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Farmers Ask Gardner to Call Cotton Legislature

Cotton Farmers, Meeting in Smithfield, Begin Movement to Force Extra Session

Smithfield, Sept. 16.—A hundred or more cotton farmers and farm merchants, assembled here from some 10 or 12 counties, today unanimously petitioned Governor Gardner to call a special cotton relief session of the legislature and then started a movement for other meetings all over the state's cotton belt which, they hope, will force the governor to heed their request.

Though by a vote of about 25 to 1 those at the meeting expressed themselves as favoring a south-wide legislative prohibition on the planting of cotton next year, the formal petition would have the extent of the proposed curtailment left to the law making bodies of his and other southern states. It was recognized at the meeting that as Texas grows a third of the country's cotton and as the Texas legislature is now in session, the other cotton growing states must follow Texas if an effective relief measure is to be had.

The sober determination of the men here was impressive, even though the attendance was comparatively small. Their attitude was that of men demanding a right rather than asking a favor. It is seldom that a body of North Carolina farmers, who cooperate less than any other class, was as quick to put aside differences of opinion and weld itself into a unit. There was considerable argument, pro and con, about various phases and features of the resolutions but when it became evident that the majority favored them as written, they were adopted without a dissenting vote.

Upon the action of the meeting here today, cotton farmers in every cotton growing county of the state will be asked to meet in every town of importance in each county at 11 o'clock, September 24, to express themselves as to special cotton legislation for North Carolina. It is hoped that this movement will reach such magnitude and that developments in other cotton growing states will be that time be such, that the governor cannot ignore the call for a special session.

To act with the Eastern North Carolina Chamber of Commerce in forwarding and directing the movement, the farmers today authorized the appointment of a cotton relief commission, which was begun by leaders of the meeting shortly after adjournment. The commission is composed of one representative from each cotton growing county.

Exonerated on Assault Charge

Release of Harrison Has Not Been Ordered by Jones Authorities

Kinston, Sept. 16.—Though exonerated of a charge that he criminally assaulted a 19 year old girl in Jones county, September 12, Jake Harrison, middle aged farm worker, was still being held in the Lenoir county jail here this evening.

He was being detained until Jones county authorities should order his release. There was a possibility that should this occur he would be prosecuted on a bad check charge by the Kinston police. A warrant alleging he gave a worthless check for 40-odd dollars has been held by the police some time.

But while the local authorities said they could not explain the delay on the part of the Trenton officials in ordering Harrison's release, a report was heard that an effort would be made to get him admitted to a veterans' hospital. He is said to have suffered from shell shock, though the report could not be confirmed.

The girl, Eunice Mae Pollock, yesterday modified her story that an unidentified man attacked her, and told officers she accompanied Harrison to the woods where relatives found her.

SLAYS RATTLESNAKE WEIGHING 50 POUNDS

Delco, N. C., Sept. 15.—Rattlesnakes have never been plentiful in this section but this year people have stopped measuring and counting the rattles and are weighing the reptiles. During the season O. C. Coleman killed a six footer, Jake Reeves killed one six feet two inches long; Alvin Hillborn and Dora Peterson have dispatched six and five footers. Now James Webb has displayed the latest one. It weighs 50 pounds.

Last Rites For R. E. Chappell Monday at 3:30

Well Known Citizen of Edenton Died There Saturday Evening

Edenton, Sept. 16.—Funeral services for Rufus Edward Chappell, who died at his home here Saturday evening following a long illness, were held from the home Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, with Rev. Louis McFarland, of High Point, officiating, assisted by Rev. Herman Parker, of Belvidere, and Dr. R. B. Drane and Rev. E. L. Wells, of Edenton. Music was rendered by a male quartet composed of Rev. John A. Guice, W. J. Daniels, W. J. Berryman and C. H. Wood. Interment followed in Beaver Hill cemetery.

Mr. Chappell was born July 19, 1858, in Perquimans county, the son of Israel and Patsy Chappell. In 1885 he married Sarah Jane Bond of Chowan. A descendant of a long line of Quaker ancestry, he was a devout and devoted member of the Piney Woods Friends church at Belvidere.

His insatiable ambition and untiring industry led to his successes in business, with lumbering, farming and real estate operations in his native and adopted counties constituting his chief interests. Mr. Chappell was noted for his remarkable memory, being able to recall without a moment's hesitation the important events in local and national history from the time of his boyhood. His legion of friends will miss his vivid personality and his kindly philosophy.

The deceased is survived by his widow, one son, Captain Lee Chappell, of the U. S. S. Cahokia, with home port in Eureka, California, and four daughters, Mrs. Pattie Brown, of Edenton; Mrs. R. T. Brinn, of Hertford; Mrs. W. R. Willis, of Mrs. M. V. Horton, of Farmville. Six grandchildren also survive.

Active pallbearers were: D. M. Warren, R. E. Forehand, L. E. Griffin, Wood Privott, R. D. Dixon, W. H. Gardner, George Hoskins and W. W. Byrum.

Honorary pallbearers were: C. H. Wood, W. J. Berryman, Jno. C. Bond, X. E. Copeland, J. H. Holmes, J. C. Dail, W. A. Leggett, Dr. J. A. Powell, D. B. Liles, J. C. Badham, Z. W. Evans, W. O. Speight, R. H. Bachman, J. A. Mitchener, F. F. Muth, T. A. Spencer, F. W. Curran, C. N. Griffin, H. B. Jones, J. J. Long, J. A. Holmes, J. G. Small, T. C. Byrum, R. F. Tuttle, W. T. Satterfield, J. H. Haskett, M. S. Elliott, M. F. Bond, Sr., R. A. Chappell, Ernest Ward, Captain Mack Spruill, W. A. Everett, Earl Goodwin, all of Edenton, and Dr. Elbert White, of Belvidere; J. T. Brinn, Dr. T. A. Cox and J. S. McNider, of Hertford.

One hundred Carbarus County farmers made a tour of nine farms last week where Korean lespezdeza is being grown successfully for hay, soil improvement and seed.

The Columbus County Mutual Exchange has ordered 1,240 bushels of certified Abruzzi rye seed for its members. About 150 farmers participated.

The Tennessee 76 variety of lespezdeza leads all other varieties for hay in demonstrations conducted in Wilson County this year, reports W. L. Adams, farm agent.

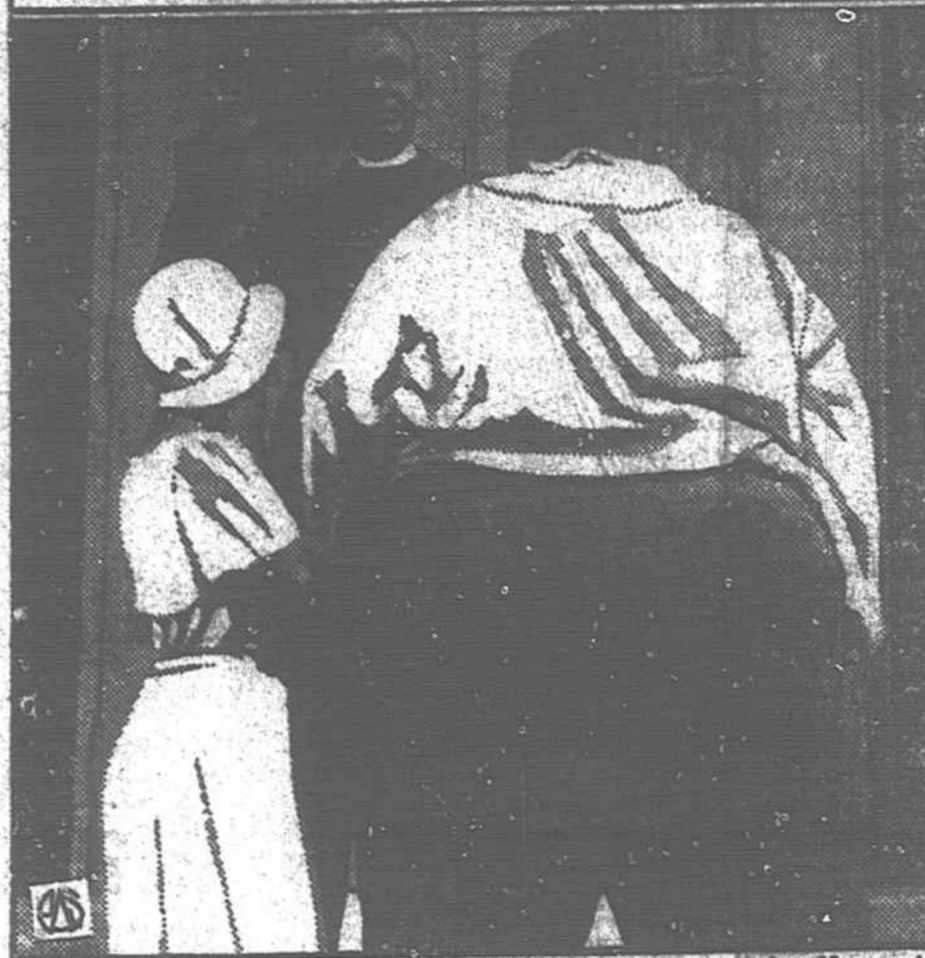
The best average yields of sweet potatoes from demonstration plots in Currituck County were harvested where an 8-4-8 fertilizer was used, reports county agent T. B. Elliott.

"Jim Ham" Abroad



Senator-Elect James Hamilton, Lewis of Illinois is visiting in Berlin, N.C. He is talking of his plans for pre-occupational candidates.

A Big Moment in Her Life



Miss Mercedes Caswell, who weighs 110 pounds, makes Harry A. Rohwer, who is only 23 but weighs 787 pounds, at Los Angeles.

Texas House Votes For Cut in Cotton Acreage

Measure Would Hold Cotton Planting to 1-3 of Land in Cultivation Without Ad Valorem

Baton Rouge, La., Sept. 16.—After having been called a liar by the Texas senate Governor Huey P. Long tonight gave up his fight for a southern cotton holiday.

Governor Long, in a radio address, was singing his swan song on the Louisiana cotton holiday plan and that he thought with his fight for cotton prohibition.

He fired a parting shot at Texas and its legislature for opposing his plan and said he would have nothing more to say.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 16.—The Texas house of representatives defeated Governor Huey P. Long's proposal for a total cotton planting holiday in 1932 late today, and adopted a bill providing for reduced cotton acreage for next year.

The Long proposal was defeated, 92 to 38.

The acreage restriction measure was adopted in its stead, 95 to 34.

The bill permits only one-third of all land planted in all crops in 1931 to be planted in cotton in 1932.

Agriculturists estimated the measure would cut next year's cotton crop in half.

Before voting on the measures, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider all cotton relief measures. The house will reconvene at 9:30 tomorrow morning to adopt formally the restriction bill.

Conservation of soil was named as the purpose of the restriction bill. The measure also includes a section for rotation of crops.

A penalty of \$25 per acre is provided for violation of the order. The fines will be recoverable by suit and will be used in the building of state roads and bridges.

The action today was the result of bitter arguments in the house over Governor Long's proposal. Long's plan, passed by the Louisiana state legislature, was opposed by Governor Ross Sterling, of Texas, who called the special session of the legislature.

The bill directs county and district attorneys to prosecute all violators, allowing 10 per cent of what the state wins in fines as legal fees. Should county and district attorneys fail to prosecute, the burden of enforcing the law would fall on the state attorney general's department.

The bill, should it become a law, would be effective regardless of cotton relief action taken by other states of the old south.

A resolution accompanying the bill, however, invites other southern states to enact similar legislation.

Should other cotton producing

states fail to follow Texas' example, state legislators already have pledged themselves to meet in special session again next January to repeal the acreage restriction bill.

The Governor of Georgia has announced he will call his legislature into special session following action here.

In the senate, a similar measure took form in a bill restricting cotton planting next year to 25 per cent of the cultivated land. Senators preferred the 25 per cent reduction to the 33-1-3 per cent restriction by a vote of 15 to 12.

Floor debate indicated it was the sentiment of the senate that the 25 per cent clause more nearly effected 50 per cent reduction of the cotton crop.

Governor Sterling has endorsed the measure.

Efforts to restrict next year's crop to 50 per cent of land planted in cotton this year were defeated by a vote of 15 to 13.

The house toiled throughout the day, listening to lengthy debate on the Long plan.

The representatives were denounced bitterly by Representative Jack Keller, of Dallas, for their failure to act.

"We haven't done a cock-eyed thing so far," he shouted.

"It takes \$2,500 to run this house for one day. With cotton selling at a nickel, it means Texas farmers must pick over 150 bales per day to pay your bills."

The house was in a furor. But Keller, speaking on a plea of personal privilege, held the floor.

"Farmers have asked us for relief. I beg and pray of you, let us do something."

The speech of Keller and others, demanding action, moved the house to vote on the Long plan and then on the restriction plan.

A WORLD WAR VETERAN AND HIS 40 ACRES.

When John Marvin Davis returned from the World War he had \$200 and 40 acres of land in the Eureka section of Moore County. He spent the \$200 in getting back into "civies." Then he borrowed \$1,000 and went to farming on his unimproved 40 acres. Today there is a modern home on the place and young Davis owns a herd of 21 purebred Guernseys. "I owe only \$200 and that is for fertilizer used on 6 acres of tobacco grown by a tenant who helps me produce feed for my cows," he said recently.

He maintains a milk route at Southern Pines, about 12 miles away. He estimates that he makes \$80 to \$100 a month, exclusive of his home and what he produces for household use, off his place. He started with one milk cow and this summer he milked an average of twelve.

State is Sound, Says Brummitt

"Hold On to Conviction and Courage" Advice of Attorney General

Durham, Sept. 16.—"We still have everything in the way of material things we had before the depression began," Dennis G. Brummitt, attorney general of North Carolina, told the American Business Club here. "There is just as much land, just as much developed industry. We have our churches, our schools, and our people. We must not lose our courage. If we retain our convictions and our courage we will solve and master our problems."

Mr. Brummitt was introduced to the club by W. B. Umstead as a hard-working and able State official who had successfully interpreted the many legal problems brought about by the multiplicity of new laws and changing economic conditions. The office of attorney general is no longer the office of a figurehead, but of a live, virile official who is doing a great work for the state, he said.

Mr. Brummitt, naturally enough, talked about taxation. He brought no remedies. In fact, there are no panaceas for the problems which now confront the state, in the view of the speaker. He said nothing about economy. He did say, however, that if the state is to continue its progress and reach the development hoped for the public schools must be taken care of. "We have reached the bottom this year in curtailment of the schools," he said, "unless we are to lose much of what we have gained."

Farmers last year paid 25 per cent of their net incomes in taxes, he said. But textile mills paid 33 per cent. These figures apply to local and state taxes alone and do not include the federal taxes. The railroads paid the state and local divisions of government last year 35 per cent of their net income, and the indications are that they will pay a much greater part this year. Express companies paid last year 12 per cent of their gross receipts to the state and local divisions.

"Without saying so directly, he indicated that in his opinion merely shifting of taxes would not help the situation. The state's problems require much study. "We need to get all the facts," he said, reiterating this statement through his talk. He said that the state and its problems had become so complex that they could not be solved off hand, and mentioned the last legislature as an example. The 60 day legislature may be altogether a thing of the past, he said.

Fountain Would Take Off School Property Tax

Declares He Is in Favor of Six Months' Term

Raleigh, Sept. 16.—"I am in favor of supporting the six month school term without ad valorem tax," declared Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain, who was here yesterday attending a meeting of the state board of equalization.

"I am doing that every time I make a speech," said Mr. Fountain, when asked when he would amplify his announcement as a candidate for governor by a statement of his views, something that has already been done by two of his opponents, J. C. B. Ehringhaus and Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell.

"I think I have already made it clear where I stand," continued Mr. Fountain. "I think the time has already come to remove the present 15 cents tax on property for schools and that everything else should start from that. As for sales taxes, I told the Charlotte Merchants' Association that I did not want any kind of a sales tax, but that if one is necessary I prefer the so-called luxury tax."

"As for revaluation, I have always been for that and tried to get it through the legislature last spring."

"I think it is also generally known that I am opposed to the short ballot. It seems to me that I have made my views known on all issues that have been raised by any of the candidates. As for economy, I was raised under economical conditions and have had to support myself and my family economically and I consider myself an expert on that."

He is in the order.

The success obtained with alfalfa demonstrations planted in Rockingham County last fall will cause a greatly enlarged acreage to be seeded this fall, says Fred S. Walker, county agent.

Prices And Pounds Show Increase During Third Week Farmville Market

F. S. Harris Dies at Ayden

Prominent Pitt County Man Passes Suddenly at His Home

Ayden, Sept. 16.—F. S. Harris, extensive owner of town and farm property, died suddenly at his home in Ayden this morning about 8:40 o'clock. Although arrangements had not been completed, it was stated that the funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon with burial in the family burying ground several miles from Ayden.

Mr. Harris was seized by a stomach attack following a visit to one of his farms this morning, and was advised by his physician to go to bed. After the attack had been relieved, he was said to have died almost instantly as a blood clot passed from near his heart to his brain.

Mr. Harris was a native of the Ayden community where he spent the most of his life. While interested in farming, he owned considerable real estate in Ayden and surrounding community.

He is survived by his wife, five sons, T. B., J. H., R. L., Floyd, Robert, and a daughter, all of this county. He is also survived by the following brothers and sisters: W. T. and Frank, Ayden; Jim, Vanceboro; Mrs. W. S. Dixon, Black Jack, and Mrs. Sam Hardy, of Venters Cross Roads.

Seek Motive in Murder Inquiry

Meantime Prof. Kane Seeks Release Under Bond; Inquest Still Continues

Hampton, Va., Sept. 16.—Professor Elisha Kent Kane of the University of Tennessee, sought release under bond as a coroner's inquest called tonight for the third time to investigate the drowning of his pretty young wife on the shores of Chesapeake bay last Friday. The application for bond will be heard at 9:30 tomorrow morning.

Search for a motive that might substantiate a murder charge against the 37 year old college professor continued today, apparently without results, and authorities indicated it had been extended to several states.

Meantime, attorneys who filed application for bond, announced that the defense would not waive any hearing, but would insist on a preliminary trial, and would fight the case every inch of the way. The Elizabeth county grand jury does not convene until October 5.

Coroner George K. Vanderslice, who said there were conflicts in Kane's statements of his actions before and at the time of his wife's drowning and that "the case looks like a homicide," admitted that no motive had been uncovered and that officers had been unable to find an alleged letter involving a New York woman. He summoned several more witnesses for tonight's inquiry, but declined to discuss the testimony he hoped to obtain.

Kane, who has held to his statement that his wife slipped from a rock while they were swimming and drowned despite his efforts at rescue and resuscitation, was represented in the application for bond by his uncle, Francis Fisher Kane, a cousin, E. K. Kane, Jr., and Percy Macey Carmel, Hampton attorney.

Teaching an unwilling pupil is our idea of punishment.

Wins \$10,000



Margaret Ravior, winner of the 10-mile Women's Marathon swimming match at the Toronto National Exposition, was last year's winner also.

Heavier Breaks and Improved Grades Help to Boost Average

With breaks much heavier than those of the first and second week and a definite climb in prices as some of the better grades were offered on the warehouse floors here, the Farmville tobacco market's third week proved more satisfactory, competition was keener and a better spirit prevailed throughout the entire week.

The largest sale of the current season was recorded Monday, when 600,000 pounds were sold, the floors being cleared, however, without difficulty by late afternoon. Total poundage for the week, up to Friday, (The Enterprise going to press before Friday's sale) was 13,858,940, the sum of \$130,702.41 being paid to farmers for the week, at an average of \$9.44 per hundredweight. Thursday's average of \$10.87 was the highest of the week.

Inferior grades, which do not seem to be in demand, continue to predominate in the offerings and keep the average low. However, good tobacco is commanding fairly good prices and Farmville has no difficulty in holding her averages on a level with and often soars above those of the other markets of the East.

Farmers who live at great distance, as well as those nearby, are being attracted to Farmville as never before and scores of new faces and names are observed on the market here daily. They are rapidly getting wise to the fact that while Farmville is a large market, it has never outgrown its policy of individual attention and a cordial welcome is extended to every farmer who visits it. Courteous service is unquestionably one of the greatest features attracting farmers to this market today.

When you bring your tobacco here you are getting the benefit of the most up to date facilities for handling and selling in Eastern Carolina and selling to the strongest buying force on any market in the state.

All four of the warehouses are run by experienced men, who possess those fine qualities of industry and integrity that tend to success and who are constantly and continually pulling together for the good of the market; working for the best interest of the farmer and endeavoring to get the highest dollar for their customers.

N. C. Has Big Cash Balance

General Fund Has \$2,521,331.00 to Offset Deficit During 1929-31

Raleigh, Sept. 16.—North Carolina's treasury today held a cash balance in the state's general fund for the first two months of the 1931-32 fiscal year of \$2,521,331.90 to offset the \$2,236,198.09 deficit at the end of the 1929-31 biennium.

The figures were revealed yesterday in the combined report of the state auditor and state treasurer for the fiscal year to August 31, which showed a total of \$6,541,817.91. Disbursements for the two months, \$1,784,287.92, added to the deficit figure and the total subtracted from the receipts left the cash balance of \$2,521,331.90 in the state treasury.

During August, disbursements were \$960,674.06, against a cash balance of \$983,855.83 on August 1, and receipts for August amounted to \$2,498,150.13, for a total balance and receipts of \$3,482,005.96.

Disbursements from the highway fund for the month totaled \$5,960,336.45 against a cash balance and receipts of \$12,761,569.79, leaving a cash balance on August 1 of \$6,801,082.84.

The total cash balance in the state treasury reserved for general fund, highway and other special funds, and outstanding warrants and disbursing accounts on August 31 amounted to \$9,913,318.03.

On August 31, the total state debt was \$179,611,371, of which \$2,230,000 represents notes issued to fund the general fund deficit at the end of the 1929-31 biennium.

Martin County sweet potato growers will buy 60,000 crates cooperatively for use in curing the crop this season.

W. H. Avery of Morganton, rural route, has been elected president of the newly formed Burke County Guernsey Breeders' Association.

FARMVILLE TOBACCO MARKET

Farmville, N. C.

SALE CARD	Bell's	Monk's	Knott's	Hoggood's
For Week Beginning				
September 21				
Monday	1	1	2	2
Tuesday	2	2	1	1
Wednesday	1	1	2	2
Thursday	2	2	1	1
Friday	1	1	2	2