

TOBACCO GROWERS LEASE PROPOSALS ARE TAKEN UP

RALEIGH, April 7.—Directors of the Virginia-Carolina Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association and representatives of warehouse interests in North Carolina are in conference here today on proposals of the association to buy or lease warehouses in the eastern section of North Carolina. Tobacco men say if they are unable to secure sufficient warehousing facilities they will erect their own.

PRICES UP IN THE STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, April 7.—There was no let-up to the broad dealings of the preceding sessions of the week at the active opening of today's stock market, and the trend of prices was upward again.

FRENCH CABINET APPROVES POINCARE TEXT AT GENOA

PARIS, April 7.—The French cabinet today approved the text of Premier Poincare with written instructions to the French delegation at the Genoa conference, based on the government's memorandum of January 31. It was declared the discussion of reparations questions was outside of the scope of the conference program.

ABOUT THE HART FAMILY.

A few weeks ago the following letter was received:

"Spring City, Tenn., March 14. "Editor of The Southerner. "Dear sir: One of my friends saw a copy of your paper in which there was an ad asking the whereabouts of the Hart family. My maiden name was Hart and of course we are interested. Will you kindly let me know how to get in touch with those who advertised. Haven't a copy of the paper, it was lost.

"Thanking you in advance for any information and help, I am,

"Yours respectfully,

"Mrs. HARRIET HOYAL."

If there is any one who can and will give Mrs. Hoyal the desired information it would be greatly appreciated.

Returned Home Last Night.

Mr. Hyman Phillips, who has been from home for several weeks, returned home last night. He is looking well and his many friends are glad to welcome him home again.

TRIED INFLUENCE BURCH VENIREMEN

LOS ANGELES, April 7.—Herbert S. Hockin, under arrest charged with having tried to influence the veniremen in the second trial of Arthur C. Burch, for the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, was said by court attaches today to be one of the 28 men convicted at Indianapolis several years ago in the conspiracy of ship explosives.

To Our Merchant Friends.

If times are prosperous and you are selling many goods, you can sell more by advertising.

If times are dull, the only way to sell your merchandise is to advertise and display them.

A candle hidden underneath a bushel measure will never be seen.

THE GREATEST PER CAPITA WEALTH

(By JOHN PAUL LUCAS)

RALEIGH, April 7.—What county in North Carolina has the greatest per capita wealth?

One would most naturally assume that Mecklenburg, Guilford, Johnston, Forsyth, Sampson, Wake, Cumberland, Edgecombe, Wayne, Robeson or some of the other counties in the state whose crop values each year are high in comparison with those in other counties would claim the distinction. Such is not the case, however. These counties produce the greatest wealth, but their purchases of food and feed stuffs from other sections have always taken the largest part of what they have produced each year.

As a matter of fact, the counties whose per capita wealth ranks highest are not in the cotton or tobacco belts at all. The mountain county of Allegheny has the post of honor, and next in order are Clay, Tyrrell, Camden, Graham and Orange. Most of the mountain counties and a few in other sections which have often been viewed with some degree of condescension by the counties which have considered themselves wealthier are really more fortunately situated in the matter of accumulated wealth.

North Carolina as a whole, according to the last figures published by the Federal Census Bureau, ranked 47th among the 48 states in the matter of per capita wealth, being saved from bottom position by the state of Mississippi—this, in spite of the tremendous wealth which we produce each year and which places us fourth among the agricultural states in the union and well on toward the head of the list among the industrial states.

An analysis of the situation reveals the fact that counties in which the production of food and feed crops has been neglected and practically all acreage and energy devoted to the production of money crops are poorer than the counties which by nature are less fortunately situated and in which the people, perforce, or from choice, have raised their living at home.

This situation is an indictment of the ordinary farm practice in the cotton and tobacco sections, and is no less an indictment of the intelligence of the farmers of these sections. If the wealth which has been produced in Johnston, Wayne, Robeson, Sampson, Halifax, Wilson and some other counties which are so copiously blessed with soil resources had been kept at home during these past years through the simple expedient of producing at home the food and feed stuffs for which this wealth has been squandered they would be rich beyond their wildest dreams of 1919. Land in those counties would be selling at from \$200 to \$500 per acre.

Their soil resources are so great that even at ordinary prices they will be able to make tremendous strides in the matter of wealth accumulation if they will even now adopt the common sense plan of raising their living at home as the first consideration of their farming practice.

In every county and on every individual farm it is net income that counts, not gross income.

In Wilson Today.

Mr. W. O. Howard and Mr. O. D. Ingram are in Wilson today attending federal court which is in session there this week.

COTTON MARKET.

Table with columns: Yesterday's, Today's, Close, Open, Close. Rows: May, July, Oct., Dec., Jan.

LYOYD GEORGE LEFT WITH DELEGATES FOR GENOA MEET

LONDON, April 7.—Lloyd George headed a party of twenty delegates which left today for Genoa, scene of the international economic conference Monday.

GENOA, April 7.—Gabriele D'Annunzio will participate in the Genoa economic conference as a representative of Italy's seamen, Italian papers say.

MILK CAMPAIGN IN RALEIGH

RALEIGH, April 7.—So effective was the recent milk campaign conducted in the city of Raleigh that the importation of a considerable amount of milk from points in Virginia was necessary for a few days in order to supply the demand until arrangements could be made for securing an increased supply from farmers of Wake county.

The retail business of the Pine State Creamery jumped from approximately 200 to 400 gallons a day. One cafeteria has been using almost five times as much milk since the campaign as it used before. Every soda fountain in the city has noted a marked increase in the sale of milk drinks and ice cream.

Results of the campaign in Raleigh compare favorably with the results of the campaign at Winston-Salem several months ago when the demand for whole milk was increased 40 to 50 percent. In other cities similar results have been noted.

The daily home economist and health experts who have put on the campaigns in cooperation with the civic bodies and local dairymen in the cities which have had them, have brought home to the people the value and importance of milk as an absolutely essential part of the diet of every child and every adult. Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the board of health, has declared emphatically it is impossible to grow a physically perfect man or woman without milk. It is nothing else than a crime, in his opinion, to attempt to raise children without their minimum of a quart of milk a day. It is a crime not only against the child himself or herself, but against future generations.

Nutrition experts the country over are coming more and more to the unanimous conclusion that the cow is not only the foster mother of humanity, but that it has played a part in the development of civilization second to no other animal.

Old "Bossy" is coming into her own.

EDUCATIONAL PICTURE AT SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Tomorrow night at 8 o'clock a historical picture will be shown in the city school auditorium. This picture was produced by the state board of education and the state historical commission, and deals with the earliest settlements in North Carolina and the "Lost Colony." It shows the first English expedition to America under Amadas and Barlowe; landing of Raleigh's colony on Roanoke Island; building of cabins and forts; peace times and war times with the Indians; the experiences of the "Lost colony"; Virginia Dare, the first white child born in America; and various other thrilling features.

Every one interested in the early history of North Carolina should see this picture. The price of admission will be 15 cents for children and 25 cents for adults, the net proceeds to be used for the high school athletic association.

FARMER DIES AFTER FIVE SONS HACKED WITH AN AXE

CONCORDIA, Kansas, April 7.—L. H. Tremblay, a farmer, whose five sons were hacked to death with an axe Tuesday, was found dead at the home of his neighbor today, where he had been staying since the crime.

No trace of poison has been found. Experts had put him through a grilling in connection with the crime.

IRISH 'PUBS' SMASH LIQUOR VALUED AT MANY POUNDS

BELFAST, April 7.—One hundred members of the Irish Republican army forced their way into a bonded storehouse of the customs house in Dublin last night and smashed casks containing hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of whiskey, dispatches received here today said.

The liquor is believed to have been shipped from Belfast.

Will Lecture Sunday.

Mr. George W. Young will lecture at the Methodist church Sunday at 11 a.m. and at the Baptist church at



7:30 p.m. Dr. Young comes to Tarboro highly recommended and the people are urged to hear him. Several of our citizens have heard him and they speak in the highest terms of his lecture. The subject of his lecture will be "A World Crisis—Duty of the Hour."

MR. J. L. MCGEEHEE SPEAKS AT SCHOOL

Mr. J. L. McGehee addressed the pupils in the Central School this morning on the subject of "Good Citizenship." First among the qualities of a good citizen, Mr. McGehee named respect for property constituted authority and obedience to that authority. Control of one's temper, he said, is another important quality of good citizenship, for not only does a well-controlled temper prevent much trouble with the law, but it contributes materially to one's standing in the community.

Mr. McGehee stated that money alone never brings happiness, but that nevertheless thrift is necessary to good citizenship. Thriftless persons are not good citizens. Finally Mr. McGehee named as an indispensable element of good citizenship the existence of the proper relationship between the individual and God. Nothing is more important, he said, than faith in God and willingness to do His commands.

Still in Bed.

Master Charlie Keech, who has been sick for several days, is still confined to his bed. His father, Mr. C. B. Keech, says his son is likely to remain in bed for sometime yet.

REFUSED CONSIDER SEPARATE WAGE AGREEMENTS

NEW YORK, April 7.—President Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America, speaking before the Central Trades and Labor Council today, answered the plea of T. H. Watkins, a bituminous operator, for the negotiation of a separate wage contract by districts, saying:

"It is no far cry from separate agreements to the feudal system of individual contracts between operator and workers. Organized labor then would become helpless."

AMERICANS MUST RECOGNIZE HAWAII

HONOLULU, T. H., April 7.—Another misconception of the status of the Hawaiian territory as a part of the United States came to light here with the receipt of a communication by a local bank from the collector of internal revenue at Washington, returning a check on the bank, "because the Hawaiian islands are not in the United States."

The commissioner's letter requested that "the matter be adjusted at once," and called attention to the fact that a check for any obligation to the United States must be "paid at par."

The bank's reply, after commenting on the fact that many financial institutions, especially along the Atlantic coast, have attempted charges as high as 10 percent exchange on checks payable in this territory on the ground that Hawaii is "a foreign country."

"When we have pointed out that Hawaii became a part of the United States by act of congress in the year 1898, they have usually been willing to cash said checks at par," the letter said, adding that the war risk insurance bureau and the alien property custodian "have accepted our checks at par for years."

The incident was similar to the experience of a Honolulu woman who attempted to cash in Baltimore a \$25 check on a Hawaiian bank. The clerk advised her not to try to cash the document on the ground that the "exchange would be \$12 to \$13."

"You know, Hawaiian currency has depreciated considerably since the war," he added, sardonically.

Another person, residing in Kansas City, also is ignorant of the fact that Hawaii is not a foreign country but part of the United States, according to a letter received by a florist here who advertises on the mainland.

"I am a stamp collector and would like to know whether you would send me some stamps used in those islands," the Kansas man wrote.

The florist sent two two-cent stamps, with a note that they had been purchased "at the postoffice, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii which contributed millions of dollars in federal income and other taxes to the support of the United States annually."

Republicans Meet Here Today.

The Republican executive committee will meet here today at 2 o'clock. Only routine work was done with the exception of the selection of delegates to the state convention that meets at Winston-Salem.

The Kiwanis had their regular monthly meeting last night at their hall. The supper was served by the Parish Aid Society of Calvary Episcopal church.

Reports from the athletic committee were made. The county commencement matter was discussed.

COTTON ACREAGE IN TEXAS INCREASED

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas, April 7.—Cotton is already coming up on about 20,000 more acres of land in cultivation in Nueces county than last year and approximately 80 percent of that amount is of the better staple variety, according to reports received by the Rural Land Owners Association. The amount of staple cotton being planted this year is the result of the high premiums received last year on the better grade of cotton.

The percentage of cotton acreage in Nueces county this year has been decreased slightly but the acreage is considerably more, it is said, because of the new ground put into cultivation. Several years ago cotton was a negligible crop in this section, but in 1921 Nueces county ranked third in the cotton producing counties of the state.

Cotton planting was started in this section about a month ago, but was set back slightly by cold weather. It is believed, however, that a very small percent of the cotton that had been planted was damaged.

One thing that accounts for the decrease in the percent of acres planted in cotton this year is the system of modified crop rotation which was worked out by the Agricultural and Mechanical College. A campaign for a system of crop rotation is being carried on in this county this year and according to M. C. Jaynes, county demonstration agent, many farmers are interested in the plan. This system calls for a rotation of one-fifth of the acreage each year, which is a method of combatting root rot.

This campaign for a system of modified crop rotation will be carried on by the Rural Land Owners Association in much the same manner as was the staple cotton campaign last year, according to Roy Miller, secretary of the association.

Mr. Miller has been in Washington for some time working on the deep water project but on his return to Corpus Christi during the past week declared that he was well pleased with the attention the farmers had been giving the plan.

Robert J. Kleberg of Kingsville, one of the largest ranch men in the southwest, is president of the association, while Cyrus B. Lucas, new president of the Cattle Raisers Association, is vice president. The association is not a land selling organization but is for the advancement of the interests of the rural land owner.

TESTS FOR BUTTER FAT MUNICIPAL MILK PLANT

The following is the report made by the municipal milk plant for butter fat of the milk bought at this plant:

Table with columns: Name, A.M. Rows: Carstarphen, A. I. Ruffin, W. L. Bell, W. S. Clark, H. James, Panola Dairy, Knight, B. B. Howell, Sam Clark, F. G. Davis, E. Stith, Geo. Howard, H. A. Winchester, J. H. Price.

Off For Goose Creek.

Mr. H. S. Bunn, Mr. Charlie Austin, Mr. Latham Williams and Mr. George Pennington left yesterday for a few days' stay at Goose Creek to enjoy a fishing trip. Mr. George Pennington is trying out his new casting rod. The camp at Goose Creek has been recently improved and it bids fair to be a most popular resort for Tarboro's fishermen and sportsmen.

SPRING A SURPRISE AT INQUEST OVER MERCER BODY

NORFOLK, April 7.—Authorities announced a surprise would be made tonight at the inquest into the death of Mrs. Ruth Mercer, whose body was found at Ocean View.

Edward F. Mercer, husband, and Frank McEntee will be the chief witnesses.

Detectives said they had new evidence but refused to divulge it.

STEEL MILLS FEEL EFFECT IDLE MINE

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, April 7.—Further effect of the coal strike on the steel industry was felt here today, when the Republic Iron & Steel Company cancelled orders for the resumption of work in the Bessemer plant.

\$54,850 APPROPRIATED FOR THE STATE HIGH SCHOOLS

RALEIGH, April 7.—An epoch was marked in the educational development of North Carolina when, Saturday afternoon, the state board of education appropriated \$54,850 to aid in establishing standard four-year high schools in rural districts in counties which have not had such schools heretofore, thus assuring a standard high school for every county in North Carolina.

At the close of the last school year there were 28 counties in the state in which there was not a high school of standard grade. All of these 28 counties will be enabled to maintain such a school through the action of the board of education, and in addition there will be established 15 other high schools in the rural districts of counties which have not heretofore had a high school of standard grade outside of the towns of these counties. This act of the board is made possible by a law enacted by the last general assembly, and the appropriation to the schools that will be affected will range from \$500 to \$1,250, the latter figure being appropriated in most instances. A high school of standard grade must maintain at least an eight-months term, have three teachers devoting their whole time to high school instruction and have an average attendance in the high school department of not less than 45 pupils.

Death from Infected Milk.

CHICAGO, April 3.—The death of Gwendolyn Armour, 6-years-old, the daughter of Philip D. Armour 3d, and the illness of her younger brother may have been caused by virulent micro-organisms on the milk fed to the children, was indicated when the health commissioner issued orders that no milk from two Wisconsin farms should be brought into Chicago. A culture made from milk from the farm, eight miles west of Waukesha, where the milk fed to the Armour children was produced, killed a guinea pig within 18 hours after the solution had been injected, the health authorities said.

To Our Friends and Subscribers.

The Southerner wants all the news. It wants all the personals, too. If anybody is sick in the home, if any member of the family leaves town or returns home, the Southerner wants to know it. It also wants accounts of all social affairs. Send these items to the Southerner or phone them in.