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School Child  
Better Marketing System  
More Food and Feed Crops

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## Johnston Hits Farm Mortgages

In Banner Agricultural County Mortgages Increased Fifty Per Cent In Three Years

By A. S. OLIVER  
Benson, Sept. 12.—In the first agricultural county in the State and among the first fifty in the United States; in Johnston county where there is more intensive production and a higher yield, farm mortgages increased 51 per cent in three years' time. In spite of the fact that we raise one and even two bales of cotton per acre; in spite of the fact that we have had for years the largest native poultry production and market on the A. C. L. Railroad; in spite of the fact that there has never been a crop failure in the memory of the oldest inhabitant; notwithstanding the fact that there has never been a bag of corn shipped to Benson; in spite of the fact that we have more registered breeding swine and draught more pork for market than any other section in Eastern North Carolina; with all our tobacco, soja beans, cow peas, watermelons, dewberries, strawberries and sweet potatoes, farm mortgages increased 51 per cent in three years.

This startling fact came to the Benson Kiwanis Club as a severe shock. Its agricultural committee was immediately instructed to study the situation thoroughly and report the causes, recommend the remedies, etc. After months of study they reported the problem to be "Feed and fertilizer." The enormous money crop here was being spent for these things in the main. Feed that the Western farmer received from \$11 to \$13 per ton, but which when freight and commission were added, cost the Johnston county farmer \$35 per ton. Fertilizer that ought also to be raised at home.

They gave it as their opinion that the dairy cow was the only solution. That a farmer now works only four to six months a year; with dairy cows he must work 12 months to the year. With dairy cows he must grow his own feed stuff or go into bankruptcy and sell out to some one who would grow it. With dairy cows he must keep chickens and pigs to feed his skim milk to. That in skim milk he had the best pig and chicken feed possible if he added a little cracked corn for the fat. With dairy cows he would raise the finest kind of manure, enough from each cow for one acre per year. Most important of all he would receive a check each 15 days on an average of \$12 per cow per month which since he was growing his feed and raising his manure would enable him to pay his way as he goes—"Make Each Day Pay Its Way." Altogether then the dairy cow would be the ideal balancer of farm operation. He would be able to raise a money crop at a less expense, making a greater profit and be able to bank the proceeds from such a money crop.

Market.  
There is less variation in the butter market, a more uniform return, less possibility of glutting the market than with any other farm commodity. Mr. Arey, of the State College, estimates there are seventy million pounds of butter shipped into North Carolina every

## AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

By Mc—



Sell 'bacca at Smithfield whar hits 2 cents nigher, and several cents higher.

## Nominee Judge Recorder's Court



W. P. AYCOCOK

## Selma Candidate Picked For Judge

W. P. Aycocok Was Opposed In The Primary; Well Qualified For Office He Seeks

Johnston county is extremely fortunate this election in having for a candidate on the Democratic ticket a man of the mental, moral and intellectual calibre of W. P. Aycocok, of Selma.

Mr. Aycocok is an accomplished lawyer, a Christian gentleman and a royal good fellow. He is a good mixer, is not given to boastfulness does not feel himself better than the other fellow, is kindly, resentful of those evil tendencies that help to disintegrate the fiber of our society and demoralize the lives of our younger people.

He has all the earmarks and qualifications of an accomplished jurist and has the happy faculty of being able to look a matter from a clear and unbiased viewpoint.

He is a thorough Democrat and believes that in the Democratic party will be found the opportunity of real and devoted services to the people of the county.

The people of Selma like W. P. Aycocok, indeed all those who know him, like him. They like him so well that they have made him Mayor of the town which office he is filling with distinction. His reputation there is one of fairness and judicial ability.

He is a member of the church and is almost a constant attendant upon its services. He is a man who loves the right in preference to the wrong because he believes that every man, woman or child in Johnston county loves right rather than wrong, because according to the eternal fitness of things, it is the right that must always prevail.

No person having cause to resort to Recorder's Court need have any qualms about whether or not he will receive justice at the hands of W. P. Aycocok, for above all things, he would not for a minute entertain an idea that would tend to otherwise mistreat his fellowman.

Upon the above principles he is making his candidacy and the good people of Johnston county will not let such men suffer at their hands.

LIBRARY TO OPEN ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON  
The public library located in the Woman's Club room will be open Thursday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock. We especially request everybody to bring back books which they may have in their homes. If they are brought back by Thursday no fines will be collected.  
MRS. N. M. LAWRENCE, Librarian.

## Local ACL Agent Makes Statement

Sets Straight Reports Regarding The Personal Effects of Accident Victim

Considerable comment has developed since the tragic accident last Monday night at the Holt Lake grade crossing, because of reports that the personal effects of Mr. E. C. Bethune, one of the victims of the accident, were missing after the wreck. After the arrival of Mrs. Bethune from Goldsboro it was learned from her that her husband had about him a number of traveler's checks, some cash and a gold watch and fob. A. C. L. employees were criticised for their manner of handling the case, and in order to set things straight Mr. J. A. Campbell, the local agent, makes the following statement in regard to the affair:

"I desire to state that all of the valuables consisting of one watch, one pistol, and one purse containing only cancelled checks and receipts, were turned over to Mrs. Bethune by me before she departed for her home at Lakeland, Fla. After this lady had left, Dr. Orr from the hospital turned over to me \$350.00 in traveler's checks which I at once sent to Mrs. Bethune by registered mail. I also wired Mrs. Bethune just as soon as Dr. Orr phoned me that he came across the checks in his medicine case. Our railroad has stood for \$200 for casket and \$25 undertaker's service in addition to giving the remains of Mr. Bethune free transportation back to Lakeland, Fla."

Mrs. Bethune was without money for traveling expenses, but before leaving she retained local attorneys who endorsed her check for the amount she needed. Citizens here, however, were ready to render any assistance if this arrangement had not been made.

## The King Did Wrong

The king and queen of Belgium were motoring from Brussels to a seaside resort near Boulogne. He was driving and she was sitting beside him. Just outside Calais, they turned out to pass another machine. The car swerved against the railing of a small bridge, staving in the wheels and bending the fenders. Luckily, the railing held and the king and queen escaped without injury.

Since the two were alone in the car, no one knows exactly what really caused the accident. As a matter of conjecture, however, one may surmise that the queen was saying: "Albert, do be careful now. You missed that last car by half an inch." And Albert was saying: "I'm driving this car. I've driven it thousands of miles without an accident." And just then, being a little upset by the conversation, the crash occurred.

Perhaps this is all wrong and they were not talking at all. Then one can imagine Albert's mind was elsewhere. The king business had not been doing so well lately. There doesn't seem to be of a future in it. So perhaps Albert was driving along and thinking about taking up some other line of work.

The point, however, is that an auto is a mechanical thing. It does not share your triumphs or your troubles. It has no idea of what an important personage you may happen to be. When a king pulls the steering wheel wrong the car goes into the ditch just the same as when a beggar pulls the steering wheel wrong.

You might remember this. No matter who you are, keep your mind on what you are doing when you are driving an auto.—Twin City Sentinel.

## Still Captured In Ingrams

Mr. Rowland Hayes, deputy sheriff of Ingrams township, brought a large whiskey still here Saturday which he captured in Ingrams township Saturday mprning. A quantity of beer was found at the still and destroyed.

Jazz wasn't so bad until the mosquitoes started singing it.

## Bale Of Cotton Brings 20 Cents

First Ginned by Smithfield Gin Company; Is First New Cotton Marketed Here On Sept. 4

The tobacco market in Smithfield seems to have overshadowed for a time the cotton market so far as publicity is concerned. Nevertheless Smithfield has been keeping pace with its cotton market both as to early purchases and as to prices the product brought.

The first new bale of cotton was sold here on Saturday, Sept. 4th, ten days ago. Both W. M. Sanders and Austin bought a bale on that date. Mr. Jim Byrd who lives on Mr. Eugene Massey's place near the county home, sold a bale to W. M. Sanders and was paid 17.85 cents per pound. On the same day Mr. J. P. Alford also of Smithfield, route one, sold a bale to Austin receiving 17 and three quarters.

The highest price paid for any cotton on this market was paid by Austin to R. L. Hill of Smithfield, route 2, on last Wednesday, who received 20-cents per pound. This was the first bale ginned by the Smithfield Gin company, the grade being strict middling.

Since Sept. 4th, the cotton buyers here have bought new cotton every day. W. M. Sanders bought around twenty-five bales Saturday.

## CAREFUL HADLING MEANS BIGGER POTATO PROFITS

Raleigh, Sept. 13.—Sweet potatoes are a money crop. They are easily and inexpensive to grow and properly housed and graded will usually yield a handsome profit.

"One farmer of Nash county reports that he made \$300 from one acre of sweet potatoes last year," says Robert Schmidt, vegetable specialist at State college. "Of course good prices cannot always be had in the fall at digging time and some arrangement must be made to keep the potatoes until mid-winter or spring. The old-fashioned method of storing sweet potatoes in earth banks is all right for home use but is not suitable for commercial purposes."

Mr. Schmidt states that the average loss from decay in earth banks will eat up any profits that should be made. A properly built sweet potato curing and storage house will keep the crop in good condition and will soon pay for itself.

But even a storage house will not keep the potatoes if they are not properly harvested, he states. Sweet potatoes should be harvested before frost if possible, and by all means before the cold rains which generally come early in November. Last year the North Carolina growers lost thousands of dollars because they did not dig their crop soon enough. A cold-hurt potato means a rotten potato. Handle the potatoes with care so as not to bruise them. They will keep better and have a better appearance when sold.

Mr. Schmidt states that his office will be glad to answer all questions about growing, harvesting, curing and storing the sweet potato crop. Any grower wishing to build a modern storage house may obtain plans and specifications on request.

## WHO IS THE MOST POPULAR GIRL IN THREE COUNTIES?

Who is the most popular girl in Wayne, Sampson and Lenoir counties? That is the question that the Merit Shoe Company, of Goldsboro, is attempting to answer. They propose to settle the question in a popularity contest. The young lady who is selected as the most popular in the three counties will be awarded a costly twelve-inch loving cup.

The Merit company announces that nominations in the contest will close Thursday, September 30. Those who desire to nominate lady friends should call at the Merit store for full information, and make nominations before September 30.

For results advertise in the Smithfield Herald.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION AT SELMA BAPTIST CHURCH

Prominent Speakers Expected To Make Addresses On S. S. Work

Beginning Tuesday night, September 21, and continuing through Wednesday night, September 22, the Johnston County Sunday School Convention will be held at the Baptist Church, Selma. Pastors, superintendents, teachers, and officers of all Sunday schools of all denominations in the county have been invited to attend the sessions of the convention.

The officers in charge of arrangements for the convention are expecting a large attendance of workers from all parts of the county. The convention is open to the public and all who are interested in the Sunday school, whether they are actively engaged in the work or not, are invited to attend. The convention is being held under the auspices of the Johnston



MR. D. W. SIMS  
One of the principal speakers at this Convention.  
County and the North Carolina Sunday School Associations, and

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## Negro Killed On Railroad At Micro

In Dempsey's Cabinet



Jack Dempsey's new secretary of the interior, Pauline LaBuda, who is now in charge of the kitchen at the champion's training camp. She was formerly cook for President Wilson.

## KNOW NORTH CAROLINA: OUR TAXABLE WEALTH

The following table, based on the recent annual report of the State Commissioner of Revenue, shows the total value of the different classes of wealth as assessed for taxation in North Carolina for the tax year 1924. Real and personal property, including corporations, totals \$2,400,398,075, and forms the great bulk of wealth listed for taxation.

| Item  | Tax Value     |
|---|---------------|
| Farm land                                   | \$964,515,849 |
| Town real estate                            | 726,852,361   |
| Mfg. property outside incorporated towns    | 90,734,419    |
| Mineral, timber, water-power property, inc. | 13,224,909    |
| Personal property, inc. corporations        | 605,070,537   |
| Value, and excess, public service com.      | 242,216,605   |
| Value, and excess, bank stock               | 32,670,069    |
| Excess corporation val                      | 36,426,207    |
| Excess B & L                                | 72,963        |

Aggregate value of all property \$2,711,783,919

In Lefter's blacksmith shop, on Reading Road, a long horse-tail fly-brush is used in fly time. One day the little daughter of the blacksmith was brushing the flies from a horse when a smart young man said: "Oh, Edna! are you shoeing horses, too?" "No; can't you see? I'm shoeing flies."—Exchange.

## Struck By Train While Driving Spikes — Body Mangled

Willie Reeves, a negro employed by the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company, was instantly killed near Micro Saturday morning about 8 o'clock when a train struck him while working on the track.

Reeves was driving spikes as the train approached and those working with him called and warned him to get out of the way but just as he started to leave the track the train struck him. The blow on his head split it entirely open and his brains were strewn along the track. Death was instant. The coroner, Mr. C. Q. Stephenson, was called to the scene, but an inquest was deemed unnecessary.

Reeves was a stranger in this county. Only a few days ago he was employed by the railroad company, but apparently no one in this section knew anything of his history.

The body was turned over to the railroad company for burial.

## NEW TYPES OF COTTON IN SOUTH AMERICA

The discovery of several new types of cotton is reported by members of the United States Department of Agriculture, who returned from a three months' exploration trip in the West Indies and South America. Some of these cotton plants have characters that may be of value in practical cotton breeding work in the United States.

One of the new types has bracts that are open or turned back from the buds and young bolls so that little protection is afforded for boll weevils or other pests and diseases. Such cotton could also be picked with less "trash" and the grades would be improved.—Progressive Farmer.

## No Funds

A group of men were sitting about the big air-tight heater in the general merchandise store of Grandpa Hibbs. Haze Lynn elevated his feet and spat into the coal scuttle as he volunteered this bit of information: "Guess Sl Slater's bank is in pretty bad condition—'bout to fail." "How so?" inquired Grandpa, pausing in the distribution of the mail. "Wall," said Haze, "I seen a check Frank Bovee writ for \$2 It was returned, marked 'No Funds.' Now a bank that aren't able to cash a check for \$2 must be pretty nigh busted." "That's so," agreed the rest of the loafers.

## Building Catches Fire Third Time

Flames Extinguished In Short Time; Damage Estimated At About \$400

Saturday a little past midnight before the town had hardly settled down for its nightly slumber the fire company was aroused and called to the business district. A blaze had been discovered in the Ashley Smith buildings on Market street. The fire was burning in the second story in a room used by Isaac Woodard, Smithfield's colored undertaker. Indications are that the fire caught in a barrel of old trash. This room is over the store formerly occupied by the Vara L. Smith company. This was the third fire discovered in this building within two years.

The fire company had little trouble in extinguishing the blaze, and in ten minutes the excitement was practically all over. The store under the room where the fire caught being vacant, there was little damage on account of water. The Ideal Pharmacy and the millinery shops of Mrs. A. W. Smith were slightly damaged. The entire loss has been estimated at about \$400.

## MAKES SHORTHAND ACCURACY RECORD

Martin J. Dupraw, world's shorthand champion, won permanent possession of the Toledo Bar Association Loving Cup, displaying remarkable accuracy in the recent shorthand contest, held under the auspices of the Ohio State Shorthand Reporters' Association in Toledo. Two perfect papers and one with only one error was the record established by young Dupraw, a graduate of the high school of commerce, where he learned Gregg shorthand. His nearest competitor made a total of twenty-one errors.

The dictations were of three kinds—175 literary matter, on which Mr. Dupraw made no errors; 200 Jury charge, which again this young man turned in with no errors, and 240 words a minute testimony, on which he made but one error. It was last year that young Dupraw won his junior doubles tennis championship in the metropolitan district, and the following week secured the title world's shorthand champion. The same year he also won the New York State Shorthand Reporters' championship. Mr. Dupraw is now a student at New York University, where he is studying law.—New York Evening World.

## NEGROES RAISE \$101.50 DURING REVIVAL MEETING

Galilee Baptist church, a negro church which has just closed a revival, raised \$101.50 during the week end for the work of the church. Galilee is said to be one of the best negro churches in the county, and its members wish to thank all who helped in the revival. Ten were added to the church. Rev. N. S. Harris of Concord and A. C. Tilley, pastor of the church, conducted the meeting.

## Lots of Solace

Moral Gent: And is the bottle the only comfort you have in your bereavement?  
Widower: Oh, no! I have half a dozen bottles in the cupboard.—Berlin Nagels Lustige Welt.

## 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.  
jhamaklinot  
Norman D. Hall recognized his name last issue.