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"If it Concerns Harnett, It's in THE NEWS"

HARNETT'S LOSS BY FOREST FIRES TREMENDOUS

Fourteen Fires Last Year Burned Over 18,150 Acres Causing Estimated Damage of \$82,080—Several Already This Year.

Chapel Hill, June 13.—The report on forest fires in North Carolina for the year 1922, in most counties based chiefly on information from voluntary correspondents, has recently been made public by the Geological and Economic Survey. The nature of the replies sent in precludes the possibility of any great accuracy, but the results are at least conservative. They show a total for the State of 1,227 fires, which burned 190,737 acres and caused a damage of \$642,442.80.

Reports from Harnett county show that in 1922 this county had 14 forest fires which burned over 18,150 acres and caused an estimated damage of \$32,080. Usually only the larger fires are noticed, and it is more than likely that the numerous small fires in the county did as much damage as the fires mentioned in this report.

The forest fires in Harnett county were taken from the reports of former forest warden, J. S. Johnson. These were checked against the voluntary reports received from that county and indicate that nearly all the large fires in western Harnett were covered, but no reports were received from the eastern section of the county.

Last winter the county commissioners showed their interest in preventing this great annual loss by entering into a cooperative agreement with the State Geological and Economic Survey, and a forest warden system is now being organized in the county. It was the belief of the county commissioners that only Anderson Creek, Barbecue, Johnsonville, Stewart's Creek and Upper Little River townships should be covered by the work, but several large fires in Lillington township this spring indicate that the work should at least be extended to this township. The present forest warden system consists of J. A. Spivey, county warden; W. R. Gilliland, Barbecue township; L. W. Jackson and J. A. D. McCormick, Anderson Creek township; H. E. Truelove, Stewart's Creek township; A. Z. Holder, Upper Little River township, and D. A. Huffines, Johnsonville township. These wardens are doing educational work and organizing deputy wardens in their districts, and it is hoped that by fall the people will realize the necessity for being more careful with fires and those fires which do get out will be held to a small acreage.

MCKAY SUCCESSOR TO TOWNSEND ON DIRECTORATE

Felix M. McKay of Duke was Monday elected director for the Sixth District of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association to succeed B. O. Townsend of Dunn, who had served since the organization of the association a year ago.

The successful candidate won out by the slender majority of 12 votes over James A. Mitchener of Franklinton, the other nominee named at a meeting of delegates from the members of the district several weeks ago. All members voted in Monday's election, the ballots being mailed or carried to Raleigh headquarters.

The Sixth District is composed of the counties of Wake, Franklin, Lee, Harnett, Durham and Chatham. Percy J. Olive of Apex is chairman for the district and John C. Anderson of Raleigh is secretary. W. H. Wilcox of Lee and R. J. Buffalo of Wake acted as poll-holders for Monday's election.

The new director is one of the best known farmers in Harnett county. He lives on his farm, which he has operated successfully for a number of years.

LINING UP FOR ROSS.

Says the Hoke County Journal: "Our good friend Charlie Ross of Lillington is spoken of as a probable candidate for Attorney General, and we want it known we are for him."

LOST.

Last night at tent, 'Ladies' handbag containing roll of bills and gentleman's open-face watch. Left on bench. Please return to News office or hand to Mr. Browning at tent. Reward.

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Cures Malaria, Chills and Fever, Dengue or Bilious Fever. It destroys the germs.

SHAY ADVISES MARKETING PIGS IN SEPTEMBER

Raleigh, June 13.—An average of hog prices by months during the last 23 years shows that highest prices are paid during the month of September, states W. W. Shay, swine extension worker for the State College and Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Shay, finds that the average difference between that month and the month of December is \$1.35 per 100 pounds for similar hogs and he believes that this difference is a good reason for pushing the spring farrowed pigs for sale about September 1st.

He says that another good reason is that when the pigs are properly handled and fed so as to be sold in September they will nearly always show a profit.

"On the other hand," says Mr. Shay, "if they are turned in the soy bean or peanut fields weighing about 100 pounds and sold during December as 'silly' 200-pound hogs in competition with the heavy ran of corn belt hogs which occurs at that time, they suffer a penalty of at least \$2 per 100 pounds on the score of quality, and when this is added to the seasonal drop it makes a total of \$3.35 per 100 pounds or \$6.70 per head."

"MONKEY BUSINESS."

Dear Editor: I notice in your editorial columns that you score the Board of County Commissioners for doing a monkey business by withholding bills in proper form. As a member of that board I deny the charge. I think I can safely say that the members of the board have given due consideration to every bill presented to them. We sometimes pass bills back to file for not being in proper form. If there are any bills left on file in due form and not presented to the board it must be an oversight of the chairman of the board. I think our chairman is true in heart and purpose and desires to serve his people the best he knows how. I am very sorry such an indictment should occur in your columns against our board. I really think it is unfortunate for us that our chairman is aged and that our attorney has to practically fill the position. I feel that I am a servant of all the people of Harnett county. I know I can't be as popular as some men, but I want every citizen of the county to feel free to call on me for service.

I thank you for your sympathy and for any advice you may give me, and I hope before passing from the office of service I may bring to pass some needed reforms in our county. Follow citizens, did you ever try praying for your county servants instead of cursing and abusing them? Our heads may go wrong, but we feel that our hearts are right. "Won't you pray that God may give us wisdom to do the right thing at the right place at the right time?"

Mr. Editor, I know you did not intend to wound any one's feelings and think you had good reasons for bringing accusations or criticism against the board, but as a member of that board I don't want the people of our county to feel that I am aiding in doing a monkey business, and I feel that I am speaking the sentiment of my fellow-members.

Your humble servant,
Jas. A. Buchanan.

Farm grown feeds are usually cheaper than purchased feeds because all feeds must be grown on some farm. In buying feeds you pay the other fellow, and sometimes the middleman, a profit for handling them.

Salt serves as a spice or condiment which whets the appetite and increases the palatability of feed for all livestock.

FOR SALE.

Duroc pigs by Scissors Crescent and Sensation. All registered. M. E. Wade, Lillington, R. 2. 14-1p

BUREAU WANTS INFORMATION ON VETERANS' NEEDS

Mr. Marshall T. Sporns, of Lillington Post of the American Legion, has handed the following to The News for publication for the information of ex-service men as well as physicians who may be treating them:

"There has come to the attention of the sub-district office, United States Veterans' Bureau, Raleigh, N. C., a few isolated cases in which physicians scattered over Eastern North Carolina have been treating former service men for months without bringing such cases to the attention of the United States Veterans' Bureau.

"The purpose of this article is to bring to the attention of physicians of Eastern North Carolina certain pertinent provisions of the new Veterans' Relief Act which presumes the service connection of tubercular and neuro-psychiatric disabilities arising within three years from date of discharge and disabling the soldier as much as ten per cent in degree, when such facts are presented to the Veterans' Bureau by a licensed practicing physician. Physicians who bring such cases to the attention of the Veterans' Bureau will be conferring a great favor, not only upon the Veterans' Bureau, but also upon those unfortunate ones whose expenses may be met by the Veterans' Bureau."

COTTON GRADING IS TAUGHT IN SIX WEEKS COURSE

A course in cotton grading and stapling is being given in connection with the State College summer school which began Tuesday, June 12, and will continue for six weeks.

The work should be of special interest to cotton buyers, mill men and cotton growers in that the present United States cotton official standards are to be replaced by revised standards on the first of August of the present year. The revised standards will be used in the course and incidentally it will be the first time they have been exhibited in North Carolina.

The college is very fortunate in securing the services of R. L. Kause, cotton specialist, who has been detailed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture to handle the summer school cotton grading course. Mr. Kause is an expert cotton classifier and has had an active part in making up the revised standards which will be issued by the department in August. More than 4,000 samples of North Carolina cotton, drawn from a supply of 35,000 samples graded and stapled according to the new standards by experts of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association, have been secured for teaching grading and stapling. The college is ideally located for giving work of this nature as Raleigh is the headquarters of the N. C. Co-ops and their unsurpassed facilities will be of great value during the course.

GIRL SCOUTS TAKING UP PLANS FOR SUMMER WORK

Lillington troop of Girl Scouts enjoyed an early hike this morning, going to the Chasm, where they prepared breakfast on the great "open hearth." The entire troop of about fifteen girls answered the roll call, and a jolly good time was had by all.

The hike and the hearty breakfast put zest into the business meeting which followed and in fine spirit the girls entered into a discussion of plans for the summer work. Location of a place for summer camping was one matter taken up. The girls want a permanent local camp and effort will be made to establish one. An offer has already been received from the owner of a site admirably adapted to this purpose, tending the use of the ground free. Now the girls are wondering if someone will be so kind as to furnish the lumber and materials for building the lodge. This will not cost much, and it will be immensely enjoyed and be of great benefit to the Scouts.

The Girl Scouts will handle the proposition of collecting and turning in of packages for the Near East Relief on "Bundle Day"—next Tuesday.

11 N. C. PUPILS WON PRIZES NATIONAL SAFETY CAMPAIGN

Washington, June 13.—Eleven elementary school pupils won state prizes for North Carolina in the last national safety campaign, according to an announcement today by the Highway Education Board. These tokens, checks and medals, have been sent to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for presentation to the winners.

MRS. VANDERBILT WANTS REAL BIG FAIR THIS YEAR

Farming, Manufacturing, Textile, Industrial and Even Newspapers to Share in Glory Entertainment to Be a Big Feature of the Event This Time.

Raleigh, June 13.—Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt is back from the Orient with many new ideas about making the next State Fair bigger and better than ever before. She is now at her home at Baltimore, and will give largely of her time during the summer to working out these ideas in tangible form.

Like other North Carolinians, Mrs. Vanderbilt is proud of the State and she wants to make the State Fair representative of a great State. Of course, she expects to have agricultural exhibits in keeping with the splendid work that is being done in farming, but she wants to do more. She wants all the various industries of the State represented also.

For instance, there are the furniture factories at High Point that are second to none in the South and that rank with the best in other sections of the world. She wants to have this industry adequately represented at the fair.

Then there is the textile industry. Here North Carolina also leads the South. Some of the best exhibits at the last State Fair were those shown by cotton mills. She wants to have more of these exhibits this year.

Mrs. Vanderbilt doesn't expect to stop with exhibits of agricultural and industrial progress. She wants to show what the schools and newspapers are doing, for she believes that intelligence must be the basis for all substantial progress in any line of endeavor.

Wholesome entertainment is one of Mrs. Vanderbilt's hobbies. She is arranging to have many interesting features in the way of first class amusement at the State Fair this year. Careful study is being given to this important feature of the fair.

With the ideas and impressions gained from her trip abroad, Mrs. Vanderbilt believes that she will be able, with the aid of the other officials of the fair, who have also been busy collecting data, to work out a program for next season that will insure a fair that will be worthy of a great State.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19 BUNDLE DAY FOR NEAR E. RELIEF

Tuesday, June 19th, has been set as "Bundle Day" in Harnett county for the Near East Relief. Every man, woman and child in the county is asked to gather up the discarded clothing that may be used by the Armenian refugees next winter and send it to the place designated by the local chairman of the various committees.

In this way you will be helping to save human lives, and at the same time be adding to the comfort of orphan children made homeless by the cruel Turks.

The following local chairmen have been named:

Wade's Creek: Miss Mabel Burt. Duke: Miss Mary L. Cantwell. Lillington: Mrs. W. F. Byrd. Manners: Miss Foy O'Quinn. Bunniwell: Miss Elva Byrd. Coats: Miss Mattie Bain.

It will be noted that clothing for winter use is all that is wanted, and summer clothing such as straw hats, palm beach suits and the like cannot be put to any use by the needy ones. It is calculated that there is a large quantity of clothing that is not needed now and probably never will be used any more by the owners. Thus it will be seen that a great good can be accomplished by turning in anything of this nature on hand and let it be put in service.

Remember, Tuesday, June 19th—"Bundle Day" for the suffering in the Near East.

SIXTY GALLON STILL CAPTURED LAST FRIDAY

Dunn Dispatch. A copper whiskey still of 60 gallon capacity was captured Friday about three miles north of Dunn. The still was set up ready for operation and 300 gallons of beer found nearby indicated that a "run" was about to be made. The officers had watched the still all day, expecting the owner to show, but to no avail. The still was located and captured by Officers Adams, McLeod, Tart and Kyle Matthews.

Cultivate the garden after every rain. Plant vegetables for succession.

To make us love our country, our country ought to be lovely.—Barke.

SPECIAL MEETING FOR MEN SUNDAY 3 P. M., BIG TENT MR. BROWNING TO PREACH

Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at the big tent, Rev. Raymond Browning will preach a special sermon to men. His subject will be "Victor or Victim." The service will prove beneficial to all who attend and it is expected that there will be large attendance.

Last Sunday afternoon Mr. Browning delivered a special sermon to men and there were present about twelve hundred men, large numbers of them coming from a distance. The sermon on that occasion, was highly complimented by those present.

No boys under fourteen years of age are admitted to these special services for men.

Mr. Browning states that he will at tonight's service announce a date for a special sermon to women.

All meetings at the tent during the past week have been well attended and workers in the Browning party, as well as local church workers, feel that great good is being accomplished. There have been many names given in for church membership. Revival of the true religion has come to those who already have united with the church and they are assisting wholeheartedly in the work of the services.

Mr. Browning stated at last Sunday afternoon's meeting that there

was the largest attendance of any at the big tent, Rev. Raymond Browning had ever preached. He was much gratified at the interest shown in the meetings.

The meetings were originally scheduled to continue for three weeks and this would bring the services to a close with the Sunday services, but no definite announcement has yet been made as to whether the meetings will be extended. Delegations from other towns are coming to each service and manifesting much interest. Mr. Browning has held revivals in many places over the State and those who have had the privilege of hearing him preach are coming here to hear him again.

Last Monday night a special sermon was preached to the children. The youngsters are taking great interest in the services and many have come forward for prayer and some seeking admission to church membership. While Mr. Browning is an evangelist of the Methodist denomination, all those who express a desire to unite with the church are requested to use their own preference as to which denomination they wish to become identified with.

If there are any persons in the community who have not attended the services, they are unfortunate.

FEDERAL AND STATE AID FOR REHABILITATION OF DISABLED CIVILIANS

On June 2, 1920, Congress passed the Industrial Rehabilitation Act for the promotion of the vocational rehabilitation of persons disabled in industry or otherwise, and appropriated \$750,000 to be distributed among the States during the first year and \$1,000,000 a year thereafter for a period of three years, on condition that each State appropriate at least an amount equal to that received from the federal government for carrying on this service.

The special session of the General Assembly of North Carolina assembled in August, 1920, accepted the provisions of the federal act and matched the federal appropriation.

This fund can be used only to defray instructional and administrative expenses. Instructional expenses include tuition, supplies (which may include books), laboratory fees and any necessary individual equipment not furnished by the institution or shop; transportation to and from training; and artificial appliances, when these are required to enable the rehabilitant to take training or follow occupation.

For many crippled persons to take advantage of the assistance offered it was found necessary to aid them in caring for their living expenses during the period of training, or at least during the initial stages. This need was met by the 1921 regular session of the General Assembly by an annual appropriation of \$5,000 for defraying the actual living expenses, while in training, of persons who have no other means of support. This assistance is limited to a period of not more than 20 weeks.

Eligibles.

To be eligible for vocational rehabilitation one must:

1. Have a physical defect or infirmity, whether congenital or acquired by accident, injury or disease.
2. Have a vocational handicap, that is, his disability must totally or partially incapacitate him for remunerative occupation.
3. Reasonably be expected to be fit to engage in a remunerative occupation after completing a vocational rehabilitation course. Vocational rehabilitation, therefore, does not apply to aged, blind or helpless persons requiring permanent custodial care or to epileptic or feeble-minded persons, for whom, in the judgment of the State Board for Vocational Education, industrial rehabilitation is not feasible.
4. Be 16 years of age or over. There is no upper age limit so long as vocational rehabilitation is feasible.
5. Have been a bona fide resident of North Carolina at the time the disability was incurred, or have lived in the state at least one year prior to time of making application for aid.

The disabled person may be male or female. This assistance is not intended for the ex-service man who was disabled during the world war.

He should apply to the U. S. Veterans' Bureau.

Harnett Starts.

Although, as may be seen from the above, this aid is free, and ample appropriation has been made by the national and state governments, Harnett county has not heretofore taken advantage of it, until the establishment recently of a department of public welfare in the office of the Board of Education. The superintendent of public welfare is now instituting energetic campaign to list every worthy person, male or female, in the county who is eligible for this rehabilitation service. Already there have been started on the road to self support some few disabled persons who show great promise of soon becoming not only self-sustaining but also becoming useful citizens and of help to others. The department is anxious to secure the names and addresses of those who are deserving of this aid so that they may be placed in position to start learning some vocation that will lift them from the class that become burdens upon society—that is, subjects for public support, such as paupers, and inmates of the county home, besides unbending relatives and friends where these cases are taken care of in local communities.

Cases are cited where persons receiving this aid have in a few weeks time risen from non-producers to stations of complete self-reliance and even prosperous citizens of the communities in which they live. The loss of a leg or an arm, eye-sight, or disability through the ravages of disease have rendered many otherwise capable persons incapacitated to earn a livelihood through their usual vocation, sometimes leaving them in destitute circumstances. This rehabilitation work is intended and aimed to meet that very contingency, and that it is meeting with wonderful success throughout the State is evidenced by the great number who have "made good" after receiving the aid and are now living in comfortable circumstances and are helpful influences in every walk of life by reason of their "come-back."

Vocational rehabilitation in North Carolina is still in its initial stages. Only a small percentage of the population has become acquainted with the effort on the part of the State and nation to conserve its man power, to transform its social liabilities into industrial assets, and to render unnecessary and obsolete public or private philanthropy. Only a fraction of the disabled of the State have heard the good tidings awaiting them, and know that there is a department which stands ready to aid and encourage them in helping themselves.

To interest the whole people in the rehabilitation movement, to carry the message of opportunity to every disabled person, and to give to each the spirit, not of a life lived, but of a life yet to be lived, is the goal toward which the department is striving.

HALF A MILLION PAID TO TOBACCO COOPS THIS WEEK

New Contracts Four Into Association Headquarters—Likely to Receive Majority of South Carolina Weed This Year.

Raleigh, June 13.—More than half a million dollars were paid out this week to members of the Tobacco Coops from their warehouses in the dark fired belt of Virginia on tobacco delivered since February 17th. This payment will be followed by further cash distributions to members as soon as sufficient sales of tobacco by the leaf department of the association warrant third payments to members in North Carolina and Virginia and a fourth payment in South Carolina.

The receipt of 51 contracts in one day this week from new members in South Carolina marks the increasing sign-up of tobacco with the association in the southern end of the belt. The South Carolina growers now appear certain to follow the example of Virginia growers in 1922 in marketing a majority of their tobacco through the association during the coming season.

That there will be a crop shortage of bright tobacco in Virginia of at least 30 per cent, or well over 30,000,000 pounds, as compared to last year, now seems inevitable. Similar losses have been suffered by the farmers of the old belt of South Carolina, and it is generally agreed that the bright tobacco crop of the old belt will be 50,000,000 pounds less than in 1922, even with the most favorable conditions hereafter.

More than 600 crop reports from local units of the association have now reached Raleigh headquarters. According to reports from the county secretaries in 22 out of 28 tobacco growing counties in Virginia, there was a prospective shortage of at least 21 per cent in the bright tobacco production of that State up to June 1st. It is estimated that since that time the continued dry weather and the loss of plants have increased the shortage of the next crop in Virginia alone at the rate of 1 per cent a day, up to June 1st.

The prospects for Eastern North Carolina, though far more favorable than in the old belt, have been impaired by the lack of rain and the unprecedented migration of negro labor. South Carolina reports the most favorable crop conditions for many years at this season, but there as the eastern belt the loss of negro labor is seriously handicapping the tobacco farmers.

D. W. BUIE DIED LAST FRIDAY

Mr. D. W. Buie, a highly esteemed citizen of Upper Harnett, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Edgar S. Smith, on Route 2, last Friday morning at 11 o'clock. He is survived by his wife and several children, also by a brother, John Buie, and sister, Mrs. Edgar S. Smith. Burial was at Mt. Pisgah.

Mr. Buie was a candidate on the Democratic primary ticket for county commissioner last year and received a handsome vote. He was regarded as one of the county's most estimable citizens and his friends were numbered by his acquaintance.

DUNN LUMBER PLANT DAMAGED BY FIRES

Fire which started in the dust house at the Geo. F. Pope lumber plant, in the northeastern part of town, about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, damaged the boiler and boiler room about \$500. This was the second loss which Mr. Pope suffered from fire within a week's time.—Dunn Dispatch.

Nick: Who can give me an example of a commercial appliance used in ancient times?
Dick: The loose-leaf system in the Garden of Eden.—Tiger.

NOTICE

We beg to inform the public that on each Friday afternoon during the month of June, we will be at the Harnett County Trust Company, for the purpose of collecting notes, accounts, and other indebtedness, and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before us.

Respectfully,
C. S. HICKS
and
MARSHALL T. SPEARS,
Receivers.