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## TOBACCO CROP PROSPECTS GOOD

The Bright Leaf Is Two-Thirds of the American Product.

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Information from Washington says that the tobacco crop this season will be the smallest since 1921 and the second smallest since 1915. The indications are that this year's crop will be a fourth less than that of last year, and that prices will be materially better. North Carolina appears to be growing the biggest crop of any of the states, leading Kentucky, which has heretofore been the leading tobacco state. But Kentucky has been raising heavier tobacco and the demand for the North Carolina bright leaf has left Kentucky tobacco out of the running. Until three or four years ago Kentucky was producing nearly twice as much tobacco as North Carolina. Now North Carolina gives promise of almost doubling Kentucky's yield. The tragedy is significant. North Carolina has stepped to the front in the production of tobacco because the world wants bright leaf cigaret stock.

It is likely that North Carolina will continue to lead in the production of tobacco indefinitely, for the forms of tobacco that were popular a few years ago seem to be losing out almost entirely. Chewing and cigar types are losing their hold, and snuff is no longer as popular. But cigarets are multiplying in their sales in amazing quantities. And cigarets are largely made of mild North Carolina bright tobacco.

This State this year is expected to harvest about 400,000,000 pounds of tobacco. Kentucky will come next with 215,000,000, or a little more than half as much. Virginia, which is decreasing, will have 115,000,000, or a little over a fourth as much as North Carolina. The other tobacco states will offer among them the balance to make up 1,100,000,000 pounds. South Carolina, Georgia and Virginia together will make about half as much bright leaf as North Carolina makes. From which it is seen that North Carolina is the chief source of tobacco, and not only for this country but for the world.

The thing in this situation that should interest the Sandhills more than all else is that the cigarete factories are looking with favor on the Sandhill leaf as a cigaret type. With the demand for cigaret tobacco, and a shortage of the general crop of tobacco the United States over tobacco men who have been looking over this section say the prices should be better than last season, and some of them predict that Sandhills tobacco will be better than other sections because of an unusually good quality.

C. H. Tapps, who is one of the foremost tobacco farmers of the Sandhill field, has at his home on the Raeford road east of Aberdeen, about 165 acres of the finest quality of tobacco, and he says he expects to harvest about 1,000 pounds to the acre this year. Last year his crop brought him 37 cents on the Aberdeen market, and he expects to deliver there a grade that will average as good as last season. If he does his acre average will run \$370. Mr. Tapps is much interested in the Sandhills brand of tobacco, and says a special high grade can be grown here and the brand maintained if the farmers and all the rest of the people will take an interest in the matter. He uses on his farm a lime fertilizer, which he says helps to make the quality and the quantity of leaf and to keep the crop in good condition. Incidentally the Tapps farms also make other things. It would be hard to beat the corn and forage growing out there now, and the garden stuff.

Mr. Tapps is not much disposed to favor marketing Sandhills tobacco in other places. It loses its identity,

and will bring no more money in other places than tobacco grown there will command. Sandhills tobacco is recognized now as a superior type, and he thinks the best thing to do with it is to keep it with other Sandhills tobacco and let the buyers see that it belongs in the high class. They will not hunt it out from the piles in warehouses where all types are grouped together. He is much inclined to believe in a great tobacco development all through this section, and says his friends in other counties are inquiring about locations in the Sandhills.

## COLORED CITIZEN PASSES.

W. D. McCrimmon, one of the most highly respected colored citizens of the community, passed away at his home in the edge of town at an early hour Monday morning, after several months of declining health. Daniel grew up in this community, and from boyhood all through his years was a quiet, peaceable person, looking after his own affairs and giving no one any trouble. Above all, he was strictly honest, and won the respect of all who had business dealings with him. He was the son of the late J. G. McCrimmon. In order that members of the family who were in the North might reach here for the funeral, the service was not held until Wednesday afternoon.

Speaking of fruit, the first apple caused a lot of trouble for the first pair.

## KIWANIS SAYS PAY YOUR DEBTS

Takes a Shot at the Indifference of Running Accounts.

The Kiwanis Club held its meeting Wednesday at the Lakeside Inn at Lakeview, amid surroundings that brought forth a word of commendation for the charming dining room there on the hill side overlooking the tree-flanked body of clear water, and the extended view far out through the forest. The meeting was a sort of an experience meeting, one of the features being the discussion of the signs that are to be posted in the next few days warning people not to destroy shrubbery along the country roads. Judge Way read some original poetry, which most everybody half suspected he cribbed from some one else, but it was not so bad at that, and if the Judge did not write it originally he helped the crowd to brace up their optimism a little, and he was excused on that account.

Then Dr. Dickey, the president of the Club, in a fatherly way that he has, took up the question of indifference to current accounts. Not accounts of public affairs and other people's habits, but accounts that you owe. There is no complaint about indifference to current accounts of other things. The doctor intimated that if every fellow would start in to pay his little accounts every body would be getting some money to pay his accounts, and the first thing we know debts would be paid off, money would be rolling toward every one, and a different air would prevail. His philosophy was received with approval, although it is yet to be seen how much it may be applied.

John Wilcox, of the Horseshoe country, was present and asked to tell something about how he makes the alfalfa that has already cut three crops of hay this summer, but Mr. Wilcox seems to think that he talks enough in the office of the clerk of court without putting in an extra spiel, and he was bashful. But his farm over there on the river speaks up when anybody heads that way, and it tells a story of good farming.

Then it began to rain and they all went home

## CAMERON HOST TO COUNTY S. S.

Convention to Be Held in Presbyterian Church Saturday and Sunday.

According to information from officers of the Moore County Sunday School Association, all indications point to a record-breaking attendance at the annual County Sunday School Convention which is to be held with the Presbyterian Church, Cameron. The opening session will be held at 8 o'clock Saturday night, August 13.

The officers in charge of the plans and program for the convention have announced that the program has been prepared with the idea of having "a convention for the discussion of practical Sunday School plans and problems," the plan being to have something in the convention that will help workers in all departments of the Sunday School.

Among the prominent speakers on the program will be D. W. Sims, Raleigh, general superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, and Miss Ione Alverson, Raleigh, Young People's Division superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association. During the convention these workers will discuss various phases of Sunday School work.

As has been previously announced, a pennant will be presented to the Sunday School having in the convention the largest number of representatives, sixteen years of age and over, based on the number of miles from that particular church to the church with which the convention is held. The contest is open to all Sunday Schools in the county, except the Sunday School with which the convention is held and others within one mile. The pennant will be presented at the close of the session on Sunday afternoon.

The full program for the convention is as follows:

Saturday Night, August 13.  
8:00—Devotional.  
8:15—Advanced Steps for the Small Sunday School. Miss Ione Alverson, Raleigh, Young People's Division Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association.  
8:45—Song.

Record of Attendance.  
8:55—Suggestions to Sunday School Workers. D. W. Sims, Raleigh, general superintendent North Carolina Sunday School Association.  
9:25—Announcements.  
9:30—Adjourn.

Sunday Morning, August 13.  
10:30—Devotional.  
10:45—Evangelism of Youth—Church's Best Insurance. Miss Ione Alverson.

11:15—Business Session: Reports of County and Township Officers. Appointment of Committees. Record of Attendance.  
11:35—Our Expanding Program. D. W. Sims.

12:10—Offering for Support of County and State Sunday School Associations.  
12:25—Announcements.  
12:30—Adjourn.

Dinner at the Church. Everybody come and bring a basket.  
Sunday Afternoon, August 14.  
2:00—Devotional.

2:10—The Home and the Sunday School Working Together. (By speaker to be secured by County President and Secretary.)  
2:30—Making the Opening Exercise a Worship Service. Miss Ione Alverson.

3:00—Song.  
3:05—The Workers' Council at Work. D. W. Sims.

3:35—Discussion and Questions. Opportunity for the presentation and discussion of special Sunday School problems.  
3:50—Business Session: Reports of Committees and Election of Officers. Place of Next Meeting.

Presentaiton of Attendance Pennant.  
4:00—Adjourn.  
Sunday Night, August 14.  
8:00—Devotional.

cise a Worship Service. Miss Ione Alverson.

8:45—Song.  
8:55—Plans for Increasing Attendance. D. W. Sims.

9:30—Adjourn.  
Pennant Presented.

At the close of the session on Sunday afternoon a felt pennant, 18 by 36 inches, will be presented to the Sunday School that has had in the Convention the largest number of representatives, sixteen years of age and over, according to the number of miles traveled.

R. G. HUTCHESON,  
County President.  
MRS. H. A. BORST,  
County Secretary.

## CLEAN-UP DAY AT CYPRESS.

Friday, August 19th, will be the annual clean-up day at Cypress cemetery, and those having loved ones resting there and all who are interested in the church will please bear the date in mind and be present to assist in putting the grounds in good condition. Cypress cemetery is an old cemetery, but it is by no means a neglected cemetery, for the church members see to it that their city of the dead is well-kept.

When a public speaker pauses for a reply it breaks him all up if he gets it.

## MRS. J. S. WOMBLE DIES SUDDENLY

Whole Town Saddened by Unexpected Death of this Beloved Woman.

Carthage, Aug. 11.—Our whole town was saddened by the unexpected death of Mrs. J. S. Womble on last Saturday night at a few minutes after 7 o'clock. She had been at home for only a few weeks, and when she was at work in the clerk's office seemed so well and happy that her closest friends were surprised at the outcome of her sudden attack of heart trouble. The many friends who were in town on business Monday were continually talking of the crowds who would have attended the burial had it been generally known.

Mrs. Womble was an unusually fine character in so many ways: outspoken in her beliefs and convictions, open in her friendships and in her candid and firm opinions of right and wrong, and still so honest and firm and at the same time gentle and kindly in it all, that her friends were simply those who knew her, and were warmest and most sincere where she was best known. Her long years of work in the office of clerk of the Superior Court as deputy clerk brought her general acquaintance over the whole county; and in such a public job her genuine interest in all public welfare and in the wants of our people, together with her fitness and efficiency made her very popular indeed. But above all her firm stand for her Saviour and for her church proved the highest ideals of life, and she too could say that she was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. An ardent Methodist, she was broad in her love for and interest in all church causes. She enjoyed life because she found in it so much of the best of life for which to live, and she enjoyed the sunshine because of all the light and life and health and hope that came with and from the sunshine. And we are glad that we have had our share of her sunshine.

What a splendid thing it would be if people who lost their tempers were unable to find them again.

Your wife, as well as your sins, will find you out.

## CAROLINA POWER INSURES WORKERS

Blanket Plan That Covers All Employees Regardless of Conditions.

Ralph Chandler announces an insurance plan that is an interesting study in corporate policy:

The Carolina Power and Light Company has adopted a co-operative program which ultimately will provide its employes in North Carolina and South Carolina with approximately \$3,500,000 of group life insurance.

The plan became effective through contract with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company at midnight, July 31, when 1,7000 employes in about 350 communities were covered automatically, while the rest of the 2,200 men and women employed by the power and light company throughout the two states will participate later in the insurance benefits, upon completing specified terms of service. Announcement of the insurance plan was made by P. A. Tillery, vice president and general manager of the Carolina Power and Light Company.

All employes actively at work, and having at least six months' service to their credit on the effective date, have been insured without cost to them for \$500 each, the Carolina Power and Light Company paying the entire premium. When other employes not then eligible have completed six months' service, they also will receive insurance protection.

In addition to the free insurance, an interesting feature of the group program is the inclusion of a special provision under which the employes, at low cost and by co-operation with the company, may obtain additional insurance based on length of service. The additional protection will increase automatically with each completed year of service until at the end of five years an employe's total insurance will be \$2,000. The co-operative arrangement applies in the case of past as well as future service.

Every employe eligible in point of service is entitled to receive the protection provided by the insurance program. There are practically no restrictions. Neither age, state of health, sex, nor any other condition is preventative.

## VASS-LAKEVIEW SCHOOL OPENS IN SEPTEMBER.

The Vass-Lakeview school will open its doors for the fall term early in September. The exact date has not as yet been announced. This year's opening will find almost an entire change in the personnel of the faculty, only two of last year's efficient teachers being in the list. They are Prof. F. M. Dwight and Miss Bessie Cameron.

Prof. W. D. Matthews, who has served the school so efficiently as superintendent for 15 years, last summer passed successfully the state bar examination, and has opened a law office here. While serving as justice of the peace he became widely known as a dispenser of justice, and with the opening of his law office, legal matters assumed such proportions that Mr. Matthews decided not to accept his regular school work for the year.

The school board was very fortunate in securing to fill this vacancy Prof. John McCrummen, of West End. Mr. McCrummen, for two years, was a member of the Farm Life School faculty, and made a fine record there. F. M. Dwight, of Lakeview, has again accepted work in the high school, and these two will be ably assisted in the high school department by Miss Alberta Monroe, of West End. Miss Monroe was educated at the North Carolina College for Women.

The grade teachers, also, come

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