

Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Marketing Association Makes Final Payment on Two Crops

1922 CROP SETTLEMENT BETTER THAN EXPECTED; RETURNS FOR BETTER GRADES OF TOBACCO OF 1923 CROP DISAPPOINTING.

All the Eastern Carolina receiving warehouses of the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Marketing Association were opened Saturday, February 7, when checks were delivered for final settlement on the tobacco crops of 1922 and 1923 delivered to the association.

The settlement for the 1922 crop seemed to be larger than was generally expected and on the lower grades was considered good.

On the 1923 tobacco the receipts were rather disappointing, especially on the better grades. The previous advances, amounting to 87 1-2 per cent of the banker's values, in some instances was above the final sales.

The heavy sales of green tobacco to the big companies turned out badly, much of which was held for a long period and suffered some damage.

The members of the association now have a reserve, which if continued will in a few years be sufficient to finance the association, and that is the only thing that will give final independence to the association.

TOBACCO CO-OPS ASK BOOK AUDIT

Officials Request That Investigation be Made and Statement be Issued

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—Courtney an investigation of its affairs at the hands of representatives of farm interests in the three States the executive committee of the Tobacco Growers Association Saturday requested public officials to conduct an investigation of its books and issue a statement to its growers members in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia.

Chairman Oliver J. Sands has mailed letters to the commissioners of agriculture, State directors of extension, chiefs of market divisions, and to the editors of the Progressive Farmer and the Southern Planter asking them to serve as a committee of investigation to examine the books in order to throw all possible light on association affairs. This action on the part of the growers executive committee followed testimony heard by them Saturday to the effect that private meetings held in Yanceyville, N. C., immediately before the recent big mass meeting there lawyer Glidwell, of Reidsville, N. C., stated that he was his plan to get the books of the growers association into court and that the proposed audit would take such a long time during which deliveries would be stopped, that the association would be "red even if nothing was found unfavorable to the association by the proposed new audit.

Asked to comment on the revelation concerning the recent meetings at which Lawyer Glidwell appeared, Secretary M. O. Wilson said that it was evident that it was a case of persecution and not prosecution, because the books of the association had already been audited in the United States and that the growers association did now and always had sought the light of truth in regard to its affairs, feeling that it was representing the best interests of its members in Virginia, North and South Carolina.

THE STRAND TONIGHT

Pythian Minstrels

Music by Ed Hinnant's Night Owls

Benefit of Pythian Orphanage at Clayton and Williamston Parent-Teachers Association.

Carload of Pyratol Ordered for Farmers

County Agent T. R. Brantley informed an Enterprise reporter this morning that he had received orders for a carload of dynamite and that the order had been sent in to the headquarters of the Government agency handling it. The car is expected to arrive the latter part of this month.

ASSISTANCE FOR INCOME RETURNS

Federal Deputies to Visit Towns in This Vicinity to Help in Making Returns

Federal deputies will assist taxpayers in making income reports in this district. Announcement comes from Collector Gilliam Grissom that he will have agents at various points in this section as follows:

Williamston, March 2 and 3.
Plymouth, February 23 and 24.
Tarboro, February 24, March 4 and 5.
Washington, February 19, 20, 28 and from March 5 to 14.
Scotland Neck, February 23, March 3.
Windsor, February 19, 20.
Greenville, February 25 to 28, and from March 9 to 12.

MINSTREL SHOW STRAND TONIGHT

Greenville Pythians Put on Benefit for Orphanage and Local Parent-Teachers' Association

A real minstrel show will be given here by members of the Greenville Pythian Lodge at the Strand Theatre tonight at 8 o'clock.

The members of the cast are all artists. Good music, dancing, and novelty acts are combined to make a pleasing performance. It is a show full of wit and humor and will be enjoyed by both old and young.

Music will be furnished by Ed Hinnant's "Night Owls," of Wilson. Mr. Hinnant is one of the leading orchestra leaders of the State and the music alone is worth the price.

Receipts will go to the Pythian Orphanage at Clayton and to the Parent-Teachers' Association of Williamston. Both are worthy causes, and your money will perform a good work as well as give you an evening's enjoyment.

Philathea Class Guest of Mrs. G. H. Harrison

Mrs. G. H. Harrison entertained the Philathea class of the Christian church at her lovely new home on Main Street last Friday evening. A most interesting evening had been planned by the hostess, and after a short business session the social hour began.

A delicious salad course was served by Mrs. Harrison, assisted by Mrs. J. G. Woodard.

Mr. Harrison to Leave on Spring Buying Trip

Mr. T. F. Harrison will leave the latter part of this week for New York, where he will join Mrs. Anna Harrison to select stock for the firm of Harrison Bros. & Co.

Methodist Ladies Aid To Present Comedy

"Clarence," a four-act comedy, taken from the book written by Booth Tarkenton will be presented Thursday night, February 26, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Church.

Speaks to Everetts Parents-Teachers

Rev. E. L. Shirley went to Everetts last night where he was invited to speak before the parent-teacher's association of that place.

BOY SHOTS SELF PLAYING WITH GUN

Six-Year-Old Boy Gets Pistol From Under Mattress and Shoots Self in Leg

Mike Callier, a six-year-old Assyrian boy, shot himself Saturday morning with a .45 caliber Colt automatic pistol, the ball entering and going down between the skin and bone went out of the bottom of his shoe and into the floor. The wound was pictured by the X-ray, which showed that the ball had broken no bones but had scraped it a little at places as it passed through his leg. No serious injury is anticipated.

The pistol was left on a bed, under the mattress, by an uncle of the boy, and of course, boylike, when he found the pistol he wanted to try it out. First he pointed it at his little sister, who screamed that the pistol was loaded, and he dropped it down, shooting himself instead of his sister.

This is only another evidence of the pistol nuisance, as well as the pistol danger.

LEADING CITIZEN OF HASSELLS DEAD

Mr. John H. Rawls Dies at His Home Last Friday; Well Known Over County

Mr. John H. Rawls, one of the leading citizens of the Hassells section passed to the great beyond at his home on Friday, February 6, lacking only four days of being 82 years old.

He went through the Civil War, serving as a faithful soldier in the Confederate service.

Soon after his return from the war he married Miss Bertie E. Fleming, of Pitt County. They were blessed with the good fortune of a happy home for more than 50 years. About two years ago the wife was taken to the better home.

Until about Christmas Mr. Rawls was in good health and active for his age. Since then he has suffered from cold and gripe, ending in an attack of pneumonia, which caused his death.

He leaves four daughters and two sons, C. C. Rawls, of Hassells, and James D. Rawls, of Robertsonville. Mrs. Odessa Purvis, Mrs. Cora Purvis, Mrs. Lucy Etheridge, and Mrs. Eva Haislip, all of Hassells.

He had for many years been a member of the Christian church. The funeral was conducted by D. W. Arnold, of Parmele, and he was laid to the side of his wife in the family burying ground.

Macedonia Local and Personal Items

Messrs. Marshall Corey, Dewey Perry, Daniel Grey Griffin, and Robert Coltrain were the guests of Miss Myrtle Beacham Sunday night.

Messrs. Leonard Coltrain and Nicholas Beacham were the guests of Miss Sadie Mae Hadley Sunday night.

Misses Sadie Mae Hadley and Sarah Hadley spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Elsie Greene.

Mr. Dave Griffin called on Miss Elsie Greene Sunday afternoon.

Why don't you people get up Sunday morning in time to come to Sunday school? No, you lie in bed until it's too late, but still you want Sunday school and would go wild if we didn't have it. If you want to have a good Sunday school, now is the time while the weather is fair. Please come and attend regularly. We need your support. The older people are urged to come as well as the younger ones and take a part with us.

Messrs. Weeks Hadley and Will Coltrain made a business trip to Williamston Saturday.

Mr. Collins Peel and Miss Virginia Peel went to Williamston Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peel went to see Mrs. Peel's parents Sunday afternoon.

Misses Verna and Blanche Cowen, of Bear Grass, spent the week end here with Mary Evelyn and Sarah Griffin Holiday.

Mr. Roy Hadley spent Sunday with Dalton Rogerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Coltrain were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Holiday Sunday afternoon.

Many friends of Sarah G. Holiday will be sorry to know that she is quite ill.

Messrs. Sidney Beacham and Lucian Peel were visitors in the Maple Grove section Sunday night.

Mr. A. D. Hadley killed hogs Monday. There was a large crowd invited.

Mr. Dewey Leggett and Miss Virginia Peel were out riding Sunday afternoon.

Basketball Game Tonight Called Off

Owing to the fact that the minstrel show will be here tonight, the town team very kindly postponed their game with Nashville until another time.

The date of the postponed game will be announced in Friday's issue of this paper.

MARKET NOTES OF PAST WEEK

Credit Unions Render Excellent Service; Better Prices for Hogs in 1925 Indicated

Raleigh, Feb. 10.—Despite the fact that the credit union work of the State Department of Agriculture has not been pushed as it should have been, some of the organizations created in the past have rendered excellent service to the members and have encouraged habits of thrift and business among them. Now, it is proposed to change the name of these organizations from credit union to "savings and loan associations," states Geo. R. Ross, chief of the division of markets. The amendment changing the names will also permit the associations to borrow more money than the old law and will broaden the field of service of these small credit institutions.

Indications are that better prices for hogs will prevail in 1925. Farmers are urged to save their brood sows for breeding this spring.

Fur production is a source of revenue to many North Carolina farmers. A buyer in North Wilkesboro recently displayed to V. W. Lewis, of the division of markets some furs for which he paid \$15 each. Wild animals are a source of revenue and should be so conserved and protected that they may be used as a source of income in this way.

The demand is increasing for soybean seed from North Carolina. A few promising new varieties, like Laredo, Ootootan, Bilozi, and Haberland, are to be especially popular in the lower cotton and Gulf States. The division of markets will assist in the marketing of soybean seed for sale.

The Irish potato growers of western North Carolina should become a big factor supplying certified seed for market. The plateau region of this section is splendidly adapted to production of good seed, free from disease, and tests show that these seed will yield as high if not higher than similar seed secured from other sections.

MANY RUMORS ABOUT COLLINS

Many Freak Stories About Entombed Explorer and His Would-be Rescuers

Cave City, Ky., Feb. 10.—The rescuers of Floyd Collins from the sand cave at Cave City claim that he still lives after 10 days confinement in the dark cave tomb. Hope is held out by some that he will soon be reached.

Few events have caused more rumors than the entombment of Collins. So many rumors have gone out that now there appears to be nothing but rumor.

Some of the rumors now are that Collins was murdered and that the rescuers have been delayed by the murderers. Other rumors are that Collins is not in the cave, that it is all a hoax for the purpose of gaining notoriety.

Nothing has begotten so much sympathy where only one life was at stake. It has been the theory of some that Collins was being fed and cared for through some other channel or cave than the one blocked by the big rock and falling sand.

Wrigley's Son Now Heads Big Company

P. K. Wrigley has been elected president of the William Wrigley, Jr. Co., the \$90,000,000 chewing-gum corporation.

P. K. is just past 30 and one of the youngest presidents of a large manufacturing concern in the United States.

He started his business career by putting Wrigley's on the map in Australia and has been vice president of the American company since 1915, except for two years in the United States Naval Aviation Service during the war.

His father, Wm. Wrigley, Jr., now becomes chairman of the board of directors.

Mr. J. B. Gilliam, of Windsor, was a business visitor here last night.

REGULAR SESSION RECORDERS COURT

Same Old Story; Pistols, Liquor and Signs of Liquor Constitute Docket

Judge Smith's court presented nothing new under the sun today. Simple pistols and liquor and signs of liquor. The first case called was against Alfred Boston, a negro, and A. Burra Rogers, a white man, caught at a still near Darleys last week. Boston pleaded guilty and was fined \$200, imprisoned, however, to go to the reformatory for 6 months, if he wished. Rogers pleaded his innocence, except as a customer of the negroes, and was found not guilty.

It was significant, however, that for his love for the negro and the friendship of his business that he offered to pay \$150 of his fine.

The next case was against T. B. Nobles, charging him with manufacturing liquor. It was on his land in his charge that the negro Boston was caught. Boston then said the plant and entire outfit was Nobles' and that he was the hired man. Yet the court he stood as a shield in his defense, which act alone was deserving of a fair trial in prison.

John Henry Ashley was then tried for carrying a concealed weapon. He was found guilty and fined \$50 and the cost of the action.

Jarvis Whitehead and Abner Roberson were charged with driving an automobile while drunk. Whitehead was found not guilty, but Roberson was declared guilty and fined \$50 and the costs.

AGED BEAR GRASS CITIZEN IS DEAD

Mrs. W. N. Roberson Dies Last Night After Long Illness; Victim of Cancer

Mrs. W. N. Roberson died at her home near Bear Grass last night after a continuous illness of long duration. She was stricken with cancer two years ago, and despite the fact that everything has been done that was possible she suffered continuously until death came last night.

Before her marriage when she was 30 years of age to Mr. Noah Roberson she was Miss Sarah Swanner, the daughter of Eli and Sue Swanner, of Beaufort County.

The deceased was in her 76th year and had been for about 40 years a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Bear Grass.

To her union with Mr. Roberson, there was one child born, W. Eli Roberson, and he, with his father, survives.

The funeral will take place at an early hour tomorrow afternoon at the home, and the interment will be at the home farm. Elders Jno N. Rogerson and B. S. Cowing will officiate at these services.

News From in and Around Hamilton

Misses Maggie Belle and Annie Jones and Mrs. M. B. Boyle motored to Conetoe Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Richards spent Saturday night and Sunday in Williamston with friends and relatives.

Mrs. P. H. Davenport and Miss Ethel Davenport attended the show in Rocky Mount Friday night.

Miss Vivian Davenport of Rocky Mount is the guest of Miss Hester Davenport this week.

Miss Gertrude Lilley spent the week end with friends in Scotland Neck.

Mr. A. C. Cash spent the week end at home in Rocky Mount.

Mrs. H. M. Peele and Miss Allie Marie Roebuck spent the week end with Mrs. Peele's mother near Washington.

Mr. J. M. Lilley, of J. Nesville, was in town Monday.

W. A. Dixon, of Sunbury, spent the week end here.

Friends of Mrs. R. W. Salisbury will regret to learn that she has been quite ill for the past week.

Miss Irene Bellamy spent the week end with relatives in Abokie.

Mr. G. E. Hines spent the week end at home.

Mr. Lawson Bellamy, of Scotland Neck, was a visitor in town Sunday.

Messrs. P. T. Long and Ernest Harrell, of Oak City, visited friends in town Sunday.

Mr. Carl Salisbury spent the week end at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Salisbury.

Friends of Mrs. J. P. Gulley will be sorry to hear that she is among the sick.

Rev. E. D. Dodd preached his regular monthly appointment here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Johnson and family spent Sunday in Rocky Mount.

Your Chance To Win \$2.50 In Gold

Beginning with next Tuesday's paper, February 17, the Enterprise will run a contest for one month which will be open to each and every Martin County citizen.

To the one writing the best letter on the five things Martin County needs most, we will give a \$2.50 gold piece and a two-years' paid-up subscription to the Enterprise. To the one who sends the second-best set of things most needed we will give a two-years' paid-up subscription.

Those sending in papers will sign their names to them. The names will not be published, but kept by us. Write on one side of paper, and make your letter short. We will have three competent judges pass on the papers sent in. Their names will be announced before the contest closes.

In stating the things most needed, explain the reasons you think they are necessary in just as brief a way as possible, so that we may publish them in The Enterprise.

WILLIAMSTON BOYS WIN FROM TARBORO

High School Boys Win on Tarboro Court, 15-14; Entire Team Played Well

Friday night in one of the fastest and best-played games of the season, the Williamston High School boys won from Tarboro by a close score. Tarboro lead the race until about 30 seconds before the game ended, then Williamston tied the score, it being 14-14 just after the referee's whistle. The meek-per's whistle blew. But Williamston had a chance at the goal and made it. It was the most brilliantly played game ever witnessed by our coach. If you don't believe it, ask him. Hassell and Booker starred for the locals. Morrow performed well for Tarboro.

The playing of the entire team is to be commended. Barnhill played a very excellent defensive game, and Courtney, Cooke, Peele, and Cox sticks on the sidelines were to be commended on the local side to victory. The local boys meet Oak City on the City Court Friday afternoon and the local girls are expected to journey to Greenville Friday night.

EVERETTS SCHOOL LOSES TO TARBORO

Criticize Conduct of Tarboro Team's Manager; Game Was Clean and Fast

(Special to The Enterprise) Everetts, Feb. 10.—Everetts High School received the Tarboro boys last Thursday night in a game that has not been duplicated here this season. With a confinement to the arena stage there has been no game in this community which brought out to a better advantage the scene with which it is played. There was perfect coordination of time, movement and deliberate, but none the less persistent progress of each team. Spectacular plays were made by both teams. Hard throws were made from every angle of the court. Passes were executed with such rapidity and in such a manner that the ball was completely lost on several occasions.

Guarding was of the closest nature but there was no intention on the part of any player to obtain an unjust advantage by these methods, but was done by each team in an effort to cope with the ability of the other. There was noted on the part of Everetts a superiority in passing and there were plays maneuvered with clear and calm deliberation which would suddenly change to action swift in its intensity and accompanied by cleverness that apparently rattled the visitors, forcing them on several occasions to take the offensive in an effort to stop the oncoming advance. They were only partly successful and the home boys made noteworthy progress in the last half, and by a desperate spurt tied the count at the close of the third quarter.

Tarboro obtained a two-point lead early in the final quarter. Both teams fought vigorously for a margin that would accord them the victory. Time wound away. The clicking of the watch measured the period in which it was to be won, if won at all, and marked time to the deadly efforts of the boys just two points behind. They secured the ball and made a plunge toward their goal which was stopped by the blast of the referee's whistle. A foul in the home zone, giving two shots which if made tied the score and

LAST NUMBER OF LYCEUM COURSE

Will be Seen at Everetts Thursday Night; Good Entertainment Promised

(Special to The Enterprise)

Everetts, Feb. 10.—The last number of the lyceum course will be played at the Everetts High School auditorium on Thursday night, February 12. Those that have seen any one of the three numbers that have been played before know what a high-class entertainment this is, and those who have failed to see them have missed a real treat. The Protean Entertainers will put on a very interesting program. Mr. Theodore Knox is a Protean character and impersonator of marked ability and originality, always making his part so plain that the audience never fails to see them with keen enjoyment. The promise their audience an hour or two of refined entertainment.

OUT FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Robersonville Girls Enter State Contest; Play First Game With Greenville Friday

(Special to The Enterprise)

Robersonville, Feb. 10.—For the first time in the history of local athletics, Robersonville and Mar in County will have an entry in the State high school basketball championship. The Robersonville girls have entered the championship series which will begin with them playing Greenville High School on the local court Friday night, February 13, and if successful in the initial contest, in which there is an even chance, other schools will be met until the local team is eliminated. By drawing the first game on the home floor Robersonville and the entire county will have at least one chance to see the girls in action at home.

The girls are hard at work and hope to be in good form for the first game, and with good support from the town and community they stand now that in even chance in winning the game from Greenville.

Everybody in the county is asked to be on hand for Friday night's game and help cheer the best girl's team that Martin County has ever put out or to a championship victory.

CAFE HAS AGAIN CHANGED HANDS

Mr. J. K. Rogerson Purchases Williamston Lunch Room from Simon Lilley

Mr. J. Kader Rogerson purchased the Williamston Lunch Room from Mr. Simon Lilley yesterday and took over the place of business immediately.

In recent weeks the place has been entirely renovated, and Mr. Rogerson informs us that he intends making further improvements as early as possible, which would make the place a first-class cafe.

Valentine Party and Big Dinner Thursday

The guild of the Church of the Advent will have a St. Valentine party and a turkey dinner Thursday evening at 6 o'clock at the Masonic Hall.

A bounteous turkey dinner, oyster cocktail, and home-made ice cream and cakes of all kinds will be served. Reasonable prices will prevail.

For the children there will be a fishing pond, for the romantic there will be a bona fide fortune teller who will tell them of all the good things in store for them, and for the old folks there will be a good meal. So, let everybody go to the Masonic Hall Thursday evening.

Eclipse of Moon Visible Here Sunday Evening

The eclipse of the moon Sunday night was something of a ship-out to most people. The recent sun eclipse has taken so much attention that no one thought to mention the moon's eclipse.

When the moon rose people noticed a good-sized bite had been taken out of the bright side of the full moon, which faded out soon after dark.

The eclipse was visible to every continent of the world, either as a total or partial eclipse, sweeping over most of the Indian and Pacific oceans and crossing the Atlantic. While the recent sun eclipse was witnessed by only a few million people the moon eclipse could be seen by about one billion people.