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## POISONED WELL A PEACH TREE IN KILLS FOUR BLOOM

(By Associated Press.)  
Augusta, Ga., Nov. 8.—The death last night of Mrs. J. F. Lee, the wife of a Barnwell County, South Carolina farmer, marks the fourth in the family since Tuesday, when three children, aged two, four and six, died after drinking water from a well alleged to have been poisoned. Mr. Lee is in a critical condition. The mystery of the poison is unsolved.

Reports have appeared from time to time in the press recently of the pranks of nature, but there is an instance here which beats any yet printed. Capt. G. S. White reports that a peach tree on his place is in bloom and that he has noted a fairly well grown green peach. This is a most unusual freak occurrence for November.

## ALL BUSINESS HOUSES WILL CLOSE ON ARMISTICE DAY

At a called meeting held this morning the Merchants Association decided to close their places of business on Friday, November 11th, Armistice Day, and to call on all business houses to do so, in order that the people of the town and community may be able to celebrate the day and attend the services and celebrations prescribed for the day through proclamations of the President of the United States and the Governor of North Carolina.

## BANDITS HOLD UP SCOTLAND NECK TRAIN FIGHTS

Paxton, Ill., Nov. 8.—Posses are hunting ten bandits who, last night held up the New Orleans Limited on the Illinois Central railroad two miles south of here, wounding four employees and stole to pouches or registered mail. They fired the mail car and escaped. Police guarded all roads leading into Chicago, and alarm was sent to all Illinois towns.

Do you know that 132,000 young men, girls, mothers of families, and little children have died of tuberculosis in the U. S. in 1921? Do you know that about 2,000 of these were in our own state? Do you know that some of them were in our own town? Why did they die? Because they were ignorant, and because they did not have money to take the proper measures to get well. Our help is needed.

## TAX REVISION BILL PASSED BY SENATE AND GOES TO HOUSE

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Nov. 8.—The tax revision bill faces its third rewriting by conferees after the passage early this morning by the Senate on a vote of thirty-eight to twenty-four, after sixteen hours session. The measure goes to the House when it convenes tomorrow. Republican leaders there plan to conference Thursday. Treasury estimates roughly that the bill will not exceed three quarters of a billion two hundred millions under the present law.

## VA. ONLY STATE ELECTING GOVERNOR TODAY

New York, Nov. 8.—This being an off year in state and national politics municipal contests marked the annual fall elections throughout the country. Virginia is the only state electing a governor, E. Lee Trinkle, Democrat, and Henry W. Anderson, Republican, being the chief candidates. The former's supporters claim a fifty thousand plurality, the latter twenty-five thousand. Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey and New York elect legislators. Mayorality elections included New York City, Detroit, Cleveland and Cincinnati.

Early reports indicated a heavy vote being cast in the State election with women voting for the first time in Virginia for a Governor.

## Governor Morrison Issues Armistice Day Proclamation

WHEREAS, Chapter 287 of the Public Laws of 1919 designates November 11th of each year as a Legal Holiday in North Carolina, and calls upon the people of the State to observe the same in an appropriate manner; and, WHEREAS, said day is the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, marking the defeat of our adversaries in the late World War, and pointing the way to a new era of world Peace and Democracy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CAMERON MORRISON, Governor of North Carolina, do hereby call upon the people of our State to enter into the spirit and significance of the day, and, on November 11, 1921, to ponder upon the bravery of those who made the Supreme Sacrifice on European battlefields, and upon Loyalty, Devotion and Patriotism of those in the Homeland who, without murmuring or complaining, sent the best they had, the Flower of American Manhood, to the fields of honor, and to resolve anew to make the Peace attained through blood and sacrifice count for all that is noble and good and true in our domestic life;

AND, further, I appeal to the Churches and Religious people of the State to assemble in their respective houses of worship on that day, at a time to be appointed by their pastors, and to spend one hour in prayer for the reduction of the armaments of the nations of the world, and for peace on earth.

AND, finally, I call upon the educational leaders of the State to conduct such exercises as may be convenient and expedient.

Done in our City of RALEIGH, on this, the fourth day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, and in the one hundred and forty-sixth year of our American Independence.

CAMERON MORRISON, Governor.

## AUTOMOBILE KILLINGS DURING PAST YEARS

Washington, Nov. 7.—The Department of Commerce, through the Bureau of the Census, announces that during the year 1920, 9,103 deaths resulting from accidents caused by automobiles and other motor vehicles, excluding motorcycles, were recorded within the death-registration area of the United States, which area contains 82 per cent of the total population. This number represents an increase of 10.4 per 100,000 population, as against 9.4 in 1919, 9.1 in 1918, 8.9 in 1917, 7.3 in 1916, and 5.8 in 1915. Between 1915 and 1920, therefore, the death rate per 100,000 population from motor-vehicle accidents and injuries increased by about four-fifths. The actual number of deaths resulting from motor-vehicle accidents in the 25 States from which data for 1915 are available increased from 3,571 in that year to 7,433 in 1920, the rate of increase being 108.1 per cent. During the same period, according to data obtained from the Bureau of Public Roads, of the Department of Agriculture, the number of registrations of automobiles, motor trucks, and commercial motor vehicles in the same States increased from 1,767,053 to 3,085,150, the rate of increase being 244.4 per cent. The death rate per 1000 motor vehicles in use in the 25 States in questions decreased from 2.1 in 1915 to 1.2 in 1920, being only three-fifths as great in the later as in the earlier year.

Every person in Scotland Neck is asked to help give these sick people a chance to get well, a chance to live. Won't you help? Won't you buy the Christmas Tuberculosis Seals? Every penny for each little seal goes to help the great fight. Don't use the fancy seals this year. Let each one of your Christmas packages and letters be decorated with the sign of this crusade for health.

Last year there were \$152.66 worth of seals in Scotland Neck, \$38.16 sent to Dr. McBrayer for National and State Tubercular work, \$125 was spent for expenses, \$113.25 was in our own town. A sick mother was sent to the Sanatorium, and with some outside help, was kept there for five months. She is now back with her children, on the road to recovery. There are other mothers and other children in Scotland Neck who need our help. Seventy-five per cent of the sale are kept for use in our own town.

Buy the Christmas Seals, buy them, buy them, just one penny for each seal. Make Scotland Neck go over the top in this big, big battle for health and happiness.

On sale at both Drug Stores, and Mrs. R. C. Josey, Jr., Chairman, and her committees.

## EX-SERVICE MEN CALLED TO MEET IN WELDON

Armistice Day will be celebrated as it should be in Weldon, Friday, November 11th. At a meeting of the local post of the American Legion held last night all members of that organization from this section, and all ex-service men were requested to meet in Weldon Friday morning at 10:30 and to assemble at the Confederate Monument to organize for the parade, which will be held at eleven o'clock.

The local post will have a float in the parade representing "Fraternity." A Congressman of national reputation will speak immediately after the parade, and then dinner will be served to all ex-service men. In the afternoon there will be football game between the freshmen teams of the University of North Carolina and State College.

## CARELESSNESS FORCES EMPLOYMENT OF CLERKS

New York, Nov. 8.—One way to reduce federal expenses would be for everybody to think twice, or at least once, before mailing a letter or a package. Carelessness by part of the public requires thousands of postal employees to do nothing but straighten out misdirected and improperly addressed mail. The working hours thus employed each year would, if placed end to end, stretch all the way back to B. C., perhaps farther.

One naive thing a great many people do every day is to drop a letter or parcel in the mail box without a word inscribed upon it to show who the sender might be or to whom it is intended to be delivered. This fact, postal officials say, is accomplished 400 times a day in New York alone. Such mail must be ripped open in the hope of identifying the sender or intended recipient. Curiously, the special mailing clerks of big business houses are said to be guilty of this careless act just about as often as those for whom licking stamps and addressing envelopes do not constitute a calling.

Every day 350,000 pieces of improperly addressed mail are posted in New York. Often the wrong state is written on the envelope, frequently the name is wrong. Here as elsewhere, the most common error is for the sender to put down his own home town as the address when another community is meant. Another cause for tardy deliveries is the not yet abandoned custom of taking a pride in eccentric, peculiar handwriting.

Postal authorities attribute to carelessness by mailers 80 percent of all the delays complained of. They mention how those sorting letters must slow down every time they run across an address penned in a strange style, how 50 employees here are kept busy searching directories to locate the right address of persons improperly addressed, and how much time is consumed finding to what town mail should be sent when assigned by the writer merely to a number along "Main Street," "Elm Street" or "First Avenue."

## Farm Status Improves

(By U. S. Press.)  
Washington, Nov. 8.—Agricultural and live stock conditions in the West have improved and confidence has been reestablished within the past few weeks. Eugene Meyer, Jr., of the War Finance Corporation, said on his return from a series of conferences in Chicago. Mr. Meyer and other officials met with representatives of the corporations loan agencies in Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio and Illinois, and with representatives of state banking associations of those states. Banking associations, Mr. Meyer said, have promoted close cooperation making the corporation's funds available where most needed by surveys of the agricultural conditions within their states, and by reports on the credit requirements of the small farmers. The corporation, he added, through extension of credit, was seeking to preserve the breeding herds in the far west, to prevent the marketing of immature and weak cattle, and to assist in the financing of cattle for feeding in the corn

## Boost Your Booster!

Every one loves a booster, but every one is not always ready to boost for his booster.

The booster is supposed to boost because he likes to do it—and in a great measure that is so.

The greatest booster in history, however—the home town paper—must combine with the natural liking for the boosting game, the rewards the simplest rules of business requires for the continuance of the boosting spirit.

The editor of your home town paper likes to be appreciated just as you like to be appreciated.

And how better may your appreciation be expressed than by the amount of money that goes through his cash register?

Every one in this town and community will have an opportunity to show appreciation for the home town paper during the week of November 7-12, which will be observed in every state in the Union as

"Subscribe for Your Home Town Paper Week"

## A New Alaska Base Map MANY FAILURES DURING OCTOBER

(By U. S. Press.)

Washington, Nov. 8.—The U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey of the Department of Commerce reports the completion of a new outline map of Alaska. The map extends from the Arctic Ocean in the north to the State of Washington in the south, and includes all the Aleutian Islands and a part of Eastern Siberia. The shoreline is compiled from the most recent Coast and Geodetic charts and in respect to southeast Alaska and westward to Kodiak Island, the coastline is better represented than heretofore. The accumulation of Alaska are here embodied, presents a delineation of the coastline in a more really true shape than heretofore and in this respect the map is more reliable than other existing maps of similar scale.

Washington, Nov. 8.—October failures reported by Bradstreets numbered 1,893, an increase of 17 per cent over those of September and the second largest number in any month since March, 1915. In solvencies last month were nearly four times those of October, 1919. Liabilities aggregated \$47,722,293, 31 per cent above September's total, but smaller than in any preceding month back to November of last year.

The biggest increase came in the South, which had about two and one-half times the failures and liabilities of October, 1920. In ten months of 1921 there have been 15,535 failures involving liabilities of \$591,105,741.

### WEATHER REPORT

For North Carolina: Unsettled weather. Rain late tonight or Wednesday. Fresh east winds.

## THE SIZE AND SPEED OF TRUCKS

(By J. E. Jones)

Washington, Nov. 8.—How large is the average truck and how fast does it travel? This question and others of interest to truck owners and users of the highways are answered by information obtained in a recent traffic census taken by the Bureau of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture, one one of the and the five-year average 1910-1914, most traveled highways in New England shows that breadstuffs, including all land. The census discloses that 40 grains, was three times the prewar per cent of the trucks were of 1 ton average, meats over twice as much, capacity or less; 33 per cent between dried fruits nearly double, and canned 1 and 2 1-2 tons; 5 per cent between goods three times as great. 2 1-2 and 5 tons; and that less than 2

Wheat products were exported in more surprisingly large volume during July and August this year, while the movement of motor vehicles was timed, it was usually low at this period, taking the increase of exports began in April and continued with very little decline in July. Meat products declined in quantity from the first of the year he traveling at a speed of 45 miles an hour.

One truck, whose driver said he was in a hurry to get there, was found coming back to the level of January, which, as noted above, was more than double the prewar average, and nearly double the amount exported in September a year ago. Lard exports usually run fairly uniform through the year, reaching a high point in February. This year a decline started in that month, but a new upturn began in May and by September had reached a level twice above the top of last year and nearly three times the prewar average. It appears that decline in prices of American products was followed by an increased demand for them abroad.

## PINETOPS MARKET HAS BIGGEST WEEK

Pinetops, N. C., Nov. 8.—The farmer is beginning to realize that Pinetops is a good place to sell his tobacco. The week just ended has been the biggest week in the history of the Pinetops Tobacco Market. There was sold on the floors of the two warehouses 291,614 lbs. for \$101,905.64 averaging \$39.94 per hundred pounds.