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Roxboro Broom Works Gets Big State Contract

Awarded Contract For 1,800 Dozen Brooms At \$2.50 To \$7.00 Per Dozen

Person County Has 5,647 Taxpayers

Roxboro Township Leads With 2,000—Allensville Follows With 542

New tax books just completed by W. T. Kirby, register of deeds of Person county, places the number of tax payers in the county at 5,674. There are probably a good number whose names have not been listed which would run the figure to approximately 5,700.

Roxboro township leads with the number of taxpayers, there being exactly 2,000 listed in the books to date. Olive Hill township is credited with having the lowest number, 406. Other townships and the number of taxpayers follows:

Allensville, 542; Bushy Fork, 522; Cunningham, 400; Flat River, 495; Holloways, 428; Mt. Tizah, 458 and Wooddale, 423.

Evidently Person county is a county made up mostly of a population of Claytons. The tax books show that the Claytons have it by a large margin, there being 166 of them listed.

1930 FARM CENSUS

Census Reports Farm Acreage And Values In North Carolina

According to a bulletin recently issued by the Bureau of the Census, there are 279,708 farms in the State of North Carolina having a total acreage of 18,055,103, and a total value, including land, buildings, and implements and machinery, of \$866,333,636. These figures are given in detail for each county and minor civil division within the State. This is the first Federal census report to show these figures by minor civil divisions.

Of the total farm acreage 32.2 per cent, or 5,809,741 acres, was crop land on which crops were harvested in 1929; 5.9 per cent, or 1,073,840 acres, was crop land which lay idle or fallow; and 0.7 per cent, or 128,620 acres, was land on which the crops failed to mature or were not harvested for any cause. Pasture land with a total of 2,845,283 acres, representing 15.8 per cent of the total farm acreage of the State, included 887,956 acres of plowland, 1,423,912 acres of woodland, and 533,415 acres of other land. In addition to the land cropped and pastured, the total land in farms included 6,902,522 acres of woodland not used for pasture, and 1,295,097 acres not in forest pasture, or crops, including the land occupied by house yards, barnyards, feed lots, lanes, roads, etc.

The total value of farm land and buildings was \$844,121,809, of which \$270,363,969 represented the value of all farm buildings, including the farmers' dwellings, which were valued at \$182,523,315. The value of farm implements and machinery, including farmers' automobiles, was \$42,211,827.

Copies of this bulletin may be obtained by writing to the Bureau of the Census, Washington, D. C.

What About This?

If you are buying a policy to keep, and you are young it pays to buy one that will pay a dividend. The dividend policy starts slightly higher than one which does not pay dividends, but the dividend paying policy is cheaper in the long run.

You can take a policy that participates for age 20, the average cost being about \$17.44. The total cost is \$348.80. A policy age 20, costs \$21.80 for every year. The total is \$426.00. This is a 20 Pay-Life.

Another thing when the policy is paid up, you get dividends the rest of your life. If you buy a policy which does not pay dividends, you will not get those dividends.

KNIGHT'S INS. AGENCY.

Go Back To The Farm For Safety

"Those unable to find jobs must go back to the land," says Liberty Magazine in an editorial on unemployment. "Small farms of a few acres will supply the food and the crude comforts essential to healthful living. A family with a small farm does not have to ask for charity. A farmer can always raise garden truck and if he has a cow and chickens he can practically support himself."

Prominent Person Citizen Succumbs After Long Illness

Henry T. Mitchell Dies After Long Illness As Result Of Paralytic Stroke

Mr. Henry T. Mitchell died at his home about six miles south of Wooddale yesterday morning at 6:30. He suffered a stroke of paralysis about a year ago, and had been confined to his bed for about three months. He was one of the best known men in the Wooddale section; a member of Mill Creek Baptist church.

Mr. Mitchell is survived by one son, Mr. R. Earl Mitchell, of Wooddale; one sister, Mrs. H. S. Williams, Wooddale, and one brother, Mr. George Mitchell, Roxboro, Route two.

Active pall bearers will be Messrs. Joe G. Owen, Isaac Owen, John R. Morris, Haywood Bailey, R. L. Hall and T. J. Montague. Flower bearers: Misses Evelyn Mitchell, Odell, Estelle and Pansy Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Mitchell, Mr. Alexander Winstead and Fred Mitchel.

Funeral services will be held at the home Wednesday, August 26th, at 2 p. m., Rev. W. L. Maness, of the Person Circuit, and Rev. A. J. McKelway, pastor of the Roxboro Presbyterian church, in charge. Interment will take place immediately after the ceremonies in the Mitchell family cemetery.

SCHOOL DAYS

It won't be long now before vacation is over and school will begin again. Then the young ones will get back into their own world, for in the life of the child the real world is that in which he mixes on equal terms with others of his own age. We older folk are too absorbed with the affairs of grown-ups to understand what the young ones are thinking about.

We are prone to think, as we grow older, that what he had in school is good enough for our children. That would be true if the world stood still, but it doesn't. In a changing world, the best education is that which makes the child alive to the changes, which brings him most closely in touch with the new things that we didn't know anything about when we were young. Everything is different today from yesterday; tomorrow everything of today will be out of date. The boy or girl who gains from his school work the sense of change, of constant forward movement steadily going on, has got the best foundation for success in life.

We don't think it is nearly as important to teach children how to do things as it is to teach them how to understand things. One way is to get more young people as teachers and on school boards. School systems must grow and change, just as the world grows and changes, and old folk are too apt to resist change. There must be old heads in school affairs, of course, but some who are still young enough to remember their own schooldays ought to have some say about school matters.

Death of Mrs. Spencer

Mrs. May Allen Spencer died at her home in Durham about ten days since. Funeral services were held from the home. Mrs. Spencer was well known in Roxboro, having visited here often; before her marriage she was Miss May Allen, and had many friends here. Mrs. J. M. Pass, one of her most intimate friends, attended the funeral services.

What Shall We Do With It?

Our much admired and good friend, Dr. E. J. Tucker, left on our desk a vegetable peach, whatever that is, and now we are in doubt as to how to eat it; shall we boil it, stew it, or just eat it raw?

Touring Canada

Mr. R. P. Burns of Roxboro, and Mr. R. C. Greaves of Raleigh, left last Saturday for an extended auto trip, which will carry them through the New England States and thence into Canada. They expect to be away for about two weeks.

First Steps for an American Navy

First steps for an American navy were taken October 13, 1775.

GOVERNOR GARDNER ASKS PRESIDENT TO CONVENE CONGRESS

State Legislation Compelling Abandonment of Cotton Is Termed Unsound

SAYS COTTON CRISIS IS INTERNATIONAL

Shelby, Aug. 24.—Governor O. Max Gardner, of North Carolina, today termed state legislation compelling abandonment of cotton as "unsound" without some binding agreement with foreign growers and called upon President Hoover to convene an immediate session of congress to consider the cotton crisis.

Governor Gardner called the cotton situation a "national affair and not merely a sectional and state matter." North Carolina, he said, could be relied upon to support any "intelligent and effectual plan."

"Cotton is not merely a sectional crop confined to the south but is a national and international commodity. It is grown in America and in at least 12 foreign countries. Last year the United States produced 13,753,000 bales and foreign countries produced 11,724,000 bales.

Suggests Congress Meet

"It is my judgment that before any governor calls a special session of the legislature, and as a condition precedent thereto, the President should call congress into immediate session and lay before the states and foreign governments that grow cotton the absolute necessity for unified action and control."

"Nothing is more unsound than state legislation compelling abandonment of cotton growing in the south without some binding agreement with foreign growers. The several states can make no treaty with foreign growers. That is solely the function of the federal government."

"This movement should begin with a unified policy adopted by the national government and come down to the producing states instead of beginning in confusion with the several state legislatures and finally heading up in congress."

"I, therefore, urge President Hoover to call an immediate session of congress to formulate a sound national cotton policy."

GEORGIA WEED AVERAGES 6.94

Virtually Five,000,000 Pounds Brings Three and Half Million Dollars to Date

MARKETS WILL BEGIN CLOSING THIS WEEK

Atlanta, Aug. 24.—Tobacco growers of Georgia received \$989,768.51 last week for 15,492,857 pounds of tobacco sold at an average price of 6.39 cents a pound, it was shown today in a compilation by Marcus McWhorter, chief statistician for the state department of agriculture.

To date, McWhorter said, 49,596,954 pounds of Georgia tobacco have been sold for \$3,442,920.31, an average of 6.94 cents.

During the third week of 1931 total sales for the state were 15,079,606.88.

Fourth week sales volume this week compared unusually well with third week volume, McWhorter said, on account of the lateness of the crop. Prices, however, averaged somewhat lower.

The smallest fourth week 1931 sales were 56,164 pounds at Camilla. That market also had the lowest average price, 4.02.

Department of agriculture officials said they understood several markets would close this week.

ROOFS PACKED WITH VICTIMS AWAITING END

Death, Famine, Pestilence and Insanity Maintain Ghastly Vigil Over Stricken Hankow

PUNY POLICE EFFORTS HAVING LITTLE EFFECT

Hankow, Aug. 24.—Hunger driven refugees attacked a detail of soldiers here today as the latter started moving a quantity of grain from the navigable section of the flooded cities. The soldiers called reinforcements and the crowd quelled after the arrival of junks with mounted machine guns. Several refugees were wounded.

Shanghai, Aug. 24.—A dispatch to the Kuomin News Agency from Hankow today said more than 1,000 refugees housed in the barracks at Wanchang, across the Yangtze river, were drowned as a result of a fresh break in the dyke.

Hankow, China, Aug. 24.—A panorama of death, madness, disease and starvation spread before the Associated Press correspondent today in cruising about the watery streets of Hankow at a speed of one mile an hour.

That pace was the fastest that could be maintained through the assorted thousands of craft drifting above the inundated city.

Hundreds of additional houses gave evidence that they would collapse soon whether the flood waters subsided or not. Apparently the water was all that was holding them up. They were either crumbling or leaning in all directions.

Waiting For Death.

On the roofs of these houses thousands of Hankowites still were clinging, reconciled to the prospect that they soon would join the procession of corpses floating down toward the sea along with countless carcasses of animals caught in the flood. Those still clinging to unstable buildings had watched hundreds of their fellow towns people plunge to certain death with the collapse of their dwellings.

A few had fashioned nets for fishing in the dirty flood water. Whole families acclaimed the capture of a single minnow, which meant food.

Struggle To Clear Roofs

Efforts of the military to clear the roofs were only partially successful. A few vendors cruised about in sampans, but the majority of the roof sitters lacked even one copper with which to buy. It soon became dangerous for the vendors because hunger began to madden the sufferers.

Despite the colossal difficulties, the police worked heroically cruising the streets in boats and attempting to maintain a semblance of order. They had a big job trying to pound some traffic sense into the 3,000 boatmen, many of whom have entered the city for the first time in their lives.

Riots Threaten.

Most of these boatmen had lived on the river since childhood. Stern measures also became necessary when 30,000 Jimrakis men, their vehicles useless or gone, threatened to rush the more prosperous sections of the city and seize food.

Officers mounted machine guns on several small junks and manned each with a gunner and a squad of riflemen with fixed bayonets. If the machine guns ever are used, the death toll will be heavy because the surface of the water is thick with refugees.

Some of these cling to tubs, boards, barrels, baskets, or anything else that will support them. In the shallower waters hundreds of beggars stand neck deep in the flood with small children perched on their shoulders.

The correspondent saw scores of aged men and women wading about in water up to their necks in search of supposedly better refugees they had heard about. These aged persons had lacked strength to fight for places aboard the few refugee ferries operated by the authorities.

Many of these waders lose their footing, or succumbing to exhaustion, disappear beneath the muddy waters.

Cling to Tree-tops.

From the outskirts of Hankow came reports that hundreds of refugees, left with no other haven when their farms were submerged, (Continued on last page)

LUKE LEA AND DAVIS ARE GIVEN PRISON SENTENCES; LEA, JR., IS FINED \$25,000

How He Was "Ke'p Off The Cross"

A North Carolinian, on a business trip in Powhatan County, Virginia, ran across an old negro farmer who had an unusually large store of canned food in his home.

"It's what ke'p me off o' the cross," said the negro. Asking what was meant by the term, the visitor learned that drought had forced most other negroes in the neighborhood to look to the Red Cross for food in the latter part of 1930. This one had plenty of his own, though able to produce little.

"I long ago learned that the good Lord sometimes sends drought and sometimes floods," the negro told him. "So I always puts up food for two years ahead." He was putting up enough this year to last him through all 1932 and at least a part of 1933.

China-ware was little known in America until revolutionary times.

CAPTURES \$5,000 LOAD OF LIQUOR

Federal Officers Also Arrest Four White Men and Confiscate Truck

Wilmington, Aug. 25.—Four white men, foreign liquor valued at \$5,000 and a truck were captured near here today by Federal prohibition agents and customs and Department of Justice authorities in a concerted effort to break a rum syndicate operating along the lower Carolina coast.

The raid occurred two miles south of here early this morning at an outlying barn and farm house. One hundred and eighty-five cases of bottled in bond liquor were captured in the truck parked in the barn as the driver slept.

The men are charged with violation of the prohibition law and other charges are expected to be placed. They are:

Lennox Gore, resident of the farm, who gave his occupation as farmer.

James Grosby, who was found asleep in the truck, no address.

E. J. Aldredge, resident of Castle Hayne road in New Hanover county, who, a few days ago, claimed the seized truck after it had been taken in a raid on the Lockwoods Folly river.

"Chuck" Cummings, New Hanover county, son-in-law of Aldredge, alleged to be connected in the enterprise.

The liquor was destroyed in the city incinerator.

Charlotte Leads In Amount Of Checks

Charlotte, Aug. 25.—Charlotte continued its leadership in the Carolinas in total amount of checks drawn against individual accounts for the week ended August 19, according to figures released by the local branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.

Figures for the leading cities of the Carolinas: Asheville, \$2,556,000; Charleston, \$3,845,000; Charlotte, \$9,369,000; Columbia, \$3,440,000; Durham, \$6,285,000; Greensboro, \$3,285,000; Greenville, \$2,726,000; Raleigh, \$3,495,000; Spartanburg, \$2,149,000; Wilmington, \$2,083,000, and Winston-Salem, \$6,087,000.

Mr. Bullock Improving

Mr. R. A. Bullock, who has been in Watts hospital for a couple of weeks, is reported as being very much improved, and his family expect him to be able to return home soon.

Patrolman Arrives

Mr. G. C. Robinson, patrolman, who has been assigned to this territory, with headquarters in Roxboro, has arrived. He is making his home with Mr. N. S. Thompson, and has established offices in the Sheriff's office.

Jackson County farmers are shipping spring lambs at good prices. A car of 95 lambs was shipped to Cincinnati last week.

Three Principals in Asheville Bank Fraud Case All Declared Guilty By Jury

CHARLET IS ACQUITTED

Asheville, Aug. 25.—Luke Lea, Tennessee newspaper publisher and former U. S. Senator, today was sentenced to serve from six to ten years in the North Carolina State Prison upon conviction of having defrauded the Central Bank and Trust Company here of \$1,136,000.

Luke Lea, Jr., convicted along with his father in the conspiracy trial which has been under way here for more than four weeks, was fined \$25,000 after Solicitor Zeb V. Nettles had made a plea for him on the grounds of his age—23—and the fact that he was merely doing as instructed by his father.

Wallace B. Davis, president of the bank who already faces a five to seven year sentence in connection with its failure, was given four to six years in prison.

E. P. Charlet, business assistant of the Leas, was acquitted by the jury and discharged by the court.

Tried on Six Counts.

They were tried on six counts of conspiracy to defraud the bank and one count of misapplication of its funds pursuant to the conspiracy.

The Leas were convicted on four counts, and Davis on three, but Judge M. V. Barnhill, who presided over the special trial of superior court called by Governor Gardner to try them, set aside the verdict on the county in which the Leas alone were convicted, as it charged conspiracy, of which they could not have been guilty except in conjunction with an officer of the bank.

Sentences in Detail.

They were sentenced as follows:

First count, charging conspiracy to misapply \$300,000 worth of the bank's certificates of deposit—Davis two to three years; Luke Lea three to five years; Luke Lea, Jr., fined \$10,000.

Fourth count, charging conspiracy to misapply \$100,000 more of certificates of deposit—Davis, two to three years, to be served at the expiration of the first term; Luke Lea, three to five years, to be served likewise; Luke Lea, Jr., to pay Buncombe county \$5,000 toward the costs of the case.

Seventh count—charging actual misapplication—Davis four to six years, to be served concurrently with first two sentences; Luke Lea, six to ten years, to be served likewise; Luke Lea, Jr., fined \$5,000 and ordered to pay \$5,000 toward court costs.

It was the fifth count, charging misapplication of \$100,000 worth of cashier's checks, on which the Leas were convicted alone, on which the verdict was set aside. Returns of "not guilty" were made upon the other counts.

Included in the bill of particulars on the seventh count were loans by the bank to Lea totaling \$572,000; City of Asheville notes worth \$45,000 delivered to Lea for which bank never received payment; \$214,000 worth of the bank's bonds delivered to him for which bank never received payment, and portion of the cashier's checks and certificates of deposit mentioned in the first six counts. Loans totaling \$45,000 which had originally been listed in the bill were deleted by the judge when evidence failed to show their proceeds went to Lea.

Another New Home On Reams Avenue

Mr. E. E. Thomas has let the contract for his new home which he will build on Reams Ave. Mr. E. T. Day being the successful bidder. The residence will be modern in every particular and will be another handsome home on this residential street.

Tco Much Home Brew

Six quarts of home brew was found in the possession of William Beasley, which Chief Oliver thought was entirely too much for one person. Beasley was given a hearing and was bound over to court under a bond of \$50.00.

Plan Now for an Exhibit at Your County or District Fair

Plan now for an exhibit at your county or district fair. Let the other fellow see the kind of cow you have or the kind of crops you grow. Or maybe it's a pig you want to show. Anyway—it pays.