

NORTH CAROLINA TRUCK CROP BIG IN YEAR 1926

Over Ten Million Dollars Was
Received Last Year For
Truck

IRISH POTATOES FIRST

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—Farmers in this State received a total of \$10,272,550 for commercial truck in 1926, or 2.7 percent of the value of all truck in the United States. The 1925 truck crop value was only \$8,073,840 of 2.1 percent of the total for all states. These amounts do not include sweet potatoes, vegetables produced for home consumption or sold in less than carlots.

Twelve thousand car loads of commercial truck were shipped from 55,450 estimated acres, which indicates a gross return of \$185.25 per acre. Lettuce had the highest per acre value, \$533.30, while watermelons had the lowest, \$21.65.

For the past season early Irish Potatoes ranked first in the total commercial truck value of the State. Strawberries were second and lettuce third.

The outlook for early Irish potatoes this season is not very promising. There is a possibility of heavy production, due to good prices last year, cheaper seed this season, and low prices for other farm crops. Unless production is considerably reduced from the 1926 crop, potato prices are likely to be low, due to a large quantity of old potatoes on hand. It appears that early in June will be the best time to market North Carolina potatoes, as at this time there will be the least competition from other states.

Considering all commercial truck crops sold off the farms where grown, North Carolina probably doubled the above estimated value of commercial truck. If all truck grown and consumed, including home gardens, be included, the figure would be more than quadrupled. Airplane photographs taken by the Crop Reporting Service showed clearly that back yard gardens in our towns are literally full of various vegetables that aggregate a tremendous factor in understanding the small demand for fresh vegetables in our North Carolina towns.

Bills Are Aimed At The Ku Klux Klan

Raleigh, N. C. Feb. 23.—Bills to outlaw the Ku Klux Klan from North Carolina were introduced in both branches of the General Assembly Tuesday by men who two years ago were staunch supporters of the hooded order.

Introduction of the bill in the House was greeted by a wild burst of handclapping and applause.

The Senate bill was the product of Rivers Johnson. Rules were suspended and it was placed on the calendar for a special order Wednesday morning.

In the House Rev. Oscar Haywood, former grand lecturer of the Klan, introduced a similar measure. The House refused to suspend the rules.

Dr. Haywood in pleading for the expedition of the passage of the measure told the lawmakers that forces outside the State would endeavor to embarrass members of the North Carolina General Assembly unless the bill was put through at once.

Senator Johnson, who introduced the bill in the Senate was one of the Senators who led the fight against a similar measure when it came up two years ago and caused a bitter fight. The bill makes unlawful the existence of any order with a secret membership or devoted to the wearing of disguises.

The bill contains five sections, the first one makes it unlawful to mask outside of lodge rooms. The second section makes one, so masked, guilty of a felony and punishable by fine and imprisonment and in case of grand larceny guilty of fine and punishment.

The third section provides that no corporation or associations, or society covered in the bill may own property, money, fixtures, lands and the like by virtue of a charter of a national or sovereign body; that in event of dissolution of the society in the State the property may be sold under resolution of its members and returned to the individual members in proportion to their contribution toward payment.

If you want to buy something, want to sell something, have found something or lost something tell it

New Building Started On Front Street

Ground was broken Monday for another business building on Front street. This time it is Mr. D. M. Denoyer who will erect a new building. The property is the vacant lot between the Beaufort Banking and Trust Company's building and that of Mr. W. S. Chadwick on the east side. The new structure will be one story in height and will have a handsome front. It will be divided into two rooms. Mr. Denoyer expects to have the building ready for occupancy in a few months. He will also erect a nice building shortly on his Turner street lot.

Police Court Items

Mayor Thomas had only two cases to try in Police Court Monday afternoon. Charles Clawson pleaded guilty to a charge of speeding. He was let off under a suspended judgment and the costs. Joe Fulford charged with cursing and disorderly conduct got off with a suspended judgment and the costs.

Pecan Planting Should Be Done Now

Pecan Planting Week is to be observed in North Carolina again this spring and February 21st, to 26th, has been designated as the time by the Department of Horticulture and the N. C. Pecan Growers Society of Raleigh. It is expected that trees will be planted around hundreds of homes in the state by the end of that period.

Planting Week was first observed in this state last spring and resulted in at least 5,000 trees being set out mainly on the home grounds and around farm lots.

A few pecan trees around the homes will yield the best of all the nuts for food and return a cash revenue besides. The time from setting out the trees to gathering the nuts may be shortened at least one-half by planting right varieties and giving them a little care.

There are floor yard trees yielding as high as 70 pounds of choice nuts at 7 years of age and older trees yielding as high as 700 pounds in a single year. These trees cost nothing to grow or fertilize. They use the fertility around yards and barn lots that otherwise would go to waste and convert it into the most valuable fruit crop in the south.

The Society has arranged to supply choice specimens of budded trees at very reasonable prices and can send direct to planters any number of trees from a few up to as many as they may want.

Plant pecan trees now and save a whole year. The longer you delay the longer you are putting off an act that will bring you much pleasure and a great deal of profit.

The Society at Raleigh will send any information desired about pecan trees.

HUGH OVERSTREET,
County Agent.

Real Estate Transfers

The following transfers have been recorded in Register of Deeds office since last week:

Luther Hamilton, Commissioner to John Robinson, part lot Beaufort for \$105.

Browning Piner and wife to Daniel and Maxwell, 1 lot Beaufort, for \$10.

Bogue Development Corp. to Wm. D. W. Bishop, 1 lot Morehead City for \$5000.

Morehead Bluffs Inc. to C. W. Hodges, 7 lots Morehead Bluffs, for \$6000.

W. H. Lee, Trustee to John E. Barbour, 2 tracts near Newport, for \$5000.

L. H. Pringle to E. W. Meadows, 2 tracts, White Oak township, for \$2001.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Only one permit to wed has been issued by Register of Deeds R. W. Wallace since last week, that was to W. B. Guthrie and Emma Rose, Harker's Island.

CONFEDERATE TEA.

The ladies of the U. D. C. will have a Tea Saturday afternoon and night Feb. 26th. in the store on Front street formerly occupied by I. N. Moore. chicken salad suppers, ice cream and cake, sandwiches, pies, cocoa, tea and coffee. Come and help us.

in the want column of the News. You will be surprised at the results.

BOND QUESTION STILL UNSETTLED

Senate Committee Has Not Acted
On Carteret County Bond
Matter As Yet

At the time of going to press no action had been taken by the General Assembly on the question of validating the million and a quarter bond issue for Carteret county. As stated in the News last week this question was debated Tuesday a week ago before a sub-committee of the Senate Judiciary committee. Those who favored the bond issue and those who opposed it had their say before the committee. The bill had already passed the house.

The end of the session is now near by and some action on the bond bill will have to be taken very soon and may happen any day now. Both the proponents and opponents of the bond issue have been at work, quietly but actively. Each side hopes to win but neither is sure of it. Letters a plenty have been going to the senators and several persons have been to Raleigh recently in the interest of one side or the other.

The information came out of Raleigh yesterday that the Senate committee on water commerce had reported favorably the bill sponsored by Congressman Abernethy to permit Carteret county to issue \$100,000 worth of bonds for port terminals. This bill passed the house several days ago and authorized the board of county commissioners to appoint a port commission of seven members and to issue bonds. It seems to have been amended by the senate committee so that the board of commissioners can issue only \$25,000 worth of bonds and the remainder will have to be voted upon by the people.

Must Levy Higher Tax Rate To Meet Expenses Citizen Says

Much is being said and much is being written about our tax problem and the present burdensome taxation in this county. Carteret county seems to be watching itself tie up in a mass of hard knots. Bonds are issued by the wholesale for almost everything by county officials without a vote of the people. Criticism goes on from year to year and public officials fail to give the taxpayers of the county an accounting of the money that is being expended by them. At least, as the News says, none that is easily understandable to the average citizen.

Here is the way I figure the county's tax resources and financial standing from the total assessed valuation of property on the tax books and from the figures of auditors Dixon, Russ and Carter and others published in the News recently. I figure that with 12 per cent added for uncollected taxes and sheriffs commissions (which is a low estimate on this), the county tax rate needed to take care of bonds and notes outstanding against the county and the cost of county government, schools, roads, bridges, etc., should now be around \$4.25 on the hundred valuation instead of the present levy of \$2.25.

TAX RESOURCES OF CARTERET COUNTY

Total assessed valuation for 1926	\$12,558,986.
County tax rate	\$2.25
Total tax on property	\$282,577.18
Total number County polls	2651
Poll tax rate	\$4.00
Total Poll tax	\$10,604.00
Total property and poll	\$293,181.18
County license taxes (estimated)	3,500.00
Total tax revenues	\$296,681.18

Deduct for uncollected taxes and Sheriff's Commissions, 12 per cent	35,181.74
Cost for selling delinquent property (estimated)	\$1,200.00
	\$ 36,381.74
Balance	\$260,299.44

COUNTY'S BOND OR NOTE INVESTMENTS

Loan to town of Beaufort	\$20,000
Loan to town of Morehead City	\$110,000
	\$130,000
Interest at 5 1-2 per cent	7,150.00
Total Resources	\$267,449.44

LIABILITIES OF CARTERET COUNTY

Bonds and Notes outstanding	2,889,700
Less credits to Morehead City and Beaufort investments	130,000
Net Indebtedness	\$2,759,700

Interest at 5 1-2 per cent	\$151,783.50
Sinking funds needed to take care of bonds—say 30 years	91,990.00
Amount tax money needed for bond obligations	\$243,773.50
Estimated cost of county government, schools, roads, bridges, etc.	230,000.00
Total for all purposes	\$473,773.50

RECAPITULATION.

Amount tax money needed	473,773.50
Amount tax from all sources	267,449.44
DEFICIT	\$206,324.06

Is it well for the County and its towns to consider that "whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap" applies not only to individuals but also to communities, towns, counties, states, nations, and the world. And also that "a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches."

CITIZEN.

Chamber of Commerce Directors Meet

A meeting of the board of directors of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce was held Tuesday night in the offices of Dr. C. S. Maxwell. Several business matters were discussed the principal one of which was that of the annual meeting. It was decided to have this meeting soon and invite some prominent person to be present and address those present. An arrangement to have a supper served by some organization will also probably be made.

Competitive Examinations For Coast Guard

A competitive examination for the U. S. Coast guard service are to be held June 20th to 25th at various places, these to be announced later. Young men who pass the examinations successfully and who get the appointments will be sent to the Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut for three years. These cadets get \$780 a year and one ration per day. Each summer they are taken on an extended practice cruise. High school graduates should be able to pass the examinations. Officers in the Coast Guard Service get the same pay and allowances grade for grade that army, navy and marine officers get.

Young men who are interested in this matter can get further information by writing Congressman Charles L. Abernethy.

Another bond bill that has passed the house and is held up in the Senate is that authorizing the town of Beaufort to issue \$125,000 in bonds for funding debts already contracted.

END OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION DRAWS NEAR AND NOT MUCH DONE

A Good Many Small Bills Have Passed. Still Working On Revenue Bill And Other Measures. Better County Government Bills On The Ways

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Seven Candidates After Morehead City Office

Several applications for the position of postmaster have been filed for the Morehead City office so the News is informed. The candidates for the position are the present postmaster Cleveland L. Willis, S. H. Newberry, William H. Styron, John A. Klein, Henry S. Gibbs, U. S. G. Bell, Vernon O. Paul. The time for filing applications expired on the 15th of February.

The Morehead City office is a presidential office and pays \$2400 a year. The Civil Service Commission does not appoint but selects the three best qualified names and submits them to the postmaster-general for appointment. By an executive order of the President made on October 14th, 1921 persons who served in the World War have a preference of five points. Messrs. Gibbs and Newberry have this preference.

Close Inspection Needed To Detect Mange

Washington, D. C.—Acting on statements from the leather trade, which reports serious losses in hides owing to demodectic mange, the Bureau of Animal Industry, United States Department of Agriculture has requested its inspectors throughout the country to be on the alert in detecting this ailment.

Demodectic or follicular mange, as the same trouble sometimes called, affects principally cattle, hogs and goats, though sheep and horses are sometimes attacked by the mange mites. One tanner reported that from 4 to 35 per cent of hides from yearling cattle showed visible injury from mange.

Since the external lesions in live animals are often small, obscure, and covered by hair, the symptoms and direct economic losses are not pronounced. This may explain why farmers and even veterinarians may not have become adept in detecting the lesions and recognizing their true nature.

As a means of determining the extent and distribution of this livestock ailment the Bureau of Animal Industry has instructed its inspectors stationed at public stockyards to furnish monthly reports showing the number and species of animals examined and the degree of infection found. Other persons interested may obtain from the department, on request, directions for detecting demodectic mange in livestock and for obtaining and mailing samples of mites, eggs, and secretions for laboratory examination. The studies are being conducted by the Zoological Division, Bureau of Animal Industry, United States Department of Agriculture.

WAGONS MUST CARRY LIGHTS ON HIGHWAYS

After July 1 it will be a misdemeanor to operate any sort of vehicle at night on a North Carolina highway without a light.

The House Tuesday night passed the Senate bill to this effect and thereby marked the end of a struggle that has arisen time and again in North Carolina General Assemblies ever since the general use of automobile.

Previous to the present session every effort to require a tail light on a wagon has fallen before the spectre of the farmer vote.

THE BISHOP'S CRUSADE.

The Bishop's Crusade conducted at St. Paul's church closed Sunday evening with a sermon by Reverend Frank Dean of Wrightsville, N. C. Mr. Dean conducted the services here for a week and drew large congregations that greatly enjoyed his preaching. Not only members of the Episcopal church but those of other denominations attended the services.

Advertisers in the News get results because the paper circulates among the well to do and influential people of Carteret county.

Two hundred and forty fruit growers attended the fruit growers conference recently held at Mt. Airy in Surry County.

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—With only eleven working days remaining of the sixty days for which legislators may draw per diem the General Assembly of 1927 faces a busy period and has finally realized that it must stick by the job from early morn until late at night if its task shall be completed when the last "pay day" rolls around. Representatives Murphy and Turlington handed out timely warnings reminding the House that fully ten days would be required to put the revenue bill through both branches and that a mass of major matters were yet to be considered. Monday morning sessions were resumed today and tonight the House is considering the Smith-Hargett highway routing bill as a special order, this bill having passed the Senate with some of the objectionable features eliminated.

On Thursday night the House slaughtered the Senate bill providing for 27 judicial districts by a vote of 46 to 27, but Representative Everett, of Durham, lodged a motion Friday morning to reconsider in the hope that at least four additional districts may be provided and this proposal is to be debated tomorrow. The House has also recalled the agricultural interest rat. bill from the table to which it had previously been sent and disposal of that will be made Tuesday, along with Justice Winston's amending tax laws on the fishery industry. Representative Murphy was drafted to pilot the highway bill through the House and Representative Everett of Durham is bent on securing additional districts with fair prospects of success.

The House passed to the Senate on Friday the Sutton State wide game law which went kiting through the popular branch by an overwhelming vote. The bill provides for a game commission with regulatory powers over the hunting of game in every county of the State, the commission to be clothed with authority to make special regulations for counties requesting it after hearings and investigations. The House would also keep dogs out of hotel bedrooms.

The Senate has been the busy body during the week, having put behind it the Great Smoky Mountain Park bill; the increased judicial districts proposal; to change the registration date of automobile license (later passed by the House) bill to amend the State banking laws introduced by Senator Royal, of Wayne which would authorize the Corporation Commission to liquidate State banks that fail. A bill by Senator Johnson of Duplin, would deprive the Governor of the right to fill vacancies for United States Senator and require a primary for the selection of candidates to fill unexpired terms of Senators who may die or resign. A number of House members consulted feel that such an innovation would be untimely and unwisely.

Chairman Graham of the House finance Committee has reported out the revenue bill and this will have the right of way in "committee of the whole" until it is ready for Senate action. Chairman Turlington of the committee on appropriations has also completed the final draft of that measure which does not require a roll call. Five bills designed to produce better and more uniform county government, recommended by Governor McLean, are under consideration. Approval of these measures, the Governor feels, would improve methods of administration of the fiscal affairs of counties by uniform accounting systems, prevention of deficits, balanced budgets, and economical and business like management, providing finance acts to limit indebtedness similar to the municipal finance act, place a limit on county indebtedness and improve tax collecting systems.

To Governor McLean is due in a large measure the credit of the passage of the Great Smoky Park bill with the following safe guards; Governor and Council of State must be satisfied that the interests of the State are safeguarded Tennessee must buy its share of the land and additional money secured before the bonds are issued. It is freely admitted that Governor McLean "rung the bell" on this highly significant proposal and brought together contending in both branches of the Assembly on the question, leaving the opposition with little or nothing to fight about. Only one vote was cast

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