

Sanford Tobacco Market Breaks All Previous Records

More Tobacco on the Opening Day Than Could be Handled on the Three Floors—Thousands of Pounds Carried Away for Lack of Selling Room—Less Than Half the Tobacco on Floor of 3 W's Warehouse Sold Tuesday and Had to be Carried Over and Sold Wednesday Morning—First Sale Put on at Farmers' Warehouse Which was Followed by Sale by Tilly Bros. Sale at 3 W's Warehouse late in the Afternoon—Approximately 200,000 Pounds Sold at an Average Price of \$14.00 Per Hundred—Receipts \$28,000.00 Farmers pleased with Prices

The Sanford tobacco market broke the record in its initial sale of the season last Tuesday. More than twice the tonnage was put on the market than in any one day in any previous season in its history. Something like 100,000 pounds was marketed here one day in 1928. This was the high water mark until Tuesday's sales were put down at approximately 200,000 pounds. The average price was approximately \$14.00 per hundred. The receipts from the sales amounted to \$28,000.00. The highest price paid for tobacco on any of the floors was \$44.00 per hundred. Many piles sold at \$20.00 to \$30.00 per hundred. Many planters were heard to say that their tobacco brought much higher prices than they expected. It goes without saying that they were highly pleased with the prices their tobacco brought and went home rejoicing.

In drawing to see who would put on the first sale Messrs. Jordan and Hester, who are operating the Farmers' Warehouse, were the lucky ones. When the sale opened at their warehouse there was hardly standing room on the floor. The jam was so great that the planters were delayed in unloading their trucks and wagons. When they had finished unloading tobacco covered the entire floor including the driveway. The sale was not finished until after the noon hour. The second sale which was held in the afternoon was at the warehouse of Tilly Bros., across the street. This is the first season that this warehouse is in charge of these hustling young tobaccoists. It is said that in the past few weeks they have visited about one thousand planters in this section and the sales of Tuesday showed it. Planters were on their floor from Randolph county and as far away as the tobacco section around Winston-Salem. Their floor was covered to the doors and some of the tobacco brought in could not be placed for sale.

The sale at the 3 W's Warehouse, which is operated by two experienced tobaccoists, Messrs. W. F. Wood and J. C. Yarborough, who have handled tobacco at this place for several years, opened late in the afternoon and although the warehousemen, auctioneer and buyers worked like Trojans, they could sell more than half of the tobacco on the floor before it became too dark to carry on the sale. This warehouse, which has more space than the others, was also full and running over. The sale had to be finished Wednesday morning before the sale of that date was put on. Prices were much better on all the floors than expected. Even much of the trashy sandbags sold at pretty good prices. The thing that told the story as to the feeling among the planters was the fact that in the big record-breaking sale of tobacco very few tickets were turned and the tobacco carried home.

Much tobacco came in late Monday evening and it continued to come in during the night, not only from Lee, but from Moore, Chatham, Harnett, Randolph, Hoke, Cumberland and other counties. When the sales opened Tuesday morning all the parking space on the streets leading to the Warehouses and even much of the business section of the town was taken up by cars, trucks and wagons. It reminded one of a visit of John Robinson's circus. The circus always brings a big crowd to Sanford. At the noon hour the cafes were crowded with people and the coca-cola and weenie stands were doing a big business. It is predicted that as a result of this record-breaking sale, and the good daily sales that will no doubt follow all through the season, there will be a re-drying plant, and perhaps one, if not two, additional warehouses built in Sanford by the opening of the next season. The merchants and other business men of Sanford and all who are concerned in the success of the Sanford tobacco market believe that should as much as 5,000,000 pounds find sale on the local market this season it means that Sanford will be on the map as

permanent growing tobacco market and will take its place along with Henderson, Greenville, Rocky Mount and other larger markets of the State. If all will pull together there is no reason why this should not be consummated within the next few years. This unprecedented opening day has had a tendency to put new life in things and has given the town and section a tremendous boost. Let every business man and citizen of the town put their shoulders to the wheel and keep the thing going till every pound of tobacco in the territory of the Sanford tobacco market is sold and then help to put across a movement to increase the facilities for handling the crop in 1931. The opportunity is in our grasp. We will know pretty soon as to whether or not we are going to use it.

A gentleman who has been on tobacco markets for 21 years, watched the sales here Tuesday and stated that it was one of the most successful opening sales he has attended in five years, viewing it from every angle. One planter was heard to say when the market opened that if he did not get \$25.00 per hundred for his tobacco he would turn the tickets, take his tobacco off the floor, kiss Sanford good-bye and never return again. Later he was pleased to find that his lot of tobacco sold at \$30.00 per hundred and with a smile on his face he said Sanford would see him later.

In order to accommodate the planters the two local banks remained open till a late hour Tuesday evening to cash their checks. This was the first time it was found necessary to do this in the history of the tobacco market.

THE TIME FOR TOBACCO GROWERS TO ORGANIZE IS NOW.

The states growing bright tobacco are equally interested in securing better prices, and Mr. Frank Page is right in saying they should co-operate. As head of the Southeastern Regional Council Mr. Page will use all his influence to secure united action of the other states. This, however, should in no way affect the movement, which is led week by tobacco growers of North Carolina to organize a North Carolina Co-operative Tobacco Association. If North Carolina growers wish better prices, the essential thing to do is to organize now. Too much time has already been lost. South Carolina has effected an organization. Georgia and Virginia will do likewise. If each State waits on the other, how long before there will be an effective organization?

North Carolina should lead the movement. Help can come in no other way. When this State has perfected a Tobacco Co-operative Association, it will confer with the other tobacco growing states and Mr. Page will aid through the Southeastern Regional Council.

The time to strike in North Carolina is when the iron is hot. North Carolina tobacco growers alone have the power to effect some improvement. North Carolina organized and militant will be ready to join with four-state organization. But if North Carolina waits for others to move it the other states and aid in a whole will make a serious mistake.

The time to organize in North Carolina is now. The other states will fall in line!—News and Observer.

JOHNSON TALKS ABOUT TALC

For twenty years or more the mining of soap stone or talc has been carried on in the Deep River Valley in Moore County. The first mine was opened at Glendon and carried on with more or less success for a number of years. The Glendon mine was finally abandoned and a new mine opened at Hemp further up the river four or five years ago. The mine at Hemp has proven a success. In fact it is the largest talc mine in the world. That is they mine talc there in greater quantities than anywhere else.

These facts were brought out in a talk before the Rotary club Tuesday by Mr. Johnson who is with the Standard Mineral Company, which operates the Hemp mine. Talc is used in a variety of ways. One of its chief uses is found in the making of talc powder. It is also used in the making of soaps. Mr. Johnson had on display pieces of soapstone as talc in crude form as taken out of the mine. He also exhibited boxes containing talc powder and soap which is now being put up by the company. Thirty-five men are employed at the mine.

Among visiting Rotarians were Cleve Spayer, secretary of the Ashboro club, which will play host at an inter-city meeting October 3rd. The Sanford club will be represented by ten or more members at this meeting.

FIVE COTTON BUYERS ON SANFORD MARKET

It is Expected There Will Be Strong Competitive Buying Which Will Strengthen the Market And Be a Strong Inducement For the Farmers in This Section to Put Their Cotton on the Sanford Market—Cotton Growers' Association Will Also Handle Cotton Here.

The Sanford tobacco market has not only had the greatest boost in the history of the market which was opened in 1912, 18 years ago, but it seems that there is going to be unusual activity on the local cotton market through competitive buying. This paper has often stated that Sanford is the logical place for a tobacco market for all this section of the belt. This will also hold good relative to a cotton market. Sanford is in the center of a good cotton growing section and is accessible to all this territory by good highways. Much of the land in a radius of 25 miles of Sanford is not only well adapted to the culture of cotton, but produces a superior quality of lint which is in great demand by the cotton mills of the country.

Sanford has five buyers this season. They are Wilkins-Ricks Company, Sanford Cotton Mill Company, Palmer & Reeves, Ray Barnes and Paul Kelly. Mr. Austin McCormick and Mr. E. D. Nall are in the market for large lots, but they will not buy on the local market in small lots. The Co-operative Marketing Association is also handling cotton at this place. All these buyers have had experience in handling cotton—at some years of experience here and at other places. Wilkins-Ricks Company have been on the market for twenty years or more, and are well known to the farmers throughout this section. Mr. Jeff Johnson, who has been with this concern for several years, is buying for them this season. He is handling cotton at the Wilkins-Ricks Company house near the track of the Atlantic & Yadkin Railroad, where it is being weighed and graded. The Sanford Cotton Mills Company has also bought cotton on this market since the mill was constructed years ago. They have a modern ginning system which is now in operation at their mill. They gin the cotton for the farmers and buy it right at the gin, which saves the farmer the trouble of moving it, if they wish to sell. They pay the highest market price and work the cotton up at their mill.

Mr. Palmer, who was with Wilkins-Ricks Company for a number of years, before going into business for himself, has also handled cotton on the local market from year to year. He is buying at his place of business on Endor street. Mr. Barnes, who was also with Wilkins-Ricks Company till he went into the fertilizer business last spring, has made arrangements to buy cotton at Wilkins-Ricks warehouse. Mr. Kelly has built a platform near his gin and stands ready to buy the cotton after he has ginned it for the farmers. He is now operating his gin and the farmers can have it ginned and sell it on the spot. Mr. McCormick has been in the cotton business for years and has handled it in big lots for large companies. He has made Sanford his headquarters for a number of years and bought cotton here and other places throughout this section. Mr. Nall has from time to time handled cotton on the Sanford market and is well known to the farmers throughout this section.

Like the tobacco market, there is promise of a better cotton market here than in years. The buyers are prepared to pay the market price and invite the farmers to bring in a load of cotton and give them a trial. The cotton platform between Chatham street and the Seaboard side tracks where cotton was sold for years, has been torn away by the railroad company. They were not willing for the platform to remain on their property and be used by people who shipped the cotton away in trucks.

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LIBRARY NOTES.

The Sanford Library has been given three books by the trustees under the will of Mary Baker Eddy. These books are on our shelves and are to be circulated free of charge. The titles are: "Life of Mary Baker Eddy," by Sibyl Wilbur; "Science and Health," by Mary Baker Eddy; "Miscellaneous Writings," by Mary Baker Eddy.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE.

Cool Springs Baptist church will hold a baptismal service next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at J. T. Drane's fish pond, near the church.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Long spent the week-end in Mount and Martin Counties. They attended the funeral of Mr. J. L. Whiting in Wilson Sunday.

Dr. C. P. Wilson, eye specialist, has located in Sanford for the practice of his profession. He is located in the Post Office building.

Dr. Lynn Meyer has moved his office from Moore street to rooms on the second floor of the Wilkins-Ricks building on Steel street.

The Sanford Police Department will give a banquet at the Carolina Hotel at 7 o'clock tonight in honor of the Board of Aldermen and city officials. Charles Cheek, Jr., who has been in the West for some time, recently came to Sanford and is now in the employ of Mr. C. Burwell, who is buying tobacco for the local market for the Export Tobacco Company. Charles Cheek's brother, who for the past two or three years has been making his home in Raleigh, has returned to Sanford and is now teaching in the Sanford High school.

A few days ago the Jewish stores Tuesday and Wednesday in observance of Rosh Hashana, or the Jewish new year, which began at sunset Monday. Sometimes Jews of Sanford go to larger cities of the state to celebrate this occasion. In common with the rest of the world, local Jews will come the year 5691 of the Hebrew calendar, and begin a ten day period of special worship and penitence which will end with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, the holiest day of the Jewish year.

Mr. Archie Dyer, of Orlando, Fla., who spent the summer with relatives at Fayetteville, who came to Sanford to attend the funeral of Mr. W. T. Buchanan, has been spending more normal days in Sanford and this section. Mr. Dyer tells The Express that the outlook for the tourist and other business is better in Florida than it has been for several years. This is an encouraging note normal to the people. Preparations are being made for a big tourist season.

The Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association seems to be gaining ground in this section and this fall there will probably be more cotton placed in warehouses by them than in any previous season. They will have two storage houses in the county, at Sanford and Henderson. In fact the throughout this section. Edward Purdie, prominent business man and farmer of Dunn, and also director of the Cotton Growers' Association, said in a letter to the Association September 18, that more than 50 per cent of the cotton coming to Dunn, which is the largest wagon cotton market in the State, was being delivered to the association.

Mayor W. R. Williams made a business trip to New York last week, suddenly became air minded. His anxiety to get back to Sanford in record-breaking time caused him to take to the air while covering the distance from New York to Washington. He left New York last Sunday morning in a 10 passenger monoplane, traveling at the rate of 110 miles per hour. The big airship was not long in making the trip from the metropolis to the Capital. His experience was somewhat thrilling while the big ship was taking to the air, but after it had gotten under way everything ran smoothly and the trip was without incident or mishap. While the Mayor is a hustler this was a little faster than he has ever been hurried through space before. These big airships now make daily schedules between New York and Washington.

Rev. G. R. Underwood was suddenly taken ill at the dinner table at his home near Pittsboro on Tuesday, last week, and for awhile it was feared that he would not survive. However, he improved and was able to see many friends who called to join him in celebrating his birthday on last Saturday, 20th. He seemed to be in good spirits and expressed pleasure at having his friends and neighbors call and felicitate him on his natal day. Mr. and Mrs. Underwood had planned to move to Sanford this week, but will not be able to come till Mr. Underwood is stronger. It is hoped by their host of friends in Sanford and throughout this section that they will be able to move down soon.

LOCAL DEALER ANNOUNCES FORD DE LUXE CAR WEEK

J. W. Kirkpatrick, of the Triangle Motor Company, local Ford dealers, announced today that they will hold a special showing of Ford De Luxe cars during the current week. During this week, Mr. Kirkpatrick said, De Luxe cars will be featured in the local show room, so that residents of Sanford will have an opportunity to inspect the various body types and learn of their unusual appointments. Special literature describing the De Luxe cars will be available.

JONESBORO CIRCUIT.

M. E. Church, South.

(IVEY T. POOLE, PASTOR.)

Services for Sunday, September 28: 11 a. m.—Lemon Springs. 3 p. m.—Morris Chapel. 7:30 p. m.—Jonesboro. Public cordially invited to all services.

NOTICE.

The local Chapter U. D. C. will meet Thursday, October 2nd, at the home of Mrs. L. M. Thompson.

EFIRD'S ARE COMING TO SANFORD

Have Leased the Building Now Occupied by Williams-Belk Company from John Kennedy and Will Move in as soon as they Can Move Out

The people of Sanford and this section will be interested to know that Mr. John Kennedy was in Charlotte Wednesday and signed a lease with the Efrid Department Store, of that city, for the rental of the store building on Steele Street now occupied by Williams-Belk Company, who are preparing to move to the Wilkins-Ricks stand across the street in a few days. The head of the Efrid Department stores informed Mr. Kennedy that they would open a stock of goods in his building as soon as it is vacated by Williams-Belk Company. The lease dates October 1st. The Efrid Department stores is one of the biggest concerns of its kind in the State and is financially very strong. They have stores in 46 towns in this and other States. We shall have more to say about their plans of opening a store here next week.

KIWANIS NOTES.

The Kiwanis Club held its regular weekly meeting at the Carolina Hotel last Friday evening. "America" was rendered by the members of the club while facing the flag with Miss Louise Futrell at the piano. The visitors were Miss Aileen McMillan, music director in the Sanford High School, and Captain Dan B. King, of Battery E, 113th Field Artillery. After dinner Kirkpatrick, chairman of the program committee, made a talk telling about the trip of the committee which went to Henderson and Richmond to discuss the Sanford tobacco market with representatives of the big tobacco companies and get their cooperation in securing the highest market prices for the crop on the local market. He expressed the opinion that there would be at least five hundred thousand pounds sold on the Sanford market this season. Miss McMillan delighted the members of the club by her story, rendering three solos on the piano.

Last week being Constitutional week, which was observed by Kiwanis Clubs all over the nation, Capt. King, at the invitation of the program committee, made a most interesting and instructive talk on the Constitution. He gave a brief history of the Constitution, told of its origin and some of the things it stands for. He stated arrangements had been made for Battery E, 113th Field Artillery, to attend the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain, which will be observed at the battle ground on the 7th of October, and that the Battery will have the honor of being one of the military units that will accompany President Hoover, who will attend the celebration, and be the guest of honor of the occasion.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the Carolina Hotel Friday night at the regular hour.

J. D. COLE DIES AT HOME IN CARBONTON

J. D. Cole, aged 69, prominent merchant and farmer, died at his home in Caribnton Tuesday following an illness of four months. Mr. Cole, whose wife preceded him to the grave by seven years, was held in high esteem by a host of friends who join the four surviving children in their bereavement. Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the Bethany Baptist Church, of which the deceased was a faithful member, with the pastor, Rev. E. W. Byerly, officiating. Interment followed in the cemetery at the church.

The Sapona Mills, Inc., are now running full blast. They have since they started been operating with seed shipped from Georgia. As the gins are now in operation in this section they will be able from now on to buy seed in Lee and other counties in this section. They expect a good season.

The finishing touches are now being put on the work of re-modeling the Wilkins-Ricks store building which will be occupied by Williams-Belk Company when the work is finished. They hope to be able to move in by the first of October.

HOSPITAL CONTRACT SIGNED.

The contract for the construction of Lee County Hospital has been executed with J. W. Stout & Co., Incorporated, and the contracting company has furnished surety bond in the sum of \$87,900 through the American Bonding Company, of Baltimore, a corporation with total assets of one and three quarter million dollars.

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A TREAT IN STORE FOR FOOTBALL FANS

Sanford and the Fast Eleven from Greensboro to Try Conclusions of the Local Field Friday Afternoon at 3:45—Schedule of Games for the Season

Probably the biggest treat for fans in this section in the way of a football game will be run off here Friday on the local gridiron at 3:45 when Coach Warrick's "Yellow Jackets" will encounter the fast eleven from the Gate City. By defeating Candor 19-0 the local squad in last Friday's initial game revealed that it is going to make trouble for somebody. The team is some heavier and more experienced than last year's club, and the boys have been through some stiff practice this week while priming for the game. It is thought that the game here Friday with Greensboro is going to be one of the best of the entire season, as the local team is seeking revenge of the licking it received at the hands of the Greensboro team last season.

Norman Kelly, who is no stranger to foot ball enthusiasts, will captain the team and probably lead in offensive playing although Coach Warrick has some good backfield material in Suggs, Newman, Snipes, Hubbard Stout and Wilkie, who is alternating at Guard and Fullback positions. Veterans in the line are Brown, Wicker, Buchanan, Cox, and Palmer with Conder, Orr, Vick, Thomas, Byerly, Bowers, and Gregson as new line material. Schedule for the teams for the remainder of the season is as follows:

October 3, Apex here.
October 10, Dunn, here.
October 17, Fayetteville there.
October 24, High Point here.
October 31, Siler City, there.

OTTO WOOD MAKES HIGH POINT CALL; GIRL KIDNAPPED.

Otto Wood, North Carolina's most celebrated prisoner, spent Thursday night in High Point and left there Friday morning about 10 o'clock in an automobile after he and Mrs. Robert Wood, his sister-in-law, had enticed away the latter's six-year old daughter, Lucile, from a High Point school. Her older daughter, Pansy, refused to go with her mother and Otto and went home and told her grandmother of the incident and the latter telephoned the police.

Friday afternoon about 4 o'clock Forsyth county officers discovered an abandoned car they suspected of being the one Otto had used on the trip to High Point and watched it for several hours but Otto and his companion did not return. The car is said to have contained a license plate stolen from a guard at state prison and in it was also found a picture of Otto and a suitcase containing some woman's clothing. The car was seen in High Point and is said to have had a Wisconsin dealer's tag on it. It was a Buick coupe. A news dispatch from Winston-Salem said it was thought the car had been stolen at Roanoke, Virginia.

Some two weeks ago it was revealed in High Point that the children of Mrs. Robert Wood, widow of Otto's brother, who had been missing ever since Otto made his last escape, had received cards from their mother from Western States, the last from California. She signed her name Mrs. O. H. Wood, the initials of Otto.

BATTERY "E" TO KING'S MOUNTAIN

Battery "E" of the 113th Field Artillery, our local military organization has received an invitation to attend the Sesqui-Centennial celebration at King's Mountain October 7th. The President of the United States will be the guest of honor and it is a mark of distinction for any military organization to be selected and invited to participate in the military parade and pageant to be given.

The funds necessary for this are not available from the State Treasury and the local citizens and business men will be asked to help in this cause. This is, perhaps, the largest celebration of its kind ever to be held in the South, and Sanford is fortunate to be represented by a selected group of young men, and we feel sure that they will acquit themselves with the same credit they have employed since their organization. Let us help them in every way possible in this undertaking.

Captain King informs us that the entire strength of sixty five men will be in attendance.

His friends will be sorry to learn that Mr. N. G. Avent, who has been seriously ill at his home for some time, does not improve.

MAJOR STEDMAN DEAD

Last of the Confederates Who Served in Congress Passes Away in His Ninetieth Year.

Major Charles Manly Stedman, who represented the Fifth North Carolina district in Congress for nearly twenty years, and who was in his ninetieth year, died in Washington Tuesday. The body was taken to Fayetteville, where Major Stedman once lived and the funeral was held today in the presence of a large concourse of people, many prominent men coming from other states to attend the funeral.

Major Stedman, who was born in Pittsboro in 1841, was the last survivor of the Civil War to serve in Congress. Of him the Washington Star says editorially:

"Members of Congress from every State in the Union today are expressing their sentiments of personal loss at the passing of Major Stedman, who has been a close friend to each of them—by virtue of his age and patriotic appearance, as well as by his friendly interest, the grand daddy of them all."

"He was a courtly Southern gentleman, typifying the best of Southern traditions," was the epitome of their tributes.

"Oh, the host of Southerners who, after laying aside the gray of Lee's battalions, went to Congress to serve the nation from which they had fought to secede. Charles Manly Stedman remained long after the last of his one-time comrades and foes in arms had passed from the roll calls of the house and senate."

"Elected when nearly 70 years of age to the 62nd congress as a Democrat from the Fifth North Carolina district, his period of continuous service extended for a number of years after the death of Representative Isaac C. Cherwood, of Ohio, the last of the army in blue to hold a seat in the house."

"Stedman and Sherwood, both Democrats, became warm personal friends during their service in the house. Many times they joked and swapped stories of the days when they were on opposite sides of the firing line, one a major in the Confederate army and the other a brigadier general under Grant."

"In his closing years in the house, Major Stedman was the recipient of many honors from his colleagues. Upon his 85th birthday the house accorded him the unusual honor of suspending proceedings to pay him tribute. He was asked to come to the well in front of the speaker's chair while each member on the floor formed in line to file past and grasp his hand."

"At that time Representative Tilson, of Connecticut, the Republican leader and Representative Garrett, of Tennessee, the Democratic leader, both spoke in high praise of the veteran Confederate who, although with white hair and gray beard, carried himself with military erectness of his younger days."

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Underwood and Mr. and Mrs. P. H. St. Clair went to Greensboro Wednesday evening and witnessed the "Passion Play" in the auditorium of the Aycock Memorial building at the North Carolina College for Women at night.

FRIEBURG PASSION PLAY WILL BE PLAYED IN DURHAM NEARLY 700 YEARS AFTER ITS FIRST NIGHT.

Nearly 700 years after its first night, the Frieburg Passion Play will open at the Duke University Auditorium on September 29, for only two days. Old enough to make Shakespeare's work seem recent, the drama of Christ's suffering and death for mankind still has the power to crowd theatres and auditoriums to capacity. It has been estimated that more than 60,000 Americans will visit Oberammergau this summer to view that production of the Passion Play. However, to Durham and at moderate price, an even older company with a huge setting will bring the beautiful dramatization of the story of God's love of His children.

Hereditary about 1760.

The Frieburg Passion Play was first produced in 1264, according to authentic documents in possession of the Frieburg town council.

Church records indicate that the play began on a very simple scale as a means of imparting religious information. It has been produced regularly since the thirteenth century. About 1760 the parts were made hereditary, that of the Christus being given to the Fassnacht family. Adolph Fassnacht now plays Christus.

Nearly fifty Frieburgers are included in the company which is coming to Durham. All of them have devoted their lives to presenting the story of Christ's passion.

The Parent-Teacher's Association of the Junior High School, sponsors of the Passion Play, report that from the many reservations and inquiries they are receiving, they feel sure that many of our home town people are going to attend this famous old drama during the two days that it will be in Durham.