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I. M. Bailey Goes Back To Old Job

Bitter Cold Wave Sets New Low Records; Increased Tobacco Acreage Is Indicated For N. C.

I. M. Bailey, who was appointed last year to succeed A. J. Maxwell, Corporation Commissioner, when Maxwell was named revenue commissioner, last week resigned his position and Stanley Winborne of Mannesboro, was appointed to succeed him. It was stated that Mr. Bailey will return to his old position as counsel for the Corporation Commission and that his salary will be fixed at \$7,500 a year. Gov. O. Max Gardner received Mr. Bailey's resignation with reluctance and was highly pleased that his services to the state will be available as counsel to the Commission. "I do not think the state has a finer public servant than Mr. Bailey," Governor Gardner said. Mr. Bailey, a son of the late J. Ruffin Bailey, formerly lived in Smithfield and he has many relatives and friends here and in the county.

A bitter cold wave setting new low records on thermometers swept over the Middle West last week. In some sections records of years' standing were broken when the mercury dropped below the graduations on the dials. At Bismarck, N. D., the thermometer stood at 28 below; at Duluth, Minn., 26; at St. Paul, 18; and at Denver it went to 19 below. The temperature struck zero in Northern Oklahoma for the first time in ten years. In Chicago where zero temperatures prevailed, the streets were almost deserted. Much suffering among the poor was reported and Salvation Army and other charitable organizations were crowded. Police station corridors swarmed with homeless men seeking warmth. Many deaths attributed to the cold were reported in the Rocky Mountain states. One of the worst blizzards in history swept down on Texas from the northwest. Snow blanketed the entire panhandle and fell intermittently in east and central Texas. The Mississippi Valley was visited by one of the worst snow storms of the season.

Indications are that North Carolina farmers are planning a large increase in tobacco acreage this year in spite of repeated warnings from agricultural experts and Gov. O. Max Gardner. According to I. O. Schaub, dean of the State College school of agriculture and director of the agricultural extension service, county agents report farmers are cleaning and treating seed in quantities that indicate they are preparing to plant a tremendous acreage of tobacco, especially in the counties where the boll weevil did most damage last year. Dean Schaub states that not only in eastern North Carolina but in South Carolina and Georgia there will be a big increase in acreage this year. He urges the farmers in this state where the boll weevil has made cotton unprofitable to plant more food and feed crops rather than add to the acreage of what appears to be the biggest acreage ever planted in tobacco in the United States.

The eligibility of Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen to be a member of Congress is being questioned in Washington. The challenge was made by William C. Lawson, whom she defeated in the election last fall, when she was selected to represent the Fourth Florida Congressional District. Lawson claims that she sacrificed her United States citizenship when she married Major Reginald Owen of the British Army, and that she does not fulfill the constitutional requirements for House membership. Mrs. Owen made a personal appeal to the House Elections Committee in a hearing Saturday. She based her legal argument on two points—that the constitution requires seven years' citizenship for House membership, not seven years immediately prior to election, and that the purpose of the Cable Act was to restore citizenship of women who had lost it by marriage, "as if it had never been lost." After the World War, in

CHAMPION COTTON GROWER



The above cut shows graphically how J. Wilson Alexander of Cornelius, Mecklenburg County, won the State championship in growing cotton for 1929. Mr. Alexander produced nearly 11½ five hundred pound bales of lint cotton on five acres of land. The work was done in cooperation with D. W. Eason, agricultural teacher at Cornelius High School, and Kope Elias, County Agent of Mecklenburg County.

Dr. Branch Gives Farm Progrom To Cotton Champion Dental Lectures Feature Banquet For N. C. In 1929

Series In County Well Received; Last Lecture Given at School Auditorium Here Friday Evening; Clinic Now Going On

Dr. Ernest A. Branch, director of the department of oral hygiene of the State Board of Health, spent seven days recently in Johnston county showing dental slides and lecturing upon the importance of caring for one's teeth, his series of lectures culminating in the one given at the school auditorium here Friday evening.

Free dental clinics started in Johnston county three weeks ago at Selma, and will continue for seven weeks longer. The clinic is still in progress at Selma where numbers of children in the Selma district including those from the rural sections which are trucked to Selma, are taking advantage of this free dental work. Dr. W. L. Woodard, the state clinic dentist is doing the work, which is available only for children under thirteen years of age. When the work has been completed in Selma, Dr. Woodard will go to some other school in the county.

In conjunction with the clinics, the educational work of Dr. Branch proves very effective, and his lectures made at the principal schools in the county have aroused considerable interest in care of the teeth. A large crowd greeted Dr. Branch here Friday evening, and all were delighted with his lecture which he illustrated with ten or more slides.

Prior to the lecture, the school put on an interesting program featured by the Little Orchestra directed by little Miss Anne Abell, and by readings given by pupils of the school in celebration of the anniversaries of Robert E. Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson.

These meetings will be held each Wednesday night until February 26. All interested persons are invited. which her husband saw active service, she brought her husband, now broken in health, to Florida. Soon afterwards he died, leaving her with four children. Having lost their wealth during the war, it was necessary for Mrs. Owen to support her family by lecturing and because of her busy life it was impossible for a time to go through the necessary formalities of restoration of citizenship. In 1925 she was granted full citizenship under the Cable Act of 1922.

Cotton Standardization Will Be Discussed By Cotton Men, Ginners and Farmers at Live-At-Home Dinner Here

Next Tuesday evening, January 28, a Cotton Standardization and Improvement banquet which will also be a "Live-at-Home" banquet, will be held in the recitation room of the Methodist church. An invitation has been extended to more than a hundred guests including farmers, ginners, bankers, and other business men of Johnston county.

The program is being sponsored by the North Carolina Cotton Growers Association together with State College. The county farm agent, and the county home agent are cooperating in the event, and Mr. J. B. Slack, the farm agent, will be toastmaster on this occasion. Miss Garrison, the county home agent, and her home demonstration clubs are preparing the "Live-at-Home" menu, and nothing will be served except Johnston county products.

A number of outstanding men in the state are scheduled to speak on this occasion. Roy H. Thomas, supervisor of vocational agriculture, will discuss the "Purpose and Plans of Cotton Standardization Committee"; Dr. R. Y. Winners, director of N. C. Experiment station, will speak on "Production of Cotton"; U. B. Blacklock, head of the N. C. Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, will talk on "Marketing of Cotton"; E. W. Galther, district agent of extension work, will suggest "How County Agents Can Cooperate in a Standardization Program"; T. E. Browne, director of vocational education, will tell How Teachers of Agriculture Can Cooperate; W. H. Darst, director N. C. Seed Improvement Association, will tell how that association can help; M. G. Mann, assistant general manager of the N. C. Cotton Growers Association, will outline how bankers and other business men may cooperate; J. W. Stephenson, director N. C. Cotton Growers Association, and prominent farmer and ginner will talk on "How Ginners Can Cooperate." The topic, "How Farmers Can Cooperate," will be discussed by a local farmer, whose name will be announced later.

On a check plot adjoining the five-acre tract, Mr. Alexander produced 1,695 pounds of seed cotton or 672 pounds of lint, using an application of 500 pounds of an 8-3-3 fertilizer applied at planting.

The expense account shows a net profit of \$799.25 on the five acres under demonstration or a profit per acre of \$159.85. The cost of producing one pound of lint amounted to a little over four cents a pound. In the expense account are included \$50 for managerial services, \$50 for rent on land, \$7.50 for implement depreciation, \$42 for ginning, \$146.20 for picking, \$67.78 for fertilizer used, \$9.75 for seed, \$3 for use of tractor, \$23.80 for mule labor and \$34.50 for man labor. The total expense was \$434.53.

The income items show 295.8 bushels of seed at 60 cents a bushel amounting to \$174.48 and the lint cotton sold for 18½ cents a pound amounting to \$1,059.31. This made a total income of \$1,233.79 leaving the net profit of \$799.25 on the five acres.

The check plot where no nitrate of soda was used netted only \$88.62 an acre or \$443.10 if figured on a five-acre basis, showing that the use of quickly available nitrogen in the fertilizer was highly profitable.

Mr. Alexander has conducted this same type of demonstration for two years. In 1928, he produced 12,465 pounds of seed cotton or 4,082 pounds of lint on

No Starvation Yet In Johnston

County Welfare Officer States Usual Number Appeals For Help Are Thrilled, But Emergencies Are Being Met

"Starvation" conditions in some of the eastern counties due to poor crops and the general depression, reports of which have been carried in the press during the past ten days, do not obtain in Johnston county, according to Mrs. D. J. Thurston, county welfare officer, who is in close touch with the situation.

Mrs. Thurston states that there is plenty of evidence of hard times in the county. She is receiving three times as many calls for help as usual, but there have been no real starvation cases reported to her, and the county together with religious and service organizations are taking care of the calls so far. January is the worst month, thinks Mrs. Thurston, but even last Saturday, which is usually a day of heavy demands, saw a falling off of appeals.

Most of those who are asking for help are chronic cases, states the welfare officers, those whose crop fails every year, though there are also a number of transients who have to be looked after. Among these transients are colored people who have come here from South Carolina to work in tobacco, and now the season is over, find themselves in sore straits. The colored people themselves are helping to take care of such cases.

Mrs. Thurston told the Herald reporter yesterday that the generous response to appeals at Christmas on the part of individuals and organizations has been a wonderful aid in making conditions better in the county. Considerable clothing, food, and even cash were turned over to her for distribution, which she has dispensed only as needed. Principals of the schools and the teachers are cooperating in obtaining second hand books for pupils who are unable to buy them. A spirit is shown in the county to ease conditions without calling for outside help.

The annual migration of tenants is about over, and Mrs. Thurston thinks that when farm work begins to open up in February, that conditions will gradually improve.

NOAH'S ARK TO BE SHOWN IN SMITHFIELD

The famous picture, "Noah's Ark," the long heralded epic of the flood, will be shown here on Thursday and Friday, January 30 and 31, at the Sanders theatre. The picture will be sponsored by the missionary society of the Methodist church, and matinee and evening performances will be given. The picture was more than three years in production and is said to be the finest and most ambitious picture that Warner Brothers have yet made. The settings occupied 38 acres, and thousands of people were employed in the flood scenes, as well as in the events which occur in the sequences depicting modern times.

MRS. STEVENS HOSTESS TO CLUB.

The Friday afternoon bridge club was entertained last week by Mrs. L. G. Stevens as hostess to the club. Three tables were in play for the game and a number of enjoyable progressions followed. Mrs. H. P. Stevens made top score and was remembered with a gift. Tempting refreshments were served at a late hour in the afternoon.

The only guests besides the members were Mrs. Everett Stevens, and Miss Miriam Snyder of Richmond, Va.

five acres. His record this past season was much superior to the results of 1928.

For making this excellent yield, Mr. Alexander will participate in a tour through Mississippi and Florida as the guest of the Chilian Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau. Other crop champions from the several states of the south will be included in the party.

80-GALLON OIL BURNER STILL



Deputy Jesse Yelverton (right) who captured the still on the night of Jan. 11 in Beulah Township and arrested one man; Sheriff A. J. Fitzgerald (in the center), commander-in-chief of the county prohibition forces; Jailer Davis (to the left) who made junk of the still.

Legion Here To Conduct Round-up 3 Eagle Scouts Receive Badges

Post Commander C. B. Park Makes Statement; Gen. Albert L. Cox Will Speak At Meeting Here Next Tuesday Night

C. B. Park, commander of Post No. 132 of the American Legion, was interviewed yesterday with reference to the participation of the local post in the program, Boy Scouts ashore and took up the offering. Scout Chas. Richard Royall presided over the program, calling on Scout James Bundy to read the scripture lesson.

Rev. J. D. Bundy's message of the evening was with reference to the Scout movement. The program culminated in the presentation of badges to three Eagle Scouts, Edwin Broadhurst, Benjamin Grimes, and Richard Noble. This is the highest honor to which a Scout can attain, and 21 merit badges are required to become an Eagle Scout. Mr. Hartsborn, of Goldsboro, president of the Tuscarora Council, made the presentation speech. Mr. Edgar Watson is the local scoutmaster.

FIRE ON OFFICERS ABOUT TO RAID STILL

Percy Wood, constable in Cleveland township, and N. T. Johnson, a deputized officer, had a narrow escape Sunday night when they attempted to raid a still near Middle Creek below the Walter Moore bridge. A still had been reported to Constable Wood, and about eleven o'clock he and Mr. Johnson attempted to investigate. Two spies were on duty and as they neared the still site, a signal was given which caused the three white men and one negro at the still to run taking with them the worn and cap. The spies then opened fire upon the officers, and it is said that if they had been in an upright position, they would have received the full force of the shots. They left the vicinity and reported the affair to the sheriff's office.

However, the Cleveland township officers went back yesterday morning and tore up the still, and poured out about 60 gallons of beer.

A CARD OF THANKS

W. N. Lee and family wish to thank the people of Smithfield and especially the nurses and doctors at the Johnston County Hospital for their kindness during the illness and death of Grace Lee.

Willard R. Anderson has resigned as county agent in Swain county to begin farming.

In Lenoir county, 16 farmers reclaimed and treated enough seed to plant 3,510 acres of tobacco.

Golden Wedding Clayton Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Ellis Celebrate Their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary; Brilliant Reception

CLAYTON, Jan. 20.—Of unique interest to friends in the community, where for more than half a century their names have stood for all that is best in the life of the community was the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Penny Ellis.

The Ellis residence in West Clayton was artistically decorated throughout in long leaf pine, yellow flowers and innumerable lighted golden candles. In the entrance hall, beneath a wedding bell of delicate yellow roses, Dr. and Mrs. B. A. Hocutt welcomed the guests. The stairway was a thing of beauty adorned in long leaf pine and trailing cedar, illuminated at intervals with glowing golden candles. Here Miss Frances Guley received.

In the living room Mrs. Hugh A. Page introduced the guests to the bridal couple of 50 years ago. Charles Penny Ellis and Mrs. Ellis, who, in 1880, was Miss Annie Temple Barnes. Receiving with the couple, showered with the felicitations of several hundred friends, were their ten children, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hinnant, Mrs. H. J. Parker, of Baltimore; Miss Ruby Ellis, of Winston-Salem; Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Ellis, Mrs. Joseph Turley, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Jordan, of Raleigh; Mrs. Aubrey Gattis, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ellis, of Charlotte; Miss Clyde Ellis and Miss Annie V. Ellis.

Five guests receiving who attended the wedding in 1880, were Mrs. Zilphia Ellis, of Raleigh; Mrs. H. Johnson, Mrs. Laura Guley, Jack Ellis and Mrs. W. A. Barnes.

In the dining room, where the decorations were very lovely in the soft light of many golden candles, Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Guley received, assisted by Mrs. W. J. Payne, Miss Cleve Barnes, and Mrs. R. W. Finlator, of Winston-Salem. The dining table, covered with a fluted cloth, was centered with a handsome decorated wedding cake, in three tiers, surmounted by a miniature bride and groom, and surrounded by four burning golden tapers in hand-decorated golden holders. From either end of the table Mrs. Ashley Horne and Mrs. Paul A. Wallace served bridal fees in wedding bell motif. Assisting in serving were the granddaughters, Misses Irma Turner, Bessie Lee Hinnant, and Kathryn Ellis; also Miss Pauline Smith and Miss Margaret Broughton, of Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Penn directed guests to a charmingly appointed bower, where Mr. and Mrs. J. Dwight Barbour poured punch, assisted by Mrs. Riley R. Guley.

In the gift room, where Mrs. Charles W. Horne had charge of the guest book, and where Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Creech received, there were on display many valuable gifts.

Bidding guests farewell were Mr. and Mrs. A. Sam White. Musical selections during the evening were rendered by Mrs. Warren McCullers, soloist; Mrs. Harry Brooks, violinist, and Mrs. John Talton and Mrs. C. H. Beddingfield, pianists.

Aunt Roxie Says



"De mo' candy dates de Demmercats have, de merrier it swine be fer de 'Publicans'.