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**Winners of Corn
Contest Announced****BANKS OF CHATHAM DO-
NATE PRIZES TO HIGH
CONTESTANTS**

Page Trust Co., Chatham Bank, Bank of Pittsboro and the Bank of Moncure Contribute to Prizes for Chatham Farmers Making High Corn Yields.

The winners of the Chatham County Corn Contest are announced below. Prizes are given to the four farmers making the highest acre yields and to the three farmers who keep the best record of their project:

On 3.6 acres, Raymond Clapp made a total yield of 208.5 bu. or an acre yield of 58.02 bu. A. Harrington of Brickhaven made a total yield of 275 bu. on five acres or an acre yield of 55.25 bu.; M. W. Duncan, Siler City, N. C. RFD made a total yield of 271 bu. on five acres or an acre yield of 54.2 bu.; J. I. Limley, Siler City, RFD made a total yield of 308.5 bu. on 5.7 acres or an acre yield of 54.12 bu. The names of the farmers who kept the best records on their projects will be announced later. The record books have not been judged as yet.

It is interesting to note here, that the twelve farmers competing in this contest made an average yield of 42 bushels. When we consider that the average county yield is only 18 bu. per acre, we can see that a great improvement this is. Another interesting thing about these projects is that most of the farmers used soil improving crops turned under in the soil preceding the corn crop, without which they stated it would have been impossible to make the yields which they did. It is safe to estimate, that had the season been normal the yield of corn on all of these demonstrations would have average a third higher.

**A Visit to the
Mine and Gulf**

Drifting along Friday in the southern part of the county, a short stop was made at the Coal Gen mine, where the chief interest seems to center around a possible sale of the mine to Northern capitalists. It is to be hoped that such a sale will be made, since the many discouragements that have befallen the present ownership has probably taken much of the heart out of it, brave and persevering as the owners have been in the face of accidents that largely thwarted their efforts to get the mine upon a paying basis.

It is noticeable that the very land that has beneath it the riches of coal and numerous other minerals is also a good agricultural area. There are few better farm communities in the county than that lying between the mine and the Cumcock bridge place. The Seagroves, Dowdys, Stedmans, Tysons, Cottens, etc., are among the salt of the county's population. Two daughters of one of the old-time families married the brothers Matthews, but Mr. J. T. Matthews is managing the Progressive Grocery at Apex and is not home during the work days. On this trip, in fact, we were unfortunate in finding many of the citizens away from home, or rather in not finding them at home.

At Gulf is one of the oldest and staunchest communities in the county. Only Pittsboro and Hayward are older. We always feel that we are among real folk in Gulf, and the way the subscribers whom we saw treated us we have particular reason to appreciate their quality after that trip Friday. It had been more than two years since we were there and as we had not sent out any statements for subscription, it was reaping time, and the fellows came across handsomely. Yet it is impossible to see all the people on any one trip, and another is needed through the mine community and in the neighborhood of Gulf, unless the subscribers will do what Chatham county folk do very little of—send in subscriptions by mail.

So very few of the people were not already subscribers to the Record that only two new subscribers were added the whole day, namely, Messrs. Harvey J. Stedman and J. W. Moore.

One of the pleasures of the day was meeting Mrs. Orren Dowdy, who is still grieving the loss of her husband but who seems in robust physical health, considering her advancing age.

The arrest of nearly a score of negroes charged with the robbery of stores at Gulf and points in Lee and Moore county and the recovery of \$2,000-worth of the stolen goods was a matter of considerable interest in both communities visited, as the McIver store at Gulf was one of the victims of the robbery and quite a batch of the negroes arrested were then or recently employed at the mine. But arrest is recounted in a separate article.

**County Agent's
Salary Reduced**

The county commissioners have passed a resolution reducing the salary of County Agent Shivers, or at least the part of the salary paid by the county, from \$1,000 a year to \$600. If the county pays only a third of the salary and the state and U. S. agricultural department reduce their shares proportionately, the reduction will be serious, being a cut from \$3,000 to \$1,800. However, any man in Pittsboro, with its moderate expenses, who has drawn \$3,000 a year for the past three or four years should feel himself very fortunate and ready to share in the hardships of the average man. However, a reduction from \$3,000 to \$2,250 would probably have been more equitable, as Mr. Shiver has to pay traveling expenses out of his salary, and should pay office rent, but he has had no office in recent months.

**Bonlee School
Bus Overturned.**

**Tobacco Truck Overturns Bus
Containing 30 Children—
Five Injured Sufficiently to
Require Physician's Atten-
tion.**

What might have proved a great tragedy very fortunately turned out with the slight injury of only a few of the thirty children on a Bonlee school truck when it was struck by a tobacco truck last Friday and turned over near Hickory Grove.

Five of the children were taken to a physician by a passing car, but their injuries proved to be of little consequence. Many of the others were badly shaken up. The truck loaded with tobacco was trying to pass the school bus, which was moving at a moderate rate, and struck its front wheel just as the bus itself was in position to be readily overturned. The driver of the tobacco truck didn't stop, and being later located in Sanford said he didn't even know he had struck the school bus, which was reasonable, as the load of tobacco cut off the view and the blow was apparently too slight to turn the bus over if the situation had not favored such a result.

**Mrs. Neal Dies
At Fayette, Mo.**

It is far to Fayette, Mo., but in that town on the night of Nov. 22 died a highly esteemed lady whose thoughts often dwelt on girlhood days in Pittsboro and vicinity. Her great-nephew, Mr. J. T. Bland had been sending her the Chatham Record for the past two years and the old home paper had been, according to a letter from her daughter, one of the chief joys of those months of affliction preceding her death. But we can do no better than to reprint the account of this good woman's death as it appeared in the Fayette Advertiser. The clipping follows:

"Mrs. C. S. Neal, aged 80 years, died at her home in this city Saturday night, November 22, 1930, about ten o'clock, after an extended illness. She had been in ill health for some years and had been confined to her bed for a number of months.

Elizabeth Jane Brown was born September 12, 1850, at Pittsboro, North Carolina, the daughter of Calvin and Sarah Stacy Brown. She was married to Clarence (Caddie) S. Neal July 11, 1872, at Pittsboro, N. C., and came to Missouri in 1873. To this union were born four children: Ralph, who died in infancy; Frank G. Neal, of St. Louis; Mrs. Lee Maupin and Mrs. Patsy N. Eaton, of Fayette. Mr. Neal preceded his wife in death July 8, 1926. Surviving in addition to the children mentioned is one nephew, J. N. Hatch, also of Fayette. One sister, Martha, and one brother, William Brown, of Winston-Salem, N. C., are both deceased.

Since coming to Missouri Mrs. Neal had lived in and near Fayette. She had been a member of the Baptist Church since early girlhood and as long as she was physically able was active in attendance at church services and in various enterprises. She was affectionately called "Aunt Lizzie" by a host of friends as well as relatives. Although she had been ill for a long time she bore her afflictions with patience and was always cheerful and considerate of others. An unselfish spirit and a loyal devotion to her family and friends caused her to be greatly beloved by all with whom she was associated.

Funeral services were held from the residence yesterday afternoon at two o'clock conducted by Dr. George L. Johnson and interment was made in the Fayette City Cemetery.

Those from a distance called here by her death were Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Neal, St. Louis; J. R. Gunter, of Texarkana, Ark., a nephew; Mrs. James S. Jones, and daughter, Carol Gae, of Avant, Oklahoma."



Photos from Wide World Photos

UNCLE SAM'S NEWEST AERIAL WARFARE EQUIPMENT

Los Angeles, Calif.—The newest of Uncle Sam's aerial warfare equipment is given a "preview" at Los Angeles when the city undergoes an attack during United States Army maneuvers. This battery of sound detectors camouflaged from aerial sharpshooters, notifies the defense of approaching planes while they are still between four and six miles away.

**Wholesale Arrests
On Robbery Charges**

**Officers of Chatham and Lee
Swoop up Bunch of Alleged
Robbers of Chatham, Lee
and Moore County Stores.—
About a Dozen in Jail at
Pittsboro.**

A dozen or more negroes were arrested last week by Chatham and Lee officers and something like \$1500 worth of stolen goods were recovered. Robberies at Colon, Vass, and Gulf in recent weeks or months had no clues till Tuesday night of last week, when a negro in the vicinity of Coal Glen intimated to Mr. A. Seagrove that a number of former employees of the Coal Glen mine were implicated in the robberies and that goods might be found.

Mr. Seagrove was prompt in action. He informed Sheriff Blair and a raid was promptly made. Arrests were made in Chatham and Lee and perhaps in Moore county. But the larger number were arrested in this county. Eleven including the informant, are said to have been brought to Pittsboro and lodged in jail. Goods to the value of \$1,000 to \$1500 were recovered and identified as coming from the stores of Colon, Gulf, and Vass.

Mr. Seagrove furnished the Record with the following names of those involved: Allen Donley, Waddy Erwin, Frank McCrimmon, Arnold Tucker, Elwin White, Harry Hart, charged with participating in all the robberies mentioned, James Smith, Duncan Snipes, June Snipes, Bob Cameron, J. V. Liles, Buck Thompson, who are charged with sharing in robbery of other than the Gulf store.

Joe Wells is reported as the name of the informant. He seems not to have taken any part in the robbery but to have been considered so harmless that little care was taken to conceal the facts from him.

Women's Club Notes

At the meeting of the Woman's Club on Dec. 3 a ten dollar donation by the Carolina Power and Light Co., for the use of club room for demonstration purposes was reported.

The president, treasurer, and a third member were appointed a budget committee.

Mrs. Mathews, chairman of the Health-Civics department, reported sixteen persons examined at the cancer clinic held recently under the auspices of the department. She had asked merchants and the business men to decorate their places for Christmas. This department will have a Christmas tree on the court house square. The Carolina Power and Light Company will furnish the tree and electricity for lighting, while Mr. Seymour of Sanford will loan bulbs for the tree.

Mrs. Victor Johnson reported a successful meeting of the music department at the home of the chairman, Mrs. R. H. Dixon, Jr. Miss Pauline Taylor joined the department at that meeting.

Mrs. Hatch asked for a donation of shrubs and flowers to be sent to the farm colony at Kinston.

Mrs. Mann is directing the sale of Christmas seals for the Heath department.

A vote of sympathy was extended to Mrs. Hatch on child labor was conducted by Mrs. Hatch. Mrs. D. B. Nooe, Sec.

**Lillington Bridge
Drops Into River**

**Capital of Harnett Cut Off
from Half the County—No
Other Bridge Across Cape
Fear from Avent Ferry to
Ervin.**

One span of the bridge across the Cape Fear at Lillington simply turned loose and dropped into the river the other day, carrying a son of Arthur Ross with it. Along came another car and tumbled in, pinning down one of the occupants. While Mr. Ross and the other occupants of the second car were trying to release the one under the car, a tobacco truck approached the brink and stopped with the front wheels overhanging the fifty-foot drop.

The span that fell into the river is one of the original spans built by Harnett county nearly thirty years ago. The other spans were replaced by the State highway commission a few years ago.

The loss of this span puts Lillington in the plight it was for many years before the erection of the bridge. A ferry formerly served the travel across the Cape Fear here, but the river is so low now that ferrying will probably be difficult. But the loss of the water probably saved the lives of Mr. Ross and those who tumbled in after the span fell.

**Second Batch of
Chatham Bricks
Off For W. Indies**

Near Gulf, in Chatham county, is one of the best equipped brick and tile plants in the whole state. Moreover, it has shale of highest quality in great abundance. All that is lacking to make this plant one of the busiest places in the south is a revival of business, particularly of the building industry.

As it is, there is little demand for building bricks and the plant is making very few of them. Its chief business in recent weeks is the manufacture of so-called chemical bricks, which endure against the assaults of the warm and damp atmosphere of the tropics. Yet these "chemical" bricks are manufactured out of the natural material abundant at the plant.

The Record recorded a recent shipment of these bricks to the West Indies, and now records a second shipment of 50,000 last week. A visit to the plant last Friday found Mr. Overby and Mr. Stout somewhat discouraged about maintaining the present percentage of operation. About fifty hands have been employed in recent weeks, but it is feared that sufficient orders will not be received to enable the plant to operate long on the same basis. However, one of these days there must be a demand for building material, and when that day arrives, this Chatham plant should at last begin to pay real dividends on the large investment.

**Derailment of Freight
Cars Scatter Oranges**

Tons of Florida oranges, grapefruit and tangerines, bound for northern markets, were scattered along the Seaboard Air Line's main line at Forbes Crossing just north of Southern Pines December 6 when two freight cars were turned over and were derailed. The train was second No. 86. No one was injured. The track was cleared at 7:45 Saturday night.

It is understood that a brake beam came loose and fell down, sticking into a frog. Several of the cars nearest the brake beam were very badly damaged, perhaps beyond repair.

**Some More Big
Chatham Hogs**

Messrs. A. E. Cotten, W. H. Woodell, R. M. Cotten and P. B. Dickens, of Merry Oaks, Route 1, butchered some big hogs Monday of last week.

Mr. P. B. Dickens is the champion; he butchered two weighing 1003 pounds. A. E. Cotten killed two, weighing 855 pounds; Mr. W. H. Woodell, two weighing 487 pounds; and Mr. R. M. Cotten two weighing 790 pounds.

These gentlemen expect to live at home for the next twelve months, and live well, as they are big farmers, and raise produce in proportion to the big hogs they have every year.

If many others would follow suit of these 'live-at-home' farmers, we would have fewer people tramping, and riding sometimes, who are in need of food and clothing.

**State Senator Overman
Was Buried Saturday**

The body of North Carolina Senator Lee Slater Overman, of Salisbury, in service 28 years for his state and nation, was buried at Salisbury Saturday at 3 p. m. while those in the high places of the state and nation stood side by side with thousands from the lesser walks of life and all joined in saying, "Well done."

Senator Overman died Thursday night at 12:30 in Washington after a severe hemorrhage of the stomach beginning in the afternoon. He had been ill for several days.

The death of Senator Overman was announced to the senate when it convened at noon Saturday by Senator Simmons who said: "Mr. President, I am deeply grieved to announce the death of my distinguished colleague, Senator Overman, who passed away during the night."

The body laid in state in Washington until midnight Friday when it left aboard a special Southern train for Salisbury, arriving there about 9 a. m. Saturday, accompanied by many national and state figures, including his family. Senator Simmons, acting upon the advice of his physicians, did not attend the funeral party to Salisbury.

The funeral services conducted from the First Methodist church were a simple ceremony. There was no eulogy for none was needed. During his 28 years in the senate the people of the country had learned what the people of his home town had known, (the faithful character of Lee Overman.

The church was filled with friends wishing to pay their last tribute to the senator. Many could not get in. The whole of Salisbury stopped for a few minutes to say good-bye. The body was accompanied by the American Legion and others to the graveyard where the services were completed.

**LEE COMES TO CHATHAM
FOR ROAD SUPERVISOR**

It is interesting to note that Lee County has come to Chatham for a county road supervisor. The man secured is one rich in road work experience, and it is quite certain that our neighbor county has made no mistake in choosing Mr. Harmon.

The Sanford Express thus tells of the promotion of Mr. J. W. Harmon. "J. W. Harmon, of Pittsboro, was elected to succeed John T. Gunter as county road superintendent by the county highway board which held a special meeting Tuesday.

Harmon, who is said to have much experience in handling and supervising men in road construction, and who has been engaged in that type of work in Chatham county, was the choice of three of the county commissioners, Gunter, whom he succeeded, received one vote, and D. A. Groce, one vote.

A road superintendent, Harmon will be given a salary of \$1,500 per year, and will be furnished a car by the county, the upkeep of which will devolve upon him, but for which the county will furnish gas and oil.

The new superintendent will assume charge of the stockade and county roads on December 15th.

During the session of the board a motion was made by Commissioner Seymour that no convict labor be hired out for any purpose except by order of the board of commissioners. This motion was adopted.

John T. Gunter, the retiring superintendent of the county roads, has held the position for the past several years and has been considered an efficient road builder and supervisor of men.

Seven of the damaged cars of fruit were sent to Hamlet and sold at auction Wednesday to the highest bidder in carlots. One car of tomatoes brought \$400, it was rumored. The fruits brought from \$150 to \$400 a car, depending somewhat upon the condition of that particular car. The cars of fruit averaged approximately \$325 each.

Several of the cars were bought by Howard-Bobbitt, wholesale grocers of Sanford and Fayetteville.

**Fatal Accident
On Highway 90**

**Young J. M. Phillips when
leaving Filling Station Oper-
ated by Him 3 Miles East
of Siler City Killed by Ned
Trogon's Car Saturday
Night.**

Leaving Greensboro late in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Ned Trogon were pursuing their way to Pittsboro Saturday night to visit the latter's sister, Mrs. S. L. Andrews, but the trip so casually undertaken was soon to result in tragedy.

Three miles this side of Siler City was the filling station operated by young J. M. Phillips. He had closed up for the night and started home. Maybe there was a hill in the road that kept him from becoming thoroughly aware of the approaching car and Mr. Trogon from seeing the man walking in the road till he was very close upon him. Anyway, there was the man in the road, but even then it was thought he would step aside.

When he didn't the driver of the car whirled to pass him, but unfortunately the man, aroused to the situation, turned the same way. Maybe, there were more than one of these false moves to avoid a collision. Both the driver and the pedestrian were now alert, but it was too late. The car got in its deadly work. The man was killed instantly, his head striking the car and making a considerable dent.

Mr. Trogon came on as soon as he could and reported the matter to Sheriff Blair. An investigation by the sheriff and the coroner Geo. H. Brooks followed, in which Trogon was exonerated of blame.

The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harris B. Phillips. He leaves two brothers, A. G. of Detroit and N. S. Phillips of Greensboro, and three sisters, Mrs. H. A. Thromburg of Greensboro and Misses Kelly and Mattie Lee Phillips at home.

Mrs. Trogon was very much shocked by the tragedy but regained her composure before her return Sunday afternoon to her home in Greensboro.

The burial was postponed till the arrival of the brother from Detroit, the Record is informed.

**Cam Morrison to be
New State Senator**

Cameron Morrison was Saturday appointed United States Senator by the man he nosed out of the Governor's office ten years ago.

Governor O. Max Gardner announced the appointment of former Governor Morrison within 30 minutes of the funeral of the late Senator Lee S. Overman, whose seat in Washington Senator Morrison intends to take Tuesday.

"Cam, you will have to admit that was a magnificent thing for Max to do," said Mrs. Gardner to whom the Governor gave the honor of informing the new senator of his appointment.

"You Gardner are the best sports I ever knew," answered Senator Morrison, showing evidence of real emotion over the appointment. The Governor had not mentioned the matter to him until they met after the funeral in the home of Walter Woodson, where Governor and Mrs. Gardner were staying.

The new senator will serve under the appointment until the next general election in November, 1932, and then, according to his statement Saturday run for election for both the unexpired Overman term ending March 4, 1933, and the six year term beginning on that date.

Governor Gardner made it clear that Clyde R. Hoey, his brother-in-law, would have been given the office if he had wanted it.

"I don't want to leave the impression that Governor Morrison is a second choice," said Governor Gardner, "but as everyone knows Clyde Hoey is not only my brother-in-law but also as close to me as a brother. If he had wanted to go to the senate and asked me to appoint him I would have done so even if I had had to resign from the Governor's office for doing it."

Governor Gardner had a final conference with Mr. Hoey today. Earlier he had received the following telegram from him:

"I am not a candidate for appointment for the senate and do not wish you to consider me in connection with the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Overman."

Senator-designate Cameron Morrison arrived in Washington Tuesday night. He was scheduled to make his appearance at the capital Wednesday at noon where he would present his credentials and take the oath of office to succeed the late Senator Lee S. Overman.

Mrs. Overman has expressed herself as being very well pleased with Governor Gardner's appointment.

Mr. Morrison was born in Rockingham, this county, October 5, 1869. He moved to Charlotte shortly after becoming established as a lawyer.