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## TOBACCO MARKETS OPEN IN SOUTH CAROLINA BELT

Many Growers Still Busy Harvesting Crops And Stay Away Opening Day

### CROP SHORT THIS SEASON

Fairmont, Aug. 7.—Tobacco markets of the South Carolina or Pee Dee belt opened the 1928 season today with hundreds of thousands of pounds of the golden weed on the floors of warehouses.

Sales at Fairmont, Lumberton, Whiteville, Chadbourn, Clarkton, Taber and Fair Bluff were not of the record-breaking kind for poundage or prices due to the fact that farmers have been unusually busy harvesting and preparing the crop for market. Many of the markets urged the farmers not to sell on the opening day if it was to affect the quality of the tobacco remaining in the fields or barns.

Lumberton still selling late this afternoon, likely will have a total of half a million pounds for the opening with a price range consistent with the quality of the tobacco.

Fairmont had about completed sales at 4 o'clock. R. W. McFarland, sales supervisor, said that the warehouse bills should show about a 300,000 pound sale. Prices on this market ranged from \$2.60 to \$2.70 per hundred pounds. In 1927 this market sold 40 per cent of the total tonnage in the seven border county markets at an average higher than the average for the entire belt, including markets across the line in South Carolina.

It was expected by officials who had visited all markets that the opening day's average would be around \$14 per hundred, or about \$5 per hundred less than last year's opening.

## Lecture On Customs Of American Samoa

Chaplain James M. Hester, who was pastor of the Baptist Church here in 1917-18, and was named "Father of the World War" as Chaplain in the Navy, will deliver his famous lecture on "Weird and Strange Customs of the South Sea Islands" in the public school auditorium on the evening of the 17th of August.

During his time in the Navy, Chaplain Hester has crossed the Atlantic Ocean twenty-two times and has visited every continent in the world. His lecture here on the 17th will be based on his experiences as Superintendent of Education for American Samoa, 1922-27. Part of his duty as Chaplain of the Naval Station in American Samoa was Superintendent of Education for the natives.

His lecture will give the public here some first-hand information concerning the Samoan Islands, glimpses which cannot be gleaned from books. Most Americans know little of these islands which have been under the American flag since 1880.

Samoa is one of the distant spots over which the American flag waves and the only one south of the equator. Samoa is known to most people through the writings of Robert Louis Stevenson. His connection with the islands has made them known to the school children. Every school child who is able to do so ought to hear Chaplain Hester's lecture.

Chaplain Hester is a native of Bladen County and is a graduate of Wake Forest College and Crozer Theological Seminary. He was from here to St. Paul where he will spend several days with relatives and friends before he returns to his present duty at Protestant Chaplain at the Naval Training Station, Newport, R. I.

In addition there will be special music, altogether insuring the public a most enjoyable evening.

## Look! Don't Fail To See

Misery Moon a blank hero in "Always In Trouble" A play to be given by the boys and girls of Rock Grove Baptist Church Saturday night August 11th, 1928 at Alenaville high school. This is a side-splitting comedy, beginning with a laugh and ending with a roar. Don't miss it. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

## Off For Canada

A party composed of Mess. Joe O. Solomon, Walter Hamlin, Eugene Gentry and Henry Smith left this morning for Delhi, Canada, where they will remain until about October first, engaged in the tobacco business. They are making the trip by rail, driven by Mr. John Howard.

## 2 ITALIANS WHO FLEW ATLANTIC SERIOUSLY HURT

Rio Janeiro, Aug. 7.—Major Carlo P. Delprete and Captain Arturo Ferrarin, who recently made a non-stop flight across the South Atlantic, were seriously injured today in an airplane accident at the school of naval aviation.

Major Delprete suffered fractures of both legs while Captain Ferrarin sustained injuries to his neck and jaw. A Brazilian mechanic flying with them, was also hurt.

## DIES FROM EFFECTS OF GASOLINE FUMES

Parents Had Warned Him, But He Had Unusual Craving For Odor Of Gasoline

### FOUND DEAD IN GARAGE

Little Henry Lea Barnette, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Barnette, met a tragic death Friday afternoon about 6 o'clock. It seems that the child had an unusual craving for the smell of gasoline, and the fumes of this substance are believed to have choked out his life when he inhaled an overdose of the fumes which he had found delight in smelling. For several months his parents had tried in vain to break him of the habit of inhaling the fumes from the gasoline tank of the family automobile, but their efforts were brought to a tragic climax yesterday evening when his lifeless body was found in the garage.

Unnoticed by any members of the family little Henry had gone to the garage and there unscrewed the cap on the gasoline tank. It is believed that the boy was overcome by the fumes and fell into a state of coma. The reaction on his heart and lungs proved fatal.

Immediately after the finding of his body his parents rushed him to a local physician. Every available means of reviving him proved fruitless.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnette have not only the sympathy of their community but the County at large, for they have large family connections as well as hosts of friends throughout the County, and many of them visited the home throughout the day to pay their respects. Besides the parents he is survived by several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. West, pastor of Mrs. Barnette, and interment was made in the Oak Grove cemetery.

## Coming

The singing class of the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh, N. C., will give a musical program at Hurdle Mills Methodist church Friday evening, August 10th, beginning at 8 o'clock. The public is invited to come out and enjoy this concert. Supper will be served on the ground at 6:45 p. m. Charge for admission but a free will offering will be taken.—S. S. Spurr.

## Auto Caught Fire

Sunday afternoon as Mr. Bill Hunt was coming up Depot Street his Dodge roadster caught fire. By handers, aided in trying to smother it out with sand, but were not successful. The fire department was called out and soon extinguished the blaze.

## Card Of Thanks

We wish to try to express to each and every one our appreciation, who helped us in deeds and thoughts, during our recent bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Barnette and Family.

## Appointed A Notary Public

Mr. J. B. Riggsbee has been commissioned a notary public, and anyone wishing his services will find him at the Peoples Bank.

You'll shriek with laughter at William Haines in "THE SMART SET" with Jack Holt, playing Palace Theatre, Monday & Tuesday, August 13-14th. Matinee Monday 2:00 P. M.

An elephant's bath requires 150 pounds of soap.

## BILL CZARNITZKI TRANSFERRED TO DARLINGTON, S. C.

As Field Scout Executive He Has Done A Great Work Among The Boys

### WILL HAVE SUCCESSOR

Sponsored by the Roxboro Rotary club the citizens of Roxboro made it possible for the boys to have a regular and duly organized Boy Scout organization, and on January first Mr. William E. Czarnitzki, was elected as field scout executive, dividing his time between Roxboro and Henderson. Mr. Czarnitzki has made his home here during these few months and has proven his ability in the Scout line, making friends with all with whom he came in contact, and especially is very popular with the boys. When he appears on the streets it is not long before he is surrounded by the boys, and his influence over them has been noted to a marked degree.

He has been transferred to Darlington, S. C., with larger responsibilities, more troops of Scouts under him, a much wider field and a larger salary. No one will criticize him for tender-

Wm. E. Czarnitzki



ing his resignation here and accepting the promotion, which he so well deserves, for with his work centered in one place he will find the work much more desirable, but every one will regret his leaving. Both Mr. Czarnitzki and Mrs. Czarnitzki have aligned themselves with all forward movements and have been quite an asset to the town, and all part with them with sincere regret.

## Person's Most Noted And Illustrious Educator Dead

Rev. J. A. Beam Succumbs To Injury Received Last Week. Died In Richmond, Va.

### HE PUT PERSON COUNTY ON MAP EDUCATIONALLY

The message received here Saturday morning telling of the death of Rev. J. A. Beam cast a gloom over the town and the County as well. It was known that his condition was critical, and his death was expected, but all had hoped that his unusual vitality would abide with him that he might again have the pleasure of seeing and talking with him. On May 23, 1928, he received serious injury when struck by an automobile near his home on the South Boston road. He never fully recovered from this accident, and about a year later he fell down the steps. Yet, he rallied, and a few weeks since he decided he wanted to go to Richmond to see his son-in-law, who was ill, and contrary to the advice of his loved ones he insisted and he made the trip. On last Monday he met with another accident, which caused a broken hip, and from this he never rallied, death claiming him Saturday morning at 1:10.

The body was brought to the home at Bethel Hill and on Sunday from 2 to 4 o'clock it rested in state at the Baptist Church here, of which he was a devoted and greatly loved member. For the two hours there was a solid stream of visitors taking a last look at this much loved man. The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. W. F. West, participated in by Rev. T. A. Sikes, pastor of the Edgar Long Memorial Church, Prof. N. C. Newbold of Raleigh, the Pastor of the Baptist Church of Louisburg, Rev. N. J. Todd, pastor of Bethel Hill Church, Rev. Mr. Hill of Kinston, one of the first students to enroll when Bethel Hill Academy was opened, and Rev. Geo. T. Watkins of Durham. At this service the house was taxed to its capacity, and even then all could not get in the house, and a more bountiful or beautiful floral offering we have never seen. All simply showing what a great love the people of Roxboro and Person County had for this great and good man. The funeral services were concluded at Borchwood cemetery, conducted by the Masons.

Mr. Kynock of the Durham Herald had the following to say concerning Mr. Beam: "He was a pioneer educator of Person county, having served as a teacher and preacher of the gospel for a period extending over 40 years. After his graduation from Wake Forest college he began his career as a teacher at Bethel Hill night school, which was at that time known as the Bethel Hill academy. When the academy was consumed by flames he went to Leesville and spent about five years there. Upon his return to Person county he began to establish himself as one of the foremost and outstanding characters that the peo-

## Person Superior Court

Person County Superior Court met Monday morning, with Judge W. A. Devlin in charge, and Solicitor Unstead looking after the interest of the State. There were more than 60 cases on the State docket, and on Monday the court made a record breaking day, disposing of more than 40 cases. The large majority of these cases have to do with the liquor question. Quite a number have been sentenced to the roads, with more probably to follow as the docket has not been finished at this writing, Wednesday morning. We will give full particulars in our next issue.

## Revival Meetings

Revival meetings consecutively held at four churches recently closed with splendid results. Four visiting Pastors, Revs. W. F. West, J. C. McGee, J. L. Coley and D. E. Hill, with splendid song leaders, Mr. C. L. Fry and pianist, Misses Katie Perkins and Lorena Wade made an excellent evangelistic team. The influence of the meetings were far-reaching and I believe the Kingdom interests were greatly advanced in the churches and communities. Bible chapter reading during the meetings and reported 5,242. "Then said I, Lord I come, in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: Thy law is within my heart." Ps. 40:7.

Services at Lambeth Memorial at 11 o'clock Sunday a. m. Afternoon service at Lee Baptist 3:30. Baptists at the place of the service. A cordial welcome is extended to all. L. V. COGGINS.

## House Party At Lake

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Ledbetter are giving a house party at the Lake this week and have as their guests Mrs. Wm. Ledbetter and Miss Ruth Ledbetter of Statesville, Mr. E. V. Seitz of Forest City, Miss Christine and Parks Bryant, Miss Lola Harris and Mr. Carl Rhodes of Belmont and Mrs. L. C. Herrige of Richland.

For many years he served as county superintendent of schools and when he gave up the job he was succeeded by his wife, who was Miss Mollie Lucas before she was wedded to Mr. Beam. The high standard that Person county schools hold today can be chiefly attributed to the early and unflinching interest that Rev. Mr. Beam had taken in them. Many citizens of Person county who have a place of high standing in the community received their early education under the supervision of Mr. Beam. Surviving are his widow, two sons, Dr. H. M. Beam of Roxboro; and G. M. Beam of Louisburg; two daughters, Mrs. Raymond Bailey of Louisburg, Mrs. Tom Smith of Richmond; and there also survive one sister, Mrs. Nancy Griggs of Shelby, and one brother, David A. Beam, also of Shelby.

## 31 ITALIANS FOUND DEAD AS SUBMARINE F-14 IS RAISED

Now You See It, Now You Don't

The knottiest problem which has ever come before the Board of Commissioners for settlement has been the jail question. It has been a game of hide and seek all the way through, with the Commissioners, as the old saying goes, "between the devil and the deep blue sea." They stand indicted for not complying with an order of one of our Judges, and the people of the County having voted down the proposition on two occasions. Two weeks ago they let the contract for a new jail, but the grand jury in session this week, seems to oppose the building of the new jail, and called the chairman of the Board, Mr. A. C. Gentry, before them and after a conference they called the Judge and asked his advice. He stated that he could not, under the circumstances, issue a restraining order, but stated further that if the Commissioners could agree with all parties concerned and hold up the work until after Jan. 1st, the prosecution of the Commissioners would be stayed until after that date.

Mr. Gentry had a conference with the contractor, Mr. Geo. W. Kane, who stated that virtually all of the material for the jail had been placed and a large lot of it was at this time on the cars headed for Roxboro, and while he could not guarantee any figures he was confident the loss sustained by all concerned would not be less than \$15,000. And there you are. It would appear that the cheapest way-out of this bad dilemma is to go ahead with the construction of the jail.

There will be another conference this morning between the chairman and the foreman of the grand jury, but it will be too late for this issue.

## A Family Reunion

Many friends and relatives of J. VanHook of the Hurdle Mills vicinity surprised him the 29th of July when he was celebrating his 60th birthday with a birthday dinner and the family reunion. Dinner was spread in the town and greatly enjoyed by all. All members of his family were present. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Beams and family of Apex; Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Wright of Hillsboro; Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Wilson of Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Compton of Cedar Grove; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Poole of Fayersville; Frank Van Hook of Henderson; Quinn Van Hook of Apex, and Vincent VanHook, who lives with his parents. All of the thirteen grandchildren and Mr. VanHook's two sisters and brothers were present to wish him many more birthdays.

## Prompt Settlement

Walker Insurance Agency, Roxboro, N. C. Gentlemen, I am in receipt of your check covering claim under Accident Policy purchased of your Agency some months ago. Please permit me to express to you my appreciation of your promptness in making settlement. Just 48 hours after filing claim with you I have your check in hand. I feel that service like this merits consideration. I can appreciate and understand why your Accident Policies are popular with the public. With very best wishes for your Agency.

## Hail Last Sunday

There was a very destructive hail storm last Sunday afternoon in the section near the Lake. Mr. Nat Jordan says it was very destructive, destroying many an acre of promising tobacco.

## Notice—Sacred Concert

A sacred concert will be given by the Methodist Orphanage, Singing Class at the Salem Methodist Church on August 12th, 1928 at 8:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend this concert.

## TOBACCO STICKS

No. 1 Kiln Dried Stock at Roxboro Lumber Co.

Italians Die At Bottom Of Sea As Result Of Collision In Naval Maneuvers

## SURPRISING SPEED IN RESCUING VESSEL DOESN'T SAVE CREW

Radio Telephone Communication With Sunken Ship Maintained Until Few Hours Before Brought To Surface; Fate Of Italian Crew Reminded Of Disaster Of Submarine S-4 Off New England Coast Last Year; Acid Fumes Believed To Have Caused Death; Record Made In Raising Vessel

Rome, Aug. 7.—The 31 men who went to the bottom of the sea in the submarine F-14 when it was sunk in a collision, have been found dead, it was officially announced tonight.

The submarine was raised to the surface tonight and as rescue crews jumped into the craft, hopeful to find at least a majority of the imprisoned men still alive, they were greeted with the full extent of the tragedy—all of the crew dead.

Communicated by Radio. Radio telephone communication with the sunken ship, which was maintained until shortly after noon today, had indicated that all—or at least most—of the men were alive.

Then, when the communication was broken off, it was feared something had happened down in the submerged vessel but it was still hoped that nothing serious had happened to the men.

The F-14 had sunk at an angle of 70 degrees. Work of raising it was started with surprising speed, but because of the angle of its slope it was feared its storage batteries had unseated and part of the crew was asphyxiated by fumes of sulphuric acid. Experts believed, after the announcement that the ship's complement of two officers and 29 men must have succumbed to the acid fumes.

While on maneuver with the remainder of a fleet of submarines the F-14 had started to attack a squadron of British bombers in the Adriatic. It rammed one of the destroyers and sank while its radio operator was flashing out the "S. O. S."

## Always In Trouble

A play to be given by the boys and girls of Fryck Grove Baptist church, Saturday night August 11th, an eight o'clock in the Alenaville High School auditorium.

This is a real comedy, the comedy scenes being furnished by Misery Moon a hoodooed colored boy always in trouble. Be sure to see his frantic efforts to collect nine dollars from the old multi-millionaire. You will also be interested in Lulu Pearl, whose every move and speech is riddled with a dynamite bomb, and all the rest. Be on time.

The money attained will go for the benefit of the church. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

## Edgar Long Memorial

Visitors and strangers will always find a hearty welcome at Edgar Long Memorial Methodist Church. Special music and good congregational singing is always a feature. Worship with us next Sunday.

Sunday School 9:45. Sermon 11 and 8. E. Worth League 7:15. The supreme need of the world—be it business, politics, economic, social, home church, school is this: "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." T. A. SIKES, Pastor.

## Sandhill Peaches Now On Market

The movement of the main crop of peaches from the sandhill region of North Carolina began Monday, July 30th and will continue through the 18th of August. Georgia Belles, Elbertas, and Halets are the principal varieties on the market at this time. The growers in the sandhills are issuing invitations to the public to visit the orchards and get their canning fruit.

William Haines with Alice Day and Jack Holt in "THE SMART SET" playing Palace Theatre Monday & Tuesday, Aug. 13-14th. Matinee Monday, 2:00 P. M.