

## Sweet Potato Shipments Now Total 500 Barrels

### Movement to Northern Market Gaining Headway With Indications of Reduced Crop But Higher Prices than Last Year — Big Currituck Cotton Crop

Nearly 500 barrels of sweet potatoes had been shipped to Northern markets at 2 o'clock Saturday. All of these potatoes were from Currituck County. One hundred and nine barrels were shipped on Friday and 300 had been loaded at 11 o'clock Saturday.

"Prospects as to prices are the best I have ever seen," N. Howard Smith said Saturday afternoon. "The best grade of potato is bringing ten dollars a barrel on the Northern market. It is my opinion that the market will remain high if the farmers will keep the trash off the market. But if the poor grade potatoes are shipped in any large quantity the market is sure to drop and if it ever gets down it will be hard to bring it up again. The price paid for the poorer grade of potato is exceptionally low this year."

"I can see no reason why there should be any rush of the potato to the market," S. G. Scott of Brock & Scott said Saturday morning. "Sweet potatoes next week will be in better condition than they are this week, but I do not think they will be properly developed until week after next. The Eastern Shore potatoes will not get to the market before the 20th of August and shipments from every state South of us are extremely light except in Alabama and the quantity of potatoes moving from that state is averaging only a few cars a day. If sweets are graded and dug after they are mature I believe the market will bring an average price of \$6.00 a barrel for the next two weeks, but if farmers continue to dig potatoes before they are mature and rush them to the market before grading them you may look for a slump in the market."

J. B. Owens, former Currituckian who still spends a considerable part of his time in that county, says that the sweet potato acreage is about 30 per cent less than last year. "But prospects are that the total shipments will be greater as last year only half of some of the crops were dug. The farmers in Currituck this year, on an average, will raise practically enough corn for their own needs. Cotton has been planted too and the Currituck crop, I believe, has a better color than that of Pasquotank. The farmers of Currituck last year, after losing heavily on sweet and Irish potatoes, made up their minds that they would not again put all their money crop acreage on Irish and sweet potatoes."

Former Sheriff Bob Griggs of Harbinger, himself a large potato grower, who shipped the first potatoes from Currituck last year, is in no such hurry this year, believing that the market will hold up, if the farmers will grade their potatoes and keep trash off the market, for several weeks yet. Last year Mr. Griggs shipped 50 barrels on August 19 that sold at \$10 a barrel and on August 25 shipped more than 100 barrels which sold at \$7 a barrel. Before shipping early, Mr. Griggs was able to dispose of most of his crop before the price got so low as to make shipping unprofitable, whereas most growers left half their potatoes in the ground for the hogs to harvest and in isolated instances less than 10 per cent of the crop was dug. This year, however, Mr. Griggs has not yet dug his first potatoes, a reporter for The Advance learned while the former sheriff was in the city Saturday.

"Though believing that prospects indicate a fair yield of potatoes this year if rains do not become excessive, Mr. Griggs thinks that the acreage this year has been greatly overestimated in newspaper reports and by the public generally. He thinks that this year's sweet potato acreage is hardly more than half and perhaps little over a third of last year's. "In some instances, growers planted only one barrel of potatoes this year to ten last year," he said.

The loss in potato acreage is offset by the gain in cotton acreage, according to Mr. Griggs. He says that 10 acres of cotton this year is planted to one last year and that the crop gives promise of being the biggest and best in Currituck's history.

### PEACH SHOW SUCCESS

Hamlet, July 28.—With 10,000 people present the third annual Peach Show of the Sandhill Belt was held here yesterday and declared a success.

### PRODUCTION OF PINE SHOWS SOME DECREASE

Washington, July 28.—Production of southern pine lumber during June amounted to 450,408,000 board feet as compared with 499,247,000 board feet in June a year ago. It is announced by the Department of Commerce.

Stocks on hand at the end of June aggregated 1,054,133,000 board feet as compared with 1,095,580,000 board feet on June 30, 1922.

Production of oak flooring in June amounted to 34,342,000 board feet as against 34,636,000 board feet in May and 23,495,000 board feet in June a year ago.

New orders booked called for 15,081,000 board feet as against 22,677,000 board feet in May and 24,472,000 board feet in June 1922.

## Next Association To Be Held At Berea

### Time is Changed From July To April at Edenton Meeting Friday

The next meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of Chowan Association will be held at Berea Baptist Church on the Tuesday and Wednesday after the second Sunday in April. The place and date were decided upon at Edenton Friday where the 1923 session was held.

The Edenton meeting was well attended and the Edenton people were most courteous and hospitable, visitors returning with enthusiastic reports of the pleasant stay there.

Reports on the various phases of work were encouraging. The address by the State W. M. U. president, Mrs. W. N. Jones of Raleigh, was greatly enjoyed, and so was the mission study pageant given by the young people on Friday afternoon.

The association voted to send a young woman to the Louisville Training School next year, a task which had not been undertaken in several years because of many other duties. The young woman who will go is Miss Mattie Macon Norman of Edenton.

Mrs. Blanche B. Sawyer of Belcross who has been superintendent of the woman's work of the association for a number of years, tendered her resignation, which was regretfully accepted, and Mrs. T. E. Gardner of Edenton was elected to fill this position.

## Crowd Tears Down And Burns Red Flag

New York, July 28.—A crowd today stormed the Hoboken headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World, whose longshoremen are on a strike, and tore down the red flag floating over the building. The flag was burned, according to New York headquarters of the organization, which charged that the attack was made by members of the International Longshoremen's Association, which had called back those of its members who walked out. The attackers numbered about 50.

## BOLSHEVISTS ISSUE MILLIONS OF BOOKS

Bucharest, July 28.—Figures received here summarizing the activities of the publishing business in Russia which is purely an enterprise of the Soviet state, indicate that great effort is being made to convince the Russian people of the correctness of Bolshevik political, social and economic theories.

The Soviet publishing house issued from its presses in Moscow and put into circulation throughout Russia during the last 12 months no less than 14,500,000 volumes covering the fields of economics, politics, history and even fiction.

Aside from the obvious propaganda tendencies of the volumes on political and economic subjects, the Soviet historians have sought to show how the world has suffered because of its hostility to Bolshevism doctrines, and in many of the fiction volumes the endeavor has been to prove that opposition to Soviet doctrines has warped, limited or distorted individual lives.

## REPORT CAR LOADINGS LOOKS LIKE PROSPERITY

Washington, July 28.—The weekly average car loadings for June amounted to 1,005,162 cars as against 851,700 cars for June, 1922, the Department of Commerce announced.

## JACOB COX DEAD

Jacob Cox died at 6 o'clock Friday at the Community Hospital after being at the hospital for two weeks and having been sick since last March. Mr. Cox was 73 years old and is survived by his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Margaret McHarny of Currituck; two daughters, Mrs. G. C. Dowdy and Miss Ruth Cox, of this city; three sons, David Cox of Brooklyn, N. Y., Luther Cox of Los Angeles, Cal., and Hal and Jacob, Jr., of this city; and by two sisters, Mrs. John Flora and Mrs. Ed Snow of Norfolk.

Mr. Cox was born and raised in Currituck and moved to this city five years ago.

The funeral will be conducted at the home on Morgan street Sunday at 1 o'clock, by Dr. S. H. Templeman, and burial services at the grave by the Masons. Interment will be made in Hollywood.

Mr. and Mrs. John Forbes of Knotts Island are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Perry on North Road street.

## NEXT WEEK FOR SCOUT PLEDGES

### Aim Is to Raise \$2,500 for Boys and Girls Activities in Elizabeth City Beginning Campaign on Monday.

Camp Robert E. Lee, July 28.—Everybody had a wonderful time down here Thursday evening. The Home Town folks came down to see the camp and brought along the seven baskets of good things to eat. The social service committee of the Woman's Club made the Scouts friends for life.

The purpose of the gathering, as was told in The Advance Tuesday, was not only to create sentiment but to help put over the permanent program of boys and girls activities for Elizabeth City.

Talks were made by Rev. S. H. Templeman, Rev. H. E. Myers, President Houtz of the Rotary Club, President Williams of the Kiwanians, followed by Mrs. Ethel Lamb vice president of the Woman's Club, Harry G. Kramer, George R. Little, N. Will Daily, Will G. Gaither. All talks were inspirational. Each speaker spoke of the importance of training the boys to real manhood activities and urged upon all citizens to make appropriations to this end.

It is the aim to raise \$2,500 during the next week. W. G. Gaither, N. Will Daily, George Culpepper, and Winfield Worth, constitute the council to whom all pledges will be made.

Scoutmaster Scattergood outlined the program and needs of the camp, chief of which are a bunk house and boat. He said:

"I feel sure that you will so value your boy's life as to make possible this most important of all activities. The Scout law and pledges are as follows, and constitute the law of governing conduct for all:

- #### Scout Oath
1. On my honor I will do my best.
  1. To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout law.
  2. To help other people at all times.
  3. To keep myself physically strong, mentally clean and morally straight.

- #### Scout Law
1. A Scout is trustworthy.
  2. A Scout is loyal.
  3. A Scout is helpful.
  4. A Scout is friendly.
  5. A Scout is courteous.
  6. A Scout is obedient.
  7. A Scout is kind.
  8. A Scout is cheerful.
  9. A Scout is thrifty.
  10. A Scout is brave.
  11. A Scout is clean.
  12. A Scout is reverent.

"These laws as well as the oath constitute the full trend of a well formed character and to have this advantage over other training, that these points are kept ever before a Scout's mind.

"Your knowledge of a boy or girl knowledge of agriculture, angling, archery, architecture, art, advertising, athletics, bee keeping, bird study, woodcraft, sampling, first aid, cooking and many other activities too numerous to mention, and for which he is awarded merit badges.

"Your knowledge of a boy or girl will enable you to appreciate the more just what a schooling among this line will do and mean. We mention this because we want your heartiest co-operation. It is not a money-making proposition. We simply carry on because of our love for the young. Can you do more?"

"Will you not call on the committee Monday and advise them as to the amount of your pledge. We shall publish a list of pledges in The Advance each day."

## HELPING RUM FLEET WITH PRIVATE YACHT

New York, July 28.—Julian Baker, brother of former Secretary of War Newton D. Baker, was yesterday fined \$1,000 for attempting to land liquor from his rum fleet in his yacht and his yacht was seized.

## FOUR MEN ARE KILLED IN RAILWAY COLLISION

Quebec, July 28.—Four men were killed in a railroad collision on the eastbound transcontinental train near Pickard today. Meagre details indicated that the train collided in a fog with a freight.

## Affirms Conviction of Former Publisher

New York, July 28.—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals today affirmed the conviction of Dr. Edward Rumely, former publisher of the New York Evening Mail, and Walter Kaufman and Norman Lindheim, attorneys, for defrauding the alien property custodian in their report on the paper's ownership. The three were ordered to serve sentences of a year and a day.

## MONDAY EXCURSION TO RUN TO COLUMBIA

The Vansclver will leave here at eight o'clock Monday morning for an excursion to Columbia. Music, refreshments and a pleasant day generally are expected.

## FRENCH SEEKING FOR FULL ACCORD

(By The Associated Press.)  
Paris, July 28.—The French reply to British suggestions as to a joint response to Germany's reparations memorandum was said authoritatively today to have been drafted with the determination to exhaust every means of reaching full accord with Great Britain.

## Seed Growers To Meet In Raleigh

### Farmers Who Are Improving Seed Hold Meeting On Tuesday of Next Week

Raleigh, July 28.—Growers of improved seeds in North Carolina who are members of the North Carolina Seed Breeders' Association will meet at the State College during the Farmers' State Convention on Tuesday afternoon, July 31, according to an announcement by Dr. R. Y. Winters, Argonomist in Plant Breeding for the State College and Department of Agriculture.

"Our association consists of farmers who have secured the best available farm seeds and are constantly making them better by selecting their seed in the field each year," said Dr. Winters. "The association has been formed for several years now and has a number of local organizations in different counties of the state. Our membership is drawn from those farmers who are convinced that seed grown and selected in North Carolina are the best that can be secured for use in this state and their conclusions are amply justified by the great number of tests that have been shown with cotton, corn, wheat, oats, rye and soybeans."

Dr. Winters states that the association was organized primarily for the purpose of bringing these seed breeders together to discuss problems of mutual interest and to secure benefit and enthusiasm from the experience of others. Another important thing that the association does, Dr. Winters asserted, is to bring the growers into closer touch with the seed breeding work being conducted by the agricultural workers of the State College staff. "This work under the leadership of Dr. Winters is the most extensive program of its kind to be found in any state of the south and has caused many other experiment stations to undertake similar activity," according to a Department announcement.

Dr. Winters invites any farmer who is breeding improved farm seeds to be present at the meeting. "The purpose of the association is to encourage the improvement and the use of North Carolina grown seeds," Dr. Winters stated.

The program as arranged for next Tuesday afternoon is as follows:

Progress of Seed Improvement in our State, Dr. R. Y. Winters.

Some Results from Selecting Seed in the Field, V. R. Herman.

The Value of Re-cleaned Cotton Seed, Zene Moore, County Agent, Edgecombe county.

My Experience with Improved Seed, B. F. Shelton, Speed, N. C.

The Relation of Seed Improvement to Marketing Cotton, U. B. Blalock, Manager, Cooperative Cotton Marketing Association.

The meeting begins at the College at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and concludes with the election of officers for the new year.

## DARES GOVERNOR TO CALL SPECIAL SESSION

Raleigh, July 28.—Commissioner Maxwell yesterday issued a statement challenging the Governor to call the Legislature in special session and lay the facts of the audit and finances of the State before it for prompt action. He said that the Governor has shifted ground as he at first said there was no deficit and now charges him with responsibility for a deficit.

## Judge Denies Motion For Change of Venue

Cumberland Courthouse, Va., July 28.—Judge White's decision yesterday denied the commonwealth's motion for a change of venue and the Garrett trial will open here Tuesday morning. The judge, after declaring that the state had not convinced him that a fair and impartial trial could not be had in Cumberland County, late yesterday afternoon, adjourned court until Monday morning.

## SINGING CLASS HERE

Rev. A. S. Barnes, Supt. Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh, with Miss Rives, director will arrive Saturday afternoon with sixteen members of the singing class of that institution. While in the city they will be the guests of the two Methodist churches, and will give sacred concerts in the First Church and at 8 p. m. in City Road. The class will leave Monday for Manteo.

William Perry, Jr., of North Road street left Friday to visit relatives on Knotts Island.

## Baseball Mass Meet To Be Held Monday

### At Eight O'clock At Courthouse Fans Decide Whether Baseball Will Continue

Baseball fans who want to see real baseball in Elizabeth City for the rest of the season are asked to attend a mass meeting to be held at the courthouse Monday night at eight o'clock.

The purpose of the meeting is to determine whether Elizabeth City wishes to continue baseball for the month of August.

Fans in Elizabeth City for the past four weeks have been witnessing a style of baseball that is just about as good as the big league stuff itself and attendance at the games has been very good except during threatening weather.

But the baseball association is up against a few hard facts. Without a fence around the baseball park the experience of the last month has proven that expenses cannot be met on account of rain were the days on which no rain insurance was carried. The fact is insurance for games has to be taken out five days ahead of time and many of the games scheduled have not been arranged for that many days ahead.

But the experience of Elizabeth City in not being able to meet expenses on gate receipts is the experience of practically every baseball association of semi-professional baseball in other parts of the State. For instance, Bill Poyner of Poplar Branch, who before signing up with the local fans, was employed by the baseball club of the little town of Marion, says something like a dozen men, forked out fifty bucks apiece to start things off.

Tom Nelson, president of the club here, has been watching the financial status of the club here with some suspicion and on Friday gave the visitors supper without expense to the association. "This is the most hospitable town I've ever been in," the manager of the visiting club said Friday afternoon, "and we certainly want another game with you next week."

The advertising value of a good ball team in Elizabeth City is not properly appreciated—perhaps. For instance, the record of the local team this season has been hailed as far as Charlotte and games in Elizabeth City have brought fans here from several adjoining counties.

The Edenton aggregation has disbanded for the rest of the season but the Norfolk police, Roanoke Rapids, and the South Norfolk teams are all anxious to play in Elizabeth City next week.

## Dempsey and Firpo Fight September 14

(By The Associated Press.)  
New York, July 28.—Jack Dempsey will meet Luis Firpo in a 15-round bout to the decision for the world's heavyweight championship at the Polo Grounds on Friday, September 14. Tex Rickard announced today.

In making the announcement of the date and place, the promoter stated that he had completed arrangements whereby he would have the use of the Polo Grounds for all future boxing matches there.

## La FOLLETTE PREDICTS THIRD PARTY COMING

Washington, July 28.—Senator La Follette declared here yesterday that unless the major parties nominate liberals in 1924 a third party will follow. He says Harding is a reactionary.

## OIL SHARES SUFFER IN BEAR ATTACKS

New York, July 28.—Prices today tumbled in the stock market in response to another series of bear attacks. Oil shares were hardest hit, being hammered down from one to three points.

## Twenty Eight Men Entombed By Blast

(By The Associated Press.)  
Sheffield, England, July 28.—Twenty-eight men were entombed by an explosion in Malby Colliery today where fire has been causing trouble for several weeks. The terrible nature of the explosion made operations to get in communication with the men impossible but rescue parties were on hand ready to start as soon as conditions permitted.

## STEAMSHIPS COLLIDE SAYS WIRELESS REPORT

Seattle, Wash., July 28.—The Japanese steamer, Mandasun Maru, inbound from the Orient, today collided four miles west of Port Angeles with the steamship Ranier, outbound from Seattle for San Francisco, according to a wireless report.

## HALLET S. WARD SPEAKER OF DAY

### Two Thousand People Expected to Hear Him Next Saturday, Which Is Pleasure Day in Currituck County.

Congressman Hallet S. Ward will be the principal speaker on "Pleasure Day," which is to be observed at Bible School Park of the Church of Christ at Point Harbor, Currituck County, on Saturday, August 4.

Congressman Ward is one of the most popular speakers in the First Congressional District, and the news that he is to speak in Currituck on this occasion will add to the number who are planning to attend the celebration. Plans are being made to take care of not less than 2,000 people, and already workmen are engaged in erecting a speaker's stand and seats for those who will hear Congressman Ward.

Besides the speechmaking, other events scheduled for the day will add to the interest in the occasion. Chief, perhaps, among these are the boat races, in which provision will be made for every type of craft that is desired to enter and prizes will be awarded in each class of race in which there are participants. Owners of speedy craft may enter their boats during the morning of the day, the races taking place in the afternoon.

Dinner, of course, will be provided on the ground, and everybody who knows Currituck knows that provision will be ample. The charge for dinner and other refreshments, say those in charge of arrangements, will be reasonable and nobody need fear that there will not be enough to eat and to spare for all who attend.

Besides a good country dinner, other things that will be provided in abundance are confectionery, cool drinks, ice cream, fruit and homemade pies and cake.

The park at which Pleasure Day is to be observed is situated in a beautiful grove near what is known as the Indian Old Fort. From the waterfront, one may get a view of Albemarle, Croatan and Currituck Sounds, while in the distance gleam the white sands of Kill Devil Hill, where the Wright Brothers made their epoch-making experiments with the first successful heavier-than-air flying machine. The wide scope of water surrounding the park makes it one of the coolest places in Currituck County or anywhere in the Albemarle region short of the ocean. Bathing, boat-riding and fishing are some of the things that are counted on to make the occasion a real pleasure day to those of all ages who attend.

## HARDING AND PARTY ON WAY TO YOSEMITE

(By The Associated Press.)  
On Board the President's special train, July 28.—After a rail and water trip of more than 5,000 miles to Alaska, Canada, and return to Seattle, President Harding and his party were again aboard the train which left Washington June 26, traveling South today to the Yosemite National Park. He and Mrs. Harding spent the day in relaxation from the hurried and strenuous program in Seattle.

## ASK PERSON COUNTY SHERIFF TO RESIGN

Raleigh, July 28.—The county commissioners yesterday asked Sheriff J. Melvin Long of Person County to resign his office because of reports of his alleged misconduct, advices received here state.

## DOG KILLS CHILD; OWNER IS ARRESTED

North Bergen, N. J., July 28.—While 50 persons were looking on, two great Danes yesterday tore to pieces Joseph Genatt, nine years old. The owner of the dogs was arrested for technical manslaughter.

## BODY OF JAMES COPELAND FOUND NEAR HARKERS ISLE

Beaufort, July 26.—The body of James Copeland of the Tug Juno, who was drowned in Beaufort Inlet last Sunday afternoon, was recovered yesterday. Driven by winds and tide the body had floated five miles and reached Harkers Island Tuesday evening. Willis Nelson, a fisherman, saw a small coming up and getting out to see that his boat was secure found the corpse tangled up in his anchor chain. He reported the discovery and this morning the coroner and a boat from the Coast Guard station went to the spot and brought the body here. It was considerably swollen and crabs or fish had bitten the face. The remains of the unfortunate man have been shipped to his relatives at Southport.

## COTTON MARKET

New York, July 28.—Spot cotton, closed quiet, Middling 22.45 a decline of 35 points. Futures, closing bid, Oct. 21.14-19, Dec. 21.02-04, Jan. 20.88-93, March 21.02-05, May 20.97-21.03.

New York, July 28.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: October 21.20, December 21.40-48, January 21.30-25, March 21.45, May 21.46.