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ANOTHER BEAR KILLED IN GRIFFINS TOWNSHIP

Wednesday about noon news flashed over the wires from home to home that a bear was killing a hog back of the fields of Mr. Eddie Manning. A hunt was planned immediately. Those who were to take part in the drive were to be at the home of Mr. Manning at one o'clock with dogs. One would hardly believe so many dogs could be assembled within a radius of a few miles. There were old veterans, among them Zeb Hunter, Towser and Rock and others that knew what the business was, while some of the younger ones thought that such an assembly was for the purpose of making an acquaintance, or enemies.

A short time after the hour appointed we started in the woods. Some dogs were so overjoyed that they could hardly be induced to keep quiet. A short distance from the field, in the edge of the thicket, old Hunter opened up with all sorts of yells. In an instant all the dogs were in hot pursuit, barking at the tops of their voices. One who has never heard an assembly of thirty dogs, all barking simultaneously, cannot imagine what a frightful noise it can make.

Mr. Bruin was taken so completely by surprise that he did not know just where to move, but he did know that it was best to be moving, and that immediately.

Bang! the report of a gun was heard, but the dogs kept on. Some one had missed. In a few minutes another report followed by three others, the dogs ceased to bark except for an occasional one and one of exultation. Somebody sounded a horn and we rushed in the direction from whence the sound had come. There the bear lay dead. The aims of Messrs. Manning and Peel and others had not failed their mark. Bruin had paid for his crime. In twenty minutes from the time we started the bear lay dead at our feet. A HUNTER.

FORD RETAIL SALES MAKE NEW RECORD
Company Reports Total Sales Have Reached 5,709 Machines a Day

Retail sales of Ford cars, trucks and tractors established a new high record during June, when, according to a statement issued from the Ford Factory at Detroit, an average of 5,709 machines were sold daily.

Ford sales have been showing a constant increase each month this year; June being the highest in the history of the Company with a total of 148,439 cars, trucks and tractors. Of this number, 6,504 were sold by the Ford Company of Canada and 9,433 by the various European Ford Companies and South American Branches, reaching purchasers in practically every civilized country in the world.

John H. Perry The Man Behind the Gun

Editor's Note: John H. Perry, who insists that Country America never will get its fair share of the wealth it produces until it is represented through its publishers in the form of a country newspaper bloc, is President of The American Press Association and of The Publishers' Autocaster Service Company. Here is his record in brief:

Born in Kentucky; educated in law in University of Virginia. As a State's Prosecutor won more than 90 per cent. of cases tried. Tried more newspaper cases than any other lawyer in America. Won more than five million dollars in suits without losing a case.

Has owned or partly owned several large daily newspapers, the values of each of which increased from a very small amount to as high as three million dollars for one paper.

Made the greatest circulation record in America by increasing the Sunday circulation of one daily from 57,000 to 100,000 in nine months. Is director and co-controlling owner of several strong, prosperous banks.



He was raised in the tobacco growing country and knows that industry thoroughly. Has never failed in any enterprise he has undertaken. Has made a fortune by his own efforts.

CAR THIEF IS CAUGHT BY NORFOLK POLICE

On Friday night, July 21, a Ford car belonging to Mr. Harry Waldo was stolen from his home in Hamilton. Mr. Waldo traced his car to Weldon but there he lost its track. He notified the Norfolk police authorities of Norfolk and those of other Virginia cities. The police department of Norfolk shadowed a suspicious character who answered the description, and when he went to a shop where second hand cars were bought and sold he was nabbed. He offered to sell the car for \$250.00 and was offered \$150. While they were discussing the deal the negro was arrested. He was immediately placed in the city jail. Mr. Waldo was notified and when he went down he had no trouble identifying the car. The negro was then shown to him and he proved to be Lero Barnhill, a negro reared in Hamilton and who lived there until he was run away a few weeks ago for some misdeed.

Mr. Waldo wired Sheriff Roberson who immediately sent deputy, Luther Peel, to Norfolk. Mr. Peel and Mr. Waldo drove the car home bringing the thief with them. They drove across the big Roanoke River Bridge. Barnhill has the distinction of being the first prisoner to be hauled across the new bridge. He will be held until September trial when he will face trial.

FIRST PARTY-CROSSED NEW BRIDGE SUNDAY

Sunday morning at nine o'clock the following party crossed the Roanoke River on the Martin-Bertie Bridge. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Manning, Engineer E. E. Boney, Messrs. Minier Hostetler, W. H. Gurkin and S. Collin Peck. They had the distinction of being the first one to cross the bridge.

Mr. Brown was the superintendent of the building of the bridge for Boyle Roberson Construction Company, and Mr. Boney was chief engineer for the State. The party went to Gatesville and then to Sunbury, returning that night about one-thirty, and had to turn the bridge to get back across as it is not open to traffic yet. The asphalt work will be finished by August 15th if nothing happens to prevent their work, then it will be turned over to the State about September 2nd.

COMES TO DISCUSS STEEL IMPORT DUTY



Arthur Balfour, no, not the same Sir Arthur of Washington Conference fame, but President of the Chamber of Commerce of England, on his way to Washington to interview President Harding and leading legislators on the proposed 66% import duty on steel.

PROPAGANDA AGAINST COOPERATIVE PLAN

The Washington tobacco people seem to be riled over a few statements made by certain Greenville tobacco people. They say that a certain auctioneer from Greenville is traveling through Beaufort county making offers to the farmers who they know to be members of the Cooperative Marketing Association. In some instances he offers fabulous prices for tobacco. Of course they know the farmers who they meet cannot sell their tobacco to them, so they call themselves back to the farmers. This is done for no other reason or purpose than to dissuade the farmer. This is an old game, the one played by pinhookers in the past and is called blinding.

The Association has a perfect right to sell the tobacco of its members and to be paid for it. Any farmer who has a surplus of an unreasonable price to sell the bluff of these speculators.

Another line of propaganda that they are having out is that the Association cannot get the money to pay for the crop. They know that this is untrue for the great banks of the country are offering and are assuring the Association the money to handle the crop.

They are also asking, "Farmer, when will you get your money?" They have never been so solicitous before, and they are not getting away with their propaganda this time. Farmers, you see the point, don't you?

RED CROSS AUDITOR HERE

Mr. F. E. Beaman of Staunton, Va., auditor of the American Red Cross in North Carolina is in town this week auditing the Red Cross books.

During the war much work was done by the Red Cross in foreign lands, since the war, however, the people as a whole have lost interest in the work of the Red Cross and they are not aware that five million dollars were raised by the Red Cross last year.

The Red Cross in addition to doing public health work, nursing many war veterans and running sanitary campaigns, have done much work in the great disasters of the country.

The Red Cross administered clothing, medical attention, sheltering and food to more than 75,000 people for three months. But for the Red Cross many of these persons would have died from starvation and exposure.

The Red Cross has been actively engaged in this form of service for the past forty one years.

WISCONSIN YACHTS EN BATTAIN

At the home of her brother, Mr. W. L. Taylor, Miss Mary Taylor entertained at a delightful party Thursday evening from eight to eleven-thirty in honor of her guests, Misses Grace of Raleigh and Miss Hartford of Warrenton.

The home was beautifully decorated with Wisconsin flowers and the general color scheme of red and white was carried out. The hours were spent very pleasantly by about forty five guests. At the conclusion of the evening delicious cream and cake were served by the hostess and Mrs. Taylor.

STRIKE IS NEARLY OVER

The railroad strike is quietly, gradually and gently fading away. Just as we had predicted in the beginning that we would hear great things and that there would be much agitation by the railroad folks. The newspapers were flooded with all kinds of propaganda, terrible stories of what might happen, but it has not happened. On the other hand the fellows that they were nining at were orderly and peacefully, with no desire or intent to hurt, but were at home looking at home and family and were just trying to better the conditions in those homes.

FORD NOW BUILDS HIS WINDSHIELD GLASS

According to Mr. B. R. Barnhill, Ford Distributor, the Ford Motor Co. has begun to manufacture its own plate glass and already has in operation the first modern glass house ever equipped especially to make glass for automobiles.

As is customary when taking over the manufacture of a new product, Ford has applied his own principles of production, and as a consequence the methods and machinery used in making Ford glass are a radical departure from established practice. The Ford continuous conveyor system features the operations so that from the time the glass leaves the furnace until it becomes a polished windshield, it is always moving.

Glass making when viewed in the Ford plant, says Mr. Barnhill, looks to be very simple. The raw materials are introduced into the furnace where they become a molten mass. Drawn from the furnace in a semi-liquid state, the glass passes under a roller which gives it width and thickness, and on to a moving conveyor. This carries it for 464 feet through a gradually cooling furnace. At the end, it is cut and placed on another conveyor which carries it through the grinding and polishing, after which it is ready for use.

This adds a new link to the fast growing chain of Ford industries which are being established and expanded from time to time in line with the Ford policy to achieve complete independence of outside material sources, and at the same time are the means by which Ford is enabled to use in the production of motor cars, trucks, and tractors material of unusually high quality and sell them at the famous Ford prices.

GURGANUS—BROWN

Tuesday afternoon at four thirty at the home of Mrs. Mattie Gurganus James, Miss Sallie Brown and Mr. Durward Gurganus were married. It was a great surprise to the people of the town as Miss Brown left here about two weeks ago to visit friends in Norfolk and nobody knew that they intended to be married. They took the boat for Washington and after spending a few days there they will go to Baltimore, and then return to Norfolk to visit Mr. and Mrs. Gordon James for a short while.

Miss Brown is the fourth daughter of Register of Deeds and Mrs. S. S. Brown and has always lived in Williamston where she is very popular with a host of friends.

Mr. Gurganus is the third son of Mr. Eli Gurganus. He is at present engaged in the manufacture of ice at this place. During the world war he served as lieutenant in the infantry, home in a few weeks and will have an Mr. and Mrs. Gurganus will be at apartment in the Moore house.

BARREL OF MOLASSES STOLEN FROM STORE

Sheriff Roberson was telephoned early Thursday morning by Mr. Biggs, manager of McGowan's Country store and asked him to hurry out there as some one had come there during the night with a mule and cart and made away with a barrel of molasses. The sheriff and Mr. McGowan immediately and due to the fact that there had been no traveling since the robbery they were able to trace the tracks of the mule and cart. When they passed by the home of Mr. Lawrence Taylor the sheriff remarked that a cart had turned in the gate there, but it was coming from the opposite direction. They watched the same track and found where it led to some thick woods near Bear Grass. Just a little ways in they found the barrel of molasses where it had been dumped, ready for further use.

They turned back and went to the home of Mr. Taylor and found his son, Sylvester and brought him to town where he was placed in jail to await trial.

Young Taylor denied the whole affair at first, but before reaching town he confessed that he was implicated, but would not give any other names. It is evident that he did not do the work alone as the barrel was so heavy that it required three men to lift it in the cart to bring it back. It is very probable that young Taylor with his accomplices took his father's mule and cart during the night as Mr. Taylor knew nothing of the affair.

UNION MEETING TO BE HELD SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

The Union Meeting of the Roanoke District of the Christian Church will be held at Maple Grove near Hardison's Mill next Saturday and Sunday. A very interesting and helpful program has been arranged and a large crowd from all parts of the district is expected.

HAUGHTON STREET OPEN TO TRAFFIC NOW

Haughton Street from Main Street, leading to the A. C. L. station is open to traffic again. In a few days one will be able to drive from town to Staton's farm without making any detour.

This is the first hard-surfaced street in Williamston, but it is only a mark for the beginning of paved streets all over town.

Haughton Street which leads into the Hamilton road is under repairs at present, but traffic will not be cut off for more than a day or two.

THE OUTLOOK FOR CROPS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Corn over the nation is above the average at 85 per cent of normal. The acreage remains the same and the price averages 62 cents per bushel. The state's crop is much below the average at 79 per cent of a full crop condition. A slight increase is shown in the acreage, and the price averages 89 cents. The condition is three per cent less than a year ago.

TOBACCO

The tobacco crop of the nation, shows a 23 per cent increase in acreage, whereas in North Carolina, the increase is reckoned at ten per cent in acreage, and the condition at only 69 per cent. The new belt, meaning the coastal plain counties, have entirely too much rain for this crop, resulting in a poor outlook, which shows its worse condition in Green, Pitt, and Craven, where the condition is less than 50 per cent. The counties to the north of these show very poor conditions too.

Martin county's acreage is 114 per cent and condition 56 per cent normal and the county cotton acreage is put at 114 per cent and condition 74 per cent normal, while the peanut acreage is cut 10 per cent and the crop condition is shown to be 78 per cent normal.

COTTON

Last year, the crop reporters reported too much decrease in the acreage, and this year they showed the same bias in too small an increase. The cotton belt shows a ten per cent increase in acreage with a condition of 71 per cent of a full, or normal condition. The forecast, according to these figures indicates 11,065,000 bales. This includes 3,175,000 acres in increase.

The state crop shows a thirteen per cent increase in acreage and 76 per cent in condition. The June 25th prospect was 9 per cent better than a year ago, and about equal to the ten year average. There was an eight per cent decrease in the condition during the past month, although for the belt, there was a slight improvement.

POTATOES

The Irish potato crop is much better than a year ago. The acreage is slightly increased in North Carolina, resulting in more than 20 per cent increase in the car-lot shipments in the eastern counties. The mountain counties also show some increase for the fall crop.

SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

A. V. Joyner, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.—J. C. Anderson, Superintendent.
Sermon by the Pastor 11 a. m.—Subject: "The Church and Modern Life."
B. Y. P. U. 7:30 p. m.
Sermon by the Pastor 8:15.
Subject: "The Secret of a Happy Life."
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 8:15.

We extend to you a cordial invitation to attend all the services of our church.

Attorney Burt James of Greenville is in the city today.

Mrs. W. W. Rye left this morning for Richmond.

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CROP PROSPECTS ARE UNCHANGED

COAL PRODUCTION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 8 SHOWS A MARKED DECREASE.

GOOD DEMAND FOR STEEL

Railroad Car Loadings For the Last Week in June Were Slightly Smaller.

New York—With the country's two major labor disputes still contributing their elements of uncertainty, business and financial news during the last week suggest that the trend toward improvement is uninterrupted. Railroad car loadings for the last week in June were slightly smaller than in the one previous, which set a new high record for the year. The loss is accounted for by smaller coal shipments, the movements of merchandise showing a further gain.

Indications that a better demand for steel products is being maintained were confirmed by the June 30 total of unfilled orders of the United States Steel corporation. As of the first crop month the corporation's books show 5,935,000 tons of unfinished business, this figure being 881,000 tons larger than on May 30 and 1,494,000 tons above that of February 28, when the low point of the recent depression was made.

It is estimated, furthermore, that the June 30 figure means that new business during June amounted to more than 1,400,000 tons, which is a volume exceeding the corporation's monthly production capacity. At present the steel output is experimenting a mild check on account of the railroad strike, the steel corporation's rate of operations having been reduced from 77 per cent to 75 per cent. Meanwhile the trade has developed a certain amount of anxiety over a possible coal shortage this fall, pointing out that the increase in new business which would accompany the termination of the strike would coincide with the active period of crop movement.

Coal production for the week ending July 8 shows a marked decrease. The falling off hardly reflects the general trend of things, however, on aside from the coal strike, the output was affected by the July 4th holiday. The loss of approximately 1,500,000 tons from the low production of recent weeks, nevertheless served to intensify the drain on existing stocks. Quick settlement of the strike still seems unlikely, both operators and miners showing little disposition to agree to a temporary resumption of mining at the old wage scale.

Crop prospects are practically unchanged. The department of agriculture's grain estimate as of July 1 indicates a fair yield. The winter wheat crop is placed at 569,000,000 bushels, or 18,000,000 bushels below last year's crop, but the spring wheat outlook is enough better to bring the total of both crops up to 817,000,000 bushels. This total is 21,000,000 bushels more than last year's; it is smaller than in four of the last eight years and larger than in the other four. A fair crop of prices is also in prospect. With the prices little changed, the present grain crop promises to be sufficiently good to insure the continuation of a revival in general business.

Messrs. Hardesty and Vandeberry are taking a short vacation at Virginia Beach after spending several years in the low grounds of Conine at work on the Roanoke Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hassell and Elder Sylvester Hassell attended the Union at Conoho today.

"Tandac did what everything else failed to do." Thousands have said it. So will you. Sold by J. B. H. Knight, Williamston, N. C.

BLALOCK MANAGER FOR COTTON GROWERS

Raleigh, July—U. B. Blalock, of Wadesboro, president of the State Farmers' Convention, has been secured as general manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association, and has already entered upon his duties.

Mr. Blalock was a member of the organization committee and took a prominent part in organizing the association. He is thoroughly familiar with the principles of cooperation.

In addition to large farming interests in Anson county, Mr. Blalock is president of the Blalock Hardware Company at Wadesboro, and has other business interests. The Board of Directors believe that his business experience and his broad gauged human sympathies ideally fit him for the position as executive officer of the organization.

The Association is putting on an intensive membership drive this week which will continue through August 12, and as a result expects to increase its sign-up to 600,000 bales. It already has signed up in the association, 400,000 bales.

Headquarters have been opened at Raleigh and a large clerical force is at work getting the records straight for handling the new crop.

C. B. Howard, recently secured as sales manager, is making up connections at home and abroad and will be in a position, when the new crop season opens to handle the production of the members to the best advantage.

The Board of Directors has practically completed its organization plan for handling the crop of the Association members to best advantage.

This railroad and coal statement must be broken or business conditions, otherwise unusually bright for the fall, will suffer. Without attempting to place any blame, the government will have to get busy and do some sort of settlement.

Statistics show that the coal tonnage went up four per cent last month. The impression is general that with return of a few last year's prices will continue to rise. It is hardly to be expected that there will be any reduction in the next two or three years, so it would seem good policy for all who contemplate building operations to get busy and get their job done now.

B. Y. P. U. BUSINESS MEETING

The B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church had a very important business meeting last Monday night at the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. V. Joyner.

The purpose of the meeting was to elect new officers; the following were elected: Mr. Herbert Peel, President; Mrs. Jas. A. Holder and vice president; Mrs. Jas. A. Leggett, Vice president; Mrs. C. B. Holder, Secretary, Miss Pattie Harris, corresponding secretary; Miss Carrie Dell White, Treasurer; Miss S. L. Harris, choir leader and pianist.

The B. Y. P. U. decided to hold a business meeting every Wednesday at the first Sunday.

A. The conclusion of the meeting, a delightful ice-cream was served by Mrs. Margaret Joyner.