

GENERAL NEWS

NEW NICKELS

The Indian-buffalo nickel in use for twenty-five years, will gradually disappear from circulation. A new coin will take its place, worth the same, but of different design. The changed five-cent piece will show Thomas Jefferson and is to appear this fall.

PLANE CARRIES 41 TONS

In trials made at Seattle a giant Boeing Clipper soared into the air with a load of 41 tons and made a speed of more than 150 miles an hour. America now claims to hold the world record for commercial transport lifting. The clipper alone weighs more than twenty tons, so the entire weight in the air was 82,500 pounds. The test was said to be perfectly satisfactory.

FIRE NEAR WANCHESE

Although the last presentation of The Last Colony at Manteo has been given for this year, Roanoke Islanders had plenty of excitement last week. A peat bog fire threatened to destroy Wanchese, the island's other village. These fires are treacherous and hard to subdue because they burn underground for hours, spreading many feet before breaking into flames. Dry weather added to the danger, since much of the bog now burning is ordinarily under water. Forest fires have also required fighting to prevent greater damage.

ALMOST A CENTURY

Mrs. Jane Todd of Rocky Mount celebrated the ninety-ninth anniversary of her birth on August 31. She was married in 1963, but has no children. Her husband died twenty-two years ago. She is said to be alert in mind and to be interested in the world as it is today.

OPERATION FOR ULCER

On last Sunday, James Roosevelt, eldest son of the president, underwent an operation for stomach ulcer. He had for some time been in a Minnesota hospital under the care of physicians from the Mayo clinic. It was found that the ulcer was non-malignant and early recovery is expected. President Roosevelt, Mrs. Roosevelt and other members of the family were near at hand when the operation was performed.

INJURED BY ANTS

Fearful punishment befell Hartsell McCain of Ark., who is said to have become angered with a friend while on a mountain trip and to have struck him. After the blow, McCain ran, fell over a cliff and lay there eight days before being found. When rescued ants had eaten off his hair, parts of his skin and some of his clothing. His recovery is considered doubtful. His companion revived and made his way home the day after the altercation.

UNUSUAL ACCIDENT

James Hinnant of Kenly died last Friday as a result of an unusual accident. He was working on a truck tire when it blew out and its steel rim hit him in the face fracturing the bones. He lived three days afterwards.

WANT EARLIER OPENING

Some warehousemen in the Old Belt are seeking to have their markets open at the same time as those of the Middle Belt instead of two weeks later. They claim that the later opening works spe-

cial hardships on business interests and tobacco growers as well as the warehouses.

Present dates for openings are Sept. 13 and 27.

WAR AND WAR DEBTS

England and France expect to negotiate, perhaps directly with President Roosevelt, about their war debts. Washington learns that the matter may come up in September. Talk in the Capital is to the effect that these two old Allies of ours will pay up their interest and make some further slight concessions so that they will not be on the black list—as provided in laws of the United States against lending money to delinquent debtor nations.

The Canadian speech of President Roosevelt was different from what Washington expected.

Because of excellent growing conditions, the lespedeza crop in Cleveland County has made a maximum growth this year, and farmers are cutting and curing some high quality hay.

IT TAKES A LOT OF COTTON TO MAKE A CAR

Ever since Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin in 1793, cotton has been King of the South, the very life blood of this section of the country. Consequently, the size and price of each crop constitute a topic of conversation in these States second only to the weather.

The most common use of cotton is for yard goods and dress material, and, when cotton is discussed this use of cotton most readily comes to mind. Yet a very large percentage of raw cotton is used in the manufacture of a varied list of commodities. As greater use is made of cotton for new and varied industries, to that extent is the economic life of the South stimulated.

When a bubble of gasoline was harnessed to a motor car engine in the early years of this century, an industry was born that today, undoubtedly, uses more raw materials, in huge quantities, from every section of the country than any other manufacturing industry.

This industry used cotton, too, in large quantities. In fact, millions of dresses could be manufactured from the raw cotton used yearly by the automobile industry alone.

For instance, during 1937, General Motors used 28,575,000 pounds of cotton in upholstery and pads and 25,870,000 pounds of cotton lint—small particles of cotton used in batting, glass plastic, sheetings and cheaper cotton fabrics—while another 35,261,378 pounds went into tires purchased by General Motors car divisions. 17 3-4 to 18 pounds of cotton per car tire.

In fact, 55 pounds of cotton went into each General Motors car.

Colored News

Misses Santha Thomas, Della and Sallie Herndon, Prince Perry of Spring Hope and Leona Perry and Venus High were visitors in the home of Miss Dorothy Pines Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Estelle Sorter of Winston-Salem spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gresham.

Those attending the picnic of the First Church reported a nice time. The next one will be in 1939 at Buckroe Beach, Va. All be ready.

Miss Dorothy Pines spent the week end at Norfolk, Va., with her sister, Daisy Pines.

The Allens and Todds of White Plains, N. Y., are spending some time at their home.

Mrs. Cora Baker and her children, Cora, Juanita, Dorothy May and Dock, have moved to Maryland to live with her daughter, Mrs.

Maggie Binnett.

Mr. Fletcher Sledge is visiting his sister, Flora, this week.

Miss Eliza Watson was rushed to St. Agnes last Friday for an operation.

Miss Catherine Harris is getting along fine. Her friends hope for speedy recovery.

Mrs. Bessie Williams is home from the hospital and is doing well.

Miss Helen Gosett of New York City was in Zebulon Tuesday. She called to see Mrs. J. A. Gresham.

Miss Virginia Brooks has moved to New York City. She is liking it fine.

Mrs. Joseph Merriott of Maryland left last Sunday after spending ten days visiting her sister and friends.

Little Mary E. Sims has returned home after visiting her grandmother in South Carolina and cousin in Winston-Salem.

The preaching service of the First Baptist Church was largely attended last Sunday. Rev. C. A. Merriott preached from Phillipians 4:7. How our hearts did burn while the man of God talked, by the way.

Mrs. C. V. Williams spent the week end visiting her aunt and cousin in Tarboro.

The revival at Stokes Chapel last week was very successful. More than 25 were added to the church. It is hoped by the members that they will soon be ready to rebuild their church.



MOST "TROUBLES" Never HAPPEN

YOUR VOICE, when it takes a trip by telephone, travels over a delicately balanced and highly complex electrical system. Hundreds of things could happen to break up your voice's path. Most of them never do.

These potential "troubles" rarely materialize because the men who direct and operate your telephone system have not been satisfied merely to repair damage after it has taken place. They have demanded that weak spots be sought out and corrected beforehand. All the nineteen thousand Southern Bell employees, in one way or another, join in this effort.

Subscribers' lines are checked periodically from the local testboards. The intricate equipment in the central office is tested constantly, particularly the relays and contacts. Emergency power supplies are provided.

Underground cables are filled with gas to detect leaks in the cable sheath. Aerial cables are checked, open wire lines are patrolled, to stop the "breaks" before they occur.

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