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## WEDNESDAY MARKS MELON CROP SHORT IN OTHER STATES

### Era of Extravagance in North Carolina Ended Tuesday Night; Period of Careful Calculation Sets In

July first, the beginning of the new fiscal year for the state and counties, saw the introduction of an entirely new policy in the government of the State of North Carolina. Beginning with the legislature of 1921 and continuing for the ten years just passed the state has been engaged in the activities of an era of spending and advancement. That era came to an end Tuesday night and the new era whose key word is "economy" and retrenchment has set in. Faced by stress in all the phases of economic life, the legislature of 1931 took steps to recall economy and conservatism and the act whereby it proposed to do so became active on Wednesday.

Five main acts passed by the last legislature, comprise the economic program which now enters its testing period. The changing of the public schools from a county project receiving aid from the state to a state project, the taking over of forty-five thousand miles of county roads by the state, the joining of three state schools into one university, the creation of the Local Government Commission to stabilize and polish the economic affairs of the counties and the appointment of a commission to study the problem of revamping the North Carolina constitution, these are the five acts which mark a new policy in state affairs and will be closely watched not only as to their effect upon the individual citizenship but also as a successful or failing party policy.

While all of these acts were consummated upon the score of economy there is general agreement that they may be proven as progressive and helpful steps. State officials have been generous in their estimates of savings to the taxpayers through these measures. In addition to this each act has possibilities of increased efficiency although they also carry the stigma of centralization of power which is so distasteful to many citizens.

### RAEFORD STORES MAKE MONDAY A HOLIDAY

According to an agreement circulated last week among the merchants of Raeford, many business houses of the town will close on Monday, July 6th, instead of Saturday, July 4th. The agreement is as follows: "Owing to the fact that the fourth of July comes on Saturday this year, we the undersigned merchants agree to keep our stores open on Saturday, July 4th, and close Monday, July 6th."

The agreement was signed by Thomas Grocery Company, Israel Mann, The Ladies Shop, City Market, Campbell and Company, Home Pride Store, Baucum's Cash Store, Raeford Furniture Company, Farmer's Furnishing Company, Blue-mont Barber Shop, H. A. McKay, McGill and Sessoms, Raeford Hardware Company, A & P Tea Company, Raeford Barber Shop, A. D. Walters, Sam Epstein, Macks Store, McLaughlin Company, Penders Grocery Company, Page Trust Company and the Bank of Raeford.

### EARLY COTTON BLOOMS

Evidently the hot weather has Hoke county cotton jumping for last week found the News-Journal showered with first blooms. The first bloom reported to this office was one found on the McLaughlin farms by Lonnie Monroe, colored, farming for Mr. G. C. Lytle, on June 22. It was a red bloom. Others reported include one by S. C. Currie found on June 27, one by Will Pope, farming for Mr. W. T. Covington, found on June 24, one by D. P. McDermid, dated June 25th. Chief McGill found a cotton blossom on June 26 in a field which was entirely unfertilized this year.

### NATIVE MINERALS IN N.C.

There are 284 native minerals in North Carolina. This is more than are found in any other state in the Union.

### Georgia and Florida Crops Suffer From Lack of Rain; Decreased Acreage Helps Keep Prices at Good Level.

Hoke county watermelon growers are busily at work with one eye on the market further south and the other on their own crop. Hoke watermelon acreage this year is probably the largest in her history and local farmers are anxiously watching the progress of the melon shipments as they begin in Florida and move Northward.

In the Florida market, movements which began several weeks ago have now reached their peak and are on the decline. Dry weather during the early growing season has cut down the size of the melons which the recent hot weather has caused to ripen rapidly. This resulted in the bulk of the crop going below the 30 pound average. Prices there were fairly well sustained, but at present most of the sales are being made at from one to two hundred dollars per car. Due to the fact that the Florida melon acreage has been reduced by about four thousand acres and that the drought has reduced the crop considerably it is thought certain that this year's crop will fail to reach last year's mark of eight thousand, six hundred eighty-seven cars.

The advent of the Georgia melons has also had its effect upon the Florida market. Last week marked the first concentrated movement of melons from Georgia. Reports from this field express doubt as to a heavy movement from Georgia, for any extended period. Weather conditions in that section have been similar to those in Florida, with a drought cutting down the crop. Excessive heat in Southern Georgia is reported and the fields are badly in need of rain. All agencies agree that there will be a big decrease in the Georgia crop this year due to the drought and decreased acreage throughout southern Georgia.

South Carolina melons will begin to move about the second week in July and North Carolina melons soon thereafter. Hoke county will begin to ship about the last week in July according to present indications.

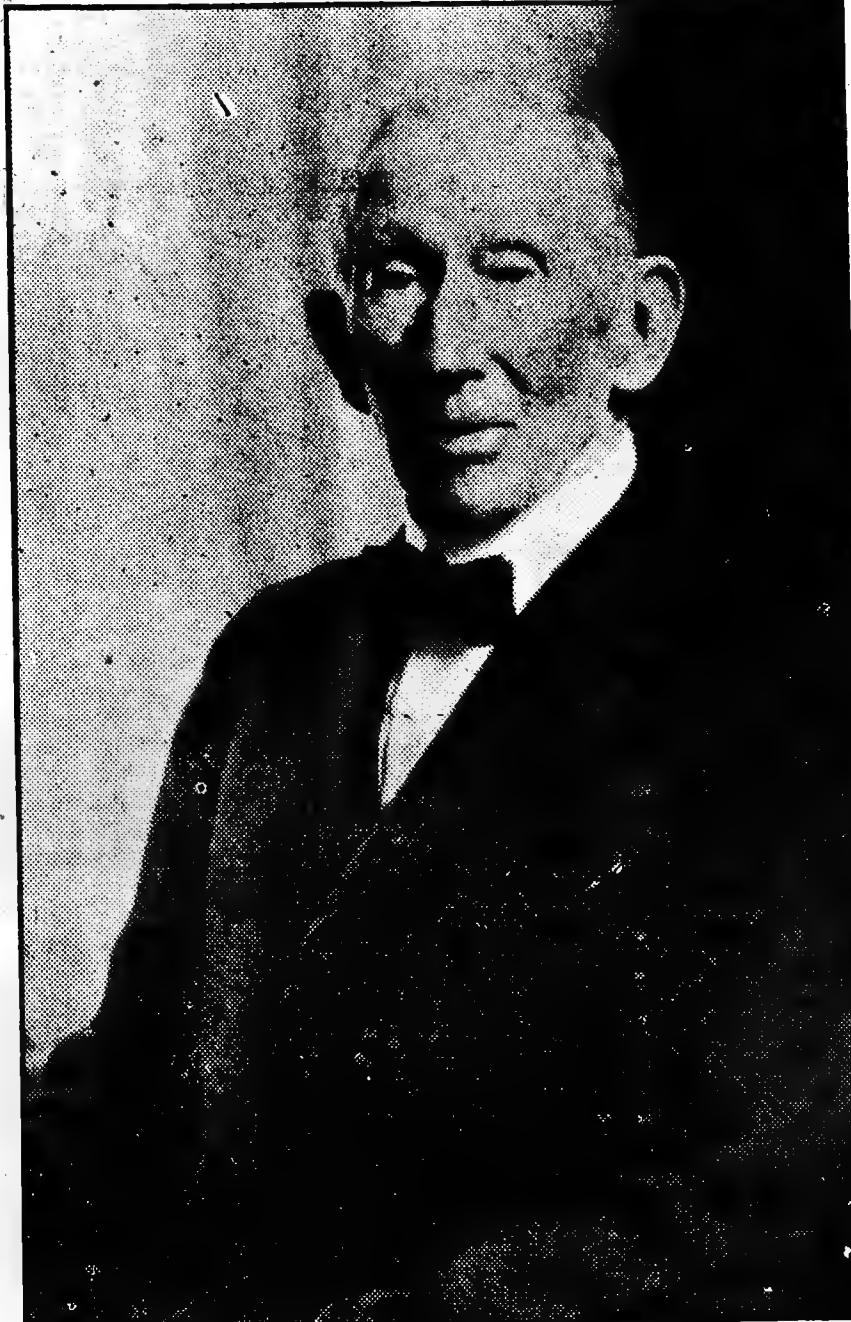
## SQUARE DANCES ARE OVER FOR SUMMER

### Last Dance Tuesday Night Fitting Close To Fine Series Of Dances; Set September 15th As Re-opening Date.

The enjoyable season of square dances which have been given for the last several months in the Armory Hall, came to an end with the unusually spirited dance Tuesday night. These dances have been a splendid weekly feature of county life and it was with a great deal of regret that both onlookers and dancers bade a temporary farewell to these entertainments at the final dance.

The square dances, which have been given every Tuesday night have been exceptionally well attended. While it is probable that those who came to dance were most numerous, the number of spectators at each dance was large, many of the town and county people coming to enjoy the gaiety of the occasions from the seats which were provided on the sidelines. Dancers and spectators have been regular attendants from a territory which stretched north and west into the sandhills and south into South Carolina.

Tuesday's dance was a fitting culmination for the successful series of dances. The floor was crowded and spectators in great numbers watched with approval as the dancers went through their rhythmic paces. At the conclusion of the dancing prizes were given in the drawing of lucky numbers, the lucky ones being Mr. Sessoms of the Arabia section and Miss Katherine Peele of Raeford. The prizes were awarded by Dr. A. C. Bethune who also took occasion to speak of the high quality of entertainment which the dances have afforded and to compliment the wholesome behavior which has characterized them.



THE LATE JOHN W. McLAUCHLIN

## HUNDREDS ATTEND McLAUCHLIN RITES

### Friends and Relatives From All Over North Carolina Come Here To Pay Tribute To Beautiful Life Of Man

Hundreds of relatives, friends and admirers of Mr. John W. McLaughlin attended the last rites which were held at the Presbyterian church in Raeford on Wednesday afternoon, June 24th, at five o'clock. The main Sunday School auditoriums, the two balconies and all available extra seats were filled by the crowd which came to pay honor to the memory of Hoke county's most eminent citizen. Edinborough avenue between Main and Magnolia streets, was blocked to traffic for an hour before the ceremony and all business houses in town were closed during the service.

The service was marked by simplicity. Ministers in charge were Dr. Watson Fairley of Raeford, Rev. A. D. Carswell of Raeford, Rev. A. R. McQueen of Dunn, and Rev. McLaurin of Rowland, a former pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church. The services consisted only of scripture readings, prayer, two quartet numbers and a short eulogy of Mr. McLaughlin by Dr. Fairley. Dr. Fairley summarized Mr. McLaughlin's pre-eminence in business, statesmanship, benevolence and religious life, characterizing him as a prince among men.

Following the service at the church, the body was interred at (Continued on back page)

## HOKE COUNTY ROADS NOW IN NEW HANDS

### State Commission Takes Over County Roads On Wednesday; No Compensation For Surrendered Machinery.

On July first, the State Highway Commission took over the maintenance of Hoke county's roads, in accordance with the provisions of the new highway law passed by the 1931 legislature. Reorganization of the state highway districts has placed Hoke county with Robeson and Scotland. Mr. Jack Spruill, of Lumberton, who has been for the last several years resident engineer of the State Highway Commission, will be engineer of the newly-created district. Mr. L. M. Powell, former superintendent of Robeson county roads will be the new assistant district engineer and will have charge of upper Robeson and Hoke counties. Mr. E. R. McKeithen, of Lumberton, former district highway engineer will be assistant engineer having charge of lower Robeson and Scotland counties.

All equipment owned by Hoke county for the maintenance of roads has been taken over by the state. There has been some discussion as to whether the counties will be compensated for the machinery, many counties having asked for compensation. Mecklenburg, particularly, having road machinery valued at \$14,000.00 has petitioned the State Highway commission for compensation for their machinery. (Continued on back page)

## HOKE COUNTY'S ARM SMARTS AND SWELLS UNDER VACCINATOR'S TOOL

Across the slopes and plains of Hoke county passes an endless procession, men, women and children, white and colored, stooped and erect, journeying to Raeford to take part in the county-wide stand against Typhoid fever. For a month the process of sticking the County's arm with the slender and insinuating needle has been in progress and still they come. "I have not yet begun to bite," said the needle yesterday when interviewed by a special reporter from the News-Journal.

In addition to the wonderful safeguard which this general vaccination gives to the health of the citizens of the county, there are other pleasant features which must not be forgotten when the benefits of the wholesale vaccinations are counted. All the world likes to suffer a little, just enough to match his power of withstanding pain with that of his neighbor, just enough to reassure himself that his courage and

stamina are extraordinary. Vaccination has added to the diversions of life in Hoke County the fascinating game of "Matching Marks", a game which two can play and the only equipment needed is a minute red mark and a greater or less swelling of muscular tissue in the upper arm.

During the last months the various vehicles that have brought in the 2000 victims would be enough to transport the Army of Northern Virginia, enough alcohol to pickle a mule has been rubbed on 2000 arms, enough vaccine to slay a regiment has been injected into two thousand blood streams. Now the immunized thousands take the road back, sleeves pushed high on smarting arms and the general greeting of "Is it hot enough for you?" and "Have you had your shot yet?" engage in a fight to the death for pre-eminence in folksy greeting.

## HEALTH OFFICERS IN COUNTY TOMATOES INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN HARMED BY PESTS

### Two Thousand Citizens Receive Typhoid Vaccination; Crusade Against Diphtheria Launched This Week.

According to estimates made by Dr. R. L. Murray, county physician, about two thousand of Hoke county's fourteen thousand citizens have taken the vaccination against typhoid fever which was inaugurated in its present intensity three weeks ago. All the doctors in the county have taken part in the campaign to immunize Hoke county's citizenship against the disease, although by far the largest number have received the vaccination at the hands of the county physician, Dr. Murray's figures show nineteen hundred people who have received the vaccination at his hands. This number is proportionately very high.

On Thursday of this week a similar campaign against diphtheria will be launched. The county physician has reason to hope that the toxin anti-tetoxin, which is used in the vaccination against diphtheria, may be obtained free from the State Board of Health after July first. This belief is still unconfirmed however, but it is hoped that the citizens of the county may be able to receive this vaccination free as was the case with typhoid vaccination. Diphtheria vaccination is especially recommended for children since in North Carolina last year, eighty-three per cent of the cases and eighty-three per cent of the deaths were in children six years old or younger. A great part of this sickness and death can be prevented by the taking of the toxin anti-toxin.

According to Dr. Murray's announcement vaccination will be given in the following places: Mondays, July 6, 13, 20, Mildouson School, 1 p. m. to 3 p. m.; Rockfish School, 4:00 to 4:30 p. m. Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 21, Antioch School, 1 p. m. to 2:30 p. m.; Blue Springs School, 4:30 p. m. to 5:30 p. m. Wednesdays, July 8, 15, 22, Ashley Heights, 1 p. m. to 2 p. m.; Montrose, 3 p. m. to 4 p. m. Any day, any time, Dr. Murray's office, Raeford. All who want to take this logical precaution against two dreaded diseases should come to the nearest dispensary at the proper time.

### Corn Ear Worm Makes Inroads Upon Local Crop; Early Crop May Not Ship; Grading Station Here.

A late tomatoe crop in Hoke county is forecasted on account of the activity of the corn ear worm, which has been making inroads upon the early crop for the last several weeks. Practically all the tomato growers of the county are having trouble with this pest with the result that there is little chance of shipping an early crop of tomatoes here. Every effort is being made to fight the pest but it is thought that the damage done already will be sufficient to prevent the shipping of any of the first crop.

Tomato growers are busy pruning off the tomatoes which show the significant hole which is the corn ear worm's trade mark and those which crack on the blossom end. A 2-2-50 mixture of bordeaux to which a pound and a half of arsenate of lead has been added is recommended to fight the corn ear worm and prevent vine blight. The tomatoes which are pruned off should be thrown in a barrel and kerosene should be poured over them to kill the worms and prevent further trouble from them.

Estimates place the tomato crop in Hoke county at about twenty acres. The tomatoes are planted under contract to Mr. H. W. Tucker of Ocala, Florida whose headquarters during the shipping season will be at Laurinburg. It was originally planned to have a shipping station at Raeford but due to the decrease of the acreage under that which was first expected it is probable that there will be only a grading station here and that after they have been graded the tomatoes will be transported to Laurinburg for shipment. Only tomatoes which will grade U. S. No. 1 will be taken under the terms of the contract. The contract price is thirty-five cents per thirty pound lug and the contract expires July fifteenth. It is probable that Hoke county shipments will begin next week.

### COURT HOUSE IMPROVED

D. Ammons, one of the county prisoners, is undertaking the renovation of the court house furnishings, and his labors are bearing fruit evident to any observer. The chairs and tables of the various offices, the lighting fixtures, the auditorium seats and many of the walls and floors of the record rooms and other departments have been cleaned and repainted. The work is still in progress and when it is completed the interior of the courthouse will have a "just as good as new" appearance.

### GINNERS DISCUSS NEW BAGGING IDEA

Raeford Cotton Pressers Favor Any Proposition For Using More Cotton, But Distrust Some Phases Of New Plan. Interviews with several Raeford ginners this week revealed the fact that while they are in favor of any project which will cause an increased consumption of cotton, they feel that there will be complications in the use of cotton bagging on cotton bales which may cause its use to be impractical. The opinions of the three men interviewed follow: Mr. Benton Thomas: "I don't believe that the use of cotton bagging is practical. The bagging would be too expensive. The problem of the loss of weight caused by the difference in the weight of cotton and jute bagging will be a hard one to work out. Some mills will allow extra weight for cotton wrapped bales and some may not. This will cause great confusion. The organization of the mills to allow extra weight is too flimsy. You can't count on it."

Mr. Julian Johnson: "I think that the country as a whole should do everything they can to increase the use of cotton and the use of cotton bagging would do that. However, there are several things to be considered. A good many ginners have already bought their jute bagging for this fall and can't afford to take a loss on it. We have at times used "sugar" bagging which is a mixture of jute and cotton. It makes a pretty bale but is hard to handle. The adjustment of weight differences will cause a lot of confusion."

Mr. Marshall Thomas: "I would like to see cotton bagging used but I am afraid that it will be too high. If we could get cotton bagging in the price range of the jute bagging, I think we could use it profitably. I think that the use of cotton sacks for feed, fertilizer, etc., would also be a fine project to boost cotton."

### DEATHS

#### GERTRUDE ADAMS (Colored)

Gertrude Adams, 20 years old, died at her home on the Crawford Thomas place on June 24th. The cause of her death was pneumonia. She was unmarried. Interment was made at Silver Grove on Thursday, June 25th.

#### ROSA LEE GALBRAITH (Colored)

Rosa Lee Galbraith, widow of Lewis Galbraith, died of dropsy on Monday, June 22nd.