

West Virginia, home of John W. Davis



REQUEST TO REPAIR ROADS

United States Post Office
Timberlake, N. C.
June 24th, 1924

Mr. Tom Clayton
My Dear Sir:

It is reported to me that the road on which you reside on the line of the rural route from this post office is in bad condition and urgently in need of attention.

It is a requirement of the Department that roads traveled by rural carriers in the performance of service shall be kept in passable condition for vehicles under ordinary conditions. It becomes my duty to inform you, therefore, that the road hereinafter specified should have attention without delay. Unless sufficient interest is shown in the service by the local road authorities and those benefitted, to keep the roads in good condition, the rural route will be amended so as to avoid neglected roads, or, if this can not be done, the discontinuance of service will have serious consideration.

I am required to report to the Department at the end of thirty days what action has been taken in the matter, with recommendation for appropriate readjustment of the route if the needed repairs have not been made.

Respectfully yours,
J. G. Chambers, Postmaster

July 8, 1924

Mr. Editor:

I am sending you a letter for publication that I received from our Post Master at Timberlake, and I hope it will be thoroughly considered by the readers of the Courier. Our roads, especially, from Ai to Surl are in a deplorable condition, and judging from this letter it seems eminent that we are to be denied even our mail service. About one year ago I went to see Mr. M. R. Long and asked him to have this same road worked, it being just before the association met at Surl. But, of course, he said "no" in a very short manner. So I decided not to mention the subject to him again. But I have a proposal to make to Mr. Long if he will have this road worked from Ai to Surl: All the patrons on said stretch of road will give one day work or probably more, or, if Mr. Long will get off just one-half of our road tax, we will work it ourselves and keep it up all the time, so our mail carrier or any one can get over it with some degree of safety. We are not asking for a highway or a sand-clay road. Only a safe pass way. And, honestly, I think we do deserve something if considered citizens of Person County. We are asking for only a small portion of what we have paid for and will have to continue to pay for. I think this should be taken up by the Legislature and our money put back in our county commissioners hands for division of our road money. The people are getting indignant. Not only our mail service is at stake, but our schools also. And readers, the time has come when we must take our stand for our rights. Last year I paid out over one-fourth of what my tobacco crop netted for taxes, and I want some one to try to show me how it was appreciated. I fear honest men will become dishonest men with such treatment.

Respectfully,
Thomas Clayton,
Timberlake, N. C.

Meet your neighbor at the Farmers Convention to be held at State College, July 23, 24 and 25. Plenty of good food both for brain and stomach will be served at this farm gathering.

A Negro home demonstration work among the colored people of Beaufort County began with the essentials for better living when she taught her club women how to rid their homes of bed bugs, flies and mosquitoes.

AN OUTBREAK OF A SERIOUS COTTON DISEASE

Within the past few days an unusual disease of cotton has come to the attention of North Carolina farmers. This disease which is called cotton blight, has appeared suddenly and is so destructive that it is causing considerable concern. The reports from farmers show that in some cases over fifty per cent of the plants are affected. Up to the present the plant disease laboratories of the Agricultural Experiment Station have received reports of the occurrence of blight from the following counties: Northampton, Wake, Iredell, Davie, Johnston, Union, Hertford, Currituck, Franklin, Mecklenburg, Halifax, Lincoln, Cleveland, Vance, Nash and Chowan. These reports indicate that the blight is of general occurrence throughout the State.

The most noticeable symptom of this disease is the presence of withered leaves or branches. Upon closer examination dark brown sunken spots may be found at the bases of the affected leaves and branches. Sometimes these spots appear as brown streaks extending along the main stems. The bases of the leaves are so weakened that the leaves shed or the stems and branches break off. In severe cases the plants may become destitute of foliage.

Cotton blight has not been previously reported in this State but appeared in severe form in Arkansas in 1920. Observations made at that time show that the disease is caused by a fungus or mold which very probably is present year after year on cotton, but under normal conditions causes no damage. Cotton blight in Arkansas appeared in epidemic form following a prolonged period of rainy cloudy weather. It was completely checked, however, when dry weather

The unusual rainfall and high humidity which have prevailed recently throughout North Carolina are similar to the conditions which existed when the disease was severe in Arkansas. It is to be expected therefore, that with the coming of dry clear weather the spread of blight will be checked. Plants which are only slightly injured will soon completely overcome the disease. Those which are more seriously affected can be expected to form new leaves and branches. These which have been severely defoliated cannot be expected to recover.

Since blight has been so little investigated, and since only a single epidemic has been previously reported, sufficient time has not been afforded for the working out of definite control measures.

Each day the mail brings letters from people who wish to settle on farms in North Carolina. Agricultural workers of the State College staff try to locate these people pleasantly.

Nation Mourns



Last picture taken of Calvin Coolidge, Jr., youngest son of the President, who died last week. This picture was taken at the Washington ball park as he watched his favorite play.

T. G. POOL ENTERS PLEA OF GUILTY

Richmond, July 9.—Thomas G. Pool in Hastings court here this afternoon entered a plea of guilty of embezzling funds of the Bank of Virginia. Being unable to enter court under his own strength, he was brought into court on a stretcher. He was given a sentence of 15 years. The exact time that he will begin serving his term will depend on his physical condition.

Commonwealth's Attorney James Easley, of Halifax county and F. L. McKinney and W. B. Settle and S. L. Adams for the defense were on hand when the plead guilty to four indict of. As will be recalled the Pool case was transferred to Richmond at the adjourned May term of the Halifax circuit court by agreement of the attorneys of both sides upon the plea that Pool was too ill to be removed from Richmond to Halifax for trial. The indictment against Pool charged the embezzlement of \$208,000 of the funds of the Bank of Virginia.

Henry Ford the assistant cashier of the above mentioned bank, who at the May term of court pled guilty to four indictments of making false entries in the books of the bank, will receive sentence at the November term of court.

According to the penalty prescribed by law, Ford is entitled to receive 26 years in the penitentiary, there having been 13 counts in the indictment and each count carrying two years in prison. Whether or not Judge Brakdale will exercise clemency in the case of Ford is not known. Ford is now out on bail in the sum of \$10,000.—Danville News

Honored



Mrs. Leroy Springs of South Carolina, who caught the fancy of the convention and was put in nomination for the Vice-Presidency. She also was acting Chairman of the Credential Committee.

NOT ENOUGH EGGS

FOR BREAKFAST

Raleigh, N. C., July 14.—Poultry Extension Specialists of the State College of Agriculture state that 89 per cent of the hens on North Carolina farms lay only 86 eggs each; while the other 11 per cent, making up the improved farm flocks and the commercial unit lay an average of 170 eggs.

The Crop Reporting Service for North Carolina estimates that there are 5,658,669 hens of laying age in this State and that there is a human population of about 2,700,000 people. V. W. Lewis livestock marketing specialist, for the State Division of markets has studied these figures and from them he has secured the following information:

1. Eleven per cent of hens lay 24 per cent of the eggs.
2. There is an average of 95 eggs per hen in the State.
3. The average number of eggs per day per person is only 0.55.
4. Half the number of hens could furnish the same number of eggs a day per person if the average laying rate was 170 eggs, or it would take twice the number of hens producing 170 eggs per hen annually for each person to have two eggs a day, or four times the number of hens at the present rate: Hence we see there is a great deal of work to be done in building up the quality of the average North Carolina hen, also there is a place for increased production in the State.

"Before the increase in the number of hens comes about, the problem of marketing must be taken care of and this we are planning to do," says Mr. Lewis. "County Agents in many counties cooperating with the State Division of Marketing have inaugurated a scheme to show that the marketing of poultry can be done in a very practical way. Many cooperative shipments were made this spring and summer and this project will be carried on each year. On some shipments as much as \$850.00 was saved to the farmer."

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Executor of the last will and testament of Mrs. Minnie L. Winstead, deceased, late of

Person County on May 19th, 1924, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present the same to the undersigned on or before May 19, 1925, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

ery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This July 8th, 1924.

—C. E. Winstead, Sr.,

Executor. 7-9, 6ts

Conserve Your Energy in Summer

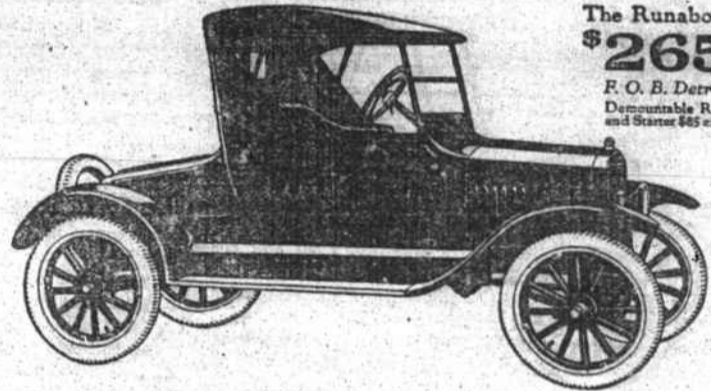
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