DOLLAR POTATO CROP

Elizabeth City Sets Aside Monday, July 5th,

as Potato Day; Will Offer Its Visitors

IN TWO SECTIONS

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WASHINGTON COUNTY AFFAIRS ALL IN A MESS OF JAPANESE

When You Put a Republican Auditor Over CHERRY TREES Democratic Office Holders There's The Devil To Pay

Old King Spud Is a

Merry Old Stud

COTTON is only a pretender to the

throne in this corner of the South-

as famed King Cole. But, unlike

King Cole who was selfishly con-

tent to call for his "pipe, his bowl and his fiddlers three" for his own

selfish amusement, King Spud calls

for horse races, base ball, a big

brass band and lots of other things

to entertain all the people while do-

ing homage to him at Elizabeth City

MILES JENNINGS SAYS

highfalutin names these days to

make farming attractive to the new

following the cows when I was a

They certainly do have a lot of

Monday, July 5.

There is the devil to pay in Washington County, just across the Sound from us, since they got to mixing up the politics of that county, putting in Democrats in some county offices and Republicans in others. There is no harmony in the County administration and out of all the discord the tax pay-

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him is now pending and on the

Former Sheriff J E Reid died in March 1923 and investigation of his affairs disclosed a shortage of \$31,000. His bondsmen are being Ex-Sheriff Reid was succeeded in office by his son J. K. Reid who has done the best he could to make good his father's shortage and has actually made good \$6,000 of

An audit of the accounts of the former treasurer Gas Holmes indiented a shortage of \$1,386.62 in gentleman's accounts, Mr Holmes obligingly gave the auditors, A. Lee Rawlings & Co., his personal check for \$1,386,62 to balance his accounts. That was in August 1924. That check has not been deposited for collection or turned over to the County Treasurer yet, according to W. J. Jackson, Jr., the County Auditor.

Jackson alleges that the check is held in the archives of the generation. What they used to call County Roard of Education and makes no bones about saying that boy is now called animal husthe Board of Education is shield-bandry. If you had called it animal ing Holmes.

In the meantime John W. Dar- would have thought you were talkden, who has occupied the office ing about breeding." of County Superintendent of Education for 16 years or so is being Republican auditor who audits the on the black lands of the Dismal accused here and there of all sorts accounts of Democratic officehold- Swamp country as they do on the of irregularities. Jackson charges ers. The Democrats of Washing- red clay soil around Washington. that Darden borrowed \$25,000 for ton County will just have to get the schools and deposited \$10,000 rid of Jackson and put a "good government itself will fall hard for Hathaway, Hinton Bldg, last 2,000 of the sum to his personal account. Democrat" in the office of County the idea of setting up an avenue of quit spending issuing vouchers for school supplies Auditor, if they don't want the lid cherry trees in commemoration of blown off for fair.

pour its Jackson also charges that Daristical properties, den purchased certain school trucks Christendom of Charlotte, N. C., issuing a youchof city of the or therefor in the sum of \$8,534.35. Jackson alleges that Darden prethe toward building sented no original invoice covering sted without as these trucks and that when he got a statement of the account from God in every town the International Harvester Co. the America and in re- bill for the trucks was \$7,690,75. We no longer or \$884.60 less than the amount of lithe there are the voucher issued to Darden for a are satisfied the trucks. Jackson hints strongly provided for that this difference of \$884.60 represents a profit out of the truck trans-

action that Darden took for himself This young man Jackson, the n turning to county auditor is the real troublewith the maker in Washington. He just Clerk to the Soda Jerker as be temporary digestive disturbance. can't seem to understand why the First the affairs of the county should not be conducted on a business-like basis and when he sees the tax payers' money running thru all sorts of talks about it in a way that makes of curiosity. the necused county officils hate him and call him all sorts of unprint-

But Jackson goes right on talking. The editor of this newspaper sat in his office in Plymouth the other morning and heard him make the bold charge that Supt. Darden should be removed from office and that he had appealed to the County Board of Education and to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to bring Darden to task, we may nor State Superintendent A. T. specimen with her and didn't think ed up the bottles and then gone on recognize Allen would make any move against of it until she was going out the the warpath for Dr. Combs, if the of public Darden. "Darden is strongly in door. When she discovered that other women in the house hadn't as it has trenched." declared Jackson; "He she had forgotten she told one of restrained her. She sat up all religious. he thinks it belongs to him: he is to run up to her room and bring her pooing her hair and rinsing her stational a great church man, a great secret the bottle. We snall order man, belongs to the Shrine order man, belongs to the Sarak brought a bottle of Listerine itself The Bank Clerk concluded his

ome work on one of the schools in

WANTS AVENUE The Potato's Servants in Pasquotank CELEBRATING MILLION

Would Make George Washington Highway Scenic Wonder of Atlantic Seaboard

An avenue of cherry trees more than twenty miles in length along the route of the George Washington Highway from Deep Creek, Va. to South Mills, N. C., and possibly from South Mills to Elizabeth City, is the latest dream of Dick Job, secretary of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce.

And being an Englishman and a Chamber of Commerce Secretary #11 at the same time, he is doubly serious about it. The Carolina-Virginia highway between Elizabeth City and Portsmouth, via the Dismal George Washington Highway in onor of the Father of Our Country and the original surveyor of the Dismal Swamp Canal, Visions of cherry trees instantly occur to one in connection with the name of Here Potato is King and Washington, since it was a cherry Zoeller's Studio. Wilbourne Harrell, an Elizabeth tree which the mythologists tell us City boy, has pictured him here as Little George laid low with his a merry old soul; as merry in fact little hatchet.

And now it leaks out why George of those ornamental Japanese cherry trees that bear blossoms profusely but yield no fruit. That's the kind of cherry tree Secretary Job wants to see planted in rows up and down the route of the George Washington Wallaceton and South Mills are ex-Highway: making it the most romantic, the most colorful and the most talked about piece of scenic

Mr. Job has already had County Agent G. W. Falls write to the U. husbandry when I was a kid we S. Bureau of Forestry at Washington to find out the probable cost of the project and whether the Japanese cherry tree will thrive as well

Secretary Job thinks the Federal the immortal Washington, but what Eye strain causes wasted herve the attraction of such a scenic highdeals and taber of the International Harvester Co., energy. Let us look after your eyes, way for thousands of tourists in the



helping to make the potato king in the Elizabeth City section. They comprise the Government inspection force who are teaching the growevs the advantage of inspection and grading, under the direction of A. E. Mercker of the Bureau of Markets and the Department of Agriculture and also the clerical force of W. G. Lensen, Local Representative of the Bureau of Agricultural Economies, sending out daily reports from Eliz azeth City, on the market situation. From left to right they are top row: A. G. Ware, Jr., J. R. Moore, H. C. Konnett, S. C. Oliver Jr., W. C Warner, W. E. Donnell and O. W. Dowd; middle row, G. B. Robbins, W G. Scott James, head of the local inspectors, Richard C. Job, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, W. G. Lensen, G. H. Gillespie, J. B. Britt Bettem row, D. A. Holder, J. D. Midgett G. L. Robertson, Jr., Davis Job, copy boy, and Frank L. McCabe. There are a total of some 16 men in the local field, but some half a dozen were missing when the pictures were made. The young ladies in the picture are Misses Faimie Lee West, Eunice Hayman and Clara Carter, stenographers. Photo by

lions of deliente blossoms would EDENTON HAS ITS OWN boom. Not only would they bloom, but in blocming shed millions of chopped down that cherry tree. It gorgeous petals that would literally Two Fast Horse Races and League was not a regular fruit bearing carpet the hideons Virginia section cherry tree so dear to the heart of of the George Washington Hillgway gormandizing boyhood, but just one and temporarily conceal the rough places in one of the most atrocious pieces of highway construction ever

unloaded upon the traveling public. The Chamber of Commerce of Norfolk, Portsmouth, Deep Creek. pected to join with the Chamber of boosting the idea of an avenue of ington Highway. Laying all Joking aside: it is a beautiful idea.

The movies employ 300,000 people, have over 20,000 picture houses and have invested in the industry While entries in the later race years and we want to give Eliz- raine in the morning, at 10 o'clock, \$1,500,000,000

We examine the eye's and fur-

JULY 5, CELEBRATION

Baseball Game In Chowan Capital That Day

baseball will provide entertainment | Concord. for the growing Chowan county capi-Commerce of Elizabeth City in tal. The races start promptly at tee of the board of directors had I P. M. There will be two events, cherry trees for the George Wash- promptly for the ball game. The hotels of the state in order to give entrys are such well known horses

Gale, and Rusty Cont.

pish glasses the same day. See Drs. ed to be one of the liveliest of the vested in it.

Bargains, Baseball and Horse Races NEW YORK MAN Everybody in Northeastern North Carolina is urged to TO BUILD NEW July 5, and help the town celebrate the section's million dol-

W. L. Stoddard of New York Selected by Directors to Draw Plans for Community Structure

\$450,000 HOTEL

W. L. Stoddard, noted New York architect was selected Wednesday night to draw plans and Government inspection , have for the Virginia Dare, Elizabeth City's new community hotel. The hotel is to contain than in many a year. 100 rooms, and will be nine stories high, counting first floor and mezzanine. It will Merchants Bureau of the Chamber contain six stores and coffee of the program will be prizes totalshop for rental purposes.

Mr. Stoddard is well known in 30 and odd of the newest and most magnificient hotels of the state Among the hotels he planned are Edenton will have its own fourth at Greensboro, the Sir Walter at of July celebration or Fifth of July Raleigh, the Sheraton at High will give practical demonstrations celebration rather, Monday, whea Point, the new Hotel Goldsbore, of grading and packing. two fast horse races, and league the Hotel Charlotte and the hotel at

lass R, trot and pace. In the form- to decide upon the architect, ac- others. er such well known entries as Lee cording to C. O. Robinson, presi- A double header at the baseball Trilly, Alverta Kitchen, Silby Pal, dent of the hotel committee. "We diamond promises to be a big feaand Grove Town will take part, are building a hotel to last many ture. Elizabeth City meets Coleare Lee II., Marguerite II., Billie aboth City the very best and at the and Hertford in the afternoon at same time get the most possible for 3:30 o'clock. The game on that date is expect- the money of those who have in-

It will probably be September be- many of local stores. fore ground can be broken for the new hotel. In the meantime the architect must complete his plans, before contractors can be notified. But the work is now underway, of completing all the preliminaries and subscribers to the stock are urged to cooperate with the committee in making prompt payment of their subscriptions

Tentative plans for the new hotel present a very striking layout. The hotel will be built on the corner of McMorrine and Fearing Streets with, an areade running in from McMorrine and out to Main. The entrance to the hotel lobby will open on this areade, which will be 14 feet wide. The coffee shop of the hotel, will open on McMorrine Street and the arcade. The entrance leading in from Main Street will be 12 feet wide, and flanked on either side by stores and offices, to be financed independent of the hotel. Two stores under the hotel proper, and a part of the hotel building, will be located on the Main Street entrance.

the barbershop hotel lot will front on Fearing Street. The hotel lot and 122 feet on Fearing. The lobby 000. will be located in the center of the be located on the Mezzanine facing \$2.160. McMorrine Street, and the kitchen the rear of the building.

arcade may be entered either from six per cent annual dividend. Main or from McMorrine.

will contain 14 bedrooms. Provision profits to its surplus account. is made whereby 60 additional rooms may be built if the growth of the tution in Elizabeth City is reported hotel demands their consttuction.

APPROACHES TO CHOWAN

Everybody in Northeastern visit Elizabeth City Monday, brate the section's million dollar potato crop, for such it is called by bankers and brokers who say shipments sent thru Elizabeth City alone this season have brought in a million dollars, to the great relief of local trade channels.

Nearly a hundred carloads a day. for several days, leaving this section have brought in a steady stream of dollars. Better grading. helped to win better prices, and a tremendous yield above what was expected, made shipments larger

Monday will be a big day in Elizabeth City, if plans made by the ing about \$200. The Elizabeth City Boys Band, and the Masonic Band North Carolina where he built some will play on the courthouse green where the potatoes exhibited, will be judged.

The potato contest will be held the Battery Park and Geo. Vander- at 11 o'clock. A. E. Mercker, inbilt Hotels at Asheville, the O'Henry spector in charge of the Government force working in this section

Entertainment for the day will also be provided by fast horse races It was not until after a commit- at the Fair Grounds beginning at o'clock in order to get thru inspected these and other leading a trot and pace, and among the first race is a class A. trot and Elizabeth City the benefit of their as Country Boy, Petrol, Nancy M., pace, while the second race is a observations, that they were willing Millie Frisco, Corbin, Selam X., and

Special trade advantages have been announced on that day by

IN LOCAL BANKS

.Semi-annual and quarterly dividend checks mailed to the stockholders of Elizabeth City financial institutions this week total \$40,660. The largest dividend was that of the Savings Bank & Trust Co., seven per cent. This bank pays an annual dividend of 15 per cent, making an 8 per cent payment in January. Its stockholders received a total of \$7,000 this week.

The First & Citizens National Bank paid its usual six per cent semi-annual dividend, its stockholders receiving \$12,000.

The Virginia Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank increased its dividend from 3 1-2 to 4 per cent semi-Three stores 18 by 40 feet, will annually on July 1, paying to its front on McMorrine Street, while stockholders \$12,000 in dividends. The Southern Trust Co. paid its usual 4 per cent semi-annual dividfronts 99 feet on McMorine Street end, its stockholders receiving \$5,-

Stockholders in the Hood System building, with windows fronting on Industrial Bank received their usual Fearing. The assembly hall will 4 per cent semi- annual, a total of

The Atlantic Discount Corporaand private dining room will be at tion, a concern that is only one year old, dealing in automobile paper Steps will lead downward from and similar to the Commercial the arcade to the basement, and Trust Co. of Baltimore, paid its public layatory connecting with the preferred stockholders a quarterly barbershop. Steps upward from the dividend of 1 3-4 per cent and its areade will lead to the lobby. The common stock holders anticipate a

The Carolina Banking & Trust Co. Each floor above the mezzanine, will issue no dividend, conveying its

> Every bank and financial instiin a thriving condition and a successful potato season starts them off with happy prospects for a new fiscal year.

miles between the bridge and Eden-The \$2,000,000 highway letting ton to cost \$113,910. These were the



CLERK AND THE SODA JERKER ALL SALT WATER YARNS AREN'T SEA YARNS

house last night," said the Bank probably due to some minor and wich.

an empty Listerine bottle already raising the devil generally. to take down town in the morning.

morning, forgetting to take the have murdered that maid who mix-

"The maid ran upstairs and Borax." deeming a large following to back him in aldifference. She had forgotten that "Here you," shouted the Soda Turning to his files Jackson pro- there was a bottle of Listerene on Jerker: "You've left your dog be-

"Well sir, she took that bottle of day." and should took loads of materials from the real thing. Dr. Combs examined why it likes to hang out around a charge, schooolhouse, carried it to the it, and saw that a mistake had been soda fountain all day." because the premises of Superintendent Darden made, but he didn't let on. He service: and used it in the construction of knew there was nothing wrong with Because you can see well, it's no Carte Conshington County," declared the amination of the specimes that away, Richa Bids

"We had a scene at our boarding cated a tendency toward halitosis

paused to see if he could find the "Everything was lovely until ham in a pair of slices of bread about 11 o'clock last night when the that he had bought for a sand- young lady prepared to refire. She got down her bottle of Listerine and "What was the trouble?" asked poured it all over her head, rubbing ratholes he raises an alarm and the Soda Jerker with an eager show it well into her scalp, without discovering her mistake at once. Then "I only learned this morning." she took a gargle of it to rinse her said the Bank Clerk. "One of our month out while she was rubbing prettiest girl boarders has been wor- her scalp. It was not until she got rying with a pain in her side and a mouthful that she discovered the thought she had appendicitis. She mistake. Oh Boy! That girl let went to Doc Combs and he told her out a yell that brought everybody she should bring him a specimen for in the neighborhood out of bed and uranalysis. She got the specimen they found her on the floor of her for the doctor and poured it into room kicking, screaming, crying and

> "When she finally did recover "She left her room yesterday from her rage I think she would mouth out with Zonite, Lavoris and

The Mother of "W. O."

renched, declared sackson, the maids who was cleaning the hall night last night washing and shamcharacter to this fine, plain, clean, straight-thinking, big-hearted woman, Ella Byrd Saunders, mother of W. O. Saunders Himself. She always loved felks and disliked hypocrisy, falsehood and sham in any guise. One of her frequent sayings that made a prefound impression upon her boy was this: "Tell the truth and shame the devil". And earily in "W. O." learned how well truth pays in the end. One day his mother thought it advisable to give him a switching. Hers was a strong disprovement duced an affidavit made by a the same shelf with the Listerine hind; take that dog along with you arm in these days and she did not spare the rod when she thought of pota- Washington county artisan who did bottle that contained her specimen. or he'll be hauging around here all it necessary to apply it. "W. O." knew the character of his mother. Instead of denying his guilt or whimpering and begging off, he stood up BRIDGE LET THIS WEEK manfully, took off his coat and said: 'Mother, give me a good one; I munity is ing upon orders from Darden, he was all right and looked like the Bank Clerk; "It's a she dog; that's deserve it." Instead of getting a deserved whipping himself he had whipped his mother; she threw down her peachtree switch, enfolded him at Raleigh this week, included the only contracts of interest in this in her arms and with tears streaming down her checks forgave him and approaches to the Chowan bridge, section. blessed him. A boy doesn't forget a thing like that. In The July issue Nello L. Teer of Durham was the of The American Magazine Mr. Saunders tells something of the intimate low bidder on the two projects. his patient anyway, so he chuckled reuson your headaches are not caus That's the way things go in to himself and tola her that an ex- ed by your eyes. See Dat. Hath-