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#### 25 TH MILEPOST IS ATTAINED BY COUNTY OF LEE

Since Formation in 1907 County  
Has Almost Doubled In  
Population.

#### HAS PROGRESSIVE RECORD

#### Bill Creating County Narrowly Escaped Defeat, Passing By Only One Vote.

Lee county has two distinctions. She is the only county in the United States that has a court house on a rural mail route, and has the shortest name of any county in the State, spelling the name with three letters.

The Express is this week celebrating the 25th anniversary of the creation of Lee county which for a quarter of a century has been a member of the galaxy of counties of the State. Two counties, Hoke and Avery, have been created since Lee, making 100 counties for the State. In area Lee is one of the smallest counties in the State, but when it comes to progress and development she is one of the foremost. She has outstripped many of her sister counties in many ways. The people of the county are justly proud of her achievements of a quarter of a century.

The county was created by the Legislature of 1907 and it will be seen by reference to an article on another page of this issue of The Express that an election ratifying the action of the Legislature was held in the new county on Tuesday, July 2nd, 1908, the proposition carrying by an overwhelming majority—875 to 40. The board of elections was composed of K. R. Hoyle, T. N. Campbell and A. W. Wicker. It required a hard fought contest to put the thing over in the Legislature. When the first vote was taken it was found that the advocates of the new county were defeated, but they were determined that the word defeat should not remain in their vocabulary. They marshaled their forces for a second charge and were as determined to put the thing over as the doughboys who broke the Hindenburg line. The Legislature held out against them it would probably have remained in Raleigh as long as the notorious legislature of 1931. Many of the people who stood shoulder to shoulder in the fight for the new county were descendants of the Scotch who fought with George Washington for the freedom of the American people. Following are the names of some who worked for the new county: A. A. F. Seawell, now Assistant Attorney General of the State; Duncan E. McIver, Dr. W. A. Monroe, W. J. Edwards, T. L. Chisholm, S. P. Hatch, J. J. Edwards, John R. Jones, B. C. Pearce, D. D. Bule and George Cole. Only three of these men are still living, Messrs. A. A. F. Seawell, J. R. Jones and J. J. Edwards.

The first term of Lee Superior Court was held in the old Sanford Opera House during the week of July 24th, 1908 in the Commercial Building on the corner of Moore and Wicker streets and was presided over by Judge B. F. Long with Solicitor L. D. Redmon representing the State as prosecuting officer. All available seats in the court room were occupied by the lawyers, jurors and witnesses occupying the stage and the spectators the main part of the hall and the gallery. Sheriff J. C. Watson and his deputies, Messrs. Phillips, Loyd, Hunter and Kimball, were on hand to preserve order, and Clerk of the Court T. N. Campbell was at his post and ready for business. He was ably assisted by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Moore county and C. L. Williams of this place. In the bar were the following lawyers: A. A. F. Seawell, K. R. Hoyle, D. E. McIver, A. C. Holloway, A. L. McNeill, and R. W. Powers, of the Lee County bar; R. H. Hayes and H. A. London, of Pittsboro; W. J. Adams, H. F. Seawell, U. L. Spence and George W. McNeill, of Carthage; W. D. Siler, of Siler City; and H. L. Cook, of Fayetteville. Court opened at 10:30 o'clock.

The following citizens of the county composed the grand jury: Messrs. H. M. Nicholson, T. W. White, E. M. Morris, E. P. Hinesley, D. A. Lemons, J. Will Wicker, J. H. Phillips, E. L. Webster, J. W. Lassiter, H. C. Brown, S. V. Scott, E. L. Johnson, J. A. Willlett, C. N. Brown, E. C. Cox, D. M. Phillips, G. G. Morris and N. A. McNeill. Mr. Nicholson was made foreman of the grand jury. After receiving the charge of Judge Long the jury repaired to the Scott building just across Wicker street for the transaction of business. During the week the docket was cleared of a large number of cases. Much of the week was taken up with the trial of slanders and murder cases. Soon after this court was held the court house and jail were contracted and the courts have since been held there. Since Lee county was created it has made remarkable progress along many

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### MOVEMENT LAUNCHED TO BUILD BIG PRODUCE MARKET IN LEE

A movement to encourage the production of vegetables and other country produce for the northern markets, was inaugurated at a meeting of Lee county farmers, held at the home of Mrs. J. N. Martin, of the Jonesboro-Transway road last evening. The object of the gathering was to receive reports from these farmers who already have been familiarized with the project and to complete other arrangements incident to setting the plan in motion.

It was decided to have a packing plant at Mrs. Martin's farm where farmers may make deliveries of vegetables and produce. A packing plant will be ideally located for the farmers of the Jonesboro and Transway sections. A packing plant will also be opened in the vacant lot next to J. T. Davenport & Sons, for farmers of the Sanford section. A packing house will also be opened at Broadway.

Promoters of the project will hold a meeting with the farmers at the Town Hall here Wednesday night, March 16th, to consider such other matters as may come up.

The handling of the vegetables and produce will be under the supervision of J. L. Gilmore, who operates a fruit and vegetable store on Wicker street. Mr. Gilmore hopes to secure enough acreage to warrant the placing of a grading machine for cantaloupes. This will greatly increase their marketable value as they will then be assorted for packing in the proper size crates. Tomatoes will be hand packed and wrapped under the supervision of experienced help which also makes them more valuable on the market.

It is planned to secure sufficient acreage in Lee county and make Mr. Gilmore's place here a center for grading and packing, so that the trucks load daily.

There is always a fairly good demand for fine produce, and when it is properly graded and packed it is easy to dispose of.

### SET MACHINERY TO MAKE LOANS TO LEE FARMERS

#### Meeting Here Is Attended By 175 Farmers; McMahon Explains Procedure.

#### BLANKS ARRIVE LATE

#### Expect Many Applications For Loans To Be Made By Lee County Farmers.

The Express carried a notice from Mr. E. O. McMahon, County Demonstration Agent last week, which stated that all Lee county farmers who were interested in making application for loans from the Farmers Seed and Fertilizer Loan Fund were asked to meet at the court house last Saturday morning at 10 o'clock so that the method of procedure in applying for these loan funds could be explained and that the blanks would be ready so that the applications could be made out.

About 175 farmers from various sections of the county called during the day and were throughly explained to them. For some reason, Mr. McMahon failed to receive the blanks from Washington. However, he received a batch of blanks on a belated train Monday morning and as the machinery for handling this business and making these loans to the farmers is now set up, farmers who can qualify can get the money. Following are the members of the committee who will pass on the applications before they are forwarded, carefully passed on by another committee before they are accepted by Washington where they will be the Federal government and the checks issued to the applicants: W. P. Dyer, chairman; J. E. Sanders, W. P. Shell, and E. E. Wilson. Miss Stella Stout, who was made clerk to the committee, will fill out the blanks and prepare them for the farmers.

The committee acts without pay, but as the clerical work including filling out the various blanks and serving as a notary public is not paid for, by the government, the farmers who are applicants for these loans will pay Miss Stout the sum of 50 cents each. The notes become payable the 30th of next November and bear 5 1/2 per cent interest. Some of the members of the committee are: Messrs. A. A. F. Seawell, K. R. Hoyle, D. E. McIver, A. C. Holloway, A. L. McNeill, and R. W. Powers, of the Lee County bar; R. H. Hayes and H. A. London, of Pittsboro; W. J. Adams, H. F. Seawell, U. L. Spence and George W. McNeill, of Carthage; W. D. Siler, of Siler City; and H. L. Cook, of Fayetteville. Court opened at 10:30 o'clock.

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### HIRAM KING TELLS OF ATROCITIES IN FAR EAST THEATRE

#### Brother of Mrs. O. P. Makepeace Is Missionary in China— Says Japan to Blame.

#### CONDITIONS ARE VERY BAD

#### Describes Scene in War Zone As Chinese Death to Safety In Settlement.

Interesting delights on the Sino-Japanese activities in the Far East, where he is stationed as a missionary at Shanghai, is furnished by Hiram King, brother of Mrs. O. P. Makepeace, of this city, in letters which have reached her from the war zone. "The section of the town where we have our headquarters," he writes, "is this part of the International Settlement supposed to be policed by Japanese city officers. But their marines took charge and used it as a base of war against the Chinese. They have butchered many innocent Chinese there. The American consul advised that we all move out. We are now at the same hotel with the Andersons (missionary) and Kerns (bishop) and all of us hope that a world conscience will soon bring Japan to her senses and end to this gargarous slaughter. Today one of our servants who stayed in our law school building was killed, for no reason at all, except the Japanese soldier wanted to kill a Chinese. Of course there have been some lawless acts by Chinese, but they have been brought on by the Japanese and I am firmly convinced that the Japanese military and naval parties are guilty before Heaven for all the present bloodshed and misery."

#### LONG SENTENCES METED OFFENDERS

#### Looters of Several Hundred Pounds of Tobacco Given Six Months.

Sam McLean, Rufus Bule, and "Shorty" Hamilton, all of the Transway section of the county, were given terms on the roads by Judge Tom McPherson in Recorder's Court Tuesday. The trio was convicted of the loot of several hundred pounds of tobacco from Miss Elva Bryans' packhouse, near Transway, last fall. McLean was given eight months, Bule, six months and Hamilton four months.

Hamilton from the evidence disclosed, apparently was a "ring leader" in the robbery, but turned State's evidence. The case had been continued from time to time since the robbery on account of the failure to find the whereabouts of Hamilton, who recently was located in Madison, his former home, where he was in the employ of the city. The State's case against McLean and Bule, without Hamilton's evidence, it is doubtful if a conviction could have been obtained.

Douglas and Jimmie McLean, alleged also to have been involved in the theft, were apprehended recently and will be tried at a subsequent term of court. According to residents of the section in which the young men live, there has been an orgy of minor thefts during the entire fall and winter. Small lots of tobacco, chickens and other things have disappeared almost nightly from homes in the neighborhood. At one time it is said invaders of hen roosts stole a "sitting hen."

Leo Greene, Jones Turner and Jesse Lee Smith, colored, were each given a term on the roads for having entered a Colon store and stolen a quantity of merchandise. Turner and Green admitted having served time before. Smith, a ginger cake youth of Vass, was admitted to the county home.

Chased from a still recently, where he was caught in the act of making a "run," Wade Mattox, white, was given a suspended sentence of two years. He was also fined costs and \$50. Mattox was required to enter bond for his appearance before court at intervals for the next two years and to show his good conduct.

James Gilmore, a colored boy, who was present at the still with Mattox when the officers came up was released of the charges, Mattox testifying he was not a party to prohibition law violation.

### NAME JURY LIST FOR COURT TERM

First Week: E. O. Leonard, G. H. Mensamer, J. O. Thomas, Barton Jones, B. M. Thomas, W. Erwin Thomas, T. C. Gladden, Zeb Harrington, H. G. Boyd, N. N. Allen, E. M. Wicker, S. M. Cox, C. A. Lano, A. B. Cole Jr., Claude J. Arent, J. R. Spivey, Emery L. Wicker, B. D. Baker, F. B. Harkney, J. E. Gunter, Jr., G. M. Tally, N. C. Ray, J. B. Rosser, Melvin Cole, J. P. Dabrymple, R. J. Marion, G. V. Smith, Walter R. Gilmore, W. M. Cooper, C. M. Baker, R. A. Poe, W. S. Allen, H. B. Bowman, L. C. Spenser, N. B. Messamer, C. J. Jordan.

Second Week: C. L. Fields, Glen W. Goddard, S. T. Cox, Theodore McDougald, W. B. Jones, Paul Williams, W. Lazarus, Frank Watson, J. H. Burns, W. W. Roberts, I. H. Williamson, R. B. Coggins, Roy M. Campbell, R. P. Harrington, Dalton E. Coffey, J. M. Edwards, J. T. O'Neal, W. N. Johnson, H. S. Sharpe, H. A. Lemmons, W. H. Brooks, Henry Smith, J. L. Sault, J. F. Yow, C. V. Ellis, D. B. Andrews, W. M. Thomas, J. O. Matthews, T. O. Marks, D. B. Buchanan.

### TANTALIZER

The letters in the lines below properly arranged spell the names of two persons in Sanford. If the persons whose names are represented by the group of letters decipher their own names and bring copies of this paper to The Express Office before next Wednesday night, to each of them will be given a free ticket admitting them to the show at the Temple Theatre Thursday night.

This week's tantalizer:  
A E W D S P S N E I  
N O H L U R L S L E  
Last week's winners:  
Isaac Wicker  
Peanut Wagner

### MERCHANTS OF CITY WILL BE PETED BY BARROW WITH BANQUET TONIGHT

#### Tonight at the Hotel Wilrik, Ted Barrow will fulfill at least one of his campaign pledges made by Her- bert Hoover in the campaign of 1928.

"Two chickens in every pot—two cars in every garage"—this was the slogan to which popular tunes were made to fit, to which they danced the "shimmy." Without any disparagement to the President's address, without essaying to accomplish that which our chieftain could not, Mr. Barrow has offered sufficient guarantees thereof that at seven o'clock to night for every merchant and every guest of the Merchants Association, to whom he will play host, there will be "two chickens in every pot."

"No, I am not promising two cars in every garage," speculated the Wilrik manager with a smile when interviewed this morning, "one pledge at a time will be enough for me." But he did let it be known that his menu would appease even those who are gargantuanly inclined.

The banquet, Mr. Barrow said, will inaugurate what he plans to make an annual affair for the merchants. There will be several prominent out of town speakers, among them whom will be Dr. L. B. McBrayer, of Southern Pines.

There will be no long speeches; no collections; no money to raise; just simply a get-together to discuss matters of importance.

The dinner will start promptly at seven o'clock and the meeting will follow.

### KIWANIANS AT FAYETTEVILLE Members of Local Club Attend Divisional Meeting At Cape Fear City Friday.

Members of the local Kiwanis Club went to Fayetteville last Friday night to attend the divisional meeting, presided over by lieutenant-governor J. C. Pittman, and heard two excellent speakers deliver memorable addresses.

Jim Lynch, of Florence, former governor of the Carolinas District, urged Kiwanians to exert themselves in an effort to restore confidence in our economic structure, and pointed out methods by which we could instill business-faith in our fellow men. Mr. Lynch, blessed with spellbinding voice, held his hearers in rapt attention as his dynamic words filled the hall.

Franklin Keith, field representative of Kiwanis International, then spoke on friendship. Very dramatic, the white-haired gentleman known as "the silver-tongued orator" made listeners forget their troubles while he exhorted them to be aggressive in applying the golden rule.

Herbert Hennig, of Darlington, governor of the Carolinas District, discussed the Kiwanis Stabilization plan, a program continuous progressive adjustment to conditions.

Preceding the speeches, J. C. Pittman, of the local club, and head man at this meeting, gave a parody of Edna St. Vincent Millay's "Love is a Parody on God."

Special guests at the banquet were directors and new officials of the Caledonia Savings Bank (NOTE: ED PLEASE CHECK BANK NAME) which opened on Monday morning. These gentlemen, who have defied precedent, were given a healthy round of applause.

The clubs of Aberdeen, Fayetteville, Raeford, Smithfield, Selma, and Lumberton were also present. Sanford's attendance was the largest of visiting clubs. Miss Louise Futrell went to Fayetteville and acted as accompanist in the musical program. Mrs. J. C. Pittman was a guest of the Sanford club at the meeting.

### ORGANIZE BOY SCOUTS IN LEE

#### Lee County District Will Form A Part of Oconeechee Scout Council.

The Lee County District of Boy Scouts was organized in Sanford Tuesday morning, March 1st, with J. W. Gilliam as Chairman of this District.

This district will form a part of the Oconeechee Council, with headquarters in Raleigh, serving the boys in Wake, Durham, Granville, Vance, Franklin, Warren, Chatham and Lee counties.

The first project this new District is planning for its work is to enlist as many men as possible for active service in the Boy Scout program in Sanford and Lee County.

Following the enlistment period which will continue one week a formal training program will be put on by Claude Humphreys, former Scout Executive, for those enlisted with the purpose of acquainting them with the content matter of the Scout program to the extent that they will be able to find their places in Scouting, whether as Scoutmaster, Examiner in the various scout craft subjects, or other positions of leadership according to their time and ability. This training program is being headed by Mr. E. C. Heins, Jr. The first meeting was held Monday, March 7th, at 7:30 P. M. at the Masonic Temple. The course will operate one night a week for six (6) weeks. The program will be recreational in nature as well as instructive.

Toward the latter part of the training course program the troop organization will be initiated with the purpose of installing a Scout Troop in each church in Sanford that will carry on a strong activity program for the boys during the summer months.

Any man interested in rendering an invaluable service to the boys of Sanford and Lee County are urged to get in touch with either J. W. Gilliam, Chairman District Council, or E. C. Heins, Jr., Chairman Training Course of this Council.

### RIVES AND WHITE LOCK HORNS; STIR OF CANVASS BEGUN

#### March Brings A Dash of Winter and More Political Gossip —Rives Announces.

#### HOT FIGHT FOR SHERIFF

#### Opposition To Cross Crumbles; Interest Turns To Impend- ing Fight For House.

From his lofty perch the Lee political weathercock is cutting all sorts of capers this week; his motions, however, are executed with such startling dexterity that those who are observing him from first hand fail to gather one iota of advantage for any of those in whose hats the political bee buzzes. The weathercock's movements are too swift to be gauged; he betrays no signs that could be counted as advantageous for candidates for county or state offices.

With a lionine roar and a dash of frost, Old Man March brought winter riding the icy blast, which has not yet subsided, is the candidacy of Sheriff A. R. Rives, announced early this week. Mr. Rives' announcement is somewhat premature but so was the announcement of Ernest White who aspires to the position held by the sheriff. While both made their statements within the past week, it has been known generally for some time that both would be in the race and the actual campaign between the two has been going on for some months. Whether others will enter the race is not known, though two names in addition to Sheriff Rives and Mr. White have been mentioned. With the premature progress that has been made by these two, however, it is believed a majority of people in the county have already made their alignments. White is conducting a militant campaign and has earned a reputation as a handshaker that quite equals that of Dick Fountain, the gubernatorial candidate.

While earlier it seemed likely there would be a number of candidates for the state senate, the impression has named headway that Mr. Cross, already announced candidate, will get the nomination by default. With Mr. Teague's statement disavowing any designs on political office this year whatever opposition had outcropped to Mr. Cross began to crumble away. There seems to be a general feeling all over the county that he has the right idea on the fundamental questions with which the General Assembly will be faced next year and that the cause of the people lies closely to his heart. Cross is popular in Raleigh. He has influential connections and, if he should be sent to the senate, would be among the few in that body, who are not lawyers, that would take high rank.

Every wind that blows adds speculation to the manipulation that goes on with reference to the seat in the lower house. No one has announced as a candidate, though possibly a dozen names have been brought into the gossip. Recent talk has brought quite forcibly to the front J. J. Edwards, Lemon Springs merchant and former county commissioner. The Lemon Springs man has been a wheel-horse in Lee politics for many years. It is admitted he would poll many votes, but whether enough to command the legislative seat at Raleigh is a matter of grave doubt. He is strong in some rural sections but weak in the towns. In Lee, the city vote counts heavily and one from whom the city support has been alienated cannot expect to get far.

During the week the name of Dr. Charles L. Scott, who served as a major overseas in the great war, was brought forward. It is understood that friends are urging him to allow his name to be entered as a candidate. He is a very successful surgeon, numbering his friends by his acquaintances, and should he decide to enter the race for the house, however wins the nomination, over him will have to do some running.

So far members of the local bar do not appear to be anxious to furnish a member of the next legislature either in the senate or house. However, lawyers will write the bills passed by the next legislature and they will also do most of the talking in the committee rooms and on the floors of both houses.

At the present time it is apparent that no candidate for governor may yet count Lee as a certainty for him. There has been a disposition on the part of many to reserve judgment until all candidates have announced. Unpopular as is the stand of Mr. Fountain on certain issues, his strength is surprising. His stand on the Brookings Institute report is another to a large element of the people, yet unless Messrs. Ehringhaus and Maxwell show some activity within Lee, Mr. Fountain will carry the county by default.

### MAIDENS LIKE SILK FABRICS

#### Miss Mattie McIntosh Studies Styles While On Visit To New York City.

Silk frocks and gowns promise to play a telling role in the spring wardrobes of Sanford's "smart" modern maids, says Miss Mattie McIntosh, who has just returned from New York City where she went to study the new styles.

Silk crepes and wools, she said, will continue to be widely used.

Frocks, blouses and scarfs for street wear are fashioned from silk producing a result that is both colorful and chic.

Miss McIntosh purchased a large number of suits, dresses and hats some of which have already arrived and are on display at her shop on Steele street.

Miss McIntosh is a graduate of the State Normal School at Raleigh and is now teaching in the public schools of Sanford.

She is a member of the Lee County Teachers Association and is also a member of the Lee County Chamber of Commerce.

Miss McIntosh is a very popular teacher and is well known to all the children of the county.

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