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### As We See It

From a news story appearing in a daily paper it would seem that the new dairy now being constructed in PERQUIMANS County is another addition to the numerous businesses close by the home city of the paper . . . however, we feel that credit should be given where credit is due and while the dairy will be located 13 miles from another town . . . its location is approximately 5 miles from Hertford and . . . Perquimans County will be the site of the only Golden Guernsey Dairy between Durham and Norfolk.

No doubt this type of business will be beneficial to a wide area, but the honors of location belong to us.

### At Long Last

From here it begins to look as though at long last Hertford is about to succeed in getting an improvement in bus station facilities. It appears that the inconvenient conditions that have existed here are about to be smoothed and ironed out to everyone's satisfaction.

Apparently, from unofficial reports, the new station here will be no modern bus terminal, but it will be sufficient. In other words, there will be clean rest rooms and waiting rooms for both Negroes and whites. It appears that the Town, after forcing the issue with the bus corporation, will provide designated parking spaces so that patrons will be sure the bus is going to stop at a certain point.

It appears that there will be no more standing on the streets in driving rain or wind waiting for the late bus after the present station has closed its doors for the day.

While in no way will the station compare with the terminal in Elizabeth City, it will be adequate . . . even if it provides only a shelter and a place to sit down.

Hertford asked for little in the way of improvements, and the carrier company will before long note that the improvements it makes here will not go unappreciated.

And too, it is gratifying to record that the town will cooperate to the extent of marking off an enclosure zone as a bus stop only. For a while, it looked as though the town would never allow the busses to stop on Church Street; but there is such a thing as carrying the letter of the law to extremes.

However, everybody is happy now, and it is not The Perquimans Weekly's desire to do other than welcome this needed improvement.

### When Vox Populi Snores

If the people at large in the United States are having anything to say about what Presidential aspirant they shall have a chance to vote for in November, it is more through straw votes than through official primaries.

Times when a lively hope existed that Presidential primaries would give the voters a hand in nominating their candidates for Chief Executive, as well as in ratifying one or another choice after it had been made in a bedlamized convention hall or a smoke-filled room.

The hope has waned as numerous States which once held primaries of this sort have let them drop into disuse. Today one-third of the States, containing approximately one-half the population, hold some kind of Presidential primaries, but many of these, as in Illinois and Ohio, are only advisory. In New York delegates will be voted on without necessarily announcing their preferences. In other States, leading national contenders withhold their names lest they offend a favorite son.

Senator Victor Donahay (D) of Ohio, however, has given a new twist to this situation. He has refused to let his name be used as a facade behind which the State Central Committee has already voted to deliver the nomination to President Roosevelt if he chooses to run for a third term. Mr. Donahay's approved of allowing the voters to express preference to



be made second choice to a name not on the ticket. He thus avoided a position into which Postmaster General James A. Farley has been maneuvered.

The action of the Ohio Senator is being hailed as a move tending to bring Presidential primaries back into significance. It is to be hoped that this is so, for there is little satisfaction or assurance in a system where the people propose and the politicians dispose.—Christian Science Monitor.

### SO WHAT?

By WHATSO

**DUST IN YOUR EYE!** Two gentlemen of the leather slinging profession stand watching each other, they move right, they move left, then back, then forward; there is persistent though slight movement of gloves in each other's faces, the guard moves a bit this way and that, the free arm seems ready for action. Then of a sudden—action! One of the gentlemen feints with his right—step ever so slightly to the side as he does it. His opponent is on guard for that threatening right. Then—a feint with the left to the right eye of his opponent followed in a fraction of a split second with a crashing right to the left tip of his opponent's jaw. One - two - three! That feint with the left did its work, the right landed. Dust in your eye!

The art of feinting in boxing, fencing and other sports is a pretty thing to watch, its accomplishment is a sign of skill and it is honorable. Dust in your eye—you do not see what is happening. Yes, it is the art of deception—this dust throwing. Deception and dust throwing are not always honorable. The Roman Caesars threw dust in the eyes of the citizens of the decadent Empire with free bread, feast and Circus. The old Ward Boss controlled large and populous sections of the city because he fed the babies of the voters. Dust in your eye.

Not so many years ago you could pass along streets in the City of Washington, D. C., and all that you beheld was pleasing to the eye. Broad, clean streets; well-kept sidewalks; imposing line of buildings or of homes. Dust in your eye, my friend, dust in your eye. What you saw was the drop curtain behind which snuggled in the heart of the city the filth and squalor, the suffering and degradation of the slum—unsanitary, dangerous.

Did you see him at church last Sunday? Or perhaps at the Society for Civic Betterment on Monday? Was he the most obvious citizen at that meeting held the other night to consider what could be done to make better the living conditions of his less fortunate citizens? Dust in your eye—and more dust! Enough dust so that you did not look at the list of property owners and tax payers, and so notice who owned the undesirable property which made living conditions dangerous for the less fortunate.

There is a lot of dust being thrown these days as in all the days of the past. Dust storms are not limited to the Dust Bowl! The masters of the art of feinting are not all in the National Capitol, nor in the State Capitols, nor in the large cities. Beware! What you see is not always the important thing. What you do not see may hurt. Remember that gentleman of the squared ring? He saw the left feint of his opponent to the right eye—he felt the crash.

**FAST WORK AT A FIRE.** Not much of a fire might have been. It never had a chance. The fire watch. From the sound of the alarm to the first saving squirt of water—that from thirty to forty-five seconds were lost getting the nozzle attached to the hose. At the last previous fire there was the same trouble. Better practice with that nozzle, Chief!

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

We have all been longing for something to happen to bring peace to the world. I am wondering how many of us have thought to write President Roosevelt and thank him for the step he has taken to start negotiations for peace by sending Under-Secretary Sumner Welles to nations of Europe to explore present conditions there. Secretary Hull has announced that diplomatic conversations have commenced with neutral governments to explore the possibility of creating in a peace that all hope for, "a sound international economic system, and at the same time, world-wide reduction of armaments." This beginning is something for which we should all feel thankful, and we might tell the President so, and encourage him to continue his efforts until rewarded by success.

It would certainly seem that now just as the administration has begun these negotiations would, of all times, be a most unfortunate one for this nation to enlarge its navy, as other nations would be likely to distrust us. While we have our writing material out to thank the President, why not write our senators and congressmen to oppose naval expansion for the present at least?

Sincerely,  
MATTIE SAUNDERS.

### PEANUT REPORT

Rains over the Virginia-North Carolina peanut belt during the past three days have kept most country roads impassable for heavy trucks, but occasional farmers' stock Virginians have moved from commercial warehouses and from peanut producers living on farms located on main thoroughfares. The market is about steady, with supplies decreasing in millers' hands, but with farmers showing no disposition to accept lower prices.

Prevailing prices, per lb., delivery point basis, range as follows:  
Virginias, Jumbos, best 3 7-8-4c, few 4 1-8c, medium 3 5-8-3 1/2c; Ranch, best 3 3-7-8c, medium 3 3-8-3 1/2-5-8c; Shelling stock, best 3.40-3 5-8c, medium 3 1/4-3.40c.  
Spanish, farmers' stock, \$1.05-1.07 1/2 per 30-lb. bushel.

During recent days inquiries and sales of finished goods have increased slightly, especially for peanuts in the shell. Price ranges are a trifle lower, but at the close a slightly firmer feeling was evident in most grades. Wide price ranges are noticeable in many grades of both cleaned and shelled. These prices depend partly on whether millers are interested in the relationship between selling prices and the original prices of farmers' stock or of replacement stocks, or whether they want to maintain the volume of their shipments without regard to profits.

### Father Of Chapanoke Man Died In Chowan

Funeral services for J. C. Asbell, 78, who died at his home near Tyrer on Tuesday afternoon after several weeks of illness, were held in the family cemetery near Happy Home Church on Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock.

Mr. Asbell was a native and lifelong resident of Chowan County and a member of Ballards Bridge Baptist Church.

Surviving are five sons, Curdie Asbell, of Charleston, S. C., John Asbell, of Chapanoke, Lynn and Fletcher Asbell, of Tyrer, and Olev Asbell, of Tyrer; two daughters, Mrs. Walter Burgess, of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Virgie Laney, of Tyrer. A brother, three sisters, several grand-children and five great-grandchildren also survive.

### Early Poisoning Checks Weevils

Pre-square poisoning to control the boll weevil is expected to find a wider response from North Carolina cotton growers this year, says J. O. Rowell, extension entomologist at State College.

Although the value of this early treatment as an aid in fighting the weevil is not fully supported by experimental evidence in North Carolina, South Carolina growers have reported good results from its use, Rowell said. Field demonstrations in North Carolina last season also indicated good results for the method.

Liquid poisoning by mopping has several advantages over dusting as a pre-square treatment, the State College entomologist pointed out. For the mopping method, no expensive equipment is involved, the cost of materials is slightly less, and application may be made during any part of the day.

The liquid poison as generally used, is composed of one pound of calcium arsenate, one gallon of cheap molasses, and one gallon of water. It is prepared by adding the arsenate to the water, stirring thoroughly, and then adding the molasses. This quantity is sufficient for an acre of cotton. Only the amount needed for each day should be mixed at one time.

If over-wintered weevils are numerous on the young plants, from one to three pre-square poison applications at 5 to 7-day intervals should be made. Treatment is advisable when weevils occur at the rate of 80 or more per acre. Poisoning should be started just as soon as the squares begin to form, and before they are large enough for the weevils to puncture.

The liquid mixture may be applied with a home-made mop, constructed by tying a piece of cloth or sack to one end of a light board five feet long and two to three inches wide. If rain occurs within 24 hours, the treatment should be repeated.

### Cotton Parity Rate Announced By Floyd

North Carolina cotton growers will receive a parity payment of 1.55 cents a pound this year for planting within their 1940 AAA acreage allotment, announces E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College. These price adjustment or parity payments, which supplement the regular agricultural conservation payments, will be made under the provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 and the 1940 Department of Agriculture Appropriation Act which set aside \$96,000,000 for cotton growers of the nation.

The 1940 Act provided that payment be made on cotton this year if the 1939 average farm price was less than 75 percent of parity. Since the estimated 1939 season average price for tobacco was above 75 percent of parity, no price adjustment payments will be made on the leaf crop this year.

Three other basic crops will share in the \$225,000,000 set aside for parity payments on this year's production. In addition to cotton, payments will be made on rice, wheat, and corn. Since cotton prices improved relatively less than those for the other crops, the proportion of the parity fund going to cotton producers in 1940 will be larger than it was in 1939.

Floyd indicated that estimated increases in participation in 1940 as compared with 1939 estimates are responsible for the somewhat lower rates of the parity payments for this year.

Besides the parity payments, farmers who cooperate in the 1940 AAA program and plant within their acreage allotments will receive agricul-

tural conservation payments. The conservation payment for cotton has been set at 1.6 cents for 1940. This added to the parity payment of 1.55 cents would give farmers a total government payment of 3.15 cents a pound.

### UNKNOWN SAMARITAN

Philadelphia.—A passing motorist, noticing three persons trapped on the second floor of a building on fire, thoughtfully backed his automobile up under the window, helped them step from the window to the roof of his car and to safety. Then the man drove away without giving his name.

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of W. P. Long, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Hertford, N. C., Route 1, on or before the 28th day of February, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 28th day of February, 1940.  
MARY C. LONG,  
Administratrix of W. P. Long.  
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