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### CAMERON NEWS

Last week's Cameron news letter was mailed at this office on Tuesday afternoon. The day being inclement, the letter was mailed earlier than usual. It is a mystery why it did not reach the Vass postoffice until Wednesday evening.

Farmers and dewberry growers are beginning to hustle. A car load of dewberry crates were unloaded here last week for C. A. Hunter, who in addition to his eight acres has three and one half acres more in dewberries. Mr. J. D. McLean has staked his dewberries. M. McL. McKeithen has added more to his extensive dewberry farm, and has them staked. Soon the tiers will get busy, then the fields abloom; and then the grand finale—the picking season.

Mr. P. G. York, of Sanford, was a Sunday visitor at the Greenwood Inn.

Mr. Stacy Brewer of the Vass Pilot was in town a day of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Johnson, of Red Springs, were in town Tuesday and called at the homes of Mrs. Janie Muse and the correspondent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Phillips, Miss Mary Ferguson, Mrs. M. McL. McKeithen, Mrs. G. S. Cole, and Mr. Alton Cole went to Buffalo Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Catharine Cole who died Sunday at her home near Tramway in Pocket township. Mrs. Cole was the mother of Miss Annie Cole, who taught several terms at Springfield.

Mr. H. A. Matthews, of Vass, and the Rev. F. B. Noblitt left Tuesday for a trip in the western part of the State. Rev. Noblitt will visit relatives at Old Fort, but will return in time to fill his appointment Sunday morning at Cameron, and Sunday evening at Yadkin Hill.

Lawyer Saunders and wife of Harnett, visited J. F. Saunders, Sunday, at the Greenwood Inn.

Mrs. J. W. Cameron and children, Virginia and Johnnie, spent the weekend with Mrs. Cameron's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coore on route 1.

Mr. F. P. Womack and daughters, Misses Louise and Agnes, and Mrs. W. E. Thomas spent the week-end in Cheraw, S. C.

L. F. Hratsell and W. A. Muse spent Sunday in Rockingham.

Mrs. Janie Muse and daughter, Miss Jacksie, were shopping in Raleigh last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Swett spent Sunday with Mr. Thomasson on route 2. Mr. Thomasson and Mr. Swett are Confederate veterans, and love to talk over the days when they were in Longstreet's corps and Hood's division. Mr. Thomasson is ninety years of age and very feeble.

Mrs. Lee G. McIver and children spent Sunday with Mrs. W. M. Rogers.

Mrs. Earl York, Miss Vera Wooten, and Mrs. Anna Culberson came over from Sanford to visit Mrs. W. M. Wooten who is on the sick list. Mrs. Culberson remained over with her daughter, Mrs. Wooten.

Mr. J. H. McDonald and son, and Mr. Patrick, of Carthage, visited relatives in town Sunday afternoon.

Dr. C. D. Dawkins spent Sunday in Hoffman.

Miss Mary Smith who is in training at the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, came home Sunday for a week's visit to her mother, Mrs. J. P. Swett, who is quite ill at her home on route 2.

Misses Annie Hartsell, Chrissie and Vera McLean were visitors of Mrs. J. R. McQueen at Lakeview, Friday.

Misses Lady Loving and Minnie Johnson, teachers at Bunker Hill, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Loving.

Mrs. J. W. Hartsell was a guest

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### TOBACCO MEN MEET

Last Saturday a meeting was held at Vass by tobacco men of this section with some of the leaders from other sections, for the purpose of organizing a tri-county unit of the tobacco and cotton associations. C. C. Zimmerman, of Raleigh, was the speaker. The organization was perfected by the choice of J. R. McQueen as chairman, Zeb Blue as vice-chairman for the tobacco interests, J. W. Graham as vice-chairman for the cotton interests, and W. D. Smith, secretary. J. S. McLaughlin, George R. Ross and A. Cameron were made directors. The discussions at the meeting were largely concerning the work of the co-operative associations and the plans for the further organization of the farmers of Moore, Hoke and Harnett. Another meeting will be held in Vass the first Saturday in April, at which time further work of organization will be taken up. It is the intention to organize local units at different school houses in the section so that all the tobacco and cotton farmers can be reached.

The success of the co-operative markets has been right satisfactory to the members of the associations, and an effort will be made to get more farmers into the associations. It is also the intention to bring suit against those members who violated their agreements to sell through the associations. They will be asked to pay five cents a pound to the association for all tobacco they marketed through other channels.

### STEADY INCREASE BY TOBACCO CO-OP

The farmers in three states are steadily joining the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association. The addition of 345 new members and the signing of 1,417,440 pounds of tobacco to the association in February show the increasing favor with which the growers regard their big selling organization.

The payment to South Carolina of 105 per cent of the loan value of their tobacco to date, has brought in new members from all parts of the South Carolina Belt. Some of the co-operative growers in South Carolina have made phenomenally high averages and are now looking forward to their fourth and final payment.

Among many happy co-ops in the Palmetto State are J. H. Joyner, of Lake City, who averaged 45c per pound on 3,033 pounds, George Singletary, of Cowards, who has already drawn \$1201 from one and seven-eighths acres of tobacco from his first three advances. C. R. Floyd and J. N. Floyd, of Lake City, have so far averaged over 50 cents a pound on their crops which ran over five acres apiece, J. N. Floyd having received \$766.88 on one load weighing 1300 pounds.

More than \$30,000 has been collected by the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association through its force of collectors who have taken the field at the request of the loyal membership who insist that all contract breakers of their communities pay the damages of 5 cents a pound for tobacco delivered outside of the association.

The three tobacco co-operative associations of the Carolinas, Virginia and Kentucky have now gained a combined membership of 220,000 farmers,

### WARMER WINTERS

There may be something after all in the belief of some of the older citizens of Vass that our winter seasons are "not what they used to be." Weather men find, by studying the records, that the climate of Chicago, for instance, is now what the climate was half a century ago 250 miles south of Chicago. Testimony shows that this is not peculiar to the Mississippi valley alone, but that the climate all the way across the continent is moving north ward, with every section of the United States affected.

But, regardless of whether the winter months are growing warmer, or whether they are as cold as they used to be, we are always thankful to see the days getting longer, to note that the seed catalogues is again in our mail box and to feel that annual "garden-making fever" mounting in our system. We've been more or less housed up for a spell now, and like a young colt kept long in the stall, we're anxious to get out and run around a little, sort of kick up our heels and work up a sweat.

Only a few windy weeks now until we'll be welcoming spring and giving thanks that the green is getting back in the trees. We'll be fixing for good things from our own garden. It's hard work getting them started, and keeping the weeds from taking them away from us once they are started. But it's worth the work and worry. So if the winters are getting warmer, why complain? Doesn't it mean that we will get into the garden patch that much sooner?

and according to estimate have secured \$100,000,000 more for the southern tobacco crop in the last two years than would have been made without co-operative marketing.

### JACKSON SPRINGS NEWS

The local high school girls tied Hamlet highs here Saturday afternoon in a hard fought basket ball game. The score stood at 14 to 14 when the final whistle blew, and another game will have to be played. This game will be played on the Aberdeen court Wednesday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock.

The Hamlet girls exhibited some beautiful passing and used good head work. In the early part of the game several fouls were called on the locals and in the last half several were called on the visitors, and Patterson shot 4 field goals that failed to count. Barnhardt was off in shooting fouls and could not make them count, while three forwards used by Hamlet made good with the exception of Stafford, and she only lost one out of five chances. Barnhardt for the locals led with field goals with four to her credit. We believe our girls would have won but for the fouls that came near removing Donaldson and Bernice Currie from the game.

Jax. Spg's	position	Hamlet
Patterson	r.f.	Stafford
Barnhardt	l.f.	Pegram
Currie B	c.	Shortridge
Donaldson	r.g.	Owen
Currie L.	l.g.	Land

Substitutions: Jones for Pegram, Pegram for Stafford; referee Ashley.

The boys team played a double header showing their strength with Markham a star, and Ted Thomas a close second.

The first game was with Pinehurst, an resulted in 15 to 12 defeat for the locals.

Jax. Spg's	position	Pinehurst
Markham	r.f.	Kelly
Stuart	l.f.	McAskill
McDuffie	c.	McAskill
Thomas L.	r.g.	McAskill H.
Thomas T.	l.g.	Frye

Substitutions: Jackson Springs, Thomas Lee for McDuffie.

The game with Hamlet was a hard fought one and resulted in a 17 to 14 victory for the locals who grew stronger as the game advanced.

Jax. Spg's	position	Hamlet
Markham	r.f.	Currie
Stuart	l.f.	Austin
McDuffie	c.	Shortridge
Thomas L.	r.g.	McSwain
Thomas T.	l.g.	Moore

Substitutions: none. Referee, Littlejohn, Wofford.

The locals defeated Biscoe Thursday afternoon on the Candor court in the deciding game of a three game series. In this game Markham led with five field goals to the three shot by his opponents. He could not play one game last fall, but he is one among our crowd that has developed physically and mentally.

Miss Mary McDonald of route 2 has found an owner for the large trap she found on the leg of a large hawk she caught on a chicken. D. A. Stuart set the trap and the large hawk robbed him as he would a chicken yard, and had been giving people in Miss McDonald's community trouble for a few days.

"Lone Star," a play by the faculty, was postponed on account of Miss Mary Bruton who is improving from an attack of influenza and will return here this week to resume her place in the faculty.

The high school students are pleased that Miss Lucile Eifort, of West End will fill the vacancy in the high school teaching force made by the resignation of Miss Sallie Coleman, of Paradise, Ky. The latter was a teacher with excellent training and experience. Miss Eifort has made a name as an instructor in the high school here and is popular among the students.

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### Have you heard about the Community Club's "Smile Social?"

Frolic for the kiddies;  
Fortunes for the lovers;  
Fun for the grown-ups,  
And eats for one and all.

### WHERE? ?

At the Vass School Auditorium, Friday evening, March 9th, at 7:30.

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