

Peak of Sweet Potato Crop Reached Last Week

Growers Satisfied With Prices, But Discouraged By Reduction In Yield Caused By Continued Dry Weather During Season

Between 60,000 and 65,000 barrels of Currituck sweet potatoes have already been shipped, according to estimates made Saturday by C. A. Wright, prominent potato grower of Jarvisburg, Currituck County, and J. H. Baker, general superintendent of the North River Line. Of this total, 54,076 barrels have been handled by the line which Mr. Baker represents. Other shipments of Currituck potatoes have gone by boat to Norfolk, and by rail from Moyock and other points.

The past week has been the biggest in sweet potato shipments recorded this season, the North River Line total being 27,789 barrels, divided as follows: Monday, 301 barrels; Tuesday, 3,962; Wednesday, 5,627; Thursday, 6,913; Friday, 5,713; and Saturday, 4,753. Thursday, as will be noted, recorded the heaviest shipments for a single day.

Those in close touch with the sweet potato situation in Currituck believe that 60 to 75 per cent of the season's crop has already been dug. It is pointed out that many of the largest planters have harvested their entire crops; and practically all the growers have already dug at least half of theirs. The stock is reported to be exceptionally good, but the crop is short to an extent estimated by some as high as fifty per cent, and it is believed by leading shippers that the yield for the season will not exceed 75,000 barrels.

Thus far potato prices have been reasonably satisfactory to the growers. Buyers at Powell's Point and Jarvisburg Saturday were offering \$4.00 a barrel for sweets loaded on the wharves. Some of those who have shipped their potatoes have received as high as \$12 a barrel for their consignments.

It is generally conceded that the peak of the sweet potato season was reached last week. Daily shipments will steadily decline until the last potatoes go North about September 1st. But for the extremely dry weather, the Currituck potato crop this year would have eclipsed in volume any previous crop in the history of the County for the acreage planted was phenomenally large. However, the growers may derive material consolation from the probability that, had the yield been in proportion to the acreage, the market might have been glutted, with disastrous effect upon the price.

MRS. GRAVES DEAD

Mrs. Georgia Graves, 74 years old, died at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Overman on South Road street Sunday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock, after a brief illness. She was the widow of W. W. Graves, and had long been a member of the Overman household, where she served as housekeeper, and formerly was in the home of Mrs. J. Marshall Pool, on East Church street. She leaves no near relatives.

The funeral will be conducted at the Overman home Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock by Rev. H. K. Williams, and interment will be made in Hollywood.

MOTORCYCLER IS KILLED ON TRACK

Toledo, Aug. 15 (By The Associated Press)—After breaking the world's dirt track motorcycle record for one mile in forty-six seconds, Albert W. Burns, of California, was today killed on the track.

ADOPT PROGRAM TAX REVISION

Washington, Aug. 15 (By The Associated Press)—House Republicans are understood to have adopted the program of the administration tax revision bill Saturday. The bill is designed to raise three billion dollars during the calendar year with the repeal of excess profits taxes and income surtaxes in excess of 22 per cent.

Schooner Is Total Wreck At Beaufort

Beaufort, N. C., Aug. 15 (By The Associated Press)—The schooner Louise Howard is a total loss on the breakers here today at a loss of fifty-eight thousand dollars. The crew was saved.

MILLS RE-OPEN MILITIA ON GUARD

Concord, N. C., Aug. 15 (By The Associated Press)—The Locke Cotton mill re-opened with State Militia on guard for protection of non-union workers. A crowd of union employees formed, but only jibed the returning workers. It was announced that the Hartwell mills would re-open at noon.

One man armed with a revolver was arrested today.

Alabama Troops Check Race Riot

Anniston, Ala., Aug. 15 (By The Associated Press)—The State militia was called to Bibb County today to check the race riot that resulted from the slaying of the fourteen-year-old daughter of a prominent farmer. A negro is held charged with the crime.

Later it was said that the militia was to accompany Clyde Thomas, negro, to Centerville, where he will be arraigned in connection with the murder of a farmer's daughter and that the report of a riot was untrue.

DISCUSS PEACE IN FORMAL MEETING

Dublin, Aug. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Many members of the Irish Republican parliament will meet today for the first time in formal meeting to discuss Irish peace. Negotiations have been made in prison and on the run.

HAT SHOP GETS READY FOR THE FALL SEASON

The Hat Shop has recently been repainted inside and out and even the sign on the window is brand new. The entire place is looking so fresh and clean and attractive that the passerby immediately remembers that fall millinery will soon be on display with its new colors, fashions and fabrics. The Mimes Markham are ready for the season and will have an unusually handsome line of millinery for early fall.

HOGGARD-PUTNAM

Undeterred by lightning, thunder, rain and mud, Willie Earl Hoggard and Miss Winnie Putnam motored to this city Saturday afternoon from Newport News, and were married at eight o'clock that night by Rev. H. E. Myers at the home of Register of Deeds G. W. Brothers, on North Road street. They returned to Newport News after the ceremony.

Negro Is Sentenced Within Two Hours

Greenwood, S. C., Aug. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Within two hours after the first juror was drawn "Pink" Griffin, negro, was tried, found guilty and sentenced to electrocution on September second for the murder of Dr. Lawton Lipscomb. The jury was out ten minutes.

Dr. G. W. Clarke Resigns Pastorate

At the evening service at Blackwell Memorial church Sunday, Dr. G. W. Clarke, pastor of Blackwell Memorial Baptist church for the last four years, tendered his resignation, effective September 20th, and the congregation accepted the resignation as tendered by a vote of 47 to 46.

45 DROWNED AND ONLY ONE SAVED

Kobe, Japan, Aug. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Forty-five seamen are believed to have been drowned in the wreck of the steamer Shoshu in a typhoon. Only one seaman was saved.

Alleged Slayer Is On Hunger Strike

Calgary, Alberta, Aug. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Dr. R. M. Brumfield, charged with slaying Dennis Russell, is on a hunger strike and growing very weak.

Wild Tribesmen Want American Rule

Davao, Philippine Islands, Aug. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Wild tribesmen here today told General Wood that they favor American rule while the Christians ask for independence.

New Plan Reported For Control Of China

Tokio, Aug. 15 (By The Associated Press)—The Japanese cabinet is today considering reports that the United States may suggest control of China by an international commission.

MANY AUTOS STOLEN IN NEW YORK CITY

New York, Aug. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Over two and a half million dollars worth of automobiles have been stolen in New York since February.

OBENCHAIN INDICTED IN KENNEDY MURDER

Los Angeles, Aug. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Ralph B. Obenchain was today indicted in connection with the killing of J. Belton Kennedy.

Deadlock Over Relief For Russia

Riga, Latvia, Aug. 15 (By The Associated Press)—A deadlock in negotiations for American relief of the Russian famine between the American Relief Administration and the Soviet representative is reported. An appeal to Washington and Moscow is believed likely.

Frying Pan Fatal Omen To Drivers

Caught between the frying pan and the Fair Ground, Morris Doxey, an employe of Twiddy's Grocery, was fined \$10 and costs for speeding by Recorder Spence in city court here Monday morning. Pasquotank County's enterprising and resourceful traffic officers have nailed a frying pan to a fencepost, 100 yards from a designated point on the Fair Ground fence, it is said, and automobile drivers nabbed covering this distance in five seconds or less may look forward to a session in court. Edgar Williams paid the costs of a hearing on a charge of failure to display the proper license tag upon one of his cars.

Will Freeman, colored, was fined \$5 and costs for assault. George Everett, colored, charged with speeding, was fined \$10 and costs.

Leonard Armstrong and Willie Crane were fined \$5 and costs each for affray. Joe Swindell, in court on a charge of speeding, paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

Urges Help For Southern Farmers

Washington, Aug. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Government loans to Southern farmers to tide them over until they can market their cotton were urged today by Martin Amoruso, of Marietta, Ga., before the Congressional Committee Investigating agricultural conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Pugh, Mrs. Fred Davis and children Weymouth and Margaret, and Rev. H. E. Myers left Monday for an automobile trip to Lake Junaluska.

THINK MAN IS AMBROSE SMALL

Isolated Farm House Discloses Mysterious Person, Dazed and Legless—Possible Missing Millionaire

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 15 (By The Associated Press)—A man of mystery who detectives believe to be Ambrose Small, missing Toronto theatre millionaire, was found today in an isolated farm house dazed and legless.

Five Are Killed In Million Dollar Fire

Philadelphia, Aug. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Five were killed in the fire of the Atlantic Refining Company, which was extinguished today. The loss is estimated at a million dollars.

THIS CITY IS ON STATE HONOR ROLL

Is One Of The Seven North Carolina Cities Having No Fires During The Month Of July

Elizabeth City is one of the seven North Carolina cities on the Honor Roll of the State Insurance Department for July, just made public, not a single fire having occurred here during the month. The other six cities are Burlington, Reidsville, High Point, Washington, North Wilkesboro and Rocky Mount. The entire fire loss of the State during the month amounted to \$512,775, as compared with \$313,760 for June.

Half of the total fire loss of the month was entailed in the destruction of a large fibre board factory near Roanoke Rapids. Fires resultant from known causes during July resulted in an aggregate damage of only \$66,886. Most of the latter were caused by oil stoves, sparks on shingle roofs, defective flues, gasoline and matches, cigarette stubs and electricity.

Cities suffering only a nominal fire loss were Henderson, \$10; New Bern, \$25; Goldsboro, \$125; Morehead City, \$25, and Mooresville, \$35. The fire loss for the United States and Canada was \$33,355,750, thus far the highest for any single month of 1921 except January. This brings the total loss for the first seven months of the year up to \$198,282,050, an excess of \$9,000,000 over a similar period in 1920, and \$48,000,000 above the aggregate loss for the same months in 1919.

ICE CREAM SUPPER AT EPWORTH CHURCH THURSDAY

There will be an ice cream supper Thursday night at Epworth Methodist church. The proceeds will be used for the church and the public is invited to attend the supper.

Lynch Negro Who Assaulted Woman

Kinston, N. C., Aug. 15.—A mob ransacked estimated at 1,000 to 2,000 armed men captured Jerome Whitfield, negro, charged with criminal assault on a white woman of Jones County, and after hanging him to an oak tree by the roadside riddled his body with bullets about noon Sunday.

The victim of the alleged assault, committed late Saturday, is reported to have positively identified the negro when he was taken to her home, six miles from the Jones County woods in which the capture was made Sunday morning. She is the wife of a prominent Jones County farmer.

Southern Industries Must Be Protected

Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Protection of Southern industries through imposition of tariff on foreign products was declared essential for development of home enterprises in the address here today before the Southern tariff congress by John H. Kirby, president of the organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Jennings have returned from their wedding trip.

New Bank Officers Are Hundred Percent

The officers of the Carolina Banking and Trust Company have subscribed to the Hospital Fund 100 per cent, every officer taking stock in the proposed community institution, Secretary Job announced Monday morning. This is the first bank to put across the Hospital Drive in this way.

CROOK-GRICE

Miss Maude Grice, of this city and Mr. Howard E. Crook, of Baltimore, were married at Christ church Monday afternoon at half past two o'clock by Rev. G. F. Hill, rector.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Grice, of this city, and the groom is president of the local public utility companies. The marriage was a very quiet one and came as a surprise to friends of both bride and groom.

The ceremony was attended only by a party of intimate friends of the couple. Mr. and Mrs. Crook left on the afternoon train for Baltimore, where they will make their home.

One Daily Paper For Every Three Persons

Products of Publishing Companies In 1919 Worth Billion And a Half

Washington, Aug. 15 (By The Associated Press)—More than eleven and a quarter billion copies of daily newspapers are printed annually in the United States, averaging one copy a day for every three and one-fifth persons of the country's total population, latest statistics of the Bureau of the Census show.

Circulation of the nation's 2,433 daily newspapers aggregated 32,735,937 copies a day, an increase of 13.8 per cent in the five years since 1914. The circulation of the 592 Sunday newspapers was 19,929,834 copies each Sunday during 1919, an increase of 14.9 per cent.

The aggregate circulation of these daily and Sunday newspapers, therefore, was 11,270,559,316 copies, or 106.6 copies per capita for the year. Total circulation of the country's 29,431 newspapers and periodicals aggregated 15,475,145,102 copies for the year, an increase of 7 per cent per issue in five years. That includes daily, Sunday, tri-weekly, semi-weekly, weekly, monthly, quarterly, and all other newspapers and periodicals.

The printing and publishing industry's products were valued in 1919 at \$1,528,856,503, of which newspapers and periodicals contributed \$808,066,035, and newspapers alone \$612,718,515, an increase of 116.0 per cent in five years.

Newspaper subscriptions and sales aggregated \$204,958,214, an increase of 105.9 per cent. Advertising totaled \$407,760,301, an increase of 121.5 per cent.

Speaks To Laymen On Brotherliness

Lake Junaluska, Aug. 15.—"The question is no longer how does the other half live—it is how does the \$5 per cent live?" the Rev. James Myers of the Presbyterian Church today told the Laymen's conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South in session here. Dr. Myers is executive secretary of the board of operatives at the Dutchess Bleachery, Wappingers Falls, N. Y. He spoke on "Religion in Industry."

"The mission of religion to the present disturbed social order is not so much a message to the poor to respect the sacredness of the property-rights of the rich, although it is that also, as it is a message to the rich in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ to bring about a more brotherly distribution of wealth, health, joy and freedom in the world," the Rev. Mr. Myers said.

"This can not be done by charity, nor can it be done by violence. The inequalities of the present economic order can be eliminated only by a more brotherly distribution of the profits of industry at the source of production.

"Wealth can be reapportioned in a brotherly way only where it is made, in the process of its production, by the granting of a truly living wage, by a voluntary decrease in the interest expected for the use of capital, and by a very material increase in the financial rewards paid to human beings for their labor of hand or brain. "Is it brotherly," asked Rev. Mr. Myers, "that the financial burden of life should bear down the hardest upon those who have the least? Is it brotherly that a poor man should have to pay the highest prices for all of the necessities of life? Is it brotherly that the day laborer's pay should stop the minute he gets sick and has to stay at home while the higher paid officials of the company, although better able to stand the financial drain of sickness, have their salaries continued to them as long as they are ill? Is it brotherly that the highest profits in the real estate business should be commonly derived from the tenement property, the least desirable accommodations in the whole city where the poorest people have to live?"

APOTHECARY SHOP ROBBED BY NIGHT

Thief With Plenty Of Nerve Enters Side Window, Gets Money And Cigarettes

Some time between midnight Saturday night and daybreak Sunday morning, a daring burglar broke into the Apothecary Shop at Main and McMormie streets, on one of the most public corners in the city, rifled both cash registers, and stole a carton of cigarettes. The thief obtained about ten dollars in change which S. G. Etheridge, the manager, had left in the registers at closing time Saturday night.

The burglar entered the drug store by a small window in the grill room, which had been left open, except for a screen, the sill of which is about five feet above the sidewalk. He climbed on a box, tore out the window screen with a broken floor mop, stepped through the window upon one of the marble-topped tables inside the grill room, and proceeded to help himself to money and cigarettes. That the robber was not a drug addict is evidenced by the fact that several hundred dollars' worth of morphine, cocaine, heroin and other narcotics in the prescription room were left untouched.

Whoever the intruder was, he was entirely familiar with the inside of the store, and with the operation of the electric cash register. He left no clew as to his identity, but the police have several suspects under surveillance, and an early arrest is not improbable.

"We just can't keep 'em out," said Mr. Etheridge Monday morning, commenting on the burglary, "they are not satisfied to come in sixteen hours a day while we're open, but must get inside after closing hours as well."

The robber tried to open the safe, but was unsuccessful, which Mr. Etheridge says is not remarkable, inasmuch as it can hardly be opened by one who knows the combination.

May Soon Capture Big Rum Runners

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Larger vessels than the schooners already confiscated are involved in rum running along the Atlantic coast and important arrests may be expected soon, Assistant United States Attorney Pearce said today.

WILL NEED TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS MORE

Washington, Aug. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Railroad Director Davis said today that an additional two hundred million dollars is needed for the settlement of claims against the administration.

KING PETER ILL

Washington, Aug. 15 (By The Associated Press)—King Peter, of Serbia, is critically ill and unconscious says a legation message.

Turks Are Retiring Without Resistance

Smyrna, Aug. 15 (By The Associated Press)—The Greeks are driving their second offensive against the Turks, who are retiring rapidly without resistance.

BASEBALL TODAY

There will be a game of baseball this evening at 5:30 on the West Main street diamond between the Blackwell Memorial baseball team and the First Baptist aggregation. This is the first meeting of these two clubs, and the outcome is hard to say. Both teams will put forth their best efforts.

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