

Co-ops to Open 46 Warehouses Tuesday, October 6

Central Belt Ready Oct. 1. 37 Old Belt Markets Start Work Oct. 6

Raleigh, Sept. 28.—Exactly 46 warehouses of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association will open during the first week of October in Western North Carolina and Virginia to receive the bright tobacco crop of 1925.

On Thursday, October 1, the association opens its receiving points at Durham, Oxford, Henderson, Fuquay Springs, Norlina, Vass, Townsville, Sanford and Aberdeen.

On Tuesday, October 6, the old belt markets of the association begin to receive the crop at 37 points in North Carolina and Virginia. While the association has cut down expenses this year by closing fifteen markets in Western North Carolina and South Carolina, there have been very few changes in the markets of the old belt. A larger percentage of this season's crop is expected to reach the association's floors than in 1924.

With greatly reduced expenses of operation the tobacco farmers' marketing organization has doubled its receipts to date over last year, both in South Carolina and the Eastern Belt. It enters its strongest territory with expectations of large receipts of tobacco during the opening days.

In the fact of an average price for tobacco on the auction floors at Wilson, N. C., which was quoted as \$14.74 up to October 18, by the supervisor of sales for that market, the association has come forward with the highest advance in its history. It is offering a sales agency to the tobacco farmers whereby they can receive full value for their 1925 crop by avoiding the losses resulting from the badly disorganized condition of the markets which has followed the Chinese boycott of the British companies, according to General Manager Richard R. Patterson of the marketing association.

Between 25 and 30 million pounds of tobacco has been received by the association in the new belt to date and deliveries in Eastern North Carolina are increasing every week.

Winston Tobacco Market Will Open October 1st

According to an announcement by H. D. Hutson, of the Winston-Salem Tobacco association, the local markets will open for the season on October 1, and buyers representing every tobacco firm in this section are expected to be on hand.

During the summer many improvements have been made at the local warehouses which will facilitate the handling of goods for both producers and buyers and merchants of the city have completed all preparations for the opening of the season.

State Treasury Shows a Surplus

Raleigh, Sept. 26.—A treasury balance of \$29,442.44 in the general fund at the end of the second month of the fiscal year under the McLean administration and a total state debt of \$118,641,531 was indicated in a statement from the office of the auditor issued here this afternoon.

In the special funds there was shown a cash balance of \$5,415,313.93. This includes the highway and special school funds. When from this is deducted warrants now outstanding the treasury balance for September, including all funds, is \$5,192,381.02.

The statement was released by Governor McLean without comment.

Moser Reunion

The Moser family in North Carolina will hold their annual reunion at Tabernacle Church, near Tabacoville in Forsyth county, on the second Sunday of October, 1925.

There will be an all day program which ought to interest any someone which ought to be of interest to any one connected with the Moser family.

There will be a number of speeches on the program, good music and dinner on the grounds.

The exercise will begin at 10 A. M. All members of the Moser family either by blood or marriage are urged to be present and bring with them a picnic dinner.

Squire H. Moser, Member Reunion Committee, High Point, N. C.

Surry County Teachers Meet

Surry county teachers met in Dobson Saturday for the purpose of organizing their county unit of the North Carolina Teachers' Association and for preparation for the opening of the rural schools Monday, September 28th. One hundred and fifty-eight rural teachers registered at this meeting. A few teachers living at a distance did not reach the meeting. There were however fifty-seven new faces among those who registered, showing that there has been quite a turn-over in the teaching force this year. All the schools of the county were represented except four. Only two, one-teacher schools, reported that they had not yet secured their teachers. The grade of the teachers employed has been considerably raised this year there not being a single county second grade teacher used in any of the schools of the county.

The meeting Saturday was enthusiastic from the start. Rev. E. Gibson Davis, pastor of the first Baptist Church of Mount Airy had been invited to take charge of the devotional exercises and to talk to the teachers on the proper use of the Bible in the public schools. He advised the teachers to read a portion of the Scripture every day and to try to supplement the very meager religious training that the children are getting through the church and Sunday School.

Mrs. Clarence Shelton, county nurse, was present and presented to the teachers some handsome health posters with suggestions for their use in stimulating proper health habits among the children. Mrs. Shelton stated that she expected to visit the schools as rapidly as possible and to check up the physical examination of the children in order to enable the Health Department to better serve their interests.

W. J. Byrly, president of the Bank of Mount Airy, was present and spoke to the teachers, strongly advising them to emphasize the fundamentals: reading, writing, arithmetic and grammar. In order to stimulate greater effort in these branches he offered prizes of a two-dollar and a half gold piece to the student making the best record in the above four subjects in each of the one-teacher, two-teacher, and three-teacher schools.

The new Welfare Officer, I. F. Armfield, of Lawgap, was present and strongly urged the teachers to cooperate with him in the enforcement of the attendance law.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wolfe were re-elected president and secretary of the Surry county unit of the N. C. Teachers' Association. Eighty teachers joined the association paying the membership fee of two dollars.

Supt. Hendren distributed supplies to all the teachers and strongly urged them to do their best for the schools this winter advising them to take as their slogan: "I'll do the best I can with the equipment at my command."

\$1,600 Diamond Missed Girl X-Rayed as Thief and Proved Innocent

Chicago, Sept. 27.—Jean Paton, young and striking in appearance, swallowed a diamond once. She was in I. C. Newman's shop yesterday when a \$1,600 stone vanished and consequently was arrested.

"I know you," said Sergt. Schutz. "You were arrested three months ago for swallowing a ring, and they made you cough it up in the County Hospital."

"I haven't swallowed any ring this time," Jean declared. The Sergeant looked dubious and remarked: "We'll trot over to the hospital and investigate this affair, anyway."

Soon Jean was in front of the Blue-glowing lamp of an X-ray and behind her was a screen. Experts eyed the tracing of her interior on the screen, but they saw no diamond.

"I told you so," snapped Jean. "I am not dining on diamonds."

Dr. Schafer Becomes Officer in State Pedic Association

At a meeting of the North Carolina Pedic Association in Greensboro recently Dr. A. P. Dulong, of Charlotte, was elected president and Dr. Henry Schafer, of Winston-Salem, was elected vice-president of the association.

Dr. Schafer is a former Mount Airy boy and his friends here are interested in his advancement.

DERELICT AFLOAT FOR TWO YEARS

British Schooner Believed to Have Completed Circuit of Atlantic

Washington, Sept. 12.—Men who go down to the sea in ships are speculating about the early appearance in West Indian waters of one of the most noted derelicts of modern times.

While the Navy Department's hydrographic office considers it unusual in these days of rapid radio communication and special coast-guard patrol for a derelict to remain afloat longer than a week, the four-masted British lumber-laden schooner Governor Parr has been roving on the high seas for nearly two years.

The last definite report received of the Governor Parr's whereabouts was in October of last year, when she floated crewless down along the coast of Africa, but the British steamer Tortugero late in July sighted a derelict 300 miles northeast of the Virgin Islands.

If this proves to be the Governor Parr, which seems likely, it will be the first derelict on record in the hydrographic office to practically cover the circuitous drift of the North Atlantic.

The Governor Parr set sail from Ingramport, N. S., for Buenos Aires on Sept. 27, 1923. She encountered rough seas, lost two of her masts and the American steamer Schodack on Oct. 3, 1923, took off the crew.

Floating in the trans-Atlantic shipping lanes, with a cargo of a million and a half feet of lumber, the derelict was picked up by the coast guard cutter Tampa early in January, 1924, and was headed for Halifax. Due to rough weather and the weight of the waterlogged vessel, the derelict was cast adrift.

In August of the same year, seamen from the British steamer Zaria sighted the Governor Parr and boarded her, setting her afire. She apparently survived this experience, for later she was reported off the coast of Portugal and in October last off the coast of Africa, near the Canary Islands.

If the Governor Parr has continued to remain afloat, men conversant with oceanic conditions believe she would likely be carried by the north-east trade winds and the north equatorial current across the tropical North Atlantic and probably will be next sighted near the lesser Antilles. England and the United States jointly patrol the North Atlantic Ocean for derelicts, but naval men point out that these are hard to sight. Often derelicts are mistaken for porpoises and some of the forsaken craft turn turtle, their hulls being covered with barnacles and seaweed, giving them the color of the sea.

An old American warship, the Katabdin, which boasted of an underwater prow, was used in the latter part of the last century to ram derelicts, because she was enabled by peculiar construction to sail close to these menaces to navigation.

General use of radio has revolutionized the dissemination of information concerning derelicts. Urgent notice of menacing derelicts forwarded to the hydrographic office by the captain of a vessel is almost immediately broadcast thru the radio sending station at Annapolis.

More Indictments in Asheville Mob Cases

Asheville, Sept. 25.—Eleven more alleged participants in the mob that stormed the Buncombe county jail last Saturday night, in an effort to secure Alvin Mansel, 17, negro, charged with criminal assault on a white woman, were indicted by the grand jury here this afternoon.

This makes a total number of 41 persons to be indicted since the grand jury began its investigation of the affair Monday. The names of those indicted will be withheld until arrests are made.

The question of whether officers of the law had done their duty in taking steps to repress the men is also being investigated.

Several additional witnesses were called before the inquisitorial body in an effort to determine whether ring leaders of the mob have been indicted and if police and county officers were derelict in their duty.

J. F. Swain, solicitor, said today that the investigation is being continued so that every possible angle may be studied. More than a dozen new witnesses were before the grand jury today.

VAIN HUNT FOR HIDDEN WEALTH

Relatives Flock to Humble Home in Search of Treasure Estimated at \$70,000.

Huntsville, Ark., Sept. 25.—In the heart of the isolated Ozark hills, far from the railroads, the movies and other forms of civilization, "Aunt Ann" Hawkins lived alone for many years in her mountain home.

Her few neighbors and her many relatives called her a miser. Like so many of the Ozark mountaineers, she trusted no one, and openly voiced her hatred for all her relatives, saying she hoped they never would get a dollar of her money.

They found her dead the other day. There was no will but much wealth, for her father had left her \$70,000 in cash in 1895 and for 30 years she has spent almost nothing.

The funeral was no sooner over than relatives began to swarm to the little mountain home to claim their share of "Aunt Ann's" fortune.

The relatives soon found that "Aunt Ann" in her efforts to keep relatives from getting her money had hidden it all over her home and little farm.

A great money hunt began at once. The house and farm are almost wrecked, but the hunt for gold continues. So far about \$3,000 of the \$70,000 believed secreted on the place have been found.

The money was hidden in every conceivable place.

When the great eight-foot walnut mantelpiece was removed from the wall, gold worth \$1,300 tumbled out.

The native stone hearth was torn up and beneath it was found a can of gold. An old guard in the kitchen, when emptied of string, netted \$75.

Coins worth \$129, were found in the cellar.

A sack of old ginned cotton was worked over by hand and gave up many gold pieces.

Excitement prevailed when some one found an old pocketbook containing \$7,000 in bills—but this proved to be worthless Confederate money.

More gold was found in the crevices of an old four-poster bed on which "Aunt Ann" died.

In an old pouch two ancient gold bracelets, beautifully carved and undoubtedly the height of fashion in colonial days, were found.

The search for gold is being made under the direction of a court with the provision that all of "Aunt Ann's" relatives must share equally in whatever wealth is found.

Immediately after her father's death in 1895, "Aunt Ann," then 51, refused to let any of her relatives come on the farm.

Her father's threshing machine lies today where he left it more than 30 years ago.

"Aunt Ann" once sold a copper kettle to a revenue agent for \$200. He gave her a bogus check and after that she refused to allow anything to be removed from the farm.

If the Hawkins' had invested their money instead of hoarding it there would be a small fortune for all the relatives. For \$70,000 at 4 per cent compound interest would have netted \$336,000 in 40 years; at 6 per cent the fortune would have been \$720,000.

But "Aunt Ann" shunned everything modern like compound interest.

GRIFFIN BEGINS PRISON SENTENCE

Must Serve for 30 Years for Alleged Mutilation of Young Joseph Needleman

Raleigh, Sept. 25.—Henry Dennis Griffin, convicted leader of the Martin county mob that mutilated young Joseph Needleman last spring, was committed to the state prison today to begin his 30-year sentence at hard labor, after losing his appeal to the supreme court.

Griffin arrived complaining of a headache, and was sent to the prison infirmary. He was brought here by Sheriff Robertson, of Martin county, who last May delivered to the prison six of Griffin's alleged companions of the night when the mob took Needleman from the Martin jail and performed an operation on him.

Griffin was also committed to the prison last May, but he later perfected his appeal to the supreme court and won his temporary freedom under a \$50,000 bond.

He's in prison to stay, however, unless the future years should bring executive clemency. Prison authorities were uncertain today as to what kind of work would be assigned him.

TRYING TO RESCUE SUBMARINE CREW OF 34

LIVES YEARS WITH SPINAL CORD CUT

Case of Young Davidson Boy Said to Be Without Known Parallel

Lexington, Sept. 25.—Six years after a rifle bullet fired in play by a companion had severed his spinal cord, Howard Crotts, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Crotts, who live on the east side of this city, died Sunday and was laid to rest Tuesday at Mount Tabor Reformed church, three miles east of Lexington.

The case of young Crotts is said by local physicians to be without a known parallel in medical records in this country. Persons who have had their spinal cords cut have been known to live sixty days and some even longer than that, but so far as local doctors remember having read there is no record of one living for six years.

When Howard was six years old he was playing with a neighbor boy, who secured a 22 rifle that he thought was unloaded and pointed at young Crotts playfully, laughingly saying "I'm going to shoot you." To the horror of the lad the gun fired. The bullet entered young Crotts' neck just above the collar bone and came out high in the back. Paralysis from the neck downward followed almost immediately.

The injured boy was taken to Charlotte and X-ray pictures made there showed the spinal cord had been cut in two. It was said to have been possible that a little of the tissue of the cord remained.

From that day until his death Sunday the boy was never able to walk but rested much of the time in a wheel chair, in which he frequently was rolled up the street. A couple of fingers in each hand were not completely paralyzed, although both hands as a whole were badly drawn and he got so he could use a large fountain pen, pushing it with both feeble hands. This led him to establish a correspondence with shut-in cripples throughout the country and he received letters from many states.

The unusual accident that deprived him of the use of almost his entire body won him the sympathy of many in this community and he was showered with gifts of all kinds. Among these was a radio set that brought much joy into his life. Through all this affliction there was no bodily pain for the spinal cord that bears the messages of disturbance from all parts of the body to the brain, which registers back its protest in the form called pain, was out of commission. He was conscious of some of the bodily functions, however, but unconscious and unable to control others.

Florida Post Offices Near Chaos

Washington, Sept. 22.—Postmaster General New announced today the rush of people to Florida had swamped the post office there.

"The rush has been without precedent in the history of the Post Office Department," said he. "Post offices organized to serve populations of 10,000 have been called upon to serve more than 100,000 and it is a manifest impossibility."

Mr. New asserted the tremendous influx for the winter has overtaxed all Florida offices and made it necessary to establish a branch of the Post Office Department at Miami to aid in maintaining the postal service.

"People from Northern States have flocked to Florida, very few having made provision for permanent postal addresses. Letters are sent to them in Florida towns addressed general delivery. As a result there are lines blocks in length or longer at many of the small offices. In many cases there is no room in the building to handle the mail. This year people have gone to Florida even before the season opened."

"I have made arrangements to send John H. Bartlett, First Assistant Postmaster General, William R. Spillman Superintendent, Division of Post Office Service and John R. Tullis, Assistant Superintendent, to Miami, Sept. 28 for a conference with Florida Postmasters with a view to establishing special postal headquarters and having someone with authority on the ground to meet situations as they arise."

Only Faint Glimmer of Hope Held Out That Thirty-four Officers and Men Aboard the Submarine Will Be Found Alive

New London, Conn., Sept. 27.—With only the faintest hope that their efforts would be crowned with success, Naval men, aided by civilian wrecking crews, continued their efforts today to rescue the 34 officers and men who went down with the Submarine S-51, sunk in collision with the steamer City of Rome off Block Island Friday night.

Unavoidable delays, due to the absence of powerful derrick equipment and the testimony of divers, who reported that there could not possibly be life in the crushed hull of the submarine on its ocean bed 128 feet beneath the surface, saddened, but did not discourage the rescuers.

Await Derrick
Repeated attempts to raise the sunken craft by means of compressed air pumped from her sister vessel, the S-50 failed, and tonight the Naval officials on the scene awaited impatiently the coming of the great derrick ship Monarch, due to arrive tonight.

While the rescue forces labored, officers at the submarine base still refused to see the darker side of the picture. Relatives and friends of members of the S-51 crew, frantic with suspense, besieged the base today and all were advised not to abandon hope. Lieutenant Commander Flanagan, the base executive officer, insisted that when the submarine was rammed a large number of the crew were in a position to lock themselves behind the water-tight doors of the torpedo and motor compartments in the bow and stern of the submersible. There, provided the air held out, they would be safe for at least 72 hours, which would give the derrick ship time to make the attempt at raising her.

Delay Depressing
Officials in charge of the rescue work admitted tonight that the delay in raising the S-51 afforded the most depressing aspect of the situation. The most optimistic estimate as to the length of time men might live in the compartments was 72 hours and two-thirds of that time has passed since the sinking. With the Monarch arriving at midnight it was believed that the wreck of the submarine could not be brought to the surface before noon tomorrow at the earliest.

Ingram reported that he "made all the noise he could" and put his hand on the hatch covers to see whether there was any vibration from possible answering knocks within. There was no sign of life whatever, he said.

The first rescue step taken today was to send a diver down to the broken S-51 to attach compressed air tubes to the valves on either side of the conning tower. From day break on oxygen was forced into the hull to save any of the living from suffocation.

A check-up of the story told by Dewey G. Kile, engineer, first class, one of the survivors, gave a further indication, officers said, that there was no life aboard the S-51. These officers pointed out that Kile, Alfred Geir, electrician's mate, second class, and Mitchell S. Lira, fireman, first class, escaped only because their bunks were so near the conning tower hatch that they were thrown against its ladder by the crash.

The others aboard, including Lieutenant Rodney H. Dobson, the commander, who was reported trapped and dragged under by the radio antenna as he came up to the bridge thru the conning tower hatch, must be dead, officers here believed. They said it would have been impossible for any one to have closed the water-tight compartment doors in the minute and one half during which the S-51 remained on the surface after the collision.

About noon today the divers succeeded in placing a single sling about the stern of the sunken submarine.

A radio message from the rescue workers later said that a pull had been made on the sling equal to a 100-ton lift. This was unsuccessful the message added, and a 200-ton lift was to be attempted later.