

POTATO OUTLOOK MUCH IMPROVED BY RECENT RAIN

First Shipment of Spuds From Albemarle District Arrives Aboard Vansciver From Currituck County

PEAS NEARLY GONE Inferior Quality Throughout Season Blamed for Low Prices; Pasquotank Potatoes Begin June 6

The first shipment of potatoes from the Albemarle section this season, a consignment of 26 barrels from J. H. Owens, of lower Currituck County, arrived here Thursday aboard the steamer Annie L. Vansciver of the North River Line. The potatoes were consigned to the Carolina Potato Exchange, a co-operative organization whose members are mainly Currituck farmers.

Commission men and growers were agreed today that much benefit had resulted to the potato crop from a heavy shower Wednesday night, which was general throughout the section, and was declared to have been decidedly heavier a few miles South of this city than here. The potatoes had been badly in need of rain, only light showers having fallen in many weeks. However, it was the consensus of opinion that the potato yield would have been increased more if the rain had fallen gradually, and thus had had better opportunity to soak into the parching fields.

The rain came too late to benefit early peas in this district. The pea movement is sharply on the decline this week, with indications that it will be virtually over by Saturday. Quotations have ranged steadily this week from \$1 to \$2.50 a basket on the Northern markets—a figure at which the growers are lucky if they break even.

NEWSPAPER MAN FROM THE PIEDMONT SEEKING THIS SECTION OF STATE

R. R. Clark, for many years editor of the Statesville Landmark, and who now writes "Clark's Comment" for the editorial page of the Greensboro News, passed through the city Thursday morning on a tour of Northeastern North Carolina.

TO SPEAK HERE SOON ON NEAR EAST RELIEF

A union service to bring the object of Near East Relief once more before Elizabeth City will be held at the First Methodist Church on Sunday night, June 5. It was announced today by W. D. Glover, who has again consented to be County chairman for Near East Relief work in Pasquotank.

LINDBERGH TO MAKE AVIATION HIS LIFE WORK

Scorns Vaudeville and Other Moneymaking Offers; Gives 150,000 Francs to Families of Fliers

SHARES THEIR SORROW Says He Could Not Take These Francs to America; Leaves Them as Tribute to Intrepid Airmen

Paris, May 26.—(AP)—Captain Lindbergh was paraded before the eyes of the populace of Paris today to such cheers as no man has heard in this city since Woodrow Wilson made his triumphal entry into the French capital in 1919.

It was the first opportunity that the citizens of Paris have had to see the heroic American aviator since his arrival on the Le Bourget flying field Saturday night, for all his intervening hours have been devoted to receiving honors from persons in high places.

Tens of thousands of Frenchmen had their first sight of the young American this afternoon as he was escorted from his country's Embassy to the Hotel de Ville. Under the trees that border the Champs Elysees—one of the world's most magnificent boulevards—the common people of France stood in great masses, waving flags and shouting "bravo!" as the slender and unspooled youth from America was driven past them in a state procession.

Paris, May 26.—(AP)—Wealth means nothing to Captain Charles A. Lindbergh. Aviation is his life career, and he intends to continue as just a plain aviator when he returns to the United States.

"My mind is absolutely made up about it," he said. "I haven't any idea of accepting any offers at all at this time."

He has given further proof that he cares little for money by giving 150,000 francs for the benefit of the families of French aviators who have laid down their lives for the progress of aviation.

Captain Lindbergh's letter to the president of the Aero Club, revealing his gift, has further endeared him to the hearts of all Frenchmen particularly in the manner in which he explained that he "could not take these francs to America" because he understood the money was for the benefit of the families of French aviators.

Prominent Farmer From Weeksville Hurt In Crash

A. J. Jennings, prominent farmer living at Weeksville, and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Frank Jennings, were more or less seriously hurt early Tuesday night in an automobile accident at the intersection of South Road street and Roanoke avenue, in which the car in which they were riding was crashed into by another driven by Minnie Hill, colored, of this city.

WATERS SPREAD From 2,000 Feet Late Last Night to 200 Square Miles Early Today From Crevasse at McCrea

New Orleans, May 26.—(AP)—In the face of continued warnings from relief chiefs and engineers, residents of Pointe Coupee Parish still clung to their homes today. Many were leaving as the waters began to encroach on their lands, but relief authorities feared many had been cut off from escape. An aerial survey of the territory affected by the crevasse in the east bank of the Atchafalaya at McCrea, 130 miles northwest of New Orleans on the opposite side of the Mississippi, was halted late yesterday by a rainstorm which swept the area.

Relief authorities expected to send the naval plane out early today. The waters, from the crevasse at McCrea, which was estimated as being 2,000 feet wide late last night, were believed to have spread over 200 square miles today.

A report that many cases of smallpox had broken out in the refugee camp at Harrisonburg was denied by Major Frank Green, Red Cross officer in charge. Major Green said the only cases of smallpox in the camp were isolated some time ago and that health conditions were good.

In the south central section of the state residents along Bayou Vermilion became alarmed over the rapid rise of the stream. It runs almost straight south along the western edge of the Evangeline country through Lafayette and Vermilion parishes, and through Vermilion Bay, west of the mouth of the Atchafalaya into the Gulf.

Arduous Salvaging Task Completed By Firm Here

A task of salvaging a wrecked ship, called to successful completion by the Elizabeth City Iron Works & Supply Company, has challenged the admiration of those familiar with the difficulties to be overcome in such an undertaking.

The George Roberts, a deep-sea fishing boat owned by a New Jersey resident, foundered in Oregon inlet during a storm about two months ago, tearing off her keel and smashing the skog. Mr. Sanders afterward became ill, and his brother, Brad Sanders, took over the job. The George Roberts was towed into Elizabeth City harbor this week, and is on the ways of the Iron Works now, undergoing repairs.

Members of the crew of Oregon Inlet Coast Guard Station gave assistance of inestimable value, both in raising the vessel and in towing her here, according to Mr. Sanders. "If it hadn't been for them, we'd have lost her," said Mr. Sanders. "We stuck a heavy swell, and she got away from us. We were in a devil of a fix for a while, but with their help we got her back in tow, and delivered her safely here."

EXERCISES TONIGHT TO BEGIN AT EIGHT; DR. GREAVES SPEAKS

Commencement exercises at the High School will begin at eight o'clock tonight, and it is hoped that everybody will be on time. The invocation and benediction will be pronounced by Dr. S. H. Templeman. Dr. C. L. Greaves of Raleigh will make the baccalaureate address, after which diplomas will be presented to the graduates.

REFUGEES CLING TO THEIR HOMES AS WATERS RISE

Relief Authorities Fear Many Have Been Cut Off From Escape; Aerial Survey Halted by Rainstorm

HUSBAND BEATEN Bride of Five Months Repeatedly Attacked While Husband Held; Three Escape and Tell Story

Fayetteville, May 26.—(AP)—The Fayetteville Observer will say this afternoon that two Scotland County men are under arrest in Laurinburg and six others are being sought as a result of one of the most revolting crimes in the criminal annals of North Carolina. It is charged that the eight men attacked and held prisoners for the whole of Saturday night Mrs. Ollie Davis, 18, a bride of five months, and Alva Hodges, a sixteen-year-old girl. The women were accompanied by Rufus Davis, 18, husband of the first named victim. Their car was overtaken by the alleged rapists between Laurinburg and Maxton, forced to one side of the road, and, according to the story told by Davis, he was beaten up and held while some of the members of the party committed a series of rapes upon his wife and the younger girl.

Davis, who is an employee of the Cumberland Mills, in this county, returned from Cumberland to Laurinburg Monday and had warrants sworn out for as many of the men as could be identified. The names of the men whose arrest was effected, as given to a representative of the Observer, late last night, are Clyde Norman and Pickett Jeans. Marion Everett, for whom a warrant was sworn out, is alleged to have disappeared.

The Hodges girl, after spending the greater part of the night in the woods with one of her captors, crept away when he fell asleep and made her way to a negro house nearby, borrowed a position paper, returned to the automobile and recorded its State license number. So she told her employers at the mill.

Davis and his wife are said to have escaped when the former, toward morning, procured a tire pump and knocked insensible the only one of the men who remained awake. They reached Laurinburg and were joined there by the Hodges girl.

Davis and his wife and Miss Hodges have been employed at the Cumberland mill for some time, and are well spoken of by their employers and have a good reputation in the mill village. The Hodges girl is not related to Davis or Mrs. Davis.

It is understood that the whole affair might have been quieted up without publicity had the Davises and Miss Hodges been willing to accept a monetary settlement, but it is said on good authority that they declined absolutely to consider such an idea, and insisted on criminal prosecutions.

BRITISH MISSION ON VISIT WINSTON-SALEM

Winston Salem, May 26.—(AP)—Great Britain and Winston Salem joined hands in friendship today when the all-British party of business men touring the United States under sponsorship of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce was escorted to this city for a brief visit.

The Englishmen, almost one hundred in number, were met in Greensboro by a local delegation and escorted to Winston Salem, arriving here at noon. During a luncheon at Salem College, an address of welcome in behalf of the city was delivered by Mayor Thomas Barber; the invocation was by Bishop Edward Rondthaler of the Moravian Church. Colonel W. A. Blair, local banker, then delivered a brief but pleasing address in which he extolled Winston-Salem and North Carolina from an industrial and other viewpoints.

AMOY SKIPPER TO SPEAK

Captain Alfred Nelson, skipper of the Chinese junk Amoy, which is attracting much attention while moored at the Texas Company docks at the foot of Fearing street, will deliver brief lectures on his experiences at the Alkrama Friday, the first at 4:45 o'clock in the afternoon, and the last at 8:45 at night. He will show a short moving picture film taken during his travels also.

TWO ARRESTED IN FAYETTEVILLE ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Six Other Men Sought for Revolting Crime on Road Between Laurinburg and Maxton Saturday Night

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Importance of Coast Development to City And Region Revealed

SENIOR PLAY IS UP TO STANDARD

"The Cave Girl" Goes Over in Splendid Fashion at the High School

Surpassing even the high standard of previous productions in the Senior play, "The Cave Girl" went over in splendid fashion before a large audience at the High School auditorium Wednesday night.

The Seniors throw themselves in the play so well that they led the audience into anxiety and suspense over the outcome and made the crowd forget to even anticipate any breaks on the part of the cast.

The scene of the play was an isolated camp where a wealthy New Yorker had led his family and friends back to the haunts of Nature with a view to "marring off" his son to an impractical and selfish society girl.

Julian Raper took the part of this grouchy, domineering, ignorant and self-confident wealthy city man and he acted his part with outstanding success.

Robert Williams, in the role of the capitalist's son—ambitious, frank and independent—got himself in an embarrassing plight by making love to Virginia Banks as Elise Case, the girl whom his father had picked for his son to marry. Robert later found himself infatuated and literally crazy about Lucille Gregory as Margot, an alleged thief, but really the heroine of the play.

Francis Jocko, as Bastille, the French guide, showed good acting, especially when called a thief by his employer, he turned loose and told the wealthy New Yorker what he thought of him.

Edna Sanderlin, as Georgia Case, an attractive widow in her forties, was very good in her diplomacy in trying to smooth things over and incidentally to vamp the impractical and dreamy Professor Orlando Spirey. The professor's role was a hit with the crowd, bringing forth much laughter in his futile attempts to be a sportsman. Though he appeared only one time during the show, William Anderson, as the County Sheriff was one of the most natural actors on the stage.

If any one actor could be singled out as the best, this honor would possibly go to Lucille Gregory as the professor's adopted daughter. She was good in her role as a thief, in the boss of the whole camp in a crisis, and in her love affair she was exceptionally good, her popular part assisting her in winning the hearts of the audience.

Music was furnished between acts by the High School orchestra. These musicians have played an important part at school entertainments during the year.

ACTING SECRETARY COMMERCIAL REIGNS

Washington, May 26.—(AP)—Stephen B. Davis, acting Secretary of Commerce in the absence of Secretary Hoover, has resigned effective June 1 and President Coolidge has accepted the resignation.

SERIOUSLY INJURED AS ROADSTER TURNS OVER

Winston Salem, May 26.—(AP)—William Hicks, 18, Lewisville, in this county, is in a local hospital suffering from serious injuries sustained last night when the roadster which he was operating turned over on the hard surface highway to Yadkin county. Those who witnessed the accident say that the car was being run at a rapid rate of speed. Hicks was brought to the hospital in an ambulance.

Lonely Jersey Shores of Six Decades Ago, Now Worth Untold Millions, Cited in Comparison

MANY TRIBUTES PAID Chamber of Commerce Members Given Broader Insight Into Virginia Dare Shores Project

An interpretation of the immense value of the Virginia Dare Shores development to Elizabeth City and the surrounding territory, as measured in terms of other similar developments in other parts of the country, was the motivating theme of a series of absorbing addresses Wednesday night in Christ Church Parish House, in which the development was described to the membership of the Chamber of Commerce and other guests.

A picture of the lonely shore of New Jersey scarce six decades ago, with its sands selling at \$2 to \$5 an acre, as contrasted with its present, with a property valuation of more than 600 millions of dollars, was drawn by one speaker. Another told of similar developments in California. Still others touched upon the remarkable progress in Northeastern Carolina in the last few years, and ventured to forecast glowingly for the future.

As a prelude to the addresses, the guests were regaled with selections by the Elizabeth City Boys' Band, resplendently in uniform, and with a series of amazingly beautiful stereoscopic views of Virginia Dare Shores—views all taken from literature that the Virginia development and its affiliated companies are beginning to broadcast over the length and breadth of the Nation. A hearty supper was served by the ladies of Christ Church.

Mr. Sheep at Helm M. Leigh Sheep, former president of the Chamber of Commerce, presided in the absence of President E. C. Conger, unavoidably kept away by his work in connection with the May pea movement.

Mr. Sheep spoke briefly of the vast possibilities in the wake of the Virginia Dare Shores development, declaring he was sure that it would receive the full support of the Chamber of Commerce and the citizenship at large.

Introduced by Mr. Sheep as a man "little in size but loud in action," "Little Size Job, of the Chamber of Commerce, predicted great things from the Virginia Dare Shores development, declaring essential opportunities were essential to industrial and other growth. "It's up to you to put your shoulders to the wheel," he told the Chamber of Commerce members. "Let's help make Elizabeth City a greater and more prosperous place to live in."

Wonder Publicity Stunts The story of Captain Frank Winch, wonder publicity man who is one of the most potent factors behind the shores development, was told by W. O. Saunders, editor of the Independent, who was the next speaker. Mr. Saunders reminded his audience that the first settlers of Manhattan could not visualize the great city that has sprung into existence on that island, and that, in much the same way, most people in Northeastern North Carolina are unable to picture in their minds the great things that might come of the development on the nearby beach.

"This development is not a dream of a mere visionary," he said. "The men behind it are not mere speculators. Look them over. You will find them clean, sound, upright business men. Captain Winch and his associates may well be worth more than a million dollars as an asset to Elizabeth City."

Mr. Saunders told how Captain Winch had doubled the crowd at Coney Island one summer by a publicity stunt in which he changed the name of "hot dogs" to "Coney Island frankfurters; of how he captured the space on the front pages of English papers in the midst of the World War, using a fake diver in a vaudeville act, when front page space was tremendously at a premium; and of how he increased the sale of DuPont powder, for sportsmen's use to the point where the Interstate Commerce Commission made an investigation.

But most entertaining of all was the independent editor's account of Captain Winch's experience with Carville, in which he missed an opportunity to win great wealth by his failure to visualize the possibilities of a stretch of barren beach near San Francisco. "This Virginia Dare Shores development is going to be put over just as surely." (Continued on page 6)