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## PROSPECTS FOR FURNITURE PLANT

A High Point Manufacturer Interested — Engineer To Come—Pittsboro Folk To Be Asked to Take Stock.

## PITTSBORO ADMIRABLE LOCATION FOR FACTORY

Oak and Cedar of the County Afford Much Adequate Material.

Mr. S. D. Johnson, who sees great possibilities for Pittsboro as an industrial point and is constantly on the outlook for means of developing the town and county, having recently received a letter from a High Point furniture manufacturer, has received two letters recently which indicate that the gentleman is more than willing to meet Pittsboro folk half way.

Ten or fifteen days ago, a brief note indicated that an engineer would be sent to look over the field. Last week a long letter, dated August 12, was received, which is given below:

"Supplementing our letter of the tenth regarding the organization of a furniture plant for your city, we would suggest that you see some of your leading citizens and those who would likely be interested in taking stock in a proposition of this kind before our engineer calls to see you. By doing this it will be an easy matter to get a number of your citizens together and go over the proposition in detail.

"You are of course aware of the fact that the manufacture of furniture can be started on either a small or large scale, depending on the amount of capital that could be raised. For your information there are some lines of furniture very much in demand that would not require a great deal of capital. However, should you desire to go into the manufacture of bed room or dining room furniture this of course would require more capital.

"We trust that you will take this matter up with some of your leading citizens and advise us just how they feel about the proposition and we will be very glad to have one of our engineers call and see you immediately thereafter."

Mr. Johnson stated Monday morning that he had already talked with several leading citizens and that all had expressed a willingness to do what they can, and he has written the High Point promoter to send along his engineer, it being the purpose when he comes to call a meeting of citizens and discuss the situation.

Pittsboro is an admirable point for the location of a furniture plant. As the Record has insisted, Chatham is one of the best timber counties in the state. True, many years of cutting have depleted the supply considerably, but the new growth is rapid and constant, and the fire hazard is practically nil.

In addition to the constantly reproducing growth of oak, the cedar of the county would supply material for a plant making chests and other appropriate articles. For instance, Mr. Jarvis Boone estimates that he has bought and shipped 40,000 cedar logs the past year. He ships about the three car loads a month, the logs ranging from five inches to 15 inches in diameter at the little end, and Mr. Boone is only one skipper of cedar among several here, while from other points in the county much cedar is shipped.

## MISS GREGG SWIMS ACROSS LAKE WACCAMAW

Miss Juanita Gregg, charming daughter of Dr. J. D. Gregg of Liberty, formerly of this county, won distinction a few days ago by swimming across Lake Waccamaw, five miles, the first feat of the kind recorded. With that record for a starter, the young lady should soon be able to compete with English channel swimmers.

## Rogue Wrecks Car West of Pittsboro

Two Other Negroes In Limbo For Helping Him Escape The Officers.

A negro whose name escapes every informant as to the matter stole a car from the grounds of a negro church several miles west of Pittsboro Sunday, drove it into an obstruction and wrecked, and then had the effrontery to go back to the church. A small boy, it is stated, identified him as the man who drove away the car and the fellow was given a good beating.

Later he was taken away in a car by Thomas Mitchell. The complaint had reached Deputy J. T. Johnson and he undertook to arrest the rogue. Mitchell prevented the arrest. Another negro, George Chamber, cranked Mitchell's car and told him to go ahead. Johnson informed Sheriff Blair by telephone and that officer headed him off as he came toward Pittsboro. In the meantime the rogue had left the car and taken to the woods. Mitchell undertook to resist the officer and got a pop on the head. Being tamed he was lodged in jail on the charges of assisting the other negro to escape and resisting arrest himself. Chambers also was put under bond for his part in the escape.

## SCHOOL MASTERS' CLUB FOR CHATHAM

At a meeting of the High School principals and superintendents with Prof. Thompson and Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, Tuesday August 8th, it was unanimously decided to organize a School Masters' Club for Chatham county. The organization was perfected as follows: Mr. J. S. Waters, Pres.; Mr. J. H. Moore, Vice Pres.; Supt. W. R. Thompson, general counselman; Mr. W. G. Coltrane, to serve with the Pres. and Vice Pres., as program committee, and Mr. H. G. Self, reporter.

All superintendents, principals, and mail teachers of the high schools of the county are eligible for membership in this club. The first meeting of the organization is to be held in Supt. Thompson's office at Pittsboro, 8:00 p. m., Sept. 10th.

The purpose of the organization is to bring about closer cooperation between the schools of the county and to work out a uniform and standard system for the various activities of school work. To show the needs of such uniformity, it was learned that the passing mark in the different schools varied from 60 percent in some schools to 75 percent in others. It was readily agreed, however, that a passing mark of 60 percent in some schools might be even higher than one of 75 percent in others since there exists no uniform system of marking and testing.

A part of the time for each meeting will be given to such routine matters of business as may come before the club, and a part of it will be given to the study of some purely professional topic.

The club expects to have meet with it, from time to time, some of the leading educators of the state to assist the local talent in working out the professional problems that may be undertaken.

It is felt that such an organization as this is a most progressive step toward increasing the efficiency and usefulness of the schools of the county, and it is realized by the members of the club that its possibilities are unlimited.

Reporter.

## Insures Employees.

The Carolina Power and Light Company, through a contract with the Metropolitan Life Insurance, has provided life insurance for its employees on the cooperative plan. Under the contract each employee who has been with the company at least six months is insured without cost to himself for \$500. This contract, effective July 31, covered immediately 1,700 employees and will ultimately cover the 2,200 men in the employ of the company in 350 communities.

## THE TRAINS ARE OFF A. & Y.

Star Route Is Established Between Greensboro and Sanford

The much mooted question of taking off one of the trains on the A. & Y. R. R. has been settled and the train is off. The train removed formerly left Sanford early in the morning and returned from Mt. Airy late in the evening.

The railroad claimed to be losing by its operation at the rate of \$50,000 a year. The bus service had cut its passenger business to the bone. Mount Airy was most concerned and is not yet reconciled. Siler City was concerned chiefly for its mail service and is satisfied by the establishment of a star mail line running from Greensboro to Sanford early in the morning and back to Greensboro in the evening, just reversing the routing of the train taken off.

The order of the corporation commission authorizing the discontinuance of the train directed that it should not be discontinued till the star routes were established. But no time was lost. An immediate order came from C. F. Honeycutt, of the railway mail service putting into effect the Greensboro-Sanford route and also one from Greensboro to Mount Airy. The new star routes began operating Monday, and Sunday saw the last of the trains ordered discontinued. An order was also made directing the railroad to carry an express car on a freight from Mount Airy to Greensboro.

With the new schedules in effect, mail from Pittsboro for points on the A. & Y. which is too late to go by the Durham-Pittsboro-Siler City mail truck to Siler City, should be sent north by that bus at 1 p. m., thus reaching Greensboro in time to come down early the next morning and be delivered, say at Goldston, at 7 or 8 o'clock.

## Automobile Accidents Must Be Reported

Don't forget when you are in an automobile wreck, or collision if you come out alive that it is your duty to report the accident to the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Raleigh, within 48 hours. If the driver of the car is killed then it becomes the duty of any companion escaping alive to make the report. If you cannot get the regulation blank, report at once, and if further information is required by the bureau, it can send you the blank. The sheriff also has to make a report, and it is no small job, as there are 33 questions and one of these requires 16 answers. All sheriffs would appreciate an immediate report of the facts in accidents where any one is injured to him or a deputy at once. There is a penalty, jail or fine, for not making report, in both the case of the sheriff and of the occupants of the car in which an injury occurs.

## Commissioners In Session.

The county commissioners were in session Tuesday going over with tax supervisor J. S. Wrenn the complaints registered. There are about 300 registered complaints. Some are based on errors in acreage. The most, of course, are against the new valuation. It was guessed that a change is being made in one in about every five or six.

## Mr. Jas. Murphy Dies at Bynum

Mr. James Murphy, aged about 50, died Sunday at Bynum. Death was due to tuberculosis, with which malady Mr. Murphy has suffered quite a while. The burial was at Mt. Gilead Baptist church Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy came to Bynum several years ago from Rockingham county. Besides the wife several children survive.

Have 50-pound pigs treated for cholera.

## Brooks-Marsh Clans Hold Yearly Reunion

Between Two Hundred and Three Hundred Attend Gathering at Old Brooks Home Near Bonlee

Greensboro, News, August 12: The Brooks and Marsh families reunion at the old Isaac Brooks homestead near Bonlee, Chatham county yesterday was a decided success despite the fact that it rained steadily for most of the day, according to those from this city attending the gathering. The clan, closely related families, began gathering at 10 o'clock and by noon between 200 and 300 people were on the premises, looking over and inspecting the historic old building which was erected about 1756. On these same premises General Nathaniel Greene and his forces were encamped one night while in pursuit of Lord Cornwallis after his retreat from the battle of Guilford Court house. General William Washington, one of Greene's trusted subordinates, spent that night in the Brooks house. The Brooks grist mill nearby operated throughout the night grinding grain for the continental troops.

A number of counties in North Carolina were represented at yesterday's reunion and one of the main features of the day was a talk by Mrs. John A. Beall, of Atlanta, a direct descendant of Josiah Brooks, who moved from Chatham county to Georgia in 1832. Mrs. Beall featured the Brooks families of Georgia and her talk was of marked interest to those present. Other talks were made by Rev. Charles V. Brooks, of Goldsboro; Rev. Mr. Keller, of Jonesboro; Dr. and Mrs. Brooks, of Durham; Dr. Clyde Gilmore, of Greensboro, and others.

Frank A. Brooks, this city, one of the owners of the old homestead, was present and in a short talk welcomed the gathering to the old home. He also read a very interesting paper on the family history, it having been compiled from notes left by his father, T. T. Brooks, who died here in 1926.

A fine picnic dinner and barbecue was served at Mount Vernon springs and many old time plantation songs were sung by the choir of the Bonlee Baptist church.

Before adjournment, it was unanimously voted to keep the old homestead intact and in the family and to hold the Brooks and Marsh reunion there every year.

## Fatal Accident; Bus Driver Held

Everett Fisher, driver of one of the bus line passing through Pittsboro, is under 500 bond for manslaughter, the charge growing out of an accident at a Durham crossing Sunday, when the bus rammed a small car containing three negroes, killing one and very seriously injuring another occupant of the negro car, and causing injuries to four white passengers on the bus.

A passenger stated to a Durham Herald reporter that the bus was going at the rate of 40 miles an hour, but Fish thought it was going at a moderate speed. The car is said to have had the right of way, but was not seen by the bus driver till too late to avoid a collision. The car was driven twenty feet against a telegraph pole. The bus was turned over and had all its windows broken out by the crash or by passengers trying to get out.

This is the first serious accident that has occurred since the establishment of the bus line two years ago.

Mr. Fish is known in Pittsboro as "Country Boy," D. C. Beard having named him thus when he first came through, and it is only since the accident that his real name is generally known on Pittsboro Main street. He is a genial young man. This writer has ridden with him several times, and found him a good driver. In fact, we know of even no minor accident that he has had previous to the unfortunate one of Sunday.

One gallon of paint will cover about 500 square feet of surface.

## FIELDS WINS FROM CREDIT CO.

In Case Against Piedmont Credit Co. for Usury; Other Court News

Among the comparatively few cases finally disposed of during the two-weeks term of court which closed here Friday, was that of W. G. Fields against the Piedmont Credit Company of Siler City, in which the plaintiff sought recovery of \$500 deducted from the face value of a note.

The note made to "the bearer" was carried to the Piedmont Credit Company by Attorney A. C. Ray, and the company set up the defense that it bought the note from Mr. Ray. The face value was \$2,500.00, and the company gave \$2000.00 for it. It was adequately secured by mortgage. Ray was made a co-defendant with the company, the plaintiff Fields complaining that he had borrowed money on the note and that Ray, his attorney, did not own the note nor was authorized to peddle it.

The defense contended that they bought it and were within their legal rights in getting it for \$2,000. Judge Grady, however, pronounced it a clear case of usury and allowed Fields credit for the shortage on the face of the note. Commissioners were appointed and authorized by His Honor to sell the property and discharge the debt if the plaintiff should not settle it within 30 days.

J. A. Giles and Wade Barber are the commissioners. Mr. Giles, who now lives at Chapel Hill, represented Mr. Fields, and Siler and Barber the Piedmont Credit Co.

The Brauns will case, in which certain slighted kin, sought to set aside the will as a forgery, was compromised, the caveators being allowed a third of the real estate.

The suit of Simon Alston against Lacy Johnson, former Pittsboro policeman, for \$10,000 damage for the death of his son which occurred a few days after Johnson had shot young Alston when several negroes appeared to be attempting to take a prisoner away from him, was continued to another term.

## Chatham High School Principals Organize

The principals of Chatham county high schools met Thursday of last week, with Supt. Thompson and High School Inspector J. H. Highsmith, and organized. Principal Waters of the Pittsboro school was chosen chairman of the session, Moore of Goldston, vice-chairman, and Coltrane of Siler City chairman of the program committee. The club will meet here next on the evening of September 8.

## OIL MILL ENLARGING ITS OPERATING PLANS

The Chatham Oil and Fertilizer Company is preparing for enlarged operations the coming season. Mr. W. Ellington, who has been superintendent of the Clayton mill, has come to Pittsboro as superintendent. The mill will open about the 15th of September, considerably earlier than in recent years, and it is planned to operate the oil and fertilizer departments, altogether, eight months, running 24 hours a day, instead of 12 hours as last season.

The extended period of operation and the double shift of workers will more than double the output, it is stated by Mr. E. Hinton, secretary and treasurer of the company.

Mr. Hinton will be assisted in the office by Mr. George Brooks, Junior, who for the past year or two has been working for the Seaboard Air Line.

It has been more than twenty-one years since the editor of the Record left Lumberton, but when last week's Record appeared a local stated that "Prof. J. H. Highsmith, high school inspector, was a 'Lumberton visitor Tuesday.' Subconsciousness had evidently come to the top,

## Pittsboro At Crossing Of 2 Great Highways

Numbers 75 and 90, Each Sweeping Across the State, Cross at Right Angles Here

Pittsboro is now at the crossing of two main highway arteries as the highways are renumbered. No. 75, which has turned at right angles here and extended westward after coming down from the Virginia line, under the new numbering absorbs number 53 from Pittsboro to Sanford, number 74 from Sanford to Carthage and old highway No. 702 from Carthage to Pinehurst, and highways 512 and 51 from West End through Ellerbe to Rickingham, thus becoming a north and south highway practically from the Virginia to the South Carolina line.

Number 90, born by the adoption of the Jenks road from Pittsboro to highway 50 near Apex, absorbs old 75 from Pittsboro westward and thus becomes the shortest and most direct route from the state capital to the mountain counties. No. 90 is next to No. 10 in length, now having its eastern termination at Roanoke Island and its western at Lenoir in Caldwell county.

New numbering signs are being placed on No. 90 further west, and ere long the signs "90" will be directing travelers from the sea shore to the mountains.

## PRELIMINARY WORK ON NEW HOPE BRIDGE BEGUN

Preliminary work has begun on the New Hope Bridge project, on Highway 90, near Seaforth. This is the fourth big bridge project in Chatham county this season. The contract which was let some time ago involves a cost of more than \$30,000. The bridge will be on the very site of the present bridge, which fact necessitates the construction of a temporary bridge by the contractors and will considerably augment the cost of construction.

It is supposed that the new bridge, which will be of concrete, will be practically the same length and height of the old one. The length is considerable for a stream the size of New Hope, as the New Hope flows through a flat country and the water spreads over a considerable width when the stream is up. It is more like a down-country stream than the typical Chatham county stream.

## Woman's Missionary Of Sandy Creek Baptist Association

Bonlee, August 11—The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary union of the Sandy Creek Baptist association was held today with the Bonlee Baptist church. Representatives from practically all of the churches in the association were present. The association includes churches in Chatham, Lee, Moore and Randolph counties.

The meeting opened at 10 o'clock and lasted until well into the afternoon, dinner being served by the ladies of the Bonlee church.

The 1928 meeting will be held with the Baptist church at Jonesboro.

The following officers were elected: Superintendent, Mrs. June Gunter, of Sanford; assistant superintendent, Mrs. Gunn, of Sanford; secretary, Mrs. E. Nall, of Sanford; treasurer, Mrs. Oliver, of Sanford; junior superintendent, Mrs. E. W. Byler, of Bonlee, and W. Y. A. and G. A. superintendent, Mrs. Boone, of Sanford.

Mrs. Charles U. Harris, of Raleigh, who is state corresponding secretary of the W. M. U. addressed the meeting at the morning session, making a very worthwhile talk on the work of the organization and pointing out definite ways of increasing the service rendered. In the afternoon, the young women of the Bonlee Baptist church gave a demonstration, which consisted of a two-act playlet. The first scene showed an associational meeting and the second a home scene.

Good farmers use pure seeds and pure breeds to underwrite respectable annual profits.

## BEGIN DRIVE TO TEST HEADLIGHTS

Police Officers Called On To Enforce New Automotive Headlight Law

Raleigh, August 12.—Letters have been sent out from the Highway Commission to police chiefs and county sheriffs asking them to enforce the new automotive headlight bill passed by the 1927 Legislature. Around 500 headlight testing stations have been set up over the State, the letter pointed out, and ample opportunity given car owners to have their headlights tested.

Strict enforcement of the law was urged. Police officers are familiar with the fact that blinding headlights are responsible for a big percentage of accidents at night, H. K. Witherspoon, assistant to the chairman, pointed out, and hence have given the law their hearty support from the first.

A large number of motorists have taken advantage of the testing station to have their automobile lights properly adjusted, he stated, but there are still a large number who have not complied with the new law.

The letters, which were mailed yesterday to police chiefs and sheriffs, urge them to see that all cars in their territory have headlights properly adjusted, and bear on the windshield the certificate required there by law.

## "NUMBER NINETY."

The Lexington Dispatch.

Road signs between Lenoir and Pittsboro will probably continue to inform the traveler he is on N. C. Highway 75. These are perfectly good signs and can serve their purpose for awhile yet without changing. We have become accustomed to speak of "75" rather frequently, for it has been a subject uppermost in the community mind for the past two or three years. But if one would be officially correct now the road must be called "Number Ninety." And it is better so. No. 75 is most often thought of now as the most direct way from the Blue Ridge to Raleigh, whereas in fact it turns almost due north from Pittsboro and trails off to the Virginia line. As "Number Ninety" it will symbolize the connecting of the seacoast with the foot of the mountain by the most direct state highway, North Carolina's second longest thoroughfare, yet so well routed that it touches only fifteen counties in a distance of nearly 450 miles. It goes almost directly across the middle of thirteen counties, crosses the corner of another and has its western terminus in the heart of the fifteenth. It goes Tyrrell, Washington, Martin, Edgecombe, the counties of Dare, combe, Nash, Wake, Chatham, Randolph, Davidson, Davie, Iredell and Alexander, crosses the southern tip of Franklin and runs to the county seat of Caldwell. Some of the picturesque names of points along the way are Scuppernon, Heartsease, Eagle Rock, Cedar Falls, Pleasant Grove and Spring Hope, all of which sound inviting to the weary traveler.

## MORE MINERS FOR COAL GLEN MINE

(Sanford Express)

Sixteen miners and their families arrived here Wednesday morning over the Seaboard from Florida. They went from here to Coal Glen, where they take work in the mine of the Carolina Coal Company. Four more miners arrived from Birmingham, Ala., that night, making all told 20 added to the working force of the Carolina mine. The company now has more than 150 men employed in the mine. The daily output is increased as fast as new miners can be added to the working force.

Your cooperation with the Fair manager means education and enlightenment to your neighbors and friends throughout the county.