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Mr. Crawford Coble, Oakboro Merchant, Is Profiting Handsomely By the Good Roads of This Section

TWO BALE MAN USED TO BE CONSIDERED "SMART FARMER"

It Didn't Take the New York Times to Tell Sheriff Griffith of the Greatness of North Carolina; Boll Weevil Driving Hundreds of Negroes Out of South Carolina; Seaboard Had One of Its Best Months.

Mr. Crawford Coble of Oakboro is profiting handsomely by the good road from his town to Monroe. He buys cotton in his section, then hauls it to Monroe to resell, making the difference in Stanley county and Monroe quotations, which sometimes exceeds a cent a pound. The good roads enable him to haul 38 bales of cotton a day with one truck, the truck making two trips a day with a load of 19 bales. "Ten years ago," said Mr. Coble, who was in Monroe Saturday, "it would have taken eight teams with eight drivers two days to haul the cotton that I now bring to Monroe on one truck, with one driver, in a day's time."

Two-Bale Man a "Smart Farmer"

It didn't take that long article in Sunday's New York Times to impress Sheriff Griffith with the greatness of North Carolina. "I've known it all the time," the Sheriff said Saturday. "When I first came to Monroe, right after the war," he continued, "nobody raised anything but a little wheat, corn and oats. The man who produced two bales of cotton was considered a 'right smart farmer.' Why for years afterwards Monroe wasn't noted for but one thing. Out of twenty-eight business concerns, fourteen of them were saloons."

Co-Ops Organize Exchange

Union county members of the co-operative marketing association were interested yesterday in the report of the formation of the American Cotton Exchange, an organization patterned after the New York cotton exchange, which is to be the selling agency of the organized farmers. The farmers plan to develop their organization to the point where mills will look to their exchange instead of New York for cotton quotations. Officers of the exchange are prominently identified with the co-operative marketing association.

Will Sell French Box Car at Auction

Members of the Federated Shop Craft, who are building a replica of the French box car, "49 Chevaux and 8 Hommes," for the American Legion parade Armistice Day, Saturday, Nov. 11, state they will offer their entry at auction to the highest bidder after the parade, the proceeds to go to the Union County Children's Home. The car, they say, will make a dandy play house for children.

Dying Veteran Host to Army Buddies

The spectacle of the two McGuire boys of the Waxhaw community lying in the same room in a government hospital, suffering from a malarial contracted during their service in the late war, watching each other die, is almost equalled in pathos by the story of a farewell dinner given by a dying New Jersey soldier to twenty-five army buddies. The soldier is Percy Evans, one of the first New Jersey men to enlist in the world war and one of the last to return. The feast was held Friday night. Believing that not many more days on earth remained for him, Evans, suffering with tuberculosis, after having been gassed, rose from his sick bed, taxied to the Washington Society club house, and propped up on pillows, presided over the affair. "Sing all you want, boys; make all the noise you want, fight if you want, but please do not wreck the place," he told them. "I won't be with you much longer. I have arranged this little dinner to show my regard for you, my boyhood companions and my friends of later life. Fellows, I have only a few thoughts to give you. One is the feeling of a fellow on his back when a friend visits him. I have been that way. It is surely a wonderful thing. I know that the church bell down the street will soon toll for me. I have always cherished the association of my friends and I wanted in this way to attest my regards for them." Evans' voice broke at this point and his friends sat silently by while he recovered his composure and called on a trio to sing.

Was Looking For the Saddle

"There used to be an old saying," an old-timer said yesterday, "to the effect that a man who traded much in horses would soon come to a bridle and a saddle. Years and years ago when I lived in Lanes Creek township, I had for a neighbor one Joe Davis, a man pleasantly remembered by some of the older folks. One day he walked up to the house with a bridle in his hands. 'Have you seen anything of a saddle?' he asked. 'I have been swapping horses,' he explained, 'and those pesky traders at Monroe have gotten everything but my bridle and saddle, and now I've lost the saddle.' This story recalled a horse-trading yarn in which Messrs. Rufe Little and Clontz Griffin, two Marshville citizens, were involved. Mr. Little had a pony which Mr. Griffin coveted, and which, after much dickering, he acquired. Later Mr. Griffin was informed by the man to whom he sold the animal that the pony was blind. 'Rufe,' he asked one day, 'why didn't you tell me that pony was blind?' (Continued on page five.)

FLOW THROWS RED TAPE TO WINDS AND RELEASES BOY

George Gurley, But Eleven Years Old, Will Not Have to Face Federal Court on Liquor Charges

VETERAN COMMISSIONER VENTS WRATH ON FATHER

When Asked to Reduce Bond of Emmsley Gurley, Parent of the Lad, the Chief Justice Says That He Ought to Be Behind the Bars For Taking Own Child on Such a Mission

Throwing red tape to the winds and violating a judicial custom of a lifetime, Esq. M. L. Flow, United States commissioner, usurped the functions of a Federal judge Friday and discharged an eleven-year-old boy, George Gurley, indicted on liquor charges, although the evidence against him was of a very incriminating nature. His father, Emmsley Gurley, indicted on the same charge, was bound over to the next term of Federal court under a bond of five hundred dollars.

"I just couldn't bear the idea of sending a boy of such tender years up to the Federal court," Esq. Flow said Saturday in explaining his decision. "And," he added, "I believe Judge Webb will commend my action in taking the bit in my mouth and saving the boy from a possible life of crime."

Cached the Two Red-Handed

This is one of a few instances where Esq. Flow has ever released a defendant brought before him in his capacity as United States commissioner, and the only instance where he has released a defendant of whose guilt there was no question in his mind. He has always made it a point to send a man arrested for violation of the Federal laws to the Federal court, preferring to let the higher court pass upon his innocence or guilt, even though the "Squire" thinks there is a grave question of his guilt.

The Esq. Lectures the Father

Evidence introduced before Esq. Flow tended to show that the boy was not an innocent party in the blind-tiger traffic. It was shown that he aided his father in carrying the contraband to the automobile and assisted him in hiding the stuff when the car engine went dead.

\$2,500 APPROPRIATED FOR A HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Half of This Sum Available Immediately for Purchase of Books; the Balance in Five Years

At last Monroe is to have a library! At a meeting held last Friday evening the school board set aside the sum of \$2,500 for this purpose. Twelve hundred and fifty dollars of this amount will be available this year, while the remainder will be paid in yearly appropriations of \$250 for a period of five years. It is safe to say that the wise expenditure of this sum will place ours among the very best high school libraries in the state and there will be no doubt but that Monroe will be placed on the accredited list of the southern association of high schools and colleges.

There are at present approximately 650 volumes in the library. This number includes the 109 volumes donated by the students and the splendid reference set, "The Book of Knowledge" and the "International Encyclopedia" presented by the Parent-Teacher Association. Members of the faculty are at work preparing lists of books to cover the various subjects taught in the high school and in doing this they are keeping in mind the functions of a high school library. The hope is that each student will cultivate a taste for good literature in addition to using the library for informational purposes. The next best thing to knowing a fact is knowing where to find it. As soon as the books have been properly catalogued a librarian will be employed and will keep the library open from one to three o'clock each afternoon. The use of the reference books and the inspirational volumes will be stressed in each class. Mr. Starnes will make a special trip to Chapel Hill Saturday to confer with Mr. Wilson, the University Librarian and chairman of the North Carolina Library Association, as to the purchase and selection of books.

Mr. R. W. Doster and daughter, Mrs. J. W. Richardson, visited relatives and friends at Fort Mill, S. C., last week. They also attended Homecoming Day at Pleasant Valley Baptist church last Sunday.

Born to Mrs. Walter Harris, a son on Oct. 25th.

MR. LEE ASHCRAFT'S GIN IS DESTROYED BY FLAMES

The Loss, Which Was Heavy, Was Partially Covered by Insurance Carnival Great Success

Marshville, Oct. 30.—The gin belonging to Mr. Lee Ashcraft, just opposite the United Cash Store, was destroyed by fire Saturday night. A bale of cotton was being ginned for Mr. Vernon Griffin when the flames were discovered about 7 o'clock. Many persons soon gathered at the scene, but were powerless to check the raging flames. In addition to the gin house and machinery a large quantity of cotton seed was destroyed. The loss, which was very heavy, was partially covered by insurance.

The Halloween Carnival, Held at the school building Friday evening, was a great success, the "side shows" gathering in quite a number of nickels and dimes. Light refreshments were served. The features of the evening included an umbrella hobble, peanut and bag races. The large crowd that attended thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Huggins and daughter of Monroe spent the weekend here. Mr. Huggins is now located in Wilson, where with Messrs. R. F. and John Beasley he is engaged in launching a new morning paper, "The Wilson Mirror." While missing Mr. Huggins in our midst, his Marshville friends wish for him and the paper much success.

Mrs. John F. Hallman and daughters, Misses Jean and Mabel Hallman, spent Saturday in Charlotte.

Mrs. J. E. Thomas and Miss Annie Newsum spent the weekend in Charlotte.

Mr. Berge Green of Hartsville spent Sunday here with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. James Marsh spent the Sunday guests of Mrs. Ethel Garrison at Unionville.

Mrs. Edgar Moore and her sisters, Mrs. Wilkes of Hamlet, spent Saturday in Charlotte.

The Halloween party at Mrs. Anne Bailey's Saturday evening was greatly enjoyed by all those who attended.

Mrs. J. Z. Green returned Saturday from Hartsville from a visit to her sons.

Miss Clegg, teacher in the Marshville High School, was called to Charlotte yesterday on account of the death of her uncle, Mr. Squires, who died in the Charlotte Sanatorium.

AN OPEN SWITCH CAUSES TRAIN WRECK AT WINGATE

Thriving Little Town Boasts of a Parent-Teacher Organization With Mrs. J. E. Hoyle Pres.

Wingate, Oct. 30.—A number of women of the community met at the graded school building Friday afternoon and organized a Parent-Teacher Association. The following officers were elected: Mrs. J. E. Hoyle, president; Mrs. Julia Williams, vice-president; Mrs. S. W. Hinson, secretary and treasurer; Misses Selma Chaney and Annie Jones, program committee; Miss Mary Gaddy, chairman of the membership committee; Miss Sallie Griffin, chairman of the publicity committee; Mrs. G. B. Rhodes, chairman of social committee.

The meetings will be held at the graded school the last Friday in each month at three-thirty. Every woman in the community is urged to join this organization and help make the graded school one of the best in this section. Not only the women of the community are urged to join but the men also.

The organization has planned an old-time sing and spelling bee to be held in the graded school Friday, Nov. 10 at 7 p. m. Admission only five and ten cents. The old "Blue Book" will be used, so let the fathers and mothers of the community as well as the young people and children come and join in and let's spend an evening of real fun and pleasure.

Two freight trains were wrecked Sunday morning about one o'clock when they ran together on the sidetrack here. An open switch seemed to be the cause of the wreck. Some time during the night the switch had been left open causing the two trains to collide when they met here early in the morning. Seven box cars were badly wrecked, and goods were scattered over the adjoining fields. The wrecking crews from Monroe and Hamlet were called out and worked all day Sunday and a short while Monday clearing the track. Several thousand people visited the scene of the wreck Sunday.

The pulpit of the Baptist church was filled Sunday morning by Rev. Mr. Powell, pastor of the Marshville Baptist church. Mr. Hoyle, pastor of the Baptist church here, filled Mr. Powell's pulpit at Marshville Sunday night. Rev. Zeb Caudle preached at the Baptist church here.

The Oxford Orphanage singing class will give a concert at the high school building Tuesday night. The public is invited to attend.

The second number of the lyceum course will be given in the high school auditorium Thursday night. Public invited.

Miss Lela Griffin of Hamlet spent the week-end with relatives here.

Prof. and Mrs. C. C. Burris spent the week-end in Raeford visiting relatives.

Congressman W. C. Hammer was a Wingate visitor Friday.

Paul Aycoth, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Aycoth of Monroe Route 4, died this morning from the effects of terrible burns received Wednesday while playing in his parent's yard.

THINKS L. J. SMITH WILL GET A BIG WHEAT YIELD

Wingate Man Has Fine, Firm Seed Bed, Sowing Home-Grown Wheat, and Getting Done at Right Time

EVERYBODY SHOULD PLANT IN NOVEMBER, SAYS BROOM

Wheat Sown the First of Next Month, He Declares, Will Yield Much Better Than When Sown Later; Pays to Use Acid Phosphate For Wheat; Sows Home-Grown Wheat If You Can Get It.

By T. J. W. BROOM

Now is the time to sow wheat. Wheat sown the first of November will yield much better than when it is sown later. Our average yields of wheat are entirely too low in this county—six to eight bushels per acre. The low average yield is due mainly to the following causes: Late seeding, improper preparation of the seed bed, where grown, and poor land.

Wheat sown November 1st, will make three to five bushels more per acre than when sown December 1st, taking a ten year average. In preparing the seed bed the best implement to use is the disc harrow. On corn, cotton or pea land a couple of diskings will usually be sufficient, followed with section harrow to smooth the land before drilling. The main point in making the seed bed is to get it fine and firm. We were on the farm of Mr. L. J. Smith, in the Wingate section, last week and he was preparing cotton land for wheat. He was going over the rows with disk harrow, lifting the stalks with plow, running harrow across rows to level, and then going over again with disk harrow. His seed bed was fine and firm, he was sowing home-grown seed and getting it done in time. The land had been improved by a system of crop rotation which included legumes, and we predict that Mr. Smith will average fifteen to twenty bushels of wheat per acre.

Home-grown seed will yield 20 to 25 per cent more than northern grown seed. The N. C. Experiment Station finds this to be true. A number of Union county farmers have found it to be true. Sow home-grown seed if you can get it. Purple Straw and Red May wheat will yield more on lands not capable of producing more than ten or twelve bushels per acre. These varieties, being early, are not so injured by rust as the later varieties.

Land that is capable of producing a bale of cotton, or forty to fifty bushels of corn, is capable of making eighteen to twenty-five bushels of wheat, and will do it if sown in time, on a well prepared seed bed, with good seed.

It pays to use acid phosphate for the wheat, and on most of the soils of the county it will pay to use potash. We suggest a fertilizer carrying ten per cent phosphoric acid and four per cent potash on the Alamance, or yellow clay soils, and not less than two per cent potash for the red clay soils.

It is the acid phosphate that makes the grain, potash gives healthiness to the straw and plumpness to the grain, nitrogen develops the straw, induces stooling and gives length to the head.

Where wheat follows corn and soy beans, or corn and cotton that was preceded by clover, or corn and cowpeas, or any legume crop, there will usually be enough nitrogen for the wheat. But on clean cultivated lands where legumes have not been grown in the rotation, it will be necessary to use some nitrogen. It is best to apply this in the form of nitrate of soda early in March, however, when nitrate of soda is to be applied in the spring it should be reinforced with acid phosphate and potash applied in the fall at seeding time.

Issues Call to Confederate Veterans

Mr. S. E. Belk, commander Camp Walkup Confederate Veterans, has issued the following call:

"To members of Camp Walkup and all others who wore the Confederate Uniform during the War Between the States:

"You are hereby instructed, pursuant to the invitation of the armistice day celebration committee of the Melvin Deese post of the American Legion, to meet in Monroe in the Recorder's court room in the court house on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 9:30 a. m., for the purpose of marching in the parade and participating in the other festivities of the occasion. It is mandatory that you come in the uniform that we love so well.

"Dinner will be furnished by the good women of the community, and they, along with the soldier boys of the late war, join me in this urgent invitation for you to be present.

"Your comrade,

"S. E. BELK, Commander Camp 'Walkup Confederate Veterans."

Those Foolish Questions

A big powerful motor sloop used as the occupants perceived a car of very modest proportions standing by the roadside in a rather battered condition. The owner of the car was on his knees, endeavoring to straighten out some of the parts.

"Have any accident?" queried the man in the big car.

"No, thank you," grimly returned the other, "just had one."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Notice of Removal

The barbers who were at my shop in the Houston building, next door to J. C. Sikes' office, can now be found at my shop in the Masonic building.—Respectfully, J. B. Miller.

BACK FROM NEW YORK, MR. CROW BULLISH ON COTTON

NEW MOTOR COMPANY TO SOON BEGIN BUSINESS

Capt. Philo Alcott and R. B. Redwine, Jr., Former Aviators, To Handle Dodge and Studebakers

"Monroe Motor Company" is a new business concern organized by Captain Philo Alcott and Mr. R. B. Redwine, Jr., which soon begins business at the Gordon garage building opposite the post office.

This Company is to be the sole dealer in this county for the well-known Dodge and Studebaker cars.

Captain Alcott is a native of Virginia. At the time that this country entered the World war he was in business in New Orleans and was at the time a member of the state guard of Louisiana. He entered a training camp and went over-seas and to the front as a captain in the field artillery and served in this capacity during the war. After the Armistice he remained in the army as a regular, retaining his position as captain from which service he will be retired, and he is now on leave of absence until he is finally released from further service. For the past year he has been an instructor in a department of Harvard university.

Capt. Alcott comes to Monroe with the reputation of being a gentleman of highest integrity and a man of splendid business qualifications.

Mr. R. B. Redwine, Jr., is also recently out of the national service, he having taken training in the government air service and is a lieutenant in the reserve.

FLOWERS TO ADDRESS UNION COUNTY NON-PARTY LEAGUE

President Gravelly Is To Submit A Platform Embodying Principles of the Organization

Mr. J. F. Folders, a Charlotte attorney, will address a meeting of the Union county non-party league to be held in the Masonic Lodge rooms Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Following his address, Mr. W. G. Gravelly, president of the league, will submit for the approval of the members a platform embodying the principles of the league.

1. Clean politics in national, state, county and city government.
2. We advocate the Australian ballot and recommend a prison sentence for anyone buying or selling, or in any way influencing a voter.
3. We favor the primary system of selecting candidates for all offices for the national, state, county or city and favor holding the primaries when and at such a time when the largest number of voters can attend not earlier than August and the candidates be selected from the best classes of citizens for all offices. We oppose machine politics to the last and favor men or women for office who are dependable and upright Christians and who will make every effort through proper legislation to punish profiteering or manipulations of markets and anything tending to bring hardships upon the masses.
4. We condemn the conduct of spending millions for roads in certain favored sections and to suit certain politicians to the injury of other parts of the state as unfair and not in keeping with the principles of justice and honesty. The roads should be constructed in places and ways to serve the most people and taxpayers.
5. It is our opinion and sincere desire that women of intelligence serve on our city and county school boards and on our city government and no one is suitable or entitled to hold an office just because he has been a loyal democrat or republican. Political debt paying is worth nothing to the people for service.
6. We advocate free text books for use in public schools. Election of all judges by the people. Curtailment of the power of the judiciary especially as applied to the issuing of injunctions. And a reform in our system of taxation.

Among the prominent men of Monroe who have affiliated with the league, said Mr. Gravelly, is Dr. H. D. Stewart.

Dr. McCain Goes to High Point

Dr. W. R. McCain, for many years a leading physician at Waxhaw, and county-commissioner-elect, will leave tomorrow for High Point where he will assume the practice of his deceased brother, Dr. Hugh W. McCain. His leaving is a matter of genuine regret to the people of this county who have known him as a gentleman of most excellent qualities as well as a fine physician. High Point, however, offers him a larger field. He will use his practice where

will use the office of his brother. His family, for the present, will remain at Waxhaw. Dr. McCain will come back to the county in December to qualify as a member of the board of county commissioners, this being legal since his residence will be maintained in the county.

Mrs. W. C. Sanders Chairman Tuberculosis Drive

The North Carolina Tuberculosis Association will place on sale this year ten million Tuberculosis Christmas seals, which will sell for one cent each, the receipts to be used in providing funds for the care and prevention of tuberculosis. The seals will be on sale from Thanksgiving day until Christmas. Mrs. Walter C. Sanders of Monroe has been appointed director for the local sale.

MARKET IS HEADED FOR 30 CENT MARK, HE SAYS

Back from New York, where he has been on business, Mr. J. J. Crow is radiating bullish cotton in his conversation. "It's one of the most bullish markets I have ever seen," he said, "and it's headed for thirty cents."

Certainty of a short crop, a yield which is believed will be far under the government estimate, has converted all of New York into cotton bulls, said Mr. Crow. Everywhere they are buying cotton, playing the market to win. Brokers tell of a veritable avalanche of buying orders from the South, North, everywhere. "It is not a 'piker' market either," continued Mr. Crow. "They are buying in ten, fifteen, twenty and twenty-five thousand bale lots. I know of one man in this immediate section who is said to stand to make four million dollars when the market touches the 30-cent level."

Market Like a Bouncing Ball

Mr. Crow likened the market to a bouncing ball. Reactions, he said, are due to profit-taking on the part of those who bought on the twenty-cent level. Many of these are buying increased contracts with their realizations, according to Wall Street brokers.

Most of the cotton having passed out of their hands, few farmers will profit by the anticipated rise. Gins are closing down all over the South. Fields are rapidly becoming bare in the fleecy staple. The 1922 crop is in the hands of the speculators, who have their sales set, it is apparent to observers of the ticker, for a really big kill. "I didn't see a bale of cotton in the fields all the way from Sanford to Monroe," said Mr. Crow, "and I understand that the gins at Lilesville and Polkton have been closed."

SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS

An excellent summary of the conditions of which Mr. Crow speaks was contained in the cotton opinion of Gwathmey & Co., which appeared in Sunday's Greensboro News. It reads:

"The world is undoubtedly becoming alarmed over the increasing scarcity of raw cotton as indicated by the statistical outlook which at the present time is, roughly, as follows: The carry-over at the end of this year was approximately five million bales, which probably includes a small percentage of unspinnable cotton. The growth this year is probably from ten to ten and a half million bales, giving a total supply of approximately fifteen to fifteen and one-half million bales. With estimated takings this year of twelve and one-half million bales, the supply next August 1st would be only around, say, two and one-half to three million bales to carry over until approaching the following October, when the new crop begins to move freely. At this time, according to these figures, there will be practically no raw cotton of desirable quality left, unless cotton prices meanwhile go to a point to check consumption. The shelves of the world are in a depleted condition, and most people feel the demand will become more urgent. The large organized holding movement throughout the south under these conditions will be a very important factor, particularly as the new crop season approaches, and the menace of the boll weevil must be faced again. The world is beginning to realize that a new and higher level of cotton prices will undoubtedly prevail until some means has been found of combating this pest, which is undoubtedly one of the greatest menaces in the history of world's agriculture. Estimating this year's crop at ten million bales and adding the four preceding years, the average production per annum is more than two million bales less than the average production of the five preceding years. This has been largely the work of the boll weevil, which within the past five years has been progressive in the extent of its ravages."

"With these factors in mind the apparent and the strength of prices bullish possibilities of the market are well dependent largely on the extent to which the demand from spinners is maintained, and the extent of the holding movement in the South. Bullish speculation will probably also be a factor. We advise conservative purchases on all good recessions."

A Guilty Conscience

Tommy had been playing truant from schools and had spent a long, beautiful day fishing. On his way back he met one of his young cronies, who accosted him with the usual question, "Catch anything?"

At this, Tommy, in all the consciousness of guilt, quickly responded: "A'n't been home yet."—Western Christian Advocate.