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## NEUSE SETS HIGH RECORD WHEN IT REACHES 26.5 FEET

### Heavy Downpour Of Rain For Two Days Floods Streams -- Livestock Lost and Property Losses Sustained

A downpour of rain Tuesday and Wednesday that registered here 7.33 inches for the two days has caused one of the worst floods ever known in this section. According to E. L. Snipes, who is in charge of the official observatory for Smithfield, 3.57 inches of rain fell here on Tuesday and 3.76 inches Wednesday. The heavy rain has caused Neuse River and other streams in the county to rise until they have overflowed their banks, thereby causing considerable damage to property. Neuse River at one p. m. yesterday afternoon measured 26.5 feet. Wednesday morning at eight o'clock it measured 21.7 feet. Yesterday morning the river was running across the embankment at the end of the concrete bridge over the river, and the flood waters extended to the forks of the road, a distance of about a quarter of a mile. About 11:30 yesterday the State Highway Commission stopped traffic over No. 10 at this point. The river was still rising yesterday afternoon. Mr. Clifton Beasley who operates a store and filling station beyond the bridge found water rising in his store early Wednesday night. About eight o'clock he began to move out his stock of goods and by midnight his store was cleared.

It is hard to estimate the damage to crops and property in dollars and cents. The cotton crop alone in Johnston county will probably be cut 3,000 bales. Damage to corn and other crops planted in lowlands will be considerable. Mr. J. W. Stephenson, whose farm lies along Neuse River, is perhaps the heaviest loser. He has 130 acres submerged in water. About 100 acres of this land is planted in corn, and about 30 in cotton. He expected an average crop from his cotton which will be practically a total loss. Much of the corn will be salvaged. Monday night Mr. Stephenson had 20 sheep drowned and six pigs since then have not been able to be found.

Mr. J. D. Parker of this city, also owns land along Neuse River and has about forty acres under water. Cane is planted on this acreage and Mr. Parker is expecting little loss from the flood. Mr. Parker's worst damage will be sustained on another farm about four miles south of here. On the farm known as the Watson place, located between the River and Polecat there are twenty or twenty-five acres of cultivated crops under water. Eighteen head of cattle have not been seen since the flood waters have spread over his farm. About twenty-five head of hogs are also missing. The river is said to be about two miles wide at that point.

A washout occurred on the Atlantic Coast Line Railway between Selma and Smithfield about four o'clock Tuesday afternoon. No trains were allowed to pass after that time until Wednesday morning at 6:50.

Several creeks in the county have overflowed and roads across them are reported impassable. An old bridge across Buffalo, on the Henderson-Clinton highway is reported to be washed away.

### Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield or Johnston County, and so the one deciphering them 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.

Marvin Westbrook deciphered his name last issue. TODAY'S TANTALIZER lvialtvmreol

## Farmers Hopeful Of Better Prices

### Conference In Washington of Tobacco Growers and Tobacco Companies Expected to Increase Price

Representatives of tobacco growers of Eastern North Carolina, members of Congress, and representatives of tobacco companies held a conference in Washington, D. C., Tuesday as was scheduled. Among prominent North Carolinians that were present at the conference were Governor O. Max Gardner, E. C. Brooks, president of State College, A. W. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, Josephus Daniels, editor of the News and Observer, J. O. Schaub, director of the Agricultural Extension Service, Clarence Poe, of Raleigh, N. C., J. T. Thorn and John W. Holmes of Farmville, N. G. Bartlett and Dr. J. M. Parrott of Kinston, and Representative E. W. Poe of Smithfield.

Those attending the meeting according to John A. Livingston describes the conference in part as follows:

Their vivid word pictures of the deplorable conditions in the bright leaf tobacco belt shamed men who had suggested that the conference had been called for political purposes, but Governor Gardner warned that the conditions in Eastern North Carolina might produce important political consequences if allowed to become as acute as the case in the States when Bryan and Roosevelt came to the front as champions of the common man.

Governor Gardner said he had owned stocks in tobacco companies for many years and had no apology for such investments, but he felt under the present deplorable conditions there ought to be a common basis of understanding. He declared that the story of farmers had not been exaggerated, that it had rarely occurred in North Carolina and he appealed for a fair chance for farming. Governor Gardner said he was vitally concerned with development of agriculture, that he had made it one of the major items of his administration, though recently industrial disturbances had intervened, and appealed for a spirit of cooperation.

May Pay More. Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, Raleigh, agreed with Governor Gardner in reporting that the tobacco companies desire to pay better prices for tobacco and will do so as better grades come on the market. At the same time, he warned against rushing tobacco to market in the hope of getting better prices.

Dr. Poe agreed also with the Governor in expressing gratification over the outcome of the conference today and suggested that good will also may come out of giving more attention to the grades. He cited examples showing a careless disregard of grades in bidding for tobacco.

Dr. Poe also said that the manufacturers had indicated a willingness to cooperate in buying smaller quantities of tobacco of the better grades. This has been one of the main alibis for the continued depression of tobacco prices on the Eastern markets.

Governor Gardner also reported an agreement on the part of the manufacturers to meet a committee of growers early in the year to consider the kinds of tobacco and quantity to be grown next year. Dr. Poe suggested that this should be regional, rather than state-wide in order that a program suited to particular sections may be outlined.

Present Appeals. Dr. Parrott read letters from representative men all over Eastern North Carolina to back up his statement that the entire section is threatened with ruin on account of low priced tobacco and destruction of the cotton crop by the boll weevil. Then Messrs. Thorn, Holmes and Harvey made

### Spans Desert



Newton Newsom, graduate of Northwestern University, who with Andrew Juvinall of Quincy, Ill., crossed the roadless Sinai Desert or practically the entire length of Transjordan on a motorcycle.

## S. S. Convention At Clydes Chapel

### Speakers Addresses Delivered At Wilkes Township Convention Sunday -- Elect New Officers

KENLY, Oct. 3.—Wilkes township Sunday school convention was held at Clydes Chapel Baptist church last Sunday beginning at eleven o'clock. The convention was called to order by Miss Mabelle Wall, president, and the devotional was conducted by O. J. Murphy, of Wake Forest College, who delivered a very forceful address, G. T. Whitley, of Kenly, superintendent of the young people's department of the Johnston County Sunday School Association, made a splendid talk on "The Sunday School as a Community Asset," and J. W. Hollowell, president of the county Sunday school association, discussed "Parents' Responsibility."

Clarence Patrick, of Wake Forest College, delivered an address on "Building Bigger and Better Sunday Schools." It was enjoyed by all who heard him. These three addresses were timely and showed conclusively first, that the Sunday school is a very valuable asset to any community; second, that the parents, through their leadership, are capable of making the Sunday school and community a better place in which to live, to raise and educate their children, by building Sunday schools without the cooperation of all the forces are impossible. The community is essentially just what the folks living in it; particular community want it to be. They can make it what they will.

During the business period the following were elected as township officers: N. Bruce Boyette, Wendell, route 1, president; Miss Matrid Barnes, Clayton, route 2, vice-president; Miss Verna Phipps, Wendell, route 1, secretary.

Their appeals, which dealt with facts. They pleaded for home and schools, for farm and fireside, for good and country, and their appeals will not be unanswered.

The conference held this afternoon after the round table committee meeting at the lunch hour almost became a love feast. Governor Gardner's agricultural program was endorsed. Then a resolution of appreciation to Josephus Daniels, Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham, Clarence Poe, members of the North Carolina delegation in Congress was amended to include the representatives of tobacco companies.

F. L. Fuller, general counsel for the Liggett and Myers Tobacco Co., then, in behalf of the tobacco buyers, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to attend the conference.

Daniels Speaks. Josephus Daniels, who was called on during the love feast, said that public opinion in this country has come to the conclusion that cooperative marketing must be given a fair trial, and that it has been written into the statute law of the nation. Never before has this been done. Then Uncle Sam is backing the movement with a revolving fund of a half billion dollars. Government grading of tobacco was also endorsed.

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### TOBACCO AVERAGE HERE WEDNESDAY WAS \$16.03

The Smithfield tobacco market is well past the three million mark as to number of pounds sold on this market this season. Last year the total sales for the season was around five and a half million. The market here has been giving good prices, in comparison with other markets in Eastern North Carolina, often being in the lead. The average here Wednesday was \$16.03. Figures are not available for yesterday's sales. The offerings this week are less than they would have been, had it not rained. Swollen streams have cut off traffic in some sections, thus keeping some tobacco off the floors.

## Kinston Man Talks Local Kiwanians

### N. G. Bartlett, Secretary of Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, Tells of Recent Conference in Washington

N. G. Bartlett, Secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, explained to the Kiwanians yesterday at their weekly luncheon the purpose of the recent conference held in Washington between a delegation of bankers and time merchants of Eastern North Carolina led by Governor Gardner, and the heads of the large tobacco companies of this country.

During this conference some of the biggest bankers, time merchants and tobacco growers of Eastern Carolina through the assistance of the Governor and Senators Simmons and Overman, were privileged to discuss the plight of Eastern North Carolina with the presence of so many of the large tobacco companies of this country in conference. In consequence, the speaker being a member of the delegation, assured the members of the club that as a result of this meeting there will be an incline in the prices of tobacco as the season advances.

In comparing different sections of Eastern Carolina, the speaker stated that this section should be sailing in the air compared to others where economic conditions are more serious.

In closing, Mr. Bartlett made an appeal to the club members not to despair, but to press forward for a more righteous adjustment of the present situation of affairs.

Mr. W. G. Wilson, Sr., was a guest of the club.

### JOAN CRAWFORD BE HERE IN "OUR MODERN MAIDENS"

If Joan Crawford had continued to average the same number of steps daily for four months that she used the first two weeks during the filming of her first starring picture, "Our Modern Maidens," which comes to the Sanders theatre Monday and Tuesday, October 7 and 8 with a synchronized sound score, she would have exercised the same energy necessary in dancing from Los Angeles to Chicago.

For this popular Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer star, famous for her dancing both on the stage and in pictures, danced practically every day for five weeks, having spent three weeks training for a specialty number seen in her latest picture. Several different dances were executed during this period.

The story is a filmization of ultra-modern youth written by Josephine Lovett, author of "Our Dancing Daughters." Jack Conway directed. The supporting cast includes Rod La Rocque, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Anita Page, Edward Nugent, Josephine Dunn, Albert Grant and others.

### Quarterly Conference.

The quarterly conference for Four Oaks charge that was to be held at Sanders Chapel on the 4 has been postponed until Wednesday, the 16, preaching at 11 o'clock by the presiding elder, Dr. Bradshaw.

N. C. YEARBY.

## Directed Verdict Favors County Board Education

### Controversy Over School Budget is Heard In Superior Court; Commissioners Take An Appeal — Judge Orders Levy Sufficient to Cover Budget

The controversy between the County Board of Commissioners and the County Board of Education came to an end in Superior court here yesterday afternoon when the presiding judge Judge W. A. Sinclair, directed the jury to return a verdict which granted the \$10,175 in controversy needed to run the schools of Johnston county for six months.

The judge directed this verdict after counsel for the board of education contended in the court that no evidence had been presented by the board of county commissioners that would help a jury to decide whether the budget in question should be denied or not.

The judge, after deciding in favor of the board of education, which decision allows a budget of approximately \$559,000 for the operation of a six months term, issued an order to the board of county commissioners for the levying of a sufficient tax to produce the amount needed.

Counsel in this case, which had been pending since Superior court opened here the week of September 23, was, for the board of education, Abell and Shepard; and for the board of county commissioners, James Raynor, W. H. Lyon and Ezra Parker. For one reason and another, the trial was deferred until Wednesday afternoon when the case was called. A couple of hours was required to secure a jury, various and sundry views being expressed by those in the box as they were questioned concerning taxation and schools. Three men called in the box stated outright that they did not believe in taxation even for a six months school. These men were of course excused from duty. One opposed taxation for schools until the county gets in better shape. Another opposed taxation as the schools are now run. Several were not in favor of a term longer than six months.

The jury as finally constituted to hear the evidence in the case was as follows: Oscar Price, W. J. Lassiter, S. E. Hatcher, Brady Johnson, J. H. Parrish, A. J. Johnson, M. T. Barefoot, C. A. Whitaker, J. P. Barber, J. P. Hinnant, Phil Edwards and R. L. Barden.

This is the first case under the new statute on record and the procedure was watched with considerable interest by a number gathered in the courtroom. The first step in the case was the presentation of records by the county board of education which showed that the deductions from the budget of the board of education made by the county commissioners totaled \$25,275.62 which amount was in controversy. N. C. Shepard, who presented this fact, reviewed the history of the case, stating that the matter had been referred to the clerk of the court whose decision he read.

After hearing Mr. Shepard, the court held that the budget as presented to the county commissioners had been accepted by the commissioners with the exception of certain exceptions which totaled \$25,275.62. This part of the budget was all that the judge would ask the jury to consider.

As the case proceeded, \$14,000 was subtracted from the amount in controversy, since both boards were in accord that insurance on the school buildings be taken out for only one year instead of three, which saves a half a year's premium, as was included in the budget. This reduced the original sum in controversy to \$11,275.62.

The status of the proposition before the court being determined, (Turn to page four)

### Churchill Visits U. S.



Hon. Winston Churchill, former British Chancellor of the Exchequer who is visiting San Francisco.

## Riot At Marion Calls For Troops

### Three Are Killed and Eleven Wounded In Fight Between Textile Strikers and Sheriff

State troops were sent to Marion Wednesday for the second time within the last two months to stop riots among textile strikers. Three killed, one fatally wounded, six in a dying condition and five others in a Marion hospital Wednesday morning resulted from a fight which took place at the gates of the Marion Manufacturing company's mill in East Marion. It is not known who fired the first shot, leaders of the United Textile Workers Union asserting that it was fired by the sheriff's forces and the sheriff contending that a striker fired first. A nine weeks' strike at this mill ended on September 11 and the mill reopened on an open shop basis. Members of the textile union claimed that the agreement was not being lived up to by the mill management and at one o'clock Wednesday morning the workers of the night shift walked out in an unexpected strike. A picket line was formed outside the gate and at 6:30 o'clock when the shifts change, about 100 persons were at the gate. The sheriff and a number of deputies had been called and a fight soon started, ending in the shooting.

The Senate Wednesday voted 47 to 42 adopting a democratic plan restoring to Congress the power to enact emergency tariff rates a power now enjoyed by the president. The proposal, is a substitute for that offered by the finance committee Republicans, would change the flexible tariff policy adopted by the Republicans seven years ago, and make Congress instead of the president the final arbiter of the findings of the tariff commission. As a safeguard against general revision, it would limit congressional action to the rate or rates dealt with in the commission's reports. The adoption of this plan is considered a great victory for Senator Simmons, ranking Democrat on the finance committee, who proposed the plan as a substitute for an amendment by Senator Smoot, Republican of Utah, chairman of the committee.

### WADE BROWN HURT IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

SELMA, Oct. 3.—Tuesday night about seven o'clock Mr. Wade Brown observed that Miss Mary George was having trouble in starting her car, just across the street from his place of business. He stepped over to assist her. As she drove off, he turned to go back and Mr. J. D. Reynolds who was passing in a car did not see Mr. Brown and knocked him down rendering him unconscious for a short while. He was carried to his store where Drs. Person and Mayerberg found one broken rib, a gash on the head, a cut on the leg and several minor cuts and bruises. He was taken home and is resting as comfortably as could be expected. Mr. Reynolds is much distressed over the accident.

### Rally Day at Presbyterian Church

Rally Day will be observed by the Presbyterian Sunday school here Sunday morning at ten o'clock. A program is being arranged by the different departments and it is hoped that a large crowd will be present. The offering at this time will be used for Sunday school extension. The public is cordially invited.

### Funeral of J. M. Peacock.

Kenly, Oct. 3.—Funeral services for Mr. J. M. Peacock, who died at his home near town on Tuesday, September 24, were held at the home on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. L. T. Phillips of Kenly. Interment followed in the family plot near the home. The deceased was 45 years of age and the youngest member of the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Peacock. Mr. Peacock is survived by a daughter, Miss Allie Peacock, a sister, Miss Nicy Peacock, three brothers, Troy, Andrew and Jack Peacock all living near town.

## Hopewell School To Be Continued

### School Budget Is Allowed and Original Plan For Three Teacher School Will Be Executed

The case concerning the school in the Hopewell district was quickly disposed of yesterday when a verdict in the school budget matter had been rendered.

E. S. Abell, counsel for the Board of Education, told the court that from the first it had been the intention of that board to have a three teacher school in the Hopewell district and it was so included in the budget. In an effort to reduce the amount of the budget, a tentative proposition had been made to truck the children of that district to Smithfield because it could be done more cheaply than maintaining a separate school. When the judge ordered the amount of the budget to be levied yesterday, no other idea than giving the Hopewell district a school, was entertained.

J. D. Parker was the attorney for the Hopewell district, which had taken steps to prevent its school from being abolished.

### RECORDER'S COURT PROCEEDINGS

A light docket was disposed of in Recorder's court here on Tuesday, the following criminal cases being tried:

Tilgham McLamb, in court for violation of a suspended sentence, was found guilty. He was committed to jail and assigned work on the county roads for a term of two years.

John Denning, Dewey Young, Artimus Holland and Ervin Jones were charged with assault. Artimus Holland and Ervin Jones not guilty. John Denning and Dewey Young were convicted of assault only. Denning was fined \$25 and taxed with half the cost and Young was fined \$15 and half the cost.

Odell Watson was fined \$10 and required to pay the cost for possession and transportation.

Rossie Johnson received a \$10 fine and was taxed with the cost for possession and transportation.

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