

## TOBACCO BILL IS DISCUSSED

**Mr. Griffin Thinks It Does Tobacco Association An Injustice.**

Germanton, Feb. 20.

Editor Danbury Reporter:

I saw in the Western Sentinel of February 10th a copy of a bill of sale of tobacco made through the Virginia Tobacco Growers' Association by Andrew Timberlake, published by the Tobacco Board of Trade, and claiming that the bill was sent to the Tobacco Journal of which Colonel Webb is editor. So you can see that this bill was secured by Colonel Webb, the intent of which was to keep the tobacco growers from signing the co-operative marketing contract. Surely we all know that no man will endorse this plan that gets his living out of the fruits of our labor and gives nothing in return.

We do not need the warehousemen, leaf-dealers or buyers, yet we pay them high-priced salaries and have no voice in making the price. Now, for example we will suppose that Colonel Webb's article was a true and complete bill and that he give in the price of all the grades, admitting the farmer came out with \$39.00 and a few cents net, after all expenses of handling and redrying in the association. All right we will see what was done on the largest loose leaf market in the world at auction in Winston-Salem made by a tenant of Kiser and Griffin, of Rural Hall, before Xmas 1921. The tenant had 900 pounds in 5 grades on the warehouse floor, which sold for one cent per pound, each grade bringing the same price. Gross sale \$9.00, auction fees 25c. on each pile, amount \$1.25, weighing charge 10 cents per 100 pounds, 90c., 2 1/2 per cent commission, 23c., \$1.00 per hundred for trucking from Randolph county, \$9.00. Total expense of handling and selling \$11.38. So you see the tenant fell in debt \$2.38. The landlord got him out by calling in the tobacco and loading it on their truck and bringing it home. He sold it since Xmas for \$5.30 per hundred. Colonel Webb's man did have 39.62 to his credit, but Kiser and Griffin's tenant fell in debt \$2.38 on the sale.

Now we will see about the bill of Webb, I mean the bill of sale because the bill of Webb was not true, as you can see from the reply from the same source of which Colonel Webb got his information—the Virginia Tobacco Growers' Association of Richmond, Va., which they sent to me after mailing the Colonel's bill to him.

I will now close by asking you good farmers to read the true bill of the sale.

ELMER GRIFFIN, Germanton, N. C. Richmond, Va., Feb. 14, 1922.

Mr. Elmer Griffin, Germanton, N. C.

Dear Sir:

We have your letter enclosing a clipping from a newspaper published in Winston-Salem, carrying a copy of this association's account of sales of Mr. Andrew Timberlake, of Bells Cross roads, Va., and in reply to your questions will say as follows:

That these people have selected for publication a crop which was very much below the average in quality. You will note that this man had only 60 pounds of B. C., which was the very lowest grade of short thin leaf tobacco, which we sold for \$20 per hundred. We had two grades of brown leaf higher than this, B. B. which sold for \$30.00 and B. A. which sold for \$40. He also only had 195 pounds of L. C. B., meaning medium color lugs, which we sold for \$11 and he had his largest pile of the very commonest grade of trashy lugs, L. B. C., meaning common brown lugs, 555 pounds, which we sold for \$8.00.

There was only about 10,000,000 pounds of our type of suncured tobacco produced in 1920, and we only had 1,294,000 in the pool, about 12 per cent only. We sold every pound of this tobacco for our members and paid them in cash, net, after deducting all charges for everything, exactly \$148,000.00, which shows a net average to our members of \$11.44 per hundred pounds. They sold at auction on the open floors in Richmond, where all the suncured tobacco is sold, nearly 9,000,000 pounds, at an average of \$9.02, which after deducting the warehouse selling charges, and which we conservatively estimated at 75 cents per hundred pounds, leaves

## WARNING FARMERS OF OVERPLANTING

**Indications Now Point To Serious Overproduction This Year In Tobacco.**

Progressive Farmer.

Several weeks ago we called attention to the situation which seems to threaten a serious over-production of tobacco this year.

In the first place, the latest government figures indicate ten per cent more bright tobacco in the hands of manufacturers and dealers as at the same time a year before.

In the second place, tobacco has really paid better than cotton during the last five years, and again last year. Consequently there would be even under normal conditions, a tendency to plant more tobacco in the regular tobacco belt.

Next, the coming of the boll weevil to North Carolina and South Carolina makes the inclination to turn to tobacco doubly strong. In sections of South Carolina, badly hit by the weevil, farmers have already made up their minds to greatly increase their tobacco acreage. Nothing can keep them from it. In Southeastern North Carolina, where there is serious fear of the boll weevil this year, there is going to be the same tendency to plant tobacco instead of cotton.

Moreover, our tobacco acreage last year was sharply cut—much more sharply than the cotton acreage. Therefore the natural disposition "to get back to normal" will cause many farmers to increase their tobacco crop.

All these four factors would by themselves threaten a serious over-production of tobacco this year. But a fifth factor comes in for consideration, and possibly a quite important one. Warehousemen and buyers who have been fighting co-operative marketing are making their last desperate struggle this year. They are anxious to discredit the growers' association the first year of its existence. They are anxious to see the farmers ruin tobacco prices by an overproduction—and then tell them that co-operative marketing is to blame for it. Consequently we hear that the warehousemen and buyers who oppose co-operative marketing are urging the farmers they can influence to plant heavily of tobacco this year. Thousands are likely to be fooled enough to do so. Many of the very warehousemen who were frantic in their appeals to cut acreage last spring are now advising an increased acreage—in spite of the fact that the carry over tobacco is larger now than then. If the farmers who have not signed up for co-operative marketing walk into this trap, they may ruin themselves and their brother farmers also.

These are some of the reasons which seriously threaten a heavy overproduction of tobacco this year. Wise is the farmer who plans his acreage with these facts in mind.

## Couple Wedded Here Monday Morning

Mr. Walter Oliver Boyles and Miss Verlie Mae Rutledge, of the Friendship section of Stokes county, were united in marriage here Monday morning at the court house, Justice N. A. Martin performing the ceremony, which was attended by quite a number of Danbury people. The young couple come of excellent families and have a host of friends who will learn of their marriage with interest. It was not learned whether it was a runaway affair or whether they just took this easy and quick way of getting the "knot tied."

a net average of \$8.27 per hundred to the farmers. So you can see that the association gained for its members an average of \$3.17 per hundred, more than the rest of the crop sold for on the open market.

Yes, we will say that our members with few exceptions, were well pleased with the results secured by the association. We had a miserably bad crop year and the crop as a whole was very inferior. Many crops of the same quality as the one mentioned did not bring enough on the open market to pay the expense of selling them.

Yours very truly,  
W. SCOTT GARRETT.

## MAJOR STEDMAN TO RUN AGAIN

**The Gallant old Confederate Makes Announcement to that Effect.**

Washington, Feb. 20.—Major Charles M. Stedman, of Greensboro, the only Confederate veteran now serving in the House of Representatives, announced today that he will be a candidate to succeed himself as a representative of the Fifth congressional district in the June primaries. While no one has indicated that there would be opposition to the major there has been plenty of talk to the effect that Major Stedman did not desire another term. The Major wants to succeed himself and will be a candidate unless unforeseen obstacles should later develop. He felt it his duty to let his friends know that he has no idea of withdrawing from the contest.

## News and Personal Items From Gap

Gap, Feb. 20.—Mrs. Wesley Morefield, who has been here from Walnut Cove visiting her daughter, Mrs. D. C. Taylor, returned to her home last week.

Messrs. C. A. Mickey, I. C. Boles and E. R. McKinney have recently installed electric lights in their homes.

Miss Inez Burwell, who has been visiting relatives in Winston-Salem, returned to her home here this week.

Mr. W. E. Martin and family visited at Mr. G. R. Dunnivants Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Taylor visited Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mickey Sunday afternoon.

Rev. E. L. Smoak filled his regular appointment at Stony Ridge Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Page spent Saturday in Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid Bennett, of King, visited Mrs. Bennett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Murphy, Sunday.

Mrs. Iowa Boles, who has been on the sick list, is some better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Marshall visited at Mr. Luther Marshall's Sunday afternoon.

Miss Rilla Marshall spent Sunday night with Miss Rosa Boles.

The school at Old Orchard is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Trilby Love, of King.

Miss Inez Burwell, who is suffering with a broken arm, is getting along nicely now.

## 17,000 People Killed By Automobiles

Seventeen thousand people were victims of automobile accidents in the United States last year, half of the entire toll of American dead in the war with Germany. As an exchange puts it, this is a serious fact worth thinking about.

## Air Ship Falls; Thirty-Five Killed

At Norfolk, Va., yesterday a huge airship brought from Italy to America and used by the government here, fell and killed thirty-five people. It was said to have had a sudden broken, causing it to fall. Nearly all of those killed were army officers.

## Meeting Of Directors.

The regular quarterly meeting of the directors of the Bank of Stokes County was held at the Walnut Cove bank Saturday, attended by nearly all of the directors of the three banks. Reports of officers showed a gratifying condition of the bank with prospects of an excellent showing for the end of the fiscal year, May 1st.

## R. P. Glidewell Stricken.

News is received here today that Mr. R. P. Glidewell is seriously ill at his home on Meadows Route 1, having been suddenly stricken yesterday just after finishing the burning of a plant bed. It is learned that he is in a very serious condition.

## Dr. J. W. Neal Ill.

Dr. J. Walter Neal, of Walnut Cove, is confined to his home with a severe attack of grip or flu.

## BUSINESS NEARING UPWARD TURN

**Federal Reserve Board Says Era Of Prosperity Is On the Way.**

Washington, Feb. 20.—Business throughout the country, progressing through well defined circles, is nearing the point of the upward swing of the economic pendulum, according to the annual report of the Federal Reserve Board, transmitted today to Congress.

"There are those," the report said, "who believe that the beginning of revival is not far distant. When it does definitely set in it will be followed by a new era of prosperity."

Business, in one of its long swings from prosperity, the report said, has followed its usual rotation, which it described as business activity and increasing production, excessive expansion and speculation, followed hitherto by panic and forced liquidation; a long period of slow liquidation, business depression and stagnation and then revival. "In the light of recent experience," the report warned, "we should remember when we again enter into a period of full prosperity that a reaction will follow sooner or later; and if the flow of the incoming tide can be controlled so that the crest may not be reached too rapidly nor rise too high, the subsequent reaction will be less severe and the next period of industrial and commercial activity and general prosperity will be marked by saner methods, greater achievements along constructive lines and of longer duration than any which we have had before."

The board confined itself along the lines of operation for 1922, without offering any suggestion for legislation affecting the board or the federal reserve system. The earning assets of all federal reserve banks, the board said, on December 31, 1921, were \$1,535,851,000 compared with \$3,263,027,000 on December 30, 1920, a reduction of \$1,727,176,000 or 53 per cent. and a reduction of \$1,886,125,000, or 55 per cent. from the high point reached on October 15, 1920.

This reduction in loans, the report explained, was accompanied by a steady increase in gold reserves and an almost continuous reduction in federal reserve note circulation, the loan reduction continuing despite substantial decline in discount rates.

## H. H. Reid Talks Of Leaving Stokes Soon

It is learned that Mr. H. H. Reid, a good farmer of Danbury Route 1, is considering offering his farm for sale and removing to Moore or some of the eastern counties. Mr. Reid is a strong believer in good roads and he feels like his section is going to be too long in getting roads, hence his decision to remove to some section that now has improved highways.

## Treasurer Lacy Not Yet Out of Danger

New York, Feb. 21.—R. B. Lacy, state Treasurer of North Carolina, was reported slowly recovering at the hotel Pennsylvania today from a sudden breakdown suffered a week ago while here on business. Mrs. Lacy stated that while the physicians had not declared her husband out of danger, they had given her strong hope for his recovery. Mr. Lacy's breakdown is attributed by his physicians to over-work.

## Box Supper At Stuart's School House

A box supper will be given at Stuart's school house Wednesday night, March 1, 1922. The proceeds will go to the benefit of the school. Everybody invited.

## Watt Priddy Buys Land

Elder Watt Priddy, of Danbury Route 1, has bought another tract of land from B. F. Priddy, and was here Tuesday having an attorney prepare the transfer papers.

Mrs. Thomas W. Bickett will be in charge of the educational work of the newly organized maternity and infancy bureau of the North Carolina Board of Health.

## BIG BRIDGE FOR NEATMAN CREEK

**Bids For Its Construction Will Be Received March 6.**

An order was recently made by the Board of County Commissioners for the erection of a bridge across Neatman creek, in Meadows township, at a point on the creek known as Boles' crossing. The bridge will be constructed of concrete and steel and will consist of three spans, each of which are 40 feet long, making the bridge, when completed, 120 feet in length.

Bids for the construction of this bridge will be received at the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners on the first Monday in March. Blue prints of the bridge have been made and are now on file in the office of Register of Deeds Wall.

## Mr. and Mrs. Joyce Entertain Friends

Written for the Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Joyce entertained last Saturday night at quite a lovely Valentine party. The rooms of their home were thrown en suite and decorated with red and silver hearts, saucy cupid with their bow and arrow, red shaded lights and red candles in crystal holders. The guests were welcomed in the hall and served refreshing punch by Miss Lucile Martin. After all the guests had arrived and been seated envelopes were passed containing Valentine verses cut in small pieces, the guests being asked to put them together. Miss Kathleen Simpson won the prize, a heart-shaped box of candy. Lace paper and silver and red paper were given to each guest to make into Valentines. There were several handsome ones on display soon, Miss Ray Venable receiving the prize in this contest, a hand-painted Valentine. Fortunes were then told in a very unique way. A large red heart was placed on the table around which were numbers and an arrow to spin. On which number the arrow stopped your fortune would be found. Esquimo pies and other light refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

## Officers To Carry Short Shot Guns

Salisbury, Feb. 18.—It is stated here that prohibition enforcement officers working under R. A. Kohlos will begin soon to carry sawed off shotguns, such as the American dough boys used in France, when they go out in search of moonshiners.

These shotguns are considered the most effective weapons known for short range fighting. The shots are large and have enough momentum behind them at a short range to kill if a vital spot is hit. It is hard to miss a man with them.

The shotguns are considered more vital than revolvers and rifles for the protection of the officers, for as a rule the moonshiners of the present day do not fight unless cornered at their still, and the shotgun amply meets the requirement of such fighting.

## Three Students Killed At N. C. University

Three young students at Chapel Hill, the State University, were instantly killed at Durham Friday night when the automobile in which they were riding was hit by a shifting engine on the railroad track. The men killed were George Hauley, of Mt. Airy; George Peoples, of Townsville; F. A. Bryan, of Dalesville, Ala. The chauffeur was also killed.

## Hurrah For Will Sands.

Mr. Will Sands, the supervisor of the State road from Danbury to Walnut Cove, is to be congratulated for having the road maintained. Notwithstanding the recent severe weather, this road, with the exception of two or three places between Danbury and Meadows, is now in the best condition since it has been built. It has been scraped and repaired until the bumps are all out, it is smooth, compact and fine.

North Carolina led all the States of the Union last year in the matter of its birth rate.

## JURORS DRAWN FOR SUPERIOR COURT

**Term Will Begin April 3—Judge B. F. Long Will Preside.**

The spring term of Stokes Superior court for the trial of criminal actions will convene on the first Monday in April, this being on April 3. The civil term will convene on the following Monday. Judge B. F. Long, of Statesville, will preside at both terms.

Jurors for both terms have been drawn and their names follow:

FOR FIRST WEEK OR CRIMINAL TERM:

From Danbury township: Jas. E. Tilley, Gilmer Mabe, N. D. Priddy, W. N. Jackson; Meadows township: C. C. Voss, W. W. Tuttle, A. C. Boles, C. C. Carroll; Yadkin township: H. W. Gunter, Seaton A. Westmoreland, I. H. Sizemore, J. B. Ferguson, C. S. Ashburn, T. F. Calloway, E. W. Boles; Quaker Gap township: M. C. Bennett, S. E. Simmons; Big Creek township: R. F. Joyce; Peters Creek township: Tommie Smith, J. E. Smith, Robert Flinchum; Snow Creek township: J. C. Handy, Luke Amos, J. W. Dodson, A. C. Vernon, P. M. Morefield, T. J. Gann, G. W. Wilson; Beaver Island township: H. O. Heath, Will Duggins, L. W. Blackwell; Sauratown township: H. L. Gibson, John C. Bailey, Sr.; Snow Creek township: Lincoln Brown.

FOR SECOND WEEK OR CIVIL TERM:

Danbury township: W. R. Priddy, Roy F. Hartman; Meadows township: Bruce Kiser, T. O. Page; Yadkin township: R. K. Long, S. H. Brown, John D. Smith; Quaker Gap township: J. W. Jessup, George Ore; Big Creek township: G. C. Jessup, S. P. Dearman, Dixie Smith; Peters Creek township: W. A. Nelson, C. F. Reid, J. W. Hundley; Snow Creek township: R. S. Watkins, S. L. Zigar, W. J. Hawkins, J. H. Nance; Beaver Island township: J. M. Fagg, E. M. Morton; Sauratown township: Strady Martin, O. J. Stone, T. W. Abbott.

## Sunday School Class Entertained Monday

Written for the Reporter.

The little folks of the primary class of the Union Sunday School here enjoyed a jolly valentine party the past week at the home of their teacher, Mrs. N. A. Martin. One of the amusements of the afternoon was trying to pin a small heart in the center of a large red heart while blindfolded. Master Fred Pepper placed it nearest the center and received a prize, a lovely valentine.

Other games were played dear to the little ones, after which hot chocolate, sandwiches, heart-shaped cakes and sea-foam candy were served by Mrs. Martin and daughter, Miss Lucile Martin. The members of the class in attendance, were: Miriam and Ellen Prather Hall, Walter and Hazel Petree, Fred and Emorie Pepper, Harvey Fagg, Mary McCanless, Marjorie Pepper, Ola Campbell, Frances and Estelle Humphreys, Easley and H. M. Joyce.

## Business Change On Danbury Route One

Mr. Monroe Fagg, of Danbury Route 1, last week purchased the mercantile business of Mr. W. A. Nelson, on Route 1, and will continue the business at the same stand. Mr. Fagg has leased the building for a period of years. It is not learned what Mr. Nelson's plans are for the future. He has recently had a splendid offer on his real estate, and is considering selling, though he has not definitely decided just what he will do.

## J. C. Davis Underwent Operation Last Week

Mr. J. C. Davis, of Pilot Mountain, father of Mr. Arthur W. Davis, formerly of Danbury, has recently been seriously ill and last week underwent a serious operation at Johns-Hopkins hospital in Baltimore. The many friends of Mr. Davis in Stokes will be glad to know that he is rapidly improving and will likely be brought home in a few days.

Mr. Thomas S. Petree, cashier of the Bank of King, was here a short while yesterday.