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FARM CONDITIONS REPORTED GOOD

Planting is Progressing; N. C. May Have More Cotton Than First Thought

The crop reporting service of North Carolina through its statistician Frank Parker, has compiled "certain facts concerning farm work in the state which will doubtless be of interest to our farmer readers. The report is as follows:

With the weather so pleasant and favorable for farm work, planting of crops is now progressing nicely although the season is late. Grasses, clovers and grains are growing nicely.

The stir over the report of expected crop acreage has resulted in an investigation concerning cotton, which seems to show that North Carolina may have more than was estimated. This state showed the lowest increase (2 per cent) of any other cotton state. The fine facilities established for arriving at reasonable estimates is partially accountable for this. Also the knowledge of conditions has deterred the large increase in cotton and tobacco shown in other states.

The annual farm census will be listed this month through the tax-listers and judging from the present interest it will be well developed. Each farm owner should prepare a list of his own and tenants' acreages before visiting the lister. This is not taxable information, but for farmer's benefits.

Watauga County reports that they have 150 acres of certified Irish Cobblers this year for seed potatoes. The whole mountain area is peculiarly suited for this purpose, as tests have shown these seed to be equal to any Main potatoes. The prospects for the early or truck potato crop in eastern counties are good.

The fruit situation shows that the apple crop has a good prospect while peaches will have about one-fourth crop in the Sandhills area and more or less in other sections. Wayne has good prospects as has Surry and Columbus, and parts of Wake.

The hay acreage seems to be somewhat reduced from a year ago although less than one-fifth of last year's crop is now remaining on the farms. The spring plowing is about four-fifths done and two-thirds of the work of spring planting is done.

All livestock is in good condition, having experienced no epidemics or shortage of feed during the winter. The rate of deaths is from two to five per cent annually from disease.

The new building for the Department of Agriculture at Raleigh is very imposing and even before completion the 3rd and 4th floors are being occupied by the divisions who have been cramped in the museum halls.

Plans for the State Farmers' Convention at the State College in July are getting big results. The Crop Reporting Association holds its annual meeting then. The state farm census work will by that time show up remarkably well.

MULATTO WOMAN BEAT BY 4 WHITE MEN

KINSTON, May 6.—The sheriffs of Lenoir and Greene counties today took seriously the story of Mary Hagen, 52, a mulatto that four masked men had hauled her from Greene into Lenoir in an automobile, severely beating her and left her bruised and bleeding on a road. She stumbled into the home of a negro family shortly before daybreak. Investigation by authorities revealed that the woman had made remarks reflecting upon the reputations of certain white persons near Snow Hill.

Evidence in the hands of the Lenoir sheriff may result in two arrests. The woman declared that three of the men criminally assaulted her. The fourth, she said, interceded to save her life. The woman is being detained here for further investigation and medical examination. The men were white, she said.

Hospital Returns Thanks.

The management of the Smithfield Memorial Hospital wishes to return thanks to the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church for their recent liberal donation of useful linen. Such gifts are always appreciated.

MYSTERY OF DEATH OF YOUNG MOUNT DEEP'NS

Testimony At Inquiry Into Death Of Student Indicates He Killed Himself

Chicago, May 4.—The mystery of the death of Leighton Mount, North western University student whose skeleton was found beneath a pier near the lake at Evanston Monday, was deepened today by questioning at the state's attorney's office of more than 100 under graduates.

After insisting for days that Mount who disappeared in September 1921 after taking part in a class rush had met death as a result of hazing and that his body had been hidden by fellow students, officials tonight said the theory that he committed suicide "does not now seem to be so improbable as it did at first."

That a number of times during the summer of 1921 Mount had told her he was dissatisfied with conditions in life and had a "good notion to do away with himself" was the testimony of Miss Doris Fuchs, a friend of the dead student. The girl testified Mount had told her the night he disappeared that the class rush with its attending excitement might give him an opportunity to "do away with himself."

"That night he sent me a note in which he warned me to keep 'as quiet as a snake'" she said.

Mrs. J. L. Mount, mother of the dead youth, said Miss Fuchs had told her these conversations with her son at the time of his disappearance but added that in her worry she probably did not give the words a great deal of attention.

A new angle was uncovered when evidence was found that there was no hole in the planking of the pier where the skeleton was found until three months after the student's disappearance. O. L. Olson, the contractor who built the pier, said he had inspected it in December, 1921, and at that time there was no hole through which a body could have been dragged to concealment.

Similar testimony was given by a life guard at a nearby beach.

John Tomilson, son of an Evanston banker and believed to have been one of the last persons to have seen Mount alive, testified he knew Mount well, was with him the night of the class rush but did not see him hauled. He said he had left Mount after the rush was over about 3 a. m. that morning.

A search was ordered for J. Allen Mills, former student at the University and now said to be some where in the west. Mills was one of the leaders in the rush, it was said.—Greensboro News.

CHAMPION MARATHON DANCER IN HOSPITAL

WILMINGTON, May 6.—J. P. Lewis, winner of the marathon dancing contest that was stopped by the chief of police on instructions from Mayor James H. Cowan, Saturday midnight, is now undergoing treatment in James Walker Memorial Hospital.

His condition is not regarded as being serious, it was stated at the hospital tonight, as it was reported at the institution that "Mr. Lewis walked in and he is able to walk out any time she wants to" and Thomas Shepherd, manager of the pavilion, awarded him 25 per cent of the gate receipts, or approximately \$170.

Lewis is now champion marathon dancer of North Carolina.

NEGRO SHOT TO DEATH IN WILSON COUNTY

WILSON, May 6.—Walter Bethea, a negro, who shot and killed Peter Fields, another negro, at a barbecue and "festibule" at Scott's church, a few miles from here, was arrested this afternoon at Rocky Mount by Lloyd Lucas, of the Wilson police force, and his brother, Ernest Lucas. Bethea when arrested is said to have admitted the killing. Bethea's father and mother and another negro witnessed the shooting and are being held as material witnesses.

Workers of the State College and State Department of Agriculture find that good purebred sows have larger litters, which grow rapidly into pork use less feed per pound and gain more in doing so.

MR. VINSON LEAVES A LARGE ESTATE

Donates \$5,000 For Hospital To Be Built as Memorial To His Mother

Because of the large holdings of the late Arch Vinson of Clayton whose estate has been estimated at between a million and a million and a half dollars, and because of certain donations or certain welfare, we are publishing herewith the last will and testament of the deceased, which has been recorded in the office of the clerk of the court in this city.

Life being uncertain, this is my last will and testament:

First—I want all my just and honest debts paid.

Second—I want a good, decent burial.

Third—I have twenty-five hundred dollars to be loaned out at interest, the interest on same to be used for the maintenance of the family cemetery each and every year.

Fourth—I give to Walter P. Creech, a tract of land known as a part of the W. J. Smith tract and further known as the Ed Exum tract, containing fifty-four acres and situated on the South side of the road. Also another tract containing about 46 acres known as a part of the Ward land bought of N. E. Ward. Also another tract containing 24 acres right in the forks of the road right at the Iron Bridge. All three of these tracts of land are right in the forks of the road and around it right near the Iron Bridge going to W. J. Smith place. Also one of the tracts known as the John O'Neil tract of land adjoining Millars Sasser, Neuse River and Luther Edgerton tract, less 30 acres on the upper end of this tract given to Rance Davis and his wife their life time and 50 acres next to Rance Davis 30 acres for C. R. Talton and Joe Mullen and their wives mentioned below. Said Walter P. Creech is to have and to hold these four tracts of land as long as he and his wife shall live at their death the land shall come back to my bodily heirs.

Fifth—I give to C. R. Talton and Joe Mullen and their wives to be divided equally between them a piece of land known as the Luther Edgerton tract containing 100 acres, and 50 acres of the John O'Neil tract (the 100 acres and 50 acres) they are to have and to hold as long as they shall live, and at their death to come back to my bodily heirs.

Sixth—I give to Rance Davis and his wife a piece of land 30 acres lying on the upper end of the John O'Neil tract above referred to, to have and hold as long as they shall live, and at their death to come back to my bodily heirs. Each, W. P. Creech, C. R. Talton and Joe Mullen, and Rance Davis is to pay the taxes on the said lands mentioned after they get possession, so long as they shall live, and hold same.

Seventh—I have a cousin at Durham, N. C.—Mary Ferrell—I give to her One Thousand (\$1,000.) Dollars. I also give One Hundred Dollars to Etta V. Johnson Ippock.

Eighth—I give to the Clayton Baptist church, Clayton, N. C., Two Thousand (\$2,000.) Dollars to be loaned out at interest and interest on same to be used each year to help pay the pastor's salary.

Ninth—I wish also to make some provision for a hospital for Clayton and I give Five Thousand Dollars to be kept for this purpose and if they want to build a hospital in or near Clayton, N. C., I wish same built as a memorial to my mother and named for her, Mary Elizabeth Vinson and this fund Five Thousand Dollars, to be used for this purpose.

Tenth—I give Two Thousand Dollars for the benefit of the needy people of Clayton Township, said Two Thousand Dollars to be loaned out at interest and the interest from same to be used for this purpose. This money is to be handled by three disinterested men appointed by the Executor of my will.

Eleventh.—All the rest of my real estate and personal property of every kind and description, I give to the following:

J. Tom Vinson—one half—and the other one-half equally divided between Rosa Duncan—one third—Marceline E. Cox—one third—Thelma Johnson—one third—but from Thelma Johnson's part deduct (\$21,000) Twenty-one Thousand Dollars, said \$21,000 to go to J. Tom Vinson, Rosa

REVIVAL MEETING GAINS IN INTEREST

Numbers in Attendance and Interest Growing; Will Close Friday Night

The series of meetings which have been in progress here for the last week are steadily gaining interest. The morning services which are held in the Presbyterian church are well attended. Rev. Sam K. Phillips, of Fayetteville, who is doing the preaching, is delivering splendid sermons and is greeted by a large crowd every night.

One of the outstanding sermons which Mr. Phillips has preached was the one full of inspiration and encouragement delivered Sunday morning at the Methodist church from Deuteronomy 32:11, 12: "As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: so the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange God with him." From this beautiful passage of Scripture, Mr. Phillips told of how God led Moses, trained him, and changed him from a man of slow speech, and a man who was afraid to undertake leadership, to the strong, eloquent leader of Israel. He told of how tenderly God led Moses, and thrilled his hearers with the story of how the mother eagle teaches her young to fly. His picture of the mother eagle first coaxing and persuading again and again, then resorting to the stern method of tearing the nest away if they still refuse to attempt the flight; of how the mother will then fly with them, over them under them, and finally bear them up on her own wings if they begin to fall, was most effective. With this beautiful illustration, he showed how Moses was helped and strengthened by God at every critical period in his life.

Large crowds attended church Sunday night and his sermon upon the conversion of Paul held the rapt attention of the congregation to the close of the service. Special music was rendered by Messrs. W. C. Coats, Paul Eason, Dr. A. H. Rose and Rev. Phillips.

Much interest has been manifested in the meeting. The services will continue through Friday night.

Rev. J. A. Russell, of Four Oaks, was in town Saturday.

Duncan and Marceline E. Cox. In case of Rosa Duncan's death before her daughter Lillian Duncan dies, (who is now crazy in the Asylum) the Executor to my will must look after her and help with some of the funds left for Rosa Duncan that she might enjoy the benefits from same. The Executor is to handle this as he sees fit. I give Thelma Johnson, daughter of Etta V. Johnson Ippock, the aforesaid interest in my estate but with the understanding that she (Thelma Johnson) is to give her mother a home and a living out of this portion of my estate as long as she lives in case she needs it. Thelma Johnson referred to on page 2, is the same as referred to on this page (daughter of Etta V. Johnson Ippock). In order that no mistake, may be made, I repeat that I wish J. Tom Vinson to receive one half of all the real estate and personal property covered by this Eleventh paragraph and the other one half equally divided between Rosa Duncan, Marceline E. Cox and Thelma Johnson (daughter of Etta V. Johnson Ippock) as before mentioned. All of my real estate and personal property referred to in this Eleventh paragraph of this my last will and testament, is to remain together for five years unless it is deemed best to sell certain lands or property and I do hereby appoint J. R. Williams, Attorney, B. M. Robertson, Charles W. Horne as advisory committee with whom J. T. Vinson is to consult for advice and they agreeing before any sale can be made during the five years. Only the income from said property to be distributed each year to the heirs mentioned and in proportion to their interest in my estate above mentioned. I do hereby appoint J. Tom Vinson as Executor to this my last will and testament. (without bond).

J. A. VINSON.

Witness my hand and seal this the 25th day of April, 1923.

J. A. Vinson (Seal)

Witness: G. Thurman Smith.

Witness: B. M. Robertson.

ASHEVILLE GETS TRAINING SCHOOL

Plans Made To Remove Veterans' Bureau Vocational School From Waynesville.

ASHEVILLE, May 4.—Removal of the Veterans' Bureau training school from Waynesville and its re-location in Asheville in a new plant has been recommended by officials of the United States Veterans' Bureau, Fifth District, after exhaustive study of the facilities offered by both the old and the new location. If the recommendation receives the approval of Washington authorities, the change will be made July 1.

This information became known today upon the conclusion of a joint conference here of the government representatives with citizens and officials of Waynesville and of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce.

Fred Kent, prominent business man of Asheville, has agreed to construct immediately upon his summer home property in West Asheville a modern school plant, capable of accommodating between 350 and 400 pupils and instructors, together with conversion of the ten-room residence into an administration building. The plant, it is understood, will represent an outlay of around \$60,000. As soon as the recommendation receives the approval of Director Frank Hines, immediate construction of the two modern school buildings will be started by Mr. Kent, with completion scheduled within 60 days.

Enlargement of the training school from its present capacity of about 200 trainees to between 300 and 350 is planned upon the removal to the new site, and the addition of a number of vocational courses will likewise be made. From the present teaching staff of 25 an increase will be made to 35 or more, if the removal to Asheville is carried out as every indication now points.

WAKE FOREST LAD DROWNED IN POND

Wake Forest, May 7.—Curtis Fowley, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Fowley, was drowned in Holden's pond near here while swimming this afternoon. Heroic efforts at resuscitation by physicians and college students proved futile, and the boy was pronounced dead, although he was in the water less than ten minutes. The boy was the oldest child of his parents.

The boy, with several others, had climbed the enclosure around the pond, and had gone into the water. He was not a good swimmer, but his distress cries when he got into deep water were not taken seriously by a group of older boys sitting on the bank nearby. His younger companions were alarmed and called to several college students passing nearby. They immediately went to his rescue, but he had disappeared. Ten minutes later his body was found at the bottom of the pond and brought to the surface. Hastily summoned medical help was without avail.

MELLON SAYS JUNE SEE TREASURY SURPLUS

Washington, May 6.—Bringing to an end the first phase of re-financing the government's great war-time debt, the Treasury tonight announced a new offering of \$400,000,000 in Treasury notes to complete the refunding and retiring of the Victory notes which when issued aggregated more than four billion dollars. The new issue will bear four and three-quarters per cent interest and will mature March 15, 1927.

Secretary Mellon, at the same time issued a statement on the government's fiscal situation in which he declared the Treasury's refunding operations had worked out so successfully that all of the short-dated debt might be retired gradually from surplus revenues of the government prior to 1928 and without embarrassment to the heavy refinancing necessary in connection with maturity that year of the third Liberty loan.

The bravest battle that ever was fought; Shall I tell you where and when? On the maps of the world you will find it not; It was fought by the mothers of men.—Joaquin Miller.

CHINESE BANDITS TAKE AMERICAN

Miss Aldrich of New York is Among 150 Passengers Taken From Train

Pekins, May 6.—Bandits killed one foreigner and carried off 150 passengers in a raid near the Shantung border on the Tien Sien Pukow railway today. Miss Aldrich, of New York, sister-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and daughter of former United States Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, was among the passengers, but her fate is unknown.

Foreigner A Russian The foreigner killed is believed to be a Russian. The minister of Communication late today telegraphed General Tesao Kun and the civil military governors of Shantung, asking that troops be sent to surround the bandits.

The express train was northbound from Soochow when attacked by the bandits, who disarmed soldiers estimated at 1,000 strong and tore up a stretch of the railroad track. Fifty first class and 100 second class passengers were carried off, it was reported here. Six foreigners escaped.

Waits For Report Washington, May 6.—Pending an official report from diplomatic or consular agents in China regarding the bandit raid on a train near the Shantung border today, the state department is reserving comment. Officials expect, however, to hear, probably tomorrow, from Minister Schurman at Peking.

On the report made by the American minister, the department will base its action with regard to the affair, probably sending him instructions to make representations to the those made in connection with the Peking government as strong as death at the hands of Chinese sentries of Charles Colman, an American merchant. The Chinese government recently agreed, among other things, to have an indemnity paid Colman's heirs, to have the offending troops and their officers punished, and to obtain an apology from the province in which the American was killed.—Associated Press.

ORPHANAGE BARN IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Thomasville, May 4.—The Baptist orphanage horse barn was destroyed by fire this morning between eight and nine o'clock. The orphanage driving pony was burned, it being the only animal in the barn at the time, all the others having been removed and in use on the farm when the fire occurred. The origin of the fire was thought to have been due to a defective wire at some point inside, as no other cause could be assigned.

The loss is estimated by Treasurer Hamrick to be at least \$3,000, with only \$275 worth of insurance. The discovery of the fire was made by a little boy on his way to the barn to get the pony out, intending to hitch it to the buggy.

No other building was damaged, the cow barn and other buildings in connection being a safe distance away.

The city fire company, with the fire engine and attending apparatus, soon arrived on the scene, but the house was too far gone to save any part of it.

The barn was well filled with much valuable hay, alfalfa and other kinds, most of which had been held in reserve for the stock through the heavy work season, all of which was of course a total loss.

LIFE RESTORED BUT DEATH WINS AT LAST

DALLAS, Texas, May 6.—The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ginn, seemingly dead at birth, its latest life vivified by an injection of adrelin hydrocholin by physicians at Baylor hospital Friday night, yielded finally in the struggle for existence dying early today. Continued efforts to prolong its life were futile, use of the heart reagent, resorted to by Dr. Warren B. Massey, of the Baylor hospital staff, at the direction of Dr. J. B. Smoot, the attending physician, was at first thought to have aided the child sufficiently to give it a chance to live.