

## Heavy Sales Recorded On Local Berry Mart This Week

Monday's Offerings of Over 10,000 Crates is Heaviest of Season Thus Far.

PRICES TODAY ABOVE THE THREE DOLLAR MARK

Peak of Selling Season Is Expected to be Reached Early Next Week

The local strawberry market took on the appearance of old times this week as vehicles bringing berries to market were forced to wait in line for a considerable length of time before they were able to reach the auction shed.

Monday was the biggest day of the season thus far when 10,155 crates were auctioned off. The price, however, was not so good on that day, a heavy rain on Sunday night having done considerable damage to the fruit, much of which was already over-ripe after lying over in the fields Sunday. Vehicles were lined up for several blocks most of the day and sales were not completed until after nine o'clock that night. Prices for the entire day's sales averaged around \$2.35, according to market reports compiled by the Federal inspection service.

Tuesday's sales were also heavy, although they did not reach the high mark set Monday. Prices were also off, the 8,583 crates offered on Tuesday averaging around the \$2.40 mark. The quality was also off although some better than Monday's offerings.

Offerings here yesterday showed some improvement in quality and better prices prevailed. However, offerings for the day were more than 500 crates under Tuesday, only 8,060 crates being auctioned off at an average of around \$2.65 per crate.

While figures on today's sales are not available as we go to press, everything points to fairly heavy sales with an average well above any day this week. Bidding was spirited on every load offered today and very few growers received less than \$2.90 per crate while the better quality sold as high as \$3.40. While it is impossible to predict an accurate average for today's sales, close observers are of the opinion that it will be above the \$3.00 mark. If this should prove correct, it will be the highest average paid here this week and will compare favorably with early season sales when offerings were light.

Figures compiled by the Federal inspection service show that through Tuesday 27,424 crates have been sold at this point. However, these figures are not absolutely accurate as several hundred crates of berries were sold here prior to the official market opening when no inspectors were present.

With warm weather in prospect for the next several days indications now are that heavy sales will be recorded here the balance of this week with the peak being reached about Monday of next week. If warm weather should continue it is expected that Monday's sales will run between fifteen and twenty thousand crates or may be higher.

Just what the prospects for prices are during the remainder of the season is unknown. However, at present they look favorable, as seen at this end, but Louisiana and Alabama continue to be strong competitors which may serve to hold the price down on Carolina offerings. Buyers here are very much encouraged over the prospects of increasing the quality of pack put up by local growers since the assistant County Agent has interested himself in the matter this season. Already considerable improvement has been noted and better

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### D. A. R. Candidate



WASHINGTON, D. C. . . . Mrs. Flora M. Gillentine (above), of Chittanooga, Tenn., was the preference favorite for the office of President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution at their 44th Continental Congress.

### MERCHANTS ANTICIPATE LIVELY BUSINESS HERE

The strawberry season is truly the time of sales here, judging from the number of signs now being displayed by local department stores. Kramer's, Hurwitz, Turner's and the Hub are all opening sales this week, their ads being found elsewhere in this issue. Margolis & Liberman, however, got the jump on the others when they launched their sale last Friday.

There has been a decided improvement in business noted here since the strawberry market opened last week and every merchant in town is looking forward to a good trade for the next several weeks. Every department and grocery store has increased their stocks considerably in anticipation of the rush. Saturday will probably be one of the busiest days of the year for the merchants and extra sales people are being engaged to handle the extra large number of shoppers which are expected to visit town on that day.

With berry prices moving upward yesterday and today, all indications now are that this will be a successful season for all concerned.

### To Preach At Jones Chapel

Rev. J. S. Crowley, of Wilmington, will preach at Jones Chapel Presbyterian church on Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock, it was announced this week. The public is cordially invited to attend the service.

## Urges Weed Growers To Be Exact In Measuring Acres

### COMMERCE BODY WILL SPONSOR ESSAY CONTEST

Seven hundred and fifty dollars will be given in cash prizes to participants in an Essay contest to be sponsored by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce with headquarters in Kinston according to an announcement made this week by Secretary N. G. Bartlett. The title of the Essay, Mr. Bartlett said is: "The Advantages of Living in Eastern North Carolina." The Essay must not exceed five hundred words and all entries must be in the office of the organization at Kinston by May 15th. All essays must be in the hands of the organization officials by June first. The awards will be made on or before June 15. The \$750.00 will be divided up into three grand prizes of \$350 first; \$100 second; and \$50 third; with fifty prizes of \$5 each. The judges will be selected from the schools and colleges in Eastern Carolina and their decision will be final. No essays will be returned to the writers and all essays become the property of the organization.

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### HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS TAKE 83 LIVES IN MARCH

Raleigh, April 24.—Eighty-three persons met death in automobile mishaps on the state's highways in March, bringing to 250 the number of fatalities for the first quarter of 1935 or an increase of 52 over the first three months last year, the State Motor Vehicle Bureau reported today.

The fatalities occurred in 385 accidents that also saw 457 persons injured. The number injured decreased from the 482 hurt during February. The 83 persons fatally injured compared with 78 for March of 1933, the report showed.

Twenty-six pedestrians were killed and 65 injured last month, while nine children playing in the street were struck down and died from injuries. Twenty-three other children were hurt, but not fatally.

Eight fatal accidents resulted when drivers were operating their machines while intoxicated, and there were 57 non-fatal accidents attributed to this cause.

Twenty-four were killed and 242 injured in collisions of automobiles, one was killed and 10 injured in mishaps between cars and horse-drawn vehicles (Continued on Page Six)

### PUTS BAN ON MIXING POLITICS WITH RELIEF

Washington, April 20.—Fresh instructions from President Roosevelt to keep politics out of relief last night presaged new moves by the Administration to nail the lid on public work and relief coffers in several states.

Although he declined to comment on various Federal State tangles over relief and work funds, the President at his press conference yesterday reiterated his stand against mixing relief and politics.

A little earlier, Harry L. Hopkins, relief administrator, removed the last connection Governor Talmadge of Georgia had in the handling of relief money. Coincidentally Secretary Ickes was considering cancelling public works projects in Louisiana.

The Georgia development climaxed a series of hot encounters between Governor and both Hopkins and Ickes. Ickes' action hinged upon a measure enacted yesterday by the Louisiana legislature, called into session by Senator Long, with whom he has been engaged in an exchange of disputatious words for a week. Hopkins already had taken over the handling of relief in Louisiana.

## Urges Weed Growers To Be Exact In Measuring Acres

### (By L. L. McLendon)

Farmers are urged to be exact in measurements of acreage planted to tobacco this year. Before transplanting tobacco, it will be advisable for each contract signer to carefully measure his tobacco land with a wire, chain or some instrument that will not stretch. A rope is not recommended. 43,560 sq. ft. (4,840 sq. yds.) per acre will be used in calculating the area of tobacco fields instead of the usual method of 44,100 sq. ft. (4,900 sq. yds.). Areas will be calculated to the nearest tenth. The acreage allotments already mailed to contract signers from the County Agent's office will be used by field supervisors in checking on acreage. Supervisors who work on compliance in the field will make a close check-up, and all excess acreage will have to be destroyed, however farmers should not destroy excess acreage until notified to do so from the county office. Measuring of land before transplanting will save considerable time and expense to farmers. Compliance work is expected to be completed this year in June.

### ADDRESS BY LIEUT. GOV. ENDS CLOSING EVENTS

The finals of Clement High School came to a close last Friday night, with an inspiring address by Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham of Raleigh.

The baccalaureate sermon was given, Sunday, April 14, with Dr. H. G. Bedinger of Flora McDonald college, speaker of the day. Dr. Bedinger was assisted by the Rev. W. P. M. Currie, the Rev. J. E. Lanier and the Rev. P. O. Lee, pastors of the local churches.

Class day exercises, held by the seniors, took place Thursday evening, in connection with a fashion review given by the home economics class of which Miss Mayme Rose Taylor was teacher. James Cavanaugh was president of the '35 class, with the following members assisting in the exercises: Secretary, Mary Frances Wells; statistician, Virginia Southerland; salutatorian, Helen Evans; historian, Hattie Turner; prophet, Eloise Boone; poet, Martha McClung; grumbler, Melva Hansley; testator, Henry Zibelin; gitorian, C. J. Carr; valedictorian, Lottie Watkins; marshals, O. C. Blanchard, Jr., chief, assisted by Tommie Adams, Charles Farrior, Betty Blanchard and Helen Zibelin.

On Friday evening, April 12, a highly entertaining play, "Here Comes Charlie" was presented by the junior class with the following members making up the cast: Anna Elizabeth Powell, O. C. Blanchard, Jr., Frances Lanier, Tommie Adams, Charles Farrior, Carnell Raynor, Herbert Rogers, Jr., Virginia Browder, Florence Miller and Albert Hall, Jr.

Much credit is due Prof. J. S. Blair, with his faculty, in making the past scholastic year one of the most successful ones in the history of the school. During the past few weeks various entertainments have been given by the grammar grades, with presentations of the highest performance.

### NO MONEY AVAILABLE FOR ELECTRIFICATION

Raleigh, April 22.—The State Rural Electrification Committee has no money or authority to give direct aid in the establishment of rural power lines.

The committee was set up only for the purpose of making surveys and determining where rural lines would be practical. Prof. D. S. Weaver, of State College projects engineer for the committee, has explained.

If the proposed \$4,000,000 allotment from federal funds to be used in North Carolina for financing rural power lines goes through as expected, Weaver said, its distribution will probably be placed in the hands of a State Rural Electrification Authority.

The committee has used up practically all the funds allotted for making surveys, Weaver added, and is not able to answer all the letters coming in from different communities inquiring about the possibility of securing aid for the establishment of a power line.

He explained that the rural lines built in Orange county were started as a demonstration by federal authorities who wish to show what can be done in the way of rural electrification. Federal funds were authorized for the project and the State committee had nothing to do with it.

### MUCH IMPROVEMENT NOTED IN C. H. GROUNDS

Work of beautifying the courthouse grounds at Kenansville is progressing nicely under the direction of the Junior Woman's club of that place. Quite a bit of shrubbery has already been set and more will be planted at an early date. Sidewalks, which will circle the building and lead to the streets from the four entrances, have been practically completed and have added much to the appearance of the building and grounds.

### Alice's Victory Smile



FALL RIVER, R. I. . . . Alice McHenry of Omaha (above), whose "upside down stomach" operation here was quite successful, is now up and about playing with her Easter gifts.

### ROSE HILL HIGH SCHOOL HAS ITS CLOSING EVENTS

Rose Hill, April 20.—Closing a successful year's work, Commencement exercises of the Rose Hill High School ended on Thursday evening. Graduation exercises were held on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Harvey Boney introduced the speaker, Dr. George Howard, head of the Department of Administration of the University of North Carolina. The theme of the address was one's philosophy of life. Forceful in simplicity, Dr. Howard held up fundamental truths in the story of the good Samaritan, picturing services as the greatest factor in any personal philosophy of life.

Diplomas were presented by the principal, D. C. Mosteller, to the following graduates: William Blanchard, Jas. Bradshaw, Fred Bradshaw, Kelly Brooks, Clement Chestnut, Boyce Fussell, Johnnie Fussell, Cecil Knowles, James Rogers, David W. Rouse, Norwood Scott, Leroy James Teachey, James Teachey, Leroy Wood, Annie Marion Fussell, Mattie Lee Fussell, Ruby Fussell, Dorothy Griffin, Louise Hardison, Estelle Harrell, Electra Johnson, Mattie Johnson, Sarah Rivensbark, Rebecca Robinson, Marguerite Teachey, Ruby Deane Teachey. The scholarship medal, given yearly by the local woman's club, was awarded to David W. Rouse. (Continued on Page 6)

## Over Four Hundred Attend Annual Club Federation Meet

### GOVERNMENT CALLING LIBERTY LOAN BONDS

All outstanding Fourth Liberty Loan 4 1-4 per cent bonds of 1933-38 (Fourth 4 1-4's) bearing serial numbers the final digit of which is 3 or 4 (such serial numbers in the case of permanent coupon bonds being prefixed by the corresponding distinguishing letter C or D, respectively), are being called for redemption on October 15, 1935, on which date interest on such bonds called for redemption will cease.

Full information regarding the presentation and surrender of Fourth 4 1-4's for redemption under this call will be given in a Treasury Department circular to be issued later.

Holders of Fourth 4 1-4's now called for redemption on October 15, 1935, may, in advance of that date, be offered the privilege of exchanging all or any part of their called bonds for other interest-bearing obligations of the United States, in which event public notice will be given.

### CHEVROLET SALES ARE HIGHEST IN FIVE YEARS

Retail sales in the United States by the Chevrolet Motor Company to the end of March were the largest for any first quarter in five years, it was announced today by W. E. Holler, vice president and general sales manager.

"As compared with last year, the first three months of 1935 showed a gain of 23.2 per cent in sales. While both trucks and passenger cars shared in the gain, the larger part of the increase over 1934 was in passenger car sales which increased 31.5 per cent," said Mr. Holler.

"The quarter ended total for March that established it is the largest March sales record since 1930, and with a bank of more than 74,500 orders on hand to be carried over into April. "The present demand requires the operation of any Chevrolet manufacturing assembly plants at their maximum rate through April, and the company looks to a continued heavy demand through May and well into mid-summer."

An individual may be ever so good and yet be incompetent in many respects.

## Shipman Reports On Work Of Legislature Past Week

### By M. L. Shipman

Raleigh, April 22.—It won't be long now. The Legislature is on the way to adjournment. The last stage of deliberation has been reached. Members have begun to get angry with each other, to question each other's motives, to feel that they have been double-crossed by someone in whom confidence had been reposed. Of course, this simply means that the angry member has got to make a final decision on some vital question that hurts him. Instead of taking it out on himself, or getting him a punching bag, and expressing his anger on that, a legislator is apt to do what anybody is likely to do under such circumstances, he is apt to take it out on somebody who is put up as the goat.

That is the reason you have been reading about the anger of some Senators.

The Senate got itself into a jam. It passed up various items of revenue put into the revenue act by the House, and then failed to make other provisions for revenue. That meant that either the revenue bill had to be stepped up to the amount provided for the House or else

that the appropriations bill had to be cut down. This brought the Senate under a new fire. Previously it had been bombarded by various interests asking to be excused from paying taxes. After the taxes were voted out, the University supporters and various citizens interested in maintaining the State in some semblance of decency began to bombard the Senate. So in getting out of one fire, the Senate got into another.

While the Senate had taken out various items placed in the revenue bill by the House, it was apparent that if the revenue bill went to conference in that shape, unless the appropriations bill was cut down, then the Senate would have to accept the House bill as first written, and that would have hurt the Senate's pride. So after the bill had gone to its second reading, the Senate decided to do some revising, and it began by reducing the number of Staple foods exempted from the sales tax to meal, milk, flour, lard and fatback. Then it stuck a sales tax on hotels, restored a license tax (Continued on Page Five)

### Interesting Program Carried Out at Meeting Held at Kenansville Last Friday P. M.

### NUMBER OF PRIZES ARE AWARDED IN CONTESTS

### Mineral Springs Club Wins Silver Loving Cup for Having Most Members Present

Kenansville, April 20.—The annual meeting of the Duplin county Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs was held in the courthouse here Friday afternoon, with Mrs. Hubert Boney, Federation president, presiding. More than four hundred club members and friends were present.

Special music was rendered by L. K. Alderman, Jr., of Rose Hill, on the xylophone accompanied on the piano by his mother, Mrs. L. K. Alderman. As an answer to the roll call each of the 17 woman's clubs and the County-wide Service Club, composed of older girls, sang a song of their own selection which was judged on its merits. A flower show was held in conjunction with this program also. The setting for the flower show was an old-fashioned lattice fence along side of which grew yellow and orange flowers in small pots. On each side of the stage more than fifty lovely bowls and baskets of spring flowers were attractively arranged which further enhanced the beauty of the setting.

The winners of the flower display were: First, Mrs. Zack Williams; second, Mrs. C. W. Surratt; third, Mrs. S. B. Hunter; and fourth, Mrs. L. P. McC... The prize for the best display by visitors was Mrs. John Croom. The prizes were \$1.00 for first, and 50c for second prize. Third and fourth prize winners received attractive Ivory towel racks. These awards were presented by Mrs. R. V. Wells, Director of the Junior Woman's Club of Kenansville.

The song contest awards were announced by Mrs. Estelle T. Smith, district agent, with timely remarks and were to: first, Magnolia club, \$1.25; second Rock Fish club, \$1.00. Supt. J. O. Bowman presented the silver loving cup for attendance to Mineral Springs club. The Rock Fish club received honorable mention.

Prizes in the winter garden contest were won as follows: First, Mrs. R. J. Ward, Rock Fish club; second, Mrs. J. L. Miller, Miller Club; third, Mrs. Zack Williams, B. F. Grady Club; fourth, Mrs. Willie Mercer, Miller Club. These awards were announced by the president, Mrs. Boney.

Judges for the flower show and song contest were: Mrs. Robt. C. Wells, Mrs. G. V. Gooding, Mrs. Inez C. Boney and Miss Winifred Faison.

The home demonstration agent was given a pantry shower by the club women which was an expression of their appreciation of what their agent, Mrs. C. H. McSwain, had done for them.

Visitors were present from the federated clubs of Rose Hill, Faison, Wallace, Kenansville and Sampson County.

### Marriage Licenses

Nine couples, the largest number in several weeks, secured marriage licenses at the Register of Deeds' office during the past week. Five of the couples were colored while the other four were white, they being: Archie Henderson and Vera Sanderson; Melveard Murray and Eva Albertson; Edgar D. Pollock and Margaret Lee West, all of Duplin, and Graham M. Rouse and Ella Ray Hawkins, both of Craven County.