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Surry County 1896

Surry is a north border county, contiguous to the Blue Ridge, and belongs to the Piedmont Plateau region of the State. The Yadkin river is its southern boundary. Its western section is quite mountainous and there are small mountains in the middle, so that its surface is quite broken, and its average elevation is nearly 1,400 feet. Its soils and forests are like those of the neighboring counties—Stokes and Forsyth; the high slaty ridges and mountains, as well as much of the rolling surface, having a light gray sandy loam soil and forests of oak and pine, with sourwood and chestnuts, while the better tracts of reddish clay loams have a predominant growth of oaks, poplar, hickory, etc., with little or no pine.

The agriculture of the county is like that of Stokes, tobacco of the better grades being the chief market crop, but of greatly less value than the grain product. The water power of the county is notable, a number of large tributaries of the Yadkin crossing its territory with a fall of several hundred feet. This is a feature common to the whole Piedmont region. There are several cotton factories and iron mines and forges in the county.

The Blue Ridge, in part of its course, is remarkably prolific in bold streams, which rapidly contribute to the formation of the large river, Yadkin, which catches all these affluents on the south border of the county. Among these streams are the Ararat, Fishers, Mitchells and Elkin, all within the territory of Surry, all with productive valleys, and all

Bride of Saturday



Mrs. Clyde A. Johnson, who prior to her marriage Saturday was Miss Vera Virginia Austin, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Austin, of Ridgeway, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are at home to their friends at 800 S. Hawthorne Road, Winston-Salem.

with remarkably fine water power.

The mineral interest of the county is confined chiefly to iron, large and valuable deposits of which are clearly defined; in fact the deposits have been exploited and the quality and quantity of the ores amply demonstrated. Other minerals are found in the county.

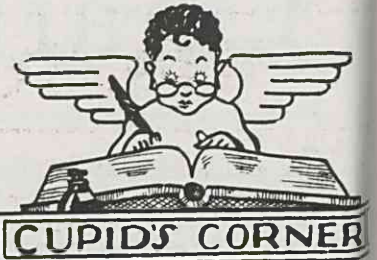
Tobacco is the most important money crop, and the annual average of the crop is about 1,500,000 pounds. The other principal crops are corn, wheat, rye, oats, fruits, grass and live stock. About one-half the county is still in original forest, and is well timbered with pine, oak, chestnut, poplar, hickory, walnut, locust and cherry.

The most noted manufacturers of the county are, twenty-one tobacco factories, four woolen mills, two cotton factories and two shoe

factories and various other lesser plants.

The Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad extends from Mt. Airy to Wilmington, and makes good connections. The Northwestern North Carolina railroad, a branch of the Southern system, passes through the southern portion of the county, the two lines affording ample transportation for the products of the county.

Dobson, the county seat, is situated near the center of the county, and has a population of 275; Mt. Airy, the largest town in the county has a population of 3,000; Elkin and Pilot Mountain, about 600 each, besides which are Rockford, Siloam, White Plains and other thrifty towns. There are many places of special interest in Surry; Pilot Mountain is a favorite point, and is annually visited by scores of tourists, and the White Sulphur



Richard W. Nissen Weds Mrs. Pauline McConnell

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Richard W. Nissen and Mrs. Pauline McConnell, which took place Monday afternoon at 5:30 at the parsonage of Southside Baptist church. Rev. V. M. Swain officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by a few close friends.

Johnson-Austin

Announcements were received recently which read as follows:

"Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Austin announce the marriage of their sister, Vera, to Clyde Alwyn Johnson on Saturday, the twenty-fifth of May, 1935. Danville, Va."

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were married in a quiet ceremony in Danville, Va., on Saturday, May 25th, in the presence of relatives, with the Rev. M. T. Sorrell, pastor of the First Christian church, officiating. The bride wore a suit of navy blue, with white accessories.

Mrs. Johnson is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Austin, of Ridgeway, Va., and attended school at Harrisonburg State Teachers College, Harrisonburg, Va.

Mr. Johnson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Johnson, of Rocky Mount, Va., formerly of Winston-Salem. He is a graduate of Washington and Lee University, class of 1933, and a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity. He holds a responsible position with the Carolina Veneer Company of High Point.

They will be at home to their friends after June 1st, 800 S. Hawthorne Road.

Springs has gained a reputation from the curative qualities of its waters. The Mount Airy Granite Co. operates the quarries of the same name, which are the largest in the State, 90 acres being the extent of the quarry; stone of any dimensions may be had, and when in full operation from 300 to 400 men are employed.

Surry county contains 302,299 acres of land, valued at \$1,257,067 and 1,447 town lots, values at \$72,151.

Of domestic animals there are: 2,006 horses; 1,665 mules; 6,325 cattle; 7,267 hogs; and 2,456 sheep.

Product of taxation—for State use, \$5,684.71; pensions, \$1,204.37; schools, \$10,390.67; county, \$8,018.58.

Population: white, 16,926; colored, 2,355; total, 19,281.