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WEATHER

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

GOLDSBORO WEED MART OPENS WITH RECORD SALE

American Asiatic Squadron Called To Chinese Port

400,000 POUNDS OF TOBACCO SOLD HERE YESTERDAY FOR AN AVERAGE OF 22 CENTS

IMPENDING CHINESE BATTLE HAS CAUSED FOREIGN POWERS TO ACT

Floors of Every Warehouse Literally Covered With the Golden Weed. Price Ranged from 6 to 50 Cents Per Pound; the Farmers More Than Pleased With Price Received; Goldsboro Market Averaged Higher Than Some Others.

With between 350,000 and 400,000 pounds of tobacco on the floors of the three open warehouses and about 40,000 pounds on the floor of the co-operative warehouse, the tobacco marketing season in Goldsboro opened yesterday morning. Sales were in progress all during the day and when the auctioneers had made their last appeal to the buyers and the last pound had been taken for the day, it was found that an average price of twenty-two cents had been paid for the weed and this in spite of the fact that the majority of the tobacco sold during the day was of a "medium" quality.

The scene at and around the warehouses was one of marked activity. Farmers from miles had been coming in to Goldsboro for twelve hours previous to the opening, bringing loads of tobacco with them. Early in the day it seemed that the last available bit of floor space had been taken but as another load would roll in a piece for it was found. Finally the hour for the opening sale arrived and the auctioneer got busy with his sing-song, appeal to the buyers to "hit 'em up" and to "give 'em a good price, boys" and the boys did, they bid just as high as they possibly could. Tobacco sold as low as six and seven cents but those were rare cases. Some of it sold for forty-five and fifty cents but the average price was from fifteen to thirty-five cents per pound. The auctioneer worked fast. It was necessary that they do so as there were thousands of piles of tobacco to be disposed of. The buyers worked just as rapidly as did all the men who followed the sale. In fact, everyone worked in unison and they lost no time in the work that was before them.

Everyone Interested. And following the auctioneers, the buyers and the warehousemen came long line of interested spectators, farmers, business men, and others who watched every sale and followed each more made by those who were engaged in selling the weed. There was not one bit of dissatisfaction manifested by any grower who had placed his weed on the floor of either of the open warehouses to be disposed of in fact they all seemed well pleased and several of those who had split their load, carrying a part of it to another market just to make a comparison of prices, stated that they had gotten "in touch with the progress of the sales that they had gotten on another market and they found that the prices paid on the Goldsboro market was from two to five cents per pound higher than that received at other points. Accidentally many of the growers who sold on the Goldsboro market yesterday and who were so well pleased with the prices which they received, declared that they intended to tell their former friends to bring their tobacco to this market hereafter, assuring them that they would get the very highest prices for the same. All in all the opening of the Golds-

Youth Is Horribly Burned When Carbide Explodes

Donald Dail, Ten-Year-Old Son of Vine-Street Resident, Finds Mass of Carbide on School Campus, Pours Water Upon It and Explosion Results—Badly Burned on Face, Neck and Chest and Will Probably Lose One Eye.

Donald Dail, ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dail, who reside on Park avenue, was horribly burned about the face, neck and shoulders and will probably lose the sight of one eye. If not both and Ruth Stallings, a little playmate who resides in the same neighborhood, was slightly burned, when a mass of carbide which the little Dail boy said that he found on the school campus nearby and upon which he had poured water exploded yesterday afternoon. Physicians who were called to attend the injured lad found him writhing in pain with his face and neck a mass of blisters. Everything possible was done to relieve his agony and last night a report from the home was to the effect that he was resting as well as could be expected.

There were several children with him at the time and they asserted that when the carbide was picked up it was hot and it is supposed that this was due to the moisture of the grass in which it had been found. Taking it into the back yard of a neighbor, Donald secured a can or a dipper of water and poured it over the mass. Immediately there was a dull explosion which was heard for some distance, a great puff of gas and smoke and when this cleared away the lad was found lying nearby horribly burned. Nearby residents rushed to his aid, physicians were hurriedly summoned and the child carried home where medical attention was given to him. It was said last night by one of the physicians that it was almost certain that the boy would lose the sight in one eye but it was hoped that the other could be saved.

According to accounts of the accident given The News, Donald had found the mass of carbide on the school campus and had picked it up.

SCHOOL ELECTION IN BUCK SWAMP CARRIES

Taxpayers of That Locality Vote Special Tax of Thirty Cents to Make Improvements

A local tax election was held in Buck Swamp township yesterday at which the tax payers voted upon a local tax of thirty cents for the improvement of educational facilities in that locality. The election was carried 159 to 37. The success of this election means the consolidation of the Cogdell school and the Edgerton school with the Nahanga school. The latter will have an addition of an auditorium and four class rooms and a total of ten teachers. The tax payers of that district are vitally interested in school work and there never was at any time a doubt as to whether the election would carry.

Prisoners Taken to The State Penitentiary

Larry Horton, white, sentenced to serve a term of two years in the state prison after being convicted on a charge of larceny at last week's term of Wayne superior court, and Jim Riley, negro, sentenced to serve thirty days for murder, were yesterday morning taken to Raleigh by deputy Rhodes and placed in the penitentiary. Horton is a dope addict and during the two years he is confined at Raleigh efforts will be made to cure him of this habit. Mrs. E. Reed Metcalfe, of Minneapolis, is a building contractor who personally supervises all the details of construction work. More than twenty homes have been built by her. Goldsboro market yesterday was one of the most successful in the history and there is not the least doubt, warehousemen asserted, that the present season will prove to be the best from every standpoint it has ever experienced.

Two Men Fight; One Thinks Other Dead; Gives Self Up

When Emmett Reeves, a middle-aged white man of Grantham township came to town Sunday surrendered to Sheriff Grant and told the latter that he had killed Arnold Padgett, a much younger man and a resident of Grantham township, the sheriff had an idea that a foul murder had been committed. Reeves was held pending an investigation. A deputy was sent to the scene of the alleged slaying and found Padgett just recovering from a blow on the head which was dealt by Reeves with a plow point. But he was not dead by any means. Yesterday Reeves showed up for trial in county court but the case was continued for two weeks and he was allowed to give bond for his appearance at that time.

LOCAL AUTO DEALERS SHOW CLOSED CAR

An important meeting of the local automobile dealers and also the dealers in automobile accessories was held in the office of the Chamber of Commerce Monday afternoon, at which time the 1925 automobile show was discussed. Nothing definite in regard to the show has been decided upon at present but there is every indication that it will be put through in the very best shape and will prove to be the best ever held here. The dealers were of the opinion that an exhibit of closed cars during the fair would be an excellent plan and it is very likely that this will be arranged for. It was suggested that this display be held under a tent and Secretary Denmark will immediately make arrangements to secure a tent suitable for the purpose.

SUNKEN GERMAN FLEET AT SCAFA FLOW VIEWED BY U. S. AVIATORS DURING ROUND THE WORLD FLIGHT



While the American globe circling fliers were in England the U. S. S. Richmond visited Scapa Flow and the intrepid aviators took occasion to visit the sunken German ships. Above are shown one of the fliers and an officer of the Richmond about to enter one of the rusted gun turrets.

HUNDREDS OF LOCAL CITIZENS AT OPEN'G OF CITY WAREHOUSES

Business Men and Others Went Out Yesterday and Joined in Welcoming Visiting Tobacco Growers. Among the hundreds who crowded the floors of the local warehouses during the opening day of the tobacco marketing season in Goldsboro were scores of local citizens, business men and others, who went to look on while the tobacco was being sold and also to extend a glad hand to the farmers and tell them how welcome they were in Goldsboro. The people of Goldsboro have always had and always will have a most kindly feeling for the farmers and they never let an opportunity to tell them about this pass by. And it was apparent that the farmers appreciated this. Here and there groups of tobacco growers would be seen discussing matters of interest to them and to the city folks with whom they talked. It was a case of half-fellow-well-met and the visitors to the city were made to feel perfectly at home. Many local residents had their former friends and acquaintances as guests at luncheon during the day and there was the usual general spirit of good will manifest on every side.

New Filling Station Is Visited by Many

Hundreds of local and out-of-town motorists yesterday paid a visit to the new Texas filling station, located at the corner of East Centre and Ash streets and which opened its doors early yesterday morning. This station, which is under the management of Mr. Leslie Yelverton, who is well and favorably known, is in addition to being one of the best equipped in the city, one of the most conveniently located and that it will fill a long felt want on the part of local motorists is assured.

FOUNTAIN OPERATORS GO BACK TO GLASSES IN SERVING DRINKS

Sanitary Cups Will Not be Used at Local Soda Fountains for the Next Two Weeks at Least. Following the action taken by the Goldsboro board of aldermen on Monday night in holding in abeyance for a period of two weeks the ordinance relative to the compulsory use of sanitary containers at all the soda fountains in this city, operators of such places yesterday morning put the glasses which they have for years been using in serving drinks, back on their counters and will serve all drinks out of these until the matter is definitely settled. The operators of the soda fountains put up a strong argument against the sanitary containers before the aldermen Monday night, while at the same time local health authorities put up equally as strong a battle to do away with the glasses at all fountains. The aldermen gave the operators of the fountains two weeks in which to get together with the health authorities and endeavor to reach some understanding about the matter, then at the next meeting the matter will be taken up and finally settled. The health authorities say they are standing firmly by their decision to fight "the common drinking glass" while the fountain operators declared they are equally as determined to fight back and to protest against the use of the sanitary containers, not from a financial standpoint but because their patrons are demanding the use of the drinking glass. High Point Fireman Is Killed by a Bolt. High Point, Sept. 2.—Gilmore Pickett, aged 21, member of High Point fire department was killed instantly by lightning late today at Welch baseball park.

Onslow County Girl is Found Dead With a Serpent in Hand

The story of a 17-year-old girl found dead with a rattlesnake in her death grip, near Jacksonville, Onslow county, has reached the city without very much detail. Efforts to verify the story and secure details of the tragedy, by telephone to Jacksonville were fruitless. The story is that the girl was found to have been bitten in the throat by the rattlesnake, and was quite dead when discovered, but her grip on the serpent had not relaxed and in spite of its efforts to squirm loose it was firmly held and was killed by persons who came upon the body of the girl.

GOLDSBORO CITIZENS MAY GLIMPSE ZR-3

Efforts Being Made to Have Giant Dirigible Routed by This City on Trial Trip Which it is to Make.

Goldsboro may have an opportunity of glimpsing the big dirigible, ZR-3, now being completed in Germany for the United States. Plans are being developed for a trial trip of the big ship from Cedarhurst, N. J., southward via Charlotte and Atlanta to the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce has urged Congressman C. L. Abernethy to use his influence in having the return trip of the big airship made by Goldsboro. While no other information as to the government's plans for this year have been published other than the announcement that such a flight was contemplated it is believed that if the ZR-3 is sent southward, her swing will bring her back by this city. The ZR-3 which has for two years been under construction in Germany and is the largest airship of her kind in the world.

'T WAS REAL LIQUOR MADE RATS DRUNK

Man and Wife Are Convicted on Violation Charge on "Testimony" Furnished by Rodents? Omaha, Neb., Sept. 1.—Thirteen sleek rats peened in a cage in a chemist's laboratory were useful in convicting an Omaha man and wife of a liquor selling charge, with subsequent sentence of a year in jail and a heavy fine for each in Federal court. The question of sampling the liquor which the pair sold was brought up in court, and to determine whether it was fit for human consumption the agents submitted it to a chemist. He fed it to the rats and then watched their reaction. The rodents displayed many of the characteristics of an intoxicated human the chemist reported. Not only did they all thrive he declared on the witness stand. Although defense counsel questioned the admissibility of the experiment as evidence, it was allowed to stand as indicating the potency and possibilities of the liquor for beverage purposes.

United States, Great Britain, France and Japan Rush Naval Forces to Greatest Harbor in Asiatic Waters in Order to Protect Their Nationals and to Look After Commerce; Chinese Officials Are Given Fair Warning.

Washington, Sept. 2.—Naval forces of the United States, Japan, Great Britain and France were rushed to Asiatic waters, being assembled at Shanghai, China. Some already were there and others were proceeding moving as neutral ships but prepared to act swiftly in the event they were called upon to protect their respective nationals, commercial and trade interests now centered by the Shanghai harbor. The diplomatic agent of the four governments already have advised the Peking foreign office that "the idea of a naval battle in the greatest harbor of the east was unthinkable and could not be tolerated." It was stated that the Shanghai waters constitute one vast harbor in which the ships of every nation sail and that the present station of affairs presents a situation that cannot be regarded with equanimity by them. Admiral Thomas Washington, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic squadron, and Edward Bell, chief of the legation in Peking, reported to the Peking government today on the situation at Shanghai. Admiral Washington said nine destroyers, the Joris, Smith, Thompson, Tracy, Mulbert, J. D. Evans, Public, Trux, Penquin and Whipple had been dispatched from the summer base at Cefoo to Shanghai and in addition the gunboat Isabel, flagship of the river patrol, had been ordered there from Kinkang. Act in Union. No mention, however, was contained in these dispatches as to what ships the other three powers now have at Shanghai or have ordered here. It is known, however, that the Peking diplomats, representing the four great powers, are acting in unison in the Shanghai matter and that will be of size represented now by vessels of their respective naval forces. Mr. Bell, reporting on the conference he and the other diplomatic officers held in Peking with Dr. Koo, foreign minister, declared that while it was their desire to remain strictly neutral and not to interfere with Chinese internal wars, he diplomats had made it clear to the Chinese minister that a battle between the forts at Woosung and the Nanking navy, such as was threatened, would endanger the ships of all nations crowded in Shanghai waters and could not be tolerated. Washington Sept. 2.—Prospects of a battle between Chinese naval and land forces in the vicinity of Shanghai have caused diplomatic representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Japan and France, in Peking normally to notify the Foreign Office officials there that such a military engagement was "unthinkable and could not be tolerated." Advice regarding the situation in Shanghai city and harbor were received by the State Department today from Edward Bell, charge d'affaires at Peking. These contained first reports of the latest action taken by the diplomatic corps.

'Tis a strange world. During the heated term, A. W. MacLean is sawing wood in Wisconsin; after January 1 he will cut considerable ice in North Carolina.