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

COMMISSIONERS DROP WORK OF COUNTY AGENT

Cole Savage Hands in His Resignation to Take Effect November 1st and Board Votes to Quit Then

Cole Savage, Harnett county's farm demonstration agent since the first of this year, tendered his resignation to the Board of County Commissioners Monday, to take effect November 1st, and the same was accepted. The Board then voted to discontinue the county agent work November 1st. The resignation of Mr. Savage was precipitated when the County Board voted not to pay for the expense of putting on fertilizer demonstrations, which Mr. Savage has carried on for the past several months. When he put in a bill for the same at the Monday meeting, the Board disallowed it. Mr. Savage forthwith tendered his resignation.

When the fertilizer bill from Mr. Savage was submitted to the Board, the discussion waxed very warm and very loud. So much so that the lady clerk retired from the room. (Consequently the item as to the action following did not appear on the minutes of the proceedings of the Board when that body adjourned. Miss Sexton later inserted the item when it was called to her attention.)

It had been thought that the matter of the employment of a county farm agent was moving very smoothly and satisfactorily. Much interest had been manifested in the work by farmers from various sections of the county. Of late there had been many farmers who were anxious to place their orders with the county agent for Pyrotol, the government explosive. Also, there had been many other plans for farm improvement projected with hearty response.

Some citizens, learning of the action of the Board Monday in dispensing with the services of a county farm agent, are predicting that this is the first step in the reduction of county expense. There are many conjectures as to what the next step will be, and just where the next cuts will take effect.

HARNETT HAS 9 AT E. C. T. C.

Greenville, October 6.—Registration began at East Carolina Teachers College Wednesday morning. Reservations were made for 700 young women. Considerably more than this number have been refused entrance on account of lack of room and teaching force. The exact number refused for the present school year was 779.

The following young women are registered from Harnett county for the present school year: Reba Flowers, Marguerite Gardner, Reba McLeod, Virginia Redfern, Willie Wagstaff, Myrtle Gardner, Canola Geddie, Gertrude Redfern, Johnnie Stewart.

Nine young women from Harnett county were refused admittance for the present year on account of lack of facilities, 22 were refused admittance from South Carolina, 14 from Virginia, two from Louisiana, and one each from Florida, Georgia and New York.

President R. H. Wright, in his biennial report to the trustees, has recommended that the next legislature be asked to make appropriation sufficient to increase the capacity of the college to one thousand students. This is the only college in the state whose exclusive work is devoted to the training of teachers.

INTERESTING FILM

Durham, Oct. 6.—Fifty or 60 feet of motion picture film of the late James B. Duke, tobacco and power magnate and creator of the Duke Endowment for education, religion and charity hospital work in the taken on the occasion of Mr. Duke's visit to the estate of C. C. Dula, president of Lizzett & Myers Tobacco Company, and native of Lenoir, N. C., Yonkers, N. Y., has been given to officials of Duke University by Dr. O. S. Wightman, nephew of Mr. Duke, who filmed the picture some time before Mr. Duke's death. The picture will be highly treasured by Duke University and will be shown only on special occasions.

Business men of Ayden found that too much hay, meat and food supplies are shipped into the territory, so they have begun cooperating with the county agent to have this material produced at home.

MR. HOLDER SELLS TOBACCO ABOVE 40c

Mr. W. H. Holder was in the News office Monday and exhibited his warehouse receipts upon a sale of some of his second primings which netted him \$226.70 for 558 pounds. His tobacco was sold at Sanford and the gross proceeds averaged for the load a little better than 40 cents per pound. Some of the best bright leaf tobacco grown in the belt is grown in Harnett county. This is what the warehousemen in the various markets declare, and judging from the receipts it is true.

COTTON COMING TO CO-OPS VERY SATISFACTORILY

General Manager Blalock Issues Statement Declaring Receipts This Year Ahead of Last Year

"Considering the lateness of the season and that only about 35,000 bales were ginned in this state up to September 15th, our deliveries are coming in in a very satisfactory manner," was the statement issued by T. B. Blalock, General Manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association today. "Our biggest delivery was Monday, the 27th—something over 2,000 bales. Notwithstanding the fact that the price we netted our members for this last season's crop was not entirely satisfactory to them, it is very gratifying to us to know that the tone and morale of our membership is swinging back in the style, and it looks now as if we will handle fully as much cotton as we handled last year, which was 161,000 bales, or more."

As a matter of fact, this present low price will have a tendency to force more cotton into the Association, especially what is known as the "tenants' part"; that is, the landowners rather than see the cotton scattered at the present low price will feel that there is a better opportunity in pooling their tenants' part of the cotton than if the prices had remained around 17 or 18c.

"There is a widespread movement throughout the South now, not only through the Cooperatives but also through outside sources and measures, to take off of the market a lot of the 'distressed' cotton that is now being forced on us. The bankers of Texas are undertaking to raise one hundred million dollars, which fund should be sufficient to retire at least one and one-half million or more million bales of the more than five million bales that Texas expects to make this year."

"So far as North Carolina is concerned, we are prepared to warehouse, finance, and handle in every way at least 300,000 bales of cotton."

"We are prepared to carry this cooperatively at a far less expense than it could be handled by individuals. During our first year we paid 6 per cent interest for our money. We are now financing ourselves at 4 1/2 per cent. We paid 19 cents per month storage charges per bale. Our average storage charges for the past year was 36 cents per bale per month. We paid insurance charges the first year of 9.2 cents per month per bale. Last year this was reduced to 1 1/2 cents per bale per month."

"We believe in adhering to the principles of orderly marketing of our cotton, and to the stabilization of prices, over a period of twelve months rather than to 'dump' all of it on the market within a three months' period."

"Although the season is late and the ginnings have been light for this state, we have already sold and fixed prices on several thousand bales of new crop cotton."

SIX ACRE ATHLETIC FIELD FOR DUKE

Durham, Oct. 6.—A new six-acre athletic field is to be laid out and ready for use next spring for Duke University students on the tract of the former Trinity College and adjacent to the estate of C. C. Dula, president of the university announced. This addition will serve for athletic activities on the present campus until the large stadium to be built on the new 4,000-acre tract becomes ready for use when the \$18,000,000 building program is completed there, probably six years from now.

AN OYSTER SUPPER

There will be an oyster supper at the home of Dr. J. H. Wethers on the evening of October 16. Come and enjoy the good "oats" and at the same time help the Woman's Auxiliary clothe the orphan.

HOW CAN HELP BE GIVEN FOR LOW COTTON PRICES?

"Why Build a New Fire Engine While a Fire Rages?" Asks Dr. Clarence Poe—States His Remedy

Suppose a fire should break out in a town, wouldn't it be a foolish man who would propose to stop and build a new fire engine a little more to his liking while the fire raged?

Suppose a half dozen men were drowning in a lake. Wouldn't it be a foolish man who would propose to ignore a canoe waiting by the shore and suggest building a possibly somewhat finer one while the tragedy of drowning proceeded?

Of course, we all admit the foolishness of either suggestion. And yet isn't it exactly a parallel situation that confronts us with reference to the financial disaster that now threatens every Southern state by reason of the low price of cotton?

Thirteen-cent cotton now is hardly better than seven-cent cotton in the days before the World War. Yet it Southern farmers, merchants, and business men show themselves willing to accept this absurd price, that is all the South will get for the crop. The cotton-consuming world is certainly not going to insist on forcing higher prices on us if we will accept 13 cents.

An acceptance of the 13-cent price is, of course, indicated by just one thing—the actual sale of cotton at that figure. Resolutions, editorials, telegrams, and speeches of protest are mere sound and fury to the cotton-buying world. If the actual list continues to go on the market at 13 cents or thereabouts, a price that means sure disaster equally to Southern farmers and Southern business men.

But how is it proposed that we deal with the threatened disaster? Isn't it suggested that we stop and build a new fire engine while the fire rages, or construct a new boat while the farmers drown? It seems to us so. Elaborate and high-sounding schemes are proposed for holding cotton off the market and financing the producer while the holding proceeds—but nearly all these schemes are hopelessly impracticable, and if any are practicable, the bulk of the cotton would surely be sold before any of them could possibly be put to work all over the belt.

Meanwhile (again permitting ourselves the use of a double metaphor) the fire engine waits unnoticed while the fire rages and the canoe unused while the men drown—at least so far as the inventors of grandiloquent schemes are concerned.

A complete, well considered, effectively functioning machine for dealing with such emergencies as now face the cotton farmer is ready to help save him.

We refer, of course, to the cooperative marketing associations now at work in every Southern state. They will take the farmers' cotton and see to it that it is not dumped wholesale on a demoralized and ruinously low market, but is instead marketed gradually throughout the year, and furthermore, they will advance as liberally as anybody can safely do on every pound of cotton delivered.

As for acreage reduction, no plan yet proposed can be anything but a mere gesture. Farmers simply will not say definitely in October what they will do next April, when conditions may be very different, and should not be expected to.

"Isn't it an astonishing fact that editors and politicians are filling the air with talk, protests, and proposals and yet ignore the very agency that is functioning for our relief?" So a friend asked us this morning, and we agree with him. With the best thought of America almost unanimously proclaiming that cooperative marketing is the wisest solution of the farmers marketing problems, so-called prominent men prepare to waste valuable time trying to start some new and unheard of kind of makeshift organization.

We appeal—and we appeal confidently—to Southern farmers and merchants not to be misled by such will-o-the-wisps. Instead, let us all turn in two and help those courageous and far-seeing cotton farmers and business men who have already set up in every Southern state effective and well managed agencies for handling the South's great staple crop.

In this way we shall not only best meet the present emergency, but we shall give support and strength, not to some temporary makeshift that might not work even for this cotton-selling season and would certainly die before another season, but to a

MRS. EMMA CLARK DIED LAST TUESDAY

Mrs. Emma Clark, wife of Mr. J. E. Clark, died last Tuesday morning at her home in Erwin. Funeral was conducted at Flat Branch by Rev. Frank M. Bain, pastor. Interment was in the cemetery at Flat Branch. Her husband, one son and one daughter survive.

Mrs. Clark was well and favorably known throughout the section in which she was born and lived her life as a modest Christian woman of such beautiful character that every one admired her. Her death is greatly deplored and she will be mourned not only by the bereaved family and relatives, but by all who knew and loved her.

GOVERNOR SAYS ACREAGE MUST BE CUT DOWN

Law of Supply and Demand Must be Taken Into Consideration by Farmers as Well as by Other People

Raleigh, Oct. 6.—Though it is his belief that the only solution of the problems of cotton growers is for the growers to observe the old law of "supply and demand," Governor McLean said yesterday he would appoint delegates to a conference called by Governor Whitfield, of Mississippi, to discuss the problems.

Mr. McLean is not optimistic over the results which may be expected of the conference.

"There have been numerous conferences," he said, "and the question boils down to one point, 'over-supply.'"

While the Governor regards the situation brought about by the low price of cotton as serious both for North Carolina and the South, he does not find, in a mass of plans suggested to solve it, a single suggestion with any practical value.

Curtailment of acreage, in the opinion of the Governor, is only a sure solution to the problem of low prices for cotton. He believes the present surplus in the cotton stocks, created by last year's and this season's crops, could not be absorbed for another two years and he does not look for high prices until these stocks were absorbed.

That Mr. McLean is taking the lead in curtailment is indicated by his statement that this year he had cut the acreage on his farms devoted to cotton 50 per cent of last year and next year intended to cut it down to 25 per cent of last year.

CO-OPS FILLING WAREHOUSE

Manager Walter Murchison of the local co-operative cotton storage warehouse states that his house is about half full of cotton. The house holds and even thousand bales, and after all the space is taken up, the manager begins shipping to other points. He expects at the present rate of receipts that the house will be filled by the 15th of this month.

Manager Murchison says that several farmers not heretofore members of the co-operative association have signed up with him and have stored their cotton since the opening of this season. He is prepared to sign up any farmer who wishes to join. The association is advancing nine cents per pound and this lacks only a couple of cents being as much as the market price.

well-planned agency that will grow stronger with the passing years and help prevent as well as control such emergencies as we now face. Merchants and bankers should everywhere acquaint themselves with what cooperative marketing offers and give it not merely nominal but active support, including helpful counsel to its leaders.

It cannot even be argued that growers must sign up for a long time ahead in order to sell this year's crop through cooperative associations, for in most cases these associations are now working on the last year of their present contracts, and will gladly accept signers for the 1926 crop alone, leaving the grower absolutely free to decide later about continuing with the organization.

Let's fight the fire with the fire engine that is already waiting instead of taking time to build another. Let's use the canoe waiting by the lakeside instead of jettisoning a proceed while we construct another boat.

Chattel Mortgages at The News.

TAX COLLECTOR STARTS HIS FIRST SEASON'S ROUND

John Green Sends Out Word to Taxpayers That He is Coming—Starts Monday in Anderson's Creek

Advertising his first official tour of the county for the collection of 1926 taxes, John Green, who assumed office as collector Monday, will begin next Monday the arduous task of collecting about \$500,000 of taxes on the books that were turned over to him. His first stop in the long pilgrimage will be at Cambro in Anderson's Creek township. The tour will last for eight days and wind up at Nell's Creek on the 19th.

F. S. Cullom of Dunn has been chosen as Mr. Green's assistant. Mr. Cullom has already assumed duties in the office of the collector. He is an insurance man of Dunn and is well known in most sections.

The collector states that he will immediately begin mailing out notices to taxpayers calling their attention to the fact that taxes for 1926 fell due on October 1st. On the reverse side of the receipts, duplicates of which, unsigned of course, are mailed to taxpayers, is a statement showing what the county levy is and for what purpose, also, the various district levies for school purposes and the township road levies. The rate last year and the proposed rate this year is \$1.27 exclusive of the "specialties."

Bond of \$50,000 was given by Mr. Green Monday and accepted by the Board of Commissioners.

COUNTY HOME TO BE MOVED

The Board of County Commissioners at their session Monday authorized publication of notice of removal of the County Home from the present site two miles southeast of Lillington to a point three miles northwest of town near Summerville. When the new home is erected the old structure will be sold along with the farm. The old home is a dilapidated affair built of wood. The farm is said to be one of the best in the county.

It is proposed to build a modern home on the new site, which is high, airy and of almost perfect drainage. It is intimated that as soon as the new home is built, all those now drawing pension money from the county treasury will be invited to take up their residence at the home. There is considerable money paid out on the pauper list at this time.

JURORS FOR NOVEMBER TERM SUPERIOR COURT

First Week
Averasboro—A. J. Lucas, L. B. Pope, Jeff M. Godwin, E. C. Tew, G. C. Tart.
Duke—L. D. Hall, N. P. Lucas, B. J. Wood.
Groves—J. H. Reardon, H. A. Turlington.
Hectors Creek—E. E. Wester.
Johns Creek—Robbie Cameron, Nellis Creek—T. H. McLeod.
Stewarts Creek—R. F. McLean, G. W. Byrd.
Upper Little River—M. T. McNeill, N. P. Lucas, W. C. Davis.

Second Week
Averasboro—A. G. Hare, Lee Monroe, A. M. Glover, W. H. Strickland, Barbecue—Nellie McFarland.
Buckhorn—E. M. Hobby, John Ashworth.
Black River—E. C. Nordon, J. C. Pleasant.
Duke—Geo. L. Seawell.
Groves—M. C. Stewart, S. G. Hayes, Hilton Avery.
Hectors Creek—J. O. Cotton.
Johns Creek—L. C. Parker, C. M. Allen.
Upper Little River—A. M. Rogers, C. W. Clark.

MISS BRIDGE GOES TO STANLY COUNTY

People of Harnett County will be interested to know that Miss Elizabeth Bridge, who was once home demonstration agent for Harnett county, and who was later transferred to Granville county, is now located at Albemarle in Stanly county. Miss Bridge has many friends in Harnett who will wish her great success in her new location.

A meteor which fell at Kenora, Ont., weighed 23 pounds, composed chiefly of iron.

MR. ARCHIE MORRISON PAYS HIS TAXES FIRST

Mr. Archie Morrison of Upper Little River township enjoys the distinction of having paid his 1926 taxes before anybody else had paid. Mr. Morrison came to town bright and early Monday morning, and began looking for the collector. Not finding him on the job at the courthouse, Mr. Morrison came to the News office and inquired about it. He was informed that John Green, the newly appointed collector, had not assumed office and that the books were to be turned over to the new collector that day.

Before Mr. Morrison departed for home Monday afternoon, he had his receipts safely tucked away in his pocketbook. He was the first property owner in Harnett county to pay 1926 taxes, although some others paid later in the day.

COMMISSIONERS TURN DOWN BILL OF STATE AUDITOR

Claim of \$968.84 for Keep of Indigent Pupils in State Institutions—Other Business of Session

The Board of County Commissioners had not a great many things of importance to occupy its attention Monday. Besides the paying of bills, which is always an item of greater importance, the Board never felt the pressure of hard work during the day. Following are the matters claiming attention:

State Auditor Baxter Durham wrote a curt letter to the Board in which he asked for \$968.84 "right away." The charge against the county is for the care of indigent pupils from Harnett in the State's charitable institutions. For 1923-24 the charge is \$531.82, and for 1925-26, \$437.02. The Board let the matter go over to a future meeting.

E. P. Harrington resigned as road commissioner for Barbecue township, which was accepted. Report of Barbecue commission was filed by Mr. Harrington as secretary and C. F. Cox, treasurer, showing a net balance of \$44.71 in the treasury.

J. E. Dorman, M. B. Byrd, E. E. Huff, J. T. Cox and T. A. Gore furnished transportation to members of the September Grand Jury in order that they might visit county institutions. The Grand Jury recommended that they be paid for the service. The Commissioners refused it.

Report from H. A. Turlington, retiring tax collector, was accepted and filed.

Reports from the superintendents of the county home and convict camp were received and filed.

Clerk Chaffin filed his monthly report with check for funds collected through his office.

Miss Sadie Hatcher, public health nurse, filed her report.

Bond of John Green, newly elected tax collector, was accepted and filed.

H. T. Faucette was appointed standard scale keeper for the county. His fees are not to exceed 25c in any one instance.

The tax books for the year 1926 were ordered turned over to John Green, with the usual endorsement charging him "to be sure and collect every cent he can."

M. C. Upchurch was re-appointed as game warden for the county.

The usual list of pauper allowances was brought up and disposed of.

MORE ABOUT HOPKINS MONEY

Durham, Oct. 6.—Dave Moore, who disappeared a few months ago from his activities of clock winder, chimney and wall builder, and jack of all trades, at Hillsboro, reappeared there last week and left for California to appear as a witness in any proceedings coming up with reference to the \$300,000,000 estate of the late Mark Hopkins, of which Moore is one of the claimants. Moore has been in Georgia, his attorney, J. Clyde Ray, announces. If and when he gets his share of the California railroad magnate's estate, which, according to claims, will be about \$1,000,000, he may establish a fund for scientific research at the University of North Carolina, Moore has intimated. Reports that warrants were out for Moore, for forgery in connection with the alleged will of the late Mark Hopkins are denied by his attorney.

One day's work in the corn field will assure a supply of good seed corn for next season and will be one of the most profitable days spent on the farm.

Psychological note: Creditors have better memories than debtors.

ARE THESE YEGGS PALS OF YEGGS ARRESTED HERE?

Eleven Men Arrested in New York Wanted for Robbing in This State—Names Sound Familiar

Raleigh, Oct. 6.—The arrest of 11 men at Troy and Albany, N. Y., believed to be implicated in robberies staged several months ago in North Carolina, is announced by Postal Inspector L. T. Yanborough, who trailed the yeggmen to New York State and participated in their arrest. The arrest of 11 men in New York brings the total arrested in connection with the North Carolina robberies to 14, as Frank Rozlich and Tom Moore, two members of the group, are now serving terms of three years each in State Prison here for the robbery of the local DuPont powder warehouse, and E. J. McCarthy, of Mecklenburg, was arrested in Charlotte shortly after the arrest of Moore and Rozlich here.

Several of the men arrested in New York, including Charlie "Red" Dean, an adept with the torch, are wanted in connection with the robbery of the Manson postoffice, near Henderson, while it is expected that efforts will be made to bring all of those arrested back to this State for trial in connection with the robbery of Ivey's department store in Charlotte, and other burglaries in this State. The same gang, it is stated, has been operating on a fairly large scale in New York and Pennsylvania.

Eight of the men arrested in New York were taken at West Sand Lake, near Troy, by a detachment of officers, including a dozen postal inspectors, and a detachment of State troopers. Inspector Yanborough was a member of the raiding party, which surprised the men early one morning at Cedarhurst Inn, which they were operating as a roadhouse. Five hundred gallons of liquor were seized, and, according to Mr. Yanborough, the roadhouse included a bar-room of the pre-Prohibition type. "Big George" Garibaldi and two accomplices were arrested at Albany, and efforts will be made to connect them with the North Carolina crimes.

Moore and Rozlich, the men now serving prison terms here, were arrested by Detectives Danieley and Chalmers on charges of automobile thefts. The men were found in possession of cars bearing Virginia licenses. They were making their headquarters in a shanty near this city, and, following the arrest of Moore and Rozlich the rest of the gang departed for northern points, their capture the other day resulting from the following by Inspector Yanborough of trails which led him to New York State. Moore and Rozlich, according to the inspector, confessed to the Manson postoffice robbery and also admitted connection with the Ivey store robbery.

McCarthy, the man arrested at Charlotte, was taken into custody on the strength of information given by a Gaston County woman, which connected him with the Ivey robbery.

The eight men arrested at Troy gave their names as Charlie Dean, Frank Nolan, Michael McCabe, Charles Moffett, Joseph Blue, Thomas Reilly, Joseph McCarthy and Jack Jones.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to each and every one of our good friends for their many kindnesses and courtesies shown us during the illness, and at the death of our wife and mother. We will always remember your kindness and it will always be appreciated by us.
J. E. Clark and Children.

WANT U. N. C. TO TEACH REAL ESTATE

Durham, Oct. 6.—Program for the sixth annual convention of the N. C. Association of Real Estate Boards, meeting in Greensboro on October 7-8, has been completed. President W. F. Franck and Secretary J. M. M. Gregory, of Durham, announced A. M. Seales and Robert D. Douglas, of Greensboro; Frank R. McNeill, former mayor, and F. C. Abbott, of Charlotte, and Gilbert T. Stephenson, of Raleigh, are among the speakers. A uniform license law, requiring examination of real estate dealers, and courses in real estate operation in the University of North Carolina, are two important problems to come before the convention.

This will probably be a good year to swap cotton seed for meal or fertilizers so as to have less cash outlay next spring.