

SHERIFF POWELL IN BIG STORM.

While Feasting In "Sweet Sampson" the Weather Gets Freaky, the Winds Blow, the Thunders Roar, the Lightnings Flash and the Rain Pours. Greatest Sight Since "Old Trip Was a Pup." Water Bound for Two Days. Sers Big Wreck.

Messrs. Editors:

I have been kidnapped, marooned and nearly keelhaunched last week. Mrs. Powell and self went to Sweet Sampson, the land of fruit and timber (huckleberries and hoopoles) as well as dogtongue and gallerberries. Everything was lovely "er gwine," visiting our children and grandchildren, twelve or maybe thirteen head. Of course we feasted on chicken, figs, scuppernongs and various pantry supplies sandwiched with cream and cool buttermilk. But it is a long lane, that never turns. I butted into the Equinox and last Friday night Sampson turned his foxes loose in the Philistines' corn. The wind blew, the rain descended while the thunder and lightning was fearful. Since "Old Tige was a pup" such a rain has not been seen in these parts, and it is to be hoped that many green grass seasons will pass before another such.

I left Clinton via Warsaw for good old Johnston last Saturday morning. Four hundred yards of the railroad was submerged, the train just creeping along, having to push floating old cross ties off the track. Arriving at Warsaw and learning there would be no trains on the Wilmington and Goldsboro road for an indefinite time on account of wrecks and washouts, attempted to return to Clinton to my buttermilk and cake stand, but found the railroad floating and bowed off the embankment. So I returned to warsaw and took a two days' course of hotel medicine, (and they have a nice one there). No mail or papers for two days and then only by humpmobile. Monday morning I hit the grit and hoofed it for Faison, eight miles away, passing a terrible washout and wrecks near Bowdens Station. By some fatal mistake or misunderstanding, a pile-driver, locomotive and five or seven box cars went to their doom in a pile, the engineer and fireman going down with them, but miraculously escaped with only seven wounds and unknown mental shock. In the dark they made their escape leaving a bloody trail over the wreckage, even the bell was bloody. A great derrick was there as I passed, removing the debris, and a force on shore framing a new trestle. The same state of affairs was on the Wilmington and Goldsboro road and the resumption of schedules was indefinite. A forty-mile gap with no trains is the biggest break the W. & W. ever experienced. I hope never to see such another wreck. I took a train at Faison and reached Smithfield on schedule time Monday evening.

I am now hauling pears and like it better than marooning.
C. S. POWELL.
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Strawberries.

A great many of our readers are taking an interest in strawberry growing for home use. Now is the time to start the strawberry bed; especially is this true if fruits are wanted from the bed this coming spring. Plow or work up the land as deeply as possible. Turn under a good lot of litter and organic matter. If there is a growth of peas on the land it is a good thing, but if there is no such crop to put under the soil a coating of barnyard manure should be given the land. From ten to thirty tons should be applied to the acre and plowed in. Following the plowing the land should be well worked. It should be disc harrowed once or twice, depending upon the way in which the soil plows. After the discing a spring tooth harrow or a spike tooth harrow should be used to put it in shape for planting.

The plants should be purchased from some reliable plant man, or if they are to be taken from a patch already on the farm only the young plants—that is, those that came from runners this past summer—should be used. If a plant has dark and black roots on it, it should not be used for setting. Good varieties to plant are the Lady Thompson, Klondike and Missionary. If fruit is desired from the planting in the spring the plants should be set during late September and early October.

The rows should be laid out four feet apart if the matted hedge row is to be used. The plants should be set every eighteen inches in this row. Be careful when setting the plants to spread out the roots and to thoroughly compact the soil about the plants after setting. Do not set too deep in the soil and be careful not to plant so that a portion of the roots will be subjected to the cold weather of winter. Crowns of plants set too deep are apt to rot and those set too shallow will suffer from winter cold. If desired some fertilizer can be

put in the row at the time of planting. This fertilizer can be made of a sack of cottonseed meal to a sack of acid phosphate, and from six hundred to a thousand pounds of this material should be used per acre. Six hundred pounds in the row is sufficient for fall planting. An application of a like amount or more may be made broadcast to the patch the following spring and worked in the soil with a Planet Jr. cultivator.

There are some of our readers who ask every fall about planting strawberries in barrels. Holes four inches square and twelve inches from center to center may be cut in the sides of a barrel and the barrel filled with rich soil. Strawberry plants are set in the holes in the barrel. By watching the barrel as if it were a flower pot a small quantity of strawberries can be grown in this way, but it is only done for pleasure and never for the production of berries in large enough amounts to be used for any purpose except for ornament. We do not recommend this method.

In the spring after the plants are set into the field they should have an application of fertilizer and be worked with cultivators until they begin to set their fruit. It is a good plan to mulch the middles of the rows with straw or manure before picking time, as this mulch will keep the fruits clean and prevent packing of the soil during picking. It is barely ever cold enough here to necessitate the covering of the plants to protect them from cold as in the northern sections. After picking is over the strawberries should be cleaned up and the mulch worked into the ground and the cultivation continued until late in the season. Spraying with Bordeaux mixture from time to time will keep the plants free from disease and help in the production of runners for making the hedge row. The plants set eighteen inches apart in four foot rows should make rows two feet wide and thick with plants by the end of the first season. This makes a middle two feet wide for working the plants.—Southern Ruralist.

The Machine on the Job.

A great part of the economic progress of the world has come from the substitution of machines for dogs, oxen, horses and men. But in spite of all that the inventors have been able to do we still find ourselves short of labor, with the farmer one of the principal sufferers.

We could be in better shape. The man who has depended upon muscle, both human and horse, has been very conservative about putting steel sinews to work for him. Under ordinary circumstances we get along all right with this conservatism, but last spring we were forced into a situation that has elevated labor savers to life savers. We should go the limit in taking advantage of them.

Years ago, when we had no self-binders, an hour of labor was expended in producing a bushel of wheat. Improved machinery and better methods have brought the time down to less than ten minutes. Now there is no question about the efficiency of the grain drill, the binder, the header and the thrasher.

The development of the manure spreader lacks the romance of McCormick's invention, but thousands of farmers would part with their binders first. The champion corn husker of Iowa isn't in it with the power husker, which is now a well-known machine in the Corn Belt.

Now another group of labor savers is emerging from the experimental stage into the field of everyday use. The dairyman who finds the labor question daily harder to solve is gradually getting acquainted with the mechanical milker. Some day it will be as familiar on the dairy farms as the silo, for the simple reason that it is badly needed.

The tractor is gradually moving to the farm, but it must move faster to keep up with the world. It is going to do our cultivating as well as the plowing, harrowing and planting. And along with these machines are coming electric motors and numberless lesser improvements that will triple the power of the farmer's arm.

This year ought to mark the greatest advance in the saving of man labor on the farm. The machine must do the job.—Country Gentleman.

All Gone.

"You say you want a job in this office? Well, what can you do?"

"Nothing."

"Why didn't you apply sooner? All those high-salaried positions have been taken long ago."—Judge.

A census of the Canal Zone taken by the police and fire divisions as of June 30, 1917, shows a total civilian population of 23,295, a gain of 495 as compared with a year ago. Of the total population 7,447 are Americans, of whom 3,494 are men, 1,890 women, and 2,063 children. Of the population of all other nationalities (15,848), there are 9,310 men, 3,005 women and 3,533 children.

NEW VOLUNTEERS FOR SERVICE

Found In J. B. Ivey, Head of a Big Department Store at Charlotte, and H. B. Varner, Owner of the Lyon Theatre in Lexington.

Raleigh, Sept. 19.—Volunteers to lead the North Carolina retail merchants and the moving picture house owners have been found by Food Administrator, Henry A. Page, in J. B. Ivey, head of a big department store at Charlotte, and H. B. Varner, owner of the Lyon Theatre in Lexington.

Each of these exceedingly busy men has offered to raise his division of workers from the ranks of the business in which both have flourished. Mr. Ivey will undertake to bring to the voluntary service of the United States all the retail dry goods merchants of North Carolina and Mr. Varner, who is a newspaper publicity artist of first rank, will devote himself to the organization of all picture houses into the general scheme of propaganda which is capably important now.

Mr. Ivey is chairman of this big organization. Following the lead of the government he will communicate with the dry goods merchants of all places in North Carolina and assign to them what work is desired. These retail organizations are to be appraised of the character of the food propaganda work expected of them. As one feature in bringing the demands of the hour to public visualization, a great country-wide window display contest is to take place.

It is through these window displays that the need of a wise use of supplies is to be shown by the merchants. A prize of \$50 is offered for the first, \$30 for the second and \$20 for the third best display in each of three classes. Every store that puts a display and conforms to the rules of the contest will receive recognition from the Food Administration. They are designed to show the public need of economy in the use of all foods and particularly for substituting certain foods available in this country for those heretofore commonly used without restriction but now vital to the maintenance of our Allies in the war. The conditions of this State-wide contest will be stated by Mr. Ivey who undertakes this big job solely because he desires to do a business man's duty to his country.

Mr. Varner's position is unique in that he is owner both of a newspaper and a moving picture house. A double duty in publicity is shouldered by him. One of the purposes of the moving picture organization is to promote "clean-up" campaigns on the pledge cards which begin October 21 and continue through eight days. This novelty can be the more easily presented through the co-operation of the picture houses.

The Government has a picture, "Food Will Win the War," which is to be exhibited by 17,000 picture houses in the country. Besides these, slides and one-sheet lobby posters will be regularly employed by all the picture houses in the country, if the Government can gain the willingness of these owners to co-operate with the publicity plans. And to the end that the greatest amount of material may be put before the people, the Government welcomes any suggestion from any source as to what would well go into these films, posters and slides.

Mr. Page has just begun the organization of his vast system of volunteers. This week, particularly, his office is busy. It will require the work of every man and woman in it to carry to the last man in the State the seriousness of the world's food situation.

NEW HOPE LOCALS.

The revival meeting will begin at Antioch M. E. church Wednesday night, September 26, by the pastor, Rev. T. W. Siler.

Miss Gertrude Ball, of Raleigh, is visiting Mrs. Rufus Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lee, of Falcon, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Lee.

Mr. Warren Massengill visited relatives at Fayetteville last week.

Mr. Marvin Strickland and sisters, Misses Ina and Ethel, of Falcon, spent the week-end with relatives in the community.

Mr. Fred Lee made a business trip to Wilson last week.

Messrs. J. B. Strickland, of Lumberton, and M. B. Strickland, of Smithfield, spent Sunday with their parents, Elder and Mrs. Robert Strickland.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Upchurch announce the birth of a daughter.

We are very sorry to note the death of Mr. John Jordan which occurred at his home Tuesday afternoon, after suffering several weeks with typhoid fever. He leaves a wife and four children. Our hearts go out in sympathy for the bereaved ones.
Four Oaks, Sept. 18, 1917.

The standard medical books endorse the ingredients in Dr. SETH ARNOLD'S BALM for Summer Sickness. Buy a bottle today of Hood Bros., Smithfield, N. C.—Adv.

BUSINESS LOCALS

THE PAIN CAUSED FROM PILES is very bad. Dr. Muns' Piles and Eczema Ointment will relieve you instantly. Creech Drug Co., Smithfield, N. C.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK At Smithfield, N. C., at the Close of Business September 11, 1917.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$496,114.91
Less Notes and Bills rediscounted (other than acceptances sold)	92,504.67
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	2,579.85
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)	2,280.00
Value of banking house	\$15,000.00
Equity in banking house	15,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	5,000.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	24,682.85
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks	150,455.87
Net amounts due from banks and bankers, and trust companies	8,475.73
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	2,055.77*
Total	\$614,110.31
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	35,000.00
Undivided profits	\$5,902.83
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	3,468.72
Amount reserved for all interest accrued	2,434.11
Demand Deposits Subject to Reserve:	
Individual deposits subject to check	348,629.73
Certified checks	697.51
Cashier's checks outstanding	4,515.53
Dividends unpaid	5.00
Total demand deposits subject to Reserve	\$353,847.77
Time Deposits Subject to Reserve:	
Certificates of deposit (other than money borrowed)	115,959.21
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve	\$115,959.21
Bills payable, other than with Federal Reserve Bank, including all obligations representing money borrowed, other than rediscounts	50,000.00
Total	\$614,110.31
Liabilities for rediscounts, including those with Federal Reserve Bank	92,504.67
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, County of Johnston, ss:	
I, R. N. Aycocck, Cashier of the above-named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
R. N. AYCOCCK, Cashier.	
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 20th day of September, 1917.	
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Smithfield, N. C.

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IT'S JOHNSTON COUNTY'S BIGGEST SALE AND WILL CONTINUE ALL THIS WEEK AND NEXT. Many customers of the first few days are coming the second and third times—This means that they are getting bargains in Shoes, Clothing, Shirts, Underwear, Hose, Corsets, Skirts, Bleaching, Calicoes, Gingham, Plaids, Silks, Laces, Thread, Ribbons, Ties, Collars, Hats, Caps, Overalls, etc., etc. Some of our Customers Come in Buggies 25 and 30 Miles. Winter will soon be pinching and you will need Shoes and Clothing for the Whole Family and Now is the time to buy.

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