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LILLINGTON NEEDS IMPROVEMENTS

It is nothing new or novel to hear it said about a town that it needs improvements. No town is so finished that there is no room for improvement. But the aggressive steps which Lillington needs to take are vitally essential. The town of today that is not up and doing is doomed. Prosperity perhaps in times agone has overtaken some municipalities, but that day is past.

The most urgent need of Lillington now is a system of water supply and an electric current that will make the town modern. Aggressive steps by far-sighted citizens can bring these measures into reality. A home modernly equipped will command higher estimate than a home without it, and just so it is with a town. It may be figured by all the rules of investment and practical economy, and the final result will be that the best is the cheapest.

This town is facing a crisis. Never in its history has there been more promise of development, but this can come about only by the exercise of that energy which produces results. The will-power is here. There is no question about that. An overwhelming majority of Lillington's population is in favor of putting the town in its rightful place, where the bid is open to growth in industry and conseuent enlargement of domain.

More business and better business is within grasp. It can be had, not for the asking, but for the developing. It must come. Lillington can no longer afford to idle time away. It is high noon in the life of the town, and it must be up and doing before the night comes when no man can work.

Let's start the ball to rolling, and move faster!

$500 IN CASH PRIZES!

For Overseas Experiences

Nearly every lad who went overseas has an interesting story to tell—pathetic, amusing, or tender—of some child in France. Perhaps it is little Pierre who crept in to eat with him at mess; or Marcelline whom he found, white-faced and terror-stricken, in the cellar of a ruined house; or Henri, whose father was killed in the trenches and whose mother was taken to Germany by the enemy; or it may have been Aimee who insisted upon being adopted by the "Americane." At any rate, there is always a story and a child.

For such stories as these, or simple ones telling of the friendship between the French child and the American soldier, 178 cash prizes are offered. Soldiers, sailors, marines, men and women who were in France during the war in any capacity, or their families, sweethearts or friends, are invited to compete for these prizes. Literary ability is not required. Anybody who can write a letter home can write well enough for the purpose of this contest. Conditions of the contest can be secured by writing "The Fatherless Children of France, Room 634, 410 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago." There is no expense attached to entering the contest, which is open to anybody who wants to compete. Mothers, sisters, sweethearts and wives should turn over their letters from Bill or Tom or Jack which they have been so proudly treasuring, and hunt up the references to the little French children. Just some one little incident told simply in a letter may win a prize!

REV. J. K. HALL, FORMER PASTOR, VISITS HERE

Rev. J. K. Hall, former Presbyterian pastor in Lillington, was a welcome visitor Tuesday. Dr. Hall is now pastor at Parkton. He served four or five years here, and was well beloved by all who know him.

Dr. Hall is holding a series of meetings at Cape Fear, which church was erected under his pastorate. He is being assisted by Mr. Kirkpatrick, the present pastor. The meetings began Monday night and will last about a week.

No visitor to Lillington has ever received a more hearty welcome than Dr. Hall. He is a man who makes friends with everybody, and there is universal admiration for him here.

GOVERNMENT BEHIND THE ROAD BUILDING MOVEMENT

Cooperation between the United States Department of Labor and the Highway Industries Association is expressing itself in a campaign to build the roads.

For some time, the department of labor has been issuing posters, especially for mills and factories.. Now they have a new set to boost roads.

"Good Roads!" says one. "Build them now and see how quickly good times will roll down the roads." Another says: "Build now the national, state and county roads that are needed."

Anyone desiring copies of these posters should address Roger W. Babson, director general, information and education service, Department of Labor, 1706 G. street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

JOSEPH A. STEWART.

"There is no Death.
What we call death is transition
To fields Elysian.
To live in hearts we leave behind is
not to die."

This extract from a beautiful poem is brought to my mind by the passing away of Joseph A. Stewart, which sad event was announced in your excellent paper last week. Joe Stewart, as he was familiarly called, was the son of Jacob and Cynthia Stewart, who lived and died in Grove Township, Harnett County. When Joe, the subject of this sketch, was about 12 years of age he was bereft of a father's love and care by the assassin hand of a brute who shot him to death without warning and without cause. The raising of the family, consisting of several small children, fell upon the shoulders of the mother, aided by her eldest son, Joe. The parents of Joe were plain honest people who belonged to what is called the middle class—that class from which a country always draws the bravest and most heroic supporters. They belong to the nobility of nations.

When Joe was about 18 years of age, the War Between the States broke out, and he at once volunteered and joined the army of his native State and followed the flag of the new-born Confederacy of the South with a valor that knew no fear, with a loyalty that knew no abatement, and with a faith that knew no doubt, fill that flag was furled at Appomattox to wave no more forever. He settled on the little farm that belonged to his father before his death, and there lived with his mother until he was married.

Some years afterwards the era of reconstruction was inaugurated when Joe at once took an active part in politics, organized his neighbors and friends to fight carpetbaggers and native renegades and kept up that fight until his death. Whenever a man was found who favored negro rule or carpetbag domination, he found in Joe Stewart an implacable enemy. When his neighbors and friends were indicted in the Federal court to meet charges of resistance to the oppression of Northern fanatics and native allies, Joe Stewart was ever present to lend his best efforts to relieve them. On one occasion when the writer of this sketch was himself indicted for intimidating a marshal, the penalty of which was five years in the penitentiary and five thousand dollars fine, Joe was a character witness for the defendant. He was asked if he knew the character of the defendant. His answer was: "Yes, it is good." Upon cross-examination he was asked by the district attorney with a sneer, how good the character of the defendant was. His ready reply was: "I can't say how good it is, but one thing I do know, and that is it is better than yours." When this defiant answer was heard, it created as great a commotion in the courtroom as if a bomb had exploded in the midst of the negroes who thronged the hall. Everyone waited to see what would happen to poor Joe, but he stood undismayed among his political enemies and was not even rebuked by the presiding judge, who was Judge Brooks of Newbern, who afterwards maintained the majesty of the great writ of habeas corpus when all our cowardly State judges had declared that the judiciary was exhausted. At last the people of the State with one mighty effort drove these enemies from power, and North Carolina was once more free. In all the political battles that were fought through the years following these events, Joe Stewart was in the lead and made his township the banner township of the county. Now that he has been called away, his people are looking for some one to take his place, and say that his equal as a leader will be hard to find.

We stand by the side of his newmade grave and with uncovered heads ascribe to his memory every honor that is in our power to confer.

D. H. McLEAN.

CROWDS HEARING "MACK."

Sanford, July 16.—Crowds upon crowds is the order at the big tent meeting at Sanford conducted by "Cyclone Mack," the greatest evangelist in the South. Tuesday, the 22nd, will be Farmers' Day, at the tent and thousands of farmers will hear "Mack" at 11 a. m., 4 and 8:30 p. m. It will be a farmer's picnic, and every farmer in this county will want to attend. . This is the greatest meeting ever held in this vicinity.

DR. MORDECAI VISITS HERE.

Dr. Alfred Mordecai, recently discharged from army service, is visiting his brother, Attorney W. G. Mordecai, in Lillington. Dr. Mordecai served about a year in France with the rank of captain. He was practicing his profession in Raleigh at the time of his enlistment.

PROMINENT CITIZEN PASSES AWAY

Mr. Edgar S. Smith, one of the most prominent citizens of this county, died last Saturday morning at Highsmith Hospital in Fayetteville, where he had been taken last Sunday a week ago in a last effort to save his life against a serious attack of uraemic poisoning with which he was stricken about three weeks ago at his home near Lillington.

Interment was in Flat Branch cemetery Sunday morning, Rev. G. F. Kirkpatrick, the pastor, officiating. Mr. Smith was a devout member of Flat Branch church, holding the position of deacon at the time of his death.

Deceased was formerly a county commissioner and was at one time prominent in county affairs, but of late years had devoted his entire time to his farming operations, with which he was very successful. He was one of the most prominent farmer citizens of Harnett County, and was a man of sterling character, admired and honored by all who knew him.

Surviving are: Mrs. Smith, who was Miss Jennie Belle Buie before marriage; five daughters, Mrs. Wm. Brown, Mrs. Floyd Parker, Misses Effie and Nora; and three sons, Messrs. Dougald, William and Edgar, Jr.

WILL TRY TO REPEAL THE SODA WATER TAX

Republican Leaders Decide to Attempt Repeal—Investigation of the Postoffice Department Discussed.

Washington, July 16.—Repeal of the soda water tax was decided on today by Republican leaders of the house. The decision, which was made by the Republican steering committee, will be referred to the ways and means committee, which will draft a repeal measure. Some leaders predicted that the tax which levied an import of 10 per cent on soft drinks and ice cream would be repealed within a month.

Investigation of the postoffice department was understood also to have been discussed by the steering committee without a final decision. Members, however, indicated that an inquiry was planned by the standing house committee on the department's expenditures, headed, by Representative Zihlman, of Maryland.

Immediate attention, the steering committee decided, would be given by the house to the two appropriation bills, vetoed by the President, after which the prohibition enforcement legislation would be disposed of. Legislation prohibiting foreign ships ships from engaging in American coaswise trade also will be enacted, the committeemen said, as well as the tax repeal measures before a summer recess, which some house members have urged begining in August.

AUTO PARTY GOES TO WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Baggett, Mrs. S. H. Washburn, Misses Mamie, Susie and Stella Sexton, Lydia Mae Morgan, Messrs. H. T. Atkins, J. B. Fuquay, J. C. Anthony, H. Parrish and Johnson formed an automobile party which left for Wrightsville Beach in four cars last Friday, returning late Monday evening.

They report a most enjoyable trip. Great crowds are visiting the beach, but the party secured good accommodations and the surf bathing was excellent.

PLENTY OF CHICKENS TO BE SEEN AT HARNETT FAIR

Dunn, July 16.—At the Harnett County Fair, Secretary Odum says they will display plenty of "chickens," of course they are to be of the feathered tribe. S. A. Edgerton, of Buies Creek, who has made famous his strain of S. C. White Leghorns, has been secured to handle the poultry department. This is not one of Harnett's foremost industries, but it is a growing one.

Those who grow purebred fowls are being asked to put them on exhibit and Manager Edgerton promises to make his department educational in regard to the possibilities of the cousty as well as of what is being done already.

ENTERTAIN RETURNED SOLDIERS.

Sanford, July 16.—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Burns of Jones Chapel entertained at their home Saturday night in honor of their son, Leonard Burns, and the following young men: Ervin and Wrenn Covert, Paul Wicker, Gordon Payne, Joe Hurley, Mr. Justice, Julian and Luther Riddle, all of whom were members of the A. E. F.

After the arrival of the guests, who numbered near 200, supper was spread on a long table in the grove where everyone partook of the edibles which consisted of all the good things of the season. Music, games and conversation furnished amusement for the remainder of the evening.

BICKETT'S LETTER TO THE TAX PAYERS

Governor Addresses a Letter to the Citizens in Regard to the Tax Revaluation

My dear Mr. Average Citizen:

An intimate acquaintance with you, extending over a number of years, leads me to write you this intensely personal letter. I know that you love the truth, that you despise injustice, that you are a robust champion of the square deal. The possession by you of the cardinal virtues makes North Carolina a truly great State.

The most vital power of the State is the power to tax, and you believe that this vital power should be exercised with a full knowledge of the truth. You believe that from this will flow perfect equality in taxation.

For the first time in the history of the State you, Mr. Average Citizen, have it in your power to write the full truth and perfect equality in the tax books of the State. You have never been called upon to do this before; indeed, you have never been permitted to do this before. But now the General Assembly has enacted a law that places the matter entirely in your hands. The new tax law is written on correct principles. The machinery for its enforcement is adequate and appropriate. The law is so written that it will be easy for the citizen to do right and hard for him to do wrong. But on you, Mr. Average Citizen, rests the responsibility of determinating whether or not the wise and just purposes of the law shall be carried out.

Now, Mr. Average Citizen, you will receive a questionnaire and will be called upon to swear before God and to all your fellow-citizens what is the fair market value of your property. When you come to take this solemn oath it will be helpful to you to put to your own conscience this question: "If I did not own this property, but wanted to buy it, what would I be justified in paying for it?" and, again: "If I wanted to sell this property, not at a forced sale, but in the way and on the terms that property of this class is generally sold in this community, what do I really believe I could get for it? The answer to these questions will point with reasonable accuracy to the fair market value of your property. This fair market value you must write down in your questionnaire, else you will cease to be Mr. Average Citizen and become Mr. Undesirable Citizen.

The Books Will Tell.

When you, Mr. Average Citizen, tell the truth about your property, it will do no good for your neighbor, Mr. Undestrable Citizen, to tell a lie about his property, because when the books show truly what the property of Mr. Average Citizen is worth, this evidence will clearly and conclusively show what the property of Mr. Undesirable Citizen is worth. The local and district assessors, when they come to fix the value of property, will be governed by the sworn testimony of Mr. Average Citizen.

And when you, Mr. Average Citizen, tell the unvarnished truth about your property, that truth will wipe out every discrimination and every inequality in taxation in North Carolina. True values are always equal values, but the greatest expert cannot equalize a series of falsehoods.

When all the property in the State shall be placed on the books at its fair market value, many benefits will accure to you, Mr. Average Citizen.

1. You will have the great satisfaction of knowing that the record written by all the people of the State is a true record and not a libel on the commonwealth. This knowledge will wonderfully strengthen the moral fiber of our people.

2. You will know that eevry discrimination in taxation is wiped out, and that every citizen is carrying his fair part of the burden.

3. As the values go up the rate of taxation will go down, and hereafter North Carolina will be known far and wide as a wealthy State with a low rate of taxation instead of a poor State with a high rate of taxation.

Tax Increase Ten Per Cent.

4. The General Assembly has made a pledge not to collect, under the proposed true valuation of property, revenues greater than ten per cent in excess of the revenues collected under the present false values. This means the total revenues collected by the State shall not be greater than ten per cnt in excess of the total revenues collected under the present law. This most emphatically does not mean that no particular citizen will have to pay taxes in excess of ten per cent of the amount he has heretofore paid. A particular citizen may pay less taxes than he has ever paid before. He may pay double what he has heretofore paid. This depends on whether or not he has heretofore paid his share of the taxes according to his true worth. If he has paid more than his fair worth the increase as to him will be less than ten per cent; if he has paid less than his fair share, the increase as to him will be more than ten per cent.

You, Mr. Average Citizen, will at once perceive the essential justice in this equalizing the public burden. I call on you to lend your vigorous support, first, by example, and then by precept, to the attempt by the General Assembly to build up a taxation system in North Carolina grounded on perfect truth and perfect justice. By so doing you will help to practically demonstrate that it is profitable in money and in morals to a people as well as to an individual to tell the truth and shame the devil.

Sincerely Yours,
T. W. BICKETT.

BROOM FACTORY BEING ERECTED

Mr. Archie Johnson is busily engaged with his farming operations just now, but says his broom factory will be completed in the near future and will begin the manufacture of the best broom to be found on the market.

CROPS PROMISE A BOUNTIFUL YIELD

Winter Wheat and Rye Show Signs Largest Production Ever Yet Attained.

Washington, July 9.—Bountiful farm crops this year were indicated today in the department of agriculture's July forecasts based on conditions existing the first of the month. Winter wheat and rye, now being harvested showed the largest production ever attained. Record crops of sweet potatoes, tobacco and rice also were predicted and the production of spring wheat, corn, oats, barley, white potatoes and hay is expected to be larger than the average for the five years 1913-17.

Value of the wheat, corn and oats crops combined amounts to $8,340,622,000 based on July 1, farm prices. The value of corn is $4,768,475,000; wheat $2,577,420,000 and oats $994,727,000.

Plant diseases and other conditions however, made heavy inroads during June on prospectiv ewheat and oats production. The forecast shows a loss of 75,000,000 bushels of wheat since the June estimate and a reduction of 48,000,000 bushels in the prospective oats crops. High temperatures caused deterioration in the conditions of winter wheat in some sections while plant disease increased in central districts. The heat also affected spring wheat in some parts of the belt where black rust has appeared and somewhat damaged the crop.

The area planted in corn, white potatoes, flax and rice is smaller than last year, while the acreage of sweet potatoes and tobacco is larger.

Production forecasts of the principal farm crops, estimated on the condition of the crops July 1, were announced by the department of agriculture as follows:

Winter wheat, 389; spring wheat, 322; all wheat 1,161; corn, 2,815; oats, 1,403.

Barley, 231; rye 103; white potatoes 391; sweet potatoes, 102; tobacco, 1,453 pounds; flax, 13.2; rice, 42.5; hay 116 tons; apples (total) 156.

Apples (commercial) 24.5 barrels; peaches 50 bushels.

Condition of production forecast (in thousands of bushels) of corn in principal Southern States follow:

Virginia, 91 per cent normal, and 51,870 bushel; North Carolina, 89 and 63,989; Georgia, 83 and 66,063; Tennessee, 83 and 80,556; Alabama, 76 and 66,646; Mississippi, 70 and 58,258; Louisiana 75 and 33,994.

Wheat of last year's crop remaining on farms July 1 amounted to 14,644,000 bushels, compared with 8,063,000 last year and 37,413,000 the average July 1 stocks for the five years 1913-17.

HE CALLED IT "NEWS"

But When His Friends Heard the Full Story They Wondered if the Editor Wasn't Right

"Ed is all the while saying he wants folks to give him news for the paper, but I guess he isn't very anxious for it," said the man who was waiting his turn in the barber chair.

"I went down to New York last week to buy goods," he went on, "and wrote out a little piece about it. Don't see it in the paper, though."

The man in the chair waited until the barber had safely circumscribed his chin, and then said, "Why, yes it is, leastwise when my wife was reading the personals aloud last night I remember there was one that J. W. Pierce was in New York last week on business."

"Well, I didn't see it," broke in the aggrieved one. "And besides, that wasn't what I gave him."

"Wait a minute," said the barber. "Bet I know what you wrote. About like this, wasn't it:

" 'J. W. Pierce was in the metropolis last week, where he purchased a large stock of the latest things in men's and women's apparel which will be on sale in a few days. He calls special attention to the line of $2.98 shirtwaists, which are the finest for the money ever bought into Bloomville. The Pierce store always has the choicest merchandise on sale and will save you money.' "

"Not exactly," grudgingly admitted the drg goods man, "but something like that, with real news in it."

"Uh huh," said the barber, with a wink at the man he was shaving. "Let's see, Jim, you advertise quite a lot in the paper in the course of a year, don't you? Pay the editor quite a lot of money, I suppose."

"No, siree," emphatically declared the merchant, "You don't catch me wasting any money in advertising. It doesn't pay."—News Service, Agricultural Extension Service, Cornell University.

MR. SUTTON RETURNS

Mr. Walter Sutton has been discharged from army service and is at home with his brother, Mr. J. O. Sutton, in Lillington.

Mr. Sutton was in the air service in France for about a year. He was glad to get home, and his friends and acquaintances were delighted to see him on his home ground once again.

Only two more Lillington boys remain in service now, Mr. Oscar Atkins, who is in the air service, and Mr. Merrimon Lanier, son of Ex-Sheriff Lanier.

BUIE'S CREEK ITEMS.

The protracted meetings began at Pleasant Plains Methodist Church last night, July 14th. Services are held at 11:00 o'clock in the morning and at 8:15 at night. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

We are inded glad to see Mr. John McKay home again and hope he will soon be fully recovered from the operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. Victoria Morrison of Rockdale, Texas, spent part of last week with her niece, Mrs. J. N. Gregory.

We regret to note the continued illnes of Mrs. J. D. Upchurch and hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. J. H. Crawford of near Duke, Mrs. Anna McKay, of Dunn, Rev. N. M. McDonald of Lillington, Rev. W. A. Forbes and wife of Buie's Creek, and Miss Ila Britt of near Angier spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. J. N. Gregory.

Miss Evelyn Bryan is spending some time at the home of her father, Mr. W. M. Bryan.

Mrs. Alton Cameron of Vass is spending a few days at the home of her father, Dr. J. F. McKay.

Mr. E. L. Upchurch is all smiles—a fine boy at his home.

We had a fine rain yesterday. Crops are looking fine in and around Buie's Creek.

Mr. J. L. Covington and family and Mr. Roland Truelove and wife of Jonesboro motored over to Buie's Creek last Sunday afternoon to visit the family of Mrs. J. N. Gregory.

A FRIEND.

DUNN PHYSICIAN DIES AT HOME OF HIS DAUGHTER

Dunn, July 16.—Mrs. Williams, the wife of Mr. Claude J. Williams, died here Monday evening. She has been in rather poor health for some time She was Miss Godwin before her marriage to Mr. Williams. She leaves a husband and several children, one only a few days old.

Dr. W. L. Hudson died this morning at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Bertha Felton. He was 72 years old and was a native of Sampson county. He came to Dunn several years ago and practiced for several years, then went to Stedman. Some months ago his health began to fail and he came here to live with his son and daughter. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and had been a man full of energy and activity. Besides his profession he was largely engaged in farming.

WHAT DOES IT COST TO RAISE COTTON?

At what price must cotton be sold to yield the Southern planter a fair profit? That is one of the questions sure to come up at the World Cotton Conference at New Orleans next October. Nowhere on the program is this highly debatable subject set down for discussion, but it is unavoidably involved in the fundamental problems of production, merchandising and consumption which the Cotton Conference is to consider. Without doubt the conflicting opinions on this matter which have been agitating the cotton trade in the past few seasons will be threshed out, and it is to be expected that data will be presented which will throw a great deal of light on the subject.

The cotton manufacturers are interested in this question of cotton production costs today more than before, in all probability because of the extraordinary campaign waged by the cotton interests this past winter to hold cotton for thirty cents and to cut the acreage drastically. If the cotton manufacturers were canvassed for their opinion as to the cost of raising cotton it would probably be found that most of them believe cotton can be sold with liberal profit to the grower at twenty-five cents or less. Some of them profess to believe that at twenty cents the Southern farmer would be getting a reasonable return. Against these views are the assertions of the Southern cotton growers that anything less than thirty cents shows a loss, while some alleged experts on cotton production have declared that cotton should sell, in order to yield a reasonable profit to the grower, as high as thirty-five cents.

There is this to be said about the problem and its treatment at the World Cotton Conference: Out of all the discussion in the last few years has come a clearer idea by all who are interested in the subject as to the factors which enter into the situation. It is realized more clearly than ever before that there is no such thing as a uniform cost of raising cotton, and it is almost impossible to compute even an average cost, so widely varying are soil conditions, weather conditions in one part of the belt compared with another or in one season compared with another, labor conditions, and methods of cultivation. Within the past few years the manufacturers have been learning a great deal about their own production costs which many of them did not previously know. It is obvious from the discussions on cotton production costs that the science of cost accounting might be profitably applied on the cotton plantations as well as in the mills, and until it is there is sure to be a continuance of old misunderstandings.

BUYS ARNOLD HOME

Dr. L. J. Dupree has purchased the Arnold home, the Arnold family having moved into their new home. Dr. and Mrs. Dupree will start housekeeping very soon.

NEWS ABOUT THE BIG COUNTY FAIR

Work Now Going Forward at Rapid Rate. Prominent Men Will Be at Head of Various Departments

The work is going forward at a rapid rate on the Fair Grounds these days. The road force is making rapid progress on race track. The timber is being placed and cut, and the foundation laid for grand stand and floral hall. The bill is made out for two barns, one for hog and poultry and one for cattle, horses, sheep, etc. These barns will be a credit to our State Fair grounds when completed. We have an able contractor who is himself interested in the fair and anxious to have the best for our Harnett County Fair. His crew of workmen, too, are all vitally interested in the fair. This assures good and economical work on the entire buildings.

Mr. G. I. Smith, Sr., widely known in Harnett and adjoining counties has kindly consented to take on himself a task that no other man in our entire territory can do. This is of much importance and we hope a number of the farmers will avail themselves of this opportunity of learning some valuable information about farming from a man of wide experience. Mr. Smith has consented to fit up himself at his own expense for teaching the farmers the importance of having present in the soil the proper kind of nitrogerms for growing the different legumenous crops. Mr. Smith will show you the different germs for a number of the legumenous crops. It is not the same nitrogen gathering germ on the roots of soy beans as is on crimson clover. These are so small that they cannot be seen by the naked eye, but one may see them by the means of a microscope. Mr. Smith will be in some prominent place in floral hall with samples of these different germs and microscope through which may be seen these different organisms. He will be glad to give information about these invisible animals that are so necessary in our soils if we expect to work with nature to keep up our soils. The Harnett County Fair is out for a real educational uplift in every way possible and it is good to have men in our own territory who can give this important instruction. Mr. Smith has a hard job, but he will do it well, and it will be of untold benefit for our farmers.

Mr. Sidney A. Egerton, of Buie's Creek, has charge of the poultry department. Mr. Egerton is a man well qualified for this work, and we predict some fine poultry on display. The fair association will furnish coops in which to show the poultry. There will be no charge for showing poultry. We will have a competent judge. This ought to bring out some of the feathered tribe. We have some nice birds in our territory. Lets bring them out and show to the world what we have.

Messrs. F. S. Cullom and R. L. Godwin will handle the cattle department. This branch of farming needs incouraging and we have the men on the job to work it up. The prospects are bright for a splendid cattle show. Our district has some as good dairy and beef cattle as is found in Eastern North Carolina. The family cow ought to hold a closer place in the family circle of every home in all this southland of ours. Let's give her this closer place in our great fair.

Yours for a big, clean, educational fair at Dunn, Oct. 15-18.

OWEN ODUM, Sec.-Treas.

NEW SANFORD BANK WILL OPEN SOON FOR BUSINESS

Sanford, July 10.—The "Peoples Bank of Sanford" has been incorporated with authorized capital of $100,000 with privilege of beginning business when $25,000 is paid in. The stockholders held their first meeting Monday and elected the following board of directors:

J. H. Kenedy, J. F. Womble, J. R. Bowers, K. R. Hoyle, C. C. Cheek, H. V. Wicker, J. T. Ledwell, R. E. Marks, S. M. Jones, A. G. Carter and A. E. Kelly. The directors appointed J. R. Bowers, F. R. Snipes and E. L. Gavin, a committee to purchase the banking outfit including vault and furniture. The Capps Hardware Company was incorporated a few days ago with authorized capital of $50,000 with $10,000 paid in. The incorporators are C. R. Capps, Warren Capps, E. T. Buchanan, C. L. Stephens, and W. M. Quick. They will begin business about September 1st.

REVIVAL MEETING AT BENSON.

Benson, July 16.—The revival campaign which has been running for the past week, has been in some ways the most remarkable series of meetings ever held in this place. The two meetings each day have been largely attended and intense interest manifested. The entire community has been stirred by the sane methods and unusually forceful presentation of the Gospel messages of Evangelist Rev. T. B. Price. The M. E. church was packed Sunday night with an audience mostly of men in spite of the warm weather. A big program is planned for this week and all the places of business will close for the morning services. Friday will be farmers' day, and crowds from all over the county are expected. The big double chorus of 75 voices is a feature of the meetings, and is directed by F. W. Rollins.