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Eastern Carolina Exposition To Be Held In Smithfield

Will Be Held April 13-18.
Delegation of Citizens
Carry Invitation To Board
Of Directors.

TWO TOWNS CONSIDERED

The Board of Directors of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce in session at Kinston last Friday afternoon, selected Smithfield as the place for holding the Eastern Exposition next spring, April 13 to 18, inclusive. Thousands of people attended the Exposition held in Kinston last spring, and the event will long be remembered in that section of Eastern Carolina.

A delegation of Smithfield citizens including Mayor J. A. Narron, T. C. Young, who is a member of the Board of Directors, E. L. Woodall, D. H. Creech, and Jas. A. Wellons, went to Kinston Friday in the interest of landing the Exposition for this city.

Three towns, Rocky Mount, Washington and Smithfield, were the most active candidates, Smithfield carried letters of invitation from the Chamber of Commerce, the Woman's Club and the Business and Professional Women's Club. Personal representatives from the town board and the Kiwanis Club were on hand urging Smithfield as the place. This evidence of the support of the community together with the fact that Smithfield is in the center of a thickly populated section probably influenced the selection of this city. It was brought out that the urban population within a radius of fifty-five miles of Rocky Mount is 87,000 people, within the same radius of Washington, 76,000 people, while Smithfield has an urban population in the same area of 126,000 people. Johnston County ranks seventh in rural population, a fact that was taken into consideration.

The mayor of the town expects to call a mass meeting of the citizens of the town at an early date to consider further plans for the coming event.

Thanksgiving Primary Classes Entertained

Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Flossie Whitley, teacher of the Children's class, from three until 5:30 was a time of much pleasure to the primary class of Thanksgiving Sunday school. The Card class also was invited with their teacher, Mrs. W. Y. Wood. The Card class was one hundred per cent present while twenty-three of the forty members of the Children's class were present.

After the games then came some very interesting contests, the sack race being the most interesting. Talmage Whitley, a member of the Children's class, was the winner. Then came the apple race in which each contestant tried to roll the apple with his nose. Several tried but found that Robert O'Neal, Jr., had them all beat. Both winners were awarded prizes. Later a picture of each class was made.

The departing hour came all too soon but sunset just would not wait. All are looking forward for the card class to return the invitation.

—Reporter.

Zebulon, Route 1, Sept. 5.

Six Honest Serving-Men

"That boy can ask more questions than any one can answer." Ever hear a father or a mother say that? it is wearing to have questions put to you by the hour as is usually the case when the youngster reaches four or five or six. But parents might well remember Kipling's verse:

"I had six honest serving-men
(They taught me all I knew);
Their names are What and Why
and How

And How and where and Who."
Johnny, remember, doesn't know much about the world, but he is trying to find out. When he is a bit older and has gathered some information he will pass out of the inquisitive stage. Just now it is his most important business in life and a habit that is not to be discouraged. In fact, the danger is that a little later he'll not ask enough questions. Above

COTTON COOPS SEE GOOD SEASON AHEAD

Third Year Promises To Be
Most Successful Yet; \$90
Advance On 500 Pound
Bale.

OPERATING EXPENSE LESS

Raleigh, Sept. 8.—Announcing that everything is ready for the reception of the 1924 crop, General Manager Blalock of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association calls attention to the fact that the Association has successfully finished its second year. With a trained force of workers and with the most modern labor saving and economical office machinery, the Association is prepared to make a considerable saving in operating expense the coming season. Lower insurance rates, lower storage rates, some concessions in the freight rates and a substantial reduction in interest rates are among the features. It is estimated that the saving to the members of the Association in operation expense will be close to \$2000,000.

The first year of operation the Association handled over 135,000 bales of cotton and averaged for its members slightly more than 25 cents a pound. Approximately 10,000 bales of the cotton received was old cotton delivered by members who have joined the Association.

Reports for the second year show that approximately 131,000 bales were handled and that the total operating expense by reason of selling direct to consumer was very substantially reduced. The members received 29 cents a pound net for Middling cotton—a very good price for the season and in fact the second highest average price in a period of over half a century. In the beginning of the season, the management mapped out a program and followed it. A liberal advance payment was made on delivery another payment was made in December, another in the early spring and the final settlement in July. By this program, the membership received during the season, as they were in need of it—the members received 70 per cent of the value of the cotton before December 25.

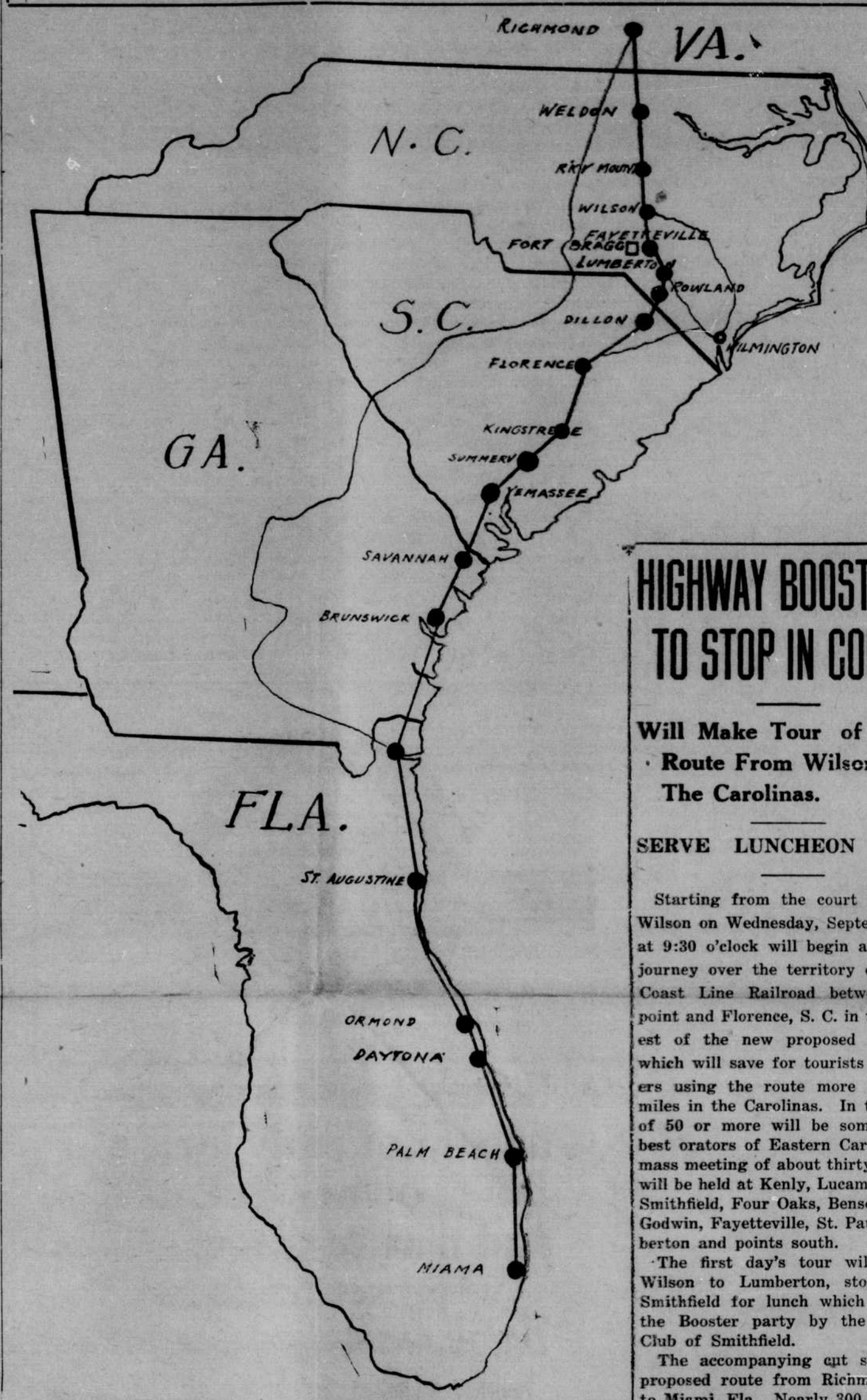
Now in the opening of the third season, and in view of the fact that several thousand new members have joined during the summer months, the management looks forward to a successful season—the Association will make an advance payment to all members of \$70 on every bale weighing 500 pounds and over with slightly reduced advances on lighter bales. The Association has arranged with the North Carolina Agricultural Credit Corporation for marketing loans on all cotton of the members, these loans to be made at the time of delivery and at a very low interest rate. These marketing loans on bales weighing 500 pounds and over are set at \$20 a bale—by this arrangement members can secure \$90 on every 500-pound bale if desired on delivery.

Married Girl 11 Years Old

Danville, Va., Sept. 5.—John Phelps aged 25, held by the Halifax authorities for the Chesterfield county police was returned last night to that county by A. T. Traylor, sheriff of Chesterfield, to answer charges which, he said would be preferred against him. With him went Louise Mays aged 11 years to whom Phelps was married last Friday at Yanceyville, N. C. A discrepancy as to the girl's age has arisen, the father claiming she is 11 years old while the girl claims she is 15. According to the officer who called at South Boston for the couple, they have been away from their homes for several weeks.

all, don't try to stop him by using sarcasm; that is a sin against childhood.—From The Milwaukee Journal.

PROPOSED SHORT CUT HIGHWAY



HIGHWAY BOOSTERS TO STOP IN COUNTY

Will Make Tour of Short
Route From Wilson Thru
The Carolinas.

SERVE LUNCHEON HERE

Starting from the court house in Wilson on Wednesday, September 10, at 9:30 o'clock will begin a two-day journey over the territory down the Coast Line Railroad between that point and Florence, S. C. in the interest of the new proposed short-cut which will save for tourists and others using the route more than 100 miles in the Carolinas. In the party of 50 or more will be some of the best orators of Eastern Carolina. A mass meeting of about thirty minutes will be held at Kenly, Lucama, Selma, Smithfield, Four Oaks, Benson, Dunn, Godwin, Fayetteville, St. Pauls, Lumberton and points south.

The first day's tour will include Wilson to Lumberton, stopping at Smithfield for lunch which is given the Booster party by the Kiwanis Club of Smithfield.

The accompanying map shows the proposed route from Richmond, Va., to Miami, Fla. Nearly 300 miles are saved by traveling this route.

The promoters behind this movement are very anxious that all citizens attend the mass meetings to be held nearest to them. The first meeting in Johnston County will be held at Kenly Wednesday at about ten a.m., at 10:45, Selma at 11:30, Smithfield at 12 noon, at Four Oaks at 1:30, Benson at 2:30. The idea is to let everybody know what the plans are and to get the full support and co-operation of everybody interested.

John A. Oates, of Fayetteville, is chairman of this Booster Committee and will be in charge of the party.

Mr. T. P. Young is president of the organization working to locate this route, and has been active in the plans.

Three Things to Remember

1. To bring a notebook and a pencil to the convention. "A notebook has a good memory."

2. To be on time at each session. The sessions will begin promptly at the time given on the program.

3. That a pennant will be presented to the Sunday School having in the convention the largest number of representatives, sixteen years and over, according to the number of miles traveled. Records will be taken at each session of the convention. The pennant will be presented at the close of the session on Wednesday afternoon.

L. T. Royall,
County President.
Corina Sanders,
County Secretary.

Tom Tarheel says that the new coat of paint on his barn looks better than the old soothing syrup sign put there before he named his farm.

FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT NEAR BENSON

Benson, Sept. 8.—Dewey Loftin, 25, is dead and Earl Hedrick is in an unconscious condition from injuries sustained in an automobile collision which happened north of the cemetery here on the Benson-Four Oaks road Thursday night. They had just rounded a sharp curve at the cemetery and were going north when they collided with a car driven by Festus Hall, of Four Oaks. Details of how the accident occurred are lacking but it is possible that Loftin and Hedrick were blinded by the lights of Hall's car.

The injured men were brought to Dr. Parker's office at Benson, Loftin, who had suffered a serious fracture at the base of the brain, died a few minutes after being brought to town. Though Hedrick is still in an unconscious condition, his chances for recovery are said to be good. The body of Loftin was prepared for burial by a local undertaking establishment and was shipped to his former home in Virgilina, Va. His relatives reside in Leaksville. He had been in the employ of the Hedrick Construction Co., who are paying the streets here for about six weeks. He had formerly served in the U. S. Marines.

HOW TO START THE DAY

Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do that day which must be done whether you like it or not. Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breed in you temperance and self-control, diligence and

MRS. HOWARD STEPHENSON DEAD

Sunday, September 7, marked the close of the life of an estimable young woman, Mrs. Howard Stephenson, who died at the Smithfield Memorial Hospital here Sunday afternoon about two o'clock. She had been sick only a short while. She was quite a young woman, having recently passed her twenty-third birthday and it is hard to understand why she was taken away so early in life.

None but those who have sat in the shadow of a great bereavement can justly weigh such a sorrow as this. Those who have gone down into the valley know that such anguish cannot find solace in the tenderest words. She who has gone forth could not be supported by any earthly friend.

The funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at Clement church by Rev. R. L. Gay, assisted by Elder Jesse Barnes, and the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the cemetery at the church. She is survived by a husband and small infant, also by a father and mother and several brothers and sisters.

Before her marriage nearly two years ago, Mrs. Stephenson was Miss Callie Lassiter, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lassiter who live near here. She was a young woman of pleasing personality and had a circle of friends who will be grieved to hear of her untimely death.

The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved ones.

strength of will, cheerfulness and content, and a hundred virtues which the idle will never know.—Charles Kingsley.

ARMY FLIERS LAND ON U. S. SOIL AGAIN

Boston Welcomes Aviators
Who Have Virtually Cir-
cled The Globe For The
First Time.

STARTED 5 MONTHS AGO

Boston, Sept. 6.—Six army airmen entered upon the last stage of their journey around the world by airplane when they arrived today in Boston, their first objective on the Atlantic coast of the United States. The big cruiser planes, completing a 125-mile jump from Mere Point, Me., where they were forced down by fog yesterday, dropped their other moorings in Boston harbor five months, to a day, after the fliers hopped northward from Seattle in April.

In these months Lieutenant Lowell H. Smith, commander of the flight, with Lieutenant Leslie P. Arnold, in the flagplane Chicago and Lieutenant Eric H. Nelson, with his mechanic Lieutenant John Harding, Jr., in the plane New Orleans, having flown 23,000 miles. The flight, taking them from America's west coast around the world, through the tropics and the far north to the American east coast, was regarded by army officials as having virtually attained today its object, the circumnavigation of the globe by air—for the first time in human history.

Great Throng Welcomes Them
There remains now only the trans-continental journey, no longer accounted a remarkable feat in aviation. Of the four planes that hopped off five months ago, two have seen mishaps. Of the four planes that hopped off, only two reached Boston. The original flagplane was wrecked in a crash against a mountain in Alaska in a fog. Her crew escaped. Another plane, the Boston, was wrecked when engine trouble forced it down in the Atlantic between Scotland and Iceland. Lieutenant Leigh Wade, pilot, and Lieutenant A. M. Ogden, mechanic, resumed the flight in the Boston II, from Pietou, N. S.

Today a great throng at the Boston airport and a delegation of high ranking army officials rendered tribute to the arriving airmen. The fliers were greeted with the national salute of 21 guns.

Then the great crowd of 75,000 at the airport fell silent and stood uncovered as a band played the national anthem and later "Home, Sweet Home."

The fliers were met far up the Maine coast by Major General Mason M. Patrick, chief of the air service, and Assistant Secretary of War Dwight F. Davis, with 12 planes.

They reached Boston just before 2 o'clock daylight saving time and alighted 10 minutes later, taking easily to buoys where they moored. A launch put out to meet the planes, and the aviators were brought to the official reception barge where high officials of the army, navy, city and state were drawn up in line to receive them.—Associated Press.

GOLDSBORO MEN ARE SENTENCED BY COURT

Goldsboro, Aug. 27.—Fitz Hugh Lane and Luther Sullivan, young white men of Goldsboro, charged with false imprisonment, aiding and abetting in prostitution and assault upon the person of Alice Rose, Princeton girl, were today dismissed upon two charges false imprisonment and assault, but upon the charge of first degree prostitution Lane was given eighteen months and Sullivan two years. The jury left the courtroom at two thirty o'clock and returned at five o'clock with its verdict.

The case was one of the hardest fought in this term of court and during its trial the courtroom was filled to overflowing with spectators.

The best of a book is not the thought which it contains, but the thought it suggests; just as the charm of music dwells not in the tones, but in the echoes of our hearts.