

## CHAMBER PLANS LEFT TO MEETING OF ITS OLD BODY

Continuation of Civic Work in Sampson to Be Planned Next Week

## CHANGE MAY BE MADE

Indecision of Members and Directors As to County Wide or Territorial Bodies Causes Delay in Action

Indecision among the members and directors of the Sampson County Chamber of Commerce as to the best plan for the continuation of the civic organization resulted Tuesday night in the postponement for a week of the formulation of the definite plans for the next year.

The meeting of the members of the association, held at the court house, was not as well attended as had been hoped, and this, coupled with a lack of a general plan, caused the members to decide to postpone further action. A resolution was adopted calling a meeting of the board of directors to act definitely on plans for the next year, that the necessary organization may be perfected.

**Tells of Past Effort**  
The meeting opened with a review of the results obtained by the body in its first year, and also a report of an auditing committee of the receipts and expenditures. Both reports were accepted.

During the course of the meeting, speakers at various times criticized officers, directors and members for the apparent lack of co-operative effort. The officers pointed out that numerous attempts to get committees to function had failed, and that efforts to get members to take an interest in the work being done also fell flat leaving the entire program without backing. Clinton business men also came in for criticism for their lack of interest, it being pointed out that the business houses of the county seat are the largest beneficiaries in any benefits received throughout the county.

**Want Organization Continued**  
As to the continuation of a civic organization, the meeting was unanimous. But just as to the best method for this was the problem before the body. Many favor the continuation of a county wide organization, working for Sampson as a whole, while others advanced the idea of a Clinton body, with auxiliary bodies over the county, each unit working for its particular neighborhood and all centering in Clinton on matters of general county welfare.

While no date has been set for the directors meeting, it is expected that it will be held early next week, at which time it is hoped that a definite plan will be made for the continuance of civic and commercial organized effort.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

Sunday school convention of the New South River association meets with Spring Branch church March 27, 28 and 29.

Friday, March 27 at 11 a. m.—The Teacher Before His Class—J. S. Snyder.

1:30 p. m.—Pep in the Sunday School. Led by J. R. Thaggard and others.

How to Interest Young Ladies in Sunday School—Mrs. Bert Breese, Mrs. J. A. Barker and others.

Saturday, 10:30 a. m.—D. W. Sims and others to discuss all phases of Sunday school work.

All Sunday schools will be expected to give some Sunday school music. Sunday, 11 a. m.—Dr. R. T. Vann.

**HYPNOTIST AT GEM**  
Delmar, magician and hypnotist, is appearing at the Gem theatre this evening. Delmar is assisted by two performers in a high class attraction, dealing in legerdemain, hypnotic feats, jail breaking and other tricks.

**GARLAND HOME BURNS**  
The home of Mr. and Mrs. David Smith of Garland was destroyed by fire last week. Most of their belongings and household goods were also lost.

**STEWARTS ILL**  
Mr. J. A. Stewart has been confined to his home several days with influenza. His daughter Mildred Stewart who has been ill since Friday with pneumonia is improving.

**MARSHBURN-TORRANCE**  
Miss Mary Thomas Torrance of Warsaw and Mr. Jim Marshburn of Moltonville were married last Sunday at the home of the bride's parents.

## TRIPLETS ARE BORN TO MRS. McLEOD'S COW

(Bladen Journal)  
"Three of 'em—count 'em. And both mother cow and her three calves are doing well, thank you." That or something like that is what Mrs. Annie McLeod, of near Clarkton, tells visitors who are coming to her farm to see the triplet calves to which her milch cow gave birth three weeks ago. All three of the calves are well formed, healthy and evidently happy, according to reports from those who have been to see them.

The oldest residents and those most versed in the lore of cattle breeding say they have never heard of triplet calves before. Twins have been and are not extraordinary, they say, but triplets are more than they ever heard of before. But then, they say Bladen county can produce anything.

## IVANHOE PLANS BIG CELEBRATION

Southern Sampson Town Wants to Show Appreciation of New Highway

A monster celebration, to voice observance of the opening of the new Class A county highway through Ivanhoe, is planned by the people of that village and the surrounding community. It is now planned to hold the celebration on April 21.

The new highway, which has placed Ivanhoe on a good transportation system, connects the village with Route 60 at Harrels Store by tapping the Harrels Store-Kerr road near Newkirk's bridge at the Jeremiah Seavey place. From there it runs due south through Ivanhoe and thence to the county line at Betty's bridge. The road is now completed with the exception of less than a mile. This portion, which is several miles south of Ivanhoe, lies just over the county line into Pender, and an effort is now being made to get the Pender officials to co-operate with Sampson in making the road complete.

Ivanhoe in the past few years has shown excellent progress and the opening of the new highway is heralded by the people of that section as the start of a new era of prosperity.

## POPULAR PASTOR RESIGNS FROM LOCAL FOLD

(Troy Montgomerian)  
Rev. J. M. Alderman, who for the past several years has served as pastor of the local Baptist church, has tendered his resignation to the members of his congregation, asking to be relieved March 1.

This was the second time that Rev. Mr. Alderman has offered his resignation, but the first time his resignation was not accepted, as the congregation were loth to let him go, and felt that he should remain with them. But the pastor explained while tendering his resignation that he wanted to take a vacation of some three months and was very anxious that the church accept at an early date.

Rev. Mr. Alderman has hosts of friends and well wishers in Montgomery who hope that if he sees fit to again take up work that he will come back to the Montgomery association, where his work is so well and favorably known.

## JUNIORS PRESENT OPERETTA

An operetta "Gypsy Rover" will be presented next week by the students of the tenth grade under the supervision of Miss Gladys Newman. This is a musical comedy which should delight all. The operetta will be given in the high school auditorium next Friday evening March 20 at 8 o'clock.

## AUXILIARY MEETS

The Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church held its regular meeting Monday afternoon in the church parlor. Business matters were discussed and a short program on Mexico followed the devotional meeting. Plans were made for a number of members to attend Presbyterian which meets in Clingmington soon. The circles will meet Monday March 23, Circle One with Mrs. O. L. Parker; Circle Two with Mrs. S. H. Finch. The April Auxiliary meeting will be held with Mrs. W. W. Casteel.

**M. A. WARRICK GIVES DINNER**  
A large number of friends and relatives helped Mr. M. A. Warrick celebrate his 60th birthday February 22 at his home with a big dinner. A big table 55 feet long was spread with food and a feast was enjoyed. Rev. J. W. Lucas of Duke returned thanks. Mr. Warrick expects to have annual dinners on his birthday.

## NEW POSTAL RATES IN EFFECT APRIL 15

Charge of 25 Cents Will Be Made for Special Delivery of Parcel Packages

Numerous changes in rates of postage will go into effect April 15. A change which will, perhaps, be of most interest to the public is that which requires a two cent stamp on a post card, other than the postal cards sold at postoffices, which will continue to be sold for one cent.

For special delivery of packages a charge of 25 cents will be made. The stamp is to be marked "special service." Special delivery of letters will continue to be made for 10 cents.

Among the new rates, announced by Postmaster M. J. Thornton are the following:

The rate of postage on post cards will apply whether they bear written or printed matter. It will also apply to each portion of double or reply post cards. The postage on the reply card need not be affixed thereto until it is detached and mailed for return. This includes all cards within the size for post cards, whether or not the bear the words "post card" or "private mailing card." Cards bearing these words, even though not within the size for post cards, will be chargeable with two cents postage each if in print or the letter rate if wholly or partly in writing. There will be no change in the rate of postage on government postal cards nor on any other mail of the first class.

Mail of the third class will embrace all matter now included in the third and fourth classes up to and including eight ounces in weight, while the new fourth class will include all matter formerly in the third and fourth classes over eight ounces in weight and not exceeding 70 pounds in the first, second and third zones, and not exceeding 50 pounds when mailed for delivery in any of the other zones.

The rate on all matter in the new third class will be one and one half cents for each two ounces or fraction thereof up to and including eight ounces in weight, except that the rate on books, catalogues, seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, scions and plants shall continue to be one cent for each two ounces on parcels not exceeding eight ounces in weight.

The present fourth class rates according to distance or zone will apply to all matter weighing more than eight ounces, except that of the first and second classes, and in addition thereto there will be a service charge of two cents for each parcel, except upon parcels originating on rural routes, such charge to be prepaid in the same manner as the regular postage. Parcels mailed on rural routes should be indorsed, mailed on rural route, in order that the parcels will show they are exempt from the service charge.

Parcels to be given special handling will be chargeable with the regular fourth class rates together with the two cent service charge and 25 cents additional, all to be fully prepaid by stamps affixed. Such parcels should be indorsed by the sender, "special handling."

The rate of postage on publications entered as second class matter, when sent by others than the publisher or news agent, shall be two cents for each two ounces or fraction thereof, for weights not exceeding eight ounces, and for weights of such matter exceeding eight ounces the rates of such postage for fourth class matter shall be applicable.

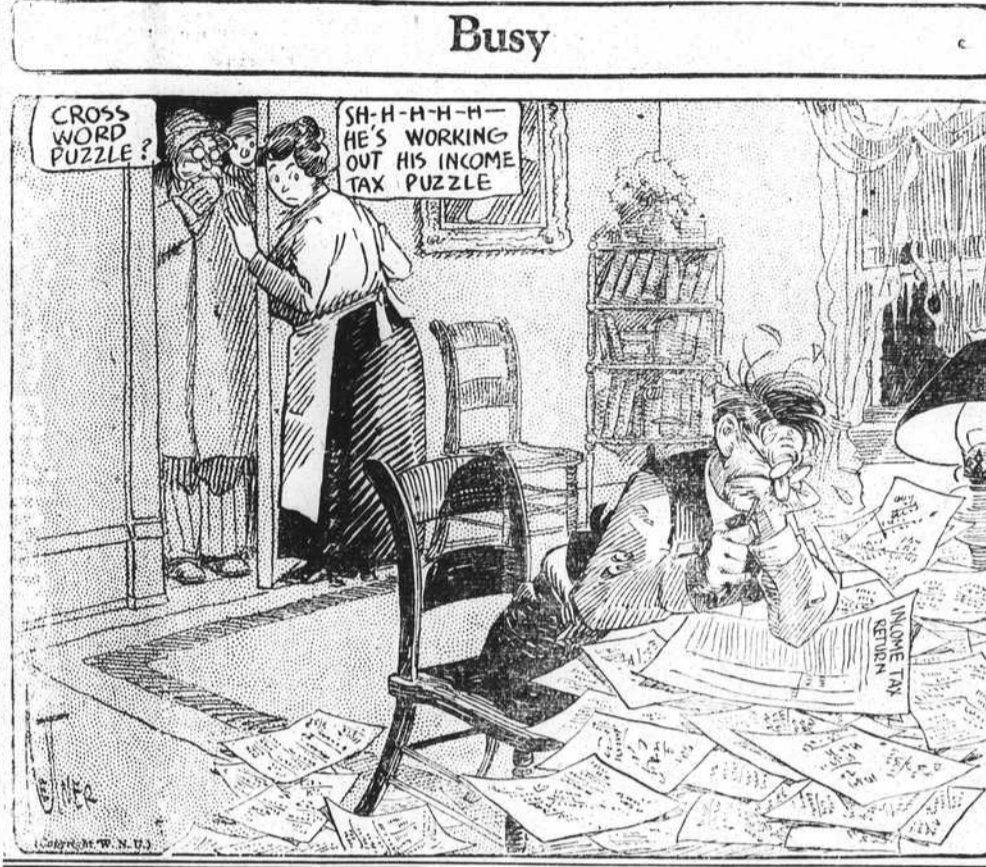
In the case of publications of religious, educational or fraternal organizations or associations coming within the provisions of the amended regulations the rate is increased from one and one fourth to one and one half cents a pound.

## CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Mr. Frank House, Sr., celebrated his 79th birthday March 1 at his home near House's mill. Mr. House is a Confederate veteran and on this occasion had two ex-soldiers, Mr. "Tuck" Daughtry and Frank Warren as special guests. A large number of relatives and friends joined him on this day and enjoyed a good old-fashioned dinner. Mr. M. A. Warrick returned thanks and also spoke a few words to the hosts' children. The day was a most enjoyable one.

## SOROSIS ENTERTAINED

The Sorosis club held a delightful meeting Friday with Mrs. J. A. Stewart as hostess at her home on College street. Spring flowers were used in the rooms. An interesting program was given on Leonard Merrick and his work. Miss Margaret Faison gave the author's life, Miss Gertrude Carrington discussed his book "Conrad in Quest of His Youth," and the hostess reviewed "When Love Flies Out the Window." An enjoyable social hour followed during which a delicious course of refreshments was served.



## CUKE CONTRACTS STILL AVAILABLE

This Week, However, Ends the Period in Which Growers May Arrange for Acreage

The contracts for the growing and buying of cucumbers here this summer were received last week and 150 planters signed the documents Friday and Saturday. There is still, however, about 100 acres available for the Clinton allotment, and this will be held open until Saturday of this week to allow those who have already agreed to plant, to get signed up.

There is a keen demand for the acreage, and in case the original pledges are not kept by Saturday, the remaining acreage will be re-allotted, most of it going to those who have already signed for some acreage, but who want more.

The seeds for the planting will arrive next week, and will be sold at cost to those signed up. It will be distributed by W. A. Smith & Co., in one and half pound packages at \$1.13 per package. Experts say that the planting should be done about the first week in April, late enough to miss the April frost that usually accompanies the first full moon of that month, appearing on April 8 of this year.

The unsigned contracts may be had at the office of Mr. T. B. Smith, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

## TWO BIG STILLS TAKEN IN RAIDS

Westbrooks and Turkey Townships Were Scenes of Illicit Operations

Two large stills, one of 50 and another of 60 gallon capacity, have been captured within the past few days by Sampson officers, and two men are now awaiting hearing for the operation of one of the booze making layouts.

The first still was taken in Westbrooks township and Westbrook Strickland and Oliver Hayes are charged with its operation. The still was discovered by Ross West and Bert Blackman, and was of 50 gallon capacity. Strickland and Hayes are out on bond awaiting hearing next Saturday afternoon before J. M. Weeks.

The second still was captured Sunday by County Policeman Lonnie Honeycutt in a swamp about 300 yards from the Ten Mile Church, Turkey township. Honeycutt had been watching the still for a week in an effort to get the operators. Sunday he was found in the neighborhood by some negroes who apparently were about to spread an alarm, and was forced to make his raid without getting the booze manufacturers.

The still was of 60 gallon capacity, about 600 gallons of beer mash was destroyed and the plant wrecked.

## MUSIC MEMORY CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

In the examination held last week to determine winners in the music memory contest which lasted for a period of six weeks, the \$5 gold piece went to Josephine Turner, fifth grade \$3 to Ruth Petty, fourth grade and \$2 to Virginia Davis. The prizes were given jointly by the members of the Woman's club and the Sorosis who sponsored the contest. Thirty took this examination.

All students who made a grade of 82 or over in this first contest were eligible to enter the elimination contest which was held Tuesday at the high school building. Seven competed in this and Virginia Davis made the highest grade and can go to Raleigh in May to compete in the state music memory contest.

## TOO MANY SHIRTS GOES ON ROAD GANG

Negro Sentenced on Vagrancy Charge Thought to Have Been Store Burglar

Too many good looking shirts may be said to have resulted in a month on the roads on a vagrancy charge, with a prospect of facing court on a burglary charge later. Raymond Sparrow, colored, had the shirts, is doing the 30 days, and hopes to avoid the court action.

Raymond's troubles started Monday, when Chief Register, endeavoring to find the person who several days ago robbed the Register Mercantile store, decided to look him over. Raymond has been looting lately, and the chief hailed him into mayor's court on a vagrancy charge. The shirt he wore at that time attracted attention, and an investigation of his home produced more shirts. The garments were later identified by Mr. Register as those stolen from his store.

A too vociferous tent meeting led Mollie Brown, colored, to court Monday. The tent meeting, under her direction, has been holding nightly meetings that grew louder each night. The Brown woman denied that she controlled the noise made by the meeting, but she was held to court under bond of \$200.

## JUNIOR ORDER HOST

About two hundred and fifty people attended the supper given by the Junior Order for their families, friends and the local pastors last Thursday evening in the tobacco warehouse. Two long tables groined under their weight of food such as North Carolina justly boasts. Rev. T. H. King, pastor of the Clinton Baptist church returned thanks. Music was furnished during the supper hour by Mrs. L. D. Grady, J. B. Grady, L. D. Grady, Albert Chesnut, Jim Chesnut and W. M. Bethune which added much to the affair. Immediately following this the members held a big initiation in the club rooms. Guests were in attendance from Clinton, Mount Olive, Seven Springs and Warsaw orders.

## THORNTON NAMED POSTMASTER HERE

Former Newton Grove Man Is Permanently Appointed Head of Mail Service

M. J. Thornton, for several months post temporary postmaster of the Clinton post office, has been named postmaster by President Coolidge, and his appointment has been confirmed by the senate, according to advices from Washington. The appointment was effective last week.

Mr. Thornton went into the post office on the resignation of Kenneth A. Parker last December. The new postmaster had previously been recommended for the place, and was installed as an emergency official pending a definite appointment. Soon after he took office, a call was made for applicants for the place, and he was among those applying for the place. His work as temporary postmaster and the high recommendations given him by a number of people of the town and county resulted in his appointment.

Mr. Thornton has made a good start as postmaster, and his friends hope that he continues to improve the service of the office as he has started. On account of the heavy mail handled here on a limited force, the Clinton office for several years has been a hard one to manage.

## NEW SCHOOL MAY BE OPENED HERE

Representatives of Goldsboro Business School Seek Class in Clinton

Messrs. Alton H. Perry and D. A. Stewart, representing the Georgia-Carolina School of Commerce of Brunswick, Georgia, and Goldsboro, N. C., have been in Clinton for several days past in the interest of their school. They hope to establish a branch school here, thus giving Sampson at home opportunities of a modern business school.

While nothing definite has as yet been decided on the school plan, the promoters say they have met with encouragement here, and hope to soon have the classes under way. The courses to be offered are:

Stenographic Course— Gregg shorthand, touch typewriting, business English, business correspondence, spelling, penmanship, rapid calculation and office practice.  
Commercial Course— Bookkeeping, banking, business arithmetic, rapid calculation, penmanship, business English, business correspondence, spelling and general office practice.  
Secretarial Course— This is a complete combination of the two courses enumerated above and intended for those who wish to qualify for high grade secretarial and executive positions.  
Civil Service Course— Touch typewriting, penmanship, English, spelling, business correspondence.

## PLANS FOR FAIR MATURE; BIGGER SHOW THAN EVER

1925 Exhibit Will Be the Greatest Ever Staged in This Section

## FIVE BIG DAYS NAMED

Saturday Now a Regular Part of the Sampson Show. With Auto Races and Other Features Booked

A combined array of all that has been found good in previous years, with the addition of new features that will attract state wide attention assure Sampson county the greatest fair this fall that has ever been staged in this part of the county.

Plans for the big show are rapidly maturing, and practically all of the bigger features have been contracted for. Features of past years that have proven popular have been retained, and features that have proven successful in other sections have been secured in order that Sampson may go ahead and retain its place as the home of the finest fair in the state.

## Big Features Return

The two big features of last year—the automobile show and the Victor band—have both been contracted for re-appearance here this fall. In both cases, however, important changes have been made by those organizations, the programs being so arranged as to make them bigger and better attractions than ever before.

The auto show, which will again be under the direction of Mr. Ralph Hankinson, will furnish all of the thrills of last year with additions. Auto polo will be given every night during the fair, and a bigger and more exciting auto race card is being prepared for Saturday afternoon. Improvements are to be made in the race track which will permit of faster time and more thrilling races. Those who saw either the auto races or the thrilling auto polo last fall may be counted among those present for these features this year.

The same Victor band will return to Sampson, but with important additions. The Victor band last year proved one of the finest attractions ever seen in this section. This year it will be augmented by Miss Van Denise, who won Sampson with her wonderful singing last fall, and a number of new features, including a saxophone quartette and a zylphone soloist.

## Bigger Night Show

The growing popularity of the night show, brought about by the band and the auto polo has also led Mr. T. B. Smith, secretary of the fair association, to increase other features of that show. Among the bigger attractions is the fireworks display, the program for this year being much bigger and more pretentious than in years past.

The Bernardi Greater Shows, one of the largest midway attractions in the country, have been booked for the midway attraction. The Bernardi shows consists of 25 big cars of attractions, featuring high class exhibits of every midway nature. During the past year they played a number of the bigger state fairs with excellent success reported.

## INGOLD PRESENTS PLAY

HERE NEXT TUESDAY

Ingold high school presents "Out of Court" in the College street auditorium here Tuesday night, March 17. This play has been successfully presented at Ingold and Harrels Store and was well received.

Both the plot and characterization are well balanced. This is one of Parker's best royalty plays.

The public is cordially invited to the play. Admission will be charged.

## MISS STEVENS HOSTESS

Miss Margaret Stevens proved a charming hostess Tuesday afternoon when she entertained the members of the Tea and Topics club and a few friends. The home was especially pretty with its decorations of spring flowers. A profusion of jonquils were used throughout the rooms. Rook was enjoyed at eight tables. A lovely basket of jonquils was given as club prize while a box of powder was guest prize. Following the games the hostess served a delicious repast in two courses. Sweet peas were given to the guests as favors. The special guests on this occasion included Messdames C. B. Barrus, J. L. Kerr, R. H. Hubbard, H. J. Hubbard, L. L. A. Moore, F. B. Johnson, W. W. Casteel, Misses Leila Herring, Rebecca Hines and Rosa Moye Mercer.