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COMMISSIONERS HAVE BUSY DAY

Appropriate Sum to Fight Boll Weevil; Retain Home Agent A Month

The new board of county commissioners had a busy day here yesterday, several things of interest to the people of the county being brought before them for their consideration.

One of the important actions taken by the board was the appropriation of \$300 to assist in a campaign against the boll weevil, undertaken by the Eastern Chamber of Commerce of which Johnston county is a part. Mr. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern Chamber of Commerce presented the matter. The campaign opens up tonight with a meeting at the court house in this city, and other meetings in the count will follow.

A Goldsboro dispatch of yesterday has the following to say in regard to the work to be undertaken:

"Those boll weevils in Johnston county that happen to be slumbering in the highways and hedges will be shaken from their perches next week when the big guns of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, assisted by the specialists from the State College of Agriculture," open up at Smithfield Tuesday night at 7:30. A monster mass meeting of bankers, time merchants and farmers has been called for Smithfield at the court house at that time, and following Tuesday night, meetings will be held at Selma, Clayton, Benson and Four Oaks.

"Johnston county has been the banner cotton county this year, but the chances are that this is the last big year that she will have, hence next year the weevils will be busy at some figure in the county. The farmers are not going to let the weevil run them down as they wake up, as has been the case in so many other sections of the cotton belt. These various lines of business have been moved to action by the big program that is being put on by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce."

The other thing of importance considered and over which a number of women in the county are aroused, was the Home Demonstration work in the county. A delegation of women from various parts of the county were present and asked the commissioners to reconsider their action of a month ago when they voted to discontinue the work in this county. Mr. E. S. Holt was spokesman for the body of women present and after stating the request of the ladies called on one or two of them to give personal testimony in order to give time for further letters in regard to the work from women of different parts of the county were read. The commissioners gave a respectful hearing and promised to take the matter under advisement. The delegation retired but in the afternoon reassembled to hear the decision of the Board. There was a decided inclination to stick to the decision of a month ago, but after some little discussion it was agreed to defer the matter another month in order to give time for further investigation as to the urgency of the work.

TO EXCHANGE CROP NEWS WITH EGYPT BY RADIO

Arrangements for the interchange of crop reports on cotton and wheat in the United States and Egypt is announced by the United States Department of Agriculture. As rapidly as crop reports on acreage and forecasts are available in each country the news will be dispatched at once by cable or radio to the other country.

Immediately on receipt of the Egyptian news, the reports will be broadcast throughout the United States by telegraph and radio. The new plan is expected to cut to a minimum the time formerly consumed in placing important crop news in the hands of American farmers.

Risky

Helen: "If he proposes, I shall suggest that we postpone our wedding until things get back to normal."

Her dear friend: "I wouldn't do that. The man might get back to normal himself."—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

TOBACCO CO-OP GIVES FIGURES

Over \$19,000,000 To Cooperators; Membership Now 85,000; Third Advance Soon.

RALEIGH, Jan. 1.—The Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association has increased its membership more than 20,000 within less than a year, according to official announcement from the Raleigh headquarters of the association, and will begin the New Year with a membership of over 85,000 organized tobacco farmers.

Within five months of its first marketing operation the association has received 117,937,109 pounds of tobacco from deliveries by its members. More than \$12,000,000 in cash have already been distributed to the cooperative growers and the second payment to be made this month to association members in the Old Belt of Virginia and Western North Carolina will bring the total disbursements of the big tobacco cooperative to \$19,248,335.64, with further payment assured in the not far distant future.

From South Carolina 15,356,949 pounds have been delivered by cooperative growers. In North Carolina 56,771,54 pounds have reached the cooperative floors. In Virginia Bright District the members have delivered 39,025,576 pounds to date. The Dark Growers of Virginia have marketed 6,113,095 pounds through their association and the farmers of the sun-cured area have added 669,936 lbs.

FLOYD WELLONS CASHIER BANK

R. L. Fitzgerald Made Acting Vice-President Farmers Bank and Trust Company.

The directors of the Farmers Bank and Trust Company held a business meeting here yesterday, January 1st, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: R. C. Gillett, president; A. M. Johnson first vice president and Floyd F. Wellons, cashier. At a stockholders' meeting held last Monday the following directors were elected: Chas. Davis, A. M. Johnson, R. C. Gillett, J. D. Parker, W. H. Flowers, of Four Oaks, R. F. D., Robert L. Fitzgerald and J. E. Woodall, of Smithfield, Route 2. Two new directors were elected, bringing the number up to nine: Sheriff W. J. Massey and D. W. Peterson.

MARKS EXCEED A TRILLION.

Paper Circulation Is Equalled by Reichsbank Credits.

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—German note circulation has now passed the trillion mark, it was announced by Rudolph Havenstein, President of the Reichsbank, at a meeting of the Reichsbank Committee today over which he presided.

He added that during the last 3 months the bank had granted credits exceeding a trillion marks, which showed that the bank was doing its best to meet the necessities of German industry.

President Havenstein urged the bankers to recognize the perils of the German economic situation and do their utmost to prevent the collapse of the German credit apparatus.—Associated Press.

WOOLWORTH SALES ON DECEMBER 23 WERE \$3,119,645

The stores of F. W. Woolworth Company report sales of \$3,119,645 for the Saturday before Christmas, the largest single day's business in the history of the company. Sales for the day before Christmas last year were exceeded by \$920,487, or more than 46 per cent.

In the seven days prior to Christmas this year Woolworth sales reached a total of \$13,715,120, an increase of \$2,664,671. Of the increase, the old stores those which have been in operation for at least a year, are responsible for \$2,315,006.

According to the company's estimates gross sales for the 12 months of 1922 will amount to \$167,000,000 or \$20,000,000 more than in 1921, which exceeded all previous years.—N. Y. Times.

Didn't Know He Could Play.

Mrs. Hibrow: "Did the Earl you had to dinner last night bring his coronet?"

Mrs. Newrich: "I didn't even know he could play."—Washington Daily News.

GENER'L ASSEMBLY CONVENES THE 31

Mass of Measures Booked to Be Introduced; Dawson May Be Speaker

Probably every General Assembly that has gathered in Raleigh for the past century has convened with profound conviction that the session just ahead of it surpassed in importance the aggregate proposed legislation that ever greeted any previous legislature, but certainly the members of the session that convened Wednesday at noon have more wide bills ready to be dumped on the legislative hopper than any other session that has ever been here to enact laws.

Pre-assembly statements from scores of the members of the forthcoming session indicate a widespread development of advanced thinking from the reform of the judicial election laws and county government and finance to a committal of the State to a policy of State ownership of shipping lines. The establishment of a four year medical college, investigation of the Ku Klux Klan and making eight hours a statutory day's work in North Carolina.

How much of it that may be written into the law of the State is a matter that which conjecture may run. One thing is sure, if it is enacted, this will be the busiest General Assembly that has ever seen the days in Raleigh. The members of the Capitol echo more loudly than has been heard in many decades. It may turn out that his will be the last session to be held in the Capitol if plans for extensions are materialized.

It is a new year for the most part. The service closed with the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and a prayer by Rev. H. E. Faircloth.

FRANCO-GERMAN NON-WAR PACT REJECTED BY BRITISH

HAMBURG, Dec. 31.—The Franco-German non-war pact proposed by Germany to France through the mediation of a neutral power has been rejected by Premier Poincare. This statement was made by the German chancellor, Wilhelm Cuno, in the course of a significant speech before the Hamburg bourse today.

The chancellor's revelation was the first official admission that the German government had recently undertaken serious steps to placate French war apprehensions, and incidentally dispose of the recurrent French accusations that Germany was arming for a new war.

The German New Year's non-war pact was proposed to France through the medium of an unnamed power probably Switzerland or Holland, and provided for a solemn pledge by all the powers interested in the Rhine that none of them should wage war on the other for a generation, without active authorization of their people as expressed through a popular referendum in all the countries involved.

The German government stipulated that a world power which was not interested in the Rhine should be guardian or trustee of this pledge. Such an obligation, Chancellor Cuno stated, would commit each nation which was a party to the pact to a peace policy and would afford the most secure guarantee conceivable.

FRENCH TIGER LIKES FLORIDA GRAPE FRUIT

ORLANDO, Fla., Dec. 31.—Georges Clemenceau, of France, fell so in love with Florida grapefruit while in this country recently, that he arranged for regular shipments to Paris until the close of the season, according to an order received by a local citrus fruit concern from its New York office. The Tiger instructed that one box be shipped to him every two weeks.

LOCAL UNION HERE A GREAT SUCCESS

Invitation Extended to Return in July; Rev. D. H. Tuttle Preaches

There have been fifth Sunday vocal sessions all around us but Smithfield and its first Sunday, held in the handsome new court house, and liked it well that before the union address an invitation was extended to come back again in July. This organization of choirs is known as the Johnston Vocal Union, and definitely the fact that "flu" kept a number of members from coming, a big crowd was present to participate in and listen to the program of the day.

The service opened at 11:30 a. m., with the singing in unison of "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," after which a scripture lesson was read and Mr. Tuttle led in prayer. This was followed by another song in unison, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

Judge F. H. Brooks made a brief welcome address, and then the singing by choirs began. Stevens Chapel sang two songs; Tee's Chapel sang two selections; Benson Grove sang two; and Johnson's Union two. Rev. D. H. Tuttle, pastor of the Methodist church here, then preached the sermon of the occasion, using as his text, "The Value of Song in Divine Worship."

A recess of an hour was taken after the sermon, for dinner. At 2:30 p. m. all assembled again and the following choirs sang several songs each: Stevens' Chapel, Tee's Chapel, Benson's Grove, Corinth, Johnson Union, and Hopewell's Grove. Rev. Mr. Tuttle was called on for another address following which the invitation was given to return in July was given. It is an invitation to an invitational session in July.

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CO. BOARD EDUCATION MEETS

Turlington Day Formally Adopted. Sale of Bonds For New Schools Set For January 3rd.

The County Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting here yesterday. Mr. A. M. Noble representing the committee to raise funds for the Turlington Memorial Fund went before the board and presented the matter of setting apart January 26 as Turlington Day in all the schools of Johnston county. The board received the suggestion favorably and January 26 was formally set apart as "Turlington Day." The day will in no sense be a holiday, but a program will be observed by each school on Friday afternoon designed to teach the children something of the man who has done such a great educational work in Johnston county. Also on that day all the pupils are asked to take some contribution to it large or small for the Memorial Fund to be used to erect a bronze statue of Prof. Turlington on the court house square.

Another matter taken up was the sale of bonds voted recently in the following district: Brogden, \$12,500; Archer Lodge \$12,500; Corinth-Holders, \$12,500. The date of the sale was set for tomorrow, January 3. The county superintendent already has 6 sealed bids in hand which promises lively competition.

LEAPS IN RIVER TIED TO CHILD

Mother, Rescued, Faces Prison for Attempt to Kill Son.

Tying her 6-year-old son to her with a rope, Mrs. Florence Golden, 35, of Chicago, waded out among the ice floes in the Des Plaines River and plunged into the icy water. Two boys skating nearby rescued both mother and child.

She may be charged with attempting to murder the child if allists the charges against her.

planned to end her life because she had money enough to buy food for only another day. Her husband recently failed in the restaurant business and was employed as a redcap in a railroad station. She admits he supported her as best he could, but "they never got along very well."

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BUSINESS SHOWING NEW YEAR IS GOOD

U. S. Chamber of Commerce Is Confident of Improvement in Country

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Indications of continued commercial activity, for several months at least, substantially above the level for 1922 is forecast in the final report for the year of the committee on statistics and standards of the United States Chamber of Commerce. The report, made public today by Arthur Wall Douglas, the committee chairman, declared general business to be on a definite upgrade after having passed the "normal point" in November.

Business activity, as surveyed since the beginning of the world war, reached an extreme height of 15 per cent above normal late in 1916, according to the report, which traces the recession then to the lowest ebb about the middle of 1921. At that time, the report says, it was 18 per cent below normal. The recovery has been accomplished, it adds, "in spite of many influences tending to restrict business activity."

"Advances in prices thus are meeting with 'stubborn resistance,' it states, and contrary to usual experience, they are a handicap rather than an incentive to buying. Heavy construction and building activities is predicted during the coming spring except in localities where agricultural crops are scanty and prices unremunerative.

"But it is evident," the report continues, "that high prices for labor and material will soon bring building activity to its peak, especially as it is only an apparently short time ahead when the necessity which prompts building activity throughout the country will be satisfied to a large extent."

Concerning mining conditions, the committee says that in the greater part of the country the situation ranges from "fair to good." Taking up conditions sectionally the report continues:

"New England manufacturing conditions are generally good. This is especially true of such lines as shoes and textiles. Retail business, however, is somewhat adversely affected as a result of the price strikes now ended. Agriculture is not in such good shape, especially in Maine, where the raising of Irish potatoes suffers from the double combination of a disappointing crop and exceedingly low prices.

"South—Throughout the cotton belt the nature of business depends upon the size of the cotton crop in each particular locality, as the prices are unusually high, which means prosperity to those who own cotton. The cotton is practically all ginned and has largely passed out of the hands of the farmers and planters. Long standing obligations are being settled by the latter to a very great extent, and there is more buying in the South generally than for two years past. Buying is still of a conservative nature, however. Broadly speaking, the entire South offers the promise of very good business during the winter and spring.

"Middle West—All the industries other than agriculture are well employed. At this time there prevails advancing prices on the important farm products, such as corn and wheat, materially fair prices on hogs and sheep and generally low prices on cattle. The dairy industry is a very present help in time of trouble.

"West—In that part of the country west of a line drawn north and south from the center of the State of Kansas to the Rocky Mountains there are not so many good spots, rather more poor ones, although fair conditions are in the ascendant. Much of the trouble comes from the distance of this part of the country from the primary markets where the greater part of the agricultural products are sold. Freight rates are a very serious handicap.

Did Not Deceive Him.

"Is your new son-in-law a good provider?"

"He can just about keep my daughter in gloves. I pay for everything else."

"Then he deceived you as to his circumstances?"

"No. I remember he merely asked for her hand."—Boston Transcript.