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COCA COLA

When a fellow drops into the drug stores or soft drink stand and calls for a certain popular drink, he probably does not realize that he is patronizing the largest single users of sugar in the world. The Coca Cola company uses one hundred million pounds of sugar each year. In round numbers this is two hundred and eighty-five thousand, five hundred and fourteen barrels of sugar. It would require 6,250 cars of maximum loading to transport the syrup that is used in the manufacture of Coca Cola each year. This number of cars would make up 164 trains of 38 cars each and placed end to end they would extend 50 miles. The syrup is only a sixth of the ingredients used in Coca Cola manufacture.

If a year's production of Coca Cola was all placed in bottles and the bottles were placed end to end they would extend for 279,596 miles, more than eleven times around the earth. The above figures are taken from the Red Barrel, a booklet published by the Coa Cola Company of Atlanta. They are given merely to act as an illustration of the fact that millions and millions of dollars are spent each year by the American people for soft drinks. Coca Cola is only one of thousands of soft drinks on the market, yet it probably has many times the output and consumption of any other soft drink.

SMALL BONDED DEBT

From figures compiled by the News Letter of the University of North Carolina it is noted that Columbus is 76th down the line in the amount of bonded indebtedness per inhabitant.

Buncombe leads off the list with a bonded indebtedness of \$114.15 per inhabitant and Northampton is last with absolutely no bonded indebtedness.

In this county the rate per inhabitant is \$22.89. In Robeson it is \$37.75; in Bladen \$38.56; in Brunswick \$36.25 and in New Hanover \$87.07.

It will be seen from the above that inhabitants of Columbus are much less in debt for public improvements than are the inhabitants of any of our neighboring counties. In other words, Columbus has made wonderful strides of progress during the past few years and she has done it without heavily bonding either this or future generations.

GETTING AROUND THE STATE

There would seem to be a good field in Columbus, Robeson and Brunswick counties for some of the departments at Raleigh to send a man to look after automobile tags issued by the State of South Carolina and used on automobiles by peo-

ple living in North Carolina. In South Carolina the cost of license tag for a Ford is only \$6.00, in North Carolina the cost is \$12.50 and practically all of the funds from the sale of tags goes to the building and maintaining of roads. Some folks in this state appear perfectly willing to have good roads but they are not willing to contribute their bit towards getting them and keeping them. They find it much easier to get a red South Carolina tag and save themselves \$6.50, into the bargain.

To inspect the cars of commercial travelers doing business in this section will give one the impression that half the drummers in the world are residents of the state of South Carolina and the fraud upon this state in the matter of tags is currently believed to extend to people whose residence in South Carolina never extended upwards of a day.

REPORT OF GRAND JURY

State of North Carolina—Superior Court of Columbus County. To His Honor, Thos. H. Calvert Judge presiding. We, the grand jury of the April term of Superior court the year 1924, beg to submit the following report. We have passed on all bills that have been presented to us where witnesses could be obtained.

We have passed on 74 bills and found 21 true bills and 3 not true. We have also presented such information as we have knowledge of, and all other that has been called to our attention.

We have visited the county home and found that all inmates were well cared for. The rolling chairs recommended by the Grand jury have been provided. A careful examination of the court house showed that the repair work suggested by the Grand jury of the January term of court is being done. A visit to the jail was made and we found that the prisoners were well cared for. They stated that they were well fed all the times.

An examination of the reports of the Justice of the Peace showed that the following have failed to make reports: J. P. Butler, F. H. Britt, J. N. Bullard, K. Clyde Council, J. M. Dorman, W. C. Gore, R. K. Gasque, I. L. Green, J. W. Griffin, J. B. High, C. H. Harrelson, H. S. High, J. R. Long, J. R. Maxwell, G. M. McDaniel, W. H. Phillips, W. A. Register, N. A. Shipman, W. H. Shelly, S. P. Stanley, E. C. Watts, E. G. Watts, V. B. White, I. S. Faulk.

We also, visited the county prison camp and found everything in good condition. The prisoners well cared for, and we feel that this camp would get a good write up if it was investigated by the Welfare Department of the State. Having finished all of our duties to the best of our ability we beg to be discharged. J. E. THOMPSON, Foreman. HERBERT HARRELSON, Sec.

STRONG OPPOSITION TO FORD'S PROPOSITION

The senate agricultural committee is now about ready to begin compiling its bulk of testimony on the Hooker-White-Atterbury proposal for Muscle Shoals, says the Greensboro News. This is one of the three bids for the great hydroelectric development, Henry Ford and the Alabama Power company offering the other two. If the government must lease the gigantic enterprise to an outsider the spirited competition should be of immense value to Con-

gress in consummating a deal that will benefit the people of the country.

Henry Ford, as well as the other two applicants, has a large following throughout the country. There is much to say for and against Ford's proposal. The very name Ford, to many minds, is a symbol of success. It must be remembered that Hank isn't as young now as he was when he launched his automobile enterprise. The glaring Ford light must not be permitted to blind Congress when it comes to leasing this prodigiously valuable water site. A sober examination, free from partisanship, is absolutely necessary if Congress expects to act in behalf of the nation, both from a peace and war point of view. It might be that Ford is the man best fitted to put the project across, but there are others, we submit, eminently fitted to do it in a highly satisfactory way; let the bidders come on. And it must not be forgotten that there is a strong argument in favor of the government maintaining the project under the supervision of its own engineers.

Whoever gets it must be amply supplied with money, because the project is said to be second only to the Panama canal in engineering.

The report has spread rapidly that if Ford gets the project it will mean cheaper fertilizer. This, naturally enough, has drawn many of the farmers to his camp—fertilizer is always a question that stirs the farmer. But if one listens to A. H. Hooker, chemist, associated with the Hooker bidders, Mr. Ford is not work-

ing entirely for the welfare of the agrarian element. Mr. Hooker before the senate committee Tuesday said that Ford did not contemplate manufacturing cheap fertilizer and low priced power but his main idea in bidding on Muscle Shoals was to build up a gigantic automobile industrial city.

POLL HOLDERS AND REGISTERS

The following men have been appointed registers and judges of election at the different precincts in the county. The first named in each instance is the registrar:

- Boardman, Troy Hester, J. A. Tudor, Strange Fields. Bogue, Tecumseh Pierce, J. T. Barefoot, Joe Thompson. Bolton, D. W. Merritt, Eugene Johnson, M. D. Creech. Bug Hill, J. H. Lay, Don Harrelson, K. L. Stanley. Chadbourn, M. V. Harrelson, C. L. Tate, S. C. Bryan. Cerro Gordo, J. Palmer Hammond, J. I. Nance, I. L. Green. Evergreen, Jetter H. Williamson, Rossie Benton, Chester Bullard. Fair Bluff, H. R. Renfrow, J. F. Wadde, M. V. Hinson. Guide, O. F. Holmes, G. K. Gore, J. D. Long. North Lees, N. S. Jolly, J. L. Harrelson, J. H. Soles. South Lees, C. I. Ross, Mathew Ward, B. D. Soles. East Lees, P. T. Ross, B. A. Marlow, G. W. Register. West Lees, N. M. Ward, R. V. White, Franklin Ray. Ransom, R. C. Applegate, S. E. Flynn, W. G. Applegate. East Waccamaw, Rossie Holmes, Josiah Holmes, J. W. Carroll. Waccamaw, Lillie Dickson, J. O. Maulsby, H. L. Smith. Welches Creek, Allie M. Baldwin, N. B. Smith, J. D. Carey. Western Prong, M. W. Pridgen, J. O. Powell, W. Dan Dorsett. North Whiteville, W. W. Schulken, H. V. Batten, W. B. Hobbs. South Whiteville, K. M. Thompson, G. D. Tyre, H. Hinson. South Williams, J. W. Joyner, J. M. Dorman, R. C. Harrelson, Williams, H. G. Harrelson, Frazier Williams, D. D. Mercer. Mollie, S. C. Long, H. J. Stanley, W. E. Todd.

EDWARDS WILL RUN FOR COMMISSIONER

Announcement is made this week of the entrance into the political melee of Mr. R. J. Edwards, of Boardman, who aspires to the office of County Commissioner. This is not the first time that Mr. Edwards has run on the Democratic ticket for office in Columbus county, and he is well known by hundreds of friends over the county.

Mr. Edwards has been living in Columbus county for thirty-five years. He knows every foot of land in the western part of the county. He went to Boardman 34 years ago when the town was the called Hub. He entered the employ of the lumber company there and since that time has been steadily engaged in that business. Mr. Edwards has grown up with Columbus county and has watched her progress with pride. At the same time the county has been making strides forward, he has pro-

gressed himself from a laborer to resident manager of a large concern. He is a sympathetic man, and being a farmer and a lumberman, knows the natures of them all.

Mr. Edwards has been chairman of the school board of his town for many years, is on the Columbus County Fair association committee, and was active in bringing about conditions which would enable building of a state high school in neighboring town of Evergreen.

Dr. Z. V. Cavness of Raleigh, April 21, announced his candidacy for the State Senate from the Senatorial District comprising the counties of Wake, Chatham and ... and will go into the Democratic primary against Charles U. Har-

More cotton is being planted in North Carolina this year than before. It is estimated that the increase in acreage will be from ten to ten per cent over last year.

Wise Spending the Better Half of Thrift

Thrift is commonly regarded as meaning merely the saving, or hoarding, of money. The fact is that thrift is primarily a spending problem, the answer to the questions, what to buy, when to buy, and where to buy it.

There is only one answer to the last of these. Buy what you need from local business men, your friends and neighbors. They will give you better service, and values at least equal to those offered anywhere else.

And then the dollars you spend will stay at home and pay taxes, improve roads, and build schools.

Spending money at home is wise spending

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FORD TRUCK at a bargain, low speed, wormdrive, pneumatic tires. Has been in use 15 months with good care. Just the thing for a farmer. Glenn F. Strole, Chadbourn N. C.—out may 15

LOST — Between Whiteville and Spring Branch, auto license Tag 224968, Jack Andrews, 6 Belevell Ave, Wilmington, N. C.—may 1.*

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NOTICE PEANUT Growers: Ask for our price on Land Plaster before you buy. Bridger Corporation, Bladenboro, N. C.—out May 8)

PORTO RICO Potato and sweet pepper plants ready, guarantee delivery three days after order received \$2.75 thousand; 5,000 plants \$12.00. Leading varieties tomato plants \$1.00 thousand. Mail or express. Satisfaction guaranteed. Carlisle Seed and Plant Farms, Valdosta, Ga.—out may 8*

WANTED Immediately, Eight girls with high school education to enter training school for nurses. For further information write Thompson Hospital, Drawer JJ, Lumberton, N. C.—out may 22*

ICE CREAM, wholesale and retail Hill Bros.—tf.

MAMMOTH YELLOW Soy Beans, \$2.25 per bushel, Geo. E. Collier, R. F. D., Clarkton, N. C.—out may 1*.

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A Statement

A Request A Plea

It is planned to schedule the Fourth Annual Columbus County Fair in Whiteville about the first of the coming November. Bladen and Brunswick counties are asked to participate.

Every man, woman and child of these counties is urged to become interested in the Fair and to give the Association every assistance in making it successful.

No member of the Association obtains financial reward for services in connection with the Fair—other than the Secretary who gets a nominal salary, if there is anything left to pay with after taking care of the regular expense.

Therefore, every effort and every dollar goes toward making it an educational, attractive and inspiring occasion.

Any suggestions which you may make will be appreciated; write them out and send to the Secretary.

Begin now to think about and plan your exhibit.

Help your neighbor, your community, your county, your section and yourself by helping the

Columbus County Fair Association

Mail your communications to the Association, care BRUCE PIERCE, Secretary, Whiteville, N. C.