

TOBACCO BED DAMAGE PRACTICALLY NOTHING

CO-OPS RESENT CHARGE

Report of Rockingham County Night-riding Depredations Is Flatly Denied.

Reidsville, May 15.—The alleged damage of tobacco plant beds belonging to S. E. Alcorn, of the Saunders community, turns out to be an insignificant affair and was probably intended as a joke on Mr. Alcorn by some of the fun-loving youngsters in his neighborhood.

A correspondent from that neighborhood writes as follows:

"Mr. Alcorn's statement was headed: 'Tobacco Beds Destroyed at S. E. Alcorn's; has offered a reward of one hundred dollars for the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties.' Mr. Alcorn also says that some one connected with the Farmers' Co-operative Marketing Association is responsible for the destruction of his plant beds. Mr. Alcorn also had a note published that he said he found at his plant beds destroyed. The note read something like this: 'We helped you get a good price for your 1922 crop of tobacco. You had better sign up and help put this over or you will not plant a crop of tobacco this year.'"

"Mr. Dawson, of the collecting department; W. R. Roberts, a farmer of the Saunders community, and S. P. Thomas and others went to see Mr. Alcorn's plant beds destroyed and found that some one had made a little mound of dirt in one corner of one of his beds. No damage done, not five cents damage. As to the note of warning it was gone.

"Now why did you make such a wild statement? Why did you not state facts just as they were? Why did you say your beds were destroyed? Why did you say co-ops was responsible? Why did you wish to publish such a statement in a daily paper when the truth of the whole thing is you weren't damaged a penny, but it seems you wanted to give the co-op a black eye. Come fair Mr. Alcorn and state facts just as they are. Why did you tell your tenants last winter to select some out of the way place for their plant beds so the co-op could not find them? Now Mr. Alcorn you know the co-operative association does not stand for anything low and degrading, but you know that your neighbors do not and would not do you or your property any harm. You know that we are ready to help you and defend your interest. We want you to know that we are not going to have you put such statements in our daily papers to try and bias the minds of people against our association and your neighbors. I hope you will correct the statement you made through the press as your neighbors demand it. You have made a mountain out of a mole hill.

"(Signed) 'CO-OPS.'
"Saunders school house local of the co-operative association passed the following resolution:
"Whereas, we the members of Saunders' local, a unit of the Tobacco Growers Association, having heard of some of our non-member neighbor's plant beds being tampered with and believing that there is some suspicion towards the association, be it resolved that the members of said local being innocent of damaging or plotting to damage any non-member or his property do hereby go on record as being greatly against any foul or dirty work or force in any form to get new members.

"Be it further resolved, That realizing the injury that such schemes are calculated to do the association, the local offers its aid to these non-members in trying to find the guilty party or parties in such cases that the damage is charged to the acts of the association.
"Be it further resolved, That we the members of Saunders local offer a reward for the arrest and conviction of guilty parties.
"Also quite a number of Mr. Alcorn's neighbors have visited his plant bed and they all agree that no damage has been done. There was only one bed tampered with instead of several beds as was stated in the Tri-City Gazette."

Try a want ad, it pays.

ROXBORO GRADED SCHOOL.

The first of the exercises of the Roxboro Graded School commencement were held last Friday night when the classes of Mrs. H. W. Newell and Miss Christine Walker gave a recital. This was greatly enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience.

The following will complete the program:

Friday, May 25th, 8:15 p. m., senior class play.

Saturday, May 26th, 8:00 p. m., entertainment by children of primary grades.

Sunday, May 27th, 11:00 a. m., commencement sermon by Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, Pastor West Market St. Methodist Church, Greensboro, N. C.

Monday, May 28th, 8:15 p. m., graduating exercises. Address by Hon. J. W. Bailey, Raleigh, N. C.

All of these exercises will be held in the school auditorium, except the commencement sermon, which will be preached in the Methodist Church. Public cordially invited to all of the exercises.

NEAR EAST RELIEF! BUNDLE DAY.

Please do not forget that next Friday, the 25th, is Bundle Day for Near East Relief. Every article of clothing that can be spared will be appreciated. Cast off winter clothing is especially desirable.

Every householder, please put every thing you can spare into a bundle and have it ready not later than Friday morning when it will be called for.

Before tying your bundle take a look at the poster in Wilburn & Satterfield's show window prepared by Mrs. R. L. Wilburn, Chairman of the Woman's Section. I am sure that after witnessing this faithful presentation of the horrible conditions in the Near East you will add another garment or two to your bundle even at a sacrifice.

Out-of-town people and schools who can pack and ship direct will be furnished shipping tags. Or, if unpacked, they should be delivered to me Friday morning if possible.

F. O. Carver, Chairman.

SCHOOL NOTES.

There will be a joint meeting of the Board of Education and the County Commissioners on next Monday, May 28th for the purpose of making out the May Budget for all the schools of the county for the ensuing year. All schools shall send by a Committeeman the amount needed for all purposes to run them, including teachers' salaries, building, repairs, etc. High School committees should see that a special budget is prepared for their schools, and have a committeeman to present it.

J. A. Beam.

IN THE MAYOR'S COURT.

The following cases were before His Honor, W. I. Newton, the past week:

J. B. Nunnally and Bill Whigley, fist fight. Fine and costs \$6.00.

Arch Noell, col., assaulted Irvin Parish. \$25.00 and costs.

Will Knott, driving truck without license tag. Let off by paying court costs, \$3.50.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS.

There were two automobile accidents on Main Street Monday evening. Fortunately no one was seriously hurt. The first was a collision between Mr. J. W. Chambers car and one driven by a deaf and dumb gentleman. The second was between Miss Rogers and Mr. Reid Jones, at the corner of the Peoples Bank. This is a bad turn and accidents are liable to happen here almost any time.

INVITATION.

The following invitation has been received, at this office:

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Hooker request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Ione May to Mr. William Harrison Bradsher on Wednesday evening, the sixth of June at half after eight o'clock, Eighth Street Christian Church, Greenville, N. C.

At Home after June the twentieth, Washington, N. C.

Political Dark Horses—No. 1



Presidential dark horses must always be considered when the political pot starts to boil. Among publishers and farmers many leaders see in Dr. Albert Shaw, editor and publisher of "Review of Reviews," a strong independent Republican candidate. Dr. Shaw is internationally known, and aside from his dominate literary position he is a practical and successful farmer, owning and operating two big farms, one in New York and one in Virginia. In Democratic ranks, John W. Davis of West Virginia, former Ambassador to England, is looked upon with favor as a dark-horse candidate. Mr. Davis is now attorney for the Associated Press and N. Y. Times.

CAMDEN ISSUES

CALL FOR HELP

Governor McLeod Made Urgent Appeal Upon Red Cross Report.

Columbia, S. C., May 21.—Help of the people of the United States in caring for the newly made widows and orphans, whose husbands and parents were among the 77 victims of the Cleveland schoolhouse fire last Thursday, was asked today, by Camden, the little resort town in the heart of South Carolina which assumed the burden of providing for the stricken.

Governor Thomas G. McLeod, immediately upon the receipt of a telegram from the Red Cross advisory committee at Camden that outside assistance was needed, issued an appeal to the country at large for funds to provide permanently for at least four widows and forty-two children, robbed of their means of support by the schoolhouse tragedy. Contributions, he announced, should be sent to the American Red Cross, which has undertaken to manage the entire relief program.

The telegram to the governor from the advisory committee declared that previous estimates of the needs of the community, where scarcely a home was spared the loss of at least one of its occupants, had been greatly underestimated. The program of relief contemplated, the governor was informed, would result in every orphan securing an education, and in arrangements being made to protect the widowed.

Meanwhile, state authorities here planned to guard by additional precautions against the repetition of the Cleveland disaster in some other South Carolina school. Dr. James A. Hayne, state health officer, who is charged with making regulations for the health of school children, and J. H. Hope, state superintendent of education, conferred briefly with Governor McLeod, regarding certain proposed changes in the safety requirements of the rural schools of South Carolina. Another conference will be held next week, it was announced.

Tentative decision was reached today to have an inspector of the state health department to visit every school building, and to make a report upon its condition with regard to the fire hazards.

CALLED MEETING OF AMERICAN AUXILIARY.

There will be a call meeting of the American Auxiliary on Thursday night in the Kaplon building at 7 o'clock. All members are urged to be present, as very important business is to come up.

Miss Evie Long, Sec.

R. F. D. CARRIERS, NOTICE.

Perston County Rural carriers will hold their regular meeting in the court house in Roxboro, on Wednesday, May the 30th at eleven o'clock. All carriers come.

D. E. Featherston, Pres.
T. J. Montague, Sec.

MRS. TAGGOTT

HAS RETURNED

Familiar With the Chinese Situation.

New York, May 21.—The demand of Chinese bandits who recently seized a party of tourists that they be made members of the Chinese army in return for giving up their prisoners is of their kind, declared Mrs. E. H. Taggart, wife of a Hong Kong hotel man, who arrived here today on a visit to her father, Supreme Court Justice Scott.

"Sixty percent of the Chinese army are bandits," declared Mrs. Taggart. The army is divided into numerous factions, each so intent on warring upon the other and deriding them that no thought is given to the protection of person or property. The recent work of the Sachow train bandits differs from previous exhibitions of lawlessness only because it was on a somewhat larger scale than usual and more prominent persons were involved.

AN ATTRACTIVE STORE.

Mess. Clayton, Wilkerson & Jackson have made wonderful improvements in the looks of their store since opening. They have installed new fixtures, painted the inside and altogether it will be hard to find a more attractive grocery store. These gentlemen are all well and favorably known and they will doubtless do a good business.

PERSON COUNTY

S. S. CONVENTION.

Person County Sunday School convention met with Brookside church on last Saturday and continued through Sunday. The convention was well attended and the interest was good. Mr. Sims and Miss Davis, the experts, were present and gave some fine demonstrations as to what it takes to make a live Sunday School. On Saturday there were present 6 preachers, 6 Sunday School superintendents, 27 teachers and 15 Sunday Schools represented.

The following officers were elected: H. L. Crowell, president; D. S. Brooks, vice-president; S. T. Slaughter, sec. and treas.

Township presidents: Allensville, T. B. Day; Olive Hill, K. C. Wagstaff; Busby Fork, J. A. Whitfield; Cuningham, L. P. Duncan; Holloways, A. J. Crutchfield; Wooddale, E. E. Carver; Mt. Tizzle, D. M. Cash; Roxboro, S. G. Winstead; Flat Rive, Rev. J. C. Williams.

The next convention will be held with the Methodist church at Hurdle Mills, the date to be fixed later.

YARD OF FISH.

Yesterday evening Mr. Jones of Doares barber shop, was exhibiting a yard, a 36 inch string, of fine black perch which he caught in the pond at the Roxboro Cotton Mill. When you call at our office on business and find us out, just come on down to the above mentioned pond.

Society

The Review club met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. A. R. Warren and the lesson for the afternoon was led by Mrs. T. C. Brooks, and the subject was "Egypt." No important business was transacted, except the report of the program committee being read, and submitted to the club. At the close of the study hour, the hostess assisted by Mrs. R. M. Spencer served a salad course, with candies. The members present were Mesdames I. O. Abbott, T. C. Brooks, T. C. Bradsher, J. A. Beam, James Burrows, B. G. Clayton, H. L. Crowell, Lillian Foreman, B. C. Thompson, R. L. Wilburn, T. B. Woody, and I. O. Wilkerson.

Mrs. B. A. Thaxton honored Miss Margaret Bradsher Tuesday afternoon, when she gave a miscellaneous shower at her home on North Main street. Five tables were arranged for Boston rook, in the rooms which were pretty in their arrangement of spring flowers. At the close of the game little Miss Esther Thaxton, small daughter of the hostess, entered the room with a tiny wagon covered with yellow and white, on which were piled the gifts for the bride-elect. Fruit salad and tea was the menu served to the following guests: Mesdames W. T. Pass, W. T. Long, Hugh Woods, Rosa Thompson, George Walker, Joe Blanks, E. Z. Bradley, I. T. Bowles, Connor Merritt, H. W. Winstead, J. J. Winstead, E. P. Dunlap, George Thomas, Margaret Strayhorn, Ruth Stephens, H. W. Newell, E. E. Thomas, Misses Sue Merritt, Kate Newton, Annie Lauris Barnette, and Bertha Clayton.

Mrs. A. S. deVlaming was a charming hostess to the Friday Afternoon Pleasure club on Friday evening at her home on South Main Street. The house was lovely with roses and peonies. Boston rook was the game of the afternoon. A delightful salad course, with punch, was served to the following: Mesdames W. C. Bullock, T. B. Woody, H. W. Winstead, W. T. Long, W. C. Watkins, Geo. W. Kame, E. P. Dunlap, R. W. Stephens, J. D. Morris, A. M. Burns, B. E. Love, W. D. Merritt, R. L. Wilburn, W. S. Clary, Jr., J. W. Noell, Connor Merritt, J. A. Long, Hugh Woods, and Mrs. Rosa Thompson of Philadelphia.

A pretty party was that of Saturday afternoon when Mrs. Joe Blanks entertained at her lovely new home on Reams Avenue. Peonies and sweet peas were arranged over the house which lent an attractive glow to the rooms. Six tables were placed for the game of Boston rook and after many interesting games the hostess, assisted by Mrs. S. A. Jones, and Miss Evie Harris, served a salad and ice course. Pink and white bags filled with mints were given as favors. Those present were Mesdames B. G. Clayton, I. O. Wilkerson, S. A. Jones, T. B. Woody, E. Z. Bradley, H. W. Newell, E. E. Thaxton, W. T. Pass, J. D. K. Richmond, Connor Merritt, R. H. Oakley, T. W. Pass, E. E. Thomas, L. C. Bradsher, J. L. Atkins, of Durham, W. S. Clary, Jr., Misses Bertha Clayton, Ruth Newton, Evie Harris, Annie Laura Barnett, Mary Harris, Annie Walker and Elizabeth Noell.

On Monday night Miss Eglantine Merritt gave a party in honor of Miss Margaret Bradsher, who is to be married in June. The guests were received at the door by Miss Eglantine Merritt, then Miss Louise Thompson invited them to the punch bowl where Mrs. Connor Merritt and Miss Mildred Long served delightful punch. Boston rook was played at seven tables and at the end of the game the hostess presented Miss Annie Walker with a beautiful bunch of sweet peas as having won the highest score. Ice cream and cake were served and at the close of the party Miss Margaret Bradsher was asked to cut the wedding cake.

Those enjoying Miss Merritt's party were Misses Margaret Bradsher, Beattie Sample, May Willson, Christine Walker, May Hardy, Annie Walker, Annie Laura Barnett, Elizabeth Noell, Helen White, Louise Thompson, Edna Bradsher, Kate Newton, Eglantine Thompson, and Mess. Merrimon Burns, Dewey and

Arthur Bradsher, Bernard Crowell, Frank Howard, Jack Hambrick, Herbert Barnett, John Morris, Charlie Harris, Walker Jones, Merritt Bradsher, G. L. Gruech, Wallace Woods, and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bradsher.

S. S. TRAINING SCHOOL.

The Sunday School Training School was in session last week at the Edgar Long Memorial Church and was greatly enjoyed by a large class of teachers and others interested in Sunday School work. The last session was held Friday night.

MISS ORPHIA LEE ALLGOOD GRADUATES.

We return thanks to Miss Orphia Lee Allgood for an invitation to the Commencement exercises of Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C., May 25th to 28th. Miss Allgood is a member of the senior class and will graduate this Commencement.

ALMOST

In London they were discussing advertising. "Great stuff, these electric signs on Broadway," said the Yankee. "They've got one advertising Wrigley's gum, runs a whole block, 250,000 electric bulbs."

"How many" cried the astonished Londoner.

"Two hundred and fifty thousand," answered the Yankee.

The Londoner observed, "But I say, old chap, isn't that a bit conspicuous?"—The Kan-Sun.

NEW SHIP TO BE KEPT DRY.

Washington, May 21.—The Leviathan will be as "dry" as unceasing vigilance can make her, officials of the shipping board declared today in denying the published reports that four bars already has been installed on the great liner, who soon will be placed again in the trans-Atlantic service.

MORE NEW BUILDINGS.

Mess. J. C. and W. T. Pass are placing material on the ground to build two big store rooms on their property on Depot Street.

EVERY HOUSEKEEPER IS INTERESTED.

One of the household drudges is sweeping—that is if you do not happen to own a Hoover. The advertisement of Mess. T. W. Pass & Son in this issue is of much interest to housekeepers, as it tells you how you may get rid of this drudgery. Look it up and call at once, as they have a factory representative here giving demonstrations.

LEGION WILL OBSERVE MEMORIAL DAY.

The Lester Blackwell Post of the American Legion and Auxiliary will observe Memorial Day on the 30th—Wednesday. Col. S. C. Chambers of Durham will deliver the address, which will be followed by a dinner prepared by the Auxiliary. All of the ex-service men are requested to wear a poppy, which can be secured from members of the Auxiliary.

Mr. E. V. Boatwright left yesterday for Richmond, Va., where Master Edgar, Jr., is being treated at a hospital.

HOMEY PHILOSOPHY For 1923

REMEMBER that birthday when there were twelve candles on the cake and the big piece rested on the plate of that wonderful girl whose golden curls were the most beautiful in all the world—and then that birthday when that girl with nut brown hair glanced shyly as Dad told her you were now a man. And then the birthdays came quickly, until there were no candles on the cake, but just a touch of thoughtfulness and love reflected in the making. Now in the mellow of years we can think of birthdays and their joys just as the mirror of the only birthday—the day we pass into life into Eternity. Smile as the hour nears.