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Sales Continue Heavy On Local Strawberry Market

Approximately 30,000 Crates Have Been Sold Here During First Three Days This Week.

MONDAY AGAIN LEADS WITH OVER 13,000 CRATES

Prices Holding Up Well Despite Poor Quality; Season Nears End.

The local strawberry market entered its fourth week of the current season on Monday with offerings heavy and prices firm on good quality fruit. Offerings have also been heavy each day this week and prices have held up remarkably well considering the poor quality which has been much in evidence since the rain of Tuesday.

Monday's sales of 13,823 crates were only a little over a thousand crates under the peak day of the present season when 14,997 packages were auctioned off. Prices, too compared favorably with those registered during the early season; better quality berries selling from \$2.90 to \$3.50.

Tuesday's sales showed a decline both in quantity and price, the 8,054 crates offered on that day selling from \$2.60 to \$2.90 for the better quality, while some few crates went as low as \$2.25. However, berries were in poor condition Tuesday afternoon following a heavy rain, the first to visit this section in over two weeks.

While sales yesterday were a few crates under Tuesday's mark, prices were much better, the 8,611 crates which passed through the auction shed selling from \$3.00 to \$3.50 for the better quality.

Sales during the last three days of last week were heavy. On Thursday 9,834 crates were auctioned off at an average of close to \$3.25 per crate. Friday's sales were some lighter and prices were lower, the 9,622 crates sold on that day bringing an average of around \$3.00. Saturday's sales were 10,693 crates at an average of less than \$3.00 per crate.

Sales today have been fair and prices have been around the average for the past several days. It is thought that around 6,000 crates will be offered before the market closes for the day.

The season is now nearing a close and it is thought that by the middle of next week the bulk of the crop will have been moved. However, the market is expected to remain open for some time yet giving growers an opportunity to sell their entire crop. Juice buyers are becoming active on the market and will no doubt prepare to handle berries as long as growers care to bring them in.

W. J. GRADY CHAIRMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

W. J. Grady was elected chairman of the Board of Education at the organization meeting held in the County Superintendent's office Monday. Mr. Grady is a hold-over while the other two members of the Board, Robert M. Carr and J. D. Bostic are both new men, Mr. Carr succeeding Mrs. D. Stokes Williams who was filling out the unexpired term of her late husband and Mr. Bostic succeeding H. C. Carlton.

As the new members of the Board have not as yet received their official appointments, the matter of electing a superintendent of schools for the ensuing two years and the appointment of local school committees was deferred until May 20th. At 9 o'clock on that date a superintendent will be elected, while at 11 o'clock the Board will proceed with the election of local committees for all schools of the county, recommendations for these positions being heard at that time.

Dolores Steps Out



LOS ANGELES... Dolores Costello Barrymore (above), is in social circulation again. Recently she moved from the Beverly Hill mansion to a home of her own, following a long absence abroad of her husband, John Barrymore.

KENANSVILLE TO HAVE CLEAN-UP WEEK MAY 13-18

Kenansville, May 8.—The "Pop and Mom" Club of Kenansville have designated the week beginning May 13th as clean-up week. All residence and business houses of the town are being urged to cooperate in this movement to improve the sanitary conditions of the village and at the same time enhance the general appearance of all premises, with the view to making the little County Capital a "Village Beautiful". Special attention will be given to the village park and the big spring behind the court house square. The recent installation of concrete walks around the court house and traversing the court house square have added much, both to the convenience and appearance of the grounds. In addition to this improvement, the recent planting of evergreen shrubbery by the local Junior Woman's Club and the County Home Demonstration Club, in artistic arrangement about the square has greatly added to the attractiveness of the place.

Shipman Reports On Work Of Legislature Past Week

Raleigh, May 9.—Two pioneers in making North Carolina bone dry stemmed the wet tide and kept the state in the dry column for two more years at least. Both observed the amenities and their hand was on only seen indirectly. Associate Justice Heriot Clarkson was occupied with his judicial duties, but he counseled the younger leaders. A continuous dry barrage was laid down on the Legislature. The final knockout was given by Ambassador Josephus Daniels, veteran dry. He couched his message in an historical address to the Legislature in which he stressed North Carolina's well known tendency to stand against the world for its convictions. He referred to North Carolina's refusal to ratify the Federal Constitution until amendments were added, and its refusal to secede from the Union in 1860 until all hope of maintaining the Union was lost. That was only the setting for calling attention to the refusal in 1932 to vote for repeal of the Eighteenth amendment.

Three days after the Daniels' address to the Legislature the Senate turned down the liquor bill. The Senate had been counted on to vote wet. It would have voted wet had not enough of its members took stock of the political consequences and decided that they would stand by the refer-

MUST FILE CLAIMS TO SHARE IN DIVIDENDS

Depositors of the closed Bank of Duplin, who have not previously filed claims for their deposits, will be given another opportunity to do so, H. H. Taylor, liquidating agent of the institution stated this week. Mr. Taylor says that he is mailing out proof of claim blanks to all such persons with the request that they have them properly executed and return to him as early as possible in order that they may share in any dividend that the bank may pay.

Questioned as to the likelihood of the depositors receiving a dividend, Mr. Taylor said that in his opinion they would but declined to commit himself as to the probable amount. However, he did state that seventy percent of the bank's preferred claims had already been paid off, the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company and the North Carolina Bank and Trust Company had both been satisfied and had returned the collateral which they had been holding since the Bank of Duplin closed. With this to work on he is in hopes that he will be able to work out something for the depositors.

Mr. Taylor, who has been spending Wednesday and Friday of each week here for the past several months, now plans to be here on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until further notice.

JURY LIST ANNOUNCED FOR JUNE COUNTY COURT

The following have been selected for jury service at the next regular term of General County Court which will be held on Tuesday, June 11th:

Warsaw township, H. E. Register, H. D. Southerland; Faison township, L. A. Vernon, J. E. Swinson; Wolfscrape township, Henry Sullivan, Alfred L. Kelly, Lawton Outlaw; Glisson township, Duff Korngay; Alberton township, Zack Williams; Smith township, J. O. Smith, Owen Kennedy; Limestone township, J. D. Miller, Joe Brinson, J. O. Sandlin, Ellis Turner; Island Creek township, Ross Teachey; Magnolia township, D. M. Wilkins, L. C. Pope.

end of 1932. They knew that they would hear plenty when they got back home. None knew better than Ambassador Daniels the political effect of his address. He was expected by the Dry forces to furnish the final knockout blow. He did it, but with such diplomacy as to justify his selection for an important foreign post. He doesn't confine his diplomacy to Mexico. He used in North Carolina on many occasions. Diplomacy is his meat. He proved it in this fight. None could offend at what he said. It was presented in admirable manner.

While the Legislature emptied a few counties from the Turlington dry law, there isn't a lawyer in North Carolina that doesn't know that the exemptions are unconstitutional. They wouldn't stand a minute in any court, and the legislators who sponsor them know that it is so. They only seek to keep their wet records straight. None of the bills will ever get to first base.

After months of debate and discussion, the revenue and appropriations bills have been written into law. The notable thing about them is increased appropriations for schools and State institutions, but there are also increased taxes for the average man, and this means that economy will be the watchword more than it ever was before. (Continued on Page Six)

Organize County Citizens Comm'e

Kenansville, N. C.—Representative citizens from practically every community in Duplin gathered together last Friday night at Kenansville high school cafeteria and enjoyed a delicious supper served by the ladies of the County Agent's office, formed themselves into an organization known as the "Duplin County Citizen's Committee."

The purpose of this organization is to foster cooperation between communities in the county and bring about a better understanding of each other's problems and needs. The immediate object of the group will be to ascertain what portion of the near 5 billion dollars just appropriated by Congress for relief work, Duplin County is entitled to and what methods should be used to get this money for the county.

Aubrey Cavanaugh of Warsaw opened the meeting by explaining the purpose of the gathering. The group then went into a round table discussion of the whole matter. It was decided that each person go back to his home, learn what their respective communities wanted and needed most and report at the next meeting which is called for the first Friday night in June.

L. L. McLendon was elected president or permanent chairman of the group. Mr. Cavanaugh was appointed to go to Goldsboro and take the matter up with Mrs. Spicer who is head of the relief work for Duplin County. Mr. McLendon said he would write a letter to Congressman Barden for more information on the subject. Two letters were read from Mr. Barden in which he encouraged the idea of organizing the county as the group started out to do.

The hope was expressed that the organization could be made a permanent one.

JUNIORS TO HOLD DIST. MEET AT KENANSVILLE

Kenansville is making plans to welcome a large number of Juniors on next Wednesday, May 15th, when members of the order from Duplin, Sampson and Bladen counties will hold their district meeting with the Kenansville Council. There are thirteen Councils in the 26th district and each is expected to send a large number of delegates. In addition to the regular delegates a large number of members from each Council is expected to attend and participate in the splendid program which has been arranged for the meeting, which will be presided over by E. J. Hester, Jr., of Elizabeth town, District Deputy State Councillor. Among high ranking state officers of the Order expected to attend the meeting are C. F. Tankersley, Jr., of Henderson, State Councillor; Monroe Adams, of Statesville, State Vice Councillor; Gurney P. Hood, of Raleigh, State Treasurer; E. V. Harris, of Tarboro, Field Secretary and Dr. Chas. E. Brewer, of Raleigh, Past National Councillor. The business session will be held at 3:00 P. M., it has been announced, with a public meeting being scheduled for 8:00 P. M. The Kenansville Woman's Club will serve a plate supper at 6:00 P. M., the price per plate being 35 cents.

Special Service at Baptist A special Mother's Day service will be held at the local Baptist church on Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock, it was announced this week by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Page, of Raleigh, will deliver the sermon and a choir will render special music. The public is cordially invited.

Most people find ready excuses for not doing what they don't want to do.

LIGHT VOTE CAST IN LOCAL TOWN ELECTION

Little interest was manifested in the biennial election held here Tuesday for the purpose of electing a Mayor and five Commissioners to govern the town for the next two years. Only one ticket was in the field and more than half the registered voters failed to visit the polls at all, probably feeling that it was entirely unnecessary in view of the fact that the candidates were sure to win. An official tabulation of the vote showed that only 108 persons participated in the election.

Following is the list of officials selected to govern the town for the next two years: Mayor, J. A. Harrell; Commissioners, William Farrow, Roy Carter, M. J. Cavanaugh, H. E. Kramer and W. G. Wells. The Mayor and the two last named Commissioners are new men on the town's governing body while the first three Commissioners were members of the old board, one of them, M. J. Cavanaugh, having served as Commissioner for a number of years.

The new officials met in the town office last night and were administered the oath of office by the outgoing Mayor, J. R. Rose. They then held their first official meeting at which time it was decided that all departments would remain in charge of the same men for the present, C. B. Adams being re-elected Clerk-Auditor and F. L. Boone, Chief of Police and tax collector.

CHINQUAPIN TO HAVE ANNUAL TONSIL CLINIC

The annual tonsil clinic will be held at the Chinquapin high school building on Friday, May 24th, it was announced this week by Mrs. C. E. Seawell, who has charge of arrangements for the clinic. As the closing date for applicants is May 18th, Mrs. Seawell is anxious that all those interested in having their tonsils removed at this time see her before that date.

The way Congress is idling along you would think the share-the-work club had a lot of members.

Large Number Cases Aired In County Court This Week

He Was Innocent



HAMMOND, Ind. ... Edward Singleton, 43, (above), was convicted four years ago of robbing a store. He went to prison to serve 10 years. Last week Ralph Harwood confessed that it was he, not Singleton, who was guilty of the crime. Singleton was given his freedom.

OVER \$11,000 IN TAXES COLLECTED IN APRIL

Despite the fact that the trucking season opened in this county last month, tax collections continued to lag, according to the report of L. N. Henderson for the month of April, which was filed with the Board of County Commissioners at their regular first Monday meeting held at Kenansville May 6th. However, much better collections are anticipated during this month as the trucking season advances and taxpayers in the trucking belt get time to take stock of their finances. While it will not be the big month in all sections of the county, May is expected to be the biggest month of the year in all townships bordering on the railroad where truck farming is carried on on a large scale.

Collections last month were divided as follows: 1925 tax, \$56.88; 1926, \$94.68; 1927, \$107.02; 1928, \$275.91; 1929, \$1,246.43; 1930, \$1,729.56; 1931, \$1,792.98; 1932, \$1,550.80; 1933, \$1,330.79, and 1934, \$2,799.25. Collections on Schedule "B" taxes amounted to \$41.25, making a total for the month of \$11,025.55.

State Music Festival Will Be Held On May Nineteen

The State Music Festival, with a chorus of 5,000 voices, and a band of 200 pieces, indicates a new deal in music for North Carolina.

The program will be staged in the Riddick Field Football Stadium, Raleigh, Sunday afternoon, May 19th, at 8:30.

The festival occasion is being sponsored by the North Carolina Music Festival Association. Twenty-four towns and thirty-eight schools will have two or more groups each in the big chorus. This is one of the largest choruses ever presented in this part of the country. The program will have a variation of appeal that all can enjoy. Numbers will vary from the simple folk song, negro spirituals, to the most tuneful classics.

A large woman's chorus, singing "Calm as the Night" and Schubert's "Serenade", will delight every listener. The large combined male chorus harmonizing the tuneful spiritual "In My Heart" and "The Eagle Song" will be especially attractive.

The State College Band, The Carolina University Band, and the Wake Forest College Band will all be combined into one great band. Directors D. C. Kutschinski of State College, Earl Slocumb of the University, and Newell Isobell of Wake Forest will each direct the combined band in a group of numbers. Professor Kutschinski will open the program directing the band, the chorus,

Nine Defendants Draw Outright Road Sentences Aggregating Over Four Years.

SUSPENDED SENTENCES IN NUMBER OF CASES

Court Was in Session Better Part of Two Days; No Jury Trials Held.

The regular monthly session of General County Court was held at Kenansville on Monday and Tuesday of this week when a large number of cases were disposed of. Monday's session was an unusually busy one, the majority of the cases being disposed of on that day although it was necessary for the court to re-convene on Tuesday to finish up its work. Nine defendants drew outright road sentences at this term while a number of others received suspended sentences. No jury trials were heard. The following cases were disposed of during the two-day session of the court:

J. C. Payne, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, pled guilty to simple assault and received a 30-day road sentence which was suspended for two years on condition he remain of good behavior and pay cost of the action.

Charged with larceny and receiving, James Allen entered a plea of not guilty. Upon being found guilty by the Court he was ordered to the roads for a term of 12 months.

Pleading guilty to a charge of carrying a concealed weapon, Fossie Pickett had prayer for judgment continued to the June term.

Charged with possession and transporting whiskey for the purpose of sale, Roy McGee entered a plea of guilty and received a 6-month's road sentence which was suspended for two years on condition he remain of good behavior and pay cost of the action. He was allowed to give bond in the amount of \$100.00 for appearance at the June term to pay the cost.

Charged with being a public nuisance, W. A. Harrison, through counsel, entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to 6 months in jail to be worked at the County Home under the supervision of the County Commissioners.

Gibbons Hicks, charged with assault on a female and being a public nuisance, entered a plea of not guilty. However, the Court found him guilty and he received a 4-months road sentence which was suspended on payment of the cost.

Charged with assault with a deadly weapon and assault on a female, Ed Allen entered a plea of not guilty. Upon being found guilty by the court he was ordered to the roads for a term of 6 months.

A nol pross with leave was taken in the case of Beatrice Edwards, charged with using profane language and public nuisance. A nol pross was also taken in the case of Laura Fussell, charged with drunk and disorderly conduct and public nuisance.

Herbert Fennell, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to eight months in jail to be worked at the County Home.

Charged with cruelty to animals, Charlie Galspie was found guilty and received a 30-day road sentence. He gave notice of appeal to Superior Court.

John Harris, charged with possessing whiskey for the purpose of sale, entered a plea of guilty on the possession charge and received a 6-month road sentence. Judgment was suspended, however, on payment of a \$15.00 fine and the cost.

A nol pross with leave was taken in the case of Elmer Mills, charged with aiding and (Continued on Page Six)