

"MR. FLIPP."

A Series of Pen Pictures of Washington County's Past and Present.

PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY.

A General Write-up of People and Property—Things Seen and Heard by this Writer and Told in his Own Language.

Mr. Editor:—I have often thought how glad I would be to give your readers a photographic comparison of the scenes in our county for the past few years, but it takes so much cold cash that the price of a well made photograph cut, which would portray the wonderful progress of Washington County, would go beyond my limit, therefore I shall content myself in giving them a pen picture of a few scenes.

By way of a starter, go back ten, or even three years; mount a clear-footed steed and follow me to Joe Newberry's farm three miles down the Mackey's Ferry road. See the mules with half a load struggle over the rough road in mud to their knees, see the cart wheel go into a rut to its hub, hear the driver cuss and hollow. Isn't that a scene for a civilized country? Team being abused, harness and vehicle being racked and valuable time worse than wasted. Is there any accounting the rate of tax the farmers of Washington County paid in those days? Not in keeping up the roads, but in time wasted on bad roads.

Go with me to-day over the same distance—not on horseback, we don't have to—but in auto. Look as you clear the city limits towards Conaby. For one mile a straight, broad, well-shaped, smooth driveway. Curve slightly to the East, pass over the solid concrete and iron bridge that supplants the old rickety structure, curve to the North over and beyond the old mill-dam road, strike another straight stretch which takes you past Frank Johnston's farm and to Joe Ange's, magnificent "Wood-lawn," and away you go, forgetting the scenes of other days, and thinking perchance of beautiful Roman highways. You pass mule carts as of yore, but not with half-loads and struggling team, and swearing drivers. The carts are taking probably two bales of cotton, the mule goes at an easy pace, looks clean and fresh, while the driver tips his hat, gives you a cheerful smile and a happy "good-morning." Do we begrudge the tax that has made this change possible?

I have not asked you to note any changes on the farms we have passed. We know you have been engaged in noting that the old, unsightly side ditches, overhanging trees and cross-woodings had gone.

I remember just a few years ago a stranger was passing up this road. It was about the time Capt. Ben Spruill had his buggy turned over, giving himself and the young lady with him a mud bath. This stranger remarked, after getting out safe, that he had often heard the expression, "Hell-a-mile," but said he, "I don't know about that, but one thing sure, the road from Joe Ange's farm this way is hell for at least half-a-mile."

I said I did not expect you to note the improvements in the farms along this road on our first trip, but now go back with me. Leave the town; pass over the A. C. L. R. R. To the right, a part of the Furniss tract, where once stretched the half-drained, half-cultivated acres of seemingly

unprofitable farm land, with its delapidated fences. Now the eye is greeted, as the result of one year's work, with about twenty well-built cottages, built in city style on well laid off streets, so clean and neat with its surroundings that the settlement has been named "The White City." This is the work done by the Wilts Veneer Co., and the work has only started. This Company will continue to build homes for their operators until they build up the entire thirty acres. This Furniss land five years ago was almost worthless except its water-front. Was listed at \$2,500, on the tax books, two years ago the valuation was increased to \$8,000, the owners thought the assessors crazy, but last year the same property sold for \$32,000., four times its highest tax valuation. It is progress on the highway and prosperity in the community. Look at the next 16 acres, Walter Phelps place, listed at \$750 sold to the Plymouth Land and Investment Company six months ago at \$2,000. No special improvement yet except the fertility of the soil made by E. J. Conklin, millman, farmer and expert wrestler, of him I will say more later. Here comes Whit Chesson out from the Hampton River Farm in his auto, he is off to town for a few moments then back to that beautiful farm, where under his supervision things are going some, the cattle, hogs, chickens under the care of his good wife, the cotton gin, peapicker, hay mower, cotton pickers and growing crops under Mr. Chesson makes farm life interesting. Off from the road, that's true, but its effect is enchanting to the passer-by with its pretty white residence nestled among the trees and the cottages that line the farm as far as the eye can see, while in the distance beyond is seen the golden waters of the old Roanoke as it flows on to the Albemarle. Here to the left fronting the driveway and adjoining the River Farm is a magnificent grove of giant oaks, the "Norcom Farm," the ante-bellum estate of Dr. B. J. Norcom and later the homestead of the late Benj. J. Norcom now owned by Mrs. L. M. Hampton. Here it is we find the hand of progress and prosperity busy. Lying behind this beautiful park of oaks stretches one hundred acres of fertile land whose sands, like that of the adjoining tract, is washed by the waters of the Roanoke. Had we time to go back to the days of the Brick House, the trading post of the first settlers, and the Red man, we would find this a great point in the make-up of our county. From thence led the Indian trail up past the present site of Plymouth and on to Bath. Even later years we might point out the first town plot on this very estate. But back to the grove where giant oaks have stood sentinels through all the years, once beside or near the old mill stream, "Conoby," then to guard the public highway down to the first settlement on the rims brink, "Stewart's Hill." Now what has happened to do honor to their declining years? Mrs. Hampton lets her

love of nature inspire her to erect a home among these trees, a home indeed of the most modern type, a beautiful ten room structure with every modern convenience, lights, water, heat, etc. The old buildings are to be removed, giving the new home and the grove as a picture the like of which the artist might wish to transcribe to canvass. Here to the right and here on the left is small, clean, white cottages and we stand on the iron bridge at Conoby and here we stop to see the fish play in and out about the rushes until next week.

"FLIPP."

NOTICE

North Carolina, Washington County, Superior Court Free Hold Bank—A Corporation, Vs. Pittsburg Land & Lumber Co. The defendant, Pittsburg Land & Lumber Company will take notice that a summons as entitled above has been issued in this cause returnable to the Superior Court of Washington County at a term of the court to be held on the 2nd Monday before the 1st Monday in March, 1914, or to the next regular term of the said court, and also a warrant of attachment issued against its property. The defendant will take notice that the purpose in said action is to recover judgment against it in the sum of \$1410.00 and interest thereon from April 8th, 1913 and costs of action due by judgment rendered in the State of Pennsylvania. Said defendant is required to appear at the Superior Court of Washington County, North Carolina at a court to be held there on the 2nd Monday before the 1st Monday in March, 1914, or to

the next regular term of the Superior Court of said county, to be held after that Court which convenes on October 27th, 1913; and then and there answer or demur to the complaint filed. It will also take notice that a warrant of attachment has issued out of said Court against all of its property directed to Sheriffs of Tyrrell and Washington Counties, which said warrant of attachment is returnable to the Superior Court of Washington County at a Court to be held on the 7th Monday after the 1st Monday in September, 1913. C. V. W. Anshon, Clerk Superior Court.

NOTICE

Under and by virtue of an order of sale granted in special proceedings pending before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Washington County, entitled George W. Brooks Et Al Vs. Rhody Brooks Et Al. The undersigned Commissioner will sell for cash at public sale at the Court House door in Plymouth, North Carolina at 12 M. on October 25th, 1913

that tract of land described as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of Fannie Armistead's land from Plymouth, Washington; Thence along said land in a southerly direction 50 feet; thence at an angle to the first course along the line of J. F. Norman's land in a southerly direction 200 feet; thence at right angle to the second course and in a northerly direction 50 feet to Fannie Armistead's southwest corner; thence in an easterly course and along the southern line of Fannie Armistead's land 200 feet to the beginning. It being a deed from Samuel Wiggins and wife Mary to B. James Brooks, Registered in Book 36 page 16. This the 29th day of September 1913 W. M. Bond, Jr., Commissioner.

DR. KING'S NEW LIFE PILLS
The Pills That Do Cure.

Can buy your boy a suit cheap at Clyde Cahoon's.

40 INCH Yellow Cottons Worth 10c. OUR PRICE 08c.	GAYLORD'S	12c Bleaching Full Yard Wide EXTRA VALUE 10c
"Plymouth's Best Store."		

READY FOR FALL

With the most complete line of dry goods, dress goods, Notions, hats, shoes, etc., that has ever been assembled in this section. Plymouth's Best Store announces with pleasure its readiness for the Fall and Winter Season. Everything that is new and novel will be found here in complete assortments. New dress goods, new silks, new neckwear, new trimmings, and all the latest creations in accessories. Belts, girdles, sashes in great assortments all of which are the very last words in Fall Fashions and most moderately priced. Before making any purchases be sure and visit

Plymouth's Best Store.

We are better prepared to take care of your wants than any store in the county and we trust to be favored with your patronage.

New Gloves The very best values in kid gloves to be found. White, black, tan and brown, at \$1.00	VELVETS and other pile goods will be very popular again this season and we are well prepared to show you the very best values 50c to \$2.50	UNDERWEAR in heavy cotton ribbed and fleece lined. Half and all wool. At the garment 25c to \$1.50
NECKWEAR The newest ideas in neckwear here in complete assortments 25c up to \$1.00	Dress Goods All wool serges, Bedford cords Diagonals, French Serges, Broad Cloths and the popular Sheppard check suitings at 50c to \$1.25	KNIT GOODS Heavy knit undershirts, specially priced at each 48c
NEW BELTS girdles, sashes, etc., in all the new Persian and Bulgarian colorings can be had at 25c up to \$1.50	SHOES For men, ladies and children in all styles and leathers.	New Fall Wash Goods such as Ottomans, Serges, Crepes in heavy weights Ratines in all wanted shades are here at 15c to 50c
Lace Curtains 35c & up.	Hats and Caps All the new Fall styles for men and boys, priced from 25c to \$4.00	Silk Undershirts in black, green, navy and American Beauty, the best values to be found at each \$1.98 to \$4.98
SILKS Our Silk Department is the most complete to be found in this section. All the new mesalines, satins, poplins, serges, moires, Bedford & Romans in all the new Fall colorings are here. At the yard 50c to \$2.00	Silk Eponge in white and navy, full 39 inches wide specially priced \$1.00	TRIMMINGS See the new Persian and Bulgarian Silk also embossed velvets. Special extra value in black undershirts 48c Ask to see them.
	SWEATERS —for men, ladies and children. All colors and prices. 25c up	