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## FARMVILLE EXTENDS A WELCOME

### Seven Lenoir County Farmers Are Killed in Truck-Train Crash

#### Accident Occurs About a Quarter of a Mile From Lumberton; and Several Occupants Heads Are Cut Off From Body.

Lumberton, N. C., Aug. 22—Seven persons were killed today when a tobacco truck carrying twelve men and boys from Deep Run, Lenoir county, crashed into a Seaboard Airline passenger train near here.

Three were killed instantly. Two died while being carried to hospitals and two died soon after reaching the hospitals. The other five on the truck were injured, four of them seriously.

The dead  
Jesse Davenport, 26; Louis Davenport, 22; Clyde Taylor, 12; Walter Smith, 20; Burchard Smith, 23; Dick Harper, 19, and Wesley Davenport 13, all of Deep Run.

The injured:  
Haywood Smith, 27, severe lacerations; Woodrow Taylor, 20, head injury, probably fractured skull and fractured arm; Millard Davenport, 50, probable skull fracture; Furnie Davenport, 53, serious head injuries and Zeb Brown, 27, serious head injuries. All live near Deep Run.

The truck was owned by J. R. Davenport of Deep Run. Haywood Smith was driving it, and the men were carrying the tobacco to the auction market at Fairmont.

Smith was the least injured and at a hospital was able to say he remembered the names of only a few on the truck. He carried the names of others in a notebook in his pocket.

He said his view of the train was obstructed by houses and that he did not see the swiftly approaching train until it was too late to prevent a crash.

The truck was dumped into a ditch after the impact.

Three ambulances were brought in to use to take the dead and injured to hospitals and funeral homes.

Almost instantly hundreds of people gathered about the scene. Capt. Buck Williams was in charge of the train, which was No. 14.

### This Week's Tragedy

During the coming week a ghastly tragedy will occur.

Two hundred or more lives will be destroyed. Property valued at about \$8,000,000 will be reduced to ashes. Because of it, business will close, men will lose their jobs, taxes will increase.

You won't hear much about it—because it won't happen all at once. It will be divided among a thousand communities, a thousand different kinds of property. The destruction of a great factory or a portable garage will all contribute to it.

The world remembers the great fires—the Iriquois theatre, the Cleveland hospital, the little school at Collinsville. What the world does not realize is that these fires are no worse than those that take place every week in this so-called civilized world, and which, by cumulative action, even exceed these single disasters in loss of life and property. Many years can pass without the occurrence of a fire as horrible as that in the Iriquois theatre—but each year witnesses the destruction of ten thousand lives and half a billion dollars in property values.

If we look on fire in the mass, we will come close to gaining some idea of the unnecessary menace it is. Billions of dollars have been spent, in seeking to prevent it—and while these efforts have borne good fruit, public indifference has prevented the success that should be achieved. It is time for a "Fire Preventing Year."

Every Durham County dairyman selling his milk at wholesale prices has joined the Tri County Association to secure fair marketing practices.

A new pure bred Holstein bull calf has been purchased by the Mills Home at Thomasville to head the herd of 100 Holstein cows on the farm.

### Rotary Club Holds Interesting Meet

The meeting of the Farmville Rotary Club which was held on August 22, 1933 was one of great interest to all the members and one that was packed with useful information. W. A. McAdams was program chairman and after the disposition of the routine business he turned the entire program over to John T. Thorne for an open forum discussion of the NRA and the manner in which it affected the growers of tobacco of the bright leaf type.

After a few introductory remarks John went into a chronological account of a conference which he attended in Washington, D. C. There were six representatives of the bright leaf tobacco growers at this conference, three from North Carolina one from Virginia, one from South Carolina, and one from Georgia.

The conferees discussed thoroughly with the Tobacco Administrator the feasibility and possibility of acreage reduction for the crop which is to be harvested in 1934. This acreage reduction program is to be used as a means of bringing about a price parity for all types of bright flue cured tobacco. According to the figures compiled by the Administrator. This parity would have meant a price of \$16.06 per cwt for type 12 tobacco. However, this figure has at the present time appreciated slightly.

The acreage reduction campaign was to be financed by a 3.7c per pound processing tax on tobacco, which tax it is estimated will raise \$10,000,000 of revenue.

John says, the administration is making every effort to have all the basic agricultural commodities sell at a fair or parity price in order that the burden of increase prices of certain commodities will not fall too heavily on someone who has not had the benefit of a corresponding increase in the price of the commodity or manufactured article which he has to place on the market. John illustrated this by the statement that if a man were to attempt to raise a house with screw jacks that he would not raise one corner of it to the desired height but rather he would place one at each corner and "let all corners of the house simultaneously.

There is to be another meeting of this group sometime near the last of November to determine just how this acreage reduction program shall be put into effect, the number of acres to be removed from production and other details.

According to present plans the cooperative of every tobacco farmer is to be asked in the program and the entire program is to be sponsored under the blue eagle of the NRA.

Mountain farmers in Clay County have reorganized a corn club to see who can grow the most corn on an acre of land next season.

### Organization Will Bring Tobacco Relief

Tobacco farmers must organize to obtain the benefits of parity prices under the Agricultural Adjustment Act.

Dr. C. W. Forster, agricultural economist at State College, says the Government is in sympathy with the growers in their efforts to obtain a fair price for their product. "However, the Federal tobacco administration is not in a position to deal with unorganized masses."

Urging farmers to organize and form agreements to raise prices, he said that "Under the 'New Deal', as inaugurated by President Roosevelt and represented in the Adjustment Act, the farmers have an exceptional opportunity to get equitable treatment—the first opportunity in the history of agriculture. They should not let this opportunity slip by."

"The problem of organizing is not a difficult one, since the farmers already have a skeleton organization in their some 58 mutual farm commodity exchanges now in operation in the State. These exchanges could be used in an emergency to deal with the important problem of obtaining a fair exchange for tobacco."

He pointed out that growers could easily join these exchanges and their

## To Tobacco Growers Of Eastern Carolina

### Cotton Planters Are Required to Keep Their Acreage Pledges

#### Government to Plow Up Cotton Where Farmers Fail To Fulfill Contracts.

Washington, Aug. 22—Government agents will get behind the plow to destroy cotton on land of farmers who have not fulfilled their signed crop reduction contracts by tomorrow midnight, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration announced late today.

Federal agents will drive federal mules into all unplowed contract fields after tomorrow midnight, officials said, defying possible shotguns of irate farmers.

Officials of the A. A. A. urged that citizens do no "night-riding" or engage in any "Ku Klux Klan" tactics in helping to enforce the cotton contracts. It was emphasized that the government would take care of those farmers whom one official called "chislers" and who signed contracts, but have not fulfilled them.

Not Widespread  
"There is no evidence of any widespread disposition upon the part of cotton producers to seek to evade the terms of adjustment contracts," said Chester C. Davis, director of production, in announcing the government's plan to complete its \$110,000,000 cotton reduction program.

"Only a few isolated instances have come to our attention, but in fairness to all producers and in fairness to the government, it will be the policy to require performance of every crop reduction offer."

"Producers who have received their individual notices of acceptance and who fail to comply with their contracts by the time set, will be notified that action will be taken under Section 10 of the contract."

"Action" means the actual plowing under of cotton by county agents, it was made clear. Section 10 authorizes the government to destroy crops if the contracting farmer himself does not do so.

Must Also Pay  
Not only will the county agents plow up the fields of delinquent farmers, they also will charge them for the expense of the work. The agents, however, have been authorized to make special exceptions in cases where floods, for instance, have ruined part of a farmer's crop or where wet weather has delayed his plowing.

### NRA Probers Swamp Durham

#### Corps Of Investigators Check Business Firms Under Eagle.

Durham, Aug. 22—A corps of federal and NRA investigators descended on Durham today to check on business firms flying the blue eagle.

May A. L. Fletcher, state commissioner of labor, announced from Raleigh that Durham was the city selected for the beginning of the State-wide check.

Local NRA authorities are warning all businesses and industries operating under the NRA code here, to put their houses in order lest they lose their eagles.

representatives could jointly submit to the Federal Government an agreement governing the marketing of tobacco this year and the price to be received.

"The grading problem would be difficult, but for the time being the buyers' grades might be used which could later be substituted for a uniform government grade."

### MARKET TO OPEN TUESDAY, AUG. 29

Knott's Warehouse Has Been Enlarged, Adding 12,000 More Feet Of Floor Space; A. C. Monk & Co., Recently Built and Equipped Another Redrying Plant Here, Doubling Their Capacity; W. B. Lea & Co., to Operate old Cheatham Factory This Season.

Farmville's business men are this week making preparation for extending to all tobacco growers attending the opening of the Farmville tobacco market next Tuesday, Aug. 29th, a most hearty welcome. Many of whom will be on hand at the warehouse to greet them in person.

Tobacco town, after extensive enlarging of houses and factories to take care of this season's heavy crop, is now in readiness for possibly the largest opening in the history of the market, and prediction is already afloat that possibly a third set of buyers may be necessary to take care of sales, due to the increasing popularity of the Farmville Market.

Farmers plainly tell you they like to sell tobacco in Farmville because they like our warehouses (and there are none better in the warehouse business), they appreciate the attentive and courteous treatment received, the friendly consideration of all the buyers, sales forces and office men, and most of them express the belief, they make better sales on the Farmville Market.

It is a true fact, over a period of years, Farmville heads the list of the big market class in highest averages. In 1931, Farmville led Greenville by 15c a hundred; Wilson by 50c, and Kinston by 72c; and, again last season, Farmville led Wilson by 27c, and Greenville by 65c a hundred. The above figures are true facts taken from the records of the U. S. and N. C. Department of Agriculture, and are given here only for the purpose of showing the standing of the Farmville Market among other markets in the New Bright Belt. This record, in our opinion, is a substantial reason for the increasing popularity of the Farmville Market among the tobacco growers of Eastern Carolina.

Among the outstanding improvements made here recently in the interest of Farmville Tobacco Market are, first, the extensive enlargement of the redrying plant of A. C. Monk & Co., large independent tobacco buyers and dealers.

During the past few months their factory here has been greatly enlarged and new redrying machines, conveyers, etc., have been installed to the point of doubling the daily capacity of the plant.

This firm, under the personal supervision of A. C. Monk, has gradually grown from one of the so-called little concerns in the tobacco business to what is now known as one of the big boys, handling millions and millions of pounds of the golden weed yearly, with plants scattered throughout the New Bright Belt, and with offices and representatives in several foreign countries.

Mr. Monk came to Farmville in the early days of the market, and is now considered one of its greatest assets. Another great advantage this season over last is the coming to Farmville of the W. B. Lea Tobacco Co., of Rocky Mount, independent tobacco buyers on a large scale, who have leased the old C. B. Cheatham, & Co., factory and redrying plant. The Farmville Market extends to them a most cordial welcome, and feel that their coming will be of great benefit to all tobacco growers selling tobacco in

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#### Identify Body Found Years ago

#### Chatham Woman Says Man Found Murdered Here in 1926 Was Her Husband.

Raleigh, Aug. 23—The body of an unidentified man, stabbed and left on the railroad tracks, which was found near Raleigh over seven years ago, has been established as that of George Washington Miles, of near Goldston, Coroner L. M. Waring announced yesterday.

Mrs. Annie Mae Hillard, of Chatham county, stated in an affidavit turned over to the coroner that she was convinced from descriptions given her of the body that it was that of her former husband, who came to Raleigh two days before the body was found here.

The body was found near the Norfolk Southern Railroad bridge over Marsh Creek, three miles north-east of Raleigh, on October 27, 1926. Coroner Waring found knife wounds near the heart and the man's throat had been cut, he said. The man had been left on the tracks and a train had mutilated his head and cut off one leg. No clue has been uncovered which would lead to the identity of the murderer.

Yesterday affidavits from Mrs. Hillard, E. B. Wilkie, a friend, and Mrs. Donnie Graham, sister of Miles, were submitted to the coroner, all stating that the description of the body found here fitted that of Miles. Mrs. Graham lives in Cheraw, S. C.

Since the disappearance of her husband, Mrs. Hillard married again, after obtaining a separation.

Miles left Goldston, in Chatham county, on Oct. 25, 1926, for Raleigh, where he was to take a job as a mechanic, Mrs. Hillard said. He had \$1 and some change when he left. The body found here had \$4 in bills on it.

Mrs. Hillard employed D. M. Tyner, Goldston lawyer, to look into the case and Mr. Tyner has been working on it for some time.

It was indicated that Mrs. Hillard or members of Miles' family may request that the body be turned over to them for reburial. The body is buried in Oakwood cemetery here.

#### RO BOY INJURED IN AUTO-MOBILE ACCIDENT

In an accident occurring on the Kinston-Snow Hill highway about three miles from Snow Hill Tuesday afternoon, Dock King, 10 year old Negro boy, was struck and severely injured by Dr. C. E. Moore, who with Mrs. Moore and his grandson, were returning to their home in Wilson from Kinston.

Reports received here state, that Dr. Moore blew the horn of his car, the boy crossed the road, and that just as the car was about to pass, the boy ran in front of it. Two Kinston men, driving behind Dr. Moore, stopped and assisted the Doctor in putting the boy in his car, and he was rushed to Dr. Harper's office in Snow Hill, where he received treatment, being later carried to a Kinston hospital.

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