

North State Has 25th Birthday

AHOSKIE—Things had picked up in Ahoskie by 1934, after the sting of depression days had eased slightly. J. Bailey Barnes, who had founded the town's first wholesale grocery distributing company in 1919, had more plans for expansion.

The original partner in Barnes-Sawyer Grocery Company announced in the summer of 1934 that he would open a new firm, to be called North State Provision Company, Inc., on July 1. It was to be a meat refrigeration and packing plant for the wholesale distribution of fresh meats and meat products.

Location for the new firm was

in a brick warehouse on Railroad Street, used previously by J. N. Vann for peanut and fertilizer storage.

Stockholders in the new meat company were Eugene Moore and W. R. Foreman, formerly employees of the Kingan Meat Company's plant in Norfolk. Moore had put in 25 years as a Kingan salesman, and Foreman had been foreman of the beef department at Kingan's for 17 years.

North State officers and directors were: Moore, president; Barnes, secretary-treasurer; L. E. Baldwin, J. P. Nowell, A. J. Jenkins and J. L. Darden. Nowell and Darden were also stockholders in

the Barnes-Sawyer firm.

By the end of a decade, North State rose to a commanding position among wholesale meat distributors in eastern North Carolina. In 1949, Moore retired as president, and was succeeded by Foreman. Foreman kept that post until 1958, when he retired as president and general manager.

Present officers of North State in its 25th anniversary year are: W. T. Gray, general manager and president; L. D. Peele, vice president and assistant general manager; J. L. Darden, secretary-treasurer. Directors are Foreman, Gray, Darden, Peele, A. H. Wood and J. P. Nowell.

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quick-growing southern timber, the company looked for new possibilities in products. In 1938, a new venture began with a merger with the Chesapeake Corporation to form a new company, the Chesapeake-Camp Corporation.

Paper Plant

This company built the first paper-making plant at Franklin, and established the first local market for pulpwood, used to make brown paper.

In 1940 the Camp Manufacturing Company bought out the interest of the Chesapeake Corporation, and in 1944 the lumber and paper companies were merged. In 1945 the entire operation came back under the old name of Camp Manufacturing Company.

Throughout the following years the paper-making facilities of the company were greatly expanded at Franklin, particularly in the production of bleached (white) paper and board, as well as the brown varieties. This new ability and increased daily tonnage gave employment to more people. Moreover, it provided an increasingly large market for the pulpwood crop of its supporting areas.

But the Camp Manufacturing Company, believing that they must put something back into the land from which they secured their timber, also provided a research site.

Big Woods

For \$1 per year, the company leased 1,385 acres of its land near Parker's Ferry on the Meherrin River west of Como to the U. S. Forest Service. The lease runs 30 years, with a renewal option.

On this "Big Woods" plot, government foresters are studying the problem of how to cut loblolly pine to insure its natural regrowth. Any merchantable timber cut is the

Shoup Boats Put Ahoskie On Map at National Shows

AHOSKIE—The Shoup Boat Company had its ups and downs on the waves of business competition before it was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Ransom F. Shoup of Bryn Mawr, Pa., in 1956. However, Shoup boats in redesigned styles have been shown throughout the United States, and are now helping put Ahoskie on the boat-building map.

The Ahoskie firm started as Jolly Roger Ships, Inc., which had a checkered business career. First location was on East Main Street, then in one of the Basnight warehouses before occupying a site on Railroad Street.

Now the Shoup company owns a lot 215 feet by 190 feet, fronting on Rogers Street, parts of which were purchased from Guilford College and Mrs. Talmage Baker. In addition, the main plant is located a

block away on Railroad Street. A third floor has been added to this building.

Ransom F. Shoup III is manager of the Ahoskie division of the company, which maintains central offices in Bryn Mawr. The entire boat-building firm is a strange adjunct to the Shoup Voting Machine Corporation, which was founded by Shoup's grandfather, and continues to manufacture electric voting machines sold throughout the United States.

To capitalize on the success of Shoup boats, the firm in the last year began an extensive expansion along the Chowan River, building a marina on the eastern side of the river adjoining the bridge at Winton. Shoup also purchased a site on the western side of the river for future building plans.

property of the company, but information resulting from the studies is public.

In 1956, Camp Manufacturing Company merged with the Union Bag & Paper Company to form a new corporation known as Union Bag-Camp Paper Corporation. The large company is widely diversified in manufacturing and converted products, stabilizing its complete product in the highly competitive market of today.

Expansion of production is under way at the company plant at Savannah, Ga., and the Franklin output has been enlarged by 50 per cent in the past year.

Lumber manufacturing at Franklin continues on the site which under the Neelys and Camps has held an operating sawmill for more than 100 years.

The growth of an industry based upon home-grown raw materials has particular interest to Hertford

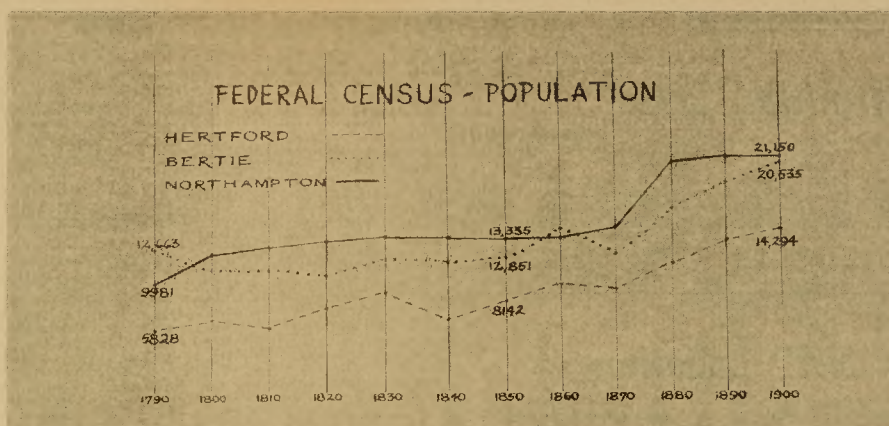
County because of company-owned land in the county.

Large Holdings

Out of 231,000 acres of land in Hertford County, 67 per cent or 153,090 acres is in commercial forest. The Union Bag-Camp timberland includes 23,500 acres, 15 per cent of the Hertford County forest, mostly in the area between Como and the Virginia line.

Profits from this company-owned Hertford timberland are divided among over 7,000 stockholders. In addition, the growth of the Camp Division of the Union Bag-Camp Paper Corp. has provided a steady market for privately-owned timber, and employment for 1,300 people in Franklin.

Since 1878, when Paul D. Camp began operations in Hertford County, the growth and progress of industry and county have been inseparable. Names may change and processes may vary, but the side-by-side march of progress continues.



SECOND LARGEST—Hertford County, which hit a high point in population just before the Civil War, is still second largest in the Roanoke-Chowan group of Northampton, Hertford and Bertie. This chart, prepared from population records from 1790 to 1900, shows the sudden climb of Northampton's population after

the Civil War, and an accompanying slump in Hertford and Bertie. Death of men during the war and depression years following may account for the drop. By the start of the 20th century, however, Hertford had risen to a population only slightly short of that in Northampton.

Mervin's Market One of a Kind, Butcher Shop

AHOSKIE — Mervin Earley runs an old-fashioned meat market on Ahoskie's Main Street, the only one of its kind in town. When he opened his store in 1948, he promised fresh meats and poultry for the housewives of Ahoskie, and for the past 11 years has kept that promise.

Mervin's Market was the outgrowth of Earley's years of experience as meat department manager for Colonial Stores, Inc. From 1945 to 1948, he had managed the meat department in the Ahoskie Colonial Store, and had been employed by Colonial for 11 years.

An Ahoskie native, Earley is now a member of the town board. As a singular note, this man who deals with the "lady of the house" all day has managed to remain a bachelor.



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We are indeed proud to have played a part in the progress and growth of Ahoskie and Hertford County. We join with ALL the folks of this great area and pledge our energies to make Hertford County GROW AND PROSPER.

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