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THE ROAD SURVEY

The work of surveying the new location for the state highway has been completed and the next step now is for the reviewing engineer to look over the work and to make his report as to the route he recommends. As it stands now two lines have been proposed. One comes from Lakeview on the east side of the railroad, bearing to the eastward as the route leaves Lakeview, and getting farther from the railroad until a point in the swamp is reached. Then a curve is made, and the line comes parallel to the road this side of the river, but keeping some distance to the east until the curve of the railroad below the cotton mill is approached. From the curve the line is straight to a point east of Keith's store, where a curve carries it across the railroad to a point on the present road on top of the hill north of the school grounds. This route to Lakeview is much longer than the railroad.

The other route surveyed leaves the present road at the same point in the north end of the village, and goes down in a straight line from the old road to a point near the pump house near the railroad below the cotton mill. There it turns under the railroad, and keeps to the eastward until it reaches the other survey. Those familiar with the route through the swamp say this should not have been the course, but that immediately after passing under the railroad the route should turn and follow the course of the railroad to Lakeview, shortening the distance by several hundred feet, and getting onto more solid ground through the swamp than by the survey further east.

By taking the route west of the railroad, and down by the cotton mill, the road would come into Vass from Cameron without a curve on entering the town, and the same straight line would continue to the point of crossing under the railroad. From there about 400 feet would be taken by the underpass, and then the route would continue without another curve to the pine grove at Lakeview and the old road going on southward. Much interest is shown in the discussion of the two routes and the coming of the reviewing engineer is awaited with a good deal of eagerness to see what he will recommend.

A FAMILIAR SIGHT

The snow and rains brought the water in the river to a stage that for the first time in months put it over the road between Vass and Lakeview. While few are anxious for the water to run over the road many are mighty glad to see enough water to give promise of a supply again in some of the wells and springs that have been shy for a considerable part of the fall.

The worst thing about jazz and chewing gum is the sound.

TO THE CITIZENS OF VASS

ON account of a request of the Community Club, I herewith take this opportunity to request that you use Friday, February 10th for Clean-Up Day. On this day please make an effort to clean up all private and public premises. Let us co-operate to make Vass a better place in which to live.

W. D. MATTHEWS,
Mayor.

MONEY IN CHICKENS

While lots of Vass people raise chickens successfully on a small scale, we believe there is scarcely a man in town who has not at some time or another dreamed of fortunes to be made in raising them as a business. They have gone so far as to work out on paper, too, just how they could take a dozen eggs and an old hen and start in a business that would within a few years become flourishing. But when it is put to practice failures are many.

But we read recently where a Maryland woman has proven an exception to the rule. She started with 235 hens and last year netted a profit of \$1105. She sold on market 1,444 dozens of eggs for which she received \$541.18; 975 setting eggs, which brought \$58.50; 156 spring chickens which yielded \$150.88; 92 old hens sold for \$130.75, and 3,015 day-old chicks brought in \$542.70. In addition to this, she kept 650 chicks to raise. Her expenses, not counting her time and work, amounted to \$318.96, giving her better than a profit of a thousand dollars.

Raising chickens for the market is a long-hour job. Done properly it leaves little time for recreation or amusement. Incubators come off at irregular hours, feeding must be done scientifically and at regular hours and diseases and four-footed foes must be guarded against with unrelaxed vigilance. Figuring the time the Maryland woman put into the business and the net profit she got out of it, shows she got very little for her time though many regard it as fair pay. And even at that, she cleared little over a thousand dollars where hundreds of others lose everything they put into the "chicken game."

NEW DRUG STORE

The first floor in Beasley's new block is to be occupied about March 15th by W. W. Wiggins, Ph. G., who will open a drug store there. Mr. Wiggins is a graduate of pharmacy at the University of North Carolina, having taken the highest degree conferred, has a drug store in Coats, N. C., of which town he is the present mayor, and is a 32nd degree Mason. He is much pleased with Vass and its people, and proposes to run an up-to-date store in every way.

NAME DURHAM BANKER AS DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Durham—Southgate Jones, a Durham banker was, Tuesday, elected to represent the Central district of North Carolina on the executive board of the Tri-State Co-operative Marketing Association. The election followed a verbal battle which lasted more than an hour, friends of John R. McQueen, of Moore county, and W. J. Graham, of Alamance, having urged their election. It was on the seventh ballot taken by the farmers, that Mr. Jones was declared elected. Mr. McQueen was afterwards endorsed for the office of director at large.

UPPER HOKE

Mr. Alex McFayden gave a party in his new residence last Friday night, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Mr. C. H. Marks, with Mesdames J. H. and W. G. Heart, visited Mr. W. G. Heart last Monday; he is in the C. C. Hospital at Sanford.

Supt. W. P. Hawfield and Mr. W. J. McCraney, of Raeford, were visiting the schools of Upper Hoke last Friday.

Miss Mayme McGill spent last week-end with her people in Raeford. We are glad to say that Mrs. J. W. Smith, who has been in the hospital for the past four weeks, is now at home and is doing nicely.

Mrs. W. H. Simpson is right sick, but we hope for her speedy recovery. Messrs. N. A. McMillan and K. G. Deaton were callers on this route last Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McGill, of Raeford, and Mr. J. M. McGill, of Lumberton, were callers on this route last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Cameron and family spent last Friday with his brother, who is staying at the old home place in Harnett county near Swann Station.

Mrs. D. G. McFayden is on the sick list this week.

Mr. A. M. McGill and Miss Hattie Smith were in Vass for a short while last Wednesday afternoon.

When a man is left at home to get his own meals he usually leans pretty heavy on the egg and coffee supply and lets it go at that.

GOOD FERTILIZER TRADE

The Blue Fertilizer factory at Aberdeen is making a success of their venture, as the goods they sold last season brought results to so many farmers that already it is a kind of a proverb among the orchard and tobacco men and farmers that the Blue fertilizer makes the crops that make the records. At any rate the company has been singularly fortunate in getting results with the materials they make, and E. L. McKeithen, who is the sales manager, says the shipments are going out in highly gratifying manner now.

The fertilizers are made with a special interest in supplying this section of the country with something that fits this particular soil and climate, and the mixtures have been so successful that the comment on the Blue goods are thoroughly satisfactory to the concern. Mr. McKeithen says the factory will have call for all the fertilizer it can put out, and that much of the business comes in voluntarily from those who used the product last year or who have seen the experience of other patrons. Much of the nitrate used this season will be sulphate of ammonia, a salt made right here in the United States instead of being imported from abroad, and experience appears to show that the sulphate brings more satisfactory results.

Mr. McKeithen has arranged for local dealers to handle the Blue factory material, and says he is arranging to send to Vass a substantial supply for the dewberry men, and later for the tobacco and cotton men and for the farmers generally. The immediate few weeks will see the fertilizer movement start in earnest, for already that which is for berries and peaches is soon to go out, and that for the later crops is best moved to the farm before the spring work begins, and is before very long now, for this is working toward the middle of February and spring is soon on us.

BARBER SHOP TO BE MOVED

The barber shop in Vass is to be moved to Beasley's new block about the middle of March, with fittings to correspond with the building. Neill Tucker, the present proprietor, has shown himself a good workman and is universally liked. In connection, he will run a clothes pressing business with a steam presser and all the helps for good, satisfactory work. The man who proclaimed himself as having the lease of the new quarters for barbering was a total stranger to Mr. Beasley and had no promise for this venture.

Like cures like. Now comes a man who claims to have discovered a weed that will cure the desire for the weed used in five-cent cigars.

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