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OPPORTUNITY FOR DEMOCRATS

There never was a better opportunity for the Democrats of Surry to show that they are progressive than just now. This county needs to fall in line with the spirit of progress that has swept over most of the State in the effort to lift the farmers to a higher level in the way of a more profitable way of farming.

A citizen who observes spent a day going about over much of the county on business recently and observed that he passed only three automobiles in his day's travel. Now that we have spent a million dollars making good roads it is wise that we make every effort to develop the natural resources of the county that these roads may be profitable and that the wealth of the county may increase and make the burden of the upkeep of the roads as light as possible.

THIS IS PEACH WEEK

This is the great week for the peach growers about this city. For weeks and months they have been spraying and waiting and watching for the luscious fruit to grow and ripen on the trees. And now they are not disappointed. The fruit is here, and the finest that ever grew.

The Granite City Orchard, the next biggest one, has a professional set of packers from southern states here packing their peaches. The five packers are placing them in baskets while local help gathers in the orchard and places them happy to the packers.

The smaller orchards are catering to the local trade. The Moore orchard near the Quarry and E. L. Brown's orchard near Salem church each will sell something like a thousand bushels and cater to the truck and automobile trade.

In addition to these big orchards many farmers are bringing to market a few bushels and are asking and getting a dollar per bushel.

As one grower expressed it, this is a peach year. And he offered the advice that folks who look ahead should call this year for next year. For, said he, two peach years never come together.

There is something else about this peach growing business that many have not considered. Most of these big peach orchards will soon be cut down and then the supply of peaches about here will be gone. The peach trees were planted between apple trees when these orchards were started and the apple trees are now of sufficient size that most of the peach trees are getting in the way of their growth and will be removed, as was the purpose at the start.

WHEN HONOR BECOMES SELFISHNESS

The custom of Judge Levellyn in the Recorder's court demanding of a fellow that he give the name of the man from whom he bought his drink is a live subject about this city and causing much uneasiness among the bootleggers.

In all the years past, since there has been a determined effort to suppress the sale of liquor in these parts, it has been a rule that a man would not tell where he bought his drink. Some claimed that it was a sense of honor that forbid giving away the name of the man who was kind enough to make the sale.

It remained for the present recorder to find a way to make these folks who like their drink tell where they get it. And they are up in arms against him for his methods. Two cases of this nature were before the local court recently and they are typical of many others.

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School Bonds Carry

The election held in this city Tuesday on the subject of issuing \$33,500 in bonds for school purposes were voted with very little opposition. Only two votes were cast against the bonds and less than 100 registered voters failed to come to the polls.

Miss Simmons Hurt in Auto Accident

Miss Valle Simmons, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Simmons, of this city, was painfully injured Sunday afternoon when the car in which she and Miss Naomi Owens were riding, with a young man, turned over an embankment at Fairview.

Peaches and Sourwood Honey Report From Mount Airy Stir Statesville Citizens

Rotary Club Speakers Tell in Glowing Terms of the Crops Around Mount Airy, and Statesville Votes to Join With Charlotte in Next Goodwill Tour to Virginia and West Virginia Cities.

STOP OVER IN MOUNT AIRY FRIDAY NIGHT

Statesville, Aug. 19.—Glowing reports that the region about Mt. Airy abounds in yellow peaches and sourwood honey, induced the Statesville Rotary club today to decide instantly and unanimously to join with the Charlotte Rotary club and chamber of commerce in conducting a Good Will tour along the proposed Great Lakes-to-Florida highway into Virginia and West Virginia.

M. B. Mills, just returned from Mt. Airy said the "peaches and sourwood honey" in that vicinity is the best he had ever tasted, and added that he had tasted some good honey and good peaches in his time.

Before the question of "peaches and honey" came before the dinner gathering, President Bryant caused it to be noted that a delegation of Charlotte Rotarians were among those present. Clarence Kuester rose and proceeded to introduce David Clark, E. A. Terrell, Charles A. Williams, Harry A. Franklin, T. W. Pritchard and Norman Pease.

President Bryant turned the meeting over to Frank Johnson, and after routine in the way of roll call, minutes of the last meeting and such things had been dispensed with, Mr. Johnson requested Mr. Kuester to "say a few words." Which he did. He told all about the recent pilgrimage of North Carolina Rotarians into Virginia and West Virginia.

Mr. Clark stated that such a highway would bring anywhere from \$1,250,000 to \$2,000,000 in tourist business into Statesville and Charlotte during a season. He told in detail the proposed highway routing, pointing out the present good roads and those stretches that must be paved or otherwise constructed in order to become a part of the highway.

Edgar Terrell, of Charlotte, North Carolina member of the Great Lakes to Florida highway committee, distributed maps showing the proposed routing. Mr. B. Mills, of Statesville having just returned here from the Mt. Airy region, brought up the subject of "peaches and honey." He declared unequivocally and emphatically that when you mix the Mt. Airy peaches with the sourwood honey of that region, that no sweeter or more luscious dish has ever been discovered.

So it is now planned for the Good-Will caravan to march upon Virginia and West Virginia within the next two weeks, leaving Charlotte on a Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock, and arriving at Mount Airy for supper and the night. Saturday will be spent in visiting Wytheville and Bland, in Virginia, reaching Bluefield, W. Va., for supper on Saturday night. Then the caravan will disband.

Veteran Expressman to Take Rest

John T. Moore, for seventeen years in charge of the Southern express office in this city and for thirty three years in the service of the company has been granted a months leave of absence on account of failing health. It is hoped that a month's rest will restore him and that he will return to his job refreshed and invigorated.

WHAT IS TO BE DONE WITH OUR ROADS

Taxes and roads are the two big things that the citizens of Surry county must think about, whether they want to or not.

With the changing of time and custom a people find themselves looking new problems in the face. With the passing of the neighborhood grog-shop came schools and roads. When we had the grog-shop many thought that it was the main source of income and made it possible for the property to pay small-tax. The saloon was the main source of school funds in many sections of the State for years.

Now the automobile and the good roads are here for us to wrestle with. Both are extremely expensive, as every one knows. One cannot exist without the other. The automobile would be utterly useless without the improved road, and the roads are kept up mainly by taxes on automobiles and gas, that is, the state roads are. But the county roads must be kept up from taxes levied on property in the county where the roads are.

Our free school system is now a state matter and the State will see that we maintain them, but the upkeep of our roads is entirely a matter of our own.

If it is left to the average voter he will give him low taxes at the expense of the roads. Many large tax payers will be found in this class. But if it is left to the intelligent voter he will say maintain our roads even if the taxes are what many call high.

Our people may just as well get it in their minds that taxes are not going to be less in this county, but rather more. These roads were built with bond money and the top soil was put on with bond money.

It will be the easiest thing at all to place men in office here in the county who will listen to the clamor of the unthinking crowd and let our roads go down to save a little tax money. Once they are in bad condition it will take a big sum to put them in good condition.

The voter who thinks should know the attitude of every man who asks for his vote as county commissioner before he places him in position to control our roads. The people of this county have invested in automobiles to a vast amount. Many men have more in an automobile than they have in a home. To permit our roads to go down while listening to the clamor of a few for low taxes would be a calamity to all those who own automobiles.

This Cow A Money Maker

Mrs. J. M. Venable, of route 4, is the proud owner of a cow that produces nearly 5 gallons of milk per day. The cow is a Jersey and is 8 years old. From March 1 to August 16 Mrs. Venable has sold 207 lbs. of butter that brought her the neat sum of \$82.50 in addition to providing milk and butter for the Venable household.

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IF THE NEGRO TURNS DEMOCRAT

One big problem for western Republican politicians is how to keep the offices and the negro vote at the same time. Every one knows that the negro has long thought the Republican party to be his closest friend and most negroes have voted the Republican ticket when they were permitted to vote.

As time has gone by many of the colored race have gone from the South to states in the west. In some districts of states like Ohio and Illinois there are as many negro voters as there are white voters. In these districts the negro has learned that he has enough votes to determine the way and election shall go, and he has also learned that he can get recognition from the party leaders if he demands it.

Now this demand for recognition has gone so far that it is a real problem for the Republican leaders. They are no more willing to have negro men to represent them than are Southern politicians, but to refuse the office to them and hold them true to their party is now out of the question. In one district in Chicago 65 per cent of the voters are negroes.

Say what you please about it, the negro citizen has not yet reached the position where he can dictate terms to the white man. If he could get it in his mind to not try to become a leader where white men are to follow it would be much to his interest.

First Baptist Church Rev. E. Gibson Davis, Pastor Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11:00 a. m. B. Y. P. U., 7:00 p. m. Evening service, 8:00 p. m. Regular prayer and praise services Wednesday, 8:00 p. m. Subject: "What the World expects of the Church": "Asleep in a Barber Shop." An invitation awaits all.

Another Car Turns Over Mountain Side

Republican-candidate-for-sheriff I. G. Wallace, of Kapp's Mill, had a little diversion from the excitement of his campaign for the nomination for sheriff when his car left the road on the river hills this side of his home and rolled down the mountain side a considerable distance. Mr. Wallace in company with a friend, was returning from a trip to Dobson last Sunday and when passing a car on the Kapp hill he drove too close to the edge of a high fill. The heavy touring car skidded off the side of the road and began its tumble to the bottom of the ravine. Strange to relate both occupants escaped with minor scratches. The experience will no doubt harden Mr. Wallace to the oncoming wreck he will experience in the election this fall as he sees his Republican constituents sliding down the political hill into the Democratic camp.

Former Mount Airy Man Writes From Oregon

J. N. York, a former citizen of Surry county, sending in his renewal to The Mount Airy News sends his regards to the folks back home. Mr. York, who was reared within four miles of Mount Airy, is now proprietor of the "Neverfall Wheat Farm," Milton, Oregon. He left here 38 years ago with \$65.00 at the age of 19, now he farms 2246 acres in wheat and raises 25 to 40 thousand bushels every year. Mr. York wants us to say that his door is always open to folks from old North Carolina. He lives 164 miles east of Portland, Oregon. At the time the letter was written he had just returned from a visit to the Pacific coast.

Surry Sunday School Convention

A program, full of live Sunday school topics to be discussed by able leaders at the Surry Sunday school convention to be held in Calvary Baptist church at Cross Roads, west of this city, Aug. 30-31, has reached this office. The convention meets on Saturday from 1:30 to 4 p. m. with another session at 8 p. m. and from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Sunday, with intermission for dinner on the grounds from 12 to 2 p. m.

TIRES REDUCED Goodyear Tires have just been reduced approximately 20 per cent and are now the cheapest they have been during all the years of the tire industry. No matter how large your size we can give it to you at an amazingly low price. Ford sizes are now: 30x3 at \$6.75 30x3 1-2 at 7.50 Tubes \$1.50 and up. Tobacco Flues twine and knives. Coleman Gas Mantels for your lamp or lantern. Full line of flash lights. 11 ft. and 12 ft. galvanized roofing for your tobacco barn. Holcomb & Midkiff "The Store of Prompt Service" Remember our Slogan: "PAY CASH AND PAY LESS"