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

COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATION IN FAVOR OF COTTON

"Carry Over" Controversy Prompting Bills to Be Introduced in Congress This Session

Washington, D. C., Nov. 22 — Comprehensive cotton legislative program was announced here today by Senator Joseph E. Randall, of Louisiana, of the Agricultural Committee of the Senate. He made public two bills which will be pushed energetically as soon as Congress convenes, and one of them at least, is likely to receive consideration in connection with a Congressional investigation of the "carry over" controversy which is being urged by some members of the House and Senate from the Cotton Growing States.

This dispute has been raging in the cotton trade ever since Secretary Hester of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange challenged the accuracy of the Government figures issued in September on the carry over of American cotton from the last crop, and one of the outstanding results of the controversy to date, has been the order of Secretary of Agriculture Jardine to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics to refrain from issuing such statements in the future. That, however, has not settled the matter. Numerous Congressmen in the cotton growing states maintain that the Department report caused a needless loss of many millions of dollars to the producers, and they insist that a rigid investigation be had of all the circumstances, and the facts published to the world.

One of the theories entering into the dispute has been the possibility of the government statisticians having counted round bales as bales of cotton. These have generally been estimated by American commercial statisticians as half bales, inasmuch as most "round bales", until recently, contained about 250 pounds of lint cotton, whereas a square bale is supposed to weigh approximately 500 pounds.

The controversy now raging in the cotton trade in America and Europe by reason of Secretary Hester's challenge of the accuracy of the Government figures could not have arisen under the terms of one of the Randall bills. It provides that the standard bale of cotton which shall hereafter be delivered for shipment in interstate or foreign commerce shall weigh 500 pounds, exclusive of bagging and ties with which it is covered, and contracts for the sale of the cotton shall be based upon the true net weight of the lint cotton in the bale. In order to make the change bear as lightly as possible upon existing trade practice, however, the bill provides that reasonable variation shall be permitted and tolerance shall be established by the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, in bringing about this innovation.

Senator Randall, evidently appreciating the difficulty that would be experienced in introducing such a sweeping change in the cotton ginning industry of the South, has sought to overcome any opposition by declaring all gins where cotton is prepared for interstate shipment to be public utilities, and vests the Secretary of Agriculture with authority to prepare uniform regulations for their operation. To this end the Secretary shall identify each public gin with a number which shall be preserved as a public record; and it shall be the duty of all ginners to securely affix a metal tag bearing the number of the gin to each bale, which shall show the net weight of the lint cotton therein when the bale leaves the gin, and such other information as the Secretary may prescribe. Authority is also conferred upon the Secretary of Agriculture to prescribe the materials, including bagging and ties, that may be used in covering cotton intended for interstate shipments and the standard weight and dimensions of the same. It is claimed that this standardization of the cotton bale will not only work for greater accuracy in computing the size of the growing crop; the amount of the available supply and the annual consumption of American cotton; but that it will effectually abolish the "cotton tare" evil, which is the greatest blight that has ever hung over this or any other agricultural industry and has been responsible for the loss of tens of millions of dollars to the cotton growers every year.

A square bale of cotton weighs about 500 pounds and is covered by coarse heavy jute imported from India.

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RAISING PAPER SHELL PECANS IN BACKYARD

Mr. A. M. Shaw, champion local pean grower, finds a rich yield of pecans on his twenty-odd trees this season. Mr. Shaw planted his trees at intervals covering several years. Some of them are now bearing their bushels while others are just beginning to bear. He has the large papershell variety of both the Schley and Stewart pecans.

A remarkable feature about Mr. Shaw's trees is the fact that some of them are bearing in their second and third year. In the minds of most people, perhaps, pean trees do not begin to bear till they are at least six or seven years old. Mr. Shaw has some trees about ten feet high and only three years old that have a good yield of large pecans on them this season. He finds ready sale for all of his pecans.

CAROLINA COACH COMPANY OFFERS SECURITIES HERE

November 28 to December 10 Period During Which Stock in Company Can Be Bought Locally

Carolina Coach Company, whose service in this territory has won it a high standing among the bus companies of the country, is planning to take another progressive step by offering its patrons an opportunity, from November 28 to December 10, to share in the earnings of not only its own business, but also of various electric, water, ice and gas properties with which it is affiliated.

Carolina Coach Company is part of the system of Southern Cities Utilities Company, which also includes the Southern Cities Power Company, operating in Tennessee and Alabama; Wheeling Public Service Company, of Wheeling, W. Va.; The Salem Gas Light Company, of Salem, N. J.; The Citizens Gas Company, of Salisbury, Md., and Delmar, Del.; The Southern States Ice Company, in Tennessee and West Virginia; and the Manila Gas Corporation, of Manila, P. I.

Announcement of the regular December 1st dividend payment on its prior preferred stock has just been made by Southern Cities Utilities Company. It is this security which the Carolina Coach Company is arranging to offer in this section within a few weeks.

ROBERT H. KNIGHT, RALEIGH GROOM WHO DISAPPEARED, WAS WELL KNOWN HERE

Robert H. Knight, the young man who disappeared from Raleigh last Saturday, the day on which his wedding was to have taken place, is known in Lillington and Harnett county through his connection with the Carolina Light & Power Company. Mr. Knight had friends here who are puzzled over his sudden disappearance.

Mr. Knight was to have been married to Miss Ruth Teachey of Raleigh last Saturday, but for some unexplained cause he departed and has not been heard from since, according to those in close touch with the mysterious affair. He was employed as maintenance supervisor for the Carolina Coach Company and left Raleigh for Troy last Saturday, since which time his movements have been a mystery.

GOVERNOR OF ARKANSAS GIVING N. C. ONCE OVER

Durham, Nov. 23—Governor John E. Martin, of Arkansas, and 105 of the leading citizens of his state reached Durham early in the morning of one day during the past week and for several hours were guests of the city. During their stay they visited Duke University, and made a hurried tour of inspection of some of our typical industries. Praise for North Carolina was sounded by all those who were heard to express themselves regarding their visit to the state.

CORRECTION

In the advertisement of the John D. Johnson Store, appearing in The News last week, the opening date of the sale was given as November 8. This was an obvious error, and of course was understood by everyone as that date had already passed. The opening date should have been November 18, which was last Friday, the day following the appearance of the advertisement.

QUAIL AND TURKEY SEASON TO OPEN NEXT THURSDAY

Two Most Popular Species of Wild Fowl Will Have War Declared Against Them—Bag Limits Fixed

With a bag limit of 10 quail and 2 turkeys to be taken by any one hunter in a day, the State game law will lift the ban on killing these two species of wild fowl next Thursday, to remain lifted till March 1, 1928. December, January and February are the only months in the year when quail and turkey can be killed, according to the statewide game law enacted by the 1927 legislature. The law places no season bag limit on quail, but names five as the maximum number of turkeys to be taken by any one person in a season.

Reports from the woods and fields are to the effect that plenty of game can be found this season. Scouts who have been "locating" the birds say that the season has been a good one for the propagation of the species and that "bobwhites" can be heard calling their gang in most every neck of the woods. It is a well-known fact that Harnett county affords some of the best hunting ground in this section of the country.

Many farmers are this season following their usual custom by placing posters on their land. There are numbers of farmers who will not allow any birds killed on their premises. Others do not care, if permission is first obtained before hunting. The safest course to pursue, however, is for the hunter to see the land owner and get permission before going on any premises.

Game wardens are on sharp lookout, it is said, for all violators of the game law this season.

HECTORS CREEK S. S. CONVENTION AT CHALYBEATE

To Be Held at Chalybeate Springs Next Sunday—Full Program Arranged With Many Speakers

Hectors Creek Township Sunday School Association will hold its convention at Chalybeate Springs next Sunday afternoon beginning at 2:30. The Duke's Creek Quartet will furnish music, and the public is cordially invited. Following is the program:

1. Devotional—A. A. Johnson.
 2. How Teachers and Officers Can Increase Their Efficiency—W. M. Pearson.
 3. Increasing Sunday School Efficiency Through: (1) Better Organization; (2) Better Equipment—Erwin Smith.
 4. Plans for Increasing Sunday School Attendance—Prof. Kendall.
 5. What a Sunday School Means to Its Community—C. S. Hicks.
 6. Superintendent's Talk—Paul Bradley, Chalybeate.
 7. Secretary's Talk—Tyson Matthews, Chalybeate.
 8. Superintendent's Talk—F. S. Sherman, Rawls.
 9. Secretary's Report—From Rawls.
 10. Superintendent's Talk—J. C. Senter, Olive Branch.
 11. Secretary's Report—B. E. Wester, Olive Branch.
 12. Report of attendance.
 13. Appointing new officers.
- County President H. C. Cameron of Olivia and other county officers will be present and make talks.
- E. M. Senter, President Hectors Creek Township S. S. Association.

WADE TAKES RESIDENCE IN DURHAM WITH INS. CO.

Durham, Nov. 23—Stacy W. Wade, former state insurance commissioner, has arrived in the city to take up his residence. Recently he accepted a vice presidency in the Home Mortgage company, a new institution of Durham. Dan Boney, his successor, was sworn into office as insurance commissioner during the past week and Mr. Wade came directly to Durham where he entered in upon his duties. He has been welcomed to the city by many people, old friends and new, who have called on him during the past several days. The company with which he is now working, while a new one, is one of the strongest, from a financial standpoint, in this section of the state.

ANOTHER ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC AT FAYETTEVILLE

Dear Editor: We are writing to request you to announce the next Kiwanis Orthopaedic Clinic at Fayetteville for Friday, November 25th. It will be held in the offices of the County Health Department in the Court House as heretofore.

All cripples in your county are invited to attend this clinic for examination and treatment by an orthopaedic specialist.

We shall greatly appreciate your giving notice of the time and place of the clinic to the residents of your community through your paper.

Yours very truly,
H. L. STANTON,
Supervisor, Vocational Rehabilitation.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION BY GOVERNOR

Calls On All People to Observe Day With Gratitude for Many Material Blessings

Whereas, through paths of peace and prosperity a benign Providence has once again led us to that season of the year when we should lay aside our worldly pursuits and turn our attention to public and private devotions, designed to give expression of our gratitude to God for the many blessings He has seen fit to bestow upon us;

Now, therefore, I, Angus W. McLean, Governor of North Carolina, conforming to the time-honored custom which had its beginning soon after our forefathers landed upon this continent and has become a part of our national life, hereby proclaim and set apart Thursday, November the twenty-fourth, as Thanksgiving Day and call upon the people of North Carolina to accord it due and reverent observance.

We have prospered materially. The spiritual life of our people has been advanced during the past year. Educationally we have moved forward; we have not turned a deaf ear to those in need, and for every kind act, individually and collectively, God has blessed us. We have not been visited by food or famine or pestilence.

I trust that our progress shall continue that we may become a still greater State. But let us not forget that our gains can never be permanent unless we realize our dependence upon Almighty God and by so doing give our material advancement a spiritual interpretation. We must satisfy ourselves that our foundations are sure and void the accumulation of wealth and prestige for selfish purposes; otherwise, our material assets will become moral liabilities.

Let us approach this day of Thanksgiving in a spirit of genuine humility and, with earnest simplicity, return hearty thanks to the Great Giver for the things He has done for us the past year, forgetting not to invoke guidance for the future, that we may not fall into the error of self-reliance.

Let us avoid mere semblance and pretense, realising that no people can prosper without true religion—not sectarianism nor dogmatism, but the principles of brotherly love, which we must apply to our daily conduct if we are to contribute toward making the world a better place in which to live.

On the day appointed, therefore, let us suspend all unnecessary business and render our devotion to God, in the home, in the church, or wherever we may chance to be. Let genuine gratitude be the guiding spirit of our conduct on that day, for we have much for which to be thankful. I shall not attempt to enumerate the blessings of the past year. Each individual should search his own life and determine the measure of his personal obligations to his Creator, and then join with his friends and neighbors in giving expression to Almighty God.

Done in our Capital City of Raleigh on this, the nineteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-seven, and in the One Hundred and Fifty-first year of our American Independence.

ANGUS W. McLEAN,
Governor.

By the Governor,
Charles H. England,
Private Secretary.

CALLED HOME

Mrs. Boyd Johnson and young son, who have been visiting Mrs. Johnson's mother in Rocky Mount, were called home on account of the illness of Mr. Johnson.

UNION SERVICE IN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TONIGHT

All Denominations Will Join in Thanksgiving Service—Orphanages to Be Remembered With Gifts of Money

The various orphanages will be remembered in the union Thanksgiving service to be held in Lillington Presbyterian Church tonight, beginning at 7:30. The custom has been to hold these union services each year, alternating the place of meeting between the three local churches—Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist. This year it falls to the Presbyterians to be hosts to the meeting, and Pastor Menius has arranged a splendid program. All members of the three denominations are expected to attend, and all other people who may wish to are cordially invited to be present.

The offering taken will be given to the orphanages represented. The contributors will designate on the envelopes placed in the collection which orphanage is to receive the individual contribution. By this means it will be easy to divide the collection. All contributions undesignated will be divided equally between the orphanages represented in the total collection.

Heretofore the local Thanksgiving services, held in union by all of the churches, have proven inspirational to a degree. The collections have been very good. The Thanksgiving season is annually observed here in this fashion and it has found much favor, not only with members of the three churches here, but with all those who belong to denominations not represented by organized churches here.

The hour is 7:30 and the place is the Presbyterian church. The main object of the service is to give thanks and remember the orphans in a material way. It is hoped that all people here will assist in making the service this year of more than ordinary significance.

WHERE TO HUNT AND HOW TO HUNT OR NOT TO HUNT

If You Don't Own Some Land Nor a License, You're Not On; Keep Off Unless You're On—That's the Law

Senator Nell Mc. Salmon has written The News the following letter in order to give information about the right to hunt. As stated by Senator Salmon, the law does not repeal the law against trespass. It is trespass to go on the lands of another without permission. The new game law requires a license to hunt. But the license doesn't give anything except that, Senator Salmon's letter follows:

November 18, 1927.
Mr. H. O. Steele,
Editor Harnett County News,
Lillington, N. C.

Dear Sir:

Quite a number of people have been to me requesting information as to the authority which a hunting license gives to the holder thereof with reference to hunting on another's land. In order to clear this matter up, and for the information of the general public, I desire to state that a hunting license does not give to the possessor thereof a right to hunt on another person's property of itself. Regardless of whether or not a man has a hunting license, he has no right to hunt on property belonging to another person unless he has the consent of the party who owns the property. Under the act, a person may hunt on his own lands without a license, but if he hunts on lands other than his own he must have a license, and the license does not give to the holder the right to hunt on another's land without permission of the owner.

Yours very truly,
NELL Mc. SALMON.

RETURN FROM FLORIDA

Rev. and Mrs. John L. Stephens also their niece, Lorena, from Fort Myers, Florida, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Stephens. Miss Lorena left with her Uncle August 24th, 1926. She reports that her stay in Florida was much enjoyed. She also expresses her delight of being back in her own state again.

HOARY FROST SUNDAY MORNING WAS "KILLING"

The first "killing" frost of the 1927 fall season was seen here Monday morning of this week. This was not the first frost of the season, a heavy one having fallen a few nights ago, but the frost Monday morning was the heaviest and the most deadly. Early risers saw a white covering resembling a young snow. Vegetation that was exposed felt the biting tongue of the frost and looked scalded when the sun melted the frost away.

The only vegetation that remains now is that which has been protected from the frost and some of the tougher varieties that can stand a series of heavy freezes before it gives up.

Lovers of persimmons, 'possums and rabbits may now take their game. They are now "ripe."

MRS. LEWIS OPENS CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE TOMORROW

Hopes to Fill Community Chest With Emergency Funds for Entire County—Mailing Out Stamps Now

Mrs. Anna B. Lewis, county superintendent of public welfare, opens the annual sale of Christmas Seals tomorrow. With a force of young ladies in her office she is mailing out letters to all prospective purchasers of the Seals and enclosing a self-addressed envelope in which she suggests that money for the stamps be returned to her. In her letter to prospective purchasers of the Seals, Mrs. Lewis says:

Lillington, N. C., Nov. 24, 1927.
Dear Friend:
Beginning today and extending through the Thanksgiving season and until Christmas, the little Christmas Seal Stamps are being offered for sale to those who are willing to aid in the alleviation of suffering. Through the sale of these stamps a neat sum is each year brought into the Department of Public Welfare of Harnett County, and as you no doubt know, this money brings relief in cases of distress in such a peculiarly fitting way that it has been adopted as an annual appeal.

You have been aiding in raising this fund each year, and we are now reminding you of the Seals to let you know the opportunity is again at hand. The Seals (or stamps) sold for one cent each, and are used on all mail and parcel packages between Thanksgiving and Christmas. We are enclosing you a supply of the Seals, with self-addressed envelope, so that it will be convenient for you to simply enclose the amount represented by the enclosed Seals and mail same to this office. Do not delay. The season for using these Seals is now at hand. Let all of your small and parcels bear these Seals from now until Christmas.

By using the Seals yourself, and urging your neighbors to do likewise, you will be performing a noble service in the cause of humanity. If your neighbors do not receive one of these letters, please ask them to send in the money and we will mail them the Seals.

Thanking you in advance,
Yours very truly,
MRS. ANNA B. LEWIS,
Supt. Public Welfare.

OXFORD ORPHANAGE SINGERS AT COATS SATURDAY NIGHT

The singing class of sixteen orphans from Oxford Orphanage gave a concert at Coats Saturday night in the school auditorium. Fifty cents admission was charged and \$75 was realized for the orphans. Coats was the only point in the county at which the class appeared, having gone there by special invitation and going to Henderson for an engagement Monday night.

The class stayed over for the Sunday service at the Baptist church and rendered some selections.

HOG-KILLING TIME IN HARNETT IS HAPPY SEASON

That hogs grow to their fullest maturity in Harnett county is evidenced by the fact that right now there are being slaughtered some of the finest types of porkers. This is not an exceptional year in the hog raising industry in this county—it is just one of the ordinary seasons common as the seasons that come and go with the years. And so the hogs being turned into hams and bacon now are not uncommon hogs for Harnett. This county is well known for its fine hogs.

Reports from the various sections of the county indicate that meat will be plentiful this winter.

NEGRO TEACHERS MEET THIS WEEK AT GOLDSBORO

State Association of Colored Educators Holding Three-Day Session—Notable Speakers

The negro teachers of North Carolina, leaders of the race who are doing so much in the movement to give a new vision not only to Negroes but to all those interested in the great uplift, are in session this week at Goldsboro. This is the forty-seventh annual session of the North Carolina Negro Teachers Association and much interest is being manifested in its work. An attractive program was prepared and printed for the session and copies were mailed out to leaders and educators throughout the State.

Prof. J. W. Seabrook, assistant to Dr. E. E. Smith, president of the State Normal School (for colored students) at Fayetteville, is corresponding secretary of the association. Prof. Seabrook and others of the faculty of State Normal School are on the program. Tomorrow Dr. N. C. Newbold, director of the division of negro education of the State department, is on the program for an address. Many notable speakers and educators will be heard during the session.

This evening at 8:00 o'clock Dr. Edmund D. Soper, of the School of Religion, Duke University, will deliver an address. Dr. Soper is remembered in Lillington for his masterful sermon at commencement of Lillington school last spring.

On one page of the program is the following quotation from H. G. Wells:

"No conqueror can make the multitude different from what it is; no statesman can carry the world affairs beyond his ideas and capacities of the generation of adults with which he deals; but teachers—I use the word in the widest sense—can do more than either conqueror or statesman; they can create a new vision and liberate the latent powers of our kind."

DOC WYATT, CANARY SURGEON, PERFORMS WONDERFUL FEAT

Not many surgeons, perhaps, would be willing to undertake a case like it, but Doc Wyatt did. The little fowl was "blooded stock" and the leg band denoting pedigreed ancestry was still being proudly worn. The lady was evidently proud of the badge, too, and she let the bird wear it. But there's where trouble came.

The canary in some manner allowed its leg whereon the badge was worn to get caught in the wires of the cage and in the flutter the tiny leg was broken. Doc Wyatt was called in. In his obliging way he undertook the case, with his customary smile. Doc bandaged the bird's leg much in the same way he bandages human legs when they get broken.

The canary quit singing for a while. Probably pain drove away the spirit of song. Nobody knows, except the canary. But it wasn't for long. After a few days the sweet little notes were heard again. The bandage was lifted and lo, there was the little leg grown back to its former shape and condition.

There's much song to be heard from the canary now. Probably a hymn or two may carry notes of praise for Doc. But nobody hereabouts understands canaries like Doc. Maybe he knows how the bird feels and what he is singing about.

COURTHOUSE ROBBERS STILL HOLDS MONEY AND IDENTITY

If anybody knows to identity of the person or persons who robbed the Register of Deeds office of \$250, a couple of weeks ago, they will greatly oblige Mrs. Mamie Sexton Byrd, register of deeds, and Edwin Harrington, assistant, by furnishing some proof of the accuracy of their information. So far, the robber or robbers are effectively concealing their identity and, so far as anyone here knows, are keeping the money or so much of it as yet unspent.

The robbery was the third in a series of successful raids in the courthouse. Twice the vault of the auditor was raided, the robbers getting about \$50 each time. Entries were made at other times into the courthouse offices, but the officials could find no trace of anything stolen except fountain pens and such like. The latest robbery netted the robbers \$250, however, and it is thought that the deed was committed by someone familiar with the handling of money in the courthouse.

Deeds of Trust for sale News Office