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1,291,734 POUNDS SOLD HERE IN SEPTEMBER

TWO BIGGEST BREAKS OF THE SEASON YESTERDAY AND TODAY ON LOCAL FLOORS

The local tobacco market had two of the biggest breaks of the season yesterday and today. Prices, which were a little off on some grades last week due to rainy weather, have revived and are as good if not better than they have been at any time this year.

The continued rainy weather has been very hard on the farmers who had tobacco ready to bring to market, and some of it was damaged slightly but not to any great extent. Since the rains have ceased, the floors have been crowded and the local market is getting a larger following each day.

Farmers from across the river say that it is no use to pass the Williamston market when the prices paid here are as good or better than they are in Greenville.

Read the awrehouse advertisements in today's issue, they speak the condition.

The local market surpassed all records in pounds when it sold 1,291,734 pounds last month at an average of 21.56.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday School, 9:45.
Morning Worship, 11:00.
Evening Service, 7:45.

Sunday will be home-coming day in our church. Our Sunday School broke all records last Sunday with an attendance of 227 and an offering of $75.49. Nearly 300 people attended the prayermeeting and Baptismal service Wednesday night. The hand of church fellowship will be given all new members Sunday morning. The pastor will speak briefly on the subject of "The Christians Signature" at the conclusion of which the Lord's Supper will be served.

At night, the pastor will repeat by request a sermon on "The Prophetic Call of the Church." He is anxious that every person who possibly can come shall be present at these services. The newly elected officers will be in their places Sunday. Already the new Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Horton have begun their duties. A carton of envelopes have been mailed to every member of the church. Pledge cards will be distributed Sunday morning and our church will be off for its new, and we trust and pray the greatest, year of its history.

R. L. SHIRLEY, Pastor.

DISTRICT MEETING AT AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

The District Get-Together of all the women's organizations of all Episcopal churches in the district will be held Oct. 8th, beginning at 10:30 o'clock in the morning. The meeting will continue all day. Lunch will be served.

Mrs. J. G. Staton of Williamston will be present and also the convention chairman, Mrs. J. D. Cox, of Winterville.

Members of the church organizations in this parish are urged to make their plans to be able to attend the meeting October 8th. This is the first meeting to be held in Washington and with the co-operation of all the members it should be a great success.—Washington Daily News.

ROCKY MOUNT TOBACCO HAS ONE MILLION POUND LEAD OVER LAST YEAR

Up to date the Rocky Mount Tobacco Market has sold a million more pounds than it had last year this time, and before this season is over it expects to sell several million more than it has any year in its history.

The warehousemen of Rocky Mount have reputations for taking care of the farmers and they work for the highest prices for every load of tobacco sold on their floors.

In this edition of The Enterprise, the banks and bankers of Rocky Mount are advertising their market and they are cooperating in every way with the tobacco men.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherrod Corey of Griffins were shoppers here yesterday.

Chief A. K. Haxstun of Hertford was in town yesterday en route to his home from Tarboro, where he had been on business in connection with the State Highway Commission.

Mr. Sam H. Harrell left this morning for Washington where he will spend a few days and attend the world series.

DEVELOPMENT OF OUR PORTS

A Part of the Industrial Development of the State and a Necessary Requisite of Our Transportation System: Representative Connor Ably Discusses State Investments in Railroads.

(By H. G. Connor, Jr. in the Wilson Times, September 30, 1924.)

One of the dominating ideas in the minds of many of our people just now is, Will the proposed Port Terminal Measure pay; Will the returns be sufficient to take care of the interest and the principal; or Will the State lose money, and won't the money be wasted?

The advocating the adoption of the measure, the expenditure of the money, should not object to the putting of the question, or attempt to avoid an answer.

Suppose, instead of putting the question in this form, we ask ourselves: Are we going to spend this money or are we going to invest it; Are we really spending money or are we buying property, and if so, Will the property and the returns therefrom be worth more than the original cost?

Someone has rightly said that the only guide for the future is a knowledge of the past.

Suppose we apply this test to the proposed expenditure for the Port Terminals and facilities. We are not without experience in North Carolina The question of transportation has been one that has been discussed in North Carolina since the foundation of the colony. First one proposal and then another was advanced. Finally, in the early part of the last century, the railroad came in and almost immediately the State of North Carolina became interested.

So great was this interest in the building of railroads that the State subscribed for stock in the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad; in the North Carolina Railroad; in the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad and in the Western North Carolina Railroad.

There were other investments by the State in one or two other railroads, but for the present we will only consider those mentioned. If he others were brought into consideration, the conclusion arrived at would not be changed.

The Wilmington & Weldon Railroad, beginning at Wilmington, runs northward and traverses the counties of New Hanover, Pender, Duplin, Wayne, Wilson, Nash, Edgecombe and Halifax.

The North Carolina Railroad, beginning at Goldsboro, runs westward and traverses the counties of Wayne, Johnston, Wake, Durham, Orange, Alamance, Guilford, Randolph, Davidson, Rowan, Cabarrus, and Mecklenburg.

The Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad also begins at Goldsboro and runs eastward through the counties of Wayne, Lenoir, Jones, Craven and Carteret.

The Western North Carolina Railroad starts at Salisbury, in Rowan county and runs through Rowan, Iredell, Catawba, Buncombe, McDowell, Burke and Madison counties.

The State of North Carolina having invested in the building of these Railroads through these twenty-nine counties, it remains to inquire what is the position as to population and wealth of these counties in the State of North Carolina.

According to the census of 1920, being the last ,the population of the State was 2,559,123 and the population of the counties named was 1,989,752.

An examination of the tax valuation of 1923 discloses that the total for the State is $2,576,338,426, and of these twenty-nine counties it is $1,069,941,317.

Reduced to averages, we find that these twenty-nine counties should have a population of 742,129 and a taxable valuation of $470,358,136.

In other words, the result of the investment is that the tweny-nine counties traversed by railroads built with State aid, in population exceed the average by 347,613, or by 11,986 to the county and exceed the average of taxable wealth by $294,683,179, or $10,161,488 to the county.

So, we find that there is every reason to conclude that the State has reaped a vast profit and benefit from the money invested by it in building its railroads. In addition to this, we must not forget that the stock of the North Carolina railroad is paying

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GOOD SPEAKING AT COURT HOUSE SATURDAY, 2:30 P. M.

Miss Susan Landon of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association and Mr. J. B. Swain, also of the Cotton Association, will speak at the Court House Saturday at 2.30 P. M. Miss Landon and Mr. Swain are exceptionally good speakers and should have a crowded house.

Men, Women and Chiluren should hear them. The speakers will discuss the things that go to help build up rural life.

If you are interested in a better community in which to live, then hear Miss Landon and Mr. Swain tomorrow afternoon.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

In appreciation of the untiring work and the faithful service rendered us by our friend and brother, J. C. Coston, we ,the Christian Federation of Williamston, hereby resolve:

FIRST, That, we most heartily thank Brother Coston for his leadership that has done so much for us individually, as well as for our friends and neighbors. Especially do we apprecite the spirit of Christianity that he has helped to instill in our souls.

SECOND, That, we commend him to all men everywhere and bid him Godspeed in the great harvest field And we hope that, wherever he may go, he may be to others what he has been to us, in bringing us closer to the Kingdom of God.

WILLIAMSTON CHRISTIAN FEDERATION,
R. D. Critcher, President

Rural Route No. 1 Has Been Extended

Postoffice officials have orderei that rural route No. 1 of Williamston be extended 3.40 miles. The extension begins at W. L. Taylor's and runs along the Mill road to W. L. Jones and retraces. This brings Route No. 1 up to the standard 36 mile run. The extension serves 15 families and fifty people over ten years of age.

It was ordered through the efforts of Postmaster, J. T. Price, who is always on the lookout to give first class service to all. He hopes to have boxes up and have them painted in standard form by October sixteenth, the day the service begins.

GASOLINE PRICES DROPPED FOUR CENTS ON THE GALLON

Gasoline prices dropped four cents on the gallon, October the first. The Gulf Refining Company dropped four cents at one jump and the Standard ordered a cut that would compete with that of the Gulf. The Standard had previously dropped the price one cent and to compete with the Gulf they came down three cents more. The Texas and all other independent companies have cut their prices.

The tank wagon price today is 15c and the retailers are getting 17 and 18 cents in Williamston. This is a considerable drop and the consumers will be greatly benefitted by the cut made by the Gulf Refining Company.

OCTOBER USHERED IN BY WINTER WINDS

October was ushered in Wednesday by winter winds but they were accompanied by a blaze of glorious sunshine which was very welcome after the awful rains of the past few weeks. But there was enough tinge of winter in the air to remind us that it is time for the harvest and to make ready for the winter weather which will soon follow.

October, the harvest month, is a glorious month. At night the moon shines brighter and softer than at any other time of the year. After the long hot summer days the ones of October, with a touch of frost in the air, give one new life and hope and it is with joy the harvest is made. The red apples are gathered and placed in the cellar, the peanuts, potatoes, corn and cotton are brought from the fields before the winter's snow gets them.

Of all the months there is none so sweet as October. It brings us welcome fruits of a year's toil. It brings us mountains of scarlet beauty and, in fact, it could have been the month of Thanksgiving.

FOR SALE: HAND - PAINTED Greeting Cards, Christmas, Birthday, Friendship, Peace, Tally, Children's Birthday, 10, 15 and 20 cents each. Marian R. Whitley, Phone 171.

EAST SUFFERS GREATLY FROM HIGH WATERS

Train Service Greatly Hindered; Another Rise in Roanoke

The high water has wrought great destruction throughout the eastern section of the United States. Bridges have been swept away ,dams have been broken, lives have been lost and great losses have been suffered from the water. The highways have been damaged considerably and the railroads even more. Trains have been running on a delayed schedule for several days and many places are without lights.

Eastern Carolina Towns See Highest Water in History

ROCKY MOUNT, Oct. 3.—The river is receding and the city water and light supply has been restored. All the turbines of the municipal plant were under water excepting the two that furnished light for the streets and all other light and watter supplies were cut off for a day and night.

TARBORO—The river is still rising there at the rate of one inch an hour and at twelve o'clock today it only lacked two feet of reaching the mark made by the 1919 flood. At that time the water had reached the railroad bridge and loaded cars standing on it were holding it down. It was further reported that the county bridge, leading into Tarboro would be washed away, but at noon today, Mr. Walker of the State Highway Commission said it was holding up all right and it probably would not be washed away.

The water had already covered the roads leading out to Williamston and Scotland Neck and all traffic was guarded so no attempt would be made to travel over them Many houses in Princeville ,the colored section of Tarboro ,are all under water and others are partially covered. There are thousands of acres of land around Tarboro which were under cultivation that are entirely under water and great losses will be suffered. One farmer, Mr. Cliff Ruffin, has 600 acres under cultivation entirely covered by water, most of the acreage was planted in corn but there were 200 acres of cotton.

Trains being unable to cross the railroad bridge, mail and passengers are carried on the Williamston road to Mildred where they are transferred to a train. Passenger and mail service to Norfolk is handled in the same manner.

WELDON-SCOTLAND NECK—The Roanoke river reached the highest point yesterday morning at Weldon, which was 40.2 feet ,and there was no damage of importance done to roads or fills at that place or at Scotland Neck where a bridge is being built across the river. The water is coming down from this rise slow enough that it is doing little damage to towns on the Roanoke.

WILLIAMSTON—There are no signs of high water of any importance yet evident here. The river is beginning to rise slowly and during the next two days it will go higher but it will not reach the high water mark. Highway officials have machinery all loaded ready to be transferred here in case anything should happen to the fill across the river, but they anticipate no danger as the water did not go as high at Weldon as it was feared.

Official reports from Virginia, this morning, state that there is another freshet there but the water will have time to recede at Williamston from the present rise and take care of the new freshet by the time it arrives.

Services at Church Of Advent, Sunday

Sunday, October 5th. Rev. Clarence O. Pardo, Rector.

Holy Communion, 8:00 a. m.
Church School, 9:45 a. m.
Morning Prayer and sermon 11:00
Evening Prayer and Sermon 7:45.
Everybody welcome.

Mr. E. W. Nobles of Rocky Mount was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Mr. Milton Norman was a business visitor in Plymouth Wedensday.

Mr. John Selby spent yesterday in Washington.

Hon. Harry W. Stubbs attended court in Washington this week.

Mr. Clarence Ausbon of the Roanoke Beacon of Plymouth was a business visitor here yesterday.

Mrs. Oscar Anderson, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Mrs. J. W. Manning and Mrs. J. G. Godard spent yesterday in Washington.

Mr. J. C. Coston was a visitor in town Wednesday.

MR. BEAMAN TO SPEAK INROBERSONVILLE TONIGHT

Hon. W. R. Beaman, Secretary of the Wilson Chamber of Commerce will speak at Robersonville in the school auditorium tonight.

Mr. Beaman is one of the best qualified experts in North Carolina, he having served many years for the Merchants Association in the capacity of freight expert. He is now working for the Committee on ports and water transportation. The Wilson Chamber of Commerce being so much interested in the passage of the measure, have loaned him to the Committee on ports.

MR. A. L. WYNNE DIED WEDNESDAY

Mr. A. L. Wynne, one of Martin county's most highly respected and prominent planters died Wednesday morning at his home near Spring Green. He had been sick for only a week, having been stricken with paralysis without warning on Wednesday of last week and gradually weakened until the end came.

Mr. Wynne was fifty three years old the sixteenth of last May, the son of the late Mack G. and Crissie Wynne. In 1893, he married Miss Virginia Gurganus, who died october, 1905. To this union were born four children, three of whom are living, Mack G. Wynne of Robersonville, Mrs. Robert Taylor of Robersonville and Mrs. J. W. Bailey of Wilson

In 1907, Mr. Wynne married Miss Leona V. Warren who with one son survives him. Mr. Wynne also leaves one brother Mr. J. H. Wynne of Mayville and five sisters, Mrs. John H. Leggett of Beaufort county, Mrs. A. I. Roebuck, Mrs. Wiley Rogerson, Mrs Simon E. Robertson of Robersonville and Mrs. John Edmondson of Williamston.

The funeral was held yesterday at the Christian church of Robersonville, of which he was a leading member, by the pastor, Rev. James Lumer and burial was made at the Wynne grave yard on the J. Henry Wynne farm.

The deceased was a quiet and unassuming man who was noted for his kind and gentle manner and was always seeking to do something for his fellowmen. For many years he was a resident of Robersonville but the first of this year he moved to his farm near that place, where he died.

Sunday Services at Methodist Church

Sunday School at 9:45 Mr. John Pope, Supt.

Morning services at 11:00—Rev. E. D. Dodd, pastor.

Evening services at 7:30, conducted by officers and members of the Epworth League—Mrs. J. F. Thigpen, Leader.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services.

MR. GEO. W. BLOUNT A LEADING HUNTSMAN

Friends of Mr. Blount remember that only a few months ago he was pronounced to be slowly but surely dying. But "Uncle" George fooled even the wisest physicians. Not only is he well enought to haul more goods sell more goods or milk a cow quicker than anybody but proves himself a better huntsman than the old and seasoned woodsmen. Thursday, he went to his Warren Neck farm near Plymouth to look after his farm affairs. He was not even hunting, but just took his gun along as a matter of pass time. When he returned he brought in eight squirrels and a live fox.

When we think of hunters of Mr. Blount's class, it just makes us ashamed of these drug store, street corner, curb stone, 2x4 fellows always talking about game and guns.

Mrs. Dick Taylor, Mrs. J. D. Barnhill and Miss Frances Gurganus motored to Washington yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Rhodes will attend the world series in New York next week.

Mr. Kiron of Lynchburg, who has been visiting Mr. Thomas, representative of the Hughes-Thomas Tobacco Company, has returned to his home at Lynchburg.

Mrs. B. C. Homes and little son, Courtney left this morning for Boydton, Virginia, where they will visit Mr. Homes' mother for several weeks.

Mr. Spunk Alexander of Plymouth spent yesterday in the city visiting friends.

HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUCTION IN MARTIN COUNTY

Three Schools in County Offer Standard High School Instruction, Two Others Expected to Be Added to List by Term 1925-26, Many Others Are Recognized High Schools.

At the following schools in Martin County, High School Instruction has been provided. At a meeting of the Committeemen of the county a county wide plan was adopted for High School instruction. This was done in the Spring of 1923 that there should be adequate High School Instruction for every child in Martin County.

Oak City, Williamston and Robersonville, these schools offer Standard High School Instruction. Graduates from the above schools will get recognition for four years of work when they apply for State certificate and have entrance to class A colleges. Jamesville High School and Everett High School, it is expected, will be added to the Standard High Schools list by the term 1925-26.

Parmele, Farm Life and Hamilton are now Recognized High Schools. Graduates from the above will get recognition of two years of High School work and be ready to enter the 10th grade of any Standard High School in the County or State. Gold Point and Bear Grass schools have a High School teacher at each school. They expect to become Recognized High Schools by 1925-26 term. Every child who has finished the two full years of High School is entitled to admission free of charge to any Standard High School which is a part of this County system.

The Supreme Court of North Carolina in the Granville County case (North Carolina 174, page 4.5) says: "High Schools are properly a component part of the uniform system of public schools, contemplated and provided for by the constitution.

Since the above is true, the Martin County board of Education is obligated annually to ask the Commissioners to provide funds with which to furnish High School instruction for the Constitutional term of six months to or for that part of the school population qualified to receive it. There is a further command to provide the same in section 26 chapter 136 Public Laws 1923. "It is the duty of the County Board of Education to provide an adequate school system for the benefit of all the school children of the county as directed by law. The Board of Education shall so district the County and locate the schools that Elementary and High School instruction may be available for all the children in the County." No matter where the child who has completed the seventh grade resides in the County, same provision must be made. In section 35 and 36 of the Public School Laws of 1923 there is a prohibition of High School Instruction being offered in one teacher schools. The question arose how small a school can provide adequate High School Instruction. In deciding this matter the Board of Education was guided by what is good school practice.

The Board of Education of North Carolina has compiled a pamphlet on the classificaton of High Schools. The Board of Education does not think it wise to give High School Instruction in a school having less than four teachers in the faculty. From the above mentioned study it is the opinion of the Board that it will be financially burdensome for our County to build and operate Standard High Schools within a five miles radius of each other and that an attempt to do four grades of Standard High School work with less than 45 pupils and three whole time High School teachers and less than $6,000.00 special tax collected annually for the particular school will meet with failure.

Should our special chartered high schools, Williamston and Robersonville become component parties of the County system and the remaining prospective Standard High Schools develop to the standard attained by Oak City, we will have a sufficient number of Standard High Schools. And, there will still be great honor left for the other schools to attain by becoming Standard Elementary Schools.

However ,we have said that adequate High School Instruction should be provided for every child however remote the corner of the County in which you reside. Also it appears that a duplication of High School teachers within five miles of each

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EARL LOFTIN FORGES CHECKS ON LOCAL PEOPLE

CARRIED TO WILSON TO MEET COURT CHARGES; OTHERS YET TO BE MET

Earl Loftin, who was taken to Wilson Wednesday by police officer, D. A. Pierce of that town, will have various kinds of warrants to answer. Among them will be check forging which is a practice in which he frequently indulges himself, it appears. It has been only recently that he forged Mr. Julius H. Purvis' name to a check which he had cashed in Robersonville by a Mr. James.

Last spring he drew a check with the name of Mr. Purvis signed to it, on the Martin County Savings and Trust Company This check Loftin's father made good to Mr Purvis and the matter was dropped.

Other charges that will be brought against Loftin are larceny of an automobile and jumping board bills at several places. He was arrested Tuesday at the Diamond hotel, Washington, where he was registered under the name of Johnson.

He is a young man of fairly good appearance and personality, he appears to have no power to resist doing anything he pleases. He will stand trial in Wilson county first and then he will have to answer charges in several other counties.

REVIVAL SERVICES RIDDICKS GROVE

Revival services will begin at Riddick's Grove Baptist Church at 3:00 o'clock next Sunday. Pastor R. L. Surles will do the preaching.

He expects to have the assistance of the federation in some of the services. Good music and Gospel preaching will be features of the services. A large attendance is anticipated. Announcement of the hours of service will be made at the opening service Sunday afternoon. Everybody cordially invited.

TWO FALL FROM SMOKE STACK, KILLED INSTANTLY

Greensboro, Oct. 2.—James Waycaster of Reidsville and Fritz Detrick of South Richmond, Va., were killed today when they fell two hundred and twenty feet from the top of a smoke stack of the new heating plant of the North Carolina College for Women here.

The men had volunteered to place an ornament on top of the newly completed stack. Whether they lost their footing or the timber supports broke, is not known.

PLENTY OF THRILLS AT THE STATE FAIR

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 1.—One of the best combination amusements attractions ever seen at the North Carolina State Fair is promised this year in the form of Hoaglan's Hippodrome, which is composed of fourteen horses, fourteen persons and a complete auto polo outfit of five cars and five noted players. This will be staged on the race track in full view of all fair visitors.

One of the main attractions is the autopolo, which is declared to be the most exciting of modern amusements. Complete games will be played daily between the "Hoosier Tigers" and the "Indian Bears."

Another innovation will be push ball, staged between teams on horseback and played with a ball over four feet in diameter. There will also be Roman standing races, where three teams of two horses will race, standing hippodrome races consisting of two teams of three horses; and running races between thoroughbreds.

For more comical amusements there will be the unrideable mule; an eight-chair horse elimination race and last but by no means least, the bucking Ford, a novelty of side-splitting proportions.

In addition to this big list of attraction, there are also on the list of the free bill the DeVires troupe of gymnasts and the Sig Franz troupe of trick and comedy cyclists. These acts will furnish plenty of thrills, it is declared.

On the midway this year will be the Johnny J. Jones collection of shows, which are well known in this section of the country. All amusements at the State Fair this year will have to meet the standard set by Mrs. Vanderbilt when she became president. They must be wholesome and there must be no gambling, the management announces.

Mr. J. M. Sparks was in town this afternoon.

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