

HAM AND EGGS WILL GO HIGH

Although Number of Hens on Farms Increased 32 Per Cent Laying Was Be- low Normal Last Year.

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New York, Jan. 5.—Hens are going to be called upon to attend more strictly to business the coming year and even then it is probable that the ham and eggs on the American breakfast table will cost more than in 1924. Egg production did not live up to its reputation in the last year, although there were more chickens on the farms when the period started even before.

On the first of last January the chicken population numbered 474,000,000, an increase of 32 per cent since 1920. This trend toward enlargement of flocks was furthered by the desire of farmers to diversify their products. Owners and dealers not only counted their chickens before they were hatched but the eggs before they were laid. A record production was forecast and prices held very low since storage men were reluctant to buy, having lost money for the two previous years on their holdings.

The oversupply never arrived however. The cold unfavorable spring cut down production and receipts at storage warehouses totaled only 14,173,455 cases. Moreover holdings dropped a million and a quarter cases in the early winter as compared with 1923. Prices ran about the same as in that year, averaging 25.6 cents at the farm compared with 25.8. Premium prices however, were paid for eggs of superior quality and this new quality basis tended to stabilize the industry to a greater extent than ever before.

A good many farmers got disgusted with the efforts of their hens and disposed of them, but there was no flood of fowls coming to market. Receipts of dressed poultry were very light during the summer but increased rapidly during the fall and early winter and when the new year approached there were about 18,000,000 pounds more dressed poultry on hand than at the corresponding time last year.

The spread of disease among the flocks in some sections, which was followed by embargoes from many markets, checked shipments to a considerable degree and resulted in some severe losses. Prices in many of the leading markets maintained a level as high as that of 1923 and there is evidence that good figures will obtain in the early months of this year.

The increase in the prices of poultry feed is expected to affect the market and while chickens are responding well to their feeds, and putting on fat rapidly rather than their rations than other livestock, dealers will have to pay more attention to egg production per hen to keep the chickens on the right side of the road to profits. In relation to prices of poultry, eggs and hogs, corn prices are extremely high. Not only do farmers prefer to sell their corn for cash at present levels rather than feed poultry and hogs with a ration costing well over \$1.10 a bushel, but more corn is required to produce the same nutrient value than when the quality was better and included less moisture.

It is even more difficult to see how the poultry men can afford to buy wheat near the \$2 mark to feed chickens selling at present prices. If demand does not keep prices up, it is probable that a large number of hens will be sold before mid-year. This will tend to keep down egg production and sustain egg prices, although it will have an opposite effect on prices for dressed poultry.

BREAKS HIP IN FALL

Henry White, 87 years old, who makes his home with his son, Darius White, 118 East Burgess street, slipped and fell on the floor of his room Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock, fracturing his left hip. He was reported as resting as well as could be expected Monday morning.

FIREMEN INJURED IN PITTSBURGH FIRE

Pittsburgh, Jan. 5.—Two firemen were injured, more than 12 business firms suffered losses and an entire downtown business block was threatened when flames swept a 10 story structure on Pennsylvania Avenue, causing damage estimated by fire chief Shaanan at \$500,000. The interior of the building was destroyed by the blaze which started on the third floor in a wholesale merchandise establishment.

YOUNG GIRL LOSES LIFE WHEN HOSPITAL BURNS

Boston, Jan. 5.—A 17-year-old girl succumbed and three others were injured when a fire Sunday night destroyed the hospital here.

FIRE IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Jan. 5.—A fire early Monday morning was sweeping the central building of a Chicago company's plant in the stockyards.

FIRST WOMAN BE GOVERNOR IS IN

(By The Associated Press.)
Cheyenne, Wyoming, Jan. 5.—The reins of government in the State of Wyoming today passed into the hands of a woman, the first of her sex to be inaugurated governor of an American state. Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, who was swept in to office in the November election.

Mrs. Ross plans, after receiving the oath of office at noon clad in mourning for her husband, whom death removed from the executive chair three months ago, to retire immediately to the seclusion of the governor's mansion.

COUNCIL TO MEET ON LIGHT LAW

Need for Ordinance Affecting Horse-Drawn Vehicles Urged as Result of Recent Accidents.

Action to reduce the hazard involved in operation of horse drawn vehicles in this city after nightfall without lights will be asked of the City Council at its meeting tonight. Advocates of further modification of the "cow law" will be heard from also, it was indicated today.

The need for a city ordinance requiring lights on buggies, wagons and the like is emphasized, proponents of the measure point out, through recent accidents here and elsewhere which, they say, might very probably have been avoided had there been such a law in effect. Only Saturday night, it is recalled, two young women were hurt in an automobile collision on the Weaverville road in which an unlighted vehicle figured.

Efforts to have the last General Assembly pass a State-wide law along this line were blocked by the more conservative legislators after a sharp fight. The matter will be taken up again at the approaching session, it is indicated, with prospects that it will be enacted into law.

The keeping of cows within the city limits, long a subject of controversy here, was disposed of tentatively at the last meeting of the Council by passage of an ordinance limiting each family to one cow, regardless of the extent of the household lot. It was decreed also that cows might not be tethered to graze on vacant lot in the city.

SIX PERSONS MISSING FOLLOWING EXPLOSION

Pittsburgh, Jan. 5.—Six persons were reported missing following an explosion that wrecked a building here Sunday night.

Will Make Side Line Farm's Main Business

Perquimans Farmer Profits More from Five Acres Devoted to Poultry Than from All Rest Farm Put Together and Plans Business on Bigger Scale

Hertford, Jan. 5.—One of the most enthusiastic fans in Perquimans County for diversified farming and the betterment of conditions of those who depend on agriculture directly for their living and worldly well being is W. G. Newby of Hertford. Mr. Newby has drawn eloquent and impassioned pictures of the deprivations endured by families in our rural sections who should be living in ease and comfort. He has pointed the way to freedom from debt and worry and indicated the road to enduring and comfortable prosperity in many stirring speeches, and has been applauded—and that was all. But Mr. Newby was not merely giving demonstrations of his possibilities as a maker of speeches, nor voicing visionary dreams that had no foundation in reality. He has been making practical application of his advice to others, and he showed his book to a newspaper man just the other day covering the past year.

On his farm in Chowan County, a few miles from Edenton, known as Greenhall Farm, Mr. Newby has been for some years giving more and more attention to the production of brown leghorns and eggs. He found the raising of cotton, peanuts, corn and the other usual staples sometimes profitable but not sufficiently so to repay him for the investment and labor necessary in their production and marketing. He set aside five acres for the chicken experiment, and has used only that much ground up to this time. His

Bandits Rob Banks and Burn Town



Bank bandits, after looting two Valley View (Tex.) banks of \$10,000, started a fire which destroyed two blocks of business buildings, causing a loss of \$250,000. The bandits blew open two safes, started the fire by use of a slow fuse, and escaped before the blaze was discovered. The picture shows the havoc wrought by the bandits and the fire.

HIGHWAY DRAINAGE CASE IS NON-SUITED

The case of J. W. Latham, Pasquotank farmer living in the Newland section, suing the State Highway Commission for damages alleged to have resulted from draining a part of the Newland road upon his farm was non-suited in Superior Court here Monday morning.

Through counsel, Mr. Latham entered notice of appeal to the State Supreme Court.

SELMA MAN DROPS DEAD

Selma, Jan. 5.—James D. Edens, yardmaster of the Southern railroad, dropped dead here last night.

NEWSPAPER RUINS A CHOICE BIT GOSSIP

Hertford, Jan. 5.—For some it had been rumored that a sensation was due to be sprung among the younger set in Hertford. The story had it that a couple, both of whom were still in school, had been married secretly at the Methodist parsonage and then gone back to their respective schools. No hint could be obtained as to the identity, which only increased the interest.

A search of the marriage records in the register of deed's office discloses that on August 23 last, Joseph Brumsey and Miss Susie Ferrell of Currituck county quietly came to Hertford, hunted up J. R. Jarvis an old acquaintance, and got him to vouch for them, secured marriage licenses and were married by Rev. N. C. Yearby. Both of the young people are students in different schools and asked both the register and the minister to keep their secret while they finished school.

The foregoing story, duly published in the Hertford Herald, has deprived local gossip of its choicest morsel. The idea prevailed that the couple were of this county.

TWO HOUR SESSION IN POLICE COURT MONDAY

Several cases came before the recorder in Monday morning's police court, which was in session until about 11 o'clock, all of minor interest.

Edward Moore, for assault on Stewart Curles, was fined \$25 and costs. He appealed to Superior Court, giving bond for \$300.

James Lovins, for stealing a pair of gloves, was given a 60-day jail sentence with judgment suspended on good behavior for two years and payment of costs of court.

Henry Boyd, colored, for failure to pay tax was required to pay the tax and costs of court.

George Snivey, colored, for possession of intoxicating liquors paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

Will Lewis, colored, for operating a motor vehicle in a careless manner was found not guilty.

COLOGNE ZONE NOT YET BE EVACUATED

(By The Associated Press.)
Berlin, Jan. 5.—The British, Italian, Japanese and Belgian ministers each presented Chancellor Marx today with an identical note from the allied governments regarding the postponement of the evacuation of the Cologne zone, which was set for January 10 under the Treaty of Versailles.

STILL SERIOUSLY ILL

The condition of Mrs. J. E. Goodwin, mother of Mayor Goodwin, was reported as still serious Monday morning. Another son, J. E. Goodwin, of Norfolk, was called to her bedside Sunday. Mrs. Goodwin suffered a stroke of paralysis Wednesday night.

COTTON REPORT

New York, Jan. 5.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Jan. 23.85, March 24.15, May 24.44, July 24.60, Oct. 23.88.

New York, Jan. 5.—At two P. M., today cotton futures stood at the following levels: Jan. 23.85, March 23.65, May 23.91, July 24.59, Oct. 23.45.

Vanguard General Assembly Is Now Arriving At Raleigh

KOSHER LAWS ARE HELD VALID

Supreme Court Upholds New York State Statutes Providing for Labelling Meat Clean.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The Supreme Court declared valid and constitutional today the kosher laws of New York.

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It was contended by those attacking the law that its provision requiring the products so designated to be those sanctioned by the orthodox Hebrew religious requirements did not materially assist in determining what was kosher and what was non-kosher. The term kosher may be accepted, they said, as meaning fit, proper and clean, according to the orthodox Hebrew religious requirements, and the term non-kosher had consequently, they insisted, taken on a definite meaning of unfit, unclean and improper, thus vitiating such foods.

Counsel for the attorney general of New York and for the district attorney of New York county, in supporting the present statute as valid insisted that the meaning of kosher was plain and definite in the Jewish religion. They emphasized that there would be no criminal prosecutions under it unless it could be shown that there was a deliberate intent to defraud. The courts would have no difficulty, they said, in deciding when fraud had been committed. They denied that there was any material disagreement as to what was kosher and what non-kosher. Court records were produced to sustain this contention.

The representatives of the state pointed out that the statute in issue had been enacted in 1922, and questioned the good faith of those who attacked it. No irreparable injury had been suffered by the complaining dealers, attorneys for the state insisted, asserting that they had ample protection at law, and that their business was not seriously threatened. It would be time to test out the questions now raised, they said, when a dealer or had been taken into the courts for violating the law. They declared the federal courts should not pass upon the constitutionality of a state law in advance of a construction of the statute by state courts. There had been no complaint against the Hygrade Provision Company, Lewis & Fox Company and Harry Sutz, who had challenged the law, counsel for the state pointed out, and they were not in a position under such circumstances to protest.

IS CONVICTED FOR ILLEGAL SYNDICALISM

St. Joseph, Mich., Jan. 5.—Charles Eubenberg, convicted of violation of the Michigan criminal syndicalism law, was sentenced today by Circuit Judge Charles White to serve from three to ten years at Jackson State Prison and pay a fine of \$5,000.

RESPECTED NEGRO DEAD

James Brickhouse, 41 years of age, a colored employe of A. B. Sealey & Son for 28 years, died Monday morning at 5 o'clock at his home, 525 Gale street. He was a member and usher of the Cornerstone Baptist Church. He was a man of splendid habits and well thought of by all who knew him. The funeral will be conducted by Rev. J. R. McCrea at the Cornerstone Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

ASEVILLE HOTELS TO RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Asheville, Jan. 5.—The twelfth conference of the Playground and Recreation Association of America will be held in this city during October 5 to 10, it has been announced. It was stated that Asheville was chosen in view of the progress that the South has made in recent years in playground and recreation development, though the association had invitations from 30 cities, including towns in Canada and Belgium.

SEEK ONLY ELECTION OF FUNDAMENTALISTS

New York, Jan. 5.—A movement to have only fundamentalist ministers and elders sent as commissioners to the Presbyterian General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio, next May, has been started by eight fundamentalists. Leaders sent by this group to more than 1,500 other Presbyterian ministers asks them to use their influence for the election of the fundamentalists only.

SENATE BUTTING IN ON MR. HUGHES AGAIN

Washington, Jan. 5.—A resolution asking Secretary Hughes whether any foreign power has protested against the elevation of Sims on American battleships was introduced by Senator Gerry of Ohio at 11 a. m. The public is cordially invited by the Naval Committee today.

Stage Bring Set for Convening of 1925 General Assembly Which Will Formally Open at Noon Wednesday, Though Skirmishes Will Begin Tuesday

BOAT EXPLOSION INJURES THREE

Engineer and Companions Burned and Bruised in Blast on Gasboat E. R. Daniels.

A sudden explosion in the engine room of the gasboat E. R. Daniels, a crude oil burner operated by the Globe Fish Company, Saturday afternoon resulted in injuries to Claude Roughton, the engineer, Paul Walston, agent for the express company here, and John Daniels, of the Globe Fish Company. Mr. Daniels and Mr. Walston were burned about the face, and Engineer Roughton, thrown off his feet by the explosion, sustained a number of bruises.

None of the three were seriously hurt, and all were out and about their usual tasks Monday morning.

The cause of the explosion had not been determined Monday morning. Company officials stated that the engineer was having trouble in starting the engine, and that Mr. Daniels and Mr. Walston had gone into the engine room to assist him. Damage to the E. R. Daniels was estimated at \$1,500 to \$2,000. The boat is expected to be out of commission for ten days to two weeks.

EPHAPHAN SERVICE TUESDAY

Epiphany service will be held in Christ Church Tuesday, January 11 at 11 a. m. The public is cordially invited to worship there.

TWO INJURED ON WEEKSVILLE ROAD

Mrs. Charlie Wilson of Weaverville and her niece, Miss Mattie Meads of Shawboro, were both painfully hurt Saturday evening between 6 and 7 o'clock when the Ford Coupe in which they were driving collided with a Ford touring car driven by James H. Umphlett of Weaverville.

The accident occurred five miles this side of Weaverville as both cars were coming toward town. Mrs. Wilson had started to pass a buggy ahead of her and Mr. Umphlett, coming up behind her, apparently was unable to slow down in time not to avoid striking the buggy. He swerved in order to miss the buggy, according to reports received here, and struck the Wilson coupe, damaging the latter to the extent of more than \$100.

Mrs. Wilson suffered many bruises about the body and Miss Meads, 16 years old, received an ugly cut on the forehead.

PRISONERS ELECTROCUTED

Raleigh, Jan. 5.—Kenneth Hale and John Leak, negroes, were electrocuted at the North Carolina State prison here for the murder on August 17 of Charlie Garwood, white taxi driver of Lexington, North Carolina.

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TO LEAVE TONIGHT FOR LEGISLATURE

Senator P. H. Williams and Representative J. Kenyon Wilson leave for Raleigh Monday night, where Mr. Williams represents the First Senatorial District and Mr. Wilson represents Pasquotank County.

Perhaps the most important local legislation to be enacted at this session so far as Pasquotank County is concerned is an act to authorize an additional \$250,000 in bond road bonds for Pasquotank, to be expended on roads as designated in the act itself.

Raleigh, Jan. 5.—The vanguard of the General Assembly was arriving here Sunday night for the session which will formally open Wednesday at noon with many legislative matters of importance before it. Early arrivals included many outstanding figures of both the Senate and the House, among whom was Edgar W. Pharr, who, it is believed, will be named as speaker of the House. Mr. Pharr arrived here Sunday night from his home at Charlotte.

Although the 1925 session will not open until Wednesday, the actual preliminary parliamentary skirmishes will get under way Tuesday night when both the Senate and House will hold caucuses. The immediate business before the Senate will be the naming of a Proterem while the House will be engaged in the election of a speaker. Numerous names had been mentioned Sunday and Monday night for the Senate opening but there seemed to be no definite crystallization of opinion. On the other hand, it seemed fairly well established, unless unforeseen developments take place, that Representative Pharr of Charlotte will preside over the House forces. At the caucus of both upper and lower bodies will formulate policies to be followed out during the coming session.

The Legislature will face a mass of reports and recommendations from various committees which will report to the body. Among these are the prison commission, the educational commission, financial education investigation committee, and the budget commission. It also will have before it the biennial reports of the various departments of the State government and the charitable institutions of the State.

The report of the budget commission will not be available, according to present information, before the first week in February. The commission is faced with cutting sharply the requests made by institutions for approximately \$17,000,000 for permanent improvements and approximately \$2,500,000 for maintenance and administration during the biennial. These figures represent great increases over the appropriation recommended for the last biennial period and the commission has announced that for every dollar it recommends to be spent, it will show a dollar which will be derived in taxes to handle the expenditures.

During the first week of the session the Governor's message probably will bear the final message of Governor Cameron Morrison. The Governor has indicated that his address will be short but he has given no intimation of what he will say. Governor-elect Angus W. McLean probably will be inaugurated on January 14, when his inaugural address will be presented to the body.

DERAILMENT DELAYS ARRIVAL OF TRAIN

Derailment of a freight car on the Norfolk-Southern Railroad a short distance north of Shawboro early Sunday night resulted in delaying arrival of the southbound passenger train until 3:30 o'clock Monday morning. This train was routed through Suffolk, and a second derailment there, in which a Pullman car was derailed while the train was being switched from one road to the other, was an important factor in the delay.

Workers were busy at work Monday morning repairing the damage caused by the derailment near Shawboro. It was stated here that several car lengths of rail and cross-ties had been torn up, and it was hoped to have the road in condition for the morning passenger train to pass at the scheduled hour.

Elizabeth City folks expecting relatives on the train made several trips to the depot Sunday night before their patience was finally rewarded by its arrival.

Nothing definite could be learned here Monday morning as to the cause of the derailment.