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POPULATION DATA

CITIES AND TOWNS			
Salisbury	16,951	Gold Hill	156
Spencer	3,129	Granite Quarry	507
E. Spencer	2,098	Rockwell	696
China Grove	1,258	Faith	431
Landis	1,388	Kannapolis	13,912
TOWNSHIPS			
Atwell	2,619	Morgan	1,327
China Grove	8,990	Mt. Ulla	1,389
Cleveland	1,445	Providence	2,589
Franklin	2,246	Salisbury	25,153
Gold Hill	2,642	S. Irish	1,251
Litaker	2,562	Steele	1,142
Locke	1,904	Unity	1,406
ROWAN COUNTY		56,665	

THE SPIRIT OF NORTH CAROLINA

The spirit of North Carolina has been well expressed by State Treasurer Nathan O'Berry, who in a recent interview said:

"I don't know the reason for this situation. I don't know how we are going to pull out of it, or when. But this I do know: We will pull out of it. A year or two from now we shall be looking back and laughing at the present absurd, senseless, and ridiculous feeling of gloom which overwhelms the country. I have seen the economic pendulum swing back and forth extremely a half-dozen times since, at 15 years of age, I went to work for a railroad, in the panic year of 1873. And, always, the farther it swung one way the farther it went later in the other direction."

DEMAND FOR COTTON ON INCREASE

In reporting to the annual meeting of the Cotton-Textile Institute President George A. Sloan said "developments during the last year give much encouragement to the belief that the demand for cotton, in both new and established markets, can be greatly increased."

We in the South should read this with particular interest and profit, for we can perform a much finer task for the cotton producer by increasing the demand for the staple than by passing acreage laws.

In listing the many new uses to which cotton is being put, he said a vast market would be opened if road builders were to be convinced of the value of using strips of cotton fabric as a base for the top surface of roads. He told also how 3,000,000 square yards of cotton have been consumed in a year in manufacturing cotton stationery.

Mr. Sloan gave the following review of the year's accomplishments:

1. Acceptance by a preponderant part of the industry of the recommendation that night employment of women and minors be discontinued. This policy is now being pursued by approximately 84 per cent. of the cotton mills in the United States.
2. A greater realization of the detrimental effects of regular night running.
3. Continued observance by mills throughout the industry of the shorter work week policy.
4. Increasing evidence of disposition on the part of mills in the main, to adjust production to demand; and the amazing reduction in stocks. The latter is a phenomenon occurring in a far more striking degree in the cotton manufacturing industry than in any other of the major industries for which records are available.
5. Further observance of improved cost methods as shown by their adoption of approximately 3,000,000 additional spindles.
6. Publication of an authoritative treatise on yarn mill cost finding . . .
7. Growing resort to arbitration methods for settling commercial disputes . . .
8. The industry's successful efforts in directing public attention to the products of cotton."

WHEN WILL THE DEPRESSION END?

While nobody has yet been able to predict accurately the exact time at which a depression will begin or end, the fact that prosperity and depression are recurring phenomena is not open to question.

If statisticians can't forecast accurately the time schedule of the business cycle, we certainly can identify the conditions which precede a change.

William L. Chenery, editor of Collier's Weekly, sees many statistical fingers pointing clearly to the approaching end of depression. He sums them up as follows:

"Too high prices always lead to a depression. Too low prices always precede a period of prosperity. Prices now and for months past have been too low. That we are at the eve of a resumption of business prosperity is as certain therefore as anything in human affairs.

"We have other kinds of trouble—epidemics of disease, for example. Influenza and infantile paralysis wreak their havoc. Where disease is concerned we apply the scientific method. Our approach to the epidemic problem is rational.

"In contrast we prefer not to think about depressions, which are symptoms of economic maladjustment. If, however, we expended the same kind of scientific thought on isolating the causes of depressions and on quarantining ourselves against their spread as we now apply to problems of public health, we might quickly learn how to insure ourselves against these troubles.

"If experience teaches any lesson we can be certain that before very long business will again be very active. Once more farmers will be getting profitable prices for their crops. Reconstruction will again characterize Europe. Germany will have revived. South America will have settled down to work.

"The wheel turns up after it goes down and we shall have been carried forward."

THEN AND NOW

Fifty years ago the people lived quite different than they do today and, no doubt, they were happier and enjoyed life more fully than they do now under modern custom. Enumerating the things that the people of a half century ago did not do, an exchange says:

- "Nobody wore a wrist watch.
 - "Nobody had appendicitis.
 - "Nobody knew about radio.
 - "Most young men had 'ivory bills.'
 - "Farmers came to town for their mail.
 - "Many people read by the candle or kerosene lamp light.
 - "The heavens were not full of man-made birds.
 - "The hired girl drew \$1.50 a week and was happy.
 - "Young men learned trades at \$5.00 a week.
 - "The butcher 'threw in' a chunk of liver.
 - "The merchant 'threw in' a pair of suspenders with every suit.
 - "Nobody listened in on the telephones."
- Yes, the good "old days" have passed, but are we ready to exchange them for the radio, the automobiles of the present day and time that go to make up a life worth living?
- Fifty years from now times and conditions will have changed as much as they have in the last half century. What the improvements and inventions will be, no one can tell; but maybe communication with other planets will have been established and we will be able to converse and visit newly discovered underseas.—*Athens, Ga., Banner-Herald.*

MODERN GIRL WILL TALK ABOUT ABSOLUTELY ANYTHING

If things go on like this, there will soon be either nothing left we can't mention in polite society, or no polite society left in which we can't mention it.

Nowadays it is almost as difficult to believe that girls ever blushed as that they ever swooned.

Which reminds me of a Colonial friend who went to a dinner party and found himself next to a strange young lady with whom it was his duty to make polite conversation.

As we walked home afterward I asked him how he got on with his neighbor. "Oh," he answered, "she was splendid—simply splendid! Completely frank and straightforward and really—well, you know, ready to talk about absolutely anything. In fact," he added, "between you and me, I couldn't get her to talk about anything else."—*Exchange.*

Eskimo singing has reached America by radio and is said to be nearly as bad as our own.

Always compose your love letters with a view to their possible effect upon the jury.

THE WATCHMAN TOWER

To the Legionnaires and Ex-Service Men in Salisbury and Rowan County:

I am glad to know you will again celebrate Armistice Day. It is indeed fitting that we should feel anew the glory and honor of the victory for world democracy. It is an excellent thing to re-dedicate ourselves to this cause and to pay tribute to those who paid the cost.

As the years pass the passion to taste again of great moments that are gone grows greater; the memory becomes brighter and the service more appreciated. And this is as it should be.

An elaborate program has been planned for the occasion and thousands are expected to participate in the event from Rowan and adjoining counties.

When the bugle blows, I am confident there will be hundreds who will "fall in" and carry on.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW ROWAN.

Mr. Rob Roy Peery, Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Peery:

In losing you, Salisbury lost a master of music.

While home town folks regret that you have accepted another field in which to continue your work, they wish you unlimited success and good fortune.

You are one of few who has been able to obtain national recognition while still a young man. You are one of few who has been able to nurse a certain spark of genius until it burst into a flame. You are one of few who through hard work and inspiration has been able to make a livelihood and more in a work of love, a work as vital to you as almost life itself.

You have gone to greener fields. I wish you well.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW ROWAN.

Mr. J. T. Wyatt, Route 3, Salisbury, N. C.

My dear Venus:

I acknowledge receipt of your recent correspondence from Faith. Among the items contained in your copy was the following:

"Venus birthday is Oct. 31. He lacks only 29 years of being one hundred years old."

I am not satisfied to merely wish you many more happy birthdays; nor am I satisfied to pass the occasion up with the humdrum, routine, words of congratulations upon your reaching the grand old age of 80. Rather, I prefer to say something about you; something about your accomplishments and above all, something about the sunshine you have spread during your life through contributions to newspapers of a humor all your own; yet, a humor that was contagious and healthy.

In your early life, you volunteered for service in the Confederate army. You are credited with founding the rock industry in Rowan county. Your eczema salve has been favorably received. Your collection of antiques and curiosities is one of the best in this community.

But it is not of these things I desire to speak. Probably the outstanding service you have rendered your fellow men has been your humorous contributions to newspapers of this vicinity. People have laughed at you, they have laughed at your style, they have laughed at your sayings, they have laughed at the simplicity of your composition, they have laughed at you ego—but they have laughed and laughed again.

After all, a fellow who can occasionally make another fellow laugh, has done something worthwhile. But a man who can make thousands laugh over a period of years has contributed more than his portion of service to mankind. And if anyone in this county can beat you making other people laugh, I want someone to trot him out.

My hope is that you have many more years in store to allow you to inspire many more laughs.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW ROWAN.

To All Readers of These Letters:

Early Christmas buying and shipping are peculiarly desirable this year. Not only will early mailing tend to avoid last-hour congestion in the post-offices and over-work of the postal forces, but it will contribute relief to many unemployed ones by creating the necessity at an earlier date for the employment of extra help in the postal service, in accordance with the program announced from Washington.

In addition to that, early buying of Christmas goods will stimulate retail business during the weeks between now and the holidays, which in turn will help the wholesale dealers, the manufacturers and the transportation companies, which will improve the employment situation. Early buying, or even the spread of Christmas shop-

ping over a longer period than usual, will prove of peculiar benefit to all concerned this year, in a larger measure than under normal conditions.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW ROWAN.

COMMENTS

MR. DUNN URGES PRESERVATION OF RINGNECKED PHEASANTS IN ROWAN COUNTY.

To the Editor:

During the past two or three years a new game bird has made its appearance in Rowan county. This splendid bird is the ringnecked pheasant (*phasianus torquatus*), a native of China. Recent estimates indicate that there are probably three hundred of this species in the county. The cock is a brilliantly plumaged fellow with a green head and neck, a mahogany colored breast, bluish, brown and gray on the back, with a narrow white ring around the neck and possessing a sharp pointed tail about 15 inches long. He may weigh as much as four pounds and is full plumaged at six months of age. The hen is much smaller, weighing usually two to three pounds, with modest brownish-gray plumage and likewise having a sharp pointed tail. The ringnecked pheasant is largely insectivorous, though it is also very fond of weed seeds, especially ragweed seeds. He will eat grain when nothing else is available, but doesn't care for corn unless he is very hungry. The ringneck hen usually has from twelve to fifteen young. In the wild state these birds are very hardy, and if they are given half a chance, may become fairly numerous. They were introduced into North Dakota not many years ago, and present indications have it that there are several millions of them in that state this year. In my opinion, they can become plentiful in North Carolina if they are properly protected. The last legislature passed a local law for Rowan county which places a closed season on pheasants until November, 1935, under the penalty of a fine of not less than \$25.00 and the costs for the killing, snaring or capturing of any pheasant in Rowan county. With only three hundred birds in the county, it is quite likely that persistent violations of this law will lead to a speedy extermination of the local ringnecks. On the other hand, if the law is observed, it is equally likely that the pheasant will become numerous within a few years. For example: in the year 1888 forty-two Chinese ringnecks were liberated in the Williams River, Washington, and within three years it was estimated that no less than 50,000 pheasants were in that section. With the full co-operation of our farmers and sportsmen, during the next four years, working harmony and protecting the 300 pioneer pheasants, and their descendants, in this county, we may soon look forward to the day when the ringneck will be plentiful among us, and justifying his existence and raison d'être by aiding in the destruction of our insect pests.

A goodly number of the pheasants now in Rowan county were liberated by the State Department of Game Conservation. However, a number of others were reared and freed by Mr. Chandler of Barber, Mr. Walter H. Woodson, Jr., of Milford Hills and others. These men reared the birds at their own expense and donated them to cause of local game restocking. The rest of us, and particularly landowners, can do our part by seeing that they are protected and the law carried out.

The recent act of the legislature also applies to the ruffed grouse, often erroneously called the "American pheasant". About a dozen of these majestic game birds exist in a section of Rowan county, although it was believed for a time that they were extinct in our section.

J. ALLAN DUNN.

NORTH CAROLINA WEEKLY REVIEW

The following record of industrial activity lists items showing investment of capital, employment of labor and business activities and opportunities.

Murphy—Surfacing completed on State Highway No. 28 from this place to Tennessee state line, Ducktown.

Goldsboro—230,706 pounds of tobacco sold here during recent day for \$24,112.

Nashville—N. and T. Motor Co. branch of Northam and Thacker, of Lillington, opened business in Austin and Strickland building, West Main street.

Fuquay Springs—142,804 pounds of tobacco sold here during recent day for \$16,834.

Ellenboro—Sweet potato curing house opened.

Lenoir—New sound equipment installed in Universal Theatre.

Lumberton—\$57,140 pounds of tobacco sold here during recent week for consideration of \$56,404, average

of \$10.12 per 100.

Mount Airy—Southeast Public Service Co. granted franchise to operate local telephone system for next 10 years.

Lenoir—Nathan Kalodkin let contract to enlarge his building on South Main street.

Wilmington—Wilmington Army & Navy Store opened for business at 20 Market street.

Mount Airy—New Masonic Temple, Franklin street, opened.

Revere—Road from this place to Tennessee State line, going to Greenville will be regraded.

Construction to start soon on White Rock road linking with Mars Hill highway on Marshall-Mars Hill road.

Warrenton—Site being sought here for location of Warren County Prison Camp.

Asheboro—J. D. and J. R. Ross, Jr., purchased Asheboro Pad Plant in West Asheboro from L. L. Whitaker.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Q. What element forms the greater part of the air?
A. Nitrogen.
- Q. Who is the mayor of Chicago?
A. A. J. Cermak.
- Q. What is the average life of a horse?
A. Twenty years.
- Q. Has the President the power to remove a state governor from office?
A. No; he has no power to remove state officials.
- Q. What old Virginia city was originally included in the area of the District of Columbia?
A. Alexandria.
- Q. What U. S. city has been called "the oil capital of the world?"
A. Tulsa, Okla.
- Q. Who wrote "Little Lord Fauntleroy?"
A. Frances Hodgson Burnett.
- Q. What animals will eat bees?
A. Skunk and bear.
- Q. What one star does not change its relative position to the northern part of the earth?
A. The North Star.
- Q. Who was called the "Grand Monarch?"
A. Louis XIV, of France.
- Q. Who was the first President of the U. S. to serve two terms?
A. George Washington.
- Q. What are the Latin quarters of New York city called?
A. Greenwich Village.
- Q. What was the term applied to protective coloration during the World War?
A. Camouflage.
- Q. What Biblical character tried to walk on the water and failed?
A. Peter.
- Q. Why is New Orleans called the "Crescent City?"
A. Because of its situation in the crescent made by the bend of the Mississippi river at that place.

SEVEN STEPS

It's difficult to learn how to walk properly along the pathway of the mind. Perhaps these seven steps, suggested by Lewis C. Strang, may be of help to you in traveling toward success:

1. SELF-RECOGNITION—Be sincere, not self-deceived. Intelligently comprehend your motives, desires and determinations.
2. RELAXATION—Learn to be able to think quietly and understandingly. Avoid mental, physical and nervous tension.
3. INTEGRITY—Do not doublecross yourself or others. Do not be obstinate or wilful, mistaking them for strength of character.
4. SERENITY—Strive for poise and confidence. Do not interpret anxiety and indifference as peace and trustfulness.
5. CLARITY OF VISION—Be without fear.
6. WISDOM OF ACTION—Do not conform for the sake of conforming.
7. FINALLY, DO NOT CONDEMN—Do not condemn yourself though you fail. Do not condemn others though they succeed.

Smilin' Charlie Says—



"There's lots o' folks on Easy Street -- comin' back --"