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- County Farm Agent
 - Better Roads Feeding Highways
 - Equal Opportunity for Every School Child
 - Better Marketing System
 - More Food and Feed Crops

Johnston County Leads In Crops

Farm Forecaster Says I Is The Banner County In North Carolina

Raleigh, June 11.—"What is the best agricultural county in North Carolina?" is a frequent question asked of State officials. The current issue of the Farm Forecaster, out yesterday, published by the Crop Reporting Service of the Department of Agriculture, carries a table showing by counties, the value of seventeen crops, together with total value. This shows Johnston county leading with these crops, with Pitt running it a close second, with \$11,652,569. The total value of all these crops in the State is computed to be \$312,275,124.

Another question asked is, "What is the best agricultural section of the State?" This lies between Halifax and Robeson counties along the inner Coastal Belt, where the sandy loam soil predominates. These soils permit of early and easy cultivation, as well as respond to a wide variety of crops. In speaking of this section, we have reference to the money return value of crops, rather than to living conditions.

"What is the best part of the State for a farmer to live in?" Individual opinions vary on this, depending upon whether they want climate, diversification of crops, rolling country, convenience to markets, to the seashore, etc. This much is true that the greatest diversification is found in the Piedmont area, centering between Guilford and Mecklenburg counties. While these farmers do not have the cash returns that those in many other sections do, we find a large percentage of "apparent" prosperity there. Probably the greatest contentment is to be found on the farms in this section of the State.

From the publication of the following counties lead the State in the total value of the crops named: Pitt had the highest value of tobacco, with \$7,121,807 for the 1925 crop; Johnston leads with cotton lint worth \$6,168,093, plus seed value of \$62,265; the corn crop is largest in Robeson at \$1,569,466; Randolph has wheat worth \$537,984; the most oats, including those cut mature for hay, worth \$209,401, are found in Union; rye ranks first in Wilkes with \$116,198; Pasquotank finds her Irish potatoes worth \$780,947; while sweet potatoes in Currituck, close by, are worth \$598,752; Martin has the most peanuts worth \$1,126,978, not including the vines for hay; Robeson leads with field cowpeas worth \$339,543, provided the acreage grown was picked; soy beans lead in Duplin with \$306,493, counting companion cropped acreages yielding about one-half of what the solid planted acreage yield; Johnston leads with small grains cut green for hay, with a value of \$159,456; while cowpeas for hay are found most in Pitt, worth \$33,762; soy bean hay worth \$75,704 is found in Pasquotank and clover hay in Rowan worth \$33,762; all other hays found mostly in Yancey county with a value of \$323,485.

This information has been called for so much that the Department of Agriculture anticipates the distribution of this publication into all States and many foreign countries, especially where is evidence of so much interest in North Carolina just now.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS

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"The only time my old man acts rich is when he gins' in his pole."

Boomed Good Roads



J. A. Roundtree, Director General of the U. S. Good Roads Ass'n., put across a program for more good roads at the national convention in Los Angeles last week which promises to make our national highways the best in the world.

Action On Wyatt Parole Deferred

Governor Will Not Act On Petition Until His Return From Sesqui-Centennial Exposition

Raleigh, June 13.—Governor A. W. McLean, who left last night for Philadelphia to attend the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition, announced before leaving the city that he would give no consideration to the petition for a parole for Jesse H. Wyatt until his return about a week.

Wyatt is serving a term of not less than eight nor more than 18 months in the State Prison. His parole has been recommended by the trial judge while three members of the family of the slain man have stated they have no objection. Wyatt, who was then a captain on the Raleigh police force, shot and killed Stephen S. Holt, Smithfield attorney, when he mistook the car in which the latter was riding for a whiskey runner.

LOCAL KIWANIANS RETURN FROM MONTREAL, CANADA

Mr. Geo. Y. Ragsdale, representing the Smithfield Kiwanis Club and Dr. A. S. Oliver, representing the Benson Club, returned yesterday from the international Kiwanis meeting held at Montreal, Canada. They left on Friday, June 4, taking a special train for the Carolinas and Georgia visitors at Greensboro. En route to Montreal a day was spent in Philadelphia where they visited the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition. They went from Philadelphia to Clayton, N. Y., where they took a boat and sailed down the St. Lawrence through the Thousand Islands to Montreal, arriving there Sunday. They were busy in the convention meeting until Thursday when they went to Quebec and spent a day sight-seeing. Leaving Quebec they went to Portland, Maine, and were guests of the Portland Kiwanis Club for several hours. From there they went to Boston, spending a half a day in that historic city. A boat trip from Fall River carried them to New York city and after a day in that great metropolis they found themselves headed for North Carolina. They were away about ten days and report a most glorious trip during the entire time. The weather was delightfully cool and Mr. Ragsdale states that his overcoat was comfortable until last Sunday.

Call the Firemen

A student nurse, inexperienced in reading the clinical thermometer, was horrified when, taking the temperature of a patient, that instrument apparently registered 120. She hurriedly dispatched a note to the doctor, reading, "Please come at once. Mr. Jones' temperature is 120." The doctor did not come, but he sent this message, "You had better send for the fire engine. I can do no good."—The Aeronaut (San Francisco.)

Local B. & P. Club At State Meeting

Takes Two Prizes and Participates In Program—Good Report

Smithfield made a good showing at the State Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club which met in Goldsboro Friday and Saturday of last week. The local club won two prizes one, a five dollar gold piece for its members being one hundred per cent subscribers to "The Independent Woman," the national organ of the organization. Miss Ida Batten was chairman of "The Independent Woman" committee and to her efforts is due the honor which came to the Smithfield club. Smithfield was in the district that organized the most clubs and therefore received a Stone Mountain memorial coin.

On Friday afternoon following a barbecue luncheon served by the Chamber of Commerce at the park, Smithfield had a part in the "Prankfest" put on by Miss Eugenia Herring of Raleigh. The stunt put on by the local club depicted the evolution of club life. Brief scenes showed the old time quilting party, the Ladies Aid, Carrie Nation militant for prohibition, and finally a modern banquet meeting of a B. & P. club with the state president the guest of honor. Miss Mary E. Wells impersonated Miss Kathrine Robinson, the state president, so cleverly that she received a round of applause.

Smithfield was in evidence again at the evening session held at the evening session held at the Goldsboro Community Building at which time a varied program of music and readings preceded the annual address of the president. Mrs. Jesse Coates, gave a reading, a negro sermon, which called forth an encore equally enjoyed. Eighteen members of the local club were present Friday evening.

At the Emblem Breakfast Saturday morning, a pageant was used to demonstrate the meaning of the club pin, and Miss Ada Flowers took a part in the pageant. Only emblem wearers were permitted at the breakfast which was presided over by Miss Paullette Rogers of Burlington.

Mrs. T. J. Lassiter represented the club at the vocational luncheon at the noon hour speaking briefly on her vocation. At this luncheon various vocations were represented including law, insurance, osteopathy, public welfare work, telephone, beauty culture and others. Mrs. Lillian Rodgers, a lawyer, of Wilmington, presided over this occasion.

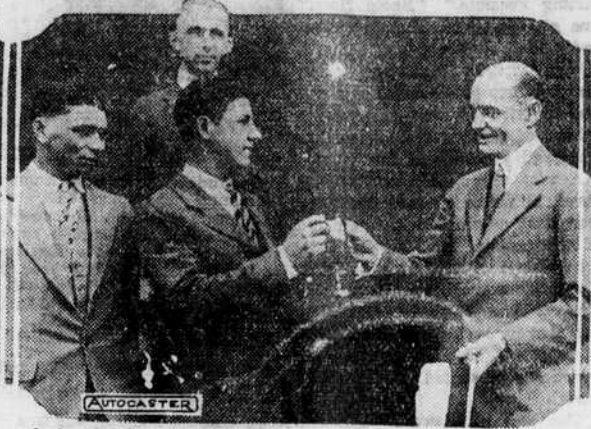
The Saturday afternoon session was featured by the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Mrs. R. B. Green, president, First vice-president, Hickory; Miss Eugenia Herring, second vice-president, Raleigh; Miss Isabel Faison, recording secretary, Rocky Mount; Miss Flora Leak, treasurer, Winston-Salem; Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, auditor, Smithfield.

Saturday evening the annual banquet with Mrs. John Spicer, president of the Goldsboro club, as toastmistress, was the climax of the two days' session. Report during the two days had shown a live interest in all the clubs of the state, a splendid prelude to the address of Miss Emma Dot Partridge of New York, executive secretary of the National Federation, who for an hour told of the 770 clubs in the United States, which have as their purpose honesty of purpose, fair goods, fair profits, the keeping of credits, thriftiness, boosting and helping the "other fellow."

Preceding Miss Partridge's address Miss Robinson, the state president, called the roll of each club, and each club responded with an appropriate song, verse or stunt. Mrs. Clifton Beasley, president of the local club, responded for Smithfield telling of the growth of the club here in rhyme. The Smithfield club has 34 members, 16 of whom are emblem wearers. There are 34 subscribers

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Maryland Boys Win in Dairy Judging



Left to right, Stanley Sutton, Arthur Dunnigan and Ralph Wake of Maryland receiving the national championship cup from Secretary of Agriculture Jardine, as the best boy judges in the U. S. of Dairy cattle. These boys will now represent the U. S. in the International contest in England, July 14.

Want Two Voting Auto Industry Is Places Boon Hill

Seventeen Hundred Registered Voters and Only 720 Minutes In Which To Vote

Princeton, June 11.—There are about seventeen hundred registered voters on the books in Boon Hill township, and in the November election if much more than half of this number wanted to vote they could not do so. There are only 720 minutes in a 12 hour day, and if the voters were to come to the ballot boxes with their tickets ready marked and if they would vote orderly without any argument and delay it would be possible to average one vote for each minute. From experience in past elections they do not average one vote each minute. For this reason some of the leading citizens of Brogden section and in Princeton are preparing to petition the County Board of Elections, to form Boon Hill district No. 2, with the voting place as Brogden school house, and let this district embrace Brogden school, Progress school and Royal school, and whatever territory that may be designated by the board of elections. As this change would be of vast advantage to a large number of the members of both political parties it is not expected that there will be any opposition. Then give us the Australian ballot law which will place the voter in such a position that no person can prevent him from voting as he wishes, although it is possible to give him a marked ticket before he enters the voting booth, he can fix the ticket he wants—while the ballot box and vote the ticket of his choice. Any voter can accept the dirty politician's money and take his ticket and go into the booth and vote the other ticket. In fact this very thing makes the Australian ballot law a good one, because a voter can accept the bribe money from both sides and the other side cannot tell how he votes. This fact keeps the politician from paying money for votes under conditions that are against him. Give us the Australian ballot system.

The Princeton band gave a concert in the school auditorium at Pine Level Wednesday night. The Pine Level people expressed themselves as highly pleased with the music and invited the band for another date in the future.

The Democratic primary passed very quietly with not a word of unpleasantness throughout the day. It would be so much more pleasant if all elections were conducted so quietly and with such good order. Any good woman could have attended the voting place, as many of them did, and they would not have heard any unkind word. Give us the Australian ballot system.

Dr. and Mrs. Carl V. Tyner, of Leaksville, spent the week end in the city with Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Fitzgerald. They were en route home from the hospital association meeting which was held last week in Wilmington.

Surplus Greater Than Anticipated

With Only One Month of Fiscal Year Left Treasurer Has \$2,824,395.66

Raleigh, June 13.—With a statement made public yesterday by Governor A. W. McLean showing a cash surplus of \$2,824,395.66 in the hands of the State treasurer on May 31, a surplus in excess of \$2,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30 is indicated, although it is possible that heavy expenses of June will bring the figure below that point.

But there is no question at all about the fact of a heavy surplus, much heavier than has been anticipated. And while expenses will be heavy in June, license taxes are coming in in a good stream to absorb a considerable portion of it.

Cashier A. S. Carson, of the Department of Revenue, stated yesterday that \$276,000 has been collected so far this month. The State has spent in operating expenses during the first 11 months of the fiscal year, July 1, 1925, through May 31, 1926, \$12,084,280.59.

The statement shows the expenditures during the month of May were \$810,617.70, and the receipts \$600,906.95. The excess of expenditures over receipts subtracted from the cash balance of the general fund as of May 1st left a balance as of May 31 of \$2,824,395.66.

The highway and other special funds showed a balance as of May 31 of \$9,132,347.99. The receipts in this account for the month amounted to \$3,404,398.69, while the disbursements were \$4,508,556.48.

The total cash on hand was shown to be \$12,607,200.96. This included the general fund cash, the balance in the highway and special funds, and the outstanding warrants.

TWO VISITING SPEAKERS AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The Baptist congregation here had the privilege of having two visiting preachers speak in that church Sunday, Rev. Charles Hall, of Luray, Va., a boyhood friend of the pastor, Rev. S. L. Morgan, preached an interesting sermon at the evening hour. He used as his subject, "Heaven."

Rev. J. B. Higgs, dean of the Baptist Seminary in Shanghai, China, delivered a splendid discourse at the evening service, telling about the missionary enterprise of the institution with which he is connected. After telling particularly about the work at the Seminary, he spoke for a time upon international relationships and stressed the importance of a friendly feeling between the nations of the world. The work of the missionary in China, he said, is more than teaching or preaching. It includes interpreting America to the Chinese. He feels that the next twenty-five years will be vital years in China for making China a Christian nation.

Special Thanksgiving Service

You are cordially invited to a special thanksgiving service to be held at the Methodist church on Wednesday evening, June 23, at 8 o'clock in celebration of my 78th birthday. The service will be held at the prayer meeting hour and everybody is invited.

C. W. LINDSAY.

MISSIONARY CIRCLES TO MEET

The following circles of the Baptist Women's Missionary Society will meet Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The Judson Circle will meet with Mrs. Lawrence Brown; the Lottie Moore with Miss Annie Lassiter, and the Yates with Mrs. E. C. Narron.

REVIVAL

Rev. A. T. Lassiter, Synod Evangelist, will hold revival services at Progressive Presbyterian Church June 16 to June 23. Song services will begin at 7:45. The Scouts have kindly agreed to have charge of parking all cars during the hours of service.

Red Grange's "Yes" Gal.



Here is the Miss—Edna Murphy—who has been selected to play opposite the famous red-haired—Harold Grange—in his football movie debut. Of course Edna will say "yes" to Red in the final close-up.

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Scout Rally Is Great Success

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At noon they were tendered a dinner by the local Rotary club. Rev. J. M. Daniel, pastor of St. Paul Methodist church, presided over this and the feed was declared to be excellent.

Following the dinner the Scouts put on their field day program and this was greatly enjoyed, after which they motored to the corner of Ash and Centre streets from which place they marched to the Community Building where the Scout trophy for having won the championship in the field day events. This was the second time the Snow Hill troop had won the cup. Once more makes it their permanent trophy.

The trophy was presented by Fred M. Waters of Selma, Scout commissioner of Tuscorora Council. Herbert Stuckey, scout executive of Wilson, acted as referee at the field meet.

The affair as a whole was greatly enjoyed and the scouts are now preparing for the opening of Camp Tuscorora near Smithfield on June 28.

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A Tantalizer

There is exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one decipher their name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present them with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. You must bring copy of this paper in order to secure ticket.

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Miss Neta Ennis recognized her name in last issue.

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