

PERSON COUNTY

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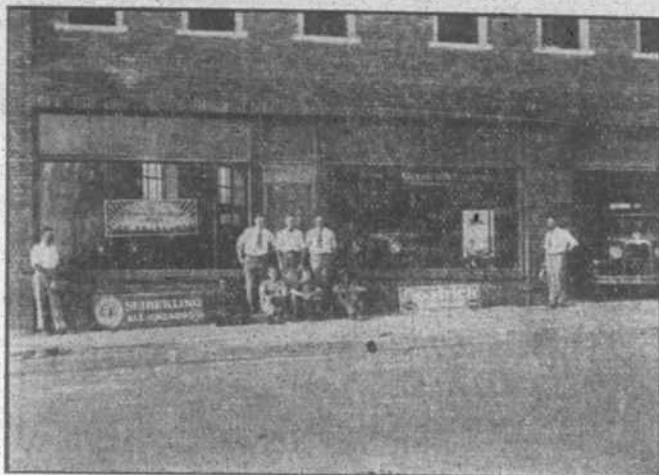
Person county enjoys many distinct advantages in the realm of agriculture. With the other counties in Piedmont North Carolina, it is practicing diversification to a fair degree. It is in the heart of the oldest tobacco-producing belt and rightly lays claim to some of the highest quality of tobacco produced in North Carolina.

The total value of Person county's farm products runs around \$4,750,000 annually. This is nearly a million dollars in excess of the total value of all crops in the State of Rhode Island and over half the value of the total crops of Nevada.

The soils of Person county are varied, but red clay formation predominates. Drainage, due to the rolling land, is good, and rainfall is sufficient to insure successful methods.

Corn leads in the acreage of crops, with about 25,000 acres, on which the grain alone is worth about half a million dollars a year. The county's twenty thousand acres planted to tobacco yielded \$3,750,000 last year. The wheat crop also is of fair importance, with 11,500 acres, whose monetary yield last year was \$146,000. This year's yield is far better than that of a year ago.

Person county soils respond readily and abundantly to improvement methods. Last year there were about 2,000 acres of cowpeas grown alone for all purposes, while 880 acres were



STEWART CHEVROLET COMPANY

Showing Mr. Stewart and his force of Salesmen and Mechanics.

planted in corn. Soy beans have not been planted extensively as yet.

Some miscellaneous information secured through the farm census last year showed that 1,762 tenants were living on Person county farms and that 28,000 acres were cultivated by them, as compared with 43,000 by the owners. They report 42,000 apple trees of bearing age and 29,000 peaches, while pecans were enumerated to the number of 317. While field vegetables are of little importance, they

showed an equivalent of 1,441 acres in home gardens. The bee colonies, numbering 1,021, show a smaller number than the average Piedmont county. For the 60,761 acres cultivated, 3,641 head of workstock are shown. Less than 200 sows of breeding age were reported for this large county, although 4,536 hogs of all ages were reported for taxation. Here is a good field for development as doubtless great quantities of pork are sold to the farmers annually. That eggs and

shown, which was an appreciable increase over the preceding year. The milk cows numbered 2,314. Usable tractors were 74, while commercial fertilizers showed about 11,000 tons used.

The improved highways have greatly aided the people of North Carolina in becoming acquainted with Person County, whereas before it was considerably isolated. That it is not greatly unlike many other progressive Piedmont counties is quite evident to those who travel to this part of the State.

The tobacco sales on the Roxboro market last year amounted to 6,817,063 pounds, averaging \$25.45. This is one of the highest averages in the State, by virtue of its high grade leaf produced largely in the south-western area. There is a peculiar tobacco section to be found in the adjoining portions of Person, Caswell, Ahamance and Orange counties. This accounts for the extra high price on the Mebane market. Much of this good tobacco goes to Danville, Va. to boost up their average also.

One suggestion that might be offered toward improving this county's economic agriculture is that of the forage crops. A prominent practice at present is to strip the leaves of the corn which somewhat hurts the weight and quality of the corn grain. The labor involved in harvesting and housing the fodder is also very expensive. It would be far better for the farmers to plant more hay crops, including legume mixtures, so as to provide a cheaper and better forage



H. L. CROWELL
Manager of Crowell Auto Company
Roxboro, N. C.

CROWELL AUTO COMPANY

Fourteen years ago, the Crowell Auto Company, established at Roxboro, for the placing of the Ford products, and during those years it has been an active factor in placing thousands of cars in this section of the state.

This concern is one of the most outstanding of its kind to be found in North Carolina, and operates in Virginia and TAR HEEL State, at the following distributing points: Roxboro, N. C., Yanceyville, N. C., and at South Boston, Alta Vista, Chatham, Gretna, Long Island and Danville, Virginia. At the last named place, the chief executive office is maintained, though each plant is a distinct and separate unit, and the Danville office, under the supervision of A. B. Crowell, Secretary and Treasurer and general manager, acts as a clearing house for the organization.

H. L. Crowell, who manages the Roxboro plant of the Crowell Auto Company, is a native of Union County, and for several years, was associated with a hardware concern at Monroe. He later became identified with the Crowell Auto Company and has made splendid strides in this responsibility he now manages.

The president of the Crowell Auto Company is Dr. A. J. Crowell, whose residence is at Charlotte. The vice president is T. A. Crowell, at South Boston.

The Roxboro Company is housed in a building worthy of a city of 20,000 people. Every feature of it is modern. The interior is most commodious and the place, as a whole, is a distinct acquisition to Roxboro.

Mr. H. L. Crowell is associated with the local Rotary Club, and the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce. He was formerly mayor of Roxboro, and under his administration, our little city enjoyed good government, and certain programs of advancement were taken that have left their mark for good upon this community.

Speaking on local conditions, he quotes him: "Roxboro occupies a splendid position for being the center of a large trading territory and the possibilities it has for our merchants, we must cultivate the idea that trading conditions have changed in the last few years. In order to hold trade, we must be aggressive. It behooves us to wake up to that condition."

"Many manufacturing plants would do well by locating at Roxboro, as local conditions are very good, as we never have any labor troubles and working conditions are first class. The environment for the people working in the mills, from the view point of good schools and churches, is splendid."

Mr. Crowell manifests his interest in any community project, by giving both time and money, in seeing that it is put over.

Mr. C. O. Crowell, his son, is associated with his father at Roxboro, and is salesman at this place for the Crowell Auto Company. He attended prep school at Mars Hill College, and has had a thorough training in a practical way, that has given him and trained him into good executive qualities.

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The Newells quality jewelry store, established in 1889 by W. H. B. Newell, now deceased, has long held a place of eminence among our many and diverse business establishments. The firm was conducted by Mr. Newell until the time of his death in 1913, and since that time has been under the active operation of his three sons, Messrs. H. W. Newell, B. B. Newell and R. E. Newell. They have not only conducted the business in a very successful manner, but have also carried with them the principles of quality and genuineness which so characterized the father.

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The nice business enjoyed by The Newells is a marked witness to the confidence reposed in them by our people. They have practiced square dealing, and the result has been for an increased trade and satisfied customers.

The operators of this old establishment have also been active in the affairs of the community at large, and have been affiliated with all movements for the public good, and are a staunch type of citizenry.

More cows than needed to supply a condenser were found in a recent survey made in Ahamance and surrounding counties. It is proposed that the condenser be located at Mebane.

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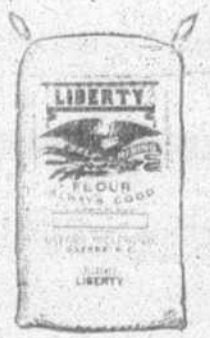
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