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Unsettled weather. Probably rains tonight and Friday. No change in temperature.

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Winter's Icy Finger Blights Fall Truck In The Albemarle

Rosy Hopes of Big Profits for Growers in Fall Peas and Beans Turned Into Ashes by Touch of Real Winter in Early November

The first freeze of the autumn played havoc with the fall crops of May peas and snap beans in this section, causing a loss of between \$50,000 and \$100,000 in the counties of Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck, according to local commission merchants, farmers and seedsmen.

This loss, of course, is figured on the basis of what the crops would have brought if sold at the prevailing high prices, and not on the farmers' actual investment of labor and money.

The acreage this fall was unusually large, the good prices of last fall having encouraged the farmers to plant heavily this season. The yield was excellent and the first pickings brought from six to ten dollars a basket.

But the first touch of winter came just a few days too soon. This fateful freeze that brought disastrous results to the pea and bean crops came on Friday, November 9, and had there been one more week of weather without heavy killing frost, commission men say, the bulk of the peas and beans would have been shipped and sold.

"The greater loss," says N. Howard Smith, of the Carolina Potato Exchange, "came from the May pea crop. Roughly I would estimate that about one-twentieth of the yield of May peas had been put on the market, while possibly twenty-five per cent of the bean crop had been sold."

"However, that part of the snap bean that was still in the field was completely wiped out by the heavy frost and freeze of November 9. The May peas, on the other hand, in some instances, were left in good enough shape to ship and the best of these that had been frozen brought around \$4.00 to \$6.00 a basket.

"We have planted May peas in the fall for twenty years. I figure that during this period we have made about \$16,000 and lost about \$30,000."

"Well do you propose to raise May peas next fall?" Mr. Smith was asked by The Advance reporter.

"Yes sir," he answered promptly. "We shall continue to raise them in both spring and fall. I believe the acreage next fall will be just as large as it is this year."

Dr. L. S. Blades of the Spence-Holloway Company, however, is of the opinion that the fall acreage will be cut down next year and he believes that it should be. "Of course," he said "a great many people will continue to plant because the profit is so great in a good year that it offsets the losses for several bad years. I don't believe that more than a third of the planters this year made any money on their crop. One disadvantage of the fall May pea crop is that it is harvested along with cotton and other fall crops and its costs more to get them on the market than it does in the spring.

"Those who are fortunate enough to have land facing a swamp on the north or west will find this land very suitable for fall peas as the swamp will afford moisture that will keep off frost to some degree."

A farmer who planted heavily in Camden County this year and estimates his prospective loss on peas and beans to be around ten thousand dollars says that he expects to plant peas next fall. "However," he says "farmers who go into the raising of May peas and snap beans in the fall should be prepared to lose. Small farmers should limit their plantings to such an acreage that will not cramp them in case the crop is a complete loss."

"With a little more precaution this season, half of the May pea crop that now lays waste could have been sold and marketed at a fair price. For instance, the average first killing frost on November 10. Five days earlier planting will likely make a difference of 10 to 15 days in maturing. Snap beans for fall, according to official statistics, for this section, should be planted between August 20 and 25. Most of them were planted later than that. Thomas Laxon peas should be planted."

NEW FREIGHTER MAY GO ON DISMAL SWAMP CANAL

Recently completed at the shipyard of the Elizabeth City Iron Works, the square-end freighter Tramp is ready to be put in operation, and it is thought that she will make her first run from here to Norfolk via the Dismal Swamp Canal this week. The Tramp was built for H. L. Brooks of Ralliston, Virginia, and Captain Brooks is said to be considering operating the freighter between here and Norfolk on the Dismal Swamp Canal on a regular schedule.

The Tramp is a 55-foot craft with an 18-foot beam and is propelled by steam.

SEVEN ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION

These Little People Can be Helped by the State at Orthopedic Hospital in Town of Gastonia.

Twenty-three was the total number of crippled children examined by Dr. Oscar L. Miller, surgeon-in-chief of the North Carolina Orthopedic Hospital, during the clinic held here Wednesday.

Of these, seven are eligible for admission into the North Carolina Orthopedic Hospital, at Babington Heights, overlooking Gastonia, for treatment.

These crippled little people will be received at the hospital and treated provided the necessary arrangements to this end can be made. The Elizabeth City Rotary Club has promised its co-operation with the local welfare authorities in seeing to it that every obstacle in the way of giving these little folks a chance at recovery is removed.

Of the 23 children examined, 12 were from Pasquotank County. There were four from Perquimans, one from Chowan, one from Tyrrell, one from Currituck, two from Camden and one from Gates County. Many of these patients, as explained Wednesday, are under the care of private physicians and they were not put on the eligible list because it was thought that all that is possible is being done for them; and not, necessarily, because their cases are hopeless.

Miss Emeth Tuttle, who assisted Dr. Miller in the clinic here, asks The Advance to express her appreciation of the co-operation and help of the Elizabeth City people in putting on the clinic and for their help in the clinic Wednesday.

The North Carolina Orthopedic Hospital is only a little more than two years old. Since its establishment between 700 and 800 children have been admitted to it for treatment, and these many who entered the institution as cripples are now practically normal children able to romp and frolic with their playfellows.

Too little is known in North Carolina about the hospital at Gastonia which is one of the two youngest charitable institutions which North Carolina has established for its unfortunate.

Nell Battle Lewis, writing recently for the State press, said that she had heard an alert, well-born, public spirited North Carolina woman of good intelligence, a graduate from the North Carolina College for Women, ask the question, "There is some sort of an orthopedic hospital at Gastonia, isn't there?"

"She was entirely ignorant," says Miss Lewis, "of the fact that six years ago the State in which she lives had authorized an institution for the scientific treatment for crippled children of sound mind."

If the intelligentsia of the State are thus ignorant, what of the masses?

Probably very many readers of The Advance have an even more hazy conception of the orthopedic hospital at Gastonia than the college woman quoted by Miss Lewis. At any rate, something in way of a history of the institution may not be amiss.

Chief credit for the founding of the North Carolina Orthopedic Hospital belongs to Robert B. Babington of Gastonia.

"Well do I remember," says Mr. Babington, "one night in March, nineteen hundred and nine, I had finished reading a short paragraph in the 'Orphans' Friend,' published at the Orphan Home for orphan children, Oxford, N. C., which gave the heart-breaking conclusion of a conversation between the superintendent of that institution and a poor widow with a crippled child begging for admission. The good superintendent was compelled to tell the widow that they could not accept nor care for crippled, deformed children. When asked by the mother, where there was a place she could get help—a place for the child, the superintendent informed her that he knew of no such place in this State. I laid the paper aside, almost unwilling to believe the statement, that there was no place in our State to extend the helping hand to crippled children. I made a vow then and there, never to rest until North Carolina had some place to foster and care for her crippled unfortunate and helpless wards, and to provide for them, as she did for her other unfortunate and destitute children. I dreamed about it that night; I

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THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

The time approaches which is deemed, through general approval, as most appropriate, and custom has decreed as proper and fitting, for the expression of thanks to a gracious Heavenly Father for the protection exercised over us and the favors attending us through the past year. No people have been favored more than we of this city and section. We have been spared the distressing experiences of other sections and peoples and a plentiful harvest with attendant prosperity has been garnered. It behooves us all to give thanks for the numerous blessings of which we have been the recipients and to re-dedicate ourselves to the services of Him whose Providence has made possible our achievements;

Now, therefore, following the lead of the President of the United States and the Governor of North Carolina, I proclaim and designate Thursday, November 29th, this the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and twenty-three as Thanksgiving Day and request a cessation of all labor and business and a gathering together in our respective places of worship that we may fittingly express our gratitude for the blessings received and the protection accorded.

Done in the City of Elizabeth City, North Carolina. This the twenty-second day of November A. D. nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

W. BEN GOODWIN, Mayor.

BROTHERS LOSE LEGACY QUICKLY

Peoria, Ill., Nov. 22 — Russell and Clyde Whitaker, brothers, obtained \$10,000 in cash yesterday as their shares of their grandfather's estate, and within a few hours it had passed into the possession of highwaymen. These armed robbers took their legacy as they were returning home.

WOMAN AND CHILD FOUND MURDERED

Savannah, Nov. 22—Mrs. Agnes Mudie and little daughter were found murdered when the woman's husband returned home last night. There is no clue to the murderer.

STOKES AND WIFE AGREE TO DISAGREE

New York, Nov. 22.—W. E. D. Stokes, wealthy hotel man, and his wife, Helen Elwood Stokes, today ended their legal warfare of several years standing, through an agreement by which Mrs. Stokes was formally granted a degree of separation.

ONCE MILLIONAIRE'S YACHT FITTED OUT AS OIL TANKER

Fitted out as an oil tanker, the yacht Tamarack, now lying at the shipyard of the Elizabeth City Iron Works on Riverside Drive, will be ready for operation very soon. Miles Clark, Elizabeth City representative of the Texas Company, is owner, having purchased the yacht from its former owner after it burned to the water's edge on Albemarle Sound in the winter of 1921.

The stir of industry is continuous at the shipyard of the Elizabeth City Iron Works, the dry dock being occupied practically all the time. Just now the tug Ida is awaiting a new propeller, which will probably be installed Thursday or Friday of this week, and a big log barge is now on the ways for caulking.

BROTHER FAMOUS SURGEON VISITING IN EDENTON

Edenton, Nov. 22.—Rev. James A. Reed, of Blackstone, Virginia, a former Methodist pastor, who preached here 50 years ago, arrived Tuesday and is the guest of Mrs. L. D. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bond and Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. White.

He is also the brother of Dr. Walter Reed, the famous army surgeon, who was sent to Cuba to stamp out yellow fever, and who discovered the mosquito carried the germ.

JUDGE HARRISON DEAD

Staunton, Va., Nov. 22.—Judge George Moffitt Harrison, aged 76, former chief justice of the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, died at his home here today. He had been in ill health for ten months. The funeral will be held tomorrow at four o'clock and interment will be made in Thornrose Cemetery here.

WATERMELON CHAMPION

Otto Cartwright, colored, of Wecksville, apparently is prizewinner for raising late fall watermelon this year. He has one on display at Twiddy's Grocery said to weigh nearly ten pounds. Jordan Warren, colored, Lane street, has been claiming this honor for several years, but has not yet been heard from this year.

SIX INDICTED FOR FLOGGING WOMAN

Atlanta, Nov. 22.—Six men were yesterday indicted here for flogging a woman at Marietta, Georgia.

CONGRESSMAN FREE HERE

Congressman A. M. Free of California arrived in the city Thursday and is to deliver an illustrated lecture at the court-house tonight, to which the general public is invited.

While in the city, Mr. Free is stopping at the Southern Hotel.

THREE SESSIONS HELD EACH DAY

Conference at Mt. Lebanon A. M. E. Zion Church Goes on With Business and Inspirational Services.

By F. M. W. Butler

At the Wednesday afternoon session of the Albemarle Conference at Mt. Lebanon A. M. E. Zion Church the conference was called to order by Bishop George L. Blackwell. The session was spent principally in presenting visitors, and settling personal claims.

Dr. E. W. Winfield, presiding elder of the Edenton district, who has been in poor health for some months, made a pathetic talk to the conference, thanking the brethren for the consideration given him by them. He spoke also of his implicit faith in God.

The following committees were announced: On rules, Revs. C. C. Drew, J. Woodhouse and D. S. Blackwell; on public worship, Revs. D. S. Blackwell, J. E. Garrett and C. W. Winfield; on finance, Revs. J. E. Garrett, C. W. Winfield, W. J. Edwards, D. S. Blackwell, N. S. Harris, N. N. Drew and F. W. M. Butler; on admission, Revs. C. C. Drew and S. M. Etheridge; first year studies, C. E. Edwards and J. H. Sawyer; second year studies, Revs. H. N. Drew and G. W. Vincent; third year studies, Revs. R. C. Council and A. C. Coward; fourth year studies, N. S. Harris and P. R. Washington; on education, Revs. P. McDonald, B. F. Franklin and F. L. Owens; on state of the church, Revs. L. J. White, A. L. Forebee and A. W. Garrett; state of the country, Revs. H. B. Pettigrew, R. H. Dick and G. N. Coffee; memoirs, Revs. E. S. Williams, C. C. Hunter and S. S. Dickerson; periodicals, Rev. J. S. Gurley and W. B. Hathaway; on Sunday school, W. B. Hathaway, Revs. S. Johnson and J. E. Norem; on V. C. E., Revs. A. C. Littlejohn, W. A. Mullen and A. C. Ackiss; on W. H. and F. M. society, Mrs. J. H. Butler, district president; general conference matters, Rev. H. F. Harrison, Rev. D. S. Blackwell, Rev. J. E. Garrett, Rev. C. C. Drew; resolutions, E. S. Hassell, W. M. Ruffin, W. H. C. Sykes.

At the night session at 7:30 Rev. D. S. Blackwell lined out the hymn, "Soldiers of Christ, Arise." The prayer was offered by Rev. R. C. Council. Music was furnished by the senior choir. Bishop G. L. Blackwell introduced Rev. N. S. Harris of Edenton to preach. Rev. Harris took for his text the 37th verse of the 12th chapter of St. John, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

The speaker preached a soul-stirring sermon, and demonstrated the fact that he has kept abreast with the times. Prayer was offered by Rev. P. R. Washington. A welcome program was presented. The Bishop presented Rev. D. S. Blackwell as master of ceremonies.

The following program was presented: Welcome on behalf of the church, Kermit Little; welcome on behalf of the Sunday school, Vivian Barrington; on behalf of the Baptist churches, Dr. C. M. Cartwright; on behalf of the Presbyterian churches, Rev. M. R. Lane; on behalf of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, Mrs. Jennie H. Butler; on behalf of the schools of the city, Dr. P. W. Moore; on behalf of the white ministry of the city, Rev. N. H. D. Wilson; on behalf of the citizens, Mayor W. Ben Goodwin who was represented by Attorney T. W. Markham. Each of the addresses of welcome, though concise, was filled with choice words as well as witty saying. The response was made by Dr. W. J. Walls.

The Thursday morning session of the conference was opened by Presiding Elder J. E. Garrett, who proceeded with business until the arrival of Bishop Blackwell. After reading of minutes of the previous day and night sessions, the conference proceeded with the completion of appointment of committees: Revs. G. W. Brown, G. H. Spaulding of Virginia, Revs. H. H. Norman and W. Sharp of this city were presented to the conference and made short talks. As announced by the bishop on the evening before Dr. W. J. Walls preached at 11 o'clock. Dr. Walls took for his text, St. Mark, 7th chapter, 32d and 34th verses, "And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers in his ears. In the delivery of this sermon Dr. Walls substantiated the legitimacy of his candidacy for the bishopric to the general conference which meets in Indiana.

CHARGES AGAINST CHARLOTE OFFICE

Charlotte, Nov. 22.—Formal charges of inefficiency in administration and favoritism in personnel appointments were filed with the Veterans Bureau in Washington today against the Veterans Office of the Fifth District in Atlanta and the subdistrict office here.

The charges were made by Dr. Townsend, former medical examining officer of North Carolina.

BOYS KILLED WHEN TROLLEY HITS AUTO

Lynchburg, Va., Nov. 22.—Two boys were killed and their father was seriously injured today when their automobile backing from an alley was struck by a street car. The dead are J. B. Williams, 19; and Francis Williams, four. The party was leaving for Bedford County to attend the funeral of the father's mother.

INVESTIGATES EFFICIENCY NIXON PEANUT DIGGER

Edenton, Nov. 22.—Dr. E. J. Griffin spent Tuesday in Gates County with the farmers investigating the value and efficiency of the Nixon peanut digger, where about a dozen have been in use this season, and was pleased to find how favorable was the comment of the farmers of that section on this new invention.

From other sections also comes the news that a large sale is practically assured the coming year as the farmers of several counties have testified to the improvement of the Nixon digger over other makes.

This is most interesting to our readers as this machine is the invention of M. M. Nixon, a local man, and the manufacture and assembling of this machine is done in Edenton.

BRINGS CARGO SEA GRASS

With a cargo of sea grass the schooner Julia W. Bell arrived Tuesday morning from Hatteras. Capt. W. B. Scarborough is loading outward with coal, kerosene and merchandise for the return trip at the J. B. Flora wharf. The schooner Missouri is also loading at this wharf for Avon.

CARGO PEAS AND COTTON HERE FROM TYRRELL POINTS

A cargo of peas and cotton was brought to this city this week from Fort Landing and Quidy, Tyrrell County, by the schooner Eugene H. Brown for discharge at W. J. Woodley's wharf. Captain Joel Brickhouse is master.

EXPLORER PACES HIS PRISON CELL

Dr. Frederick Cook of North Pole Fame Under Sentence of Fourteen Years in Federal Penitentiary.

Fort Worth, Tex., Nov. 22.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, who first gained fame by his denied claims of discovery of the North Pole, today is pacing his cell in Tarrant County jail here, under sentence of 14 years and eight months in the Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and a fine of \$12,000.

With this sentence he carries also what was said to have been the most stinging denunciation ever heard in a Texas court room ringing in his ears.

In jail with Cook are 13 of his co-defendants, found guilty late yesterday of using the mails to defraud in promoting the Petroleum Producers' Association.

SAM BUXTON SPEAKS TO ROTARIANS FRIDAY

Sam Buxton of Newport News, Va., will be the principal speaker of the evening Friday at a Ladies night meeting given by the Elizabeth City Rotary Club. Besides this speech, a local ladies quartet will render several vocal selections. All of this, with a turkey dinner, will doubtless furnish a pleasant evening for those attending.

TRAIN TWO HUNDRED EXPERT AVIATORS

Washington, Nov. 22.—Plans for an aviation reserve system which will train between 150 and 200 expert fliers annually, were announced by the Navy Department today.

Embodied in the program is the basis of a new policy which, it is said, constitutes the first concrete step toward building the Air Service to the strength required by modern tactics.

Prohibition Agents Are After Smugglers

Washington, Nov. 22.—The entire eastern section of the country is being combed by Federal agents today in the effort to stamp out the liquor smuggling and marketing conspiracy, described as "one of the most gigantic combinations known" whether legal or illegal.

The agents have before them work of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, this is expected to provide sensational results.

CURRITUCK MERCHANT DEAD

J. H. Boswood, 63 years old and for thirty-five years in the mercantile business at Gregory, Currituck County, died at his home at Gregory Wednesday night at eleven o'clock, according to a long distance telephone report received here Thursday morning.

Mr. Boswood suffered a nervous breakdown several years ago and has not been in good health since that time. Last summer he seemed to be improving, but four or five weeks ago he began to grow worse. The attack which ended in his death came on Monday.

The funeral will be conducted at the home Friday afternoon at one o'clock by Mr. Boswood's pastor, Rev. W. B. Humble of Moyock, assisted by Rev. E. L. Stack of Elizabeth City.

Mr. Boswood is survived by a widow, one son, G. C. Boswood of Gregory and by a sister, Mrs. J. M. Seymour.

REHEARSAL OF CHORUS BE HELD MONDAY NIGHT

The rehearsal of the chorus for the Elks Memorial service to be held the first Sunday in December, which was to be held Friday night of this week, has been postponed, because of the Rotarian and Kiwanis meetings and of the high school play, until Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Elks Hall. All choirs of the city or anyone who would assist in this chorus are asked to come to this rehearsal whether they have been especially invited or not.

PRIZE FOR GRADE THAT BRINGS MOST PARENTS

Keen competition is being shown among the different grades in the graded schools to secure the largest number of parents next Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 at the regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association. Each room is after the much coveted prize. What the prize is, is yet a secret, but it is sure to be something nice for the school room. The prize is being given by the Parent-Teachers Association.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Nov. 22.—Spot cotton, closed steady. Middling 35.60, a decline of 30 points. Futures, closing bid, Dec. 35.15, Jan. 34.55, March 34.75, May 34.90, July 34.32, Oct. 28.53.

New York, Nov. 22.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: December 35.75; January 34.80; March 35.10; May 34.40; July 34.85 and October 28.90.