

HOOVER SPEAKS AT YORKTOWN

Chief Executive Among Thousand Attending Revolutionary Pageant; Draws Inspiration From Celebration.

Yorktown, Va., Oct. 19.—The surrender field of Yorktown felt again today the tread of marching men in powdered wigs commemorating George Washington's victory of 150 years ago.

Present was the 31st President of the United States and most of the distinguished officials of the Army and Navy. They, with twice as many spectators as there were combatants in the field on that memorable day of 1781, watched with rapt interest as the British General O'Hara in tight-fitting uniform, off-red the sword of Cornwallis to Washington.

Mr. Hoover found inspiration in the picture which the pageant evoked, and urged the nation of today to emulate the sturdy colonists of revolutionary times, and have faith in the future of their country.

"If we look back over these 150 years, we see our nation making progress with every decade," the President said.

"While temporary dislocations have come to us because of the World War, we must not forget that our forefathers met similar obstacles to progress time and again, and yet the nation has swept forward to ever increasing strength.

"The unparalleled rise of America has not been the result of riches in lands, forests, or mines; it sprang from the ideas and ideals which liberated minds and stimulated the spirits of men. In those ideas and ideals are the soul of the people.

"No American can review this vast pageant of progress without confidence and faith, without courage, strength and resolution for the future."

Nearly 30,000 persons heard the President's speech, but there were nearer 20,000 spread around the 260-acre field for the afternoon pageantry. It was a good-natured droll which even gave Cornwallis some applause when Washington's dinner to General Rochambeau was re-enacted.

SHUTTLE AIR SERVICE IS PLANNED FOR PINEHURST

Pinehurst, Oct. 19.—An aerial hook-up that will be of considerable importance to Northern visitors to Southern resorts is dependent on the success of an application filed during the past week with the United States Department of Commerce requesting approval of an airline connecting the Pinehurst flying field at Knollwood with Raleigh for the purpose of meeting the Eastern Air Transport's north and south bound planes each day.

The application has been filed by Maj. Lloyd O. Yost, in charge of the Knollwood airport. If the application is approved operations will begin on December 1 and continue throughout the Sandhills resort season.

This shuttle service would enable Sandhills travelers to leave the local airport at noon and arrive in New York at 7 p. m., or Jacksonville before 6 p. m.

TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC IN SCHOOLS OF COUNTY

Sometime during the next week a tuberculosis specialist from the State Sanatorium will make tests for tuberculosis on all white school children in the county in the first three grades. Any parents who object to having their child tested should notify the child's teacher in writing.

MIDDLING COTTON

About a week ago the price of cotton began to take a little rise each day, and so far it has held this increase. Many of the farmers, however, have already sold most of their cotton and were not benefited very much by the sudden rise.

Middling cotton was selling Thursday on the streets of Raeford, at from 6 3/4 to 7 1/4 cents, depending on the staple.

HOKE FULL OWNER FARMERS DECREASE

County is Forty-Second in State With 10.7 Percent Decrease; Only Twelve Counties Show Increase.

In a table based on the 1930 census of agriculture, Hoke County ranks forty-second among the 100 counties of the state in percent of increase and decrease of farms operated by full owners, during the last decade. Full owners are farm operators who own all the land they operate. They may also own land operated by tenants.

Hoke County had 392 full owners, which was a decrease of 10.7 per cent from 1920.

In only 12 counties, Mitchell, Haywood, Catawba, Avery, Stokes, Richmond, Jackson, Madison, Clay, Rockingham, Bladen and Durham, did the number of full owner increase. In 88 counties farms operated by full owners declined in number. This is a new experience in North Carolina.

In Martin County, the per cent of decrease in full owners was the largest, being 35 per cent. It is pointed out by the University News Letter that a decrease in farms operated by owners may be more significant than an increase in tenants.

There were 115,765 farms in the state operated by owners against 131,847 in 1920. The decrease being 16,082 farms or 12.2 per cent for the state. Farms operated by tenants increased 20,156 or 17.2 per cent.

Moore County was 53rd in the table with 1,093 full owners, a decrease of 14.5 per cent; Harnett was 54th with 1,503 full owners, a decrease of 14.6 per cent; Scotland was 6th, with 272 full owners, a decrease of 16.3 per cent; Robeson was 73rd with 1,864 full owners, a decrease of 18.9 per cent; Cumberland was 93rd with 998 full owners, a decrease of 27.2 per cent.

RAEFORD DEFEATS LAURINBURG TEAM

Wins by 7-6 Score in Its Second Game of Season; Coach Padgett's Boys Play Well as Unit.

Raeford High defeated Laurinburg in a hard fought battle of football on the latter's grounds, last Friday afternoon, by the score of 7-6.

Laurinburg kicked off to Raeford, who then advanced to Laurinburg territory and kept the play there during the greater part of the first half of the game. Laurinburg scored first, however, but Raeford immediately retaliated and made the extra point good, which put them on the top side of the score. All scoring was done in the first half. Raeford's touchdown came after Bill McInnis intercepted a pass, and on the first play went off tackle for 17 yards for the score. The extra point was made by a line plunge.

The Raeford team showed considerable improvement from the showing made in the opening game with Candor, the week before. Every man played a good game, and the whole team played as a unit, and functioned well as such.

Next Game With Red Springs. The team will play Red Springs Friday (today) at Red Springs, and another good game is expected. Coach Padgett's work is making itself shown in a team that works well as a unit, and the team will be in even better shape this week.

On Friday, October 30, Raeford plays Carthage in Raeford.

MCGILL AND SESSOMS MARKET CLOSED

The market run by Mr. Neill McGill was closed Monday morning, Mr. McGill having made a voluntary assignment of his assets for the benefit of his creditors. The McGill market was almost a landmark in Raeford, being about the same age as the town itself. It is regretted that the pressure of the times was felt to such an extent on this old market, where Raeford people for years went to purchase their meats.

The business has been known recently as McGill & Sessoms, Mr. McGill having been assisted by his grandson, Neill Sessoms, in its management.

The other day a Raeford lady declared she could not wear her new hat because she had no dress or shoes to match it. You can see where this leads.

Thomas A. Edison, Greatest Inventor Of All Time, Passed Away Sunday

Never Aroused From Three Day Coma; Last Words Were "It Is Very Beautiful Over There."

West Orange, N. J.—Thomas A. Edison died peacefully before dawn Sunday at the Hilltop estate where he labored to give light, work and recreation to millions.

The 84-year-old inventor, who lay deep in a coma at the end, did not wish to live, Dr. Hubert S. Howe disclosed, when he realized his complete recovery was impossible.

His wife and six children, close in attendance during the last stages of the 11 weeks sickness, had been told by Mr. Edison that his work was finished. He would rather leave the world, he said; than burden them with the disabilities of age and illness.

In the quiet of the early morning in the Lewellyn Park estate a formal notice of Mr. Edison's passing was brought to newspapermen by Arthur L. Wash, vice-president of Thomas A. Edison Industries, Inc.

Pale and visibly shaken, Mr. Wash walked down a tree-lined path from the home to press headquarters in the Edison garage to read the bulletin.

"Thomas Alva Edison quietly passed away at 24 minutes after 3 a. m., October 18, 1931, (signed) Dr. Hubert S. Howe."

Almost instantly the message girdled the globe by telephone and telegraph systems which were a part of the industries valued at \$15,000,000, to which Mr. Edison contributed major inventions.

While the clicking instruments still were transmitting the first news of Mr. Edison's death, there came from his family, in the form of a statement, their answer to the oft-asked question whether the inventor changed his religious beliefs before death.

The statement read: "The question has been asked whether Mr. Edison changed his religious views before death. Members of the Edison family state this is a difficult question to answer because of the widespread misunderstanding of what his beliefs actually were. Mr. Edison cannot be said to have changed views attributed to him which he never held.

"He never was an atheist. Though he subscribed to no orthodox creed, no one who knew him could have doubted his belief in and a reverence for a supreme intelligence, and his whole life, in which the ideals of honest loving service to his fellow man was predominant, indicated how commandments wherein lie 'all the law and the prophets.'"

The statement then quoted five verses from the twenty-second chapter of Matthew:

"Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question tempting him and saying: 'Master, which is the great commandment in the law?'"

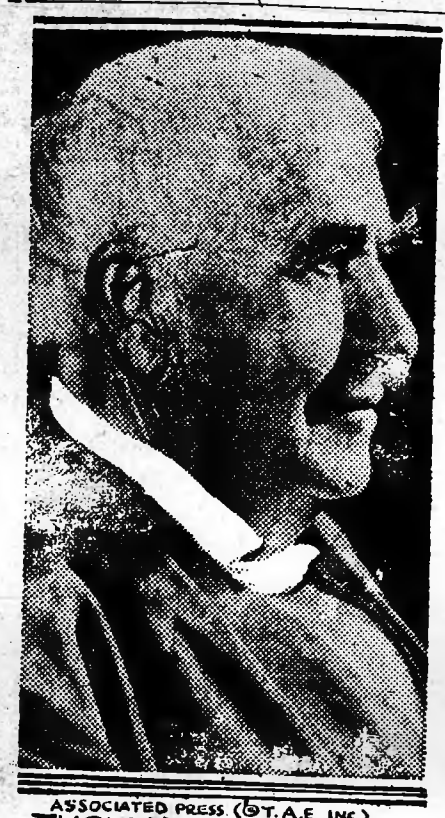
"Jesus said unto him, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

"This is the first and great commandment.

"And the second is like unto it, 'Thy shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

"On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

To this picture Dr. Howe, in a copyrighted story for the Associated Press added a description of two (Continued on back page)



THOMAS A. EDISON

Cut Courtesy News and Observer.

SOUTHERN PINES CHIEF IS KILLED

Everett McLean, Negro, Kills Officer Near Durham, Causes Death of Sister, Wounds Wife and Kills Self.

Durham, Oct. 21.—Everett McLean, 28-year-old negro, ran amuck in a speeding car here today, shot and killed B. H. Beasley, 40, Southern Pines police chief, caused the death of his sister, Georgia McLean, wounded his wife, Pearl McLean, and then committed suicide in the Durham county jail after being arrested.

The killings occurred without warning as the chief was driving the negro's car back from Boynton, Va., where he had accompanied the McLean family on an errand of friendship.

Beasley was shot twice from behind, apparently without motive. When the car left the road and was demolished, Georgia was killed. McLean then shot his wife through the shoulder and fled with Julius Austin, another negro who was in the car, and the McLean infant, which was uninjured. Later he abandoned the baby, and returned to the wreck, where his wounded wife pretended to be dead until he left. She is expected to recover.

McLean fled to Raleigh from here in a taxicab and caught a bus from the state capital to Tarboro, where he was captured.

Several months ago McLean and his wife quarreled while on an automobile trip, and he threw her from the Roanoke river bridge, near Boynton. She fell to a sand bar and was rescued, but later McLean was indicted at Boynton on a charge of attempted murder.

Having forgotten their quarrel, McLean, who was under \$5,000 bond, and his wife went to Boynton yesterday to ask the commonwealth's attorney to drop the case. The negro asked Beasley, an old acquaintance, to accompany them.

The negroes saw the Virginia attorney, heard him refuse their plea, and were on the way home, the (Continued on back page)

CAROLINAS' FARMING DISCUSSED BY COKER

South Carolina Seed Specialist Urges Live-at-Home, Grow Major Money Crop and Have Sideline.

Diversification, the growing of better varieties and increasing per acre yields, with expanded specialization will make farming in the Carolinas securely prosperous, says David R. Coker, of Hartsville, S. C., who probably has done more than any other man in the South towards improving agriculture.

"As many or more useful agricultural products can be grown economically in the Carolinas than, as far as I am informed, anywhere else in the world," he said in an interview at his home. "One of the encouraging factors in the farming outlook for this section is that we are beginning to know and appreciate our resources. Another is that farmers are recognizing the importance of intelligence intensively applied to what they do."

Despite discouraging factors, "the farmer, who owns his land and is out of debt is basically the best off person in the country," declared the man whose pedigreed varieties of farm products, notably cotton, are now found throughout the Carolinas and other areas of the South.

Here is his recipe of success in future for the average farmer in North and South Carolina:

"Produce all possible of food and feed needed in the home and on the place; grow a major money crop, using the best variety and methods for each situation; then have, as a sideline, a specialty in which the grower is or may become expert."

There is room for great expansion of specialized farming as a sole or principal endeavor in the Carolinas, says Mr. Coker, who advises all farmers that can do so to hold on to their land and supplies.

BIG LUMBER CO. COMES TO RAEFORD

Ryan McBryde, Big Lumber Magnate, to Aid Unemployment Problem According to Laurie McEachern.

One Ryan McBryde, a product of Blue Springs Township, who slipped into Raeford and took up his residence here several years ago, has pulled off a first class deal of gigantic importance. It is well known that he has become quite a lumber magnate, with at least one saw mill to his credit and before the days of Hoover Prosperity he is said to have operated two all at the same time but in different locations. It is reported on fairly reliable authority that he has moved one of these saw mills to Raeford and staked it down at or near the planing mill of the Raeford Lumber Co. It is not known whether or not this mill has a whistle on it but no strange noises of this type have been in evidence recently, so his friends, chiefly Laurie McEachern (the gentleman of Legislative, Agriculture and Chin notoriety) says that they use a cow bell for a whistle. Ryan and Laurie hail from the same neck of the woods and are somewhat thick with each other, so it is presumed that the latter knows his onions and whereof he speaks.

Ryan avows, affirms and declares that since moving his mill to the City of Raeford he is saving enough money on slabs to pay off all of his debts in short order, though Pelham Covington and Bob Lewis have not, as yet confirmed this statement. It does seem, however, that out at saw mills in the country the slabs have a tendency to disappear but that in town they can be cut into stove wood and turned into some ready cash.

This enterprising young mill magnate asked for some free publicity and this is it.

NORTH CAROLINA FAIR LIKELY TO BREAK EVEN

Raleigh, Oct. 19.—The North Carolina state fair, which ended Saturday, will "probably break even," Henry Burke, assistant director of the state budget, said today.

Mr. Burke said it was indicated that the fair receipts would meet expenditures without necessitating the use of any of the \$10,000 appropriated by the legislature.

If the fair, which was attended by the largest crowds in recent years, pays its own way.

LOCAL MEN SEEK GOVERNOR'S HELP

Join Representatives From Other Counties in Asking Gardner to Call Special Session For Cotton Relief.

By BOB COVINGTON
News-Journal Special Writer.

Fifty North Carolina farmers, representing a large portion of the farming population of Eastern North Carolina, and under the leadership of N. G. Gartlett, secretary of the Eastern North Carolina Chamber of Commerce, met with Governor Gardner in his office in the capitol building at Raleigh Wednesday afternoon and reiterated their previous plea for a special legislative session to consider legislation for the relief of the cotton situation. While most of the consideration was directed toward the cotton situation, tobacco and peanuts came in for a share of the discussion, particularly with farmers whose sections raised these latter two products in quantity.

Governor Gardner accorded the visitors a very respectful hearing and when their statements had been concluded, gave his own opinion in an informal talk which covered a time almost equal to that required by the ten or more farmers to state their opinion. The governor did not at the conclusion of the hearing give any positive answer to the pleas of the farmers for a special session, contenting himself with assuring them that their request should have his most sincere consideration and that his heart was deeply concerned with their problems which became his problems through the responsibility of his office.

Farmers Speak.

The representatives of the special session cause gathered in the capitol rotunda at two o'clock. Governor Gardner and his private secretary, Mr. Edwin Gill, of Laurinburg, came in at two-thirty and the delegation was immediately ushered into the governor's office where the meeting was thrown open in a very informal manner, the governor suggesting that the men speak their mind without even arising from their chairs if that suited them better. The speakers, however, rose in turn and spoke the sentiment of their communities in a brief manner.

Gob Young, representative from Harnett, spoke first, assuring the governor that his constituents were heartily in favor of legislation to prevent surpluses in cotton, tobacco and peanuts. Following Mr. Young, Mr. McAustin, of Robeson County, spoke, pointing out that at the previous meeting two outstanding drawbacks were emphasized, that there was no surety of the opinion of the people and no assurance that the legislative body, if called, would not spend the people's money by taking up other matters. Mr. Austin said that he was sure that the people of Robeson wanted the session and that they had secured the pledge of their representatives that they would not attempt to pass any other legislation during the session. "The Robeson County farmer has gone as far as he can go," said Mr. Austin, "and he is therefore asking for the aid of special legislation."

M. A. Thompson, of Maxton, editor of the Scottish Chief, pointed out that former objections to the session had been met and took occasion to say that the only matter which the farmers wanted to accomplish was one which they believed was for the betterment of the state and the nation generally.

Small Farmers Helpless.

Mr. McKeel, of Craven County, made one of the most impressive talks of the afternoon when he told of the circulation of a petition in his county, which the small farmers were willing to sign until they found that the large farmers were indifferent. Naturally, Mr. McKeel pointed out, the small farmer did not wish to bind himself when he felt that by doing so he would leave the big farmer free to reap the gains. This, he said, is the reason why the curtailment of acreage must be made positive, in order to protect the small farmer.

Mr. D. S. Moss, of Halifax County, who characterized himself as a "real dirt farmer," one who "was raised in the sticks and stayed in the sticks," assured the governor that his county had tried diversified farming but that something more drastic was needed in the present crisis. That something, he said, is reduction by law.

Law Would Work No Hardship. Discussing the probable result of reduction legislation, Mr. Townsend, of Robeson County, stated that he did not feel that a law requiring a thirty per cent reduction would be a great burden in North Carolina farmers but that the moral effect of North (Continued on Page Two)

POLITICS AND PERSONALITIES

For a Republican administration to have insisted upon the presence of an American at the League of Nations sessions on the Manchurian controversy is nothing short of epochal. It proves, for one thing, that the Administration finally recognizes the League as the most effective peace machinery in existence. Almost anything can come out of the present international tangle, but this much is certain: a League of Nations is with us to stay. Even if it falls in this crisis, even if the League machinery should decompose in this era, the idea will live and must be born again.

Perhaps the Administration's attitude is partially inspired by a desire to deprive the Democrats of an international issue in 1932. Or the party in power may honestly be attempting to undo some of the universal injury wrought by its post-war policies as preached and practiced by Reed Smoot, apostle of tariff protectionism, Andrew Mellon, apostle of

collapsible prosperity, and Herbert Hoover, no apostle, but a promoter, who as Secretary of Commerce spent millions to capture world markets and as President signed a tariff bill that prohibited debtor nations from selling to us and so obtaining money to buy from us or to pay us. Consequently, we have taken about one-half the world's gold, a duty-free commodity, and thus are responsible for England's departure from the gold standard and the currency troubles in many other nations.

Even the Republican Irreconcilables are beginning to cut their international eye teeth. Senator James Watson, Republican floor leader and one of the staunchest nationalists in Congress, recently proposed a reduction of war debts and reparations and a ten-year naval holiday, of 25 per cent cut in all navies based on the ratios established at the London naval conference. If the Democrats don't get busy, they will be showed into the comparative position of isolationists!