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## SMITHFIELD MAY BE ON TOURIST ROUTE

Effort Is Being Made To Turn Southern Tourists Along Local Highway—Runs Parallel With A C L

### MEETING HERE TOMORROW

Last week a meeting was held here with representatives from all the towns along the A. C. L. Railway from Wilson to Fayetteville and an organization perfected of which Mr. T. C. Young, of this city was elected chairman, and Mr. Eugene T. Lee, of Dunn, secretary and treasurer. An executive committee was appointed composed of two representatives from each of the towns along this route.

The purpose of this organization is to make an organized effort to secure permanent improvement of highway No. 22 between Wilson and Fayetteville and to make an organized bid for the tourist travel to the South turning the travelers at Petersburg and following the Coast line through Rocky Mount, Wilson Smithfield, Benson, Dunn and on the Fayetteville. It is said by those who have studied this question that the proposed route is shorter by about 100 miles than any other road in the state running north and south.

The plan is to connect highway No. 22 with N. 40 at Wilson and No. 24 at Fayetteville, and the first step of the organization will be to get the state highway commission to improve this route between Wilson and Fayetteville. This is a definite step for road improvement through this section and will mean a great deal of publicity for Eastern Carolina.

The executive committee has been called to meet in the county commissioner's room at the court house here tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock. At this meeting the details of the campaign will be completed.

There will be some expenses attached to this movement and each town has been assessed a pro rata part in meeting the financial need in carrying on this work, each town paying according to its population. We have been informed that Smithfield's pro rata part is \$1.00 and each man or firm interested in seeing this highway improved is asked to contribute to this fund. Mr. Young and Mr. Lee are not receiving any compensation for their services but are giving of their time in an effort to get this "short-cut" highway through North Carolina. Any one wishing to contribute to this fund is asked to see either Mr. Young and Mrs. J. W. Stephenson.

### GIRL BABY LEFT ON PORCH AT GOLDSBORO

Goldsboro, Aug. 9.—A beautiful baby girl about six months old was left on the porch of the old Robinson house on North on John street. Mr. and Mrs. Howe, who occupy the house, found the baby just before retiring for the night and are giving it every care and attention. Many persons have visited the Howe home during the week but no clue as to the identity of the child has been found.

### GREENSBORO MILLS CUT WAGE TO OPEN

Greensboro, Aug. 11.—White Oak denim mills, largest in the world; Proximinti cotton mills and Proximinti print works resumed full time operations this morning with a cut of 12 1-2 per cent in wages. They have been shut down since July 24

### COTTON ADVANCES

New York, Aug. 11.—Cotton was firm at the opening of today's market with an advance of from 12 to 28 points on relatives listed Liverpool cables and continued draught in Texas with a higher foreign exchange

### Arch Killer



Police of Hanover, Germany, believe Fritz Haarman has murdered more than fifty, although he admits but twenty-two victims lured to his modest residence and murdered. Craving notoriety seems to be his only reason.

## CRIMINAL COURT OPENED MONDAY

Judge M. Barnhill, Presiding, Gives Grand Jury Clear Cut Charge

The Superior Court opened here yesterday morning with a crowded court room and criminal docket.

Hon. M. V. Barnhill, of Rocky Mount, is presiding, and the term will last a week.

The lawyers, litigants and jurors were all present and the formality of drawing a grand jury and empanelling the petty jury was promptly gone into. The judge's charge was brief but clear cut. He first charged the grand jury of their obligations to the citizens of the county to see that the law is well enforced. He cited the four crimes which may be punishable by death in our state—murder, rape, burglary, and arson. He stressed the importance of a rigid enforcement of the prohibition laws and the laws regulating the driving of automobiles. He further charged the grand jury to look into the condition of the county home and county prison camp, the jail, an dall other places of confinement in the county. He insisted that the living conditions of inmates of these various institutions be made and kept wholesome and comfortable. He also charged that the various county offices be inspected and a report made on their condition. Judge Barnhill believes in praise as well as criticism, and he specifically charged that when any officer is found to be in a praiseworthy condition that this also appear in the report.

After the charge of the judge, several motions were heard which disposed of some cases and continued others.

Mr. N. B. Grantham, of this city, is foreman of the grand jury.

### OLD-FASHIONED CAMP MEETING AT FALCON

Dunn, Aug. 10.—The twenty-fifth annual camp meeting began last night at Falcon, near Dunn, and will run through Sunday, August 16. Services are being held three times daily—10 a. m., and 8 p. m. This annual meeting draws thousands of people from far and near, and indications point to one of the largest meetings in the history of the camp. Several prominent preachers have already arrived to do the preaching. The old-time mourners bench is used and the folks shout when they feel like shouting at this meeting.

Falcon is a village of several hundred population and the town has neither a "movie" or "dope" dispensary. No smoking is allowed on camp grounds and an orthodox religious atmosphere abounds there.

## Ladies Rest Room Restored

As a result of several petitions and also at requests of the heads of some of the Woman's Clubs of the County, filled before the Board of Commissioners as a special meeting yesterday, the Board of County Commissioners rescinded the rental of the Ladies' Rest Room in the court house to Mr. Abell, who has already move out and the ladies of the County are thereby given back their rest room and may continue to use the same.

## To Regulate Jitney Lines

Raleigh Aug. 10.—Another effort to regulate and control the transportation of passengers and freight in motor vehicles on the public highways of the State was launched in the House yesterday morning with the introduction by Representative King of Guilford of a measure providing for the control of all such traffic by the State, with a schedule of license fees to be added to the maintenance fund of the State Highway Commission.

Under the provision of the measure no motor bus line may be operated without license from the Corporation Commission, which is charged with the duty of determining whether any new lines are necessary to the public convenience, of fixing fees and rates, regulation of the size of vehicles and the safety of operation, and the general supervision of the business along lines already applied to other common carriers of the State.

Operators of bus lines will be required to furnish satisfactory surety bonds for the indemnification of passengers and property, and other persons whose lives and limbs may be jeopardized by intemperate operation of motor vehicles for carrying passengers. No new lines may be established without the sanction of the Commission. The measure was referred to the Committee on Roads and Turnpike, of which Representative Clayton Moore is chairman.

## ICE ENVELOPS SHIP WHILE AIDING FLYERS

Screw Broken on Floating Hummock, Unseen in Fog, in Hunt for Landing.

Reykjavik, Iceland, Aug. 11.—The United States cruiser, Raleigh, exploring the east coast of Greenland in search for a landing place for the American army world flyers today reported to Rear Admiral Magruder that the ship was in a dense fog 99 miles east of southeast of Angmagalik, and that she had encountered floating ice hummocks.

While the cruiser was attempting to gain the seas free from the ice, a floating hummock struck it, damaging a propeller on the port side, it reported.

Admiral Magruder said it was doubtful if Angmagalik could be used as a base for the cruiser scout planes which are being carried aboard the Raleigh and Richmond to scour the coast.

A plan has been under consideration whereby these planes can be used to carry fuel for the world flight planes over the ice fields.

### FRANKS CASE YET FAR FROM CLOSE

Chicago, Aug. 10.—All evidence in the hearing to determine the punishment to be meted out to Nathan F. Leopold, Jr., and Richard A. Loeb, for the murder of Robert Franks will be completed by Thursday or Friday of this week, it was intimated today by Robert E. Crowe, State's attorney.

Enthusiasm and cultivation must be kept up if the home gardener would succeed. Don't let killing weeds kill enthusiasm.

## AUTO ACCIDENT SUNDAY EVENING

Ford Roadster and Ford Coupe Collided in Front Of W. H. Austin's Home

### TWO SERIOUSLY HURT

Sunday afternoon a serious automobile accident occurred here in front of the home of Mr. W. H. Austin about five o'clock when a Ford roadster driven by Messrs. John Hocutt, Walter Bagley and F. A. Allen, of Clayton, and a Ford coupe driven by Willie Mayfield, colored, cook for the San-Gla-Sta Lodge at Holt, ran together

The Clayton car was going toward Four Oaks and the coupe was coming into town from Holt Lake. It is said that both cars were on the same side of the road and were speeding. According to reports neither driver saw the other car until they were within a few yards of each other. Both turned at the same time and collided on the opposite side of the road, shattering the windshield of each car. The roadster was turned completely around and headed in the opposite direction from which it was going. It was turned over and was considerably damaged. The coupe was also badly damaged.

The occupants of both cars were injured and were rushed to the Smithfield Memorial Hospital where they were examined and given treatment. It was found that Mr. Hocutt and Mr. Bagley were seriously hurt, Mr. Hocutt receiving internal injuries while Mr. Bagley's leg and collar bone were broken. He also received cuts and bruises about his face and head. They are still at the hospital but are reported to be getting along nicely. Mr. Allen was cut and bruised about the face and head while the negro suffered painful cuts in his face. They were allowed to leave the hospital soon after their wounds were dressed.

## ENORMOUS LOSS IN POWDER FIRE

Forty-Five Million Pounds of Powder Destroyed at Old Hickory Plant.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 10.—Forty-five million pounds of powder were destroyed by fire at the Old Hickory Powder plant near today. The loss, on the basis of present prices is estimated at more than \$2,000,000.

The powder was manufactured for the Federal government during the war at a cost of approximately \$22,000,000 for the \$4,000,000 pounds destroyed.

Machinery and buildings erected by the government during the war at a cost of more than \$5,000,000 were destroyed by the flames, which swept over an area of 40 acres in the heart of the plant. The total war-time cost of the property and powder destroyed was estimated today to be more than \$28,000,000.

The powder had been stored here by the government as a war reserve. One half of it was to have been used in road building under the direction of the Department of Agriculture.

Fifty factory buildings, owned by the Nashville Industrial Corporation, most of which were rented by the government for storage of powder, were consumed in the conflagration. The factory machinery was the property of the government.

The fire was declared to be the greatest single loss suffered by the government since the World War and was rated as one of the most destructive incidents in the history of government munitions plants.

No one was severely injured, J. E. Cook, government guard, who turned in the alarm at 5:20 a. m., suffered a blistered neck from the intense heat.

### "Rain Padre"



For 25 years Father Jerome S. Ricard has sent out daily weather reports to the farmers near the Santa Clara (Calif.) University. Now the Knights of Columbus are conducting a campaign to erect a new observatory for him.

## TALK COMPROMISE AS SOLUTION PORT BILL

Nothing To Compromise Yet, But Suggestion Made On Contingencies

Raleigh, Aug. 11.—Compromise on the Governor's port measure began to be talked among the handful of legislators who remained in the city over the weekend, although the port legislation has not yet taken that definite form that would give anything to compromise about, predictions of agreement based upon contingency had their inning about the lobbies of the hotel during afternoon and evening yesterday.

That interpretation is being given to the move on the part of Senators Brown, Marris and Bellamy Saturday when they served notice that they would attempt to strike from the measure the provisions for a referendum at the general election in November. If they are unable to get final action on the entire measure they will offer as a compromise the proposal to pass the port section and let the ships go.

Senate leaders think that such a solution might be possible. House leaders are of the opinion that the House will accept nothing except a referendum on the proposal as a whole, and if the Senate inclines to be adamant, the entire program will be defeated by a deadlock that will not dissolve until the constitutional limitation on the session brings adjournment toward the end of the month.

Governor Morrison would not be willing to accept a compromise his friends said yesterday. He would, of course, be tremendously pleased if both the House and Senate passed the port and ship bill without a referendum, but rather than to see any part of the program scrapped, he would go to the people in a campaign for the ratification of the entire terminal and ship line legislation. He thinks that emergency would justify action without recourse to the election.—News and Observer.

### Injured In Auto Wreck

Warsaw, Aug. 9.—Misses Elizabeth Vann and Louise Howard, of Roseboro, escaped with minor injuries when Miss Howard ditched the car she was driving a few miles from town on the Wilmington-Goldsboro Highway. The windshield was broken, but neither young lady was cut, only bruised and shaken up.

### Frank Pope Case Postponed

Messrs Wellons and Wellons, attorneys for the defense in State vs. Frank Pope, the murder case which we mentioned as being one of the cases to be tried at the August term of Court, have since advised us that this case has been postponed until the December term.

## WALTON PETEET ADDRESSES CO-OPS

Gives Johnston County Co-operatives Wider Vision Of The Organization to Which They Belong.

### SAYS ENEMIES AT WORK

Charging that a nation-wide effort to discredit co-operative marketing is being financed by a small group of large interests, Mr. Walton Peteet Secretary of the National Council of Farmers Co-operative Marketing Associations, gave Johnston county co-ops a wider vision of the movement at the court house here last Friday.

Introduced by President G. A. Norwood of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association, Mr. Peteet gave a picture of the present situation of farmers who, he said, are now organizing from Maine to Texas and from Washington to Florida.

"You have got to fight to take your own business back into your own hands," he said, in commenting on how some dealers say the co-operatives are "interfering with their business, because such men have tended to the farmers' business for so long they think they have a divine right to handle the farmers' products."

He exposed some of the methods of the speculative interest who he charged are now conducting a tremendous under-cover Campaign against the farmers' association because they have found that open opposition does not work. In the great wheat States, where farmers have been inspired by the success of co-operatives in the South, the opposition is circulating statements that the tobacco and cotton associations of the South are failures. He cited one instance of where a Canadian newspaper ran in seven column heads a story on the supposed trouble of the tobacco association in North Carolina. Throughout the wheat belt men are reported to be traveling as against for articles which farmers never buy, but once they start talking to a wheat grower will tell him to stay out of the wheat pool, because he knows what the tobacco pool did and how it caused him to lose his farm in North Carolina. Mr. Peteet told of many other instances of how such men "spread their poison and move on," and warned the growers against foolish or corrupted men among their own members in North Carolina.

Throughout his speech Mr. Peteet kept the subject of co-operative marketing on a high plane of service to the State and nation and appealed to the farmers of North Carolina to go on until they had control of a larger part of the crops, so they could realize all the economic and social benefits wrapped up in co-operation.

### Dr. C. C. Massey Locates Here

Dr. C. C. Massey, of Princeton, has located here and will have his office over the Jones-Cotter Company store. Dr. Massey is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and also of Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, Pa. For the past year he has been engaged in interne work at Rex Hospital, Raleigh, and is now ready for general practice.

### Mr Herberd Gets Canary

The canary which was given away Saturday afternoon by Johnston & Stephenson created quite a little interest. At four o'clock a good crowd, some with a handful of tickets, had gathered at the drug store to see who the lucky winner would be. Mr. William Herberd held the duplicate of the first ticket drawn and was awarded the canary.

Legumes require lime for successful growth. Especially is this true of alfalfa, say agronomy workers of the State College extension division.