. Daniel A. Rupp's reputed confession that he was solely responsible for the attack on his wife at her home on the Langley Field army air station reservation last Friday night has not halted the investigation being conducted by the military authorities. Army officials are skeptical of the confession, and state positively that there will be no let-up in their investigation.

They also decline to state whether Lieutenant Rupp's reputed confession tallies with the result of their own investigations and with the statement given them by Mrs. Rupp shortly after the attack upon her. In his signed statement to a New-ent newspaper, Lieutenant Rupp said that the day after the attack upon his wife he had asked for an examination by a medical board, with a view to determining his sanity.

Col. W. N. Hensley, commanding officer of the air station, confirmed the statement, but said that no such examination would probably be made until after the military investigators had completed their work and had cleared up the circumstances of the assault to their satisfaction. Lieutenant Rupp's statement does not tally with the line of investigation that has been followed for several days by the military authorities. These investigations have centered around a woman and an army officer, neither of whom were suspected as principals, however. Lieutenant Rupp's statement does not explain when he reported the attack on his wife to Col. Hensley, he produced an ear-ring with the statement that it was clutched in his wife's hand when he found her in her room, unconscious, with several knife wounds in her body.

CLEMENCY GRANTED ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 23.—Governor Dorsey announced today that he had granted clemency to fifteen felony convicts and about twenty-five misdemeanors or prisoners. The papers, he said, have been signed and will be given to the prisoners as Christmas gifts. Among those granted clemency is Walter E. Medlin, serving a life term for the murder of W. E. Baker in Macon in 1918.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 23.—Governor Robert A. Cooper today announced nineteen paroles and two commutations of sentences. The list included three men sentenced for life for murder, all of whom had served approximately ten years, seven who had been convicted of manslaughter. Two women were included.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 23.—Fifty paroles and commutations, thirty of which were recommended by the penitentiary commission, were granted by Governor C. H. Brough today, the pardons and reductions in sentence to serve as Christmas gifts. Among those receiving clemency included thirteen serving life sentences.

ACCUSED ARMY OFFICER IS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23.—John C. Gottenkiene, alias David L. Gordon, former second lieutenant in the fifth field artillery, First division, charged with deserting his command at Coblenz, Germany, in June, 1919, taking with him about \$48,000 of his company's funds, was arrested here tonight and turned over to department of justice agents.

The government agents said that the prisoner would be taken to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, by a military guard tomorrow where he will be tried by court-martial.

PLAN TO CO-OPERATE LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 23.—Plans for a co-operative tobacco company were approved at a conference of Central Kentucky tobacco growers here today. A resolution protesting against the proposal of the secretary of the treasury that the tax on manufactured tobacco be increased six cents a pound also was adopted. The plan was formulated by directors of the Burley tobacco growers, bankers, warehousemen, farmers and re-dryers of tobacco.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 23.—The Connecticut growers at a meeting here today decided on a plan to dispose of 1921 crop through a central warehouse rather than individually as in the past.

MEAN GIVES DINNER IN MORRISON'S HONOR

Distinguished Guests Present At Capital Function

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Hon. A. W. Melan, assistant secretary of the treasury, a distinguished "Far Heel," who is temporarily residing in Washington, Tuesday night gave a dinner in honor of Hon. Cameron Morrison, governor-elect of North Carolina, at his residence, 1823 Rhode Island avenue. The following were the guests for the occasion: A Mitchell Palmer, attorney general; Thomas J. Spellacy, assistant attorney general; Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to the President; Fred W. Steckman, resident manager, Guaranty Trust company, New York; Senator Thomas J. Neffin, of Alabama; Judge Milton C. Elliott, consulting counsel, war finance corporation; John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the currency; John A. Donald, vice chairman United States shipping board; Frank A. Hampton, secretary to Senator F. M. Simmons; Marcus A. Smith, United States senator from Arizona, and Norman Davis, under-secretary of state.

The members of the North Carolina congressional delegation have Christmas in their bones, and most of them are preparing to spend the holidays at home. Senator Simmons and Overman left for their respective homes Tuesday night. Representatives Hoey, Robinson and Kitchin are already in North Carolina. Representative Brinson left Wednesday night for New Bern and Representative Weaver for Asheville. Representatives Pou, Stedman, Small and Godwin will spend the holidays in Washington. Representative Doughton will leave the last of the week.

MEMORIES OF BOYHOOD SOFTEN JUDGE'S HEART

Christmas Made Happier For Mischievous Youngsters

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 23.—Recalling the days when he was a boy bent upon pillaging jam larders and mother's pies set out to cool, Recorder John B. Lander's heart softened today and he issued an order that brought joy to three West Orange youngsters. Hailed before the recorder, a trio of mischiefmakers was sentenced to receive no Christmas presents, to take no part in Yuletide celebrations and go to bed at 6:30 o'clock each night for a month. Citizens intervened protesting that the punishment was too severe. Tonight the sentence was suspended over Christmas eve and Christmas, and Santa Claus was notified.

ANNOUNCE REDUCTION NEEDEHAM, Mass., Dec. 23.—The William Carter company, which operates knitting goods factories in this town and in Springfield posted notices today that a 20 per cent wage cut would go into effect after the holidays and that the mills would be shut down one week.

SLAYER IS SOUGHT LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 23.—Search was begun today for a negro who last night shot George H. King, a 70-year-old farmer. King died today of his wound. King and a daughter were sitting in their home when the negro entered, apparently for robbery. The couple were forced out in wages downward on the floor and when King attempted to arise, he was shot in the back by the negro, who escaped.

A PORT COLUMN

News and Gossip of the Water front—Movements of Craft, Reported Locally And By Telegraph.

VESSELS IN PORT Steamers Hybert (American), 9,600 tons, United States Shipping Board. Eryx (American), 3,600 tons, United States Shipping Board. Schooners Matowoc (American), in distress. C. D. Maffitt & Co. steamed American steamer, Fargo, for New York, in ballast. Cleared American steamer Lake Charles, for Norfolk, in ballast. American steamer National Bridge, (to be towed to Baltimore for repairs.)

CLARA SMITH TO DEMAND QUICK TRIAL AT ARDMORE

Accused Woman Recovers From Spell of Sickness

ABOARD CLARA SMITH'S TRAIN, VIA FORT HANCOCK, Tex., Dec. 23.—In the custody of Sheriff Garrett and accompanied by her attorneys, Clara Smith, charged with the murder of Jake L. Hamon, tonight was speeding back to Ardmore, Okla., where she will make bond and demand quick trial. Miss Smith today appeared to have recovered from an indisposition that last night threatened to prevent her scheduled departure.

ARDMORE, Okla., Dec. 23.—Upon arrival here tomorrow afternoon, Clara Smith will waive preliminary hearing and be bound over to the district court for trial on the charge of shooting Jake Hamon, Republican national committeeman and millionaire, according to Russell B. Brown, county attorney. Bond will be fixed at approximately \$10,000 and it will contain 45 signatures, the county attorney said. J. H. Mathers, counsel for Clara Smith, said tonight with regard to Governor Robertson's announced intention to seek a change of venue, that it was contrary to the state statutes for other than the defendant to ask for a change. He said he felt certain that the defendant would ask that the trial be held in Ardmore.

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Advertisement for A. O. Schuster, Fine Jewelry, Watches, Diamonds, 104 North Front Street. Includes an illustration of a large diamond.

Advertisement for E. D. Herdenberger, The Busy Corner, Corner Third and Castle Streets, Telephone No. 333. Lists various goods and prices: Sweet potatoes, Porto Ricas, 40c per peck; Compound lard, very best, 16c per pound; Fresh eggs, big supply just received, all candled, per dozen 65c; Fresh country butter (home-made), sweet and fresh, per pound 70c; Best table butter, one of the best grades, per pound 65c; Pancake flour, makes pancakes like mother's, per package 18c; Best rice, not a cheap grade, but the best, per pound 9c; Apples, cooking apples, eating apples, per peck 70c; Orange marmalade, something very special, per can 35c; Granulated sugar, don't forge the prices, ladies! Per pound 9c; Carnation milk, tall can 15c; Caraja coffee, one of the best, per pound 35c; Armour's Helmet coffee, per pound 35c; Armour's very best coffee, per pound 38c; White House coffee, three pounds for only \$1.35; Irish potatoes (all good ones), per peck 50c; Pure lard; when we say pure, we mean pure lard, per pound 25c; Flour (good self-rising), 12 pounds for 90c; Star hams (the best), per pound 40c. Also lists Christmas gifts and meats.

Advertisement for N. Jacobi Hardware Co., Xmas Gifts for Everyone. Lists various hardware items: ALUMINUM PERCOLATORS, "MIRROR" ALUMINUM WARE, BRASS AND NICKEL SMOKING SETS, ASH TRAYS, NUT BOWLS AND PICKS, SKATES, RAZORS, POCKET KNIVES, THERMOS BOTTLES, EVERREADY FLASHLIGHTS, ALUMINUM ROASTERS, SOAP STONE GRIDDLES, TOOL CHESTS, PYREX OVENWARE.

Advertisement for Kirsch Curtain Rods, BEST DRAPING EFFECTS PRODUCED BY USING KIRSCH FLAT RODS. Kirsch Curtain Rods can't sag—never tarnish. Will Not Sag, Turn Black, Tarnish, Rust, Chip, Crack or Peel. The C. W. Polvogt Company.

Advertisement for NOTICE! The Orton Hotel Shaving Parlor will be closed all day Christmas, but will remain open Friday (Christmas Eve), until 11:30 p. m. McCORD & PYLE, Proprietors. NOT TOO LATE to plant Rust-proof Oats, Abruzzi Rye or Rosen Rye. We have a big stock of all three. Seed have been tested. Let us quote you. 500 rolls Wire Fencing, 28 to 52 inches; 500 rolls 4-point Hog and Cattle Barbed Wire. D. L. GORE COMPANY, Wilmington, N. C.

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