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TOBACCO GROWERS CELEBRATE AGAIN

Organized Farmers Take Home Seven Million Dollars This Week.

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—The Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association established another record last Monday when it made the biggest payment ever distributed in a single day to tobacco farmers in Virginia and North Carolina.

Members of the association doubled their money at 54 towns of the old belt and carried home the best part of seven million dollars in cold cash. This week's sudden tidal wave of prosperity has caused wide spread satisfaction among the organized growers and the merchants, bankers and fertilizer men who have reaped a rich harvest from the second cash payment of the association in Virginia and Western Carolina.

Celebrations and mass meetings at several points marked the second distribution. Oliver J. Sands, executive manager of the association, addressed a mass meeting of growers at South Boston where the farmers of Halifax county received \$800,000 as the second advance and members of the association declared their average of \$18.80 per hundred received to date was as much as they got for last year's crop.

The third cash payment of the association will begin next month with its members in South Carolina.

S. D. FRISSELL.

MEMORIAL WINDOW IN ST. STEPHEN'S

To the Memory Of Miss Mary E. Horner.

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church held a meeting Monday afternoon with Miss Jeanette Biggs. The leader for the meeting was Mrs. R. H. Lewis, Jr., who had prepared a delightful program on the assigned subject "Valle Crucis," a subject which is dear to the hearts of every member of the Auxiliary on account of the connection with it of Bishop J. M. Horner, and Miss Mary E. Horner who died laboring there. Quite a number of members were present which showed the interest in the work of the Auxiliary. Those participating in the interesting program were Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. S. M. Prichard, Mrs. J. C. Horner, Mrs. H. G. Cooper, Mrs. J. Will Landis. Thirty five dollars was collected toward the Sophronia Horner Scholarship at Valle Crucis. It was announced by the president that the order had been given by the Auxiliary for the Memorial window to the memory of Miss Mary E. Horner and it was expected that it would be placed in the church by May. Miss Horner served for some years as President of the local branch of the Auxiliary and is lovingly remembered by hundreds of "Old Horner Boys" and others with whom she was associated in church work in Oxford.

The Chairman of the Program Committee, Mrs. S. H. Prichard had the Year Books containing the programs, ready for distribution at this meeting.

TWELVE WEEKS OF SUMMER SCHOOL

Chapel Hill, Jan. 25.—Instead of running for only six weeks, the University summer school will this year be operated for two terms of six weeks each.

The first term will open Monday, June 16, and close Saturday, July 28, and the second will open Monday, July 30, and close Friday, September 7.

This doubling up is the direct result of an urgent request from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and from the teachers of North Carolina. There are so many teachers demanding summer instruction that the University cannot possibly meet the demand in one term.

GOVERNOR'S BOAT BILL GIVEN REPORT

Entire Committee Reports Bill Out Probably Come Up In Senate Next Week.

(News and Observer)

Following a general quizzing of W. G. Womble, rate clerk the corporation commission, for an hour and forty minutes in which more than a score of Senators and Representatives joined, the Senate committee on water commerce Wednesday unanimously reported favorably the bill advocated by Governor Cameron Morrison for the appropriation of \$2,000,000 to buy and operate a state line of steamships. The House committee, to whom the bill has not yet been referred, did not vote.

Your battery should have water about every two weeks. Stop at Oxford Battery Co.

WANTED YOUNG LADY TO TEACH at home two small children of 5 and 6 years. P. O. B. 612.

MR. HUBERT CURRIN'S LEGS BADLY CRUSHED

Chain Broke While He Was "Snaking" Logs.

Mr. Hubert Currin, the fine son of Mr. Fred Y. Currin, Oxford, Route 1, met with a painful accident last Tuesday morning while "snaking" logs on his father's place. When the chain broke it swiped him across both legs just below the knee.

The young man was rushed to Brantwood Hospital, and upon examination it was learned that the bones in both legs were broken and one leg was badly mangled.

The skilled surgeons at Brantwood have set the broken limbs and the young man is resting well.

DR. PEACOCK WILL PROBABLY RETURN

Governor Hardee Has Extradition Case Under Adjudication.

Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 23.—Governor Hardee, following a hearing late today, took under advisement the question of whether Dr. J. W. Peacock, who escaped last year from the criminally insane department of the North Carolina Penitentiary, should be extradited there to answer a charge of breaking a penal institution. It was indicated that a decision was not likely for at least two days. Dr. Peacock recently was declared sane at Arcadia, Fla.

MANY STUDENTS ON HONOR ROLL

Fall Term Honor Roll At University Shows High Grades Not Infrequent.

Chapel Hill Special: The University Honor Roll, just published, contains the names of students who average a grade of 2, which means from 90 to 95 per cent. The highest grade is 1.

Nine students win the distinction of having received the very highest possible grade on every single one of their courses. These "make up" what is called the "all ones" group. The nine are:

W. J. Coker, Asheville; J. F. Cooper, Clinton; Miss Mabel Couch, Chapel Hill; Henry D. Dulis, Charlotte; H. D. Parcell, Tampa, Fla.; H. G. Klingenschmitt, Lockport, N. Y.; Y. Maeschima, Tokio, Japan; C. U. Smith, Capron, Va.; Jules Welch, Waynesville.

Friends are glad to see that William A. Devin, who entered the University last fall, made 90 to 95 per cent. He is the fine son of Hon. W. A. Devin.

NEW CORPORATION BUYS NEWSPAPERS

Mr. S. A. Jones, Of Oxford, Is One Of The Owners.

Announcement of the purchase by the Henderson Dispatch company, a new corporation, of the entire holdings of the Gold Leaf Publishing company, including the Henderson Daily Dispatch, and The Henderson Gold Leaf, semi-weekly is announced.

Henry A. Dennis, S. A. Jones and M. L. Finch are the sole owners. Mr. Dennis, who had been with the old concern more than eight years, becomes president and general manager of the publications. He also will continue as editor of the paper. Mr. Jones, who has been associated with the publications eight years, is vice-president and will continue as superintendent of the mechanical department. Mr. Finch has been with the paper two years and is now secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Jones is an Oxford boy and has many friends here.

GRISSOM'S BODY NOT BEEN FOUND

Greensboro Man Sinks In A Florida Creek.

Jacksonville Special: After an all-day search of Thomas creek, 20 miles north of here, officers were still at a loss as to whether anyone perished when an automobile bearing a Greensboro, North Carolina, city license plunged into the stream Thursday night and was submerged in the water until removed yesterday. The theory is that the driver of the car lost his life, but the stream has been dynamited along its course for a considerable distance without any body being found. Thomas creek is about 15 feet in depth.

The automobile was identified as belonging to H. A. Grissom, a Greensboro druggist. He left here Thursday night and was to have wired his relatives when he reached Atlanta, but no word from him has been received. Thomas creek is at the end of a "blind" road.

GET YOUR GARDEN SPOT READY NOW

Many people in this section have received seed catalogues and are working out a well balanced system of planting.

MR. JOHN WEBB IS CRITICALLY ILL

Many friends throughout the county will regret to learn that very little hopes are entertained for Mr. John Webb's recovery.

Mr. Webb was buyer on the Oxford market for many years and was identified with the business, social and religious life of the community. He was taken sick more than a year ago, but was able at times to walk up town and greet his friends. He was taken to his bed a few weeks ago and has grown weaker from day to day.

TO AMEND STATE PROHIBITION LAW

To Make It Correspond To The Federal Statutes.

The Legislature is faced with the proposition of amending the State prohibition law so as to make it correspond to the Federal statutes. The bill that has been prepared is designed to remove confusion and amend the features which bring the State law into conflict with the Federal laws.

It is explained by Mr. Heriot Clarkson, of Charlotte, that the amended act simply complies with the United States constitutional requirement that the State shall enforce the laws which Congress has adopted. It is purely a police measure, putting on existing State, county and municipal officials "the duty of enforcing in North Carolina the fundamental law of the land." It is further defended that the amended law would not increase the number of State courts and officers. It merely makes bootlegging a crime under the State laws. The suggestion act makes it possible to keep in North Carolina the larger part of the fines now going into the Federal Treasury. Experience proves that these fines will more than cover any added cost of administration.—Charlotte Observer.

THYSSEEN AND FIVE OTHERS ARE FINED

Imposition Of Fines Regarded As Example Of French Mildness.

Mayence, Jan. 24.—The six German industrialists, headed by Fritz Thyssen, who were arrested by the French occupation authorities in the Ruhr for refusing to carry out orders given them to insure reparations deliveries from their respective plants, were convicted here today by court martial. In each instance fines were imposed in francs. The aggregate amount, translated into the American money, was \$20,000.

OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET IS ACTIVE

The Oxford tobacco market has been quite active during the past few days. There was a rush at both the auction and Co-operative Warehouses, more than 100,000 pounds being offered. Local warehousemen expect a steady market for the next two or three weeks.

It is understood here that the season will not close before the first of March.

A TOUCH OF WINTER IS FELT HERE

Just enough sleet and rain to cover the streets with a thin layer of ice last Wednesday morning is all Oxford got of the storm reported to have appeared in various sections of the State Tuesday night. It was the first touch of real winter felt here.

WOOD-DICKERSON

Impressive Ceremony Performed By Rev. B. H. Black.

Mr. Willie W. Wood, of Durham County, and Miss Lilly I. Dickerson, of Vance county, were united in marriage last Monday by Rev. B. H. Black at the Methodist parsonage on High street. The knot was beautifully and impressively tied by the officiating minister and the happy young couple left for Durham county, where they will make their home.

STOVALL NEWS

—Mr. John Slaughter surprised his friends last Saturday when he took a fair young lady, Miss Virga Fitz, and motored to Oxford, found Justice T. G. Taylor, who united them in marriage. Following the ceremony the happy couple visited relatives at Baskerville, Va.

—The little girl of Mr. W. C. Daniel is much better.

—The children of Mr. A. M. Earle are recovering from chicken pox.

THE PRESIDENT IS RECOVERED

Washington, Jan. 25.—President Harding returned to his desk today for the first time since he was taken ill with the grippe more than a week ago. He immediately delved into an accumulation of official papers.

MRS. R. W. HARRIS NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE

Ailment Will Not Yield To Medical Treatment.

Mrs. R. W. Harris, highly esteemed lady of Oxford, the mother of Messrs. Waverly, Grady and Edmond Harris and Mrs. Oscar Breedlove, of Oxford, and Mrs. Fizer, of Henderson, is not expected to survive many hours.

Mrs. Harris has been at Brantwood Hospital for two or three weeks, where skilled physicians are doing all that can be done to prolong the life of this good woman, but the ailment is such as not to yield to medical treatment.

MASTER JAMES BLACK IS IMPROVING

Many friends will be pleased to learn that James, the fine little son of Rev. and Mrs. B. H. Black, who was accidentally shot in the abdomen a few weeks ago, is improving.

It was necessary to open the wound to remove an obstruction, and the operation was performed by Dr. Booker at Brantwood last Sunday, and the brave and cheerful little boy is getting along nicely.

TOO MANY MUDERS IN UNITED STATES

Startling Figures Given Out By Sir Basil Thompson.

Greensboro Special: Sir Basil Thompson, K. C. B., regarded as the original Sherlock Holmes, the world's greatest detective, the most noted criminologist in the world, during the world war at the head of the British secret service department and now head of Scotland Yard, England's great police and detective agency, lecturing here tonight, revealed some startling facts, comparing British and American crime figures.

Last year in the United States there were 9,500 murders, in England, 63. Of the 63 all but eight cleared up and the newspapers of England are demanding why they were not.

In one penitentiary in Illinois there are as many prisoners as in all the prisons of Canada.

He attributed the much greater amount of crime in the United States than in England to delays in meting out punishment and to under-policing.

UNIFICATION OF CHURCH APPROVED

Cincinnati Special: The report of the committee of ten on unification of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, was approved in a joint session of the two commissions this afternoon and then referred back to a reorganized committee of 16, which will work out detail of the plan to be submitted to another joint commission meeting which will be held on a date to be selected later.

ONE PERCENT WILL BE ADDED FEB. 1.

A Penalty Of One Percent Will Be Added To 1922 Taxes If Not Paid By February 1st.

Only a few more days left for citizens of Granville County to pay their 1922 taxes before the first one per cent is added as a penalty, Sheriff Hunt announced yesterday.

Beginning February 1, one per cent of the assessment will be added as a penalty for non-payment, one per cent of the total amount will be added each month.

REV. MEL TROTTER IN GREENSBORO

Evangelist Gained Nation-wide Notice In Famous Divorce Suit.

The Greensboro Record announces that Rev. Mel Trotter, celebrated mission worker and evangelist, who gained nation-wide notice by reason of the sensational Trotter divorce suit, tried at his home, Grand Rapids, Mich., last summer, will conduct a series of meetings at the First Presbyterian church, Greensboro beginning next Sunday, lasting a week, twice daily.

CARD OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION

We desire to express to our friends and neighbors in Oxford and throughout the county our sincere thanks and appreciation for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our son, husband and brother, W. Brodie Newton. We shall always hold in grateful memory every act and word to us in our sad bereavement.

May God bless all of you.

MRS. R. L. NEWTON, Mother.
MRS. W. B. NEWTON, Wife.
BROTHERS AND SISTERS.
This Jan. 25, 1923.

FRANCES PROPOSAL TO GERMANY

Conditional Upon Germany Raising An International Loan Of Three Billion Gold Marks.

Paris, Jan. 24.—France is willing to grant a two year indemnity moratorium to Germany on condition the Germans pay \$500,000,000 in gold and goods in the meantime and pledge the nation's wealth to the Allies. It was revealed through announcement of the new French Reparations plan.

Following are the chief outlines of the French conditions:

1. Moratorium to extend two years.

2. In the meantime Germany must pay 1,000,000,000 gold marks in foreign currency and 1,500,000,000 gold marks in goods and materials of various kinds.

3. Germany must transmit to the Allied Reparations Commission a 25 per cent mortgage on all real property (as security) and a quarter of the shares of all corporations.

4. Germany must permit the Reparations Commission to expropriate the German State-owned railways, the salt and tobacco monopolies and other monopolies to the highest bidder, the benefits to apply upon the reparations owned by Germany.

The French offer is conditional upon Germany raising an international loan of 3,000,000,000 gold marks, fully subscribed by February 15, when the offer expires.

The plan provides that France shall retain the Ruhr coal fields and other penalties until the moratorium expires.

LEE MEADOWS AT LEESBURG, FLA.

Owens a Neat Little Bungalow and Chickens.

Lee Meadows, the famous Oxford ball pitcher with the Philadelphia Nationals, is now occupying his neat bungalow at Leesburg, Fla., which he inherited during the fall and winter.

Mr. J. M. Meadows will leave this week to spend some time with his son at Leesburg, Fla., where the Philadelphia team will be training.

DISEASE Baffles MEDICAL MEN

Baltimore Special: Baffling every effort of physicians of Johns Hopkins hospital for the past seven weeks to diagnose the disease from which he was suffering, Dr. Daniel Eugene Eagle, 26 years old, died Tuesday at that institution. Heads of all departments were called in, physicians unattached to the hospital were taken into consultation but the nature of Dr. Eagle's illness remained a mystery until an autopsy disclosed that death was due to an abscess of the liver.

Dr. Eagle was graduated from University of North Carolina in the class of 1917 and from Johns Hopkins in the medical class of 1922. Intern at Statesville, N. C.

DURHAM NEW FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

Organization of the Southern Fire Insurance company, with headquarters in Durham, and a paid in capital and surplus of \$200,000, is announced.

The officers are: R. H. Wright, president; Gilbert C. White, vice president; James O. Cobb, vice president and treasurer, and J. Fuller Glass, secretary. Mr. Glass will be general manager of the company.

MAINTAIN 30 CENT AVERAGE AT WILTON

Total Tobacco Sales For Year Run Over Forty Million.

Wilmington Special: The total amount of tobacco sold on the sales warehouse floors up to last Thursday night, according to official figures furnished by H. B. Johnson, supervisor of sales, 41,286,654 pounds, which brought \$12,394,226.28, an average of \$30.01 per hundred.

HOW HE WILL SPEND HIS INHERITANCE

Walter Browning, 48, Fort Worth (Tex.) bachelor and hermit, inherited \$100,000 from a long-lost relative. With it Walter says he'll get married, buy new clothes, take a trip to New York, see a world series ball game—then buy a small farm near Fort Worth and work it.

ARBUCKLE PICTURES NOT SHOWN HERE

Moving pictures in which Roscoe Fatty Arbuckle appears will not be exhibited at the Orpheum Theatre is the decision reached by the management of the local play house some time ago.

IN MEMORY OF ZEB M. OVERTON

Today our community is shrouded in gloom, yet over it hangs God's rainbow of promise. "I'll never leave thee, nor forsake thee." The entire neighborhood is bowed in grief over the sudden passing of Mr. Zeb M. Overton, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Overton. Zeb was ill only three days with pneumonia, and while all that an eminent physician, loving relatives, and kind neighbors could do, was done, but to no avail. His heart was too weak for the trying disease, and on Jan. 18th, 1923, Thursday morning at 6:30, his gentle spirit took its flight to realms above. He leaves a mother, father, six brothers, two sisters, a devoted wife, (who was Miss Annie E. Crews before marriage), four small children, the youngest of whom is three years of age, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss. The following children survive: Leonard, Rosa Lee, Katherine, and Mary. The funeral service was held from Providence church, by Rev's B. H. Black his pastor, and Rev. Geo. Tunstall friend of the family. His favorite songs were sweetly sung by the choir, "Safe In The Arms of Jesus," "Sometime We'll Understand," and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere. Then his body was laid to rest in the Averett cemetery, beneath a great mound of lovely flowers, which were tokens of love and the high esteem in which he was held. Zeb was a Christian and a devout member of Shady Grove M. E. Church since early boyhood. He was ever true and faithful to the charge which God gave him. He loved his home and family devotedly, and always found joy and pleasure in working and making those in his charge comfortable and happy. He was a good husband, a loving father and a kind neighbor. While we feel the loss so keenly, and shall miss his sunny life about us, we know that God in his wisdom has some wise purpose in all of his plans. We can only say to the heart-broken loved ones, that Heaven is all the dearer to us now, and that another star has been placed there to shine out and beckon us to Him. Death is always sad but distressingly so, when the reaper claims one, seemingly so much needed here, and the first link in a chain of so large a family of nine children. O, may that broken hearted mother and father think how good and kind, God has been to spare them all their jewels for these many years, and while Zeb can not come to you, yet you may go to him. The prayers and deepest sympathies of the entire community go out to the bereaved wife, who is still in bed with gripe, and the four little dependent children who are looking to her as mother and father both. May these grief stricken hearts be able to say, "The Lord gave, the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

R. L. D.

THE MOTHER'S AID BILL SHOULD PASS

Among the bills which the present legislature will consider, and which we trust will pass, is one providing for a Mother's Aid fund to assist mothers in caring for their fatherless children at home instead of sending them to an orphanage. The plan has been tried out to some extent by Rev. M. L. Kesler, superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville and so far has worked successfully. It has proven cheaper to care for children in their own home under their mother's care than to keep them in an institution. Forty-two states in the union already have systems of mothers' aid.

The purpose of the bill has been concisely stated by Mrs. Kate Barr Johnson, Commissioner of Public Welfare, who says:

"Mothers' aid is designed to take care of the child whose mother is mentally, morally and physically able to care for it but not finally." The widow, the deserted wife, or the wife whose husband is in a penal or eleemosynary institution may become beneficiaries of the act. "No institution can care for the child as well as the normal mother," she declared. "The family is the natural unit of society and yet we are continually breaking up the family by placing children in institutions."

SERIOUS WAVE OF GRIPPE SPREADING

Washington Jan. 25.—A serious wave of grippe which threatens to assume the proportions of an epidemic is hovering over the entire country, the United States Public Health Service announced tonight.

From all sections come reports that the disease was widespread. The region of the Southern States is that which so far, has been hit hardest of all.

Executive Board Meeting.

An important meeting of the Executive Board of the Woman's Club will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Library.