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## STOKES HAS 2497 AUTOMOBILES

License Bureau Report Shows 303,382 Autos in State; Graham Trails — Guilford County Has 17,775.

Approximate figures made public yesterday by the automobile license bureau of the department of State give a total of 303,382 cars licensed in the State of North Carolina, Guilford, with 17,775 automobiles, leads all other counties while Graham with only 75, trails the list. The figures are to December 1, 1924.

Other counties showing a large number of cars are: Mecklenburg, 14,715; Forsyth, 12,187; Wake, 11,140; and Buncombe, 9,328.

County	Number
Ashe	4676
Alexander	1551
Alleghany	490
Anson	2669
Ashe	783
Avery	344
Beaufort	2062
Bertie	2865
Bladen	1219
Brunswick	759
Buncombe	9328
Burke	2106
Carroll	4236
Caldwell	1959
Camden	559
Carteret	710
Caswell	1665
Catawba	4529
Chatham	2620
Cherokee	613
Chowan	1224
Clay	177
Cleveland	4921
Columbus	1812
Craven	2791
Cumberland	4676
Currituck	782
Dare	134
Davidson	5949
Davie	2742
Duplin	2742
Durham	8802
Edgecombe	3313
Forsyth	12187
Franklin	2497
Gaston	7786
Gates	1063
Graham	75
Granville	2095
Greene	1689
Guilford	17775
Halifax	4769
Harnett	3679
Haywood	1256
Henderson	2203
Hertford	1812
Hoke	1347
Hyde	329
Iredell	5288
Jackson	710
Johnston	6488
Jones	563
Lee	1812
Lenoir	3501
Lincoln	2742
McDowell	1151
Macon	490
Martin	1787
Mitchell	253
Montgomery	1910
Moore	3428
Nash	5411
New Hanover	4652
Northampton	2255
Orange	2155
Pamlico	563
Pasquotank	2130
Pender	954
Perquimans	1102
Person	1714
Pitt	5856
Polk	783
Randolph	4236
Richmond	3550
Robeson	4921
Rockingham	5656
Rowan	7614
Rutherford	3425
Sampson	3770
Scotland	1885
Stanley	3158
Stokes	2497
Surry	3354
Swain	410
Transylvania	785
Tyrell	347
Vance	2155
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Wake	11140
Warren	1738
Washington	1078
Watauga	687
Wayne	5239
Wilkes	1959
Wilson	5879
Yadkin	1763
Yancey	261
Non Resident	1396

## STATE WILL ISSUE HIGHWAY BONDS

If It Hurts, Then Short-Term Notes Will Be Used — Miss Harriet Berry Finds Majority For Bonds.

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—Bond sellers and bond buyers who had tried to keep North Carolina still for a few weeks so that there will be no undue agitation admit that the plan of silence has failed and it might as well be said now as any time that the next general assembly will issue the necessary road bonds and if the thing hurts the short term notes will be used.

In deference to the wishes of the New Yorkers the state highway commission, which favors continuation of the construction work, had taken no action as to issuing more serial bonds. When the commission adjourned last week it decided not to ask for the \$35,000,000 now. This was purely a concession to the New Yorkers who have been buying the state's bonds and paying good prices for them. However, the commission is able to show that the state can finance more bonds by a small increase in the tax on gasoline and it is regarded a virtual certainty that the Gotham financiers will not discourage the selling of more bonds if the financing appears to be simple.

But at that, the state officials desired a minimum of agitation. They thought that under any condition it would be better not to discuss big finance so long as the buyers of state paper felt it wise not to agitate. But the failure of the commission to pass any resolution regarding further road construction frightened lots of fellows and they have done a great deal of talking. Statesmen about Raleigh just assume that the legislature will go ahead and authorize the bonds, leaving to the council of state the discretion that it always has had. If it is foolish to throw bonds on a glutted market there will be no effort to do so and short term notes will be used.

### People Favor The Bonds

"I have been going all over North Carolina," Miss Harriet Berry said today, "and the folks are for the bonds for roads. They just wished nothing said about it. You can say that the general assembly will pass the issue and that it never thought of doing anything else." Miss Berry probably ranks all road boosters and preliminary builders, manufacturers of sentiment. She was for the fifty million issue of original bonds and was a member of the commission which studied the details of such an issue. There was not the shadow of a possibility for the big issue with the intelligent details furnished by the good roads organization. It set itself against the governor's county maintenance plans and sent his scheme to the scrap heap. It set the champions by the ears, but county maintenance forever went out of state mind. Likewise the revenue raisers defeated the flat income tax scheme of the governor, thereby giving to the revenue department another annual million which had been lost. But the governor led finely for all that. To make the state machinery go it required jazz and juice. His excellency supplying the jazz did an everlastingly fine job for the state. There is now a conflict of jazz and juice. The state is having difficulty propelling itself on its present power and that is the trouble.

But Miss Berry does not think of moving on the roads. She goes about quite a good deal and when she leaves North Carolina and its 17 cent gas and hard roads for Virginia's 20-cent stuff and the mud, she sees that North Carolina can easily stand another issue. She has had a deal to do with refractory legislators but she has no feeling that there is enough sentiment in the assembly to block any road program. The whole purpose of recent inaction has been to keep down public clamor that there will be no jam on the bond market. And as that has caused more publicity than any other course could have done, she just ups and says, s-s she, that North Carolina is going to issue those bonds and there will be no embarrassment about selling them. The state knows how to handle its road finances.

## TOBACCO GROWERS PLAN 4 PAY DAYS

Settlements On Old Stocks of Tobacco To Be Followed By Payments On Grades — Quarterly Statements To Be Made.

Pay day for tobacco co-ops in the Carolinas and Virginia will come four times a year in addition to the substantial cash advances which members of the marketing association for tobacco are now receiving for their deliveries. This announcement was made at the monthly meeting of the directors of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association at Raleigh on December 16.

Quarterly statements will be made to the associated tobacco farmers showing the stocks of their tobacco on hand. Instead of waiting for the sale of a large proportion of the entire pool, the members of the big co-operative will receive full payment first for those deliveries to their association which have sold most readily, according to the statement of their directors, whose announcement to the membership of 66,000 tobacco farmers in the association, follows:

"At the regular December meeting of board of directors of Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association held at Raleigh on December 16, 1924, the board directed:

1. That settlement for the 1922 and 1923 Eastern North Carolina crops be made as early as the calculations now in progress can be completed;

2. That final settlement for the old belt North Carolina and Virginia 1922 crops, except for the four grades unsold, be made as early as calculations can be completed;

3. That after these settlements have been made, the association make quarterly settlements to its members showing stocks of tobacco on hand and that it make quarterly payments, which payments shall be strictly by grade and shall be in accordance with the condition of each grade pool on the regular quarterly day. This action by the board means that in instances where particular grades are disposed of, the members delivering those grade will receive payments on them without waiting for the sale of the entire crop within that belt pool."

An extra force of workers will be employed at the offices of the tobacco association in Richmond in order that payments to the members may be made at the earliest possible date.

More than five million pounds of tobacco reached the association warehouses in North Carolina and Virginia during the week ending December 13 and increasing receipts are looked for this week by association officials.

## Musical Comedy At Walnut Cove

Walnut Cove, Dec. 23.—At Walnut Cove school auditorium on Wednesday night, December 31, at 7:30, Pilot Mountain high school will render an operette musical comedy in three acts, entitled, "Miss Cherry Blossom." This splendid programme has recently been staged in Pilot Mountain with great success and those who attended the play were delighted and highly pleased with the entertainment. The proceeds will be divided between the Pilot Teachers Association of the Pilot Mountain and Walnut high schools and the public is most cordially invited to attend and enjoy a pleasant evening and to aid these worthy and beneficial organizations.

## Cost Something To Keep Dry

"Some western paper is predicting that it will cost \$20,000,000 to keep the United States dry in 1925," said a man about the city hall yesterday. "It isn't the cost that bothers Uncle Sam, but the question that won't down at his bidding, and that is, 'Even with that amount can it be done.'"

There is no excuse for the poultry rot having green food during winter in this climate, say poultry specialists of State College. Sprouted oats will help if no green feed is growing on the farm.

## McGIRT THINKS PROGRAM IS SAFE

Wilmington Man Satisfied That Legislature Will Act Favorably On Appropriation.

Wilmington, Dec. 17.—When asked for his opinion regarding the probability of an additional bond issue by the state of North Carolina in the sum of \$35,000,000 for continuing the state highway program, W. A. McGirt, commissioner, of the third district, stated "that he could not say what the next general assembly would do, but was of the opinion that there would be further appropriations for roads. The entire matter rests with the governor-elect and the 1925 general assembly and I believe they will be favorably inclined towards a continuation of the good roads program, provided it can be financed," said the district commissioner. "I have no idea how much additional bonds will be authorized, if any, but I can see no possible objection to the authorization of additional bonds as long as gasoline and automobile tax are adequate to pay interests, provide a sinking fund, and fund sufficient to maintain the state system."

## LEOPARD STONE FOUND IN DAVIE CO.

One of Geological Wonders of World Discovered Near Fork Church.

Thomasville, Dec. 20.—Hearing of a thing or place is quite different from seeing that thing or place with one's own seeing appliances, whether it be by one's own natural vision or by microscopic, or even telescopic view, as was clearly demonstrated an evening recently in the experience of a number of Thomasville citizens, when a motor trip was made to Fork church and out about a mile to the Peter Hairston farm, where is located what might be termed one of the geological wonders of the world, called in geological terms, "orbicular gabbrodiortite," the only known deposit of the kind in the world. These terms are said to mean in common language, "round, green spots" and really there are in orderly fashion round, green spots thru the imbedded stone, as well as in the outstanding boulders lying like sleep-leopards over the hills. The stone has been therefore named the leopard stone.

A strong company has been formed with headquarters at Salisbury to operate the quarry under the name of the American Leopard Stone Corporation and it is said that the supply is sufficient to keep an army of hands employed for fifty years and possibly for five times that length of time, as the survey of the grounds covers from 15 to 25 acres.

## Killed Wife For Destroying His Liquor

Asheville, Dec. 21.—Ezra Ledford shot and killed his wife on Shooting creek, in Clay county, Saturday afternoon.

Saying that he believed he would take his shotgun to work with him, Ledford took it off the wall, it is said, and took aim and shot his wife in the back of the neck, breaking her neck. She died almost instantly.

The immediate cause of the trouble, it is understood, was Mrs. Ledford's having destroyed some whiskey brought home by Ledford. They had formerly had difficulty, it is stated. Mrs. Ledford is understood to have been in a delicate state of health.

Ledford rushed out of the house after shooting his wife, pursued with the gun by his wife's brother, who was present. Ledford got away, however, and was caught by John Tiger about a mile from the scene of the shooting. He was turned over to the sheriff and taken to Hayesville, where he is now in jail.

## Rufus Owens Tried Here This Week

Rufus Owens was given a hearing here this week before Justice N. A. Martin on the charge of assaulting Rufus Collins. Owens was fined \$10 and the cost in this case, and was bond over to Superior Court in a bond of \$200 on the charge of assault on Moses Bullen.

## F. L. FOWLER PASSES AWAY

Prominent Citizen Of King Community Dies After Illness Of One Day.

King, N. C., December 22.—Mr. F. L. Fowler, a farmer of King Route 2, was taken sick Saturday morning and died Sunday morning at 5 o'clock. Funeral services conducted Monday at 2 o'clock at Mt. Olive church by L. W. Burros. He leaves a wife, 5 children, several brothers and sister and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Mr. Fowler was 53 years of age. Mr. Fowler was a successful farmer by which he accumulated a lot of property. He has also been a great help to the wants of his country.

The people of this section enjoyed the nice entertainment given by the King high school at King last Friday.

Mr. C. H. Boyles, a merchant of Pinnacle Route is in feeble health at this writing.

R. K. and his force are greasing their guns for the rabbit raid which will take place next week.

SCRIBBLER.

## \$6,300,862 IS PAID TOBACCO GROWERS

Local Auction Market Has Sold 26,846,502 Pounds So Far This Season — Season Average \$23.46.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 22.—A total of 26,846,502 pounds of tobacco has been sold on the local market during the present season, according to a report compiled this morning by Major Z. T. Bynum, supervisor of sales. This amount brought the owners the sum of \$6,300,862.54, or an average of a little more than \$23.46 per hundred pounds.

The auction houses closed Friday for the Christmas holidays, and Major Bynum's records show that during the month of December the sales amounted to 6,748,896 pounds, which brought a total of \$1,439,198.41. The market will re-open on January 6.

## Draining Stokes Of Its Spirits Ferment

"The county and other Volstead officers are destroying all of the good and mean liquor in Stokes county and it now seems pretty certain that those who wish to provide themselves with a little for Christmas will have to seek other sources of supply." So declared one of Danbury's leading citizens, who was here today making some purchases for his tots for Santa Claus.

## Marriage Licenses Recently Issued

Register of Deeds J. John Taylor has issued marriage license during the past few days to the following named couples:

Artha D. Shore to Minnie Ann Payne.

Hassel Hawkins to Ruth Priddy.

Peter Hillard to Sadie Marie Lawson.

Odell Ferguson to Ruth Bowles.

Verona G. Tuttle to Nonnie Tuttle.

Clarence Gray to Sallie Hairston.

(col.) Wm. Jones Carter to Vera Lou Berry.

Royal J. Spainhower to Grace Voss.

Robert Harris to Frank Fulk.

(col.) Welch to Ollie May Cole.

Claud C. Cox to Verda Fulk.

John M. Boles to Hallie Darnell.

## Placed Under Bonds For Hearing Jan. 3

Charlie Wagoner and Rufus and Grady Sheppard were placed under temporary bonds of \$500 each by Justice N. A. Martin this week pending a hearing on January 3rd on the charge of violating the prohibition laws. They were arrested by Federal officers in Peters Creek township.

It's time to prune and spray now. Prune the trees lightly with a view to thinning properly instead of cutting back heavily, is the proper way to handle the apple trees.

## GALLOWAY FARMS SOLD ON MONDAY

One In Rockingham County Brought \$58,000; Stokes Lands Also Sold.

Madison, Dec. 18.—Eagle Falls farm, one of the largest and most historic homesteads in the county, was sold at auction Monday for the purpose of winding up the J. M. Galloway estate, of which it was a part. The total sale price was approximately \$58,000, the farm having been cut up into small tracts. It contained about 2100 acres, much of it being very fertile.

Some of the principal buyers were Falk and Joe Carter, John Moore and Earl Parake, all of near Wentworth; W. A. M. Collum, J. L. McCollum, H. N. Binford, C. F. Baynes, J. G. Wilson, H. D. Dye, John A. Crouch, of this county.

The Galloway property in Madison was sold Tuesday and brought approximately \$17,000. This consisted of the Galloway home place and numerous lots and small houses. On Wednesday about 2,000 acres of good farm land belonging to the same estate, in Stokes county, was sold but the price was not ascertained. All this property belonged to the late J. M. Galloway, of Greensboro, who was the biggest land owner in this section of the state. All sales are subject to court confirmation.

## BAILEY BROS. TRIAL SET FOR JANUARY

Forty-Four Defendants Are Involved and Trial Will Probably Take Several Weeks.

Greensboro, Dec. 18.—After three continuous weeks of federal court, during which records were set for the trial of both criminal and civil actions, Judge E. Yates Webb adjourned the United States court for the western district of North Carolina here this morning.

Jurors were notified to return for service at the special term beginning January 26, when the Bailey Brothers cases, in which there are 44 defendants, will be started. Judge Webb stated that three weeks probably will be required to complete the trials.

Oilfields and stock salesmen of Bailey Brothers, Inc., Winston-Salem tobacco manufacturing concern are under indictment charging wrongful use of the mails. An attempt to delay trial made three weeks ago was frustrated when a new indictment was secured by District Attorney Frank A. Linney.

## LARGER ACREAGE IN WINTER WHEAT

42,317,000 Acres Sown, Which Is 6.5 Per Cent More Than In Fall of 1923.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Winter wheat was sown this fall on 42,317,000 acres, which is 6.5 per cent more than the revised estimate of 39,749,000 acres sown in the fall of 1923 the Department of Agriculture announced today.

The condition of winter wheat on December 1 was 81.0 per cent of a normal compared with 88.0 on December 1 last year, 79.5 in 1922, and 85.6, the year average on December 1. Winter damage during the last ten years has caused an average abandonment of 10.6 per cent of the acreage sown, the abandonment ranging from 1.1 to 28.9 per cent in the different years.

The area sown to rye this fall is 4,206,000 acres, which at 8 per cent more than the revised estimate of 4,173,000 acres sown in the fall of 1923. The condition of rye on December 1 was 87.3 per cent of a normal, compared with 89.9 on December of last year, 81.3 in 1922, and 89.1 the ten years average.

The average of winter wheat and the condition of the crop on December 1 in the principal southern producing states were: Maryland 573,000 acres and 83 per cent of a normal; Virginia 814,000 and 86; North Carolina 467,000 and 88; South Carolina 123,000 and 84; Georgia 129,000 and 85; Tennessee 434,000 and 79; Alabama 11,000 and 70; Mississippi 4,000 and 70; Arkansas 63,000 and 81.