

## STATE NEWS IN DIGEST COM- PLIED FOR READERS OF THE HERTFORD COUNTY HERALD

—A total of 73,206,917 pounds of tobacco were sold in North Carolina during the month of November, at an average price of \$27.02 per hundred pounds.

—The probable reduction in values of land under horizontal reductions made by the various counties this year will amount to approximately six hundred million dollars.

—The Presbyterian church of Tarboro will open a reading & writing room in their church on January first, for the accommodation of its members and the friends of the church.

—North Carolina ranks third in the United States in its total value of farm crops, according to state commissioner of agriculture, W. A. Graham.

—Without a single dissenting vote the town council of Dunn has voted to sell its municipal electric light plant for the sum of \$45,000. The purchaser is the Carolina Light and Power Co., of Raleigh.

—Lenoir County will have completed its two million dollar road construction program by the first of next June.

—C. J. Kelly, garage man of Sanford, was found guilty and sentenced to five years in the Federal Penitentiary, in addition to having to pay a fine of five thousand dollars for having bought stolen cars. He was tried in Federal Court at Raleigh last week.

Richmond, Va., has purchased the ball club of Tarboro who has given up its franchise in the Virginia baseball league.

—Ralph Patterson, Wake Forest College freshman, was on last Wednesday taken from the campus in broad daylight, as he was on his way to breakfast, and given an application of nitrate of silver, by six students of the college who were attired in hoods and robes. He was taken into the college gymnasium, where there were three other men who helped to administer the "blacking." As result of this episode six men have already been expelled from the college and others are expected to be expelled.

—Dr. J. W. Taylor, of Greensboro, was found not guilty of having immoral relations with his stenographer, Miss Clara Saunders, in the Municipal court of that city last Saturday. On Monday, however, he was found guilty of beating his wife and young daughter and was given a fine of \$150.

—Liquor law enforcement officers are busy in the Dunn district, having destroyed many stills within the past few weeks in their raids.

—There are over a half million Baptists in the State of North Carolina.

—At Elizabeth City there is a new and novel industry whereby cork for use in fishing tackle is being manufactured out of the roots of gum trees.

—A man in Sanford was one day last week tarred and feathered, and made to walk down the streets of the town, for having sold whiskey to a boy.

—Eight stills in one day is the record made by the internal revenue officers of the county of Wake. The raids were made on Saturday and all of the stills captured were in the section of County known as the "Harricane."

—Furman Betts, Jr., a young boy of Raleigh, was tolled off away from town, by a negro on last Saturday, and relieved of a five dollar bill which the negro claim to be trying to have changed for the boy.

—The universities of North Carolina and Virginia have decided to arbitrate their difference over the eligibility of one of the former's football players who participated in the annual gridiron struggle on Thanksgiving.

—Wake Forest College will debate three institutions during

its spring term, one of them being the Baptist University of Oklahoma.

—A bond issue of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars has been authorized by the legislature, for the schools of Tarboro.

—Governor Cameron Morrison pardoned one and paroled three at the end of last week, the regular pardon week of December.

—Every agency in the Harnett County cotton growing district is doing its part in fighting the advance of the boll weevil, the chabber of commerce now being at work in the campaign.

—The state of North Carolina will raise \$35,000 for the memorial to Woodrow Wilson, ex-president. Hon. Josephus Daniels of Raleigh is chairman of the committee to raise the state quota.

—J. W. Cannon, wealthy cotton mill man of Concord, died Monday. He was the father-in-law of Federal Commissioner of Internal Revenue, David H. Blair, of Winston-Salem.

—Walter N. Patterson, aged 50 of Concord, committed suicide last Sunday, caused by constant brooding over the capture of his whiskey still by the prohibition officers.

—The city of Henderson will float a large bond issue in the near future, for the construction of an adequate water supply plant. This city suffered very much this fall on account of the drought.

—A young woman of Burgaw has been awarded a National prize of one hundred dollars for a composition written on "Peace."

—The Red Cross and other agencies of a philanthropic nature are planning to make the hearts of the soldiers at Oteen glad, on Christmas Day. Many eats and presents will be distributed on Christmas.

—The "Davidsonian", Davidson College weekly publication, will get out a special edition, in honor of their distinguished former student, Woodrow Wilson.

—Marcus Edwards, who escaped from the state prison last May, returned voluntarily and surrendered himself to the authorities one day this week. He will complete a sentence of a lifetime which he was serving at his escape. He gave a detailed account of how he had spent the several months while he was at large, coming direct to this state from some place in Arkansas.

—Aaron Sapiro, attorney of California, who wrote the contracts for the various cooperative marketing associations, will return to this state to make several addresses this week.

—The Southern Power Company has let the contracts for construction of two new hydro-electric plants to be built at some point in the western part of the state. One of them will generate 80,000 horsepower.

—By virtue of a recent ruling of the State Supreme Court, the consolidation of schools in Davidson County has been held up.

—The North Carolina Forestry Convention will meet in Wilmington during the latter part of January.

—Federal Prohibition Director Kohless of North Carolina has reported to the Washington authorities the operation of several whiskey syndicates in North Carolina; and a special detachment of sleuths will be sent to the State in an attempt to break up the wholesale violation of the prohibition laws.

—Charlotte was this week host to the Odd fellows of the state who held a meeting there.

—The State Board of Agriculture, augmented by three other men, will make an exhaustive study of the tenant problem of the state, within the next twelve months.

## Our Greetings In the Meaning of Christmas

In the true spirit of the occasion and with due appreciation of all it implies, we extend Christmas greetings to the readers of this publication. Christmas has a meaning possessed by no other holiday throughout the world. America has its national and special days, other countries have theirs: Christmas is the only one alike in spirit and celebrated in all Christian lands. So pure is its principle that it commands respect and admiration among people who worship their Creator in different ways from ours.

Christmas typifies all that is best in mankind. It is the culmination of the human mind throughout the ages dwelling upon the wonders and mysteries of existence, turning to a reverence for God and His representative on earth. It expresses the ascendancy of spirit, the realization of men of their interdependency and their duty to one another; and so it is marked by the bestowal of gifts and other sentiments of benevolence and well wishing.

The makers of newspapers, concerned as they are with the doings, manifestations and thoughts of their communities and the world at large, and recording them in their more important aspects for information, mayhap the education of readers, are brought into an intimate sense of the spirit and meaning of the Christmas Day. Would that we could express to you all the good that we see in the hearts of men and the increased brilliancy behind a few shadows of the light which has upheld the world for so many centuries. In the happy auguries we see for the future, there is every reason to be merry.

Our Yuletide thoughts go out to the people of this community and our thanks are due the patrons and kind friends who have given us practical support or extended encouragement during the year. May this be the best Christmas you have ever spent, is our wish to all.

JAS. S. VINSON, Manager.  
J. ROY PARKER, Editor.

### General Assembly Adjourns

By turning the clock back on Sunday, and clamping down on all new bills, with a hurried passage of many local bills, the correction of the Municipal Finance Act, and the passage of the measure for the relief of the State Department of Education, the North Carolina General Assembly was able to conclude the business of the special session, Monday.

No measures of state-wide importance were passed during the special session, except the Finance Act, and the Education bill, the latter being fostered by Representative Matthews of Bertie County.

The bills to cause the State Revenue Officer to publish the complaints against assessment and his action in each case failed to pass, although the vote on the measure was very close. All of the bills designed to change the method of the death penalty met defeat; the Dunlap Ejectment bill, supported by the mill interests of the State failed of passage, as did the bill introduced and which would have repealed the state-wide primary law now in effect.

Two bills relating to Hertford County were passed during the special session, one to allow the county commissioners to appropriate money for bridge construction in the county; and another empowering the County Road Commission to liquidate the debt against the old road supervisors of Murfreesboro Township.

Both Messrs. Winborne and Barnes were absent from their places in the law-making body, several days last week, having taken an active part in the case of State vs. Robertson, at Gatesville.

### Coming Out Early This Week

The HERALD is being issued one day early this week. We've "Christmas in our bones" and we decided it were best and more fitting that we take off time enough before old Santa comes in order that the paper may make its usual appearance next week.

For several years it has been our custom to take a week off this time of year but on account of the number of legal advertisements running in the paper, it will not be convenient for us to do this next week, hence you may look for a paper.

Those having news for publication next week are requested to have it in early as we are expecting to publish a day earlier. Advertisers will also take notice.

### REV. F. T. COLLINS RESIGNS

Rev. Fred T. Collins, who has been pastor of the Ahoskie Baptist church for the past three and a half years, tendered his resignation to his charge on last Sunday evening, following the regular preaching services. At the morning preaching hour, he told his congregation that he had reconsidered his action of a few Sundays ago, when he accepted the call for 1922.

The question of his resignation was taken up Sunday night and it was voted that he be asked to remain here for thirty days, during which time a new pastor will be sought.

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### MENOLA NEWS

A pageant, "Bethlehem," is to be staged at the school building on Friday at eight o'clock. Local talent will give the pageant, to which everybody is invited. It will be highly entertaining.

Mrs. Harvey Snipes is still very ill. She was taken to Sarah Leigh Hospital a week ago.

Miss Janie Parker went to Norfolk on Saturday, returning on Sunday evening.

Mrs. J. M. Eley spent several days last week with her son, Dr. C. W. Eley in Portsmouth, Va. and returned on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Benthall of Woodland, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Eley.

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## COTTON HAS FOOLED EVERY SINGLE GUESS

### COTTON CROP THIS YEAR FOOLED EVERYBODY

**Crop Reporting Service Says Everybody Guessed at The Crop and None Got It Right Crop Was Poor But North Carolina Had A Better Crop Than Other Southern States**

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—The cotton crop for 1921 was like this year's weather. Everyone guessed at it and missed. The "Government" or Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates, has been criticized because their estimates were too low this year. The October forecast was for 490,000 bales and the December estimate was 800,000. These estimates were based on the reports of the same 2300 reports who are farmers having above the average knowledge of conditions. The "Government" therefore reflects the peoples' vacacity and information, not that of any special official.

Since all private agencies were quite as erratic, the Cooperative Crop Reporting Service at Raleigh has decided that everyone was just fooled about the acreage and yield, or else many just tried to fool others. Then, too, the yield improved wonderfully after the August extended drought. The terrible boll weevil did not do nearly the damage expected excepting in the counties adjacent to the South Carolina line.

The bright side of this deceptive cotton report is that the State of North Carolina has the best crop of any state, having made a fine yield per acre, in view of the dry conditions, and it has helped in giving the state a possible rank of third, or in the class next to the California and Texas empires. Even Illinois and Iowa seem to be surpassed. If so, cotton and tobacco did it. The underestimation should have helped the farmer rather than otherwise.

This year's crop seems to be about 800,000 bales for North Carolina or almost ten per cent of the South's 8,340,000 bale crop which gives us fifth rank among cotton states. The state's yield per acre was 256 pounds and the December 1st. price 16.4 as compared with 16.2 cents for the national crop. Who would have thought this state would make more cotton than South Carolina or Oklahoma, and almost as much as Georgia.

Even an eight million bale crop means but 6 per cent of last year's crop. Our unexpected large production is but indicative of the fact that North Carolina is about the most fortunate state in the union. Our per acre value of crops is quite high, and we are not burning corn because it is the cheapest fuel. We are behind and unprogressive in many respects but the Lord has favored this year.

The cotton yields per acre by counties for the coastal and piedmont areas are estimated to be as follows:

**COASTAL COUNTIES**

Beaufort 289, Bertie 335, Bladen 215, Brunswick 140, Camden 328, Cartaret 325, Chowan 345, Columbus 173, Craven 260, Cumberland 250, Currituck 340, Duplin 218, Edgecombe 225, Gates 247, Greene 267, Halifax 194, Harnett 287, Hertford 312, Hoke 270, Hyde 231, Johnston 293, Jones 255, Lenoir 249, Martin 302, Nash 291, New Hanover 280, Northampton 236, Onslow 240, Pamlico 270, Pasquotank 290, Pender 215, Perquimans 315, Pitt 334, Robeson 277, Sampson 286, Scotland 327, Tyrell 330, Washington 280, Wayne 305, and Wilson 318 pounds per acre.

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The Herald is cheap at \$1.50