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This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

EXTRA CONGRESS, EXTRA TROUBLE—

PROSPERITY'S BACK LOG—

MR. LUCEY HALF RIGHT—

WISE KING AMANULLAH—

There is to be an extra session of Congress, so well informed Washington reports, and the farmer will wait for "relief" until the new Congress gathers.

Mr. Hoover probably wishes that milestone were passed.

The farm question is this:

How can you make those engaged in a thoroughly disorganized haphazard industry as prosperous as those in industries thoroughly organized on a scientific production and selling basis?

Changes in the tariff are predicted. "Big financial and industrial interests feel that tariff changes are needed."

If they feel that way, the changes will be made, and probably should be made. Big business has its faults, but it knows what the country needs, realizing that the big man can get only his part of what the little man can earn.

All our prosperity comes down to the fact that people EARNING more can SPEND more.

Mr. Ecker of the Metropolitan Life Company, puts it in words: "The people earn fifteen to twenty billions more than it costs them to live. Those extra billions are prosperity's back log."

Mr. Lucey, the old Northampton cobbler who knew President Coolidge when a boy, is supposed to have given little Calvin this advice, "Keep your shoes laced tight, and never let your tongue wag."

President Coolidge took that good advice about the tongue. There is no information as to the advice concerning shoes.

It is harmful to lace children's shoes too tight. Lacing tightly around the ankles, pressing the blood vessels, impeding the flow of blood, gives the heart more work to do. Cobbler Lucey was only half right.

King Amanullah of Afghanistan discovered suddenly and violently what American prohibition enthusiasts are discovering slowly, that it isn't easy to change men's habits by proclamation of law.

Amanullah came back from his visit to England wearing European clothes, his wife fashionably dressed, short skirts, silk stockings, nothing to cover up her face.

He announced that women in Afghanistan were also to go with their faces uncovered, no more 'seclusion.'

Tribes rose against him, armed, drove him into a fortress.

King Amanullah changed his mind. Afghan girls sent to be educated in the modern way are expected to come home. European dress is to be abolished. Solapan dress is to be abolished. Afghan girls are to be diers of Afghanistan and bow down allowed to follow and bow down to their religious leaders, the Holy men, or Pirs, and women will be kept in seclusion.

All the suggested reforms will be thrown overboard. Wise Amanullah, he wanted peace.

The Chinese, poor creatures, butchered, starved, forced into revolutions of which they do not know the meaning, know at least one thing, and that is, that it is important to have good roads.

Mr. G. Walter Reed, of the Santa Fe Railroad, quotes an engineer just back from China: "Food from South China cannot reach those starving in Northern China because of fifteen hundred impassable miles."

Farm Brothers Now Agriculture Deans



Frederick D. Mumford (left) and Herbert W. Mumford, two farm brothers who rose side by side to the head of two great agricultural colleges, one in Missouri, and the other in Illinois.

Rumor Nailed As Entirely False

Co-op Meet Here Is Well Attended

M. G. Mann Discusses Fertilizers and Group Insurance; Optimistic As To Future of Association

One of the most largely attended meetings of the county unit of the North Carolina Cotton Association was held here Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. M. G. Mann of the Raleigh office talked to the members about fertilizers, prices and cooperative buying. He also announced that group insurance would be available to members of the association within a few weeks.

Mr. Mann stated that all the meetings of association for the past several weeks had been well attended and that members are taking more interest in the activities of the association than ever before. He also stated that the association is in the best condition it has ever been in and that the prospects for its future were never brighter.

After the meeting quite a large number gave their order for fertilizers and Coker's Pedigreed cotton seed.

"RIP" FAMOUS EASTLAND TOAD DIES OF COLIC

EASTLAND, Texas, Jan. 28.—Rip is dead. The world famed horned frog, taken from the Eastland county courthouse cornerstone months ago amid allegations that he had lived therein for 31 years without food, water or air, left the world gracefully.

His body was found recently. Rip's head protruding above the leaves and sand in which he had been hibernating since his asserted emergence from the stone, witnessed by pastors and other leading citizens, some of whom signed affidavits to the genuineness of the veteran's removal.

While there was no inquest, the popular verdict was that Rip, lured out by the sunshine, was chilled fatally.

Details concerning disposition of the body had not been announced.

Waiting at the Church. "Mose dey is one preachah in dis town dat's pow'ful angry at me tonight."

"How come?" "Ah done hired him to p'fawn de obsequies at mah wedding an' I didn't show up."—Life.

Many a man's better half has separated him from his last quarter.

Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield or Johnston County, and to the one deciphering their name and presenting a copy of this paper to the Herald office, we will present a free ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Carroll Stephenson deciphered his name last issue. TODAY'S TANTALIZER feodyiwko

Former Member U. S. Senate Dies

Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama, Passes At His Virginia Estate After Month's Illness

Former Senator Oscar Underwood of Alabama died at his home in Virginia Friday morning following a long illness. Mr. Underwood suffered a cerebral hemorrhage early in December and later in the month was stricken by paralysis. He recovered for a time but suffered a relapse a few days ago. He is survived by a widow and two sons, Oscar W. Underwood was one of the towering figures in Congress during his day, and attained national prominence through unusual qualities of statesmanship and a marked capacity as a leader. His name was mentioned repeatedly as a Democratic presidential nominee. He served for thirty-two years as a member of Congress from Alabama. He was taken back to his native heath for burial.

HONOR ROLL FOR KENLY SCHOOL

KENLY, Jan. 28.—The following is the honor roll for the Kenly high school for the third month:

First Grade: Ray Watson, Marcella Kirby, Lola Tate.

Second Grade: Ernest Wilkinson, Gladys Payne Barnes, Clyde Lee Deans, Myrtle Outland.

Third Grade: Robert Davis, Margaret Boyette, James Pierce.

Fourth Grade: Wilbert Bass, Rebecca Fulghum.

Fifth Grade: Benjamin Alford, Fercelle Barnes, Lora Coleman, Melba Watson, Leslie Watson, Eva Sullivan.

Sixth Grade: Virginia Watson.

Seventh Grade: Inez Radford, Alberta Radford.

Eighth Grade: Rebecca Askew, Fercelle Barnes, Lora Coleman, Melba Watson, Leslie Watson, Eva Sullivan.

Ninth Grade: Rebecca Askew, Fercelle Barnes, Lora Coleman, Melba Watson, Leslie Watson, Eva Sullivan.

Tenth Grade: Rebecca Askew, Fercelle Barnes, Lora Coleman, Melba Watson, Leslie Watson, Eva Sullivan.

Eleventh Grade: Rebecca Askew, Fercelle Barnes, Lora Coleman, Melba Watson, Leslie Watson, Eva Sullivan.

Twelfth Grade: Rebecca Askew, Fercelle Barnes, Lora Coleman, Melba Watson, Leslie Watson, Eva Sullivan.

Mother's Club Meets. Selma, Jan. 28.—Mrs. W. M. Henry delightfully entertained the members and guests of the C. C. L. club on Tuesday afternoon of last week. After a short business meeting a most helpful and interesting program was enjoyed.

The subject for study was "Delinquent Children," discussed in relation to the "Juvenile Court," "Child Labor Laws," and "Prison Reform." Papers on these respective subjects were read by Mrs. G. M. Norwood, Mrs. C. A. Jacobs and Mrs. W. H. Creech.

Impromptu recitations and piano selections were enjoyed during the afternoon.

The hostess served a course consisting of congealed fruit salad, sandwiches and coffee.

Fidelis Class Meets. Selma, Jan. 28.—The Fidelis class of the Baptist church met with Misses Louise and Mary Emily Stallings last Monday afternoon.

After a short business discussion, the meeting was turned over to the hostesses. A very enjoyable contest was held in which Miss Velma Lee was winner. Hot cocoa and marguerite wafers were served.

What Are A Shapely Pair of Lips Worth?



Girls of New York have been asked what price they put upon their lips since a Los Angeles judge awarded \$7,112 to Thelma Gordon, a movie actress whose upper lip was marred in an accident. Left to right are Helen Gilliland, actress who places value of her lips at \$50,000; Blanche Cooperman, business girl who said she would rather be dead than have her lips disfigured; Tina Decker, who estimated the worth of her lips at a million; and Peggy Udell, stage star, who dreads to think of anything happening to her lips.

New Baptist Church Under Consideration

Rev. J. M. Page of Raleigh Has Been Invited to Confer With Membership Concerning New Building

At the Baptist church last Sunday morning the pastor, Rev. S. L. Morgan, made a bold challenge to his congregation to take steps to build a new church. He declared that the Sunday school plant is altogether inadequate to the present needs, and that a new building is essential if the church as a whole is to measure up to the needs of the hour, or to acquire the prestige in the community to which it is entitled.

He pointed out that in 1832 the church will celebrate its 100th anniversary, the church having been organized July 14, 1832. He proposed that a building fund be started shortly with a view to erecting a building to cost \$40,000 to \$50,000 within the next three years, and to celebrate the 100th anniversary in the new building.

He stated that Rev. J. M. Page, of Raleigh, known as the building evangelist of the Baptist State Convention, has been invited to visit the church next Monday to confer about better utilizing the present building, and that he has been asked to bring along plans for a new house of worship.

The pastor pointed out that the successful working of the church's financial system has inspired a degree of confidence that the church can carry through such a building program without much strain. Without any special effort, the church, through its weekly envelope system, actually paid \$3,000 to the denominational program in 1928, besides paying all its bills for current expenses promptly through the year.

A substantial building fund, he believed, could be accumulated during the next three years by a system of weekly giving. It was proposed that members of the church arrange a conference in regard to the matter next Monday, when Mr. Page visits the church.

Investigate New Crops. Messrs. R. A. Sanders of Smithfield, route 1, W. V. Blackman of Benson, route 2, J. W. Stephenson and John A. Smith went to Ingold Friday where they visited the farm of Mr. D. W. Christerson, field representative of the Cotton Association for Sampson and Cumberland counties. They were interested in a half an acre of Australian winter peas with which Mr. Christerson is experimenting as a winter cover crop. They were also interested in a new kind of "greens" known in the seed catalogues as broccoli. Mr. Christerson presented these gentlemen with a "mess" of greens which some of them report as a most palatable dish.

MISS LUNA LEWIS IN MUSIC PROGRAM. Miss Luna Lewis, of Four Oaks, who is an advanced student in music at N. C. W., participated in a musical program presented at North Carolina College Friday.

The final numbers of the program were piano solos were rendered by Miss Lewis as follows: The first Clair du Lune by Debussy and the second Gavotte by Bach-St. Saens.

Lon Weeks Is Fatally Burned

Found In Woods That Had Been Burned Over By Neighbors Who Investigated Forest Fire

A tragic happening took place in Lower Johnston Thursday night when Lon Weeks, who has figured in Johnston county courts in recent years, was burned to death. According to information received here, on Thursday evening, Cicero Hudson and Bill Boyett, of the Lower Johnston section, saw the woods afire and went to the scene for the purpose of extinguishing the flames. As they approached the fire, they discovered a man lying in the woods. The fire had burned over him, and an old stump nearby was still burning. Dr. Parker of Benson, county coroner, was summoned and an inquest held. Investigation of the ground nearby revealed in the edge of a branch some beer that apparently was ready to run in a still. The remains of the deceased were taken care of by a Benson undertaker, and those who viewed the gruesome condition of the body state that he was burned almost beyond recognition.

Mr. Weeks was a single man about forty years of age. Those who know him state that he had allowed drink eventually to ruin him, having devoted the past several years to dealing in illicit liquor. He had served several penal sentences under convictions for traffic in liquor.

It is rather a coincidence that the fatal burning of Mr. Weeks occurred in the same community where five years ago a young fellow Gaine was seriously burned, also in the woods.

TEXAS CROP YIELD LARGER LAST YEAR. Mr. C. P. Johnson, a former Johnstonian who now lives in Paris, Texas, has sent the following clipping in regard to the crop yields in Texas last year:

"Texas crop yields per acre during 1928 averaged 2.8 per cent above the average of the last ten years, notwithstanding unfavorable conditions in many sections, says a crop summary for last year, issued today by the United States department of agriculture here.

"Low temperatures in early January of last year reduced the yields as well as acreage in small grains," the summary says.

"Corn made average yields and cotton produced 5 pounds per acre more than the average. Although they exceeded the 1927 production, the delicious fruits yielded poorly because of unfavorable conditions. The pecan production more generally did better better than usual, although the several periods of extreme weather and the losses resulting from insects and disease were severely felt in numerous localities.

"The 16 leading crops exceeded in value those of 1927 by \$36,000,000 and the hypothetical value of all crops was \$785,000,000, compared with the 1927 value of \$738,000,000, an increase of \$45,000,000. The cotton crop was worth about \$30,000,000 more than that of the

Poultry Car Is Loaded At Selma

Johnston County Poultry Keepers Receive Nearly \$3,000 For Approximately 13,000 Pounds of Poultry

Selma looked like circus day last Saturday except instead of children waving balloons and blowing "squeakers", grown-ups were delivering feathered fowls of all descriptions to the poultry car standing on the siding not far from the station. There were black chicks and white chicks, red chicks and speckled chicks, but in one respect they were all alike—the most of them had become boarders in the poultry yard, and their owners were sending them to northern markets to be devoured as food to make way for a new stock of layers.

Johnston county poultry keepers received Saturday nearly \$3000 in cash for poultry delivered at the car in Selma. To be exact, 12,378 pounds brought \$2,808.55. These hundred families in Johnston county were benefited from this sale which is sponsored by the Selma Kiwanis club with the cooperation of the State Division of Markets and J. B. Slack, farm agent for the counties of Johnston, Sampson, and Harnett.

A car was loaded also at Dunn and one at Clinton. At Dunn, 13,315 pounds brought \$2,900.89. At Clinton, 18,150 pounds brought \$4,032.40.

DONATIONS TO NEGRO HOSPITAL LOCATED HERE. The Johnston County Negro Teacher Association in session here Saturday staged a drive in the interest of the colored hospital. It is the purpose to raise \$250 in order to furnish a room in the hospital. The drive is expected to last about two weeks, at the close of which a committee will meet here to select the furniture.

Recently colored citizens in and around Selma contributed an amount sufficient to furnish a room. In addition to these undertakings, the hospital has been the recipient of a kitchen cabinet and a refrigerator which were needed, besides numerous small donations including bed linen.

COATS-HOLLAND WEDDING. Miss Bessie Holland and Mr. Starling Coats, both of Four Oaks, were united in marriage here Saturday morning. The ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace J. H. Kirkman. The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Holland, while the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Julia Coats, of Four Oaks. They will make their home in Four Oaks.

year before, and the production was 800,000 bales greater. For the United States, as a whole, the total value of the principal crops in 1928 was \$8,456,000,000 compared with \$8,522,000,000 a year ago."

Important Bills In Gen. Assembly

Measure to Allow Drug Stores To Dispense Whiskey Is Killed; Governor Gardner Finds Ally for Australian Ballot In Morrison

By M. L. SHIPMAN

RALEIGH, Jan. 28.—Again this past week the General Assembly was the center of interest as many important measures came up for consideration and the budget committee continued its work listening to pleas for added funds for institutions and departments. Chief among measures up for consideration were the bills providing for medicinal dispensing of whiskey, liberalizing the divorce laws, sterilizing mental defectives, barring lobbyists and tagging them, workmen's compensation, and many others. Governor Gardner was trying to line up forces for his Australian ballot system and got an ally in former Governor Morrison but it was reported that Eastern North Carolina would kill this measure offhand. No announcement was made with reference to the state highway commission, pardon commission and state prison jobs though it was indicated that Nat Townsend had refused the pardon commissioner's post.

The Senate finally killed the measure which would have liberalized the prohibition laws so that whiskey might be dispensed by drug stores on doctor's prescriptions. The matter was referred back to committee for amendments but even in improved form it failed of passage. Representative Boren's bill providing that five years of involuntary separation would constitute grounds for divorce was passed by the House and sent to the upper body. It was meant specifically to afford relief to the mates of convicts but many feared that it was an opening wedge to make divorce easy and were opposed on that ground as the laws on this subject are plenty law now.

A move to tag all those appearing in Raleigh in favor of bills as lobbyists failed in the senate after Senator Person had made a valiant fight. His measure was far-reaching in scope and was aimed at, he said, the big business interests of the state, especially the power interests. A bill to provide for sterilization of mental defectives was presented and referred to committee. This is in line with advanced thought of the day and no doubt the measure will have many friends when it comes up for consideration.

The heads of educational institutions appeared before the powers that be this week and urged that they be allowed more funds. The request for educational funds was pressed by leading educators of the state but no indication was given that any changes would be made from the recommendations of the budget commission, and all signs pointed to reduction of some of the recommendations as this is undoubtedly an economy legislature and may be inclined to carry the cuts to extremes.

Governor Gardner is having a hard time in his fight for an Australian ballot system. It is reported that many influential Democratic leaders, especially from Eastern North Carolina, are fighting the proposition and it will have hard sledding. Whether the undoubted demand from the people for honest election and secret election laws will have any weight with legislators remain to be seen. At the present time the vocal powers are all favoring elimination of the Australian ballot bill by the easiest method. At the same time former Governor Morrison came out for the bill proposed by Governor Gardner's henchmen in the General Assembly and this may influence some votes. During the week the senate passed the bill restoring to the governor the right to fill vacancies in the United States senate brought about by death or resignation. It is generally believed that this is a political move designed to give Governor Gardner the right to name either Mc-

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