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ENGLISH COTTON MEN VISIT SOUTH

Are Impressed With Possibilities of Purchasing Cotton From Association

Impressed with the possibilities of purchasing cotton directly from the producers, and desirous of getting in touch with the management of the co-operative associations, two leading cotton mill men of England were in Raleigh yesterday.

Arno S. Pearce, of Manchester, England, and Arthur Foster, of Preston, England, together with Fred A. Tomlinson, of Manchester, England, have spent the past several weeks visiting various points, more especially in the cotton belt. Mr. Tomlinson did not come to Raleigh, but went from Charlotte to Savannah and Norfolk, and will join Messrs. Pearce and Foster in Atlanta the last of this week.

The coming of Messrs. Pearce and Foster to Raleigh was in order that they could discuss the entire question of co-operative cotton marketing with U. B. Blalock, general manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association. In the course of the conferences held yesterday, both visitors expressed themselves as heartily in sympathy with the plans of the association and predicted success for the movement. Their plans are to perfect arrangements for the purchase of cotton through the association in which they are interested—the Manchester spinners.

During the afternoon Messrs. Pearce and Foster visited the Experimental farms and were very deeply interested in the work of Dr. R. Y. Winters. Discussing the cotton needs of Manchester, they stressed the importance of cotton growers adopting standardized varieties, especially those varieties which have an even running staple of the heavy bodied type. Dr. Winters took the visitors to see a 20-acre field of the *Medium Big Boll* cotton planted from seed which was bred from a single plant since 1916. After discussing with Dr. Winters the spinning qualities of this as well as other varieties of cotton, the Englishmen expressed themselves as confident that it was a type which was well suited to the needs of the Manchester spinners. The methods adopted at the experimental farm impressed the visitors, and they expressed their interest heartily.

Messrs. Pearce and Foster were guests of Mr. Blalock at a luncheon at the Yarbrough hotel yesterday. Other guests were: Messrs. A. E. Bing, secretary and treasurer of the Cotton Growers' association; Lawrence McRae, sales manager; Gilbert Stephenson, of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company; Dr. B. W. Kilgore, Dr. Clarence Poe and J. H. Boushall.

Mr. Pearce is general secretary of the International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers' Associations, Manchester. Mr. Foster is chairman of the North Lancaster Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers' Association, Preston.—Raleigh News and Observer.

YOUNG MAN FOUND WANDERING IN WOODS

Had Been Sleeping Outdoors And Living On Berries

Goldsboro, July 24.—Edwin J. Keiffer, 25-year-old white man, whose mind is evidently unbalanced, was found wandering in the woods near the Wayne county fair grounds by local police, who brought him to the city jail, where he is being held for observation.

The young man, neatly dressed and of excellent appearance, but without funds, claims San Antonio, Texas, as his home. He has been loafing around the city for the past two weeks, obviously without visible means of support. Local authorities, becoming suspicious, followed him yesterday, and found that he had been sleeping in the woods for some time. His bed, or couch or pallet, whichever it may be termed, was composed of wood rubbish over which he had spread newspapers, using his suitcase as a pillow. He stated to the officers that he had been living on such eatable berries as he could gather in the woods.

Chief of Police Tew has wired A. G. Kieffer, of San Antonio, whom the young man claims is his brother, in the effort to have him carried to some sanatorium, where he can be properly cared for.

Over 6,000 young farm boys are enrolled in the agricultural work of the North Carolina State College and Department of Agriculture this year.

PRESENT COTTON PLAN IN GEORGIA

McLean And Everett Speak To Georgia Legislators On Cotton Commission

Atlanta, Ga., July 25.—Appointment of a cotton commission of three members to join with appointed commissioners from all other cotton-growing States in what is to be known as the Cotton States Commission were urged today before the Georgia Senate and House of Representatives by a delegation representing the movement.

These speakers were: Senator N. B. Dial, of South Carolina; A. W. McLean, of North Carolina, formerly director of the War Finance Corporation and former assistant United States Treasurer, and R. O. Everett, chairman of the Cotton States Commission and a member of the North Carolina general assembly.

The purpose of the proposed commission, it was declared, would be to organize the cotton-producing States so that they might systematically and effectively work out the problems common to all in co-operation with the federal government.

The Cotton States Commission is to be made up of three members from each cotton-growing State—the commission to be appointed by the governors of the States represented. North Carolina and Tennessee have already adopted the plan and appointed their commissioners. Mr. McLean declared. The commission will not go into effect until six States have taken similar action. Mr. McLean stated that as soon as the plan had received the official approval of the required number of States, a central bureau would be organized. He expressed the opinion that either Memphis or Atlanta would be selected as the seat of the central bureau. The bureau would be financed by appropriations of \$3,000 from each State represented.

Georgia legislators, Mr. McLean said, are favorable to the plan. He also indicated that the plan has the approval of the other States. Mr. McLean and Mr. Everett left today for Montgomery, Ala., where they expect to present the plan before the Alabama legislature tomorrow.

JOHN R. EARLY BACK AT THE LEPROSARIUM

Returns After Extended Tour of North Carolina And National Capital

New Orleans, La., July 24.—John R. Early, the truant leper, is back at the Leprosarium at Carville after his fourth escape from the institution to visit his old haunts in Washington, D. C. He arrived here Monday from Washington under the surveillance of two clerks of the Treasury Department and was taken to the colony in an ambulance.

Early travelled in a private drawing room, and probably none of the passengers on the train knew that he was aboard. As soon as he arrived here the authorities of the leper colony were reached by telephone and an ambulance was sent here immediately. One of the government employees accompanied Early in the ambulance.

Last Monday Early reported to the District of Columbia health authorities, who ordered him sent back to Louisiana. He told them he had been living in a Washington hotel, having left the leprosarium three weeks before, and that he had visited Chattanooga, Asheville and Tryon, N. C., and Milwaukee.

Early receives a pension of \$72 a month as a veteran of the Spanish-American war, and it is on the savings from this source that he makes his occasional pilgrimages about the country. His detention as a leper some years ago and his fight for freedom—Early is an attorney—was a country-wide sensation.

KLAN ADVERTISING A PUBLIC CEREMONIAL

The public is invited to the next ceremonial of the Ku Klux Klan, to be held August 6 at Wrightsville Beach. The Fayetteville Observer of Monday carried the following advertisement of the meeting:

"Attention Klansmen! On Monday evening, August 6th, there will be an open public ceremonial on Wrightsville Beach. The ceremonial, with the ocean as a background, will be weird, beautiful and impressive. Ceremonial starts at 8:30 p. m. with a beautiful display of K. K. K. specially prepared fireworks. The public is welcome. Tell your friends.
"Wilmington K. K. K."

CRANKED CAR IN GEAR, FUNERAL SERVICES HELD

Greensboro, July 24.—Funeral services were held here this afternoon for George G. Hendricks, aged 31, of this city, who was fatally injured when an automobile he cranked, while in high gear, ran over him. He was partially paralyzed, the car passing over his neck. He was injured Thursday afternoon and died late yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Hendricks, who was a veteran of the World War, having enlisted early after the United States declared war, saw 15 months service in France. He was a civil engineer and had returned here from Virginia just before he was injured.

DUNN HOSPITAL IS MAKING GOOD

Has Already Outgrown Its Present Quarters—Is Well Equipped

A growth that has by far surpassed the expectations of its promoters and builders has come to the Dunn hospital since it was founded and put into operation a few months ago. Already this much-needed institution has outgrown its present quarters.

However, there is no criticism of the quarters except in that they are not sufficiently large to accommodate the ever-growing demand for admittance. The Dispatch man yesterday visited the hospital and found that every room was occupied and was advised that five other patients were at that time clamoring for admittance.

Recently a number of improvements have been made, and nowhere will one find a better equipped institution of its kind. The building is well-kept in every respect, and nothing is left undone for the pleasure and comfort of the sick. In fact, very few hospitals are so well prepared to furnish complete accommodations. The building has recently been re-painted, inside and out.

Miss Della Wheeler, superintendent of the hospital, is one of the most capable to be found anywhere. She is assisted by a corps of able and experienced assistants, and yesterday two additional registered nurses were secured. Orders for six additional beds have recently been placed.

The operating room is provided with the very latest in surgical supplies, several additions to this department having recently been installed. Dunn now has a hospital of which its citizens should feel proud. This being true, they should lend every influence and assistance possible for its continued success.

NEGRO PRAYS FOR HORSESHOE PITCHERS

Monroe, July 23.—Wearing a pair of tan shoes, white six light trousers and a "jim-swinger" coat, a colored evangelist arrived in Wingate a few days ago and announced that the Lord had sent him to that town to warn the white boys against spending their time pitching horseshoes, something like Jonah was sent to warn Nineveh against her evil ways.

The evangelist repaired to the field of operations and right in the midst of a game of honest-to-goodness horseshoe pitching he sailed into the white boys by telling them that horseshoe pitching isn't hardly a decent game for colored boys to waste their time with, to say nothing of intelligent white folks. He told the boys they should be at home working the gardens or helping about the farm work. He then knelt and offered prayer for the boys, and they began to slip away one at a time until the game was finally broken up. It is stated that some of the boys wanted to whip the intruder, but dared not do it because he was a preacher.

NEW TELEPHONE LINE DUNN TO LILLINGTON

The Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company is erecting a new line from Dunn to Lillington, via Duke. Under the present system calls to Lillington are transferred through Benson, and the new line will mean an improved telephone service between the two towns. It is expected that the new line will be completed within the next month.

An escaped convict, from the North Carolina State prison has been arrested and returned to prison after being at liberty for 32 years. Another case of deferring until old age that which should have been done in the younger days.

ERWIN UNCOVERS EARLY HISTORY OF SETTLEMENT

Reveals Interesting Facts When He Entertains Friends At Raven Roost

FINDS TOMBS OF FIRST WAVER

Scott Settlers in North Carolina as Early as 1729—Earliest Slain At Erwin Lodge—Canal Feared to Quarrel.

A locality rich in historical interest, but still untouched by the pen of historians, was revealed in a gathering of guests by William J. Erwin, Jr., when he entertained a party of friends at his new Raven Roost, at Smiley's Falls, Cape Fear river, Tuesday afternoon and evening.

For months Mr. Erwin had been accumulating information about the early settlers of that section of Cumberland county who in 1729 (Harnett bordering Cape Fear river) in the capacity of manager of the Erwin Cotton Mills Company at Duke, owner of more than 3,500 acres of land upon which the original Scot settlers built their first cabins in America. Mr. Erwin has traced many of the early settlers to the original royal grants, and in tracing he has come across much information that others probably would never have been able to obtain.

From the older natives who were told by their parents, he learned as early as 1729 there were settlers in Harnett county and that their cabins were on numerous knolls along the river. The ruins of one of the first cabins, on Pinhook Hill—a prominent knoll like a hairpin, which rises in a river valley on the Erwin plantation, is still visible. It is said to be the site of a cabin which was built by two Scots who even that early were attempting to cut a canal around the falls.

While these men were engaged in the work, the legend goes, they quarreled. A challenge to duel was accepted, and they retired to the very spring beside which Mr. Erwin has built his lodge. One of the duelsists stooped over the spring to drink of its sparkling waters. As he did so his associate shot him dead.

The slayer fled. A settler found the body and gave it burial. This is said to have been the first burial of a white person in the settlement. Over the grave the settlers placed a stone. Long since the grave has disappeared. But several months ago Mr. Erwin found a stone with queer inscriptions upon it lying at the entrance to the public park at Duke. He investigated and found that it had served as a hearthstone in the home of a negro tenant on the Erwin farm. Then he went to see the negro, and was informed that it was uncovered by the big flood which swept the Cape Fear valley about fifteen years ago, and that it was found a short distance.

STATE HATCHERY SITES INSPECTED

Commission Winds Up At Fayetteville And Goes To Rockingham

Fayetteville, July 25.—The committee appointed by the North Carolina Fisheries Commission to select a location for a State hatchery in Eastern Carolina today completed the inspection of a score of sites in Cumberland county. A decision will be announced about the first of September, after sites have been inspected near Raleigh, Kinston, Rockingham, Smithfield and other cities, according to statements made by members of the committee before leaving for Rockingham this afternoon.

The members of the committee were much pleased with the cooperation shown by the local committee of business men, headed by Frank H. Stedman, and was evidently quite favorably impressed with the sites shown them here.

The best of these, in the opinion of the committee members, is Currie's pond, in the western part of the county, and the local business men declare that the outlook for the selection of this site is encouraging.

The committee making the tour of inspection is composed of J. K. Dixon, of Trenton, chairman; Capt. J. A. Nelson, of Morehead City, and W. N. Brown, a fisheries expert, who has charge of the hatchery at Orangeburg, S. C.

FAYETTEVILLE TO PAVE ALL OF ITS STREETS

Fayetteville, July 25.—A paving program involving the expenditure of \$367,250, which contemplates the paving or practically every business and residential street in Fayetteville not now paved, was approved by unanimous vote of the board of aldermen when the joint committee appointed to prepare estimates for the work reported to the board. The committee recommended that a bond issue of \$175,000 be authorized immediately for the inauguration of the improvement program, and that the remainder of the \$367,000 be raised by the issuance of bonds, as needed, over a period of five years.

KILLS THREE AND THEN CUTS SELF

Man Slashes Throats Of Wife And Two Children In Fit of Melancholia

Columbia, Tenn., July 23.—Mrs. Ophir Dugger, aged 35, her two children, a boy of four and a girl of two, are dead, and Ophir Dugger, the husband and father, is dying in the King's Daughters hospital here tonight as the result of a sudden fit of melancholia on the part of Dugger Sunday.

Dugger, according to the sheriff, who made a personal investigation, used a razor to cut the throats of his wife and two children, and then turned the weapon upon himself, inflicting wounds from which he is dying.

The tragedy took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Jacobs, at Carter's Creek. Mrs. Jacobs is a sister of the slain woman.

According to Jacobs, Dugger

was a week searching for work. He returned from that city only a few days ago and stated that he had been unable to secure a job, working only one day of the week in Nashville. Jacobs stated that Dugger had brooded over his inability to secure employment, and that this is believed to have affected his mind and resulted in today's tragedy.

After cutting the throats of his wife and two children, Dugger used the same razor to inflict three ugly wounds upon himself, slashing his throat, cutting his abdomen across and also slashing his left arm. He was removed to the hospital here, where tonight attending physicians stated that he was not expected to survive the night.

DUNN CANINE HAS A PLEASANT EVENING

Feeding a dog seven pounds of ham meat at one time is right expensive, but that was the amount of ham meat devoured by a dog owned by a Dunn citizen Tuesday night. Of course it was not the purpose of the dog-owner to give him the delightful treat, but that didn't keep him from enjoying the feast to the fullest extent. In order to keep the dog at home he was locked in the pantry for the night. The ham was also locked up in the same pantry. Naturally the dog took advantage of the surroundings and spent a most delightful evening.

TWO MEN DROWNED WHEN BOAT CAPSIZES

Hendersonville, July 24.—John A. Wall, of Spartanburg, S. C., and Harold Shoat, of Concord, N. C., were drowned shortly after five o'clock Monday afternoon at Lake Summitt when a small boat capsized. The bodies were recovered within a half hour and desperate efforts were made to revive them.

S. W. Johnson, also of Spartanburg, was in the boat, and assisted in locating the bodies. Coroner Dixon made an inquiry and decided an inquest was not necessary.

NABBED AFTER BRINGING OUT OF PENITENTIARY FOR THIRTY YEARS

Newton, July 24.—Well dressed and prosperous in appearance and claiming to have travelled all over the world, Dan Brinkley was arrested at Claremont, near here, Monday, as an escaped convict. He escaped 32 years ago from the North Carolina penitentiary, where he was serving a ten-year term for robbery. He admitted his identity to officers, who will take him to the penitentiary in Raleigh immediately.

BAPTISTS ENJOY ANNUAL PICNIC

Holds Lake Scene Of Enjoyable Event Last Wednesday Afternoon

(By Jno. O. Harris.) Surrounded by the natural beauty of Holt Lake shore, two hundred or more members of the First Baptist Sunday school of Dunn held their annual picnic Wednesday afternoon.

Perhaps the largest and most enjoyable event of its kind in the history of the church, there was absence of nothing on this occasion that could add to the joy of those who participate; nor was there an untoward incident to mar their pleasure.

Arriving at the lake, eighteen miles from Dunn, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the crowd immediately began to enjoy the sports incident to the presence of a bathing pavilion, boats, and kindred pastime possibilities—including that of love-making. Many were the couples that wandered off into the shady dell to fall victims to the little god of love.

As ever on such occasions, there were those whose sole object was the providing pleasure for others. These lost no time in spreading the feast carried in the hundreds of baskets, boxes and hamper, and in preparing the barrels of lemonade provided by the Sunday school for the delectation of its pupils.

Supper was served as the sun began to sink in the west. Large quantities of chicken, cake and sandwiches took the place of inedible decorations and appealed to the artistic souls of the hungry crowd far more than would have ferns and flowers.

Homemade ice cream was donated by M. S. Dibs, also many other refreshments were provided by "the cupid on the job." To him goes much of the credit for the success

of the picnic. The picnic was a success in every respect, everyone declaring that they had had a glorious time: and never before had they witnessed a picnic that would compare with this one.

SEARCH FOR VARMINT RESULTS IN KILLING

Young Boy Shot To Death and Another Seriously Injured

Wilson, July 24.—A terrible tragedy is reported from Edgecombe county which caused the death of one white boy and the serious wounding of his brother.

For some time a rumor had been circulated around Macesfield, in Edgecombe county, that some kind of a wild "varmint" had been roaming around the plantation of B. F. Eagles, scaring the farm hands in their work. Sunday morning last the neighborhood armed themselves and started on a drive to exterminate the beast. Two white boys secreted themselves under the foliage of a clump of bushes waiting for the "terror" to pass their way.

A negro man who was also on "the hunt" saw the bushes shaking and naturally he thought he had run his quarry to earth, and fired, killing one of the boys and seriously injuring his brother.

Some are of the opinion that the wild beast report was a hoax, started by some one who had a corner on the huckleberry market, to keep other pickers out of the berry bushes.

A value of \$300 was put on the ten tons of hay which one farmer cut from a six-acre demonstration plot in Pasquotank. He says the hay paid all expenses of putting out the pasture.

PLAN FOR REUNION OF METHODIST DIVISIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION

Cleveland, Ohio, July 24.—A plan for the reunion of the Northern and Southern divisions of the Methodist Episcopal church was taken under consideration by the joint committee on unification tonight after having been approved by members representing both branches at separate branches.

The plan, drafted by a joint committee of sixteen, was adopted unanimously by the Northern members at a meeting this afternoon. At its meeting tonight the Southern members made a few changes in the wording of the plan, which was then submitted to the joint commission.

GENERAL BOWLEY MAKES ADDRESS

Fort Bragg Commander Comments "Law-Not-War" Demonstrations

Greensboro, July 24.—Gen. A. J. Bowley, commandant at Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, speaking before the Greensboro Rotary club this afternoon, declared that "law—not war" demonstrations are not the proper way to secure and maintain peace for the world. His talk had a great deal of significance in view of the fact that some organizations here are going ahead with plans to carry out a "law—not war" program on July 29, despite efforts of the local post of the American Legion to dissuade them.

Injected in the matter have been communications from General Bowley, Alvin Owsley, commander of the Legion, and J. A. Lockhart, of Charlotte, commander of the North Carolina Department of Legion, advising against having anything to do with the demonstration or with the National Council for Prevention of War in connection with which the local organizations plan their demonstration.

General Bowley said that the soldiers who have been under fire are not militarists, but are thoroughly convinced that preparedness is the right way to prevent war. That was demonstrated in 1917, he said, when Germany thought the United States would not fight. The "law—not war" movement was brought into existence and is being backed by clergymen, college professors and women, he said. He made it plain that he is not a militarist, but believes in preparedness. Those who are backing the "law—not war" movement, he thinks, would have America to do away with army and navy entirely. General Bowley advised the demonstrators to be careful.

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LAKE VIEW SCENE METHODIST PICNIC

More Than 300 Sunday School Folk And Their Friends Attend

Combining a seventy-mile joy-ride with the usual features of its outing, the Sunday school classes of Divine Street Methodist Episcopal church held their annual picnic at Lake View, Moore county, Thursday afternoon. More than 300 pupils, teachers, church workers and their friends attended.

Lake View, one of the most beautiful works of nature in the Sandhills, provided an ideal spot for the staging of this yearly event which means so much to the hundreds of boys and girls who attend the Sunday school. Boating, bathing in a splendid pastime added to the pleasures of the occasion and gave to the young folk one of the pleasantest experiences they have enjoyed this season, especially so since the long drought in the immediate locality of Dunn has dried up all the bathing pools about town.

Music by the Lake View orchestra, a picnic dinner, the games of childhood and other features made of the occasion all that the young people could desire. A table, 100 feet long, was spread with food of every variety; and the crowd of boys and girls, men and women, their appetites whetted by the long pleasant drive over smooth roads through cool forests, made a "grand slam" of what the table carried.

More than fifty automobiles were required to take the picnickers to the lake. They left Dunn at 9 o'clock in the morning and returned soon after sundown, with their passengers tired, but happy and satisfied.

As usual, George Gardner, Santa Claus to all the little children of Dunn, was master of ceremonies in the capacity of chairman of the entertainment committee. He was aided by P. A. Lee and K. S. Weeks.

Marvin Wade was chairman of the transportation committee, and was aided by Neil Parker and Z. V. Sripes. This committee corralled all the loose automobiles around town and placed them at the disposal of the picnickers.

Rev. G. T. Adams, pastor of the church, and Hannibal L. Godwin, superintendent of the Sunday school, were there and aided all of the committees in performing as well the duties to which they were assigned.