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INTEREST TO THE TOBACCO FARMERS

County Agent and Specialists Hold Demonstrations; Lespedeza Acreage Growing

Orders totalling 1750 pounds, or 72 bushels of Lespedeza seed were sent in for Chatham county farmers this week by the Agent. Indications so far seem to show that Chatham county will seed the largest crop of Lespedeza in its history this winter and spring. Orders are still being taken, and another order will be sent in soon.

One flea beetle trap demonstration for insects attacking plant beds was held at the farm of J. N. Bryan near Seafroth on Monday. Two tobacco meetings were held Thursday at Seafroth and Yates' school. A total of sixty farmers attended these meetings. Mr. E. Y. Floyd, tobacco specialist from State college, and Mr. G. W. Fant, plant pathologist, spoke at these meetings. Calling attention to the necessity of intelligent thought in growing tobacco, Mr. Floyd states that where fertilizers of the proper analysis, and magnesium limestone have been used under tobacco, profits varying from \$40 to \$100 per acre have been obtained as compared with locations where there is lack of magnesium limestone, and where low analysis fertilizers have been used. He recommends an 8-4-6 fertilizer for tobacco in Chatham county. He stated that the potash carrier in this fertilizer should be one-half muriate of potash, and one-half sulphate, and that half of the ammonia should be derived from ry, Mr. G. Whitaker and others. The inorganic sources. According to Mr. Floyd, manure salts or other low grade carriers of potash should not be used for tobacco fertilizers. Mr. Fant discussed diseases of tobacco, and showed some interesting specimens of tobacco affected with sandrown, angular leaf spot, potash hunger and others. He stated that practically all of the diseases of tobacco can be avoided through treating tobacco seed with a solution of formaldehyde. At these meetings a number of farmers gave the agent orders for tobacco seed of higher yielding characteristics, which are best adapted to this section, and a number of other farmers expressed their intentions of treating seed, and using higher analysis fertilizers as recommended by State college this winter.

Two more farmers have announced their intentions of seeding demonstration fields in sweet clover this spring. They are W. B. Webster and J. B. Teague, both of whom live near Sher City. To date, five alfalfa demonstrations, three sweet clover demonstrations and two pasture demonstrations have been arranged in this county. An effort is being made to induce farmers to conduct eight more pasture demonstrations, and two more sweet clover demonstrations.

Beginning the first of February, the Agent will make a special effort to induce more farmers to plant Mexican big boll cotton. The Mexican is highly recommended for growing in this county, due to its earliness, high yielding, and longer staple. The Mexican is especially adapted to boll weevil conditions. Last spring, the agent induced four farmers in the community of Gum Spring, to plant the Mexican, and these men had good results from the seed. To those farmers who are interested, there will be 100 bushels of this seed for sale in February. The cotton from which this seed was obtained was ginned separately, and the seed have been cleaned. The farmers having these seed for sale are, Mr. Will Perry, Mr. Thad Perry, Mr. Gad hitaker and others. The farmers who are interested in obtaining these seed should get in touch with these men, or with the County Agent, N. C. Shiver, Pittsboro, N. C. In office on Saturdays and first Mondays.

AUXILIARY MEETS

The American Legion Auxiliary met with Mrs. Cecil Lindley, January 20, Mrs. Bell president, presiding.

The meeting opened with allegiance to the flag, after which Star Spangled Banner and America, were sung.

Treasurer reported \$12.50 paid to Mr. G. Noe for the flag pole.

Mrs. Brewer, re-habilitation chairman, read a letter from Howard Shenk, thanking the auxiliary for the Christmas box.

A letter was read from Mrs. Vass, State president, giving the standing committees. We are very proud to have one of our members, Mrs. H. A. London on the list.

Mrs. London then read the legislative program of the American Legion for the 70th congress, advocated by the Legion's Paris convention. It was decided to postpone the Rummage Sale, until the weather is better.

Summary of proceedings 7th National convention of American Legion Auxiliary was read.

We were very glad to have Miss Pauline Taylor as guest at this meeting.

The hostess, assisted by Miss Taylor, and little Virginia Hayes Lindley, served delicious refreshments.

Mrs. H. A. London invited the Auxiliary to meet with her next month.

Washington Letter

Straws Point to Rift Between President and Congress—Other Differences

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Congress got into the jam-pot again last week while Mr. Coolidge was down in Cuba. The returning President, hastening home from the land of rum with nothing stronger than black coffee in his system, found many a sticky finger-print to show what the errant legislature had been up to.

Washington looked good to the Coolidges after their long trip, but the situation did not smell like a rose garden. Something, indeed, appeared to have gone sour. It has become a habit about this time every winter for Mr. Coolidge to get into difficulties with congress, or for congress to get into difficulties with Mr. Coolidge. This year is no exception. As yet the irritation is no greater than that of a small grain of dust in the eye; but it gives promise of growing and of causing political tears.

For Mr. Coolidge is becoming almost daily somewhat more unpopular with the Seventieth congress and the Seventieth congress is daily leading Mr. Coolidge's goat a little farther from the white house. It was the same old story with the Sixty-ninth congress and with the Sixty-eighth congress, and unless there is a change at heart, Vermont's only President stands a bully chance of leaving the White House at the tail-end of a first class row with Capitol Hill.

Last week congress strayed so far from the administration's policies as to dally a bit with the idea of making the tariff all over again. The Senate, by a vote of 54 to 34, notified the House that it was in a mood to tinker with the tariff under the guise of fixing up rates to help the farmer. Democrats in the House pricked up their ears and pranced in verbal vigor for two eloquent days, but the line held firm and the Republican majority got them back in the stable, 193 to 164—a squeaky margin.

There is nothing in the whole wide world that Mr. Coolidge has less use for today than a tariff fight. So with the Republicans as a whole. This is understood even by the grammar school pupils in Washington. The mere fact that congress would consider the idea was a somewhat stunning manifestation of how far apart the paths of Congress and the White House are diverging.

There was another thing, too, and it concerned the Nicaraguan mess. Mr. Coolidge sees nothing extraordinary in sending a batch of marines South to protect American and foreign lives. It has been done dozens of times in the past. But congress is getting fairly well heated up over that situation and it may be that the fire can't be put out this time. Borah and others promise a sweeping investigation—whatever that means.

As Mr. Coolidge sees it, congress is tending to trip down the primrose path on still another thing—farm relief. He has twice vetoed the dose prescribed by McNary-Haugen et al, but it looks as if he might have to sink a veto for the third and last time on the same old business all over again this year.

Then the little matter of building a big navy is sticking a bit in a crop or two in Washington. Mr. Coolidge, with a frugal eye to another possible arms conference, wants some discretion about the time for completing the building program. Last week the House committee, by 15 to 1, voted to lift all discretion from his shoulders and not only say how but when the 40 odd fighting ships should be built. The "when" contemplates the entire new navy in commission not less than eight years hence.

Squabbles, like misfortunes, seldom come singly, so there are still other little spat causes between the two ends of Pennsylvania Avenue. Senate apparently wants to spend \$250,000,000 rebuilding a government-owned fleet of merchant ships and thereafter to operate them in the name of Uncle Sam. Operation, the ship sharks say, would cost \$35,000,000 a year to the treasury, with everything considered. The President is against the idea of government in business, especially in the shipping business. Here again, the fat's in the fire.

A minor irritant is the tax bill. The Senate committee last week decided to do nothing until after March 15. Immediately the treasury mailed out the income tax blanks—nearly 20 tons of them. Mr. Coolidge is represented as having wanted this cleared up in time for the new rates to apply to last year's business. He also wanted congress to repeal the inheritance tax, let the excise taxes alone, reduce the corporation rate to not less than 12 per cent and cut the middle surtax rates. The House—where the Republicans have a good majority—just laughed at the idea and went ahead, doing nothing as the President wanted in any of these particulars. And now comes the Senate and sits on the whole business for nearly three months.

Obviously, some things are going stale in the state of Denmark. No noses are now being held, but if this sort of business keeps up, one can imagine a rotteness not far away.

The next logical step in the parade of cross-purpose would seem to be an open break between Coolidge and congress over one or more major issues. It may come at any time. There were other developments at

Chathamites Involved In Automobile Thefts

Three Residents of Bennett Community Among a Dozen Indicted Here Last Week on Charge of Stealing or Receiving Stolen Cars—Investigation of Activities of Alleged Band of Trafficers in Stolen Cars Over Two or Three States To Be Centered Here.

HELD FOR MAY TERM OF COURT

Claude E. Jones, Frank Scott, J. B. Powers of Bennett, Chathamites Involved, But Claim Themselves as Only Innocent Purchasers.

It seems that alleged members of the band of automobile thieves whose activities were recently reported in this paper are to have to face Judge Nunn in Superior court at Pittsboro at the May term, on the ground of evidence of activities in and about Bennett, in the extreme southwestern part of this county.

The grand jury last week found a true bill against an even dozen of young men of Randolph, Chatham, and other counties for larceny, receiving stolen goods, and criminal conspiracy. Three of the indicted men are Frank Scott, C. E. Jones, and J. B. Powers of Bennett or the immediate section. The other men are Ben Presnell of Seagrave, Larkin Presnell of Hemp, Paul Payne of High Point, Elize Cox of Abner, Bill Payne, Bob Grier, Colin Fox, and Red Harrow.

It will be recalled that the almost fatal wounding of one Culler and his subsequent turning of state's evidence revealed a far-extended field of activities in stolen cars. Representatives of the state automobile department have investigated many of the statements of Culler and have found them corroborating with known facts. Numerous cars have been recovered. It is stated by state investigators that blank deeds for titles, dies for changing engine numbers, bogus bills of sale principally from Tennessee and Florida, and other equipment for giving the purchaser of the stolen machines apparently bona-fide titles have been taken from members of the band.

It seems that the band of marauders have favored practically new Fords, Chryslers and Buicks, as most of the cars alleged to have been stolen by members of the band belong to those classes.

Furthermore, it is thought that the group of men have not confined themselves to thefts of automobiles, but may be responsible for recent bank robberies and other hold-ups. But such suspicions do not rest upon Messrs. Jones, Powers and Scott, who only bought cars of the gang under the forged titles and deemed by men who know them as innocent victims of the Culler and Presnell gang, and as evidence of the case with which they may have been deceived is cited the fact that the false titles were passed upon by the state automobile department and were not questioned till after Culler's confession.

The three Bennett men are considered men of the highest probity by men who have long known them, and it is declared that the linking up of these innocent purchasers of stolen cars with the activities of the gang is an outrage. Mr. Jones is manager of the Ford agency at Bennett and, naturally, when without cars from the factory, as has been the case for nearly a year, was glad to secure cars for his trade, and as justification for his purchase of such cars it is further pointed out that was it is well known that Florida

Washington during the week, though they were dwarfed by the growing rift between congress and the President. The State Department lifted its three-year prohibition on American bankers against floating new French securities here. This was explained as a goodwill gesture. Soon there will be a batch of French bonds or stocks offered investors in New York and other American cities the capital here.

The nation's electric light, power, railway, traction, insurance, telephone, telegraph and other utility interests are nervous over what the Senate may possibly do to them in investigation proposed by Senator Walsh of Montana. So they held hearings last week to map the scope of any investigation that may be ordered. And, of course, neither the Senate committee nor the utilities were satisfied.

Postmaster General New would nail a floor some 30 feet over the railroad yard at Union Station and make a mammoth landing field for mail planes. Senator Joe Robinson and Tom Heflin barked long and loud at each other in the Senate over Heflin's somewhat clownish diatribes against the "Pope of Rome." The resolutions to bar Smith of Illinois from the Senate was whacked into final shape, and the Interstate Commerce Commission, after a long survey, reached the conclusion that it ought to regulate the truck and bus lines that cross state boundaries.

Secretary Hoover addressed the Dyers and Cleaners in national convention. The subject of his address was "Keep up the good work." Seymour Lowman, the treasury chief-

has the source of a great supply of second-hand cars because of the burst land boom and the sale of cars by stranded visitors to that state.

Mr. Powers, the Record is informed, was formerly connected with the Bennett Motor Company, of which Jones is the head, but because of the inactivity of the interregnum in the Ford business was out of employment and was willing to do a little private business in such cars as came his way. He too bought one or more cars, as did Mr. Scott, but all three claim that they were imposed upon by the fake titles, which as pointed out above, passed the inspection of the state department.

As the case involves all stealers, sellers, and buyers of the stolen cars in a charge of criminal conspiracy and as the state wished an investigation and trial as early as possible and as there would be no court in Randolph until March, it was decided to include the Randolph men and other members of the alleged gang in a trial here in Pittsboro. But the action has had the effect of making Chatham appear to be the center of the activities of the band, when as a matter of fact only a few miles were sold to citizens in a community on the extreme border of this county.

Hon. Walter D. Siler, assistant attorney-general, is slated to help Solicitor C. L. Williams prosecute the members of the alleged gang of thieves, and was here with a member of the state automobile department last week helping round up the evidence for presentation to the grand jury.

Whatever of injustice and undesirable publicity may have been given to Messrs. Powers, Jones, and Scott by the concentration of charges in this county, the affair is calculated to make the May term of court here one of considerable interest, and will doubtless bring many spectators, as well as witnesses and attorneys, here for the trial.

Not all of the indicted parties had been arrested at the time of the indictment. Bond for the three Chathamites was fixed at \$2500 each and for others arrested, except Payne, Grier, and Fox, of whom \$10,000 bonds were demanded.

Where the Tug Comes The tug will come between Jones and the Presnells, it is rumored. The Presnells are expected to swear that the Bennett Motor Company folk were the rogues and they are the innocent sellers for them. On the other hand, it should seem easy to prove that the Bennett folk were the victims of this Presnell bunch. There are about a dozen cars involved. Jones sold four bought from the Presnells, he claims, and endorsed the papers in the sale of the rest so that the Presnells might get the cash through the Piedmont Credit Company. There is the rub. It is a matter of character, and Jones has it, or at least the best kind of reputation.

tain in charge of prohibition work—whose right arm weared last summer from writing out discharges for dishonest employees—was kept in the nervous seat by a Senate that put off the business of confirming him on his job.

And as a fitting climax, a naval vessel assigned to junket a party of congressmen and Senators from Washington to Norfolk, got stuck in the Potomac river mud, while the solons waited. Speaking of mud, Engineer Arthur Mason of Chicago informed the House flood committee that there used to be 640 billion fishing worms in the State of Illinois and that unless something was done to protect their survivors from floods, the good old State would never again be what she used to be.

Goldston Items

The members of the Eastern Star will entertain the members of the Mesonic Lodge and their wives of Gulf, Friday evening at the town hall.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. W. L. Goldston's health is not so good, and is taking treatment in a hospital. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Those who were honored by getting on the honor roll last month are the following:

Fourth grade—Herbert Watson. Third grade—Claude haffin. Seventh Grade—Fola Burns and Irene Hilliard.

Holiday we began the sixth month of the school year. School will close early in April.

Court Proceedings

Cases Disposed of And Not Reported In Last Week's Record

Will Davis, misappropriation of coal, plead guilty; judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Odell Pugh, plea of nolo contendere to whiskey charge; costs.

Allie Baldwin plead guilty to possession of booze—six months on the roads, but judgment suspended upon payment of costs and good behavior.

Connell Williams plead guilty to whiskey charge, 12 months on road.

Ed Glover, plead guilty to liquor charge, costs. William Rives and Johnnie Rieves, roads for whiskey making.

Walker Harris, judgment suspended on payment of costs and during good behavior.

Rob Farrington, six months on the roads on liquor charge.

Thomas Mitchell pays \$50 and cost for driving car while drunk.

Ray Peoples—penitentiary 18 mos. on two liquor charges.

Sam Smith, roads 6 months, liquor charge.

E. H. Perry—roads 6 months.

George Alston appeals; bond of \$1000 on liquor charge.

Bob Pugh, year in pen on liquor charge.

Morris Farrington—roads 6 mos. on larceny charge.

Robert Burnett, roads 6 months, larceny.

William Lewter, not guilty.

Celeste Alston, road 12 months, cutting affray. Judgment suspended upon payment of costs and \$200 for Nathan Alston. Nol pros. as to Nathan Alston.

John Griffin, six months, liquor charge.

Lacy Short, liquor, \$10 and cost. (Mr. Short's home was burned the very next day after this trial.)

Hoyle Bynum, abandonment, \$50 and costs.

Isham D. Traffenreid, roads eight months, liquor charge.

Bill Rieves road sentence changed to a fine of \$400 and costs.

Leonard Burns, 60 days on road driving car while drunk.

E. H. Perry's sentence changed to begin March 1; bond of \$1000.

Geo. R. Leach, \$50 and costs.

The trials of four divorce cases were slipped in during the term.

Dossie Bone gets divorce from Lula Bone; Mary Howard released from Jim Howard; Thomas Chavis gets free from Mary Ann Chavis; L. L. Brooks from Grace Montgomery Brooks.

OVER IN NEW HOPE

The Editor Visits Homes In New Hope Township—Increases Mailing List

For quite a while we have been desirous of visiting some of the good homes of New Hope township, getting acquainted with the people, and building up the Record list.

It was late Friday when, accompanied by Mr. J. K. Goodwin, who knows all the people, the roads and even the footpaths, it seems, of that section, we set out for work beyond Moore's bridge. But before reaching that point we waylaid Mr. Leonard Hatly, who was bringing a load of fine cedar to town and put his name upon the Record list.

Right beyond the river is the home of Mrs. J. A. Thomas, aged 75, a sister of Commissioner C. D. Moore, and it was a real treat to stop and chat with her a few minutes. She has a host of sons, daughters and grandchildren, but seems good for several years yet. She started off the list in New Hope for the day, which, despite a very late start, increased 15 in a few hours, including the names of J. Q. Eubanks, A. D. Burgess, Mrs. D. E. Bowling, J. G. Goodwin, T. J. Harwood, P. J. Harwood, L. J. Harwood, K. T. Mitchell, R. L. Dean, G. H. Mason, J. T. Mills, F. B. Horton, J. T. Horton, and a complimentary copy for Bell's school reading room.

That section reminds one of the coastal plains, and is more like Sampson county lands than those about Pittsboro. The coastal plains either jut up into northeast Chatham, or rather the piedmont penetrates the line of the coastal belt here between the Haw and Deep river. The lands are sandy and produce crops like good old Sampson, tobacco being the chief money crop.

It was a pleasure to stop and chat, if for only a few moments, with the good citizens of that section and to meet the ladies of the homes. We feel more as if we really know the people when we have seen them at home.

Mr. D. M. Burgess has a fine little farm. His daughter is teaching on route 2, and John acted as mail boy in carrying a letter ready for the route I man. At Mr. D. E. Bowling's we found a sad state of affairs. Mrs. I. R. Seymour, mother of Mrs. Bowling, was desperately ill of pneumonia. She has been an invalid for several years and this acute illness threatened the end of the life of this good woman. Three or four daughters were with their mother, including Mrs. Holleman who had come down with her husband from Durham.

At Mr. J. G. Goodwin's we learn of the marriage of his son, Garland on new year's day to Miss Esther Wellington, of Fairmont, Robeson county. They came home for a

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Presnells and Payne In The Chatham Jail

Payne, Harcrow, Colin and Elzie Cox Not Yet Arrested—Trial In May

After a preliminary trial of Ben Presnell at Asheboro for shooting Albert Culler, the fellow who turned State's evidence and told of the activities of the band of automobile thieves, and the failure of Presnell to give the \$10,000 bond required, he and Boyd Presnell and Paul Payne were turned over by Randolph county authorities to Sheriff Blair and Deputy Desern of this county and were brought to Pittsboro and lodged in jail to await trial at the May term of court upon the several charges of the indictment found by the Chatham grand jury last week.

C. H. TEAGUE LOSES LIFE IN FALL FROM A BRIDGE

Mr. C. H. Teague, brother of Floyd Teague, who lives a few miles from Pittsboro, and a son of Gilmer Teague, formerly of this county but now living at Carboro, died in a Henderson hospital Friday as a consequence of a fall of about 35 feet from a bridge which he was helping construct over Green River.

Mr. Teague had been working on the bridge as a carpenter since October. His fall was due, it was said, to a mistep. This is the second death to occur in connection with the building of the Green river bridge.

MONCURE BANK COMING

The Express is informed that although in operation only a few months it has deposits to the amount of more than \$100,000. This is a splendid showing and is convincing evidence that somebody is pushing the business.—Sanford Express.

CONGRESSMAN E. W. POU FAVORS TARIFF REVISION

By Helms News Service WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Representative Edward William Pou of North Carolina voted in the house last week with his Democratic colleagues in favor of reopening the tariff schedules for downward relief in the interest of farm relief. The move, however, was defeated by the Republican majority, 183 to 164, but not until after the Senate had adopted a resolution expressing its views that such a revision was desirable at the present time.

Mr. Pou, one of the House veterans, is devoting virtually his entire time to the heavy duties placed upon him by his committee assignments and is not taking an active part in the debates on the floor of the House. Most of the work of

Kimbalton News

Mrs. J. H. Overby and little daughter, Billy, spent Wednesday in Raleigh visiting friends.

Miss Cecil Seawell spent the weekend in Hamlet with friends.

Mr. Albert Mims of Raleigh, was in Brickhaven several days during the week as the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Mims.

Miss Mary Lee Utley, who is spending some time at her home here supplied Monday for Miss Cecil Seawell, principal of the school, who with her brother, Mr. J. C. Seawell attended the funeral of Mr. Bascom Caele at Carthage.

Miss Pauline Brown visited her sister in Pittsboro during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lawton have been spending several days with Mrs. Lawton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Harrington.

Mr. C. S. Harrington and Mr. Will Griffin returned from Currituck last Wednesday and reported a wonderfully successful trip. The party brought back a supply of geese and ducks for the neighbors, to convince them of the genuineness of the report.

Mrs. A. R. D. Johnson and Mr. Arthur Johnson of Raleigh spent a few hours in the village with friends Monday.

Few realized how dependent we were on a small bridge for communication with the outside world until the collapse of the structure over Shaddock's Creek Wednesday.

A. C. P. and L. Truck with transformers and several barrels of oil started over and hearing the bridge crack the driver hastened his speed, managing to get the front of his truck to safety when the pile toppled into the creek, leaving the truck suspended at an angle. A crew of men worked most of one night to extricate it. All traffic was detoured by Corinth making the distance to Moncure about fourteen miles. A temporary bridge has been put in place which strikes terror into the hearts of some who are called on to cross it but we understand a steel bridge will be put into place for permanent use. Since the building of the Cape Fear Steam plant this road has come to be one of the most heavily travelled in the county and the public has long considered the ramshackle affair dangerous and are glad to have its career ended with no loss of life.

It costs a man a lot to live up to his ideals. That's the reason many a man can't afford to get married.