

Pitt County Leads State in Crop Production

Pitt County Alone Raises Major Crops Estimated At Third of Billion Dollars Annually; Is Leading Entire State in the Production of Cotton, Corn and Tobacco.



Edsel B. Ford
A remarkable good "close-up" of Edsel B. Ford, now president of the Ford Motor Company, taken as he flies in one of the 25 American cities—and for which he will award a special trophy for the 4,200 miles of flying.

Kinston, July 12.—A survey of the counties of Eastern North Carolina that are affiliated with the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce with headquarters at Kinston, showed that Pitt county leads in the production of tobacco, with 29,674,197 pounds in 1925, the latest authentic government report out. The average price of tobacco according to government figures for that year was 23 cents per pound, thus totaling for Pitt county \$6,825,965.31 from her golden weed.

"Not many people know that Pitt produces this much tobacco," President Raymond Turnage, of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, said. "This is an average of 721 lbs. per acre on 41,157 acres planted to tobacco. Figuring this down further it represents 600 pounds of tobacco for every man, woman and child in Pitt county, or 50 pounds per month for the 12 months' period."

The same year Pitt county also produced 28,654 bales of cotton which sold for the neat sum of \$2,572,368.30 according to government figures. This cotton figured in pounds, lint, is 13,696,720 pounds, or a little less than half the tonnage of tobacco. Pitt county is one of the leading cotton counties in the section.

Her third crop in value for 1925 was corn, having to her credit 861,545 bushels at \$1.10 per bushel, government figures, making a total value of \$947,697.50. These three major crops brought into Pitt county in 1925 \$19,945,109.71.

"We can hardly conceive of this great mass of wealth being produced in one county of Eastern Carolina," President Turnage continued. Taking the above figures as an average for a period of 33 years which is considered one generation, Pitt county produces its wealth from these three crops alone more than one-third of a billion dollars a year not to be despised, according to financiers of Eastern North Carolina.

Merry Matrons Are Entertained Tuesday

One of the most enjoyable affairs of the summer season was the barbecue luncheon given to the Merry Matrons Club by Mrs. W. M. Willis on Tuesday at 12:00 o'clock.

The attractive home was colorful with cut flowers. As the guests arrived they were invited into the dining room where a delicious two course luncheon was served buffet style. Mr. J. W. Parker, B. S. Smith, R. A. Fields, and J. L. Rumley assisted the hostess in serving and Mrs. M. V. Jones entertained the hour with piano selections.

After the luncheon the president, Mrs. R. H. Knott, called the club to order and a short meeting was held. The program committee recommended "Southern Contemporary Literature" by Hubbard, as a course of study for the fall and winter and its recommendation was accepted. Mrs. J. W. Parker read Mrs. E. L. McKee's farewell speech and Mrs. Thomas O'Berry's inaugural address made at the State Federation meeting in May. After which the meeting adjourned.

The Union Services

Union services on the steps of the Methodist church at 8 p. m. One of the ministers of the town will preach and every church member is invited to be present. These services will be short but spiritual and it is the desire of all the ministers of the town that they will be well attended by all the church members and friends that together we might make them a great success and really a season of refreshing in the presence of the Lord.

Obey that impulse—quit your foolishness.

Our ideas of a modest man is one who can keep his opinion of himself to himself.

Most men find it easier to take two steps backward than to take one forward.

The Acid Test
"Martha—Your wife tells me that her diamond ring is practically priceless."

"A little point will brighten up any joint," said the flapper as she applied the rouge pat to her nose.

"Have some whisky?"
"No, thanks, I never touch any." "Well, I'm not asking you to wash your face."

Dempsey-Sharkey To Fight On Next Thursday Night

National Broadcasting Company To Broadcast Ring-Side Report Of Affair

The boxing match between Jack Dempsey and Jack Sharkey, which will take place at the Yankee Stadium in New York City, Thursday night, July 21st, to ascertain which of these two contenders will be allowed to challenge Gene Tunney for the heavy-weight championship of the world, will be broadcast by the National Broadcasting Company through at least 30 stations of the Blue and Red Networks, under the sponsorship of the New York Telegram and the 25 other Scripps-Howard newspapers.

The nationally known N. B. C. announcers will describe the contest for the huge radio audience. Graham McNamee, famous for his microphone pictures of the World's Series baseball games and other athletic events, will describe the action during the bout while Phillips Carlin, manager of W.E.A.F., whose voice was heard by radio listeners for the first time in months during the Washington Reception of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, will take over the microphone between the rounds and furnish interesting sidelights on the fighters, the crowd and the contents.

It is expected that the Dempsey-Sharkey bout will go on the air between 9:30 and 10:00 P. M., E.D.S.T. (8:30 and 9:00 P. M., C. D. S. T.). Since it is impossible to determine before hand at just what moment the various preliminary bouts will be finished, arrangements have been made for the special musical program, which will be furnished from the studios of WJZ New York.

The list of stations which have already signified their intention to broadcast the bout is as follows: W.E.A.F., WJZ, KYW, WEBB, WGN, WMAQ, KDKA, WCAE, WJR, WWJ, WBE, WGBA, WHAM, WCO, WJAB, WTAF, WTCX, WSAI, WDD, WDAF, WGY, WHAS, WSM, WMC, WTAM, and WBB.

The above information was furnished by the Enterprise by the Farmville Enterprise Company, who also operate the Atwater-Kent Radios, and all accessories for both lines. This company will be glad to have you drop in their store on the night of the fight and hear the ring-side report over their radio which will be in operation at that hour.

If you imagine this is a cold, unsympathetic world, tell people you have a cold and listen to their suggestions.

PERSONALS

Miss Lucy Ann Flannagan leaves Sunday for Durham where she will spend a few days visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Eli Joyner's Sunday School class of the Methodist church, had their class picnic at Green Wreath Park Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. G. A. Jones and son Fred, are at home after spending the month of June in Washington, D. C. and Baltimore, with relatives.

Mrs. E. C. Beamon, Miss Mary Alice Beamon, Miss Lottie Lane Joyner, Mrs. J. A. Newborn and Miss Sara Newborn were Wilson visitors Tuesday.

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Sees Snake Personality



Georges Chappelle of France, now in the U. S., is head of the organization which annually exterminates 2 million snakes and lizards in India and Java. He explains here that "Charlotte" is dead—and really of gentle breeding and full of "personality" when you know her right.

To Run Again



Former champion boxer and Jack Sharkey of Pitt County, married and very forlorn looking after signing for battle to be staged at N. Y. July 21.

Miss Tyson Entertains

Miss Lyda Elizabeth Tyson entertained at four tables of bridge last Thursday evening, honoring her guest, Miss Tabba Reynolds, of Winston Salem.

The house was attractively decorated with cut flowers at the conclusion of the game, Mrs. W. W. Joyner, having high score among the ladies, was presented a jar of blue salts. Mr. William Bryan, who had high score among the men, was given a carton of Chesterfields. To the honoree the hostess presented a box of Coty's dusting powder.

A delicious salad course was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Lath Morris and Miss Christine Tyson.

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L. N. Johnson To Run Against O. Max Gardner

Former State Senator Announces Candidacy On Awfully Wet Platform

Wilmington, July 12.—Outlining a platform awfully wet, L. N. Johnson, former State Senator from Pender county Saturday announced that he will run for the Democratic nomination for Governor in the next campaign.

A farmer and superintendent of the Hugh MacRae farm developments in Pender county, Mr. Johnson issued his announcement from Burgaw.

"I will be a candidate for governor in the forthcoming gubernatorial conflict," said the statement.

"My platform is certainly wet. It provides that the national government buy all the surplus grains and fruits at a fair price to the producers; that good liquors and excellent wines be made by the said government from the said grains and fruits and that said liquors and wines be distributed by parcel post to bona fide householders at actual cost of production plus transportation charges.

"The outstanding beneficial direct results to follow the application of this platform are:

- "1. Farm relief will become a fact.
- "2. The bootlegger's profit will be eliminated and as a natural consequence, the bootlegger will become entirely extinct.
- "3. A multitude of indirect results which will operate to the public advantage can not be detailed in the short space of this announcement."

Farmers of Pitt Take Much Interest in Tests

Out-Banning Babs



O. E. Gehrig, slugging first baseman of the leading New York Yankees, who has stood baseball on its head this season by its sensational slugging, passing Babe Ruth in home runs and leading in batting to be one of the biggest "finds" of years.

Farmers of this County have shown great interest in the Proper Cultivation of Tobacco; Proper Care of Hogs, and Raising of Poultry. Over 2,000 Hogs Vaccinated.

The Hog Cholera campaign in which 2,500 hogs were immunized against cholera was completed Saturday. The entire time of the county agent for the past thirty days has been devoted to immunizing with the exception of four days spent with the club boys at camp Leach. All requests made have been complied with and now that this phase of the work has been taken care of until the fall campaign, the county agent will turn his attention to developing other phases of the "Pitt County Agricultural Program" such as tobacco production, Poultry Work and Dairying.

Last week eighty-eight farmers from all parts of the county visited the variety, fertilizer and cultivation demonstration on the Cox farm near Ayden. This week a delegation of Pitt county farmers went to Oxford to attend the Special One Day Tobacco School held on the State Test Farm there on July 14, and observed fertilizer, variety and cultivation tests under way there.

Twelve hundred invitations have gone out from the county agent's office inviting farmers to attend another field meeting at the Cox Farm two miles east of Ayden on July 15th to observe test with tobacco under local conditions. The unfavorable season on tobacco has raised two questions in the farmers' minds; first, am I using the right kind of fertilizer, or good fertilizer, and second, am I cultivating my tobacco properly. Both these questions will be answered by closely observing the demonstrations underway on the Cox Farm. The demonstrations speak for themselves.

The campaign for twenty new poultry houses, begin now for winter housing the laying hen. Three of these have already been constructed and a number of other farmers are being urged to also be encouraged in this matter. More than 35,000 lbs. of poultry were shipped from Pitt County this spring and another 25,000 or so will be shipped this fall to rid the flocks of the non-profitable and thereby save a winter feed bill.

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O. E. S. Meeting

On July 7th, the Farmville Chapter O. E. S. held its regular meeting, with Mrs. M. V. Jones, Worthy Matron, presiding.

Routine business was transacted, after which a note of thanks was read for flowers sent a member in a Richmond Hospital, who is very ill.

One petition for the Degrees of the Order was received.

Interesting reports were made from several who attended the Oxford Orange; also reports were made from those who attended the Grand Chapter meeting at Salisbury last month.

Plans for the celebration of Robert Morris Day were discussed, but nothing definite will be decided until next meeting.

The Grand Matron, Mrs. J. W. Parker, being present, was escorted to the East, and given Grand Honors.

Hon. Walter Sheppard was also introduced, and addressed the Chapter on "The Lessons Taught by the Eastern Star," which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Mrs. M. V. Jones and Mrs. J. W. Parker kindly thanked the Chapter for the lovely gifts presented them at Grand Chapter.

After the meeting an ice cream course was served by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith, and Mrs. B. S. Smith.

The Refreshment Committee for August is; Messdames T. L. Shackelford and Hayward Smith, and J. L. Taylor.

The Union Services

There will be a Union Service of all the churches in our area Sunday evening at eight o'clock. These Union Services will be held each Sunday evening during the remaining Sundays in July and throughout August. These services will be conducted by the pastors of the various churches of Farmville on the steps of the Methodist church. All are invited to attend these services. They are yours, J. M. Duncan.

Not That Kind of a Bo
"Let me get you a job as a hotel clerk."
"What does one do?"
"Put up people for the night."
"I don't care for put-up jobs."

The happiest find is one in which the people aren't soon enough to justify the existence of "good neighbors."

No Law Compels You To Have Lights Tested

Raleigh, July 12.—There is no law compelling the owners of automobiles in North Carolina to have their headlights of their cars tested, and approved by the owners of cars having glaring, blinding or illegal headlights are subject to arrest, with a fine not exceeding \$100 or a jail term of more than ten days. Thus the provision made by the last general assembly enabling the Highway Commission to set up headlight testing stations, in for the service and convenience of the motoring public, and for the protection of automobile owners.

This is the interpretation placed upon the present law, about which there has been some controversy, by Frank Nash, Assistant Attorney General, in a special opinion on the law in question just delivered to Frank Page, chairman of the State Highway Commission.

The last general assembly recognized the drastic nature of the headlight laws already on the statute books, and that car owners generally had little opportunity for knowing whether their lights were properly adjusted or not, according to Mr. Nash's interpretation. Consequently it decided to set up these testing stations, in order that drivers might first have an opportunity to have their lights tested before being subject to arrest. It also included the stipulation that even after arrest, drivers of cars with blinding headlights be allowed 48 hours in which to have their lights adjusted, this adjustment being accepted in lieu of a fine if made within the 48 hours limit.

In concluding his analysis of the law, Mr. Nash says:

"Manifestly, this section of the law was enacted for the benefit of the motor vehicle owner. It does not itself create any offense; on the contrary, it provides the machinery for answering a charge of the breach of the law by having the lights properly adjusted."

So it is distinctly to the interest of the automobile owner to have his lights adjusted, and made to conform to the law, rather than to run the risk of being arrested and subject to a fine of \$100 for having illegal lights.

This interpretation of the law by Mr. Nash bears out completely the position taken by the highway commission, according to H. K. Kither, assistant to the chairman, that the light testing stations have been set up as a convenience to the public and that there is nothing compulsory about having one's lights tested.

"There is absolutely nothing to prevent an automobile owner from operating his car with illegal headlights, if he wants to take the chance," said Mr. Witherpool. "We are only trying to help make it easier for our owners to obey and comply with the law. Neither does any car owner have to pay any specific charge for having the lights on his car adjusted, for there is no charge made for the inspection, but there is a charge for the adjustment. But if a man's lights are found to be out of adjustment, and he objects to paying the small price to get them in proper shape, he may continue to run his car as a constant risk of arrest."

It was pointed out by Mr. Witherpool that in case of collision at night, where one car had had its headlights inspected and approved, and the other had not, that the odds in adjusting damages would be all against the man who had not had his lights properly adjusted, thus showing that it is well worth the cost to obtain the official certification for one's lights.

Office Wounded in Fight at Still

Alleged Distiller Also Wounded in Gun Fight Near Fort Barnwell

Kinston, N. C., July 12.—W. L. Lewiss federal prohibition officer is in a local hospital in serious condition and Virgil Sermon of the Fort-Barnwell Section, also wounded is under guard in a Goldsboro Hospital, as the result of a gun battle at close range between federal agents and moonshiners in the Fort Barnwell section last night.

Lewis, who led a party of three agents in the raid on a still, suffered bullet wounds in the hip and back.

The location of the still, unlocated, Virgil Sermon is jointly accused with Reed Sermon, his brother, of the shooting. Reed Sermon is held in the Lenoir county jail here.

The shooting took place in a densely wooded thicket which has long been known as the location of moonshining operations. The officers in two automobiles, came upon the still and placed the Sermon brothers under arrest. After they had loaded, what contraband liquor was about the still, into their automobiles and were preparing to leave, they were fired upon from a nearby thicket, one of the federal agents said.

Linburg, one of the agents deserted his companions to search for the assailant, and the arrested men overpowered the remaining agents it was said. A hand to hand struggle ensued during which Virgil Sermon and Lewiss were shot. Linburg and McDuffy, third members of the raiding party, made their way from the woods afoot.

The two automobiles containing their associates have not yet been found. Linburg returned here late this morning unhurt after following his assailant through the woods for several hours and finally losing him.

Entertains at Bridge

Mrs. J. H. Gregory entertained a number of the young people at a lovely bridge luncheon on Saturday in honor of her niece and guest, Miss Caroline Warwick, of Richmond, Va.

A profusion of summer flowers were used as decoration throughout the house. After several progressions Miss May Joyner was awarded the high score prize and guests prizes were presented to Miss Warwick, Miss Helen Jones, of Blackstone, Va., and Mrs. Howard Eberly, of Washington, D. C.

A delicious two course luncheon was served at 1:00 o'clock.

Most of the big jobs are held by men who couldn't even name three naughty magazines.

55,000 Send Congratulations To Lindbergh by Telegraph

Telegraphic congratulations from more than 55,000 persons throughout the United States and Canada were delivered to Col. Charles A. Lindbergh by the Western Union Telegraph Company upon his arrival in Washington from Europe, on June 11th. When the U. S. S. Memphis, with Colonel Lindbergh on board, docked at the Washington Navy Yard shortly before noon, a representative of the telegraph company informed the noted aviator of the host of congratulatory messages on hand for delivery.

The telegrams at that moment were in a huge Western Union bus nearby in custody of ten picked messengers.