

BIG CROP VEGETABLES EXPECTED IN COUNTY

Truckers' Journal Looks For a Usual Bountiful Crop of Truck and Strawberries

Based upon a survey recently made by Z. W. Whitehead, editor of the Carolina Fruit and Truckers' Journal, a local publication having a wide circulation, the early spring strawberry and vegetable outlook for New Hanover and adjoining counties is very good indeed. This paper keeps in constant touch with the growers of this section and all other important shipping points throughout eastern North and South Carolina, as well as Virginia. In its review this week of the conditions surrounding the industry, Editor Whitehead in the Journal, says:

"Which is being written and said about the truck and berry crops in New Hanover and adjoining counties, the acreage, outlook, etc. In this connection we would say that the Truckers' Journal has made a careful survey of the situation and there is something like 15 or 20 per cent increase in the lettuce acreage this year over last; about 10 per cent increase in the acreage of garden peas; a normal surplus of snap beans, cabbage, beets, squash, radish, cauliflower, roasting ears, butter beans, cucumbers, and other vegetable crops such as are usually planted around here each year. The Irish potato acreage will be slightly decreased, while there will be an increase in the sweet potato acreage, some of which will be for early shipments and others for later shipments. Very few strawberries are grown in New Hanover as a market proposition, the local market usually absorbing about all that are raised in this county. In the surrounding counties there will be an average of 10 to 15 per cent increase in the acreage this year over last, although a great many of the new plants that are responsible for the increased acreage this year were only set last fall and during the current month. These plants, of course, will bear very little fruit this spring, but the outlook is favorable nevertheless for an increased output in strawberries for shipment this spring over last season.

"The prevailing low prices of lettuce, snap beans, beets, radishes, and other things in the vegetable kingdom, now being shipped from Florida, cannot be accepted as a criterion for prices on similar products that will later on next spring and summer move out of this territory. As a matter of fact any thing like strawberries and green vegetables are out of season on the northern markets at this season of the year, and prevailing low prices should excite no surprise anywhere, for this is not the time of year when people's appetites crave such things, and especially on the northern market where the ground is covered with snow and ice, and such will be the case for a month longer. The weather is usually warm and spring-like when our vegetables and fruit move out of this section, and it is the exception and not the rule when they bring poor prices. We look for business conditions to improve later on and the number of unemployed to diminish rather than increase, all of which must increase purchasing capacity and better demands."

JACKSONVILLE MAYOR STAGES CLEAN-UP DAY

Following Double Murder He Orders General Arrests

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 17.—In connection with the murder here last night of George Alexander Goodrich, 55, prominent engineer and builder of Atlanta, and Walter H. Burden, 60, wealthy retired business man of Patuxent, Long Island, Mayor John W. Martin, of Jacksonville, late today issued sweeping orders to the rid the city of crooks, gunmen and vagrants. As a result the city jail tonight is filled with men who have been unable to give satisfactory accounts of themselves.

Goodrich and Burden were shot to death in Burden's apartment in a downtown hotel by masked gunmen while the two men were at a social game of cards with Mrs. Burden and her daughter, Miss Florrie Burden.

While many arrests have been made by the police in connection with the case it was admitted tonight by police authorities that they have practically no incriminating evidence against any of the suspects.

TALK OF MOVING CAPITAL OF HARNETT COUNTY TO DUNN

(Special to The Star)

DUNN, Feb. 17.—Although Dunn has for the time being abandoned its 10-year fight for the establishment of Jarvis county with itself as county seat, it is not improbable that an effort will be made to get this legislature to permit the voters of Harnett county to decide whether or not it is their wish to move the courthouse from Lillington to Dunn. In this event it is also probable that another measure, contingent upon the success of removal advocates, will be requested to permit another election to decide as to the desirability of transferring the western Harnett townships of Lee county and some portions of Sampson and Johnston to Harnett. Such an arrangement would be satisfactory to Dunn and would at the same time relieve the situation which makes rearrangement of the surrounding country imperative if it is to be given the attention essential to its full development.

CHINESE DEMAND APOLOGY OF JAPS FOR BOAT ATTACK

PEKING, Jan. 17.—(Associated Press.)—The Chinese government has demanded an apology and reparation from Japan for the sinking last June of a Chinese craft by fire from a Japanese gunboat in the Amur River, shortly after the Nikolaevsk massacre.

According to Chinese navy department reports, the Chinese boat, manned by one naval officer, four marines and 44 workmen, was sent out by the Chinese government to patrol the Amur for the purpose of cutting off the Japanese supply line. On its return at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, a Japanese gunboat was sighted. The Chinese craft dropped anchor and ran up the Chinese flag. The Japanese gunboat opened fire and seven shots hit the hull. The boat was partially submerged in shallow water and 24 workmen were killed by gunfire or drowned in efforts to get to shore.

Suzar in Newfoundland is still selling at 25 cents retail.

RAILROAD LABOR ASKS FOR A MONTH'S DELAY

Makes Supreme Drive to Check Movement Against National Agreement

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Labor today appeared before the railroad labor board in a supreme effort to check the railway executives' drive against national agreements. This drive, B. M. Jewell, chairman of the employes' committee declared, was intended to obscure the fundamental issues at stake, which, the employes have declared, were the open shop movement and an attempt to crush organized labor.

Mr. Jewell requested the board to allow the employes until March 14 to complete their rebuttal to the objections to national agreements made by the railroads. He also proposed that the whole case be thrown out of court and the points taken up in conference between the carriers and employes. Protest immediately was entered by E. T. Whittier, of the carrier's committee, against delay and to any proposals of further conferences. He declared that the question the board now faced was merely whether the agreements should be continued.

Frank P. Walsh, counsel for the brotherhoods, in an address, likened the principles being laid down by the labor board to those of the supreme court in its early history. He said that the utterance and acts of railway executives indicated that if not restrained, the executives would "render the transportation act emasculated and abortive, this board will be destroyed insofar as its official functioning is concerned, and we shall have endless turmoil and instability in the railroad industry."

KIWANIS OF FAYETTEVILLE PRESENTED WITH CHARTER

(Special to The Star)

FAYETTEVILLE, Feb. 17.—The charter of the Fayetteville Kiwanis club was presented to the club by District Governor J. Thomas Arnold, of Spartanburg, S. C., at an elaborate dinner given last night at the LaFayette hotel. The Kiwanians staged a varied program, and oratory, wit, song and merriment abounded. A number of the leading Kiwanians of the Carolinas and other distinguished guests were present.

The dinner was presided over by John M. DeVane as toastmaster. The invocation was by Rev. J. A. McMurray and the address of welcome by N. A. Sinclair. The presentation address in delivering the charter was by Governor Arnold, while John N. Davis, president of the Fayetteville club, made the speech of acceptance. Talks were also made by Harry T. Adams, of Raleigh, district lieutenant governor; Col. Robert C. Poy, commanding officer of Camp Bragg, and Maj. E. L. Grueber, of Camp Bragg. Solos were sung by Mrs. John H. Dewey, Miss Margaret Cotton and Mrs. J. A. McMurray, while a marked feature was the group singing of the Kiwanians. Stunts of almost every nature were interspersed among the songs and speeches. Thirty-one gifts donated by members of the club were presented to ladies holding the lucky numbers, while favors were given all the fair guests.

HUNDREDS ATTENDED CORN SHOW AT STATE COLLEGE

(Special to The Star)

WEST RALEIGH, Feb. 17.—Several hundred people attended the sixth annual corn show held in Patterson hall at State college Tuesday. Promoted by the Agricultural club, and originally staged as a student affair entirely, the show this year was thrown open to the farmers of the state and nearly 200 exhibits were on display. The corn was officially judged in the afternoon. Wake county carried off the purple ribbon for the best ten ears, W. A. Simpkins, of Raleigh, being the exhibitor, and the silver cup for the best ear on exhibit was won by Mr. W. H. Corpening of Burke county. About 125 farmers, students and high school boys entered the amateur corn judging contest, the cup offered by the T. W. Wood Seed company for the best judge, going to a young man by the name of Wilder who lives near Knightdale in Wake county. The night program consisted of an address by Dr. C. C. Taylor of the department of rural economics on "Some Problems in Marketing," and a discussion of corn breeding by Prof. W. H. Darst of the farm crops department. Prof. Darst also awarded the prizes.

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CHARLIE DE METROPOLIS HERE TO MEET HANSON

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Returning from Charlotte yesterday where on Wednesday night he gave Kid Ellis the worst licking of his life in perfect condition for tonight's grueling match bout with Charles Metropolis which will be wrestled to a finish on the Academy mat.

Hanson trimmed Ellis on Wednesday night in Charlotte decisively. The first fall went 42 minutes, the Swede winning with a head scissors and arm lock, and the second was concluded in eight minutes when Fritz rammed the Syrian into the mat for the count, leaving him dazed and bewildered and almost unconscious.

Ellis' loss to Hanson came just two nights after Metropolis, the hard-boiled Greek, who goes to the mat here tonight with Hanson, had defeated him in Rock Hill. The Kid did not have a chance with the tough Greek and lost to him in straight falls. In fact Metro was not really forced to put out in defeating Ellis. Thus far the

New Englander has not lost a decision since coming south and he's all primed for tonight's fray which will go to finish regardless of time and which will very probably be rougher and more sensational than any match ever staged here.

Metro will reach the city this morning on the train from the north. He is in perfect physical condition and expects to handle Hanson just as easily as he did Ellis and with much less trouble than Turner occasioned him. Hanson still sticks to his statement that Metro possesses a yellow streak. Turner couldn't find it and Ellis went down in defeat looking for it and now it's Hanson's time. The Swede begins the search tonight and may uncover a lot of trouble for himself before it is over with. Ringside tickets can be had at Newman's cafe until 7 o'clock tonight. The bout will start at 8:30.

TRINITY BEATEN BY V. M. I. LEXINGTON, Va., Feb. 17.—Virginia Military Institute defeated Trinity college in a basketball contest here today, 48 to 11. This was the second defeat Trinity received on its trip to Lexington, the Washington and Lee quint last night defeating them by a score of 29 to 11.

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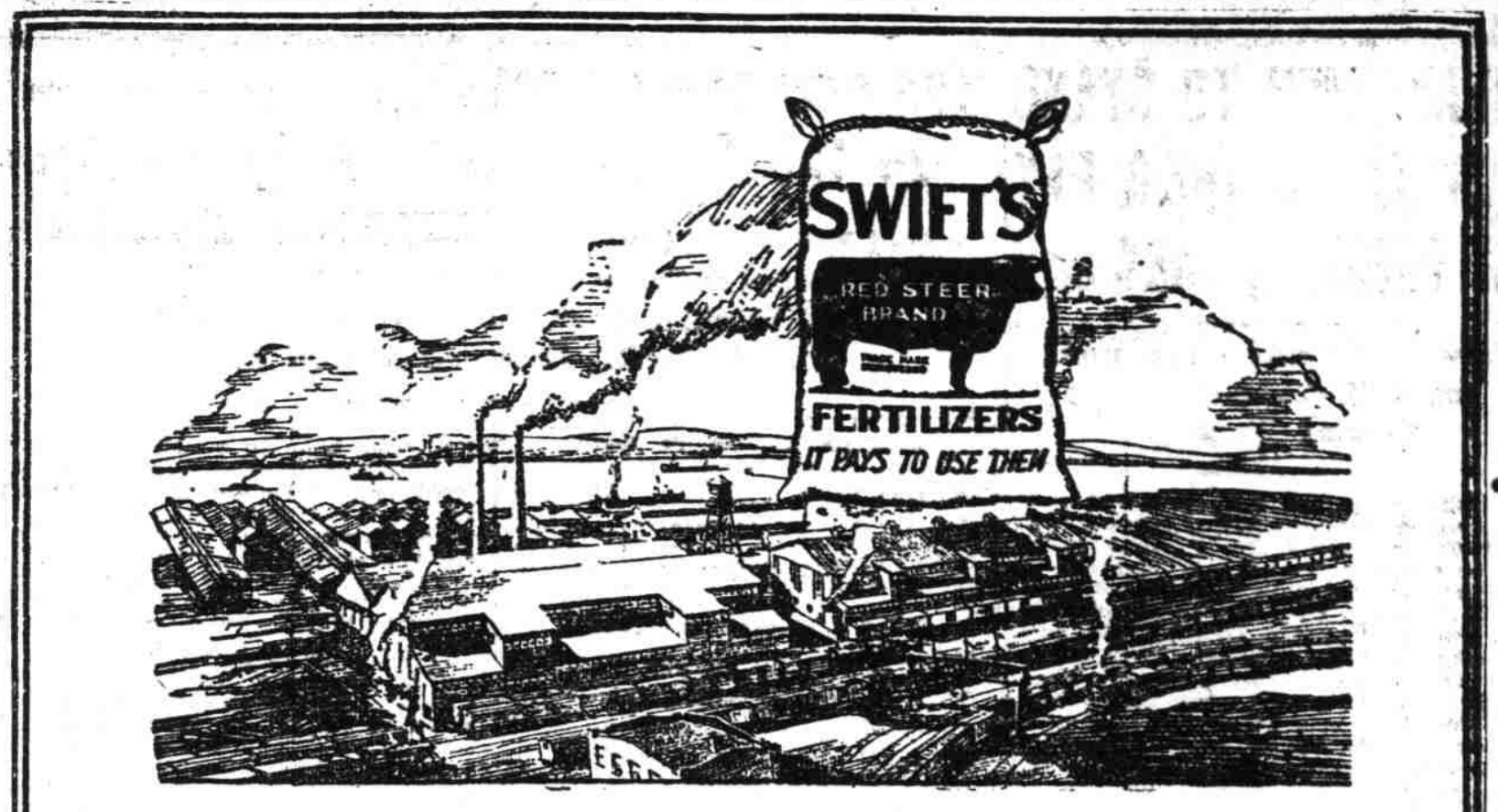
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