

# ROCKY MOUNT

## News and Views

### FARMERS HAPI AS WEED SALES START

August 19th was the "GREAT DAY" in eastern Carolina — the much-looked-for opening of the bright leaf tobacco market — when nearly everybody takes some of the "golden weed" to market or goes to see how it sells. Since trucks and trailers have supplanted "old Debbie" in bringing the "weed" to the mammoth warehouses the whole family can come down after breakfast and sell, shop and return home by afternoon. The local market sold more than 1,700,000 pounds with an average above 50¢ per pound.

Many of our farmers were among those whose faces were wreathed in smiles as they proudly showed their sales slips to any who cared to look. From KINGSBORO community — Edgecombe county's most progressive — were Turner Baker and his son Wilbur, who had a 55¢ average. His top price was 60¢. Wilbur Baker is an instructor in the Central High School in Wayne County. Levy Hart, father of Frank and Cleveland Hart, agents for the CAROLINIAN, was an observer of the sales. John and Haywood Barnes, brothers, and Mrs. John Barnes, were well satisfied with their sales up to 60¢.

### UNDERSTAND WHAT THOU SIGNEST

Ye scribe has read the three-quarter page ad which appeared in the local daily addressed to the mayor and board of aldermen, signed with the ads of fifty Negro firms purporting to thank the city fathers for erecting a swimming pool and playgrounds for our use.

Now before you jump on us with both feet for complaining, may we hasten to add that we fully appreciate that the city officials have at last granted (not given) us some of the things to which we have many moons ago been entitled.

What burns us is that many of our own people seem to feel that the city is GIVING us something to which we should not aspire and do not merit. Do we not pay our pro-rata tax as other citizens do?

Our fellow-business men have held us up to ridicule by those who read the ad. We saw the text before it went to press and declined to endorse it. We were assured by the sponsor that it would be changed.

One "signer" said he didn't understand it or didn't see it. UNDERSTAND WHAT THOU SIGNEST. We feel that many others—e-

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on the sponsors — did not realize the import of the message.

At similar Gastonia has 4,000 Negroes served by five Negro policemen; Rocky Mount has an estimated 12,000 Negro population with NO Negro policemen and Wilson has 13,000 and none.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Barnette returned from a three weeks vacation Friday and left Sunday for Concord to attend the Synodical Church Conference for a week.

Mr. Korneggy of Goldsboro accompanied Rev. Barnette and Rev. O. E. Sanders of Wilson to Concord. Rev. W. D. Burgess and Mrs. Nora Bailey left Saturday to attend the Synodical Conference in Concord.

Funeral rites for Mrs. Lina Bowden Fricks were conducted from Little Zion Baptist Church in Whiteville by Rev. J. W. Barnette, Sunday afternoon. The deceased was the mother of Pat Bowen, teacher in Scotland Neck school system, who resides here. The husband and other children survive.

### A READER WRITES

**Editor's Note** — The below letter was written by a citizen of Rocky Mount. The writer is undoubtedly disturbed over the democratic processes prevalent in her church. We pass it on to our readers in the hope that they may continue to think and act in such a way that tyrants will not control any of the institutions of this country.

#### DEAR EDITOR:

Today as never before in the history of our church we are facing many non-democratic situations. The church members must begin to reason and think more for themselves on the policies, plans, and purposes of the church. The Lord never said that His church must be ruled by the pastor alone.

What burns us is that many of our own people seem to feel that the city is GIVING us something to which we should not aspire and do not merit. Do we not pay our pro-rata tax as other citizens do?

Recently I attended a church meeting in which the pastor stated that he was not going to bear any other burdens than a certain mission. At the time my hand was raised for the purpose of stating my unselfishness, which may have helped to quiet a noisy audience.

The privilege was not granted to me by the presiding officials, and I did not force the issue. Therefore, I do now take this opportunity to use the columns of the press, but to state the above mentioned unselfishness, but to beg each of my readers to help in all efforts to make our churches real democratic organization, for life is too short for us to waste foolishly, and with low politics in our church.

Please do not think of my being a newcomer to the St. James Baptist Church. I was born and reared with 75 feet of its doors and in the home of a well-known churchman who lived his entire life for Christ and the church. I speak of the late

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F. W. Davis, a noble worker, an intelligent man, and a man of character and integrity. Since I was ten years of age, I have been an active member of the said church.

I have grown to love and revere the church, and I do pray to God for its well-being.

The Deacons, except one, and many of the working members of the church said that they are very dissatisfied with the manner in which the church is being conducted, and they have expressed hope for a better day through prayer, faith, and patience. Some folk reason and think wrong. Victims of circumstances often occur. We must remember that an individual is not always responsible for his mode of thinking. Several conditions intervene: inheritance, homesite, acquaintances, and requirements may all have a share in the helping or hindering of sound human thinking.

May we pray and ask the Lord to give us more faith, courage and a stronger determination to do the right and to take His stand and carry out His will.

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## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Mance Bulluck, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bulluck and Mrs. Mary B. Moore attended the funeral of their brother and uncle Jacob Jenkins, in Washington, D. C.

Dr. J. E. McMillan of Sanford, N. C. stopped in the city enroute to Windsor, N. C. recently.

Mrs. Rhema Brown of Little Washington was the guest of Mrs. Nora E. Bailey and Mrs. Mattie Collins.

Thomas Haywood of Washington, N. C. spent a few days visiting here enroute to New York.

Those attending the Westminster Fellowship in Wilson, N. C. Saturday were: Mesdames Nora E. Bailey, E. J. Lyons, M. L. Jenkins, Misses Doris Ella Brown, Beulah Grant, Beulah Pittman, Geraldine Pittman, Bernice Jones, James Jenkins, Lawrence and Rev. W. D. Burgess.

Miss P. V. Whitley is visiting in New York and other northern cities.

David Lawrence and sister, Mrs. Mary David of New York City have returned after spending their vacation with their sisters in Rocky Mount.

Mrs. Blanche Estic and mother, Mrs. Viola Graham, have returned from New York and Philadelphia where they spent their vacation. It was reported that their trip was a very pleasant one.

Falkland Sunday School sponsored a picnic to the beach below Washington last week.



**WON WEEK'S STUDY** — Four H. Clubber Edward R. King of Red Hill Community, Whitakers, won a weeks study at the 4-H short course held at A. & T. College in Greensboro during July. Young King was judged the best all-around 4-H boy in Edgecombe County. He attends Phillip's High School. The youth is shown above with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. King (rear) and a friend.

## FALKLAND

BY MISS M. R. DRAKE  
T. J. Johnson is a patient in a Raleigh hospital.

The Ebrium Johnsons have a new baby girl, born August 11th.

Miss Rubelle Williams is visiting in Fountain.

Miss Fabie Parker of Bell Arthur visited Miss Maggie Maye recently.

Miss Annie Joyner and Clinton Joyner visited in Farmville last week.

J. E. Harren, AFRO and CAROLINIAN distributor of Rocky Mount made a trip here to confer with A. J. Maye and Miss Mamie Drake, agents August 14th.

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