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in the cities without mill villages and HOUSTON their employees renting from outside arm pay \$5 to \$7 per week with light IS CDOM ADDRESSES KIW and water extra as against the \$1.00 to \$1.20 which the Southern operativ-

Tells Them It is A Fact That First Cotton Mill In South Was Built at Lincolnton in The Year 1613.

BLAVIE

the Kiwanis Club last Friday night Mr. David Clark of Charlotte, editor year as against an average of the Southern Textile Bulletin, was for Southern operatives. the guest of honor and principal speaker of the evening.

The program was in charge of R. S. Abernethy, who had secured Mr. Clark as the speaker. Mr. Clark was introduced by President Mangum

Editor Clark dealt in facts and figures of interest to the club members. His Subject was "Cotton Manufacturing in the Piedmont section of ern operative gets \$15.00 per west ures for the last 40 years shows that North Carolina." He said in parti

cuss cotton manufacturing in the back of the present agitation. Piedmont section of North Carolina, New England mills had hoped that 1880 the negroes were 1-3 of the toand I assume that you want something of the past, something of the present and something of the future, their interest in eliminating child la- tion was only 1-4 of the total popuand I realize that you are especially bor bat if that act had been validated, lation. interested in these matters as they relate to Lincoln County.

While the fact is disputed at times, the most authentic records indicate that the first cotton mill in the South was built in 1813 on mill branch one chusetts irrespective of the difference particularly during the war when

and one half miles from Lincolnton. in the cost of living. Michael Schenck and Absolum War- Th Federal Child Labor Law was I confess that when I first examinlick, his brother-in-law got together \$1800, a large sum in those days, and having denied one section of the such was the case, but an examinaemployed Michael Beam to build them country the right to regulate the in- tion shows that in 1880 the negro a cotton mill with 1 picker, 2 cards ternal affairs of other sections, Mas- populition of the Northern States and 2 spinning frames of 70 flyers or sachusetts has seen the beginning of was 505,800 and in 1920 it was inspindles each, Much of the machin- the end and a great fear has come creased to 1,534.000. There has been ary was built by Michael Beam on the upon her.

Before closing I want to say a fow the north, and west, but it is not very premises. In 1819 John Hoke and Dr. Jas. words about cotton mills and their large of significant. The total gain Bwings bought . an interest in the relation to the prosperity of your in 40 years is 1,828,200. Much of county, mill

In 1817, four years after your mill was built, Joel Battle built a mill ut that North Carolina now occupies in "I was particularly interestes, Mr. the present site of the Rocky Mount agriculture and yet do not realize Houston added, "to note the figures Cotton Milis, at Rocky Mount, N. C. that the development of cotton manu- in South Carolina, where I lived for

tim textile industry of the South and Hargala sesponsible for that condition. Carolina the negroes outnumbered til the Mt. Heccla Mill was built at Your cotton mills are taking raw the whites by nearly 500,000. In 40 Greensboro, N. C., in 1830. The Mt. cotton at 25 cents today and increas- years, the increase of negro popula-Herele Mill was later bought by Thos. ing its value to 50 to 75 cents before tion in South Carolina has been only R. Tate and moved by wagon to it leaves your county. Mountain Island, N. C., where it was A large portion of that increase has been in round figures, 400,000. operated for many years.

table to farm than to engage in man- farmer a market for food stuffs that ple to the white, they new only have ufacturing our cotton manufacturing he could not without them afford to, 1 1-3. In North Carolina in 1880 turing, our cotton manufacturing in- raise.

IS GROWIN es pay, including light and water. One Hundred Per Cent In Forty

Many of the New England operatives pay 7 to 10 cents car fare to and from the mill. tion Has Increased Only Forty The fuel cost of the average New Per Cent.

England operative is given as \$86 per year as against an average of \$18,00 is worth 50 per cent more new that]

buy more and heavier clothing in the large as its colored," said Hon. David in the causes, symptoms and preven- all the specialist and made dates for winter and pay high prices in the F. Houston, former Secretary of the tion of communicable and other dis- the carrying on of various work in ther before the house judiciary comsummer for the vegetables that the Treasury, who was in Raleigh Mon- eases. To give instruction to young the county. Southern operative gets from his gar- day. den.

"I have been studying," said Mr. I estimate that the Southern opera- Houston, "the census of figures. They tive has an advantage of \$7.80 per show that the South is growing whitweek, which means that if the Souther. A comparison of the census fighe can live fully as will as the New the white population in this period "I understood from the invitation England operatives who gets \$22.80. in the South has more than doubled extended that you wanted me to dis- This gives you the real situation while the increase of negro population has been only 40.02 per cent. In

the Federal Child Labor Law would tal population in the Southern States. be held constitutional not because of whereas in 1920 the negro populathey could have thru Federal legisla- "Upon first blush, many will be

tion put a 48 hour law on North Caro- inclined to believe that this small, lina and by the passage of a minu- decrease of negro population in the mum wage law forced North Caro- South can be traced to the treking of lina to pay the same wages as Massa- the negroes to the Northern States,

there was a great demand for labor. not validated and the Supreme Court | ed the figures I expected to see that a drift of the negro population to

this was the natural gain, the bal-

You cite with pride the position ance immigration from the South. These two mills comprised the en- facturing in North Carolina has been sometime. When I lived in South 60,000, whereas the increase of whites

goes as wages to cotton mill people That is to say that where the negroes As slave labor made it more profi- and their purchasing power gives the formerly had 2 and 2 1-2 peo-

there were 300,000 more whites than industry did not grow very rapidizand Few men study the passage of the negroes. Now their are in round fiin 1860 we had only 41,884 spindles dollar through the channels of trade gures 1,000,000 more whites in



White Population Has Increased Over Objects and Advantages Of The Instruction.

Years Whereas The Negro Popula- (By Miss Alexander, Health Nurse.) ing meeting. "An investment in North Carolina Sick are:

its white population has doubled and of the principles of personal hygicae the County Work. The New England operative must its white population is three times as and household sanitation. To instruct The Agents got in close contact to Minnesota, refused to proceed fur-

girls and women in clementary nurs-ing procedure, in order that they may force of Extension workers a forest declaring the proceedings were "a care for members of their families expert, who will come to Lincoln Co. who are suffering from minor ail-ments and may intelligently carry out out new trees and the proper care of the big sharper of high science and the orders of a physicion in the ab- old forests. sence of a graduate nurse. To teach The last night in Raleigh the

initiative, especialy in the use of ap- agents had lots of fun when they ity. pliances and equipment at hand and | tried the "Scrub Bull' for his life, for the contriving of home made articles the damage he had done the jersey for the comfort peceasities of the sick breed. He had two lawyers to appear

had. Some of the direct sims of the in- sides. But the jersey condemned the struction offered, which is an essen- "serub bull" to be put to death, and be tial part of the health training of a replaced by a registered bull.

community where ever it is carried on are: To check infant and child mortali-

ty by:-

Teaching mothers such personal hygiene as will be of benefit to them,.

fifteen lessons with practical demonstrations.

Classes have been conducted Crouse, Asbury schools, and in Macen by the American Red Cross.

Any school or community desiring M. Alexander, the County Nurse. Members of these classes are as

follows: Asbury School-Zelda Wingate, Lettie Goodson, Addie Hauss, Mary Mullen, Verona Hovis, Clianna Gabriel, Mary Joy, Jaunita Procter,

D MEETING OF COUNTY AGENTS AT RALEIGH

County Agent J. G. Morrison, resecting of County Agents and home agents. He reports a very interest. appropriation to relieve famine con-

The primary objects of the instruc- The Agents worked out a proposed The census bureau reported that To furnish elementary knowledge, Home Agents can co-operate closer in tober 1917 .

when more expensive ones cannot be for him and two against. A great deal of wit was displayed on both

YOUNG GASTONIA MAN FOUND DEAD IN BATH ROOM

Charles Shuford, aged 16, employed plished. The department of religious

ments. The Standard Course in Home Hy-giene and Care of the Sick consists of and Hunter were immediately sum-offered by Rev. W. C. Meadows, pasmoney, arriving within ten minutes, tor of the Pores Knob church in Wilk-The physicians found that he wus es county. The resolution as adopted

slend. About 3:30 Mr. Les Rainey, a mes "Resolved that this convention peinh community, upon completion of chanic, stepped into the bath room to commend Wake Forest College in its examinations certificates will be giv- wash his hands and found Shuford present policy as expressed in the dressing, he having finished his bath, address of President William Louin He talked to Shuford and says that he Poteat, indorsing the Bible as the this course please notify Miss Lillian was apparently in the best of bealth basis of faith and we are glad to and seemed to be in the best of that the present policy will be conspirits. Rainey was the last man that the to see Shuford alive.

Coroner L. E. Kincuid was sum | Secretary Charles E. Maddry made moned and, after an investigation, report of the reinforcement campaign ordered the body removed to the and it appears that notwithstanding undertaking establishment of the the fact that all reports are not

A resolution was offered in house arned from Raleigh on Friday after by Representative Newton, of Misspending two weeks at the state souri, endorsed by 20 other Republican representatives for a \$70,000,000 ditions in Germany and Austria.

SHORT NEWS ITEMS

tion in Home Hygiene and Care of the plan of work for the coming year and cotton consumption in itoversher was a plan whereby the Co. Agents and the greatest in any month since Oc-

mittee with his impeachment charges

to his charges of high crimes and misdemeanors against Mr. Daughter-

STATE BAPTISTS VOTE .... TO SUPPORT POTEAT IN WORK AT WAKE FOREST

**Resolution Commending His Action** Unanimously Adopted.

more than has already been accom-

as a floor man by T. L. Craig, auto-Giving instruction in care of babics mobile dealer, was found dead in the of the convention. This department and small children, to combat as far bath room at the Craig automobile will have three sub-divisions: Sunas possible, domestic emergencies and establishment on West Airline avonue day schools, Baptist young people's epidemics. To promote industrial health and efficiency by teaching mothods for caring for personal health. To elevate the standards of com-To elevate the standards of comroom floor and called Mr. Noblett, a responding Secretary Charles E. Mad-

munity and national life by cultivat-ing intelligent public epinion upon and interest in public health require-ments. ananimously read as follows:

Winston-Salem, Dec. 14 .- Starting with next year the work of the board of missions of the Baptist State convention will be systematized, even

of 761 looms in North Carolina and but it can be shown that the purcas North Carolina than negroes. due to destruction by the Federal ing power of mill operatives greatly fact makes an investment in North

army they were reduced to 38,000 aids the farmers. Carolina 50 per cent better than it and 600 looms in 1872, but the spirit Let your mills shut down for a was in 1880. In North Carolina in of our section is shown by the fact month and your merchants know that 1880 there were 531,000 negroes and that in spite of the reconstruction it means a financial loss to them, the number has gone in 1920 to 763,period difficulties we had more than therefore more mill and more pay 000, a gain of much less than 200,doubled by 1880, having then 92,380 rolls would mean more profits. 000 negroes and a gain of 900,000 spindles. If your merchants would sit down whites.

By 1900 we had a total of 1,134,000 and carefully figure the indirect pro-In Virginia the figures are still which expanded to 3,160,000 in 1910 fits from every new mill they would more striking. In 1889 there were and now we have 5,500,000 spindles see that it would pay them to take 631,000 negroes and in 40 years these which places us next, to Massachu- stock even though they never expectwere increased to 690,090, or about setts and the time is not far distant ed to get a cent of dividends. 70,000, while the white population when we shall pass that state. 1 Cotton mills have bad years and of Virginia increased 800,000."

Lincoln County has not grown per- they have just had two very had ones. Mr. Houston, who is a noted auhaps, as rapidly s some of the other but under good management, and thority on economics, was very much maties, but you have today, 15 cot- taking the average over any period interested in the economic importton mills with 102,000 spindles and of ten years, I do not believe there is ance of these changes. He thanks which are consuming ap- any better investment than cotton that the fact that the South is grow-100 looms, proximately 25,000 bales of cotton mill stocks. ing whiter is a sure evidence that The world has \$150,000,000 spindl- the South is growing more producannually.

GIVING COAL, ORDERS

000 in 1920."

You have only 100 looms and are es of which only 16,000,000 are in the tive. therefore the only partially complet- Southern states of the United States. ing the job by producing yarns which Having advantages over every other on to say, "in the examination of men in the other sections weave or section, there need be no fear of our these figures to see that the general knit into fabrics which sell at much, building too many mills.". higher prices. It is a safe estimate A number of local men of the texthat the men who buy Lincoln County tile industry present as guests inyarns make annually more profit up- cluded Messrs Blenkenship, Arney, from superficial reading that the on then than your mills receive from Durham, J L. Stamey, W. N Will- drift to the north had been at the iams, Broome, Parker." their manfacture.

Like the people of every other pro-Secretary Anderson read a letter to gressive town you are interested in the the club from the Mayor of Newbern question of the movement of the mills graciously thanking the club for its of New England to the South, but donation to the fund to aid the homelike most of the others you see the less fire suffers of that city. problem from the wrong angle.

It is true that Massachusetts permits her mills to operate only 48 hours and taxes them almost out of PHYSICIANS ARE NOW existence, but the other New England states permot 54 hours and are not as unfriendly to industries. Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 14 .- Pre-

scriptions for coal are being given by If it were only a question of hours, physicians and honored by coal dealers in this city. One dealer said to-large increase as compared with otht of labor restrictions no New Engday that within two weeks he had re- er states, but is much smaller than in mill would worry about the South

ere we have advantages that ceived a dozen prescriptions written on regular prescription blanks and "My greatest surprise was to note In the fits place we have pure blood- each calling for half a ton. Such or-ed English peaking mill operatives dars were given motion of that the big increase in the negro imed English caking mill operatives ders were given preference over all as compared to the foreign born em- others, he said.

ployees of New sogland, many of whose mills have to rint their rules in eight different lan, ages. New England mills ages. shall have to find a substitute for the been built old smile: "Drunk as a sailor.'

This Mary Killian. Mepelah Community-Mrs. J. L.

> Mrs. Percival Hall, Mrs. C. A. Maun-Reinhardt, Mrs. Luther Sigmon, Mrs. R. L. McCorkle, Mrs. H. V. Keever, Mrs. Julius Sigmon, Miss Maude Jones, Mrs. Zettie Sigmon, Miss Frankie Loftin, and Miss Louise Mc-Corkle.

Crouse School-Frances Rudisiil. Veola Heafner, Josephene Rudisill, Nellie Harvey, Lois Carpenter, Jessie Heafner, Fay Carpenter, Anis Sullivan.

## ARBUCKLE TO OPEN

A CAFE IN NIPPON "I was greatly surprised," he went Tokyo, Dec. 14. - Rumors that Roscoe Arbuckle plans to return to Japan in the early spring and esimpression that the negroes had gone tablish a cafe in Tokyo have been unin large numbers to the north were officially confirmed. not correct . I had obtained the idea

His depleted finances and unpopularity in the United States are said to have combined to induce the rate of hundreds of thousands, but comedian to launch the Jajanese resthe figures show that there was 80,taurant venture.

000 negroes in Indiana in 1920 as The scandal which resulted in banagainst 39,200 in 1880. I was also surprised that the increase in negroes in Illinois was not so large as the reports from Chicago papers "Fatty" on his few appearences in led the people of the country to betheaters here . lieve. It was said that a quarter of

a million negoes had immigrated will be called the "Cafe Debu" from heaven for people who are too enfrom the South in the last few years, "Debukun," meaning "Mr. Fatty," grossed in worldly affairs to perform but in fact the number of negroes which he is called by Japanese admirin Illinois in 1920 was 183,300 as ers.

> You will be spending some money this Christmas-perhaps a considerable amount. We all do.

If you spend it with our home merchants at least a portion of it may the preacher doesn't complain of it. migration to the North was not to find its way back into your own pockets. It often does.

If it is spent outside of our community you will never see it again. preased from 85,500 in 1880 to to 240-They never do.

company. He yet in the hands of the secretary that Ford Undertaking summoned a jury composed of N. B. at least \$50,000 in new pledges were Abernethy, Mrs. R. O. Kincaid, Mrs. Davis, W. D. Aycock, W. H. Grady, G. made for the 75 million campaign. S. M. Finger, Miss Fannie Edwards, J. Harris, F. L. Fergerson, and J. R. Dr. Maddry gave a full report of the Mrs. C. R. Canipe, Mrs. C. E. Bisaner, Broom. This jury met at the court- 75 million campaign to date. In that Mrs G. I. Sherrill, Mrs. H. F. Ballard, house Sunday morning at 11 o'clock campaign the quota asked of North and examined witnesses, after which Carolina was \$6,140,000 for the five ey, Mrs. Graham Morrison, Mrs. John they rendered a verdict to the effect year period. The state however that Shuford came to his death from pledged \$7,054,562.44; since the beginsome cause unknown to the jury, ning of the campaign the contribu-Mrs. James Sigmon, Mrs. Rob Rhyne, There was no suspicion of foul play of tions have been as follows:

any kind, the supposition of the cor. | From May 1, 1919, to December 1. oner, physicians, employers and co- 1920, \$1,299,868,68. From December workers being that he died from some 1, 1920 to November 1, 1921, \$924 .-145.49. From November 1, 1921 to sudden attack of heart disease.

Young Shuford was a son of the December 1, 1922, \$966,940.75 Total hate Sheriff T. E. Shuford. He had contributions to date \$3,290,954.87, or been in the employ of Mr. Craig most a lack of \$394,045.13 in meeting the of the time for the past four years, quota and a lack of \$931,982.57 in He was apparently strong and heal- meeting the pledges made . An inthy, a clean up standing boy without teresting fact in this connection. bad habits and was very popular with however, is that the women of North all the men with whom he came in Carolina were asked to raise \$1,100,contact in the establishment where 000 during the five years and they he worked and on the outside also. have contributed to date over \$900,000 or within \$200,000 of their five year

quato. The women pledged \$2,167,-The average minister preaches 000 and they say that they will be able to meet the entire pledge within ' This requires intelligence, educa- the five ear period and it looks like they will.

The location of Mcredith college, In addition, he must keep a watch- the Baptist institution for girls loful eye on the work of the Sunday cated at Raleigh was settled last ning Arbuckle's pictures in Ameri- School, conduct mid week prayermeet- week by the Baptist State convention ca apparently has not affected Jap- ings, foster and encourage all sorts of in session at Winston-Salem when it anese "movie" fans who applauded church societies and activities, visit the was decided to move the college to sick and oppressed, smile sweetly Method, near Raleigh, where larger over the indifference of many of the grounds are available for the expan-

## New County Home Keeper.

Mr. C. Silvester Royster of Forest City, is the new county home keeper who will succeed Mr. J. B. Guffey next week. Mr. Royster is the son of Mr. James Royster, and has had experience in keeping the county home in Lincoln county. He has three children and is well qualified for the job. He has been with the Farmers Hardware Co., at Forest City for some time .- Rutherfordton Sun.

about 100 sermons a year. tion, research, and concentrated

thought.

According to reports the restaurant brethren, and blaze the path to sion of the institution.

this important duty for themselves.

We dole him out a sum that, with rigid economy, will cover his nakedness and keep soul and body together -and feel that we have done wonder-

fully well. The devil smiles at our parsimony, and we, apparently, prefer to remain ignorant of it.

It's a gay world-for everyone but the preacher.