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## 1924-25 TOBACCO SALES REPORTS LISTS WILLIAMSTON TOBACCO MARKET AS AMONG BEST IN NORTH CAROLINA

2,385,000 POUNDS OF GOLDEN WREED SOLD HERE FOR AVERAGE PRICE OF \$22.47; NEW MARKETS AVERAGED MORE THAN WILLIAMSTON.

The tobacco sales report for the season of 1924-25 has just been issued by the State crop reporting service, and from it we see that the total warehouse sales in Williamston, as reported were 2,385,000 pounds at an average price of \$22.47.

Robersonville sold 1,551,500 pounds at an average of \$22.00, Washington sold 3,501,900 pounds at an average price of \$23.20; Fayetteville sold 7,002,600 pounds at an average of \$26.64. Greenville sold 25,806,983 pounds at an average of \$24; Wilson sold 44,012,400 at \$26.66; and Kinston sold 22,573,282 at \$21.82.

The average price for 1924-25 was \$22.30 higher than last season. The report goes on to say that including cooperative sales it is probable that the State produced 287,000,000 pounds, as compared with 410,000,000 pounds produced last year, which would be considered a short crop. Very few markets averaged more than 25 cents, as Williamston's average was as high as any in the State with but few exceptions.

## WASHINGTON BOY IN BIG TORNADO

Had Thrilling Experience When Tornado Struck Princeton, Ind., Where He Was Located

(Washington Daily News) The following is an extract from a letter from Justin F. Randolph, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Randolph, who was in Princeton, Ind., when the tornado struck that town, killing 23 and wounding 200 of its inhabitants, with a real estate loss estimated at \$5,000,000.

"Words yet fail to describe the horror, sorrow, and fearfulness of the awful disaster which visited heavily in Illinois and Indiana. You can get a very good account from the pictures I am mailing you today.

I was in the town of Princeton, Ind., just north of Evansville, about 7,000 souls. The storm struck the south side of the town, which happened not to be the business section, where I was. It was some time between 3.30 and 4 p. m. There was a very high wind, which was alarming, but no one realized how serious it was to be. It darkened rapidly and then a noise indescribable—a roar. For about five minutes it rained everything; shingles, corn stalks, paper, trees, household articles, etc. Quietness and then frantic people crying and laughing. The Heins pickle factory was leveled. Twenty girls working there killed. The Southern shops, in which two were killed were leveled and eighty blocks of houses just a mass of scrambled wreckage. It was awful. Too terrible to think of. People looking through wrecked homes weeping. One man was running up the street holding his cheek bone, which was peeled back to the jaw bone.

"Hospital trains are still being sent, first-aid trains, etc., and the wires are still down."

## New Ruling Made For Choral Contest

Prof. D. W. Arnold, chairman of choral contest E, has decided to allow the teacher who trains the singing contestants in his or her school to sing with his or her class at the county commencement. It is confidently thought that this ruling will make the contests more attractive and give a certain confidence to each respective class competing.

Teachers of the schools will take notice of this ruling and know that they have the privilege of allowing the teacher who trains to appear with her class on April 25th.

## Special Pre-Mission Service On Friday

Nashville, Tenn., March 23.—Tennessee today rung down the curtain on the Darwin-Huxley drama when Governor Austin Peay signed a bill passed by the general assembly casting into discard the theory of evolution.

The new act makes it unlawful for any teacher in the universities, normals, or other schools of the State which obtain State funds "to teach any theory that denies the story of the divine creation of man as taught in the Bible and to teach instead that man has descended from a lower order of animals."

## Backs Roosevelts



James Simpson, who started as a teacher's clerk, and is now president of Martin Field & Coal Company, is financing the Theodore and Sarah Roosevelt expedition into the Pacific region of Turkestan, for the Field Museum of which he is trustee.

## COMMENCEMENT HERE SATURDAY

Schools of Group II Will Hold Their Commencement At That Time

On Saturday, March 28, at the Williamston Graded School, Group Center No. 2 commencement will be held. The schools competing are Williamston, Burroughs, Biggs, Whitley, Hurst, and Poplar Point. The committee is composed of J. S. Seymour, chairman; E. N. Riddle, Miss Mary P. Shields, R. I. Leske, Miss Emma Robertson, and Miss Essie Jordan.

Any group center contest is a preliminary in which contestants in a group are to be eliminated, thus entitling the best to entry in the county-wide contests at Williamston on April 25th. Winners from the initial contests at group centers should enter the county-wide contests.

It is urgently requested that every member of the committee be present on the date named. All contests at group centers and at county-wide commencement will begin at 10 o'clock a. m.

## GROUP-CENTER COMMENCEMENTS

Hassell School Forfeits Chance to Represent Group III at County Meeting on Account of Illness

The group-center commencement for Group III schools was to have been held at Oak City on Saturday, March 21. However, due to sickness, which hindered Hassell School from participating, the contest was called off. Since the Hassell School forfeited her chance in the group center to eliminate Hamilton, Hamilton is left a clear field for entry as representative of the Group III schools, composed of schools in Goose Nest and Hamilton Townships, in the county commencement contests at Williamston April 25.

Oak City being the only Group I school in the group-center territory will automatically enter the county-commencement contests. Likewise, Spring Green School will have an open field for entry in the county-commencement contests, as she had no opposition in the group-center contest.

The next group-center commencement is scheduled to be held at Williamston on March 28, at which place Burroughs, Biggs, Whitleys, Hurst, and Poplar Point schools will participate. The public is cordially invited to these contests. It is said the children can not spell. Come and see.

## Nassef Store Holding a Trade-Expansion Sale

An original trade-expansion sale will be put on by Nassef's Department Store beginning March 15 and ending April 11, lasting 15 shopping days.

In today's Enterprise Mr. Joe Nassef, advertising manager of the store, is telling our subscribers something of the massiveness of this sale. He will be believed by the people, because he has conducted several sales before since the store went in business here last fall and the people from far and near are taking advantage of these price-slashing affairs.

The windows are suggestions of what is on the inside. Lovely new spring styles for all the family are displayed. Complete outfits for man, woman, or child can be found at attractive prices at this sale.

Why, they will even make you a spring suit at Pope & Purvis, or make your old one look like new.

## TOBACCO CO-OPS SOON MOBILIZE

Tobacco Coops soon mobilize Will Hold Mass Meetings at All The County Seats On Saturday, April 4

Members of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association will take the first steps in the election of their directors for 1925 on Saturday, April 4. Mass meetings of the organized tobacco farmers will be held at the court-houses of all the important tobacco-growing counties in Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina on that day.

At these meetings members of the association will nominate the delegates to vote in the election of their directors for another year. Shortly after these meetings ballots containing the names of these electoral nominees will be mailed to all members of the association who are authorized to select half of the names on the ballots or to insert new names in accordance with the desire of each individual member. The final casting of the ballots will take place on May 9, and each member is instructed to mail or bring his ballot to the courthouse of his county seat by noon of that day.

The directors of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association are carefully following the democratic method of election by which every member of the association is assured the right of naming the delegates who will represent him in the election of the director from his district.

There has been much interest on the part of the organized tobacco farmers in the election of their directors in past seasons, and as they are being urged to take a very active part in choosing the governing body of the marketing association this year large gatherings of the cooperating farmers are looked for next week at the county seats of the tobacco-growing area of the Carolinas and Virginia.

## Educational Necessity For Play Grounds

School playgrounds, educational leaders realize, are as essential as school buildings. "We talk no more in terms of square feet per child, but in acres per school," states Dr. James E. Rogers, director, Community Recreation Training School, Playground, and Recreation Association of America, in School Life, a publication of the Interior Department, Bureau of Education.

Joliet, Ill., a town of 50,000, has one school with 20 acres, and the other average more than 5 acres each. Elyria, Ohio, with 25,000 people, has bought an athletic field of 18 acres for its high school. Tacoma, San Diego, Peoria, and many others have great stadiums. In Gary, Ind., every school has a playground a block square a gymnasium, and an auditorium. These mean clearer brains, more active bodies, and make for better study and recitations. On playgrounds and athletic fields are learned some of the greatest lessons of life. For this reason, Doctor Rogers urges, schools should maintain their physical education for 12 months rather than for 9.

## New Method of Curing Tobacco

Mr. Hyman Warren, of Robersonville, is advertising in this issue of the Enterprise something that will be of unusual interest to the tobacco growers of our county.

A heating apparatus that is run by kerosene to heat tobacco barns, known as the Torrid Tobacco Stove, is the thing that lets its owner "sleep while others work." This will sound good to tobacco growers, for one of the most disagreeable features of tobacco raising is watching the barn both night and day.

This stove can be regulated and then left alone until a change of temperature is desired. The tank is outside the barn, thereby all danger of fire is eliminated.

For a good close-built barn about 60 gallons of fuel is required to make one cure. The average quantity will be between 60 and 70 gallons.

Mr. Warren is demonstrating this machine at his home 3 miles west of Robersonville every Saturday from 8 o'clock until 4.

He has fine recommendations from farmers throughout Nash, Edgecombe, Pitt, and Lenoir Counties, who have used the machines for two years.

## Tennessee Discards Evolution Theory

On Friday night at 8 o'clock there will be a special service in preparation for the coming week of evangelistic services to be held in the Episcopal church by the Rev. B. E. Brown. All members and friends of the church are urged to attend this service.

## Jury May Get Bank Case Wednesday

The case of County against Sinton, Receiver, and the directors of the Peoples Bank was called for trial Monday morning. The first day was taken up in the selection of a jury and the examination of one witness for the plaintiff, Clayton Moore, County attorney.

Up to the adjournment for dinner today three defendant witnesses, J. C. Gurkin, Jas. D. Bowen, and A. B. Ayers, had been examined. The present outlook indicates that the case will fit go to the jury before late Wednesday.

The plaintiff is represented by Dunning, Moore & Horton, Ward & Grimes. The defendants are represented by H. W. Stubbs, Critcher & Critcher, Martin & Peel, Harry McMullen, and A. D. McLean, of Washington, and Larry A. Moore, of New Bern.

## ROW AT COLORED CHURCH SUNDAY

Black Swamp Congregation Interrupted in Worship by Fight in Which Negro Is Injured

A good size church row occurred at Black Swamp colored church Sunday, when Sam Gorham, a young colored man, passed what was regarded as a gross insult to the sister of Harry Walt Biggs, another colored youth. It seems that Biggs took Gorham to task about the matter, and Gorham became very impudent and offered to attack Biggs by hitting at him with a stick. A second later Biggs sliced him with his knife from eye to chin, making a very ugly flesh wound, which required a dozen or two stitches to close up.

It is said that the whole congregation was disturbed by the affray, and there is rumor that Judge Smith will not only have the details of a fight to hear, but that pistols will be discussed, as well as church disturbance indictments.

## Mr. W. M. Bond, Jr., Is Here This Week

Mr. W. M. Bond, Jr., of Denver, Colo., is a visitor in town this week. Mr. Bond, who practiced law at Plymouth for a number of years, found his health breaking, and upon advice of doctors went to Denver 10 days ago.

He is now vice president of the International Trust Co., also attorney for that company, and does some general practice, besides.

Mr. Bond is wedded to the West, but he did say that he crossed half of the States of the Union on his return and that North Carolina was the best of them all.

Mr. Bond was accompanied to his home in Edenton by his wife and W. M. III. They will visit relatives in Edenton for a few weeks.

Mr. Bond motored over yesterday morning to bring his father, Judge W. M. Bond, Sr., to hold court here. They left Edenton at 7.45, reaching Williamston at 10, in time for court, coming by way of Eden House.

Mr. Bond is pleasantly remembered by many Martin County folks, where he did a good law practice while in Plymouth.

## Joel Gibson Winner in Enterprise Contest

We wish to thank all of those who were interested enough in our contest for the best article on the five things our county most needs to send in papers. Some of them have been very good. The high school children in the lower end of the county have been interested and sent in some very fine papers for school children.

The judges, however, without any knowledge of the writers, gave first prize to Article No. 1, which was written by Mr. Joel Gibson, and second to paper No. 5, published March 6, but as this article was not signed nor was the writer's identity known, we had to get them to select a third best paper, so as to follow the rules first given. N. P. Roberson's article appealed to them, more on account of the emphasis he laid on the subject of raising our foodstuffs at home.

Mr. Gibson's paper was the first one published and was rich in good, plain, every-day common sense, and it was very fair and unbiased in any sense.

To Mr. Gibson we are sending a \$2.50 gold piece and a 2-years' paid-up subscription to the Enterprise. To Mr. Roberson we are sending a paid-up subscription for two years.

## FORMER RESIDENT KILLED IN WRECK

Henderson Cooper Killed When Autos Collide on Highway Near Scotland Neck Saturday Night

(Scotland Neck Commonwealth) Saturday night, about 8 o'clock, as Landis Howard, accompanied by Henderson Cooper as passenger, sitting on the front seat with him, were coming toward Scotland Neck, their car was struck by one driven by Louis Finch, Mr. Cooper being thrown violently from the car, receiving injuries from which he died about two hours later.

According to Mr. Howard's own story he had stopped a short distance this side of the creek bridge to give attention to his car and had started again toward town, still in low gear, when he saw a car coming down the road at a furious speed, wobbling back and forth across the road. In his own words, "I said to Mr. Cooper, 'We are going to be hit by that car, and I drew aside almost into the ditch, and the next thing I knew was when I came to and saw Mr. Cooper lying along the side of the road in the ditch, mortally wounded.' Mr. Cooper died about two hours later.

According to those who were at the scene immediately after the wreck Finch left immediately without attempting to give aid to those whom he had struck, and was found by officers two hours later in bed.

According to Chief Lawrence, Deputy Sheriff Henry Gray, and others there was unmistakable evidence of whisky in the car driven by Finch. Mr. Lawrence stating that he could have swung whisky out of the floor mat which was in the car.

Finch was arraigned Sunday morning before Justice of the Peace A. C. Liverman and placed under a \$100 bond for his further appearance. Mr. Howard was not called as witness at the trial.

Mr. Cooper was about 65 years old and lived near Jamesville until about 15 years ago when he moved to Scotland Neck, where he has since lived.

## Jamesville The Centre College of Basketball

Jamesville, March 24.—Amid the singing of the spring birds and the whoops of the plowboys, the rustling of the wind in the half-barren trees, marks the most brilliant sunset of a season ever witnessed by the citizens and basketball folks of Martin County. Never has a school in the history of this, or, in fact, of any county in eastern North Carolina, made such a wonderful record in basketball as the Jamesville High School. Jamesville won from every school in this county before the holidays, but the officials of the Martin County Athletic Association came back at us, and made us play every high school of any note over again. This slightly weakened the spirit of the Jamesville boys, but when our coach, Mr. Hubble, gave them a lecture about "staying in there and fighting them," the boys came back with the same pep, determined to win every game. They said, "We owe it to our school first, then to our parents, and last but not least to our coach."

The boys ended the season with 25 games won, not losing any. The season's score was as follows: Jamesville, 700 points, its opponents, 112. Gaylord was high score man of the season, shooting three times more than our opponents combined. Next was James Brown, shooting 1-1-3 times as many points as our opponents. This is a wonderful record, one to be proud of by any team. We are very proud of the cup that is to be awarded us.

Jamesville stands first in all athletics that it has taken part in this and last year. Mr. Hubble developed a basketball team that was always full of pep. Much praise is due to Mr. Hubble, who not only taught the boys to play the game, but to play it fair, and not only to win but to accept defeat.

## Philathea Comedy Thursday Night

At the Strand Theater Thursday night "Come Out of the Kitchen" will be given by local talent, under the auspices of the Philathea class of the Memorial Baptist Church. Mrs. Jno D. Biggs, Jr., is directing the play.

The comedy has a very fine reputation and a good deal of time is being given for this production here. That it will be enjoyable is putting it mild.

Mrs. Biggs in making out her cast always selects roles that are suitable to its members, and this in a large measure assures its success. The characters in "Come Out of the Kitchen" are well suited to their respective parts, and a very fine performance is expected.

Of course Mr. Rockefeller is an up-lifter look at the latest piece of gas.

## Gets Mitchells Job



James E. Fechet, who becomes assistant chief of the U. S. Army Air Service, April 17th, to succeed Brig. Gen. Mitchell, & Secy. Weeks announced the change despite public sentiment that Mitchell should not be demoted for his testimony at Washington recently.

## VERY SHORT CROP COTTON LAST YEAR

Martin County Fell From 12,464 Bales in 1923 to 6,766 Bales in 1924; Lost Almost Half

The Government report on the amount of cotton ginned in North Carolina of the 1924 crop gives a total production for the State of 858,817 bales.

The eastern end of the cotton belt suffered badly while the western end of the State made gains. Beginning with Roberson County, on the South Carolina line, which lost 30,000 bales from the 1923 crop and extending to Washington County, on the Albemarle Sound, where cotton production dropped from 5,739 bales in 1923 to 2,414 bales in 1924. Most of the counties lying between these points suffered heavy losses, except a small territory in the Kinston section.

Martin County produced 12,464 bales in 1923, and fell to 6,766 in 1924. This loss in production meant a loss of \$1,000,000 in income, which in a measure explains the reason for the stringency in business in this section.

## SCOUT MEETING HERE TONIGHT

Parents, Particularly Fathers, Urged to Attend Rally at Schoolhouse At 7.45 P. M.

Business men of Williamston are showing interest in the Scout movement. If wish is really father to thought and act, it is very likely the boys are going to be made to feel they have real "daddies" and those fond parents are really interested in seeing them enjoy themselves. There is a wish that our boys may be happy, and some realize that Scouting is the means of making boys happy through achievement, through holding up standards to be attained and keeping their minds and bodies engaged in healthful activity.

Tonight at 7.45 at the school building school men and fathers have been invited, not because they expect to find Scouting something that will produce gold or that gold will buy, but because the boys of the county have grown up in their hearts. Youth calls, these men answer, for they wish to transmit the best in their boys' lives to the next generation. Do we admire that rare refinement called courtesy? Scouting teaches it. Do we admire patience? Boy Scouts learn it. Come out tonight and show your interest in boys.

## Corporate Communion At Church of Advent

At 10.30 on Wednesday morning there will be a corporate communion of the women of the Church of the Advent. This day is one kept in remembrance of the time when the angel of the Lord appeared to the blessed Virgin Mary and announced the coming birth of our Lord.

At this time the United Thanks Offering is presented and the women of the church are urged to be present.

## Revenue Agents Get A Still in Bertie

Revenue agents Snell, White, and Alexander made a valuable haul in Bertie County Monday. They found on the premises of C. H. Cobb 200 gallons of liquor and nearby a 200-gallon capacity copper still, with a double cap. There was also 450 gallons of beer at this place. They found 83 sugar bags which had been recently emptied at the still.

## FARMERS SHIP CAR OF POULTRY

Martin County Farmers Furnish Half of the Car Shipped From Washington

A solid carload of poultry was shipped from Washington to northern markets last Saturday.

The poultry was carried in by Beaufort, Martin, and Pitt County farmers. In the report from Washington to the State press it was stated that \$900 worth of this poultry came from Pitt County, while Beaufort and Martin County farmers furnished poultry to the amount of \$3,106.60. Martin and Beaufort Counties being reported together, it is not known how much our farmers shipped, but our reporter in Washington says that they furnished nearly half the carload.

Lucky are those who have something on hand at this time that they can convert into cash. A trip into the country last week was very gratifying to the editor of this paper. He found people raising chickens in greater quantities than he had ever seen in the country before, and more people interested in raising those things which they have formerly neglected and had to buy from outsiders.

## NEW FEATURES FOR ENTERPRISE

Cross-Word Puzzles, "Folks in Our Town," Editorials by Arthur Brisbane; Many Others

The Autocaster Service has been added to make the Enterprise as attractive as possible to our subscribers and friends. Some of our folks asked for cross-word puzzles, and we have secured the ones gotten up by Bruce Cole, his being considered among the best. The puzzle will run on Tuesdays and the answer will appear in Friday's papers.

"Folks in Our Town" is a comic strip that will always contain a little fun and will be especially enjoyed by the boys. This also will be run in the Tuesday's paper. A cartoon of general interest by Satterfield will appear in the Friday edition. Many in this section will remember Satterfield when he used to be cartoonist for the Charlotte Observer some years ago, and will recognize the little bear character at the bottom of all his cartoons.

Another feature of the service that will be especially enjoyable will be Arthur Brisbane's "This Week," a column of editorial topics which will be run in the Friday edition. Mr. Brisbane is the highest-salaried editorial writer in the world. For a column a day he was and is paid \$50,000 a year by the Hearst Newspaper Syndicate. He also writes for the Autocaster service that we are receiving and will write weekly for this paper.

There are numerous other features, such as news pictures, fashion hints, poem by Uncle John, etc., and last but not least, a complete advertising service for the benefit of local advertisers. We can now furnish cuts for practically any article that you wish to advertise, and it will be our pleasure to serve you.

## Arthur Lilley Hurt in Automobile Wreck

Saturday evening Mr. Lawrence Lilley and his brother, Arthur, while returning to their home from Jamesville, had the misfortune to run their car in the Deep Run Bridge, almost totally demolishing the car and damaging the bridge considerably. Lawrence, the driver, was not hurt, but Arthur, who was dashed through the windshield, was pretty badly cut up, necessitating surgical assistance.

## Bear Grass News And Personals

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Rogers entertained at their home Tuesday night in honor of Misses Agnes and Lillie Chesson. Cards were played at two tables. Besides the guests of honor, there were a number of invited guests.

Miss Emma Hampton spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Rogerson.

Miss Helen Rogers entertained a number of friends at her home Friday night. Cards were played throughout the evening, and everyone reported a good time.

Miss Annie Mae Williams was a week-end guest of Miss Helen Rogers. Mrs. Jeff Tayloe has returned from the hospital and is rapidly improving. Mr. Thad Tayloe, of Belhaven, spent Sunday here, with friends and relatives.

Mr. Urbin Rogers spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Javan Rogers.

Mrs. Dennis Bailey, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is rapidly improving.