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Know Your County

Do you know that Johnston, Wilson and Pitt counties raised more produce per acre in 1922 than any like area in the United States?

\$2.00 PER YEAR

ASK STATE TO ROUTE HIGHWAY

Johnston and Sampson Want Road From Clinton By Newton Grove To Smithfield.

PASS A RESOLUTION

Clinton, Jan. 27.—A new link of the state highway system, by which Clinton, Newton Grove and Smithfield would be linked and the distance to the Johnston capital materially shortened, is in direct prospect as a result of the agreement made by the Sampson and Johnston road commissioners last Friday.

Under the plan agreed upon, Sampson and Johnston are ready to immediately lay the proposed road. It is the hope of the commissioners, however, that the state may be prevailed to take an interest in the road, in the anticipation of its eventually being made a state highway.

The decision to establish such a road while it is not actually under discussion in the two counties for several months, Johnston county, however, until the last session of the legislature, had no highway commission. With the creating of such a body a short time ago, the possibilities of better highways was opened to the county, and the work of establishing the road was started.

State to Route Road

While the definite route of such a road is as yet unknown it is established by a resolution of the officials of the two counties as leading from Clinton, through Newton Grove to Smithfield. The details of the actual location of the highway are left to the state highway department.

The Johnston county delegation which met here Friday was headed by Mr. J. A. Wellons, a road commissioner of that county. They met here with Mr. Ed Crumpler, chairman of the Sampson body and Major George E. Butler, as attorney and others. After discussion of the local angles of the proposed road, it was decided by the body to ask the state highway department to settle once and for all time the location of the route. This was done in a resolution addressed to the state body, which will be sent from each of the counties.

In this resolution the counties ask that the state delegate engineers to route and survey the road, and thus designate a highway that will be acceptable at some future time as a state highway. Once this is done, the two counties pledge themselves to build a highway along that route, and thus prepare the way for the road's adoption by the state department.

Hope for State Road

While there is no attempt on the part of the two counties at this time to get the state to adopt the road, there is an inclination to make such a move possible. It is known in both counties that the state body favors such a road and the hope is expressed that it will soon find a way to adopt the road as a part of the general system.

The advantages of the road are generally understood. For years the rich Newton Grove section of Sampson and the adjoining section of southern Johnston have

AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

By Me



When my ole man is drinkin' I offen kinder feel, De waster' crank erbout dat kar Is at de steerin' wheel.

Helen In Paris



MISS HELEN WILLIS, America's tennis queen, is now in Europe to study art but friends say she will battle Mlle. Lenglen for the world's net crown before returning to her native shores.

Johnston Again Leads In Cotton

Over Seventy Thousand Bales Grown in This County Last Year.

Johnston county, with a total of 73,280 bales, led all counties in North Carolina in the number of bales ginned prior to January 16, according to an announcement by the Department of Commerce. A total of 1,117,894 bales of the 1925 crop were ginned prior to that date this year in the entire State as compared with a total of 822,060 bales of the 1924 crop to the same day last year.

Only seven counties in the entire State reported less cotton ginned than last year while the other 57 cotton growing counties showed big increases. The quantities are in running bales, counting round as half bales. Linters are not included.

The leading cotton growing counties following Johnston rank as follows:

Robeson, Nash, Halifax, Wake, Harnett and Sampson. The only counties showing decreases were: Cleveland, Gaston, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Rutherford, Tyrrell and Washington. Robeson county led in the gain over last year with a jump in production of 32,000 bales.

The totals for each of the cotton growing counties, as given in the report, are as follows:

Alamance, 1,877; Anson, 23,167; Beaufort, 8,278; Bertie, 14,987; Bladen, 8,135; Cabarrus, 13,270; Camden, 4,403; Cartaret, 307; Catawba, 11,249; Chatham, 19,739; Chowan, 6,147; Cleveland, 36,808; Craven, 2,903; Cumberland, 29,263; Davidson, 2,241; Davie, 4,767; Duplin, 13,124; Durham, 2,269; Edgecombe, 39,369; Franklin, 31,393; Gaston, 8,524; Gates, 7,039; Granville, 4,339; Greene, 11,979; Halifax, 53,730; Harnett, 47,897; Hertford, 8,989; Hoke, 18,061; Iredell, 16,257; Johnston, 73,280; Jones, 2,009; Lee, 12,147; Lenoir, 13,751; Lincoln, 11,962; Martin, 8,68; Mecklenburg, 21,481; Montgomery, 6,041; Moore, 8,227; Nash, 57,171; Northampton, 35,850; Onslow, 2,152; Orange, 1,892; Pamlico, 1,950; Pasquotank, 3,296; Pender, 1,369; Perquimans, 7,998; Pitt, 25,996; Polk, 3,527; Randolph, 2,146; Richmond, 18,946; Robeson, 60,721; Rowan, 15,261; Rutherford, 12,893; Sampson, 40,856; Scotland, 30,784; Stanly, 9,449; Tyrrell, 365; Union, 29,113; Vance, 9,360; Wake, 49,948; Warren, 20,874; Washington, 1,653; Wayne, 38,016; Wilson, 30,788; and all others, 6,191.

Methodist Church

There will be regular preaching at the Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by the pastor followed by the reception of new members. There will be no service at the evening hour. The pastor, Rev. A. J. Parker, will preach at the union service to be held at the Baptist church at 7:15.

Charlotte Scene Tragic Accident

Sister of Mrs. H. L. Skinner and N. M. Lawrence Struck By Car Is Dead.

Mrs. H. L. Skinner received a message Tuesday evening while helping to serve the Kiwanis supper that her sister, Miss Lizzie Lawrence, had been seriously injured by an automobile. Mrs. Skinner left about ten o'clock for her bedside, but a message soon after her departure announced the death of Miss Lawrence which occurred at 10:45 o'clock. Miss Lawrence has visited in this city, her sister, Mrs. H. L. Skinner, and brother, Mr. N. M. Lawrence. She was here during the Christmas holidays. The funeral was held in Charlotte Thursday afternoon.

Wednesday's Charlotte Observer in reporting the accident said: "Miss Lizzie Lawrence, 122 East Morehead Street, is dead, John L. James, white, former grocery store and pool room proprietor, is in the city prison and police officers are searching for a negro driver of an automobile in which James was riding, as the result of Miss Lawrence being run down by the car at Stonehill and Tryon streets early last night.

"James and the driver are said to have deserted the car when they saw it had run over Miss Lawrence, but police officers took James into custody after the accident had been reported to headquarters by J. A. Clanton, white youth, the third member of the party.

"Clanton joined the officers in their search for the negro driver, volunteering to identify him for the authorities.

"Early this morning Clanton and the police were making a careful search of the negro sections in an effort to capture him.

"Reports to the police were to the effect that Miss Lawrence was in the act of crossing the street and while attempting to move out of the way of an approaching truck was struck by the car driven by the negro in which James was riding. Her side was crushed and one lung was punctured. She received bruises and cuts about the body and was injured otherwise. She was placed in a passing automobile and carried to the Charlotte Sanatorium where she died, at 10:45 o'clock.

"Miss Lawrence was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nathan M. Lawrence, and had been a resident of this city for about twenty years. She was widely known in Charlotte among a host of friends and was connected with the Masonic widows' fund, being employed at the Masonic temple."

SERVICES AT PRINCETON AND PINE LEVEL

Next Sunday, January 31st, being a fifth Sunday, the pastor will hold special services as follows: at the Princeton Baptist church at 11 a. m. Subject of sermon, "Christian Melodies." Text, Ephesians 5:19. Sunday night at the Pine Level Baptist church, subject of sermon, "The Doctrines of the Rainbow."

JAS. W. ROSE, Pastor.

Kenly Defeats Black Creek

Last Friday night Kenly High defeated the Black Creek Highs to a margin of one point with a final score of 13 to 14. The game was exciting all the way through. It was hard for either team to stay in the lead. Both teams played good basketball, but K. Watson was the outstanding player for Kenly, scoring a field goal about one minute before the game was over, which brought victory to Kenly.

Kenly Defeats Benson

Kenly, Jan. 26.—The Kenly high school basketball team won an exciting game from Benson Tuesday night by the score of 20 to 17. Both teams were rather erratic in their shooting, the Kenly team especially missing many good chances. Watson, Kannan and Hollowell featured in the scoring for Kenly, while Woodard played an excellent defensive game at guard. The outstanding player for Benson was Roy Medlin.

FLIES FROM NEW YORK TO DINNER INVITATION

Truly this old world grows smaller when one can take off a half holiday, leave his home in New York, and take dinner with a friend in Smithfield. This is just exactly what happened last week. Last Friday evening Messrs. Gray Staples and Willis Glass were entertaining at a dinner party at San-Gla-Sta Lodge honoring several tobaccoists from Wilson. About eleven o'clock Mr. Staples wired his friend, R. J. Reynolds Jr., in New York to come down for the party. About six o'clock Mr. Reynolds stepped from his airplane having left New York between twelve and one o'clock and was ready to participate in the evening's entertainment.

The other guests on this occasion were Troy Myatt, Cecil Hutchinson, Coley Paxton, Dick Butler, Frank Harrison, John McAdden from Wilson; Robert Wellons from Charlotte; Ransom Sanders, William Sanders, E. E. Wright, Earnest Gordon and Dan Jones.

Legion Post Has Meeting In Selma

Guests of Selma Member-ship at Smoker; Mr. Capps of Raleigh Principal Speaker.

On Wednesday night January 27, the Selma membership of the Pou-Parrish Post of the American Legion was host to the Four Oaks, Micro and Smithfield membership of the Post at a delightful smoker. Dr. Mayerberg was acting toastmaster and he filled that bill as well as Santa Claus fills the Christmas stockings for the children.

The Post was honored by a visit of the Raleigh Post commander and the Raleigh Post adjutant. Mr. Isley, the commander, made a delightful short talk and Mr. Capps, the adjutant, made the main address of the evening. All the membership enjoyed the visitors' talks very much, especially Mr. Capps as he made several suggestions as to how to build up Pou-Parrish Post.

After the address of Mr. Capps the meeting was informally converted into a business meeting of the Post. Practically every member present had something to say for the encouragement and edification of the Post. Several suggestions were made and adopted by the Post. Among those suggestions Dr. Mayerberg suggested that it might probably be better to have only the Pou-Parrish Post in this section of the county. That one large, active post would be of greater benefit than several weak posts it was decided by those present that since there has already been established a post at Benson and Clayton that the Pou-Parrish Post would cover Johnston county with exception of the jurisdiction of the already established posts above named. A membership drive will be launched by the Pou-Parrish Post to cover Four Oaks, Smithfield, Selma, Micro, Kenly, Wilson's Mills, Pine Level, Princeton, and all adjacent territory.

Every ex-service man living in this territory is urged to affiliate himself with this post for the time being. Later when it is deemed advisable and membership sufficient is secured separate post will be established in the several towns named.

It was suggested by Mr. Capps that the Pou-Parrish Post should have affiliated with it a Woman's organization. Mr. Capps says that practically every man seeks the support and companionship of a woman in his life and that it just simply takes the ladies to do the work and called to our attention that old familiar song "Let the Ladies Do the Work While the Men Sit Around," and asked the question how we expected them to do our work in this organization unless we offered them a part in our organization. The idea seemed to impress every member. It was decided by the meeting that an effort would be made to organize the

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TOBACCO CO-OPS ANSWERS REPORT

Board Director Makes Statement In View of Suit Brought By Wiley M. Person.

RECORD DELIVERIES

By S. D. FRISELL
Raleigh, Jan. 27.—Members of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association made the largest deliveries of the entire season to their warehouses in North Carolina and Virginia last week, amounting to a total of more than 4,500,000 pounds of tobacco, according to the statement of General Manager Richard R. Patterson.

This is considered a remarkable showing of loyalty on the part of the membership particularly in view of the recent report of the Federal Trade Commission and the suit of Wiley M. Person of Franklin County, North Carolina, against the association.

In view of the fact that the financial affairs of the association were reported by Oliver J. Sands, chairman of the executive committee, as being in the best condition since its organization at last week's meeting of the board of directors, the suit of Person who has repeatedly busied himself in making speeches and calling meetings against the association, is regarded as an extravagant play for publicity.

The attitude of the directors towards the report of the Federal Trade Commission which largely ignored the charges of tobacco farmers from various parts of the two Carolinas and Virginia made against the Imperial and American Tobacco Companies and severely attacked the methods by which the organized growers have protected their own business and maintained higher prices for all tobacco farmers of this section in the past three years, was expressed in the following statement at last week's meeting of the association's governing board:

"The board of directors of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association has spent a day hearing detailed statements on the redrying situation with particular reference to the activities of General Manager Patterson and Warehouse Manager Watkins as co-partners in the Edmundson Tobacco Company, said statements covering items brought out in the report of the Federal Trade Commission; and it has been made clear that the members of this board would have been in general approval of the prior policies of this board in permitting and encouraging our directors or officers or managers to engage in redrying activities in preference to placing such business with the enemies of cooperative marketing; and it has been made evident that the members of the board of directors with a few exceptions were not aware to prior to June 1923, that managers Patterson and Watkins had an interest in the Edmundson redrying activities for the 1922 crop; and that most of the directors did have general knowledge of such activities for the 1923 and 1924 crops; and this board here expresses its approval of such activities and reiterates the resolution adopted August 18, 1925; and here states that it would have approved the said activities of 1922 had it known of them, as being in accord with its general policies at that time, and that other employees and directors such as Mr. Williams and others were redrying tobacco for the association under standard contracts with the knowledge and approval of the board generally, including all of the actual facts about the policy of not selling green tobacco to dealers and expressly including all the actual facts and evidence to show that the executive committee had good reasons to be believe that there was, in the spring of 1923 a real attempt to raise the cost of redrying against this association, with full knowledge of all these facts the board approves of all such activities; states that the contract price and profits have been in line with similar competing companies and were proper in view of the hazard and the particular service; and further states

Will Lecture Here February 5



COL. HENRY D. STYER

Col. H. D. Styer To Talk On Siberia At Kiwanis Club

Local Legion Post Sponsors Illustrated Lecture Here Next Friday Evening at Courthouse.

The local Pou-Parrish Post of the American Legion is sponsoring a lecture by Col. H. D. Styer, which will be illustrated with stereopticon views of scenes in Siberia. Colonel Styer will talk on his experiences in Siberia, having been the commander of the first American troop to enter that country. He is particularly qualified to describe the economic, climatic and living conditions in Siberia, and all who attend his lecture at the courthouse next Friday evening, February 5, will certainly be repaid for their time. Colonel Styer has an enviable record as follows:

Graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point, 1884; served as Lieutenant in the 21st and 13th Regiments of Infantry for fourteen years in Wyoming, Utah, Indian territory, and at Fort Niagara, New York. As Captain in the Philippine Islands, 1899-1902, was mentioned in orders for the capture of Vicente Prada, a notorious guerilla leader; as Major 29th Infantry, commanded the Post of Fort Niagara 1909 to 1912; on duty with the Second Division in Texas in 1913; on the Border at Eagle Pass in 1914; graduated from the War College, Washington, in 1914. Promoted Colonel 1916 and Brigadier General, National Army 1917; later commanded the American Zone of Advance in Eastern Siberia.

The Clayton Banks Now Consolidated

The Clayton Banking Co., Takes Over Business of The Farmers Bank.

At a joint meeting of the directors of the two banks in Clayton Tuesday night, a decision was reached to consolidate these two institutions. The Clayton Banking Company taking over the business of the Farmers Bank. The proposition for consolidation came from the Farmers Bank and the amounts on deposit to the credit of the various customers will at once be transferred to their credit on the books of the Clayton Banking Company.

Mr. C. W. Horre is president of the Clayton Banking company and Mr. John T. Talton is cashier. The Farmers Bank which will lose its identity in the consolidation was headed by Mr. J. A. Griffin as president, and Mr. J. M. Turley as cashier.

Each of the banks made statements concerning the change which are published elsewhere in this issue.

Mrs. J. M. Goodman returned to her home in Scotland County yesterday after a visit here to Mrs. A. J. Parker.

Field Organizer For Carolinas District Honor Guest at Dinner Meeting Tuesday Evening.

At the second regular meeting of the Smithfield Kiwanis Club held Tuesday night in the Woman's Club room, Colonel Eltinge Elmore, field organizer for the Carolinas district of Kiwanis International, had complete charge of the program following the opening song and invocation.

Col. Elmore's visit here was distinctly advantageous and very unusual in that it is seldom that a club of Kiwanis is visited by a representative of International following the time their charter is granted. But Colonel Elmore was in this section of the state and at the instigation of District Governor Felix Harvey Jr., of Kinston, he made Smithfield his first stop on a visit of five clubs.

"Kiwanis is not the public purse," he said, and added "that it is neither the public pack horse." He said that it was rather the adjunct to all local organizations, including the church, the school, the city council, the scout movement, charity organizations, the Chamber of Commerce and similar groups. He suggested the formation of a group composed of two representatives from each of the above organizations, the purpose of which would be the initiating and suggesting improvements for Smithfield and adjoining territory. This plan is working wonders in civic improvements in other places, and he saw no reason why the same would not be true in Smithfield.

The theme running through his entire talk was that of boosting everything good, the forgetting of self in moves for public improvements, and enthusiasm and joviality in the meetings. One of the chief faults of this club last year, he said, was the fact that real enthusiasm was lacking, and that committees were not functioning to the best degree of efficiency.

On Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the county commissioners room he met the chairman of all Kiwanis committees and the board of directors. With them he briefly discussed objectives for the coming year, plans of the club International, and instructed committees in their duties.

Lawrence Hudson, white of Benson, was found guilty of larceny. In his case judgment was suspended upon payment of cost.

Both of the above cases were band home when you go out is to leave the baby with him.

Sale Of Ivanhoe Mill Confirmed

Another Snag Struck In Huge Tax Lien Filed By U. S. Government.

In reporting the confirmation of the sale of the Ivanhoe mill sold here at public auction on Jan. 16th, the News and Observer of yesterday had the following:

"Sale of the property of the Ivanhoe Mills, of Smithfield, which have been the subject of involved bankruptcy proceedings for several months was yesterday confirmed by Joseph B. Cheshire Jr., United States Referee in bankruptcy but another snag has been struck in the nature of a tax lien for \$308,000 filed by the United States government since the sale of the property on January 16 and Referee Cheshire yesterday ordered title to the property retained by Kenneth Gant, the trustee, until the new tangle can be straightened out.

"About \$100,000 of the lien represented penalties and the remainder is excess profits taxes alleged to be due. J. W. Bailey attorney for the trustee, stated yesterday that the lien represents a "jeopardy assessment" made because the property was involved and that the matter is now being investigated by representatives of the United States Bureau of Internal Revenue, who were present at the hearing yesterday. The trustee contends that no tax whatever is due.

"The mills, which were appraised at \$350,000 in estimating total assets of \$500,000 against liabilities of \$900,000 at the time of the bankruptcy were brought in for \$250,000 on January 16 by J. J. Broadhurst, W. H. Austin, B. B. Adams and the Tomlinson estate, in behalf of the old directors of the company. These same men purchased the interest of all other stockholders some time ago and have also acquired all claims against the property.

"The bankruptcy will come to an end and the mills are expected to resume operations as soon as the matter of the federal tax can be adjusted."

Field Representative Coops Here

The North Carolina Cotton Growers Association has a field representative now in Smithfield in the person of Mr. Paul W. Mack. Mr. Mack says he is going to bend every energy to double next year the amount of cotton in Johnston county delivered to the association. The association now has a sales department that sells cotton direct to the mills, and is now selling 40 per cent of its cotton direct to the mills.

DEATH OF LITTLE CHARLES FREDERICK JOHNSON

Selma, Jan. 28.—The infant son of Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Johnson passed away Monday evening at their home on Railroad street. Dr. Bugg, child specialist of Raleigh, was called Monday in consultation with local physicians. Funeral services were conducted at the home Tuesday afternoon by Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald of the Edgerton Memorial Church. Interment was made in the Selma cemetery. The floral offerings were beautiful. Dr. and Mrs. Johnson have hosts of friends who sympathize with them in this dark hour.

The Mirror

IS THIS YOU?

If the person who answers this description will call at The Herald office they will receive a free ticket to the Victory Theatre.

You were seen Thursday morning about eight o'clock in front of Smithfield hotel. You wore tan slippers, flesh-colored hose, tan dress, black coat, your hair is long and was done up in a most attractive manner. Look to be about 18 but—?

Miss Leo Ennis recognized herself in Tuesday's mirror.