

WHEAT PROBLEM VERY SERIOUS

Coolidge Passes It to Wallace

Coolidge Administration Faces the Problem of Rescuing from Ruin the Grain Growers.

(By David F. St. Clair)
Washington, Sept. 26.—The Coolidge administration has now come face to face with its second great difficulty—believed to be from the standpoint of politics the most difficult problem of all—the price of wheat at the threshold of the Western farm. The first problem was the coal strike and the President passed the buck over to Governor Pinchot who in turn passed it on to the consuming public with additional 60 cents a ton on coal.

On the wheat problem Senator Capper, head of the farm bloc in Congress and Senator Borah who usually drives a one horse team of his own, have passed the buck to the President who in turn passes it to Secretary of Agriculture, Wallace. Poor Mr. Wallace has been for months laboring under a cloud of accusations and threats of farm leaders, is now given an opportunity to either make or break himself completely. He is assigned the task of rescuing the grain growers in a dozen heretofore big Republican States from bankruptcy and ruin. His solution, if he has any, is to be forthcoming this week. From what he has been saying all along on this subject, it is surmised that he is no nearer a solution than Capper or Borah or Broohart or Magnus Johnson.

The fundamental facts are that the farmers in the great wheat belt want to raise all the wheat they can grow because it is the easiest and practically the only crop that can be produced on the land. They want the government to guarantee them a stable price of \$1.75 per bushel. They are now getting less than 90 cents per bushel and are losing from 30 to 40 cents on every bushel. These wheat growers are saying the government can afford to guarantee the \$1.75 stable price if it cut in two the 22 cents in the Esch-Cummins rail-road law and will co-operate with Europe in some way to open its food markets to American wheat.

Whether the reduction in freight rates by one-half and the co-operation with Europe so as to open more markets there would from the standpoint of mathematics justify the government in stabilizing wheat at \$1.75 per bushel, is regarded as a question for speculation. But the Republican party as now controlled by its financial interests and psychological fears, has no intention of either reducing freight rates on wheat or making any advances to Europe to aid it in extending its markets. The railroads are crying out that they will all go to the wall if freight is reduced and the irreconcilables threaten destruction of the party if there is any "meddling" in Europe.

In the face of such a prospect the President is demanding some sort of a solution, a program, a way out before he is willing to assume the responsibility of calling congress into an extra session. Borah and Capper who have passed the buck to the President, are saying he is right. They of course do not want the buck passed back to them but Broohart is demanding that if Coolidge can not find a way to let congress find it. But the present managers of the Republican party do not want this congress to find anything if it can be helped. In the meantime the Autumn is slipping by and the West is going from bad to worse over into a great campaign year.

The Democrats who are standing in the wings of the stage, eager to occupy its center, are telling the country that the only two immediate practical ways of relieving the situation are to reduce freight rates because the railroads are prosperous and can afford reduction, and reduce the tariff of all commodities and goods the farmer has to buy. Both these reductions, they point out, will help to raise the farmer's dollar to an equality with the dollar of the manufacturer and the mill hand who is paid one dollar per day. As they see it, it is an economic battle between the man in the field and the man in the mill and the one is armed with a club and the other with a machine gun.

But the Democrats know their opponents have even less intention of lowering the tariff than in joining the league of nations. The Democrats frankly predict the Coolidge administration will not be able to make this second hurdle without a bruise.

LAND SALE LAST SATURDAY

The land sale conducted by Mr. E. H. Morris, at the Hopkins place south of Asheboro, last Saturday, was a success. Grimes and Clark, of High Point, were the auctioneers. Sixty-eight lots were sold at fair prices. The Ford car was won by Mrs. E. W. Callicutt, of Union township.

LITTLE MARIETTA FOX DIES OF TONSILLITIS

Marietta Fox, of Franklinville, died last night of tonsillitis. She was seven years old and a daughter of Dr. T. I. Fox, who died a few weeks ago. The little girl attended the funeral of her aunt, Miss Cora Fox, Tuesday of this week and appeared to be in good health. A more complete account of her death will appear in the next issue of The Courier.

NOTED PEOPLE VISIT ASHEBORO

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Carson and Miss McAlister had as their guests recently, Mrs. William H. Bagley and her daughters, Mrs. Josephus Daniels of Raleigh and Ethel Bagley of Washington, D. C. and Mr. Frank Daniels of Raleigh.

The party made the trip by auto from Raleigh to Pittsboro where several hours were spent with relatives, then on to Asheboro. Mrs. Bagley who was Miss Adelaide Worth, daughter of the late Governor Jonathan Worth and a sister of Mrs. Elvira Worth Moffitt spent her early girlhood in Asheboro in the home of her father located on the lots now owned by Mr. D. B. McCrary and Mr. Sam Walker. Mrs. Bagley was amazed at the growth of Asheboro and was proud of the beautiful homes and splendid business houses of what to her memory was a village of less than a hundred souls. She declared that she could never have located the former home place had it not been for the old supergnon vine in the yard as a landmark.

The party, joined by Mr. Hal M. Worth, motored to Old Center meeting house in Guilford county where several hours were spent in locating the graves of members of the family in the old grave yard, and in visiting the site of the old Worth homestead some distance from the meeting house.

Time proves that even if one's lot is to dwell in distant places: "There is a spirit of a place."

That calls us through time and space,
A sky above, a soil beneath,
Appealing from our native heath."

Mis-Spelled Word Contest Closes—Prize Winners Announced.

The Courier's mis-spelled word contest, which began June 21, ended September 13. Much interest was shown in the contest. When the final check was made, the results were as follows:

The total number of words mis-spelled was found to be 163. Miss Dora Freeman, Ulah, won the first prize of \$10.00, having sent in the highest number of words, that number being 145; Mrs. Calvin Cox, Ramseur, won the second prize of \$8.00 with her list of 141 words; and Miss Lennie Burkhead, of Asheboro, won the third prize of \$7.00 with a list of 139 words.

Others deserving special mention for large numbers of words sent in are Mesdames C. E. Hughes, R. J. McDonald, W. S. Brower, C. E. Baldwin, and W. D. Smith. Misses Bonie Sheffield, Eugenia Harper, Johnnie Vanwerry, Jackie Brooks, Pauline Phillips, and Alma Presnell, Messrs. Ralph McDonald and C. W. Prevost.

Miss Jackie Brooks of Asheboro sent in 138 words; and Mrs. C. E. Hughes, also, of Asheboro, 135 words.

M. E. MATTERS

W. H. Willis

Maxton, N. C., was the writer's first charge after leaving college. After a lapse of 31 years he goes back there next week to assist in a revival meeting.

Three weeks from today the Annual Conference meets at Winston-Salem. Bishop Dewey will preside. Asheboro expects to send up her usual financial report in full.

Rev. W. B. Thompson is assisting pastor Ruth in a meeting at Eleazer this week.

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Preaching both hours Sunday by the pastor. Morning topic, "The Elder Brother."

ANOTHER LAWYER LOCATED IN ASHEBORO

Mr. J. Von Wilson, of Robeson county, has located in Asheboro this week for the practice of law. He will be associated with the firm of Hammer and Moser and the style of the firm will be Hammer-Moser and Wilson.

Mr. Wilson received his education at Mars Hill College and at the University of North Carolina and comes recommended very highly both as to his ability and equipment for the practice of law, and character and standing as a man. Mr. Wilson will have his office on the first floor of the law building, the second office from the street where Mr. Hammer makes his office. Mr. Moser will retain his office upstairs in the Brooks building, near by the law building where he has been this summer. The firm will continue to do a general practice.

SPECIAL SERVICE AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

For a number of years the Sunday school board of the Southern Baptist convention, located at Nashville, Tenn., has been preparing a State Mission Program for the last Sunday in September, to be rendered by the Baptist Sunday schools and churches throughout Southland. On account of some delay in preparation the Sunday school will not be able to put on its program until a few days later. But we are glad to announce that the Woman's Missionary Society of the church will put on a splendid program at the evening preaching hour, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. In addition to the home talent, Miss Mollie Patterson, of Greensboro, who is president of the W. M. U.'s of this Piedmont Association will be present and speak, also the Sunbeam leader of the Association. The pastor will preach at the morning service on "God's Supreme and Universal Ownership."
J. W. ROSE, Pastor.

RANDOLPH COUNTY FAIR OPENED YESTERDAY—GOOD ATTENDANCE

Educational Day Was Observed and Large Numbers of School Children from All Sections of County Were Present—Airplane Here

The Randolph County Fair was formally opened by Dr. J. G. Crutchfield, president of the Fair Association, at nine o'clock yesterday morning. The gates were opened and people from all sections of the county began to flock in. This is the third fair which has been held in Asheboro in a long time. Two years were held at Ramseur. The grounds were purchased four years ago, adequate buildings were erected, and today the Randolph fair grounds are equipped equal if not superior to those of any county in the State.

Yesterday was Educational Day and every school child in the county was admitted free. There were probably ten thousand people within the gates and splendid community spirit was prevalent in the county.

The main exhibit building is crowded with exhibits as well as the agricultural building, poultry building and the animal building and all livestock quarters.

On the North section of the grounds is found all kinds of amusements, which Dr. Crutchfield, president of the fair, says will be censored and only the things which are lighted will be allowed to show.

Early yesterday morning around Manager York's office people were entering exhibits.

The Pantry Department, under the direction of Mesdames L. M. Cranford and W. A. Underwood, would make the usual visitor hungry. In this department is found all kinds of cakes, pies, candies, preserves and jellies; everything showing the special skill for which the Randolph County women are noted.

The Children's Department, under the auspices of Mesdames C. C. Harrelson and W. C. York, is of especial interest. This department has been separated from the various departments and only exhibits from children are admitted. The children of the county have shown talents in not only culinary line but in art, dress making and in canning and preserving.

Mrs. J. T. Underwood and Mrs. J. D. Ross, custodians of the Art Department, say that this line of exhibits far exceed that of any ever shown in this county. Of especial interest are the handpainted china, water-color, oil paintings, and crayon drawing. The ladies in charge of this department are particularly pleased over the fact that so many young ladies of the county are showing talent in this line of work.

The basket display in this department is probably the largest ever assembled in North Carolina. Of particular interest are the baskets made from pine needles and decorated with the North Carolina toast and painting of the long leaf pine. The beaded baskets on display are also attracting much attention. The flowers made of tissue paper from the different sections of the county are of much interest.

Mrs. John K. Wood with her committee on flowers spent practically all Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning arranging a large display of potted plants and flowers. Mrs. Wood was in charge of this department last year and says that the entries are probably as much as three times as large as any previous year. Almost any kind of plant which is grown in North Carolina is found on exhibit.

Another interesting exhibit is that of Mr. J. H. Owens potter shop. Mr. Owens is a potter by heredity. He has manufactured from Randolph county clay most artistic designs, such as cases, pitchers, teapots, candlesticks and all kinds of beautiful pottery.

The fancy work department, for which Randolph county has been especially famed, is larger than ever before. Mesdames C. L. Cranford, C. C. Cranford and Gurney Millikan have recorded the largest number of pieces of fancy work on record.

Of especial interest in this section is the old ladies' section in which are exhibits made only by old ladies who are more than 70 years of age. In this section may be found most beautiful rugs, centerpieces, quilts and

work. One of the items of especial interest is an old quilt exhibited by Mrs. J. E. Walker, of Asheboro. Another item of interest is an old dress and hat displayed by Mrs. G. M. Nance. These articles are more than 250 years old.

Another department in this section is the infant's department in which all kinds of clothing and fancy work is shown. The ladies in charge of this department say that they have had to add a great deal more space for the housing of their department.

The baby show was one of the busiest sections in the main exhibit building. It is under the direction of Miss Rosa Rush, a trained nurse, and a corps of able assistants.

Across from the baby show is an exhibit from the Memorial Hospital, an institution in Asheboro which has not only been of the greatest benefit to the town but to the county as well.

An unusual feature of this fair is the relic section, under the direction of Mr. W. R. Poole, Randleman, N. C. Route 3. It is doubtful if any county in North Carolina or any other state can assemble a more interesting lot of relics than are found here.

Some of the following articles are of particular interest. Mr. H. H. Dougan, whose father was a physician in the Indian Territory many years, has among the exhibits a display of Indian relics and animal skin robe which is made from the skins of several animals, a picture of the Governor of Oklahoma when she was admitted as a state; a scarf made by an Indian squaw and presented to Dr. Dougan.

Other items of interest in this section are a flint and steel lock found on the premises of Mr. Pool's father during the Revolutionary war and an old gun exhibited by Dr. J. G. Crutchfield which was used in the Civil War by Stonewall Jackson's nephew; also an old horn worn by the Indians in 1812, given to Mr. Nathan Hill and exhibited by Mrs. Lillian Hill Thornburg. A forty-four Colt's pistol which belongs to Mr. W. E. Pool and was carried by his father, T. I. Pool, all through the Civil war. He was a member of the North Carolina cavalry and was under the command of a Guilford county citizen.

An old waist belonging to Mrs. R. I. Dickens made from silk which was brought from London 45 years ago; an old tomhawk plowed up on Thomas Redding's farm and belonging to Mrs. E. B. Bulla; silver spoons made from silver dollars, belonging to Mrs. John K. Wood's mother. Another interesting item is a John Bull clock made in England, owned by W. C. York. Probably of the most interest to farmers are two old mill stones used during the Revolutionary War and owned by the great grandfather of the late John F. Jarrell. It seems to be made of petrified rock and was run by hand power and later by water power.

Mr. Pool says if the interest continues in this department it will have to have many times the size that the exhibit now occupies.

In this main exhibit building are found exhibits from different business enterprises all of which are most creditable. The War Mothers and Ladies Aid society are selling food for the benefit of their respective organizations.

Another interesting exhibit to the farmers is that of the Delco Light demonstration. A Delco Light plant will be given away Saturday at 12 o'clock.

The agricultural display is probably one of the largest ever exhibited. It comprises every kind of product which any county can produce. Under the direction of Mr. Troy Redding the exhibits have been tastefully placed and are making splendid showing. Every Randolph County citizen should look upon this display with pride and go home with the determination to let the soil of Randolph County produce what it is capable of doing.

This display has been given a larger space and is this year shown in what was heretofore known as the

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PRIZE CONTEST OF RAMSEUR CHURCH CLOSSES

Last week the Sunbeam Society of the Ramseur Baptist church had an interesting meeting to award prizes in a contest in flower garden work. The aim was to interest the children in beautifying the home and to cultivate a love of the beautiful. Prizes had been offered to those having the most beautiful flower gardens. All entering the contest were required to bring flowers during the season for the church and the sick of the community, and to save flower seed to be sent in a missionary box to some foreign mission school or hospital. Seven gardens were entered for the contest. The judges decided there was a tie for both the first and the second prizes. The first prizes were subscriptions to "Everyland", which is doubtless the best boys' and girls' missionary and world friendship magazine published, an undenominational paper. Subscriptions were given to Louise Thomas and Annie Lee Brewer. The second prizes went to William Henry Leonard, and to Ralph and Ethel Wilson, which were nicely bound copies of the New Testament, and also to Master Leonard went the Royal Ambassador pin, he being the president of this boys' missionary society. Small awards went to all others entering the contest. Much interest was aroused among the children, and promise is given of much more general interest for another season.

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HOOVER REUNION NEXT SUNDAY AT HANNERSVILLE

An event which promises to be well attended is the Hoover reunion which takes place next Sunday at the home of Mrs. Julia Plummer at Hannersville.

The Hoover family is large, it is of German descent, three of the men settling in this country soon after the Revolutionary war.

Mr. R. A. Gaddis, of Asheboro, is a member of the family, his mother being before marriage a Miss Hoover. Mr. Gaddis and family will attend the reunion.

FORMER RANDOLPH CITIZEN DIES IN CANADA

Mr. Samuel Ferree, son of the late Reuben M. Ferree died at Daysland, Canada last week. He left Randolph county at the age of seventeen years and went west where he remained until eight years ago, when he moved to Lesser Slave Lake, Canada, where he has since been engaged in farming. Mr. Ferree was unmarried.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Laura M. Ferree, four brothers and two sisters, who are A. M. Ferree and Mrs. N. Alfred, of Asheboro; A. T. Ferree, of Skatook, Okla.; O. R. Ferree, of Pickering, Louisiana; and Mrs. E. P. Troglon, of Millboro, N. C.

The body will arrive in Asheboro and will be taken to Browers for burial.

Miss Cora Fox Dies at Home of Her Brother in Asheboro.

Miss Cora Fox, daughter of the late Dr. L. M. Fox, died Monday night at the home of her brother, Dr. L. M. Fox, in Asheboro following a long illness from a complication of troubles. Deceased was sixty eight years of age. Following the death of her parents who lived near Liberty, Miss Fox moved to Franklinville with her brother, Dr. T. I. Fox moving to Randleman eighteen years ago where she has since lived with Dr. Dennis Fox. For the past two months she has been in the home of her brother, Dr. L. M. Fox. She was a quiet, kindly disposed and greatly beloved woman. She is survived by three brothers: Dr. L. M. Fox, Asheboro; Dr. Dennis Fox and Mr. June Fox, Randleman.

Her body was sent to Melancthon for burial, Revs. D. I. Offman and Barringer conducting the services.

BULLA-FARLOW-MILLIKAN FAMILY REUNION

The Bulla-Farlow-Millikan family reunion was held last Sunday at Chester Farlow's in Back Creek township.

Speeches were made by J. M. Millikan and Michael Farlow.

There about 250 people present. A splendid dinner was served and the occasion was a most enjoyable one.

COUNTY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

By Regular Correspondents

News Items of Interest to Courier Readers—Ebb and Flow of the Human Tide.

Franklinville.

Rev. S. L. Morgan preached two interesting sermons in his pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mr. J. Harper Erwin, Jr., has purchased Mr. H. S. Edward's residence on Main street and moved his family into it Monday.

Mr. E. E. Moffitt has accepted a position with the Ramseur Furniture company at Ramseur.

G. C. Cox, who has been in feeble health for some time died at his home at Revolution Sunday night. Mr. Cox was a former citizen of Franklinville and has a number of friends here. Funeral services were held at his home in Revolution after which his body was brought to the M. E. church cemetery of Franklinville for interment. The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nan Cox, several children, and grandchildren and many friends who extend their sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pentress were the guests of relatives in High Point Saturday and Sunday.

A number of our people attended protracted meeting at Gray's Chapel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellison visited relatives in Thomasville Saturday and Sunday.

Miss C. O. Burton, of Greensboro, will address the Betterment Society next Friday evening at the academy in the interest of the State parent-teacher's association.

Mrs. Nellie Kennedy, of Asheboro, is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. M. Ellison on Depot street this week.

Some of our young men have organized an athletic club with the following officers: Bernice Jones, manager; Benton Moon, boxing coach; Clyde Rich, wrestling; Hugh Maner, and Dawson Hughes stunt men. They meet at the school auditorium Wednesday and Friday evenings.

The school boys have organized a baseball nine: Dawson Hughes, manager; Edgar Denson, chaplain; Herbert Fox, coach; Virgil Burrow, assistant coach; Harris Hudson, mascot. The officers of the basketball team are: Elmer Moon, manager; Edgar Denson, captain; Clinard Moffitt, coach; Clatus Slack, assistant coach.

Mrs. A. B. Russell, of Lexington, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Craven.

Miss Minnie Tippett, who has been spending some time at Lexington at the home of A. B. Russell, has returned home.

Mrs. W. H. Parks was taken to Memorial hospital, Asheboro, last Wednesday, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. We are glad to hear that she is getting along nicely.

Mr. Herbert Vestal, of Siler City, was a visitor here last week.

Caeson Smith went to Greensboro one day last week.

Ramseur.

Mr. Charles Foust, of Dallas Texas, was the guest of Capt. Lane and family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brady went to Greensboro last Thursday. Mrs. C. H. Voliva returned with them for a few days' visit.

Mr. M. C. Ferree and others went to Greensboro Sunday afternoon.

Mr. R. L. Kernus and family and Mr. R. E. Wooley attended the funeral of Mrs. Gaston Kearns' sister at Denton last week. Mrs. Gaston was a fine young woman and it is a great loss these friends suffer in her death. We extend our sympathy to them.

At this writing (Monday) Mr. Turner is sinking very fast. His children, P. P. Turner, of Greensboro; Walter Turner, of Greensboro, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Morris, of Greensboro; Mrs. G. H. Jones, of Franklinville; Mrs. Ella McMath and Mrs. Maggie Turner and E. C. Turner, of Ramseur, are all with him. They, with Mrs. Turner, have the sympathy of the Ramseur people.

Some of our folks attended the Holly Springs Community Fair last Thursday and reported a splendid collection of home products. This is a fine thing to promote the interest of the farm life of any community and we are glad to see this good community so progressive.

Affliction has visited the home of Mr. J. O. Forrester the past week, his wife suffering an attack of appendicitis and being at present at Memorial hospital, Asheboro, while his son, Lane, has the same trouble at Winston-Salem. We hope they will both be with us again soon, entirely recovered.

The revival services at the Methodist church here began yesterday with splendid attendance and interest. The outlook for a good meeting is fine and we hope much good will be accomplished.

Rev. S. L. Morgan, pastor of the Baptist churches at Ramseur and Franklinville, has stated his purpose to leave here soon. He has received several calls lately, but has not decided which one he will accept, possibly the one to Smithfield.

Seagrove.

School opened here last week with a very large enrollment, and Mr. E. H. McCorn as principal, and Miss Treva Richardson, Miss Hudson, Mrs. R. L. Lynch, and Miss Maude Lee Spoon as assistants. There are now

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