

## Rural Route Number Two.

Those who are accustomed to judge a section by what they see at the county seat do not always get a correct idea of things. Monroe makes a good impression on strangers, but even that impression would be enhanced by a trip through some sections of the county. The most thriving place in the county now, outside

of the railroad towns, is Unionville. It is on route two from Monroe. The route runs north on the Concord road for nine miles to Benton's Cross Roads. Here it turns into the old Lawyers' road and goes east, dropping out into a loop through Unionville, then back into it to Five Forks; here it takes the Cuthbertson or Meadow Branch road to the Morgan road at E. E. Braswell's, thence with the Morgan road back to town. There are evidences of prosperity from one end of the route to the other. There are more painted houses along the line than on any other route in the county. A little paint makes a great deal of difference in the appearance of things, and a great deal of it transforms the face of a section. Paint is not only an index to prosperity, but it is more. It shows a taste for something further, for the beautiful as well as for the useful.

Mr. T. L. Love is the carrier. He is not the oldest carrier in the county, and he is not the best looking; Squire Jake Little is the oldest, and Uncle Adam Penegar thinks he is the best looking. But Mr. Love is a mighty good carrier, and he tends to his business and loves it. Mr. Love has just completed a nice two-story dwelling in Bentonville, and has housed 225 bushels of corn from nearby land this fall, making enough to feed his horses for twelve months. He knows the twenty-two miles of his route thoroughly. He carries each day a big bag of mail for the Unionville postoffice and for the two routes that run out from that place. Though a little old to be learning new tricks, Mr. Love says that if he did not have to carry this big bag of mail each day he would learn to ride a bicycle and go around on that two days in the week.

The route is well supplied with stores. There are seven, including Benton & Helms and J. H. Benton over the creek, and T. L. A. Helms and Smith Bros. at Unionville. The others are G. R. Helms, E. E. Braswell and J. M. Foard.

Mr. G. O. Fullenwider runs gins and other machinery three miles from town and does a good business. Mr. E. E. Presson does a great deal of ginning, probably as much as any country ginny in the county.

There are four white and two colored churches on the route, and several school houses.

There are many good farmers. One, Mr. M. D. Purser, who has a large and handsome dwelling at "Five Forks," has a great deal of improved machinery, among them a corn reaper and a shredder. Several years ago he quit the old way of farming, and now, with little more than his own labor, he makes more than when he had his several sons on the farm with him. Mr. J. S. Edwards, who lives on the Chaney old place on the Morgan road, is the only farmer known to this writer in the county who has his whole farm fenced in. He has wired it with the woven wire at great expense. But every field thereby becomes a pasture when he chooses to use it as such, and stock can be

turned in on fields after harvest and that save a great deal.

Among those on the route who have lately built new residences or good barns, from cottages to two-story houses, are Squire S. A. Helms, T. R. Keziah, W. C. Simpson, Squire E. J. Griffin, N. C. Price, E. G. Faulkner, T. L. A. Helms, L. S. Griffin and G. C. Baucom.

Unionville calls for special mention outside of its relation to the route. A few years ago the place died, but, as Squire W. A. Love says, it was resurrected. It is now very much alive. The school is, of course, the central object, but the village itself is now aspiring to make a place for itself that will both help and be helped by the school. The district has just voted a local tax and the school will be a State High School. Many new houses have been built, some are going up now, and the whole town looks like it had been freshly painted. Two wood working companies are just getting ready to begin operations and they are certain to succeed. W. A. Love, T. L. A. Helms and L. S. Griffin have organized a company to make coffins—the Unionville Casket Company. Their plant is where the Love Roller mill was, and Mr. Love has built another house for his flour mill. The machinery is in and work will begin soon. Smith Bros. and Little have built a house and put in machinery for a sash, door and blind factory. They, too, are about ready to begin work. Small plants like these, managed by their actual owners, are bound to succeed. Unionville has yet her brightest days in store.

Those who get mail on the route are as follows: J. H. Benton, S. D. Helms, W. H. Fowler, Walter Benton, W. G. Tucker, J. T. Griffin, Monroe Gray, W. A. Price, A. J. Price, P. C. Crump, Adam Helms, J. F. Belk, M. A. Belk, W. K. Price, John Pressley, J. C. Keziah, W. P. Keziah, J. W. Fowler, T. C. Price, S. C. Baucom, A. J. Fowler, J. E. Lowder, I. H. Keziah, W. A. Keziah, Dock Yow, E. H. Price, D. F. Price, S. A. Helms, Eld. H. Taylor, L. B. Helms, F. D. Pressley, T. R. Keziah, Jay Helms, A. C. Helms, Milas A. Helms, Harve Helms, I. R. Pressley, C. D. Pressley, J. Ashley Price, G. F. Horn, E. H. Price, W. D. Benton, G. R. Helms, T. A. Helms, W. R. Benton, J. S. Braswell, J. K. Trull, W. J. Wallace, W. E. Williams, J. S. Reader, Mrs. E. A. Benton, C. N. Mullis, D. F. Keziah, J. A. Trull, L. A. Scott, B. J. Scott, G. W. Scott, J. H. Griffin, W. A. Cuthbertson, W. C. Simpson, E. J. Griffin, E. M. C. Tomberlin, C. A. Scott, W. H. Little, W. B. Presson, N. C. Price, E. G. Faulkner, T. L. A. Helms, Dr. Whitley, A. J. Burrus, A. A. Secrest, J. T. Hamilton, Dr. W. H. Smith, T. G. Yandle, Luther Griffin, Prof. O. C. Hamilton, D. A. Price, J. T. Willeford, J. A. Jerome, T. H. Benton, W. H. York, C. T. Mills, J. C. Pusser, Moses Horn, J. T. Price, R. W. Seegars, M. M. Smith, J. W. R. Williams, T. L. Helms, M. D. Purser, J. W. Pressley, R. A. Pressley, H. M. Williams, E. E. Presson, Jacob Helms, Dock Tamber-

lin, E. E. Braswell, N. W. Braswell, J. M. Foard, H. M. Mullis, S. N. Foard, W. C. Braswell, J. D. Long, T. A. McLellan, J. C. Baucom, W. H. Baucom, G. C. Baucom, Lonnie Baucom, Josiah Baucom, C. C. Taylor, Leroy Medlin, I. N. Medlin, Laddie Baucom, G. W. Dees, Sr., G. W. Dees, Jr., Mrs. M. E. Chaney, J. S. Edwards, J. D. Hill, T. F. Hill, R. Threath, Wm. Wooten, J. H. Jones, J. H. Taylor, G. A. Taylor, J. M. Permenter, W. J. McGuirt.

There are not many colored people along the route, only the following families: E. S. Carelock, Rev. S. W. Alsobrooks, Alec Simpson, Pink Brown, G. W. Wilson, C. R. Moser, H. W. Cuthbertson, Peter McCullom, D. W. Fincher, Anderson Haley, Rev. W. McD. Cuthbertson, L. B. Kiser, Edwin Cuthbertson, Spencer Bost, Simp Reed.

### Marriage of Mr. Hugh Long.

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A wedding of interest to many in this section was that of Mr. Hugh Long of Gastonia, editor and proprietor of the Gastonia News, and Miss Sadie King, at her home in Elliotts, S. C. The ceremony was performed Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the brother of the groom, Rev. James Long, pastor of the Baptist church at Timmonsville, S. C. Mr. Long is a young man who is achieving something worth while in newspaper work in Gastonia and has many friends there who will welcome him and his bride back to that thriving little city. Mrs. Long is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edw. B. King. Mr. and Mrs. Long will live in Gastonia on Fourth street.

[Mr. Long is a son of Squire W. G. Long of this county.]

### Thanksgiving Day--Orphans Day.

The work of the orphans' homes of North Carolina appeals strongly to our judgment and to our sympathies. It merits our heartiest support.

In helping to provide for homeless, orphan children a home, a tender care, and an opportunity to obtain training for life, we perform a service the value of which is at present great and, in the future, will be multiplied beyond measure.

The Thanksgiving season has been set apart by the good people of this State as a time of special effort for and to aid our orphanages.

This is a beautiful and practical expression of the spirit of gratitude and is, we are sure, pleasing to the great and loving Father of the fatherless.

The thank-offerings at Thanksgiving are a real factor in the maintenance and improvement of our orphan's homes.

We bespeak for this most worthy work even the greater interest and love of a people who are signally blessed of God, a people who have abundant cause for gratitude. We believe the offerings will be made gladly and that they will be truly large and liberal.

Give your contributions to the one of the several orphanages to which you are most attached, but don't let the day go by without giving to one.

**It  
Works  
While You  
Sleep!**



And if Fortune is the structure you wish to build, you should by all means begin saving as your cornerstone.



You will never be financially independent if you wait for some "lucky strike."



Deposit your earnings in The Savings, Loan and Trust Co., and add to it regularly. We will add Four per cent. interest, compounded every 3 months. :: Then, watch it grow!

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