

## Price of Cotton Threatens Disaster to South

### Firm of Cotton Brokers Says Quick Action Is Needed

The Enterprise is in receipt of a letter from Fenner & Beane, a prominent cotton broking firm, of New York and New Orleans, in which they say that disaster is threatening the South in the present price of cotton. They offer the plan below as an aid. The complete letter follows: "Disaster threatens the South because of the present price of cotton: It is rank lunacy to throw reason to the winds and market any appreciable portion of the crop at current values. Growers are hysterical and are willfully committing economic suicide. The effects of which will be far-reaching and distressing to the entire South.

"This is no time for fanciful schemes but for sound judgment and quick action.

"Banks in every city and town in the old cotton belt should immediately advertise their readiness to help in a practical way. Where cotton is the chief crop many banks will be automatically wrecked if cotton declines to 10 cents per pound. Therefore, let these banks proclaim their willingness to advance their local farmers 10 cents per pound at 4 per cent on all white grade cotton properly stored and kept off the market. At the same time require a pledge from the borrower that his next year's acreage will be reduced at least 33 1/3 per cent.

"This is the least that can be done and its effect will be instantaneous on public opinion in this country and abroad and will doubtless result in an immediate price rebound.

"We are doing all we can to get this message to the farmers and banks.

"We feel you will desire to do what you can to the same end for the good of the region you serve, and that you will at least write a strong editorial urging sound judgment and quick action.

Very truly,  
FENNER & BEANE,  
New Orleans, October, 5, 1926.

## Sermon Subjects at Memorial Baptist

"Is it nothing to you?" is the text for the Sunday morning sermon. "We are journeying to the place of which Jehovah said, 'I will give it to you; come thou with us, and we will do thee good,'" is the text which will be used at 7.30 o'clock at the evening worship period.

The attendance upon our services has shown a marked improvement in recent weeks. The offerings are very much better. People are learning to come to the services, bringing their offerings with them. "Upon the first day of the week," "As the Lord has prospered us," "Every one of us," "Give, and it shall be given unto you," Our association meets with the Bethel Baptist Church Tuesday morning at 10.30 o'clock.

Sunday morning at our Sunday school, the entire offering will go to State Missions. The people are urged to do a noble thing on this occasion "for others."

Mr. W. B. Raiford, of Ivor, Va., is spending some time in this county this week in the interest of the peanut growers, who are attempting to build up a sufficiently strong organization to defend the peanut industry. Mr. Raiford would like to meet all friends of the peanut while in the county.

## STRAND THEATRE

BUY YOUR TICKET NOW for THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18 - 23 Adults Only \$1.00 Children Only 50c for SIX GOOD SHOWS

## Fine Progress Made on County Home and Jail

The county home and jail buildings are both looking very much like houses, the home being further advanced than the jail job.

When completed the home will compare with any in the State for completeness and comfort. It is, of course, not so large, as Martin is only a comparatively small county.

The weather has been ideal for both mason and mechanic, enabling the contractor to make good progress.

## Recorder Tries Number Cases

### Liquor Fighting and Stealing Furnish Four Cases

Recorder's court, this week, was confined to only three types of cases, liquor, fighting and stealing. It appears that liquor was the principal factor in producing the fights and may have urged on the stealing.

The case against Geo. Gardner and Lonnie Hogard for driving an automobile while drunk was continued until October 12.

B. K. Kelly, of Altoona, Pa., charged with driving a truck over a Ford coupe in Main street last week, plead guilty and was sentenced to the roads for 60 days, the term to commence one year from date. He was required to give his personal bond in the sum of \$50. for his appearance at that time.

The case against Geo. Rogers, Stancill Perry, Kelly Moore, Stancill Jenkins and Grover Perry, charging them with taking cooked barbecue from a colored man who was cooking for Roberson and Newton some weeks ago was continued until November.

Peter Spruill was found guilty of larceny and was sentenced to the Edgecombe county roads for a term of six months.

George Clemmons and Floyd Bonner, charged with an affray, were found guilty. Bonney was required to pay half of the cost and Clemmons was to pay the other half and serve a jail sentence of one week. Clemmons was also found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. For this he received a sentence of six months on the Edgecombe county roads. The term to begin one year from date.

## Mrs. Sarah M. Roberson Dies

### Funeral Held Wednesday Afternoon; Lived Near Maple Grove

Mrs. Sarah Margaret Roberson died Tuesday evening, at her home near Maple Grove, just as the sun slipped behind the western hills. She passed quietly away. She had been sick only a few days. Her infant son preceded her in death by only a few hours.

Mrs. Roberson was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Manning, and was 25 years old on the 18th of September. She married Benjamin F. Roberson six years ago, who survives her. She leaves, besides her husband and father and mother, two brothers and two sisters, Mrs. Walter Brown, and Mrs. George R. Roberson, and Messrs. H. L. Manning and N. R. Manning, Jr.

The funeral was held from the residence Wednesday evening by Rev. A. J. Manning. She had been a member of the Christian Church for a number of years and was highly regarded by all who knew her for her gentleness and kindness of life. She wrought well in the field of service, and builded for herself a character worthy to be emulated by those she left behind. She was buried in the family plot on the N. R. Manning farm, in a grave which also received her infant son. A large attendance of friends and neighbors mingled their sorrows with those bereaved.

## Christian Church Calendar for Week

A. J. Manning, Pastor  
Sunday school, 9.45 a. m.  
Morning service, 11 a. m.  
Evening service, 7.30 p. m.  
Woman's Missionary Society, meets at 3.30 Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. W. Anderson.  
Prayer meeting at 7.30 Wednesday evening, B. F. Perry, leader.  
All members are urged to attend these services, and others are cordially invited and welcomed to them.  
Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Watts will see "Listen Lady" at Greenville tonight.

## Snow Resigns as Principal of Local Schools

### Resignation Meets With General Approval of Community

D. A. Snow, principal of the local school for the past four weeks, left here yesterday afternoon for South Carolina. His resignation was tendered ten days ago and was gladly accepted by the local school board. His resignation meets with the approval of students, faculty, and a large number of the citizens of the town.

Since his arrival here, Mr. Snow has met with disfavor in a large way throughout the community, and it was after several alleged remarks unbecoming a gentleman were made that the resignation came about. He is of a most nervous temperament, and it was acknowledged by all that his stay here was not advisable.

Mrs. W. H. Harrell, assistant principal, is now in charge of the school and she will continue in this capacity until another principal is secured. At present no one has been named to fill the position, but several applications are now before the board, and a decision is expected some time this afternoon.

## Local Football Stock Goes Up

### Play Washington Team to 6-6 Tie Wednesday in Good Game

Local football stock went way above par when our boys tied Washington 6 to 6 in a spectacular game here last Wednesday at the fair grounds.

The game was marked by many features; first downs were made in large numbers; forward passes were intercepted and only one was completed; and runs proved to be thrilling in many instances. The game was the best ever seen here, and it awakened much interest in that sport when the talk of the people turned to high school football.

Washington scored its touchdown in the second quarter when one of its men made a neat run around the end for about 35 yards. Williamston missed a good chance to score when it fumbled the ball near the opponents' goal in the early part of the game. It was late in the third quarter that our boys took the ball in mid-field and made first down after first down until they crossed Washington's goal line just after the beginning of the last quarter. Captain Eli Barnhill carried the ball over on a plunge through center, scoring Williamston's first touchdown and bringing many cheers from the handful of fans.

Members of both teams played excellent football, with the exception of a number of fumbles, and the game was of the highest order.

Coach Phillips is doing excellent work with the boys, and is due the support of the citizens of the town. Ayden meets the local team here this afternoon, and a good game is expected.

The schedule for the local team up to November 5 is as follows:  
Oct. 8—Ayden, here.  
October 15—Ahoskie, there.  
October 22—Coleraine, here.  
October 29—Plymouth, here.  
Nov. 5—Coleraine, there.

There are several games pending after Nov. 5. Announcement will be made later as to the rest of schedule.

## Lane Leading to School Grounds to be Closed

The lane between Mrs. J. D. Leggett's and K. B. Crawford's property and leading to the school grounds has been ordered closed to all cars, trucks, and horse-drawn vehicles. The lane is closed by an order of the town commissioners, they finding the step necessary toward the protection of the children going to and from school.

## Strand Theatre Makes Very Attractive Offer

The management of the Strand theatre is making an exceptional offer to local theatre goers by giving one ticket which is good for six shows for the price of one dollar for adults and 50 cents for children.

The program for week of 18th, the time the tickets go into effect, is one of the best to be offered here in some time. During the week, pictures of nation-wide fame will appear.

Miss Orpah Steed, a member of the local high school faculty, will spend the week end at her home in Richlands.

## Chief of Police to Collect Town Taxes

For the past twelve months, the collection of town taxes has been in the hands of Mr. M. S. Moore, superintendent of the lights and water systems, but the task has been placed back to the chief of police. At a meeting of the town board this week, this change was ordered to be made, and within the next few days Chief W. B. Daniel will start collecting the 1926 taxes. The change was brought about when the duties of Mr. Moore as superintendent of lights and water became more numerous, making it impossible for one man to handle the two jobs.

## The Enterprise Sunday School Lesson in Brief

Oct. 10.—"The Report of the Spies."—Numbers 13:23-33.

By C. H. DICKEY

From their year's stay at Sinai, Moses and his people marched directly northward, and soon came to its southern borders at Kadesh Barnea. One brave dash, and the conquest would probably have been made. But it was decided to send out a committee of investigation. And for the purpose of going into the Promised Land and investigating and bringing in a report, twelve men were selected. They were to go right into the land, a rather perilous business, and observe it closely. They would, of course, observe its inhabitants, the fortifications, the soil and its products. The land was already theirs by promise, and as they went out, they were ordered to be of good courage.

In making this sally, they were right. One must always count the cost of a house before building. No step should ever be taken until one knows what he wants to do and how he is going to do it.

The committee performed its function and came back to report. They at first confined themselves to some broad general truths, and on this preliminary report the entire committee was agreed.

But then comes a minority and a majority report. The minority made its report first. It was a goodly fund flowing with milk and honey; its lands were fertile and its products were vouchsafed by the samples they brought back.

But—always this "but," this "however," this "however" the majority must make its report. It was an obstructionist report. It said, "The people are strong that dwell in the land . . . their cities are walled . . . there are giants there . . . these people are stronger than we . . . we were as grasshoppers in their sight . . . we are not able to possess it."

Caleb and Joshua of the minority report said, "We are well able to overcome it." The majority said, "We are not able to possess it."

There you are—this is your picture of the world. Those who think they can, and those who think they can not. Those who are willing to try, and those who are not. The majority is not always right, either. Indeed, the world goes round not the report of the majority but on the minority's report.

This majority report gave themselves away by two notable sentences, "We were in our own sight as grasshoppers; and so we were in their sight." Certainly, if you are a grasshopper in your own sight, you will be a grasshopper in everybody else's sight. Self-depreciation is as great a sin as overconfidence. It is probably worse. Too much confidence does at least begot action, while underappreciation breeds stagnation.

The majority report ruled the day, but they didn't rule future events. They are all dead now, and you know the names of Caleb and Joshua, the men who brought in the minority report, but can you name a single man who was on that majority report? So goes the world. To place oneself on the unpopular side of a question may be the greatest step one ever takes!

When the majority report was adopted, the crowd turned against Moses and Aaron. But men have always done like that. They have stoned their prophets and killed their best men.—Socrates drinking the hemlock and Jesus on the Cross are the best illustrations of this.

But they, being dead, yet live.

Mrs. J. D. Biggs, jr., and Misses Frances Williams and Carrie Dell White will attend a show in Greenville tonight.

## Local Parents and Teachers Hold Meeting

### Several Important Matters Taken up; Only 33 Present

The Williamston Parent-Teacher Association held its regular monthly meeting Thursday afternoon at the graded school auditorium. Mrs. P. B. Cone, the president, presided.

Many minor matters were taken up and disposed of, and several committee reports received. Also a number of more important matters were brought up, among them more drinking fountains for the school. It was shown that there were only two fountains for the use of 403 children. Quite a few things which apparently are badly needed were discussed.

Mrs. W. H. Harrell, of the high school department told about the recent change in the course of study required by the State Board of Education, which takes care of much of the trouble in the foreign language department.

The weakest point in the meeting was the attendance, being all told but 33 present, including parents and teachers. Of course, that was a good working organization, yet it tended to give all, and especially the teachers, the step-child feeling of being neglected and unappreciated.

A general personal resolution seemed to enter into every one present to make the organization one of usefulness and to inspire others to help to make it grow.

Several articles will soon appear answering the question, "Why should I be an active member of the parent-teacher association?" Anyone who wishes may make such contribution.

## L. J. Baker, of Palmyra, Dead

### Was Prominent Farmer and Merchant; Died in Baltimore

Mr. L. J. Baker, of Palmyra, died this morning in a Baltimore hospital where he had been several days for treatment.

Mr. Baker was born in Martin County 75 years ago and moved to Palmyra while a lad. He started out as an assistant agent for a steamboat line, later entering the mercantile business and engaging in farming. He seemed to succeed in every undertaking, perhaps because he knew how to connect good men with his work. The late R. E. Roberson was for a long time employed by and later associated with him in business. He was always careful to employ the honest, industrious young man rather than an inefficient young man.

He was active in business, even up to his recent illness, being senior member of the firm of L. J. Baker & Co., composed of himself and B. B. Everett. He also was largely interested in farming, having half a dozen large farms in lower Halifax and upper Martin County.

He married Miss Pattie Spruill, of Palmyra. She and their only child, Mrs. Ben B. Everett, survive him.

The funeral arrangements have not been announced, but it will probably be held Sunday.

## Drives to Louisburg On His 83rd Birthday

Mr. John D. Simpson celebrated his eighty-third birthday Wednesday, the 6th, by driving his big Studebaker car to Louisburg and taking dinner with his daughter, Mrs. S. A. Newell, and her family.

Mr. Simpson was accompanied by his wife. He says it does not tire him to drive; that he thinks he could easily drive all day. He does not find it as hard to drive a nice automobile on good roads as he found marching in the mud and slush of the North Carolina and Virginia roads 65 years ago.

Mr. Simpson is not only a good motorist, but a good farmer, too. He gives his personal attention to his farm near the fair grounds, where he goes practically every day.

## Everetts Woodmen To Meet Monday

The Everetts Modern Woodmen will hold their regular meeting in the hall Monday night, October 11, at 7.45. All members are urged to be present. The ones that miss this meeting may miss some fun, as there very likely will be one candidate to initiate, and some very important business is to be attended to.

## Offers Martin County Bonds For Sale

Of the \$175,000 worth of bonds issued by this county last year, \$50,000 worth of them are being offered for sale by Spitzer, Rorick and company, purchasers of the issue at New York.

These bonds, issued for general road and bridge work in the county, sold at a good price, and while they are a general obligation to the taxpayers of the county, the sale comes as a surprise here.

## Robersonville School News

### New Teacher and Coach for Boys' Teams Arrives

Robersonville, Oct. 8.—(Special to The Enterprise.)—The high school department lost a good teacher when Miss Dorothy Taylor, of La Grange, was called home on account of the illness of her mother. She had hoped to be able to remain in the school, but her mother's condition would not warrant such. It is hoped that her mother may improve rapidly. While here Miss Taylor was the ninth grade room teacher. Her subjects were eighth English, and eighth, ninth, and tenth mathematics.

The school was indeed fortunate in securing so soon some one to fill the vacancy made by Miss Taylor's leaving. Mr. H. C. Hainer, originally of Canada, but now of Richmond, Va., succeeded Miss Taylor on Monday morning, October 4. Mr. Hainer comes to us well recommended. He is not only a good student, but an equally good athletic coach. He attended preparatory schools in Boston and Providence, and was graduated from Elon College. He has since been principal of the Elmira School at Burlington and coach and instructor at Collegiate Institute, in Mount Pleasant. He will teach here general science, biology, and ninth and tenth algebra.

Superintendent R. J. Leake has selected a number of committees to work with him in trying to make the school year a successful one from every standpoint. Misses Millie Roeluck and Alma Murray will see that the building and auditorium are suitably decorated and arrange for special occasions, such as meeting of the parent-teacher association, etc. Miss Eva Irene Peel will furnish the school news to the local and county papers. Mr. H. C. Hainer, as chairman, with Miss Agnes Jenkins, will have charge of dramatics, plays, and debates. Mr. Hainer will also coach the boys' ball teams. Miss Annie L. Phillips, song leader, and Miss Mary Adkins, pianist, will care for the songs and music. It is hoped that with these committees at work the various phases of school life will be provided for in an efficient way.

The following items will be of interest to the patrons of the school: For the month ending October 1, the high school enrollment was 131, there being 62 boys and 69 girls. The elementary enrollment was 248, there being 125 boys and 123 girls. The total average daily attendance was 189.3 boys, 186.2 girls, totaling 365.5. Of this total, 127.3 was the high school's average daily attendance, and 239 the elementary.

## Philathea Class Meets With Miss White

Miss Carrie Delle White delightfully entertained the members of the Philathea class of the Memorial Baptist church last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Manning on Church street.

The meeting was well attended, over sixteen members being present. During the evening many business matters of the class were attended to. The preparation of a box for Miss Bonner Peeler, an orphan of the Thomasville orphanage, was discussed. The class has supported an orphan at the Thomasville institutions for several years, and it is with much pleasure that its members attend to this work. Next Friday night the class will give an oyster supper, the place to be announced later.

Miss White assisted by Miss Margaret Everett served a salad course at the conclusion of the business hour.

## Sunday Services at Episcopal Church

Rev. C. O. Pardo, Rector  
Sunday, Oct. 10, 1926.  
10 a. m.—Church school and adult Bible class.  
11 a. m.—Morning prayer and sermon.  
3.30 p. m.—Holy Trinity Mission.  
7.30 p. m.—Evening prayer and sermon.

## 400 Growers of Peanuts Attend Meet in Suffolk

### Draw Up 'Anti-Sapiro' Contract to Sign up 150,000 Bags

Three or four hundred farmers met in Suffolk, Va., Tuesday to determine what would be the next step to take with their peanut growers association.

This meeting is evidence of a swelling tide for cooperative marketing. A few years ago under the leadership of Aaron Sapiro started the Virginia-Carolina Peanut Growers Association. They grew rapidly to 700,000 bags of peanuts, but quickly and hard they fell to 25,000 bags three years ago. Last year they operated upon a pledge for 100,000 bags, and the farmers actually delivered 140,000. From this experience has grown a new contract and a new effort.

The new contract is specially interesting because it contains those liberal provisions which give it the title in some quarters of the anti-Sapiro contract. True enough, the peanut association is working out its own salvation along plans advocated by the growers and their manager, based upon the idea of their association being a service sales organization. This contract is perpetual but has an annual drawing clause. The farmer is not asked to pledge any particular part of his crop, but he does pledge a definite number of bags of peanuts of a like grade and quality grown on his farm. They have now signed 134,000 bags of peanuts, and for their contract to become effective they must sign 150,000 bags by the 15th of October.

This contract deserves the support of not only the old members of the peanut association but the merchants and bankers of northeastern North Carolina. It does not matter, however, we may differ as to the tariff on peanuts, there is now a tariff of 4 cents per pound, and the import of Japanese and Chinese peanuts is very large, amounting to forty and fifty million pounds as compared to the production in Virginia and North Carolina of about five times that amount. It matters not what the trouble may be with the peanut industry of northeastern North Carolina, whether it be the tariff question, the production question, or the marketing question, this industry can best be protected and advanced by each farmer, merchant and banker helping to maintain this Virginia-Carolina peanut growers association in order that their interest may be represented at the right time and in the right manner.

## Interesting Show at Strand Last Night

Cleve La Rue and wife and their little 5-year-old son, Carliss, put on a real old-fashioned Wild West show last night at the opera house.

The La Rue family is of the real Texas range type, where they resided until a few years ago, now following something of the nomad type of life. They began their present journey November 19th, 1921, starting out from Lima, Ohio, in a portable house 6 1/2 feet wide, 17 feet long, and 6 feet high, making quite a comfortable home, with kitchen and dining room, bed room, and parlor, with lace-curtained windows. This home is carried from place to place by a pair of horses. They also have a light wagon or caboose, in which they carry their show equipment, horse tents, and livestock. Since setting out on their journey they have visited 28 States and traveled 14,515 miles.

They took "Buddie," the 38-year-old calico broncho on the stage, where he performed. "Buddie" has had an extensive traveling experience. He traveled across the American continent from north to south, and east to west many times with his former owner, "Buffalo Bill," who also took him abroad and toured most of the leading countries of Europe.

"Buddie" can walk the gang plank of a ship, or go up and down long stairways almost as quickly as a boy. He is able to pull a wagon as well as perform show tricks, and though he has lived long past the allotted horse age appears to be a pretty game animal. Mr. La Rue says he saw no sign of failure in him until he was past 33, since which time he will not get fat.

The little five-year-old La Rue is trailing his dad's footsteps in the show business, performing on the stage with Mike, his 5-year-old pony, which is only 29 inches high and weighs but 76 pounds. The show brought back some of the old-time spirit and thrill of the great West, and made one forget for a time the smell of Hollywood.