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LEE PEACH CROP MOVING OVERSHOT AND ADDRESS OF THE PEACH CROP MOVING

WILKINS PEACH FARM WILL NET 8,000 BUSHELS

Wilkins Brothers State Production Might Possibly Reach 10,000 Bushels.

The Lemon Heights Orchard located seven miles out of San-ford, is far from being the largest orchard of its kind in North Carolina's famed Sandhill section and the Sandhill peach industry is many notches below that enjoyed by this fruit in Georgia and California, yet the local orchard is strikingly interesting not only from a community but from a viewpoint to which a much larger scope contributes. As a matter of fact this orchard

is not in the Sandhills at all but merely skirts the section of which Bion H. Butler, Ralph Page and others have for years written paeans of praise.

Wilkins Pioneer.
But whether in the Sandhills or not, But whether in the Sandhills or not, and that is a question that must be left geological authority for settlement, this orchard is by no means secondary to any in the real peach belt and the visitor to this orchard cannot leave its aromatic environment without at least thinking: "I have seen one of the most beautiful signts in Goshen."

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Ten years ago, the late Lucien P. Wilkins, an enterprising Virginian, who had treked to Lee county many years before, and a man who had attained unto remarkable success as a business man and tobacco farmer, became interested in the peach in-dustry. He became optimistic but dustry. He becand optimistic but his optimism was prompted not by that of the misguided sort for Mr. Wilkins was by nature the investigator and he did not enter this new field without first making a comprehensive study of the problems to be faced in peach growing. He studied the soil, its typography, the effect of the weather and the sun on different types of earth, and after having satisfied himself of the kind of soil that he believed best adapted to peach ned himself of the kind of soil that he believed best adapted to peach culture, he selected a 220-are tract of land. Although this was as late as 1920, a period in which land values had soared to the mountain tops, he was able to buy this farm at the low price of only \$12 per acre—its owners believed it absolutely worthless and put ll.re, only, as kobert N. Page used to say, "to raise hell on."

Today, there is not a more successfully operated orchard in the North Carolina peach belt, and while it is

fully operated orchard in the North Carolina peach belt, and while it is common knowledge that a great many growers; in the past several years, have been forced into bankruptcy through poor crops and low prices, the owners of this orchard have broke even four years out of the past six, the length of time in which the orchard has been productive, and have realize handsomery on the remaining two years.

This year there is a wonderful crop of peaches in the Lemon Heights orchard. So productive were the trees that early in the season it was necked as yet that many of the peaches be pulled from the trees to give those that were keft a chance to attain their normal growth. Now, where they were left a chance to attain their normal growth. Now, where they have not been harvested thay hang in luscious clusters awaiting the approach of the picker. The owners of this magnificent orchard, Lucien P. Wilkins, Jr., Alexander B. Wilkins and W. Banks Wilkins, sons of the late Lucien P. Wilkins, believe they will harvest from eight to ten thousand bushels of Geofgia Belles and Elbertas from their eighty acres this year. Already they have shipped ten carloads, a total of almost 4,000 bushels, and they expect to ship eight or els, and they expect to ship eight or ten more carloads before the close of the season which they anticipate to els, and they expect to snip eight of ten more carloads before the close of the season which they anticipate to end by the middle of next week. The 4,000 bushels comprise only their long distance shipment. For the past week or two the Wilkins trucks have been transporting the delightful fruit to other towns and cities of North Carolina and much of their crop has been disposed of locally. Hundreds of cars during the past few days have stopped at the Wilkins farm, charmed by the magic sight, and made purchases to carry home. In fact a great quantity of this crop has been disposed of in this manner, for being the first orchard of the Beit to which cars approach from the north and the last as they come from the south, the motorists have been unable to overcome the impulse that commanded them to stop and purchase the fruit. So they have been "gettin' 'em goin' an' comhave been "gettin' 'em goin' an' com-in'."

Low Prices. There is only one fly in the oint-ment to worry the Wilkins boys this year, and that, perceptibly, is the price. And this is one commodity the year, and that, perceptibly, is the price. And this is one commedity the political economists must admit, that has not come under the "high tariff" wall. But it has come under another wall equally as depressive, even though it should not be so, and that is over-production. Heaped on this is another factor, equally if not more so depressing to the North Carolina growers, and one that is an annual fright—the early ripening of the mammoth Georgia crop, the size of which is several times several of the Carolina crop. That is exactly what happened this year. There is a large crop, and the Georgia crop beat the Sandhill crop to the New York market. Consequently, the Wilkins boys, instead of mopping up from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per basket as they did last year—one of their best years in the business—are getting but from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per basket this year—an amount (Please Turn to Page Eight.)

SOLICITOR WILLIAMS RAISES TOBACCO WELL AS SHEOL AMONG LAWBREAKERS

Disappointed In The Price Of Peaches Last Year, Solicitor Clawson L. Williams Switches To Tobacco Culture—Has One of The Finest Crops of Tobacco Seen In Lee County This Year—Is Able Farmer As Well As Able Prosecutor of Criminal Docket.

beyond doubt that he is able to raise tobaceo as well as sheol among blockaders and other law-breakers. He has reputation of being one of the ablest solicitors in the State, but it seems that he is not satisfied with wearing the honors of an able prosecuting of ficer; he has an ambition to be known as one of the best farmers in this section of the Statu. A few years ago he bought one of the best farms on Boone Trail between Jonesboro and Broadway. To own a good farm in that section is within itself a distinction that many would like to enjoy. When the peach fever struck the Sandhill section, which includes part of Lee and Harnett as well as Moore and adjoining counties, Solicitor Williams, along with many others, thought he saw a fortune in peach culture. He put a large act age on his farm to peaches and in two or three years people stopped to admire his beautiful peach orchard as they passed along on the high!way. He had fine prosp. at and felt that soon his pocket would be bulging with the long green from the sale of peaches, but is dealing with the great commission hous. s of New York and other markets is one of the greatest gambles of modern times, like other enthusiastic peach growers he soon discovered the web into which delusion had entangled him. After playing a losing beyond doubt that he is able to raise he had all the trees, but a row or two tangled him. After playing a losing on his cotton.

Solicitor C. L. Williams has proven | game two or three years, last year

LEE COUNTY HOLDS THE LEE BOARD URGES RECORD ON BULL CALVES

County Demonstration Agent E. O. McMahan in making his report on farm activities to the State Ag-cultural Department states that the Lee County, 4-H Club claims the record for bull calves. The members of the Club were furnished 13 purebred Jersey heifers in May, 1930, by the Sanford Rotury Club Eleven of these heiters have calved, ten dropping bull calves, and one a heifer. The heifer

county keller Association are low and there are calls to this organization for aid daily. Your \$1.50 will help this organization to continue the great work it is doing in the county.

Arrangements for the dance are under the supervision of Fred J. Williams. The affair will be adequately chaperoned.

MISS GUNTER TO TAKE NEW PLACE

County Supervisor Schools Accepts Position On N. C. C. W. Faculty.

Announcement of acceptance of a Announcement of acceptance of a position on the faculty of the North Carolina College for Women was made recently by Miss Ruth Gunter, who has served as County Supervisor of Lee County schools for a number of years. The public has been taken with much surprise with this announcement for Miss Gunter, who has been, perhaps, more instrumental than any other individual in the wonderful development of the public school sysdevelopment of the public school system in this county, had come to be

development of the public school system in this county, had come to be regarded as a permanent fixture here. She has been regarded, state school officials advise, as one of the best school supervisors in the State.

Miss Gunter is a graduate of the Coffege with which she is to be henceforth identified, and last year received her degree at Columbia University. Miss Gunter's ability was recognized by her appointment as a member of the State text book commission, and her recent election as dission, and her recent election as dis-trict president of the North Carolina Teachers' Association for the third district. She has been active in church welfare and social circles and her leaving Sanford and Lee county brings regret to her many friends.

Miss Mary Lynn Judd, who holds a position as a supervisor of schols at Tuscaloosa, Ala., is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. M. Judd, here.

OIL TREATMENT OF JONESBORO ROAD

County Commissioners Take Up POSTMASTER TO Important Matters In Monthly Meeting.

ORDER SCHOOL ELECTIONS

er Advertisement Of Tax
Sale Until September 1

Other Matters.

There is a rune
J. W. Gilliam has,
postmaster of Sunfa
a vacancy in the re-

following: "Whereas the Board of Commis-"Whereas the Board of Commissioners understand that certain citizens of the county are going to make application to the State Highway Commission that the surface of the roadway leading from Jonesboro to Lemon Springs be oil treated;

"And whereas the traffic over and along said road, (particularly in travel going from Highway 60 to any point on Highway 50, and vice versa) is heavy and it would be for the best interests of persons using said road

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"Therefore, Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Lee

"That the State Highway Commis "That the State Highway Commission of North Carolina be urged to do anything it possibly can to the end that the surface of the roadway leading from Jonesboro to Lemon Springs, and connecting highways 50 and 60 time condition be oil treated."

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Report of grand jury was read and its recommendations, considered and its recommendations.

its recommendations A motion was offered by Commissioner Lawrence that the Budget, under the head of "General Control" six months school term for the fiscal year, 1931 to 1932, and for "Capital Outlay," as amended, be adopted, on condition that Sanford Condet Shool

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LEAVE POSITION

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Ask Oil Treatment.

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Club Hears Rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church Discuss International Matters.

The Rotary Club met Tuesday in the basement of the Episcopal church where luncheon was served by the n an interesting talk

was made by land Mr. Brow ness was eve

sary arrangements.

UNIT TO LEAVE FOR CAMP

PAGE TRUST COMPANY WILL MOVE INTO BATTERY "E" TO NEW QUARTERS IN WILKINS BUILDING

Banking Officials Consummate Contract With Wilkins-Ricks Com-pany In Raleigh Monday; Latter Firm To Remodel Building To Conform To Plans Furnished By Bank—Work Of Remodeling To Begin At Once and Bank Will Move As Soon As Quarters

Upon learning that the Page Trust it necessary for Mr. Edwards to re-Company would be moved to new the from the banking business. It quarters at an early date The Express passed into the hands of other busiquarters at an early date The Express passed into the hands of other busiman interviewed Mr. R. N. Page, president of the Page Trust Company, in Raleigh Wednesday and learned that a contract had been signed by him to move the bank to the Wilkins-Ricks building on Steele Street, now occupied by Mr. W. R. Griffin, agent for Wilkins-Ricks Company, and company, and company, and company, and company wilkins, Jr., and Banks Wilkins, L. P. Wilkins, Jr., and Banks Wilkins, Who was in the cotton mill business March 2016. The late T. L. Chisholm, who was in the cotton mill business and professional men in Sanford and this section before wilkins, Jr., and Banks Wilkins, Who was in the cotton mill business massed into the hands of other business men and was reorganized under as Sanford capital stock was \$50, 100. Sonte of the leading and most substantial business and professional men in Sanford and this section before the sanford and this section before the page Trust Company, and the sank. The late T. L. Chisholm, who was in the cotton mill business and professional men in Sanford and this section before the page to the sank. The late T. L. Chisholm, who was in the cotton mill business and professional men in Sanford and this section before the page to the sank and the late T. L. Chisholm, who was in the cotton mill business and professional men in Sanford and this section before the sank and the late T. L. Chisholm, who was in the cotton mill business and professional men in Sanford and this section before the leading and most substantial business and professional men in Sanford and this section before the leading and most substantial business and professional men in Sanford and this section before the leading and most substantial business and professional men in Sanford and this section before the leading and most substantial business and professional men in Sanford and this section before the leading and most substantial business and professional men in Sanford and this section before the leading and most substantial b Mr. Griffin. The building has been leased for a number of years and according to the contract will be remodeled throughout. The front will be changed and the partition between the two rooms removed. The bank will be equipped with modern furniture and furnishings and will be upto-date in every respect. The room adjoining the bank will be furnished and equipped for the Page Corporation, an insurance company run in connection with the Page Trust Company.

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First before him was Armand Bernard, local white man, up for having violated the prohibition law in various and sundry ways, one of which was driving a car while under the influence of whiskey. The State, though ably represented by Solicitor finally separated the two and they Hoyle, failed to make a case and Mr. Barnard was released upon payment of Sia and the costs.

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The Club exitended a vote of thanks to Rotarian Banks Wilkins for a bushel of peaches from the Wilkins farm.

On August 18, girls of Sanford between the ages of eleven and fourteen will be given a picnic at Lakeview by the oRtarians. A committee consisting of W. H. Fitts, R. E. Bobbitt and Wilbur McIver will make the necessary arrangements.

Nick Copeland, Jack Chand: The altercation cost Mr Jones \$51.25 in hospital expense and incidentals. The Court found both guilty and each was given a suspended sentence of two years. Each was ordered to bond fixed at \$500. Chandler appeared without bond and was allowed to give bond for \$100. Both Chandler and Copeland are regular customers of the Court, and

office are interested in seeing that a good competent man is put on the job.

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Kermit Spivey and Gene Edwards Shirley, August 3rd. hell Brown, of Southern vestigation by the Court into criminal spending some time in assault charges brought against him by a Miss Patterson, who lives one in India and other of the polymer of the poly in an abusive manner toward his cus-tomers. Mr. Jones arrived shortly and ordered them to k-ave the premi-ses. Edwards using an unprintable adjective, advised he would leave when he got ready. Jones then invited him, if he cared to, to step out of the car, which he proceeded to do. As he which he proceeded to do. As he stepped on the running board he took a violent swing at Mr. Jones, who dodged, causing the former to roll to the ground. Spivey then came to Edwards' rescue, slashing Mr. Jones with make a mockery of prohibition," he guilty of carrying a concealed weadeclared, "and while we talk of peace pon, he was fired \$50 and the costs war,"

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FOR FORT BRAGG Local Unit 113th Field Artillery To Enter Field Training Period.

ENTRAIN SUNDAY

WILL SPEND TWO WEEKS

Sixty-five young men, composing Battery "E" of the 113th Field Artillery, the local unit of the North Carolina National Guard, and commanded by Captain Dan B. King, will entrain here some time Sunday and proceed on their itinerary to Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, where they will participate in the annual field training program August 9 to

23, inclusive.
Equipment, consisting of two howitzers (155 millimetres), five tractors, one reel cart, three trucks, four caissons, two sub-calibre guns (37 milli-

anford; D. J. Pierce, Cameron; and Gilliam Anderson.
P. Hatch, Sanford.
Mr. Hatch was later made president all of whom will entrain, follows:
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County Relief Association, will begin at 9:30 p. m. and last till 1:30 a. m. Music will be furnished by Theodore Barrow's Hotel Wilrik Orchestra.

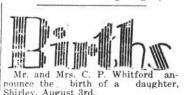
Among the features of the dancing contest the winner of which will be awarded a valuable prize. The admittance few will be \$1.50.

The public is cordially invited to attend this dance and to bring along the script. The funds of the Lee County Relief Association are low and there are calls to this organization.

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clouds which followed in succession-from early in the evening until about 11 c'clock. During one of the severe clouds the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bonkenmeyer was struck by lightning, Mr. and Mrs. Bonkenmeyer had a narrow escape from death as lightning struck the corner of the bed room, ripping the timbers and otherwise demolishing the outside of the room. A shotgun standing in the corner was broken in two, but did not discharge. While not injured Mrs. Bonkenmeyer is suffering from the severe shock.