

## FESTIVAL OPENS FRIDAY

### COTTON STYLE SHOW TO BEGIN HERE TOMORROW

Central Carolina Cotton Festival A Major Attraction This Week.

### CORONATION COTTON BALL

The Central Carolina Cotton Festival, the purpose of which is to exploit the use of cotton products, and in the promotion of which the National Cotton Textile Institute is cooperating, will open after noon at 4 o'clock tomorrow at that hour at the Temple Theatre the showing of more than forty styles of beautiful cotton costumes, modelled on beautiful young ladies, including dresses, sports wear, pajamas, bathing suits and other apparel. No charge is to be made for admission into the show and hundreds are expected to attend and take part in the selection of the Cotton Queen, who will be crowned by King Cotton himself on a structure composed of bales of cotton situated in front of the Wilrik Hotel. The Queen will be attended by a court of beautiful young ladies dressed in cotton dresses.

Following the coronation there will be a concert and festival, given in honor of the Cotton Queen, composed of toe dancing, tap dancing, readings, quartets and other specialties, making a full hour of pleasing entertainment.

Immediately after this there will be a grand march to the ball room of the Wilrik Hotel which will be decorated by the cotton producers of this section, along with a plentiful supply of electric fans to make for everyone's comfort. Dancing will be engaged in from 9:30 to 12:30 a. m. Music will be furnished by Elga and Her Melody Men, which presents the South's only girl orchestra leader. A prize will be awarded to the young lady wearing the best home made costume on the ball room floor. The judges and chaperones will be composed of ladies of the Sanford Woman's Club. The style show and street festival will be free to all. The dance will be \$1.50 script.

### BASEBALL TEAM MAKING RECORD

#### Sanford Team Has Copped Ten Out of 12 Games; Defeated Erwin Yesterday.

By defeating Erwin yesterday in a grilling pitcher's battle that left the game anybody's game until the final inning, the local semi-pro baseball team is looming into prominence as a possible contender for State championship honors. Yesterday's game against the fast Erwin team was won by a score of 2 to 1 in the ninth inning bringing in the run that was needed to win. It was a pitcher's battle from start to finish between Manager Ike Sadler, on the mound for the locals, and Tew Erwin, each able to pitch ten hits.

### HONOR MR. SEAWELL WITH BIG BARBECUE

Honoring Mr. A. F. Seawell, who was recently appointed assistant attorney general, Mr. J. C. Pittman feted the former legislator and some forty others, composed of members of the Lee county bar and county officials with a barbecue at Lemon Springs last Thursday evening.

The guests were greeted by Mr. Pittman after which Lawson L. Williams, solicitor of the Fourth Judicial District, delivered a short address in which he expressed his high esteem in which Mr. Seawell is held by fellow members of the bar and the citizens of his home county. He expressed the regret of his people at losing him but this, he said, would be partly compensated in knowledge of the fact that the State will profit at the acquisition of the distinguished attorney.

### ICE CREAM SUPPER

The ladies of St. Andrews church are giving an ice cream supper Friday night to which the public is cordially invited to attend. Proceeds from the supper will be used to cover the expenses of the church's delegates to the Young People's Conference at Elon College.

### TO HOLD CLINICS

Beginning Monday, June 29, and continuing for four weeks, free typhoid and diphtheria clinics will be held in Lee. The clinics are being held under the auspices of the State Board of Health and the county health officer. These clinics will be held at 14 points on appointed dates.

### A ROOSTER WITH THREE FEET AND 13 TOES

Mr. D. McL. Holt, who is engaged in farming on Federal Highway No. 1 this side of Tramway, has a young rooster among his flock of chickens that enjoys the distinction of having three feet. The third, or extra foot, has five toes on it, making 13 for the three feet. People who are superstitious about the number 13, may think it unfortunate that this rooster, that is otherwise normal, will have to carry this unlucky number through life.

### KIWANIANS HOLD INTER-CLUB MEET

#### Asheboro Club Guest of Sanford Club In An Interesting Meeting Friday.

The Sanford and Asheboro Kiwanis clubs held an inter-club meeting at the Carolina Hotel last Friday evening at 6:30, the latter club returning the visit the Sanford club made some three weeks ago. The Asheboro club put on the program. At the conclusion of dinner President J. A. Overton called the meeting to order and welcomed the visiting club in a few appropriate words. President Henry Robbins, responding in behalf of his club, spoke of the delightful meeting of the two clubs at Asheboro. The first thing on the program was a song facing the flag, with Miss Ethel Johnson, of the visiting club at the piano.

President Robbins turned the program of the evening over to Secretary Dan Burns, of the Asheboro club, who acted as chairman. Rev. Allen Brantley, pastor of the First Methodist church of Asheboro, made the first speech of the evening. He made a humorous talk on "Saying the right thing at the wrong time and the wrong thing at the right time." He cleverly mixed up these phrases in giving men's experiences and in the final analysis emphasized the importance of co-operation in the activities of life. All enjoyed the solo by Prof. Ralph Hilker, superintendent of the Asheboro graded schools. He accompanied the solo with the piano. Prof. Hilker has a splendid voice. A recitation by Mr. E. V. Hobbs, a business man, of Asheboro, also made a hit. All found the exchange of visits between these two clubs very pleasant and profitable and would be glad to see them repeated at any time.

### THIS WEEK SEES THE CLOSE OF THE DEWBERRY CROP.

It seems that the dewberry crop was of short duration. The last pickings are being shipped this week. The first shipments were made by express the week before last. They brought fancy prices, but after heavy shipments went north the price slumped and the last shipments that have been made dropped to about \$2.00 per crate. This is considered a low price by the growers. In some cities where a number of cars found ready sale last season only one or two cars were marketed this season. The people wanted the berries, but as they did not have the purchase price they could not buy them.

### PURINA CHOW CAR

Palmer-Reeves Co. announces that a car of Purina chow will arrive here early Friday morning. The car will occupy the Seaboard track at Union station during Friday and Saturday and farmers wishing a supply of Purina feeds are urged to come to the car on those days.

### ATTEND WEDDING

Misses Frances Wilkins and Mildred Cross, of this city and Joyce Flippin, of Pilot Mountain, and Ruth Cunningham, of Apex, left the first of the week for Mullins, S. C., to attend the wedding of Miss Mary Agnes Williams to Fletcher Hixon, of Chattanooga, Tenn. The young women are to serve as bridesmaids at the wedding.

### SEAWELLS MAY MOVE TO CHAPEL HILL

Hon. A. F. Seawell, who represented Lee county in the last General Assembly and who was appointed Assistant Attorney General will go to Raleigh to enter upon the discharge of his duties July 1st. While Mr. Seawell will be in Raleigh most of the time, he will keep an office open here where he will transact professional business. The many friends of the Seawell family throughout this section will regret to hear that they contemplate moving to Chapel Hill where they will make their home temporarily, if not permanently. All have felt that Mr. Seawell and family were a Lee county "fixture" and that no inducement would be strong enough to take them away. Let us hope that should they go they will see fit to return at some future time.

### NEW SCHOOL LAW ENFORCES RIGID ECONOMY

Economic Conditions Make It Imperative That School Officials Trim Expenses Wherever Possible.

### SANFORD LOSES TEACHERS

#### Doubtful If Sanford Schools Will Pay Teachers Bonuses This Year As In Past Years.

The new school law makes the most rigid economy compulsory in the operation of town and county schools. And not only the new school law but local financial conditions, the inability of the citizens to pay higher taxes, and the exigencies of the situation, make it imperative that school authorities trim their budgets and save the pennies wherever it is possible to do so.

Under the new school law the Sanford schools will lose two if not three teachers for the next term. The same policy will apply to the county schools and the teaching force will be cut in almost every school it is expected.

Not only the teaching staff but salaries will be reduced. The new state schedule provides for a horizontal cut of ten per cent in salaries below the requirements as imposed which will 1930-1931 schedules. Certain other save money.

The situation with respect to the Sanford schools is interesting. It has been the policy of the schools here in the past to pay a bonus, or to supplement teachers' salaries from local funds and allow them a higher salary than the state schedules permit. This is done, or has been done, in other towns in the past. But it now seems uncertain as to whether there will be any bonuses allowed next term. All increases or additions to salaries above State schedules come from local funds and are paid by local tax payers.

It is interesting to note that under the new school law the high school principal must be counted as a teacher and that the superintendent if he does no actual school work and devotes his entire time to administrative and official duties must get his salary entirely from local funds. The State will allow nothing for the superintendent's salary in a school that has fewer than 50 teachers.

Mrs. J. F. Rivers was called to Wadesboro Sunday morning because of the illness of her father, W. A. Gaddy, who died Sunday night at the home there of his daughter, Mrs. W. F. Humbert. Funeral services were conducted from the home Tuesday morning by Rev. Mr. Jackson, former pastor of the deceased, interment was in the Berean cemetery near the old Gaddy homestead, six miles west of Wadesboro. His grandsons acted as pallbearers, with his granddaughters carrying the floral offerings.

Mr. Gaddy was a life long member of the Baptist church, having been very active in the work of the church until a few years ago. He was a Confederate veteran, and General Smith, an intimate friend of Mr. Gaddy, who is one of the surviving Confederate veterans in this section. Mr. Gaddy, whose wife died here in 1924 while visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Rivers, is survived by the following children: Mrs. Rivers; Mrs. C. M. Perry, Wingham; Mrs. C. W. Thomas, Quincy, Fla.; Mrs. J. A. Gaddy, Wadesboro; and Mr. N. A. Gaddy, Timmonsville, S. C.; one half-brother, Rev. A. C. Davis, Olive Branch, N. C.; a number of grand-children, and great-grandchildren, one of whom is twenty-one years old.

### SQUARE DANCE AT SANFORD HOTEL

The local Business and Professional Women's Club enjoyed a square dance at the Sanford Hotel Tuesday night. A local string band furnished the music for the gay occasion. A large number were present to enjoy the affair.

### QUICK THOUGHT SAVES TOWN \$50

Mrs. Coy Extinguishes Fire By Connecting Hose To Water Faucet—Big Rain and Thunderstorm.

The intense heat and drought was broken last Tuesday afternoon by a good rain. While there was not a good season, yet the crops will be greatly benefited by it. The rain hurried to be general throughout this section. The rain accompanied by a thunder storm. During the storm Mrs. W. H. Coy, of Greensboro Avenue, who was visiting a neighbor, discovered a fire in her home. She hurried to the scene and with a hose attached to a water faucet extinguished the flames. In the meantime some one telephoned the fire department without sending in the alarm. Gregg hurried to the scene with fire trucks, but found that the fire had been extinguished. Mrs. Coy is to be commended for having the presence of mind to extinguish the flames herself without sending in the alarm which would have cost the town about \$50.00. Before the fire the fire under control it burned two window curtains and a shade and some books. It also burned a phone wire in two. It is thought the fire started by the house being struck by lightning.

### LOCAL TOBACCO MARKET TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 23RD

Middle Belt District Opening Is Set By U. S. Tobacco Association.

### FINE CROP IN LEE COUNTY

Tobacco Men Look Forward To Another Good Year On Sanford Market.

At a meeting of the Tobacco Association of the United States, in Asheville last week practically the same dates for the opening of the tobacco markets of the southeast were fixed as were observed last year. According to the dates fixed the middle belt district of North Carolina and Virginia, of which the Sanford market is a part, will open September 22nd. The tobacco growers and warehousemen of this section have always felt that the Sanford market should open earlier, as much tobacco raised in Lee and adjoining counties is graded and carried to other markets before this market opens. As the tobacco crop in this section is about ten days to two weeks late this season and the planters will be pushed to get it gathered and graded, perhaps September 22nd is early enough to open this season. There is some beautiful tobacco in this county, but the crop is small as it was put out late and the dry weather has held it back. Should the yield be good there will probably be more tobacco raised in this section than ever before in the history of the industry, as the acreage is greater.

Sanford market handled twice the amount of tobacco last year ever handled here before. This was because the market had a live bunch of warehousemen and good buyers. The third warehouse being opened did more to increase the sales than any other one thing. The same warehousemen will be on the market this year with some additional experienced help as was recently stated in The Express. It is too early to tell anything about prices, but it is feared that if a big crop be made they will be low. Col. A. E. Carrington, of Danville, Va., president of the Tobacco Association, in making his annual report, said that retaliatory measures of other governments as a result of United States tariffs are "certainly doing the tobacco industry no good." He cited the duties on tobacco as the greatest of the tariff work on the market for his crop and said that in some cases that in the end it is a protective tariff is obliged to consider a harmful one.

In spite of an aggressive campaign for a reduction of the 1931 tobacco crop, Mr. Carrington said even the most optimistic claim hardly more than a 10 per cent reduction, and favored by some growers, however, it can't affect that estimate greatly.

Record Crop. Mr. Carrington reported that the 1930-31 crop in the bright districts of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia will go down in history as the largest crop of bright tobacco ever grown and marketed in these districts but it sold at the lowest general average for the past several years.

He cited figures for 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, and 1930, showing that as production increased the price decreased. "The fact that there is almost a direct ratio between the increasing crop and the decreasing average price."

Stocks of tobacco on hand held by manufacturers, in the United States, of all types, amounted to 2,150,000,000 pounds in April, 1931, compared with 1,965,000,000 pounds in April, 1930, the president continued. He pointed out, however, that though stocks of bright tobacco in the year, most of the stock was of medium tobaccos.

### Supply Far Too Great.

"Following three previous crops of record size, the world cannot take and consume this much tobacco," Mr. Carrington said, "especially when all other countries, which never before are making determined efforts to raise their own, backed by legislative enactments designed to protect the tobacco growers in their respective countries."

In spite of all things, he said, tobacco in Lee County is held in its own company with wheat, corn, cotton, copper, rubber, peanuts, and other commodities, and yet another large crop appears to be confronting the United States.

Tobacco production by various nations, as well as statutory aid given tobacco growers through tariffs and other regulations, were listed by the speaker. Tobacco exports for 1930 barely increased in tonnage over 1929, he said, and except for smoking tobacco and exports of all manufactured tobaccos decreased.

### SHOWER FOR ST. THOMAS AUXILIARY

An invitation is extended to the public by the members of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Thomas Episcopal church, to attend at 5 P. M., Thursday, July 2nd, a table shower, to include a number of refreshments. The basement of the church is being arranged as a guild room and this shower is for the purpose of helping the Auxiliary in its work there.

### SPECIAL POTTERY SALE

Elsewhere in this issue of The Express will be noted the special sale of pottery, manufactured by the North State Pottery, which is located in Lee county. This sale, which began June 22 will last through July 1 and the public is afforded the opportunity of purchasing these beautiful creations in pottery at greatly reduced prices. The pottery is on sale at Three Points.

## A. & Y. PETITION DENIED

### STATE HIGHWAY OFFICE WILL BE LOCATED HERE

Lee, Moore, Harnett and Cumberland Counties Compose 4th District of Division B.

### KOONCE LOCAL ENGINEER

Administrative Offices To Be Opened At Lee Courthouse

Designation of Sanford as headquarters for Highway District No. 4 of Division B, has been announced by Leslie R. Ames, State Highway engineer. The announcement also advised that J. B. Koonce would become district engineer. District No. 4 is composed of Lee, Moore, Harnett and Cumberland counties. Offices for the District will be maintained at the Lee county court house, the offices formerly occupied by Tax Collector E. A. Griffin having been taken over. The office personnel, under the supervision of Mr. Koonce, will likely become established by July 1 on which date the county roads will pass into the vast State highway system.

The official personnel of Division B, in which the Sanford District is located, is as follows: W. P. Morson, engineer; T. T. Betts, assistant engineer; headquarters at Fayetteville. District engineers; No. 1, F. N. Edgerton, headquarters at Goldsboro; No. 2, R. V. Biberstein, headquarters at Wilmington; No. 3, L. E. Whitefield, headquarters at Clinton; No. 4, J. B. Koonce, headquarters at Sanford; No. 5, J. W. Spruill, headquarters at Lumberton.

The district set up and the district personnel of the new State highway organization was completed Tuesday for the State on July 1 to add 45,000 miles of county roads to the 10,000 in the present State system it already maintains.

In Lee, as in every other county in the State, county officials have been busy during the last few days making preparations to turn over to the State the highway system. The transfer of the roads will be completed by July 1. The transfer of the roads will be completed by July 1.

### DEATH OF MR. CURTIS

Mr. Curtis Eugene Rosser died at his home near Jonesboro, June 18th after several years of patient suffering with a complication of diseases. The funeral was held Friday at Poplar Springs Methodist church, conducted by his pastor, Rev. I. T. Pool, assisted by Rev. T. F. Wright of the Christian church. The Junior Order No. 148, of Jonesboro, of which he was a faithful member had charge of the service. Mr. Rosser requested his two most favorite hymns be sung, "How Firm a Foundation" and "In the Sweet By and By."

Mr. Rosser was born September 28, 1869, in Chatham county. He was twice married. His first wife was Mrs. Maggie Hackney, of Chatham county, and left two children, Mrs. A. C. Farrell, of High Point, who spent three years, and T. H. Rosser, of Beckley, West Va. His second wife was Miss Hattie Wright, of Cumberland county. She has eight children: Irvin Rosser, of Erwin, Carter, Ethel, Pauline, Cortez, Eugene, Eunice, Eula May, who are all at home.

Mr. Rosser was a faithful and loyal member of Memphis church, but moved his membership to Poplar Springs after coming to Lee county. He was a progressive farmer, a lover of his home and family, and provided well for them. He suffered intensely for the large part of two years but he bore it patiently with an abiding faith in Christ. He will be greatly missed in the home, church and community. All of his children were at his bedside. A large number of relatives and friends of the surrounding counties attended the funeral.

### FREE PICNIC GROUNDS

Morris Pond, located in the southern section of Lee County is open for business. Fishing, boating, bathing. A good place to spend a few hours in the afternoon or evening. The picnic grounds are free to all and the public is cordially invited to visit the place and have a good time.

### HEALTH QUEEN TO BE CROWNED

Home Demonstration Clubs To Sponsor Program At Court House Saturday.

All Home Demonstration clubs in Lee County will join in a picnic at the court house Saturday, June 27. The exercises will begin at 10:30 A. M. and will include the crowning of the Queen of Health, a stunt contest by the sixteen women's clubs. Men will judge the stunts. Miss Mary E. Thomas, food specialist from the Extension Department, State College, will speak to the women and will present awards of merit to club members who have deserved them.

After the picnic dinner, which will be spread under the trees on the court house lawn, the women and girls will return to the court room to see a cotton dress style show in which club members will serve as models. The forty or more dresses to be shown in this show were loaned by the Cotton Textile Institute to the Sanford Merchant's Association. The Home Demonstration Agent is cooperating with the association in showing the dresses at the county meeting.

### SUPPLIES ROCKEFELLER FARM BOUGHT HERE

Mr. Percy Rockefeller not only has a big game preserve over in upper Harnett near Manchester, but he is having farming operations carried forward on a large scale on what is known as the Christian farm. Mr. Rockefeller has about 100 acres in cotton and a large acreage in tobacco. The farm is managed by Captain Miller, an Englishman.

### POE FAMILY TO HOLD REUNION

#### Members of Family Will Gather At May's Chapel in Chatham County, July 1.

Dear Friend: You are cordially and urgently invited to attend the 1931 annual "Poefamily Reunion" at May's Chapel, Chatham county, at 11 a. m., Wednesday, July 15.

This is a reunion of all descendants of the original Jesse Poe who came to Chatham county from Culpepper County, Va., about 1780, and of his sons—Gilbert, Beverly, James, Jesse, Joseph, Hasten, and Willis; and of his daughter Lucy first wife of Jordan Tysor. All relatives of the family by marriage are also invited. The program this year is as follows:

11 A. M.—Opening Statement by C. C. Poe, Pittsboro, chairman, and played by Rev. W. D. Poe, Oxford.

11:10—Music.  
11:20—"The Life and Times of My Father and Mother, Joseph M. Poe (1809-68) and Alice Hackney Poe (1810-81)" by Mrs. Alice Poe Brown (age 81) now of Vidalia, Ga. Presented by her daughter, Mrs. John A. Robinson, Wadesboro. General address of public speaking, Georgia Military Academy, Atlanta.

12:00—Music.  
12:10—Official Reminiscences and announcements.  
1:00—Picnic dinner, prize awards, and other interesting musical program.

2 P. M.—A \$5 gold piece will go as a prize to the person who brings an exhibit the most interesting collection of old relics, papers, or documents that were once owned by old members of the Poe family or families, which have been sent to the exhibitor. Exhibitors have received prizes at previous reunions are welcomed but cannot compete for this year's prize.

3 P. M.—Dinner will be served at 1 p. m., and all persons should bring well-filled baskets and good appetites. Please send me a postal card or letter giving names and addresses of persons to whom invitations should be sent. Please do this at once. In connection with each name send name, please say whether person you are sending me a postal card or letter to is living or deceased, and if deceased, please say whether you have any old relics or documents or antiques of any kind you know of. (These of course can be carried back home after you exhibit them). Please bring a nomination for next year's reunion. Please bring suggestions for next year's Reunion program.

Hoping to see you at May's Chapel, July 15, I am  
Yours sincerely,  
Clarence Poe.

### OBSERVE JULY 4 AT LAKEVIEW

All eyes are turning to Lakeview again this year for the observance of July 4 which promises to be one of the biggest celebrations held in years. Hundreds of people are expected to spend the day at the famous Moore county waterside on the Nation's birthday.

Among the features planned for the celebration is the bathing beauty contest in which a number of young women are expected to enter. There will also be swimming and diving contests and row boat and motor boat races. Prizes will be given the winners. Other sports which may be indulged are bathing, boating, fishing, toboggan slide and diving swing.

From 3 to 6 P. M. there will be a tea dance and from 8 to 12 P. M. the regular dance. Music will be furnished by the Carolina Serenaders.

### OPEN BIDS FOR STREET WORK

The Board of Aldermen will meet Tuesday night, June 30th to open bids for oiling 25,000 square yards of streets in the town. It is expected that there will be plenty of bids for this job as work is hard to get. The work of putting down the oil on the streets will probably begin soon after the contract is let.

### LIBRARY NOTES

Now Pierian Club books: Cox, John Harrington: Folk-Songs of the South; Elliott, L. E.: Brazil Today and Tomorrow; Hildebrand, Arthur S.: Magellan's Life and Adventures by Land and Sea; Miles, Blair: Colombia, Land of Miracles; Prescott, William H.: History of the Conquest of Peru; Browne, Edith A.: Peeps at Industries; Rubber; Gerould, Gordon H.: Saint's Legends; James, Herman G., and Martin, Percy A.: The Republics of Latin America; Michener, Carroll K.: Heirs of the Incas; Shepherd, William R.: The Hispanic Nations of the New World; Lindsay, Forbes, and Winter, Nevill C.: Panama and the Canal Today.

### DENY PETITION OF RAILROAD TO REDUCE SERVICE

Corporation Commission Won't Let A. & Y. Stop Passenger Service.

### MOTORS AS ALTERNATIVE

The State Corporation Commission, before whom Sydnor DeButts, of Greensboro, general manager of the Atlantic & Yadkin Railroad, appeared Tuesday with a petition asking that his railroad be permitted to discontinue all passenger service between Mt. Airy and Sanford, dismissed the plea of the railroad, however, the commission announced that the road would be permitted to renew its petition if conditions did not take a turn for the better by next year.

A large delegation of local merchants and business men, including K. H. Hoyle, counsel for the local merchant's Association, attended the hearing. Mr. Airy, Siler City, Bonlee, Liberty and other towns along the A. & Y. were represented by delegations. These voiced strong opposition to the contention of Mr. DeButts. Petitions signed by hundreds were presented in protest.

In sustaining his position, Mr. DeButts called attention to the fact that the A. & Y. showed an operating deficit of \$32,000 for the first four months of the year and obviously couldn't continue on such a basis.

"We've got to do something, and we are asking to do the thing that will hurt less than anything else," he said, adding that the passenger business has been lost to private motor cars. "It's a short-sighted policy to require us to continue running empty passenger trains up and down the road," said Mr. DeButts, who indicated that continued heavy deficits might force the road to apply to the Interstate Commerce Commission for abandonment of freight as well as passenger service.

Mr. DeButts related the news and observed, somewhat scornfully, that the Southern Railway, which owned the stock of the A. & Y., had no interest in its policies and was not interested in its operation. He stated that the management of the road since it went into receivership in 1924 or since it came out last year, and that the Southern knew nothing about the petition to abandon passenger service until he went to Washington to confer with counsel on charter provisions.

The News & Observer continued: Opponents of the petition stated frankly that they believed, were the petition granted, that the road would be for the A. C. I. to come in with a similar petition for its end of the C. F. and Y. V. thus removing passenger service from the entire 250 miles from Mount Airy to Wilmington over the road the State poured its money into back in the 1850's in an effort to insure cross-State transportation facilities.

C. G. Yates, of Greensboro, also stressed the necessity of keeping the A. & Y. in operation as a coming road for the benefit to North Carolina freight rates.

The part of the petition relative to abandoning passenger service on the mixed trains between Ramseur and Madison, a branch of the A. & Y., was not heard. The board decided the residents along the route might not have had ample notice.

Assisting Mr. DeButts in his conduct of the case was J. R. McClamrock, Jr., Greensboro attorney but lawyers had little to do with the hearing, which was entirely informal. None of the respondents' testimony was given under oath, and the whole hearing resembled a Quaker meeting more than a court proceeding. Persons with something to say stepped up and said it regardless of what was going on.

Eight towns were represented by delegations at the hearing with spokesmen as follows: Mount Airy, George K. Snow; Pilot Mountain, C. M. Bernard; Liberty, J. T. Martin; Siler City, O. B. Reitzel; Goldston, L. B. Hester; Sanford, K. R. Hoyle; Bear Creek, G. B. Emerson and Staley, C. M. Staley.

### JONESBORO MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Dallas Kelly, 34, prominent Lee county farmer, took his own life last Friday at his home near Jonesboro by shooting himself with a shotgun, the lead entering his body just below the heart. The deed was committed about 6 o'clock a. m. and he died about four hours later.

Mr. Kelly was a son of the late Louis Kelly and Mrs. Janie Kelly. He is survived by his widow who prior to her marriage was Miss Waddell, of Swann Station; several small children, one sister, Mrs. L. Cox, of Jonesboro; one half-sister, Miss Maxine McNeill, and two half-brothers, Prentiss and Clarence McNeill, all of Jonesboro.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock last evening at the Chapel of the Holy Christian Church. The body was interred in the church cemetery.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation for the kindness and sympathy shown us by our many friends and neighbors during the illness and death of our daughter and sister, Mrs. Elsie Lett.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sloan and family.