

## Has Never Seen Better Crops Than Now In State

### F. P. Latham at Farmers' Convention After Visiting East, West and Central Sections, Gives Enthusiastic Report of North Carolina's Varied Products

Raleigh, August 2.—Traveling in an automobile from Belhaven to the mountains and returning by another route, F. P. Latham, member of the State Board of Agriculture from the First District, a visitor in Raleigh to the Farmers' Convention, made an interesting report as to agricultural conditions as he finds them in North Carolina.

While out for a leisurely survey of farming conditions, Mr. Latham also studied other industries related to agriculture.

"I have never seen better crops than are in the State at this time," said Mr. Latham. "Leaving Belhaven on July 15, I had an idea that no crops could be better than our corn, beans and cotton. This is the granary of North Carolina and the livestock country of the Southeast. My route lay through the towns of Washington, Greenville and Wilson into Raleigh. As I left the Tidewater section we gradually came into the upper coastal plain which is the heart of our bright leaf tobacco section. Here I found a wonderful crop of tobacco. The plants seem to be topped on an average of from 14 to 16 leaves and were of the finest quality. Gradually as we drew out of this section there came less tobacco and more cotton. The cotton crop all through this territory is in magnificent shape. Some of the planters claim, however, that their crop this year is a trifle late and the plants somewhat undersized on account of drouth. My impressions are, that judging the cotton at this season of the year there will be a good crop produced provided the boll weevil does not seriously damage it later in the fall.

"I found that the boll weevil was in evidence all through my trip over the cotton section and was beginning to do some damage."

Mr. Latham, after leaving Raleigh, visited Haw River, Statesville, Black Mountain, stopping in Catawba County to look over the great dairy and pasture section.

"Just as truly as is Eastern Carolina the great agriculture section of the State and Piedmont North Carolina the industrial section, so is the mountain section one vast playground. We found here thousands of tourists and visitors enjoying the magnificent scenery and wonderful climate of our mountain region. License tags on the cars of these visitors showed that they came from practically every state in the Union south of Ohio, and east of the Mississippi river."

On his return from the mountains, Mr. Latham visited Henderson and Cleveland counties. Mr. Latham said he considered Cleveland one of the banner counties of the State.

"Here," says Mr. Latham, "was one continuous highly developed farming section, with field after field of cotton, all in good condition and giving promise of a good crop. Cleveland, it appears to me, is one of the best developed counties of our State. Along the road which we traveled there was practically no waste land and the countryside seemed to be well settled with prosperous farming people.

"Between Lincolnton and Albemarle there was a small section where the crops appeared to be not so good, on account of continued drouth."

Mr. Latham continued his trip to the Sandhills ending it at the Peach Show in Hamlet. He said he was deeply impressed with what he found in this section.

"Here are most wonderful possibilities; in fact, I can hardly see the limit of what we might reasonably expect of this region, especially when one considers the orchards already planted and those contemplated being planted within the next year or two," he said. "To my mind there is only one factor to limit the development of this section and that is that the market may not be developed to the extent that the fruit is produced. I do not think this will be a real danger, however, since a movement has already been made by the establishment of one small canning factory here, and I am reliably informed that this enterprise is already on a paying basis.

"When we consider that North Carolina peaches are well colored, due to the long hours of sunlight which the fruit gets in the Sandhills and that the flavor is unsurpassed, it appears to me that there will always be a market for North Carolina grown peaches.

"The crop was somewhat short this year, with some of the growers telling me that they would only ship about 350 cars. Last year the section shipped approximately 1,500 cars and one grower stated that he produced 100 carloads of marketable peaches from 105 acres. With such a record and with such possibilities as this the sandhills will soon become one of the most valuable sections of North Carolina."

### PICNIC POSTPONED

The Sunbeam picnic of the First Baptist Church which was to have been held Friday afternoon has been postponed because of the weather until a later date.

## RACE PROGRAMS ARE NOW READY

### Twenty-five Hundred Dollars Offered in Purses for Albemarle District Fair Races—Many Entries

Entries for the horse races at the Albemarle District Fair close on October 2. Race programs were issued on Thursday by Secretary Duckworth Glover.

All races will be mile heats and the races will be run on the three heat plan. One-third is the hour set for the races to start on each of the four days of the Fair.

Over \$2,500 have been offered in purses and with programs already out, it is expected that there will be a larger number of entries than at any previous fair held here.

Following is the program for each day's races:

**Tuesday, Oct. 9th**  
2:30 trot and pace—\$150.00.  
This is a district race for horses owned in the Albemarle fair district 60 days prior to date of race.  
2:15 pace—\$300.00.  
2:20 trot—\$300.00.  
**Wednesday, Oct. 10th**  
2:14 trot—\$300.00.  
2:19 pace—\$300.00.  
**Thursday, Oct. 11th**  
2:17 trot—\$300.00.  
2:24 pace—\$300.00.  
**Friday, Oct. 12th**  
Free-for-all trot and pace—\$300.  
2:24 trot—\$300.00.

## DEAD DOG IS FOUND NEAR WATER INTAKE

Good evening. Do you drink water from Knobbs Creek? Have you noticed anything particularly pungent about the flavor lately?

There's a reason for the question. Said reason was discovered by Dr. J. D. Hathaway and reported to City Manager Bray Wednesday. Mr. Bray immediately got in touch with Superintendent Parker of the Elizabeth City Water Company and Mr. Parker proceeded to the ditch draining into Knobbs Creek beyond the Knobbs Creek bridge, about 350 feet from the intake and had removed from that spot a sack containing a dead dog or some other animal.

It is supposed that somebody who wanted to make way with a dog put the animal into a sack and threw it into the ditch.

"The Water Company," says City Manager Bray, "is charged by law with responsibility for policing the watershed of the city's water supply. I don't know whether the company has been doing this or not but I am going to see that it does do it from now on."

## TWO MEN ARRESTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

Harrisburg, Pa., August 2.—A shortage of \$78,500 in the accounts of the Bethlehem Trust Company at Bethlehem has been discovered and Elmer Renner and Howard Rehrig, assistant treasurer, who confessed to speculation, have been arrested. Hetrix Cameron, secretary of the bank announced today.

## BANDITS STEAL FIVE TRUCK LOADS BEER

New York, August 2.—Two automobile loads of bandits flourishing revolvers today stole five trucks containing 350 kegs of legal beer at Concord, Staten Island, and escaped to Manhattan with two trucks after abandoning the others.

## SINGING CLASS RETURNS AFTER VISIT TO DARE

The Methodist Orphanage Singing Class which gave such delightful concerts in the First Methodist Church and City Road Sunday passed through the city on Thursday on their way back to Raleigh. They gave a concert at Manteo on Monday night and Tuesday night they were heard at Wanchese. On Wednesday they picnicked with some of their Manteo friends at Nags Head. They were carried from Manteo to Nags Head by Captain Miller on the Lotus.

## REVIVAL AT MT. HERMON

Rev. E. L. Stack is now conducting a revival at Mt. Hermon Methodist Church, two services being held each day. Services are held at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. and the public is cordially invited to attend both morning and afternoon services. The meeting will close on Sunday.

Rev. E. L. Stack assisted Rev. W. B. Humble of Shawboro in a revival last week at Perkins Chapel Methodist church. This meeting closed on Sunday night and eight or nine new members were added to the church.

## KU KLUX COMES INTO THE OPEN.



Exclusive photo shows three directors of the Ku Klux Klan's New York charter, against whom an injunction has been sought restraining them to act as a corporation, returning from a hearing before Supreme Court Justice Ellis J. Staley in Albany, N. Y. At left, with coat over arm, George C. Bryant of Buffalo, N. Y.; middle, looking at watch, Kenneth G. Scott, also of Buffalo; at right, with cane and cigar, E. D. Smith of Binghamton, N. Y., spokesman for the party.

## Will Apologize If Figures Are Wrong

### Comissioner Maxwell Says If Overstated Deficit He Will Gladly Say So

Raleigh, Aug. 2.—"If I have ever overstated the deficit by three million dollars I wish promptly to offer my apology to the people of the State," Corporation Commissioner A. J. Maxwell wired Price Waterhouse & Company, Philadelphia auditors, whose report of the financial condition of North Carolina was first made public Tuesday.

With the report dealing with the State's operating account showing a deficit of \$2,189,970.49, after deducting the treasury balance at the beginning of the twenty-five months period in controversy, Mr. Maxwell's original charge of a five million dollar deficit is clouded by what is charged now is an inclusion in revenue receipts of three million dollars of borrowed money, supposedly secured on short term notes which are listed by the auditors as bonded indebtedness of the State.

Mr. Maxwell's wire to the New York office of the auditors, dispatched early Wednesday morning, reads: "Price Waterhouse and Co., 56 Pine Street, New York.

"I have called upon you through the press to explain why on page nine and on exhibit 'F' of Audit you include as 'revenue' three million dollars of borrowed money, not repaid, and why this amount of unpaid borrowed money is not reflected in 'not accumulated deficit' in addition to the two million, one hundred eighty-nine thousand, nine hundred seventy dollars represented by overdraft against other treasury funds.

"Please use wire in answering," his telegraphic challenge concludes, "If I have overstated deficit by three million dollars, I wish promptly to offer my apologies to the people of the State."

State Treasurer Lacy, who might have cleared up the issue raised by Mr. Maxwell in the morning press, declined to say whether the three million dollars, listed as revenue was borrowed money, or not. All inquiries directed to him brought only a reference to a recent newspaper paragraph in which the silence of the treasurer on the "def-plus" controversy was hailed as dumbness akin to that of the well known oyster.

With the Maxwell charge that the \$45,000 auditing firm has gone old man Webster one better in defining revenue there comes a growing feeling in the State Departments that much of the bitterness and strife over the condition of finances might have been averted with publication, at the outset of the audit report as drafted by the auditors and submitted to the legislative committee.

But the report, accompanied by an amendment of the committee taking the \$710,000 school indebtedness out of the operating deficit as of July 1, 1923, and placing it in the bonded indebtedness of the State, was sent to Governor Morrison who discussed the whole report with Major Baxter Durham and other friends before it was returned here and the balance sheet released. Several days then elapsed before the complete report, containing criticisms and recommendations as to sweeping and drastic changes in the treasury and auditing departments, was offered to public inspection.

Dr. and Mrs. F. D. Viehe and family of Binghamton, N. Y. are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. L. S. Blades on East Main street.

## Tuttle Shoots His Father In Law

Greensboro, August 2.—Former City Judge C. A. Jones, in an altercation alleged to be over domestic affairs, was shot and seriously wounded last night by his son-in-law, F. Clyde Tuttle, who is being held here without bail. The condition of Judge Jones at noon today was reported to be critical.

The shooting, which took place in the kitchen, is said to have occurred as the climax to a long series of disagreements between the two men. Tuttle admits firing the shot that struck Judge Jones in the lower abdomen and ranged downward, according to statements he is quoted as having made to the police. The bullet punctured the intestines seven times according to surgeons making examinations.

A witness who arrived immediately after the shooting told police that he took a pistol belonging to Judge Jones from Mrs. Tuttle and that one chamber appeared to have been discharged. This was contrary to a statement said to have been made by Judge Jones following the shooting to the effect that he had not fired a shot. Tuttle claims self defense declaring he shot after father-in-law had fired at him and then only to frighten him. Warrants have been issued for both men, one charging Judge Jones with assault with deadly weapon and the other charging Tuttle with assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill.

F. Clyde Tuttle, spent several months in Elizabeth City just after his marriage, bringing Mrs. Tuttle here as a bride. He was with Mitchell's as advertising manager and did some other work here for the newspapers and merchants in the way of ad writing. Prior to coming here he was with the Raleigh Times, and after leaving here he organized an advertising agency of his own at Durham, which he later moved to Greensboro.

## SEE LITTLE HOPE OF SETTLEMENT

### Foreign Secretary Curzon Says French and Belgian Replies Offer Little Prospect of Help in the Ruhr.

London, August 2.—Foreign Secretary Curzon today told the House of Commons that the French and Belgian replies to the recent British reparations note appeared to hold out no prospect of early settlement of the situation in the Ruhr nor of the commencement of discussion on reparations.

The British draft of the reply to Germany was not mentioned in the communications from Paris and Brussels, he added, and he regretted that Great Britain could not find in the responses enough material for sending a joint Allied reply to the latest German note.

He said that Italy had expressed herself verbally as approving Great Britain's views and proposals.

## EXCURSION ON RIVER FOR FIRST METHODIST

The First Methodist Sunday school has planned a big day for Friday, August 3rd. The Steamer Annie L. Vansilver has been chartered to take members of the Sunday school and their friends for a combined basket picnic and boat excursion.

Those going will meet at the foot of Main street instead of at the church as was first planned. The steamer leaves at 2 p. m. for the picnic grounds at Shantilla Beach, landing at the wharf where there will be no danger for small children.

## NEW TRUST BUILDING HAS LARGEST BANKING ROOM

Cleveland, August 2.—The Union Trust building, Cleveland's largest, is nearing completion at the corner of Euclid Avenue and East 9th street, in the heart of the downtown district. The structure technically is 23 stories high and is believed to have the largest banking room in the world.

Marble columns rise to the full five-story height of the main banking room, which is "L" shaped, giving the savings department and commercial departments each a wing. Around the room are two balconies, lined with office rooms. The savings room is long enough for a 100-yard dash.

Four and one-half floors of the building will be occupied by the bank. Beside the offices there will be a cafeteria and kitchen, a complete hospital with private rooms and two wards, rest rooms for employees and several private dining and luncheon rooms for conference-dinners.

## TIME SEEMS NOW CHIEF ELEMENT

### Only Uncertain Factor in President Harding's Recovery, and Attending Physicians Differ About It.

(By The Associated Press) Presidential Headquarters, Palace Hotel, August 2.—Time now seems to be the chief element in the recovery of President Harding.

It is also regarded by physicians as one of the most uncertain questions "when the President will be able to travel." There are about as many different answers as there are persons in the President's party, but attending physicians will not really venture an opinion.

"The President's convalescence is going to take time," said Brigadier General Sawyer today, but in answer to the question as to how much time, all he would say was: "You can never elect time to be sick. You likewise can never elect time to be well."

## Defense Begins To Call Its Witnesses

(By The Associated Press) Cumberland Courthouse, Aug. 2.—The prosecution in the trial of Larkin Garrett, charged with murder of Rev. Edward Sylvester Pierce, rested shortly before noon, and the defense began immediately to call its witnesses.

J. M. Sheppard, the principal witness at the morning session, said that he saw Larkin fire a shot in the fight in front of the Baptist parsonage and "Next I saw Robert Garrett put the pistol practically in the breast of Mr. Pierce and fire. I saw Robert fire again and again into the body of Pierce."

He told of a meeting four years ago at which he said David Stewart proposed that Robert Garrett be killed.

Allen Chandler, who was shot from ambush on May 3, testified that Pierce visited him in a Richmond hospital and told him that the man who shot him "pulled the wrong trigger, that he had number four shot in one barrel and bird shot in the other and that the number four shot were intended for Robert Garrett and the birdshot for me if I interfered."

Chandler was the second defense witness.

## HASTY CONCLUSION LOSES FAT FEE TO PARIS DOCTOR

Paris, August 2.—A Paris surgeon is telling a good story against himself. He was called in to operate on an American woman for appendicitis, and when the cure was complete the patient, seeking to show her gratitude in some way that was not too commonplace, embroidered a cigar case and took it to the surgeon.

Unfortunately the surgeon had just had a run of patients who had paid for his services by presents of little intrinsic value, so he could not help saying, "No, really, Madame, take away such rubbish; a thousand franc note would be much more acceptable."

"All right," said the American woman, and opening the cigar case she drew a thousand franc bill from it, laid it on the table, and said coolly, "There were five others like it in the case."

## Used Precious Stones In Building of Homes

New York, August 2.—In Arizona can still be seen remains of buildings erected by the early American Indians, built out of stone containing opal, agate and chaledony. These stones were taken from the petrified forests in the neighborhood of Adamana, Arizona.

Prehistoric builders never used more beautiful stones for their habitations than the trunks of those trees which flourished ages before man appeared on the earth, says C. F. Talman in The Mentor for August.

## Fishing Party Return from Successful Trip

A. B. Houts, O. F. Gilbert and L. C. Lawler returned Thursday from Oregon Inlet where they have been on a three-day fishing trip. The trip proved very successful and quite a number of drum, trout and blue fish were caught. Mr. Houts pulled out a 44-pound drum on the last day of the trip. The party went on Captain Midgett's boat, "The Onella," which makes a specialty of fishing trips to the Inlet.

## OFFER AID IN THE TUSKEGEE TROUBLE

Asheville, August 2.—The Inter-Racial Commission meeting here yesterday decided to offer its services to the settlement of the Tuskegee Hospital squabble.

## HORRIBLY LOVESICK COMMITS SUICIDE

Asheville, August 2.—Despondent over her love affairs, Miss Bobby Ratcliffe, aged 18, committed suicide here last night by drinking poison.

## COTTON MARKET

New York, Aug. 2.—Spot cotton, closed quiet, Middling 23.50, a decline of 15 points. Futures, closed at the following levels: Oct. 22.25, Dec. 22.12, Jan. 21.99, March 22.05, May 22.00.

New York, August 2.—Cotton futures opened here today at the following levels: October 22.48, December 22.44, January 22.30, March 22.30, May 22.30.