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Tobacco Market Opens On Sept. 6

Dates Are Fixed by Sales Committee of Tobacco Association; Crop Prospects Good

The tobacco market will open in Smithfield on Tuesday September 6, according to a decision made by the sales committee of the Tobacco Association of the United States which met in Morehead City last week. The market will open in Georgia on August 2; in South Carolina and along the North Carolina border on August 9; in Eastern Carolina on September 6; and in the old belt on October 4.

The second day of the tobacco association was taken up with reports which are encouraging. Eastern Carolina is said to have the finest tobacco crop in years, and Ben Dixon MacNeill, in the News and Observer, quotes the association as thinking that tobacco prices in Eastern North Carolina ought to be better than usual this year.

Mr. MacNeill further reports that the tobacco men assembled in Morehead City "are an optimistic lot, though not in the fashion of men who plant a patch of tobacco and hope prices are going to be good. These fellows here are men who know about all there is to be known about the tobacco business. They can and do talk in percentages, and know as much about the tobacco crop in China and South Africa as the average farmer knows about his neighbor's crop."

WHO WILL BE THE FIRST?

The idea of cotton bagging is growing and Johnston county is going to have some of its cotton wrapped in a home grown product rather than imported jute. At least one grower—J. W. Stephenson—has purchased some of this cotton bagging for the use of those cotton growers who believe in practicing what they preach—taking the surplus cotton off the market.

Skinner and Stencil is the firm that is taking an active interest in this movement to introduce cotton bagging in this section, and the young proprietors, just starting in business, deserve all the publicity that this enterprise will bring them. They are offering to donate cotton bagging to the first cotton grower in Johnston county to have a bale of new cotton ginned. The Herald wants a picture of this bale, to let our readers see what a neat, attractive, substantial covering cotton bagging will make. The sample is still on display at the Herald office and anyone interested is asked to call and see it.

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Johnston Choir Wins Loving Cup

Benson Singers Take Trophy From Greensboro at Tri-County Singing Convention at Benson

A Johnston county choir is the proud possessor of the loving cup annually presented to the best singing choir in Johnston, Sampson, or Harnett counties. A year ago the Greensboro choir won the coveted trophy, but at a great all-day sing held in Benson Sunday, the Benson choir captured it from Greensboro.

A large crowd was in attendance Sunday to hear the nine choirs in the contest and enjoy the singing. The crowd was estimated at between ten and fifteen thousand people, large delegations being present from the three counties participating in the convention.

The streets were lined with automobiles, about twenty-five hundred being used to carry the crowd to this tri-county event.

The feature of the program was the singing of the Higgins Sisters, of Greensboro, who delighted the large crowd with their splendid music. Eleven choirs were present, nine competing for the loving cup. Interesting addresses were made by Dr. Cyrus Thompson, of Jacksonville, and Mr. Wiley Mallory, of Fayetteville. Splendid order was maintained throughout the day.

The nine choirs taking part in the singing contest were: Creech Brothers, with Hector Creech as leader; Pine Level, H. B. Adams; Fayetteville, D. C. Harris; Henderson, M. C. Profit; Greensboro, J. M. Core; Tees Chapel, Henry Royall; Phillips Home Choir, Milton Phillips; Benson, Mrs. J. T. Morgan; Princeton, B. A. Langley. Other choirs present were: Person Street choir, Fayetteville, L. F. Person, leader; Glendale quartet, S. A. Cockrell; Higgins Sisters, Greensboro, and Smithfield, Bob Thomas, leader.

The judges in the contest were: Frank Wilson, of Erwin; Everett Gardner, of Dunn; P. W. Stencil, of Nashville; and Haywood Dixon and John D. Raynor.

NO BUMPER CROP.

This section has not a bumper crop as many have been thinking. It is seven and one-half per cent above last year's in acreage, and the condition of the crop is about average. Dry weather and cold have delayed it, and the actual poundage will not run above last year's average crop. There is no great amount of bright tobacco stored anywhere in the world and the market is going to be right lively.

"One other thing that the casual listener heard on the cruise of the Pamlico this morning when 70-odd of the leaders of the industry went out to the Atlantic Ocean and some of them got seasick, was that within five years the entire export tobacco business in America will be confined to the Virginia-Carolina bright belt. Natural monopoly helps here and the doings of Mussolini and Premier Baldwin hurt the burley belts."

"Mussolini has put the Italians to raising their own tobacco, and so diligently has he made them work that they buy no black tobacco from the burley folks. They raise a surplus, and export some themselves now. Premier Baldwin has so protected the British Colonial tobacco patches that our American burley has no place in competition with them. North Carolina will stay in the world market because not even Mussolini can make the Italian soil produce bright tobacco."

Worry.

It is not work that kills men; it is worry. Work is healthful; you can hardly put more upon a man than he can bear. Worry is the rust upon the blade.

It is not the revolution that destroys the machinery, but the friction. Fear secretes acids, but love and trust are sweet juices.—Henry Ward Beecher.

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Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one decipher his name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present him with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Ben Grimes recognized his name last issue.

Today's Tantalizer: lawtweireislla

Baptist Young People To Camp

Mrs. B. A. Hocutt Urges Every Baptist Church In the Johnston Association To Have a Representative at White Lake

CLAYTON, June 27.—This Girls Auxiliary Camp is to be at White Lake, in Sanders Cottage, July 18 to 23, and is for all girls of the junior and senior Girls Auxiliaries, age 9 to 16 years from all churches in Johnston Baptist Association whether members of the Girls' Auxiliaries or not. The activities of the camp will include Mission Study stories, Songs, Basketry, Sewing and other wholesome amusements. The purpose of camp is to bring together the girls of the association for the study of God's word and missions, and to promote clean fun and fellowship.

Mrs. B. A. Hocutt, superintendent, makes the following statement concerning the camp:

"At least one representative from every church is what we want and should have. Certainly we can have one or more representatives from every church where there is a Woman's Missionary Society, if the president of that society will be aroused to the far reaching good in our future work, in having girls in such a camp, and visit parents of best prospects in behalf of their sending girls. If there is no other way to have a representative at camp, it would be far reaching personal service for each missionary society to bear the expense of one or more worthy girls. I ask this of every society. Surely we can have every junior and senior G. A. representative. I appeal to the leaders to spare no effort in bringing this about. Visit the parents of your girls, enlisting their interest, gaining their consent."

"Expense of camp is \$5.00. One dollar to be sent to Miss Gertrude Mattison, Selma, or to me as enrollment fee, (remaining \$4.00 to be paid at opening of camp) along with name and address of girl, stating at which town you will take bus or truck not later than July 8."

"Our plan is to take girls on bus or truck, driven by a careful and experienced man driver, without extra cost, other than cost of gas and oil, to be divided equally. Stopping points to take on girls, Clayton, Smithfield, Four Oaks, Benson, Time, and exact place to be announced later."

"Every girl will furnish her bed linen, soap and towel. Bringing sewing outfit and any musical instrument you can which you play. Make your baggage as small as you can, two girls packing together wherever possible. Every girl is asked to carry some fresh vegetables, eggs, butter or any kind of food to help out camp expense."

"Miss Mattison will be the moving spirit of camp with two trained and efficient helpers. Miss Virginia Mays of Forsyth, Ga., a training school graduate experienced in camp work, and Miss Jessie Eason of Wilson. There will be an all round good man for protection and camp sports. I, as your superintendent, and an ardent lover of girls, will be there endeavoring to fill the place of Camp Mother and dietitian, remembering always what precious treasures have been entrusted to us."

"Hoping to hear favorably from every church—expecting to hear favorably from every church with missionary societies, I beg you not to disappoint us. The responsibility of a successful camp is on president of Woman's Missionary societies and leaders of G. A.'s."

Johnston County's Quota is \$500; Contributions Will Still Be Welcome

Ever since the flood waters of the Mississippi Valley reached such proportions as to drive the people from their homes, the American Red Cross has had on a nation-wide drive for funds with which to save the homeless people from utter ruin. Something like 700,000 people have been routed from their homes by this unprecedented flood, and millions in money have been spent on them. The Smithfield chapter of the American Red Cross and Johnston as a whole has been asked to contribute \$500 to this cause. The work has been undertaken, and to the credit of the generous people here and there about the county, nearly that amount has been raised and forwarded. Each week through the columns of the Smithfield Herald a report of the work has been published, and the call for extended aid has been made. This week we have the contribution of Hon. E. W. Pou, of Washington, D. C., who sends in his contribution of \$20.00.

No doubt there are many other people about the county who have intended giving something to this cause but have simply failed to get about it. All donations will be gratefully received and acknowledged through the columns of this paper, and it is hoped that this appeal is not too late to receive the consideration of the many who have intended to give something but have failed simply as a matter of not attending to it now.

Anyone desiring to contribute to the cause of the flood sufferers may be assured that their donations however large or small will be promptly forwarded to the central office. Contributions may be sent to Judge F. H. Brooks, Mr. E. S. Edmundson, Mr. Ira W. Medlin, The Smithfield Herald, Mr. C. J. Thomas, or H. V. Rose.

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Amount contributed this week \$20.00
Total amount sent \$420.15
H. V. ROSE, Chairman of Smithfield Red Cross.

LOCAL CLUB SPONSORS MOVING PICTURE

The Business and Professional Woman's Club of this city is sponsoring "The Sea Beast," a moving picture in which John Barrymore appears in a leading role. The Victory Theatre is permitting the local club to have a part in presenting this picture which will be shown two nights this week, Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

This picture has been shown in Selma, and the reports are that it is a good one. A feature will be special music rendered by Mr. Sol Bane on the violin accompanied by Mrs. R. G. Sanders. These musicians have been heard by the Smithfield public, and this feature in itself will be a drawing card. The first show begins at 7:30, the second at 9:15 o'clock.

REVIVAL

A series of meetings will begin at New Light Advent Christian church at Smithfield on Saturday night before the 1st Sunday in July and continue a week or more. Everybody is cordially invited to come and come praying.

J. W. MOORE.

When better air castles are built, everybody will build them.



Flood Fund Now More Than \$450

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Clayton Mayor's Case A Non-Suit

Prove Only One Illegal Vote Which Ties the Figures of the Official Returns

The first day of the one week regular term of Superior court which convened here yesterday with Judge W. C. Harris presiding, was consumed with a civil action in the nature of "quo warranto" proceedings in which it was sought to prove that C. W. Carter was not legally elected mayor of Clayton. The action resulted in a non-suit, after the counsel for F. G. Gower, who brought the action against Carter, rested the case.

Sixteen or eighteen witnesses had been summoned by both plaintiff and defendant, and had the case gone to the jury it would have been a long drawn out affair. A number of young lady teachers of the Clayton school whose legal residence was questioned were among those summoned to appear.

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Clayton Rotary Host To Friends

E. G. Moore Announces A Goal of 1,000 New Dairy Cows For Johnston, Harnett and Sampson In A Year

Clayton, June 26.—More than 125 business and professional men from Clayton and the immediate vicinity, were guests of the Clayton Rotary Club recently. The "Spirit of Clayton" written in large letters greeted the guests and members of the Rotary Club as they entered the spacious show rooms of the Waddill Motor Company of Clayton. John T. Talton, president of the Rotary Club and cashier of the Clayton Banking and Trust Company acted as master of ceremonies. Twight Barbour president of the Clayton Banking and Trust Company President of the Clayton Cottons Mills, Clayton Oil Mill and senior member of the firm of J. G. Barbour and Sons welcomed the gathering in a very happy manner. The speaker laid

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Newspaper Folks At Coop Office

Johnstonians Get First Hand Information Concerning Workings of N. C. Cotton Growers Co-operation Association

"Conditions indicate a good price for cotton next fall," according to U. B. Blalock, general manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative Association in a statement made to a party of Johnston county newspaper people who visited the offices of the association Friday afternoon through an invitation of Mr. John A. Smith, field representative for Johnston county. Acreage alone does not regulate the cotton market, thinks Mr. Blalock, who gives his entire time to a study of cotton problems. The farmer cannot regulate his production as does the manufacturer. He has to resort to other means. Diversified farming will help and the taking off the market of the surplus crop in an orderly manner will have its effect. This year a hidden demand has increased the price.

The party visiting the offices of the association included Mr. J. A. Smith, Johnston field representative of the association, M. L. Stencil, of the Eastern News, J. B. Benton and Howard Benton, of the Benson Review, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter and Miss Flossie Lassiter, of the Smithfield Herald. Upon reaching the offices the party was taken in town by Mr. R. T. Melvin editor of the North Carolina Cotton Grower, who acted as pilot over the association quarters. The party was shown how cooperative cotton is handled from the time it is turned over to the association until the farmer gets his final check. The ease with which the thirty or more employees dispatch the enormous amount of work necessary for the proper recording and tabulating of the members' cotton was demonstrated, convincing the visitors that efficiency is the watchword of those in charge. A record system, credit for which is due in a large way Mr. F. B. Webster, who is not only a practical cotton man but a certified public accountant, has been instituted which requires a minimum number of employees. The number has been reduced during the life of the association from over a hundred to about thirty. Machines which do the work of several persons are used where practical. There is nothing concerning a member's cotton that the association does not have recorded, including any mortgage that may have been given on it. However, the number of mortgages held against cotton sold through the association is surprisingly small.

The newspaper folks were particularly impressed with the grading facilities. A large room is devoted to this important work that is done by four licensed graders and as many more helpers. A skylight arrangement and special light tinted walls combine to give the best lighting effect possible. No grading is done after three o'clock in the afternoon, and not at all on gloomy days.

The very courteous treatment extended to the visitors from Johnston was all that could be desired. At the conclusion of the tour of inspection they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin and Mr. and Mrs. Webster at dinner.

SENDS FIRST COTTON BLOOM

Mr. Hubert Coates sent the first cotton bloom to this office Saturday. He found it in his field on Friday, June 24. It is of the Parrish variety of cotton and was planted early in April. Mr. Coates says he brought the first bloom to this office last year, bringing it on June 23.

In a few minutes after Mr. Coates' cotton bloom was brought in, Mr. Robert Barbour who lives on route 1, Smithfield, came in and reported blooms in his fields. He says that he found two on Tuesday, June 21. He was en route to Raleigh to carry some of his blooms to the office of the News and Observer.

Saturday afternoon another cotton bloom was brought to this office by Mr. Lawrence Lee who farms for Mr. R. I. Wallace near Smithfield. This was a pink bloom indicating that it was open on Friday, June 24. The variety of cotton planted is known as the Parrish variety, which yields a staple of an inch or more. Mr. Wallace has about 65 acres in cotton this year.

Mr. W. J. Alford, of Smithfield, route 1, sent in a red bloom yesterday which was open last Friday, and Mr. J. Capps, of Clayton township, brought one that was found in his field Sunday. Mr. Capps' cotton is of the Wannamaker variety.

Miss Kelly Fixes 'Ask Me Another'

Uses State Equalization Board As Subject; Newspaper Correspondent Makes Comment

The Raleigh correspondent of the Greensboro Daily News makes interesting comment upon the "Ask Me Another" prepared by Miss Elizabeth Kelly in regard to the equalization board. The reference to Johnston county in this comment makes it of interest to our readers and we are herewith reprinting it:

"For combination knee-cutting and knockdown, drag-outs, manipulation of meat axe and rapier, Miss Elizabeth Kelly tonight wins the cake in her take-off of the late equalization fund distribution."

Miss Kelly presents her observations under the popular "Ask Me Another." She takes a dozen and a half questions and supplies the answers. Some of them sizzle and scintillate. They go at the heart of North Carolina politics and pillory it with abounding good humor.

"The equalizing story has not yet been written. It may not get a chronicle because one does not find it easy to prove everything that one knows to be true. The commission has not yet elected its executive secretary. There is one huge story in that, but unwritten forevermore. The counties of the east which made enough in the war years to have enriched them for a half century, generally get the break in values."

"Miss Kelly once upon a time very nearly ran the schools of Johnston. That county with two

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Sacred Musical Program Friday

Methodist and Presbyterian Missionary Societies Sponsor Entertainment at Methodist Church Friday Evening

On Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock there will be a sacred musical program at the Methodist church. This contest is given under the auspices of the missionary societies of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches. There will no admission charged but a offering will be taken which will be divided equally between the two missionary societies. Everyone is invited to attend. The program is as follows subject change:

Anthem: The Earth Is the Lord's.
Full Chorus, Lerman.
Scripture and Invocation.
Quartet: The Lord, My Lord, Is Risen, Men's Voices.
Solo, Mrs. Chas. Gulley, of Clayton.
Organ Selection, Mrs. Page, Clayton.
Duet, Forever With the Lord, Gounad, Messrs. Dwight Johnson and Theron Johnson.
Anthem, The King of Love Is Shepherd Is
Full Chorus and Solo, Shelley.
Trio, How Lovely Are Thy Messengers, Mrs. Ives, Misses E and Lucile Johnson.
Solo, Mr. Eric Massey of Selma, Organ Selection and Collective Duet, The Lord Is My Shepherd, Mrs. Orr and Mrs. Hollar.
Anthem, He Leadeth Me.
Benediction.
Sopranos: Mrs. Orr, Miss Hood, Ives, McGuggan, Miss E. Johnson.
Altos: Mrs. Sanders, Stevens, Massey, Miss Lucile Johnson.
Tenors: Messrs. Woodall, Theron Johnson, Davis, Medlin, Hollida.
Bases: Messrs. Rose, Eason, Clais, Dwight Johnson, Bryant.
Organists: Mrs. Pope, Mrs. G. Sanders, Mrs. C. V. Johnson.

Play Is Postponed

The play which was announced at the Free Will Baptist school Sunday morning to be given in the school auditorium Friday night has been postponed until following Friday night, July 1. Definite announcements concerning the program will be made later issues.

DR. LACY TO BE AT PROVIDENCE SUNDAY

Dr. B. R. Lacy, president Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., who is holding a revival, this week at Willow Spring will preach next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock at Providence Presbyterian church. Dr. Lacy was instrumental in starting Presbyterian work in Pleasant Grove township, and has a number of friends who will welcome the opportunity to hear him preach.

Fishing Party From Selma.

Misses Esther Hofmeister, Mae Whitley, Mesdames Norm Terrell, D. H. Terrell, J. M. O'Ne, Messrs. Thelbert Brown, W. I. Etheridge and Norman Terrell, of Selma, spent Wednesday in Vandemere fishing. They reported a pleasant trip, catching about two hundred pounds of fish.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS

"Hit look lak dey wuld cow-catchers often trains whar don't need 'em and put fool-cars on cyars whar dey do."

TO OPERATE ROCK QUARRY IN ORANGE CO.

DURHAM, June 27.—Preparations are being made by engineers of the Southern Power company to begin operating the rock quarry in Orange county. Large streams of water are now being played upon the little mountain to remove the surface dirt. When this task is completed only a mountain of stone will remain, this being the material from which the new Duke University will be erected. Through the hydraulic lines now in use, operation of the quarry can begin much earlier than would be the case were other methods employed in removing the earth from the rock.

Orthopaedic Clinic

The orthopaedic clinic held each month in the offices of the county health department in the courthouse and sponsored by the Lions Club of Wilson will meet again on Friday of this week, July 1.

Children's Day At Mill Creek.

Mill Creek Christian church observed Sunday, June 26, as Children's Day. The sermon was preached at 11 a. m. by the pastor and at 8 p. m. the children rendered a program consisting of recitation songs and a pageant.

The pastor, Rev. Mr. Southard, of Wilson, was present and at the close of the exercises he made a short talk on the religious condition in China.

The evening exercises were largely attended and the little folks of the community rendered a very creditable program.

Three cars collide, one in Wilmington hospital—North Carolina