

Local School In County System

Consolidation Means Lowering the Lowering of Taxes

The program of school consolidation in Johnston county was furthered a bit more this week when the board of trustees of the Smithfield Graded School district voted unanimously to make that district a part of the county school system.

The result that is of importance second only to the maintaining of the efficiency of the school is the lowering of taxes in this district. The county budget has not yet been approved by the County Board of Commissioners, but it is a safe estimate that the tax rate will be lowered at least twenty cents on the hundred dollars worth of property this year.

The County Superintendent states that there will be practically no change in the management of the school except that the county superintendent's office will take over all clerical work. All vouchers will hereafter be approved in that office.

The Alford's Move To Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Alford, their daughters, Misses Louise and Esther left Wednesday for Cleveland where they will make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Alford have operated the hotel here for a number of years and will be greatly missed from our midst as will their interesting family.

Advertise in the Herald

Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one decipher his name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present him with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Archie Hinant recognized his name last issue. Today's Tantalizer: ogerpbjhs

Scythe Champion



Walter Stickney, 65, of Hollis, won the New Hampshire mowing title from a big group of younger entries by cutting a quarter acre in 6 min. 3/4 sec. in the annual feature at Durham, N. H.

Appeal Is Taken In Road Matter

Supreme Court Will Rule Concerning Loan Made by Johnston County to State Highway Commission

Some time ago in the matter of the proposed Henderson-Clinton highway the county commissioners, the Johnston County Highway Commission concurring, contracted with the State Highway Commission to extend time for payment of the loan by Johnston county to the State Highway Commission for \$500,000 in consideration of the State Highway Commission taking over and constructing a sand clay, oil treated road through Johnston county.

It was thought that this matter was settled, but information now comes to this office that an appeal to the Supreme court has been perfected and that the hearing will be conducted in Raleigh in the near future, probably week after next.

CUMBERLAND'S FIRST BALE SOLD WEDNESDAY

FAYETTEVILLE, Aug. 31.—The first bale of 1927 cotton was sold here today by W. J. McMillan, who farms near Wade in Cumberland county. It brought 25 cents and was bought by the E. J. Wells company.

Freewill Baptist.

Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock. C. J. Thomas, superintendent. Church service Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock. Freewill Baptist League Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. Subject for the evening "Believing on Jesus." Everyone is invited to attend these meetings.

Texas Predicts 30 Cent Cotton

Wright Edmundson Write About The Crop in Texas; Estimates Yield at Not Over Four Million Bales

Wright Edmundson, manager of sales, Archonhold Automobile Supply Company of Waco, Texas, is in close touch with the cotton situation in Texas and, knowing the interests of his native county of Johnston, has sent us an account of some of his observations in the Empire State. Mr. Edmundson says:

"From observation and careful investigation for the past four or five weeks, consulting the best authorities, I find that the deterioration in the cotton crop of Texas is variously estimated in the last 15 or 20 days to be from 15 to 25 per cent, or a loss of nearly a million bales.

"I have been on the road, traveling in an automobile over practically all the cotton growing section, and can frankly say that I have never observed so wide a deterioration in my entire 35 years in Texas.

"The 12-inch rainfall in June, when we should have had moderately dry weather, followed by eight weeks drought, has wrought havoc with the crop. A good percent of the plant has died from what is termed 'root rot,' but really my opinion is that the plant failed to develop a tap root on account of the excessive rain in June, followed by extremely hot weather and winds drying the soil so quickly that it did not have time to develop sufficient tap root to withstand the hot summer.

"With continued dry weather until the 15th or 20th of September, cotton will practically all be gathered. There is quite a wide difference in opinion regarding the effects of a good rain on the crop. The consensus of opinion is that it would damage the crop now open more than the increase in production would amount to. I find that about 75 per cent of the farmers consulted are against rain.

"Texas usually produces about one-third of the entire cotton crop of the South, and if she maintains this record the 1927 crop will be below 13 million bales, or something near a million bales short of last Government's report, which was a fraction less than thirteen and a half.

"I would say that the average production for Texas this year will be something like a bale to between five and six acres. If this is a correct estimate the Texas crop should be round three and three-quarter million. Even taking a more optimistic view of the condition, I do not see how it could possibly exceed four million bales, with something near six million in 1926.

"With the increased world's demands, cotton should sell for 30 cents per pound. No doubt, the ginners' reports will come in pretty heavy as there will be a larger per cent of the crop gathered by the first of September than any time in our history. I would place condition of the crop of our section at this time not above 60, last Government's report 69.

"If the farmers of the country were not in such financial straits, they could demand 30 or 35 cents for their crop and get it. As has been the case, however, for many years, they usually owe accounts and bank notes falling due in September and October, and the speculators of the country keep their hand on the pulse of the farmers and realize their true condition, and the larger part of the cotton is what we would term 'distress stuff.' In other words, the farmer is not in position to hold, but is forced to sell to satisfy these obligations. I hope this condition will change within the next few years and they will be in a position to, in a measure, have something to say about the price they receive for their product."

BRINGS LARGE POTATO

Mr. N. C. Massengil, of Sanders Chapel, was in town yesterday and gave the Herald office a call. He brought an unusually big potato which weighs five and a half pounds. It is of the Porto Rico variety.

Kansas Cow Sets New Milk Record



Twelve gallons of milk a day, or more than triple her weight during the last four weeks, is the record of the Holstein cow owned by R. P. Brown of Columbus, Kas. Her average has been 96 lbs. per day. She weighs 900 pounds.

Benson Ready For Live Stock Show

More Than a Thousand Dollars Is Offered In Premiums—Midway to Furnish Amusement

BENSON, Aug. 31.—Indications are that the tri-county livestock and poultry exposition, scheduled for Benson September 20, 21, 22, 23, the only exclusive show of its kind in the state, will be a great success. This exposition is being sponsored by the branch office of the Eastern Carolina chamber of commerce at Benson which includes the counties of Sampson, Johnston and Harnett. Nothing but livestock, poultry and accessories incident to this big industry will be admitted to compete for prizes.

More than \$1,000 is offered in premiums. The entries will be limited to these three counties and the object of the exposition, as stated by Secretary-Manager Bartlett of the Eastern Carolina chamber of commerce is to further stimulate interest in the livestock program for these three counties in the heart of the cotton belt of North Carolina. The boll weevil this year is demonstrating beyond the shadow of a doubt that he had just as soon take North Carolina's cotton as the cotton in any other state and this fact has eliminated from the minds of reasonable people that no longer can this section depend on cotton as the only money crop.

The livestock and poultry exposition is to be educational, yet at the same time furnish enough amusements to entertain the big crowds while they are there. A great aggregation of free acts has been booked together with a large collection of clean shows to amuse the thousands who will attend during the four days. Permanent exhibition grounds are being equipped and everything will be in readiness on the opening day. Watch this paper for announcements of the full program.

STEVENS & OGBURN'S NEW GIN PLANT COMPLETED

The new gin plant erected by Stevens & Ogburn is now completed and will be ready for business next week. The gin, which is brand new throughout, is a new Huller Brest Continental Brush gin, with a cleaner-separator that takes all trash out of the cotton. It is operated by electricity, and is equipped in every way to give up-to-date service.

J. V. Ogburn of the firm, Stevens & Ogburn, will manage the gin operations, and Mr. Stanley, who has had eleven years experience in ginning, will be ginmer. The gin is conveniently located, being next door to J. W. Daughtry's store near the depot. A galvanized iron seed and fertilizer house next to the cotton platform at the station has just been completed which will be quite convenient. The gin has a set of scales long enough to weigh the team and wagon.

Baptist Church.

Rev. S. L. Morgan, who has been holding a revival at his old home church in Virginia, will be back in the city for his Sunday services. There will be preaching by him Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and again Sunday evening at eight.

Princess In Plane On Westward Trip

62-Year-Old Woman Is Passenger In Airplane Attempting Flight From England To America

LONDON, Aug. 31.—(AP)—The Imperial Airways company has informed the Westminster Gazette of the receipt of a message timed 9:30 p. m. stating that the St. Raphael was still flying. Whereabouts of the plane were not mentioned nor was the source of the message indicated.

The plane was first reported over the coast of Wales, 150 miles away, at 9:20. Various other points sighted her, for the plane was flying low and finally she passed over Inverin, 370 miles from the start, a few minutes after noon.

UPAVON, Eng., Aug. 31.—(AP)—While others waited for the favor of the elements two British aviators and a 62 year old Princess went up into the air from this flying field today to achieve that for which many months has been the dream of airmen, the winning of the Atlantic from Europe to America.

At 7:32 o'clock this morning the Raphael monoplane sped down the runway with Col. Frederick Minchin at the controls and Captain Leslie Hamilton and Princess Louenstein Wertheim aboard. There had been no certainty of a start today, but the two men were on the ground and the Princess drove down at an early hour and without more ado declared her intention of going along.

Shortly after noon today the city guards of the little Irish town of Inverin on the North Coast of Calway Bay stood in silence watching the huge airplane pass over the Atlantic toward America.

The speed during the first five hours flight from England to the point where it struck out across the ocean was not more than 70 miles an hour and it is figured that this speed will have to be greatly increased, if the destination, Ottawa, Canada, is to be reached on time. But weather conditions were none too good over the British Isles with a haze and some times a fog hindering the flight of the heavily loaded monoplane.

The daring trio of fliers barely escaped death in the hop-off as the plane left the ground just in time to avert disaster. It is believed that they are determined to reach their Canadian goal and there get a bag of Canadian gold, \$25,000 as the prize or die in the attempt. They are bound for Ottawa, 2920 miles distant and thence to London, Ontario.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO MEET WEDNESDAY

Monday being a legal holiday, the county commissioners will not meet at that time, according to Mr. Neil Barnes, clerk of the board. They will meet in regular session, however, on Wednesday, September 7.

One Cabbage Has Nine Heads.

George Vann of the Sheriff's office was yesterday displaying a nine-pound cabbage grown on his place. The heads are all from the same stalk and while not fully matured are well formed.—Goldboro News.

Recorder's Court Has Heavy Docket

Quite a Number of Whiskey Cases Tried This Week

Recorder's court was in session here three days this week, Tuesday, Wednesday and part of Thursday being required to dispose of the large criminal docket. The following cases were tried:

Melvin Boldin ("Bolling") was found guilty of possession of whiskey. He received a 60-day road sentence and was taxed with the cost. He was also found guilty of transporting. Judgment in this case was suspended upon the payment of the cost.

For obtaining money under false pretense, Willie Williams was sentenced to the roads for 30 days and taxed with the costs.

G. M. Snead was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost for giving a worthless check.

William Holder, Clee Whitley and Millard O'Neal were in court charged with disturbing public worship and affray. The state took a nol-pros with leave as to Millard O'Neal. Holder and Whitley were convicted on both counts. Each defendant was sentenced to the roads for six months, the road sentence of Holder to be suspended upon condition that the defendant is of good behavior and is a law-abiding citizen for the next two years and on further condition that the defendant Holder pay three-fifths of all the cost. Capias to issue upon violation of any term of this judgment. The road sentence of Whitley is to be suspended upon condition that the defendant is a good, law-abiding citizen for the next two years and on further condition that defendant Whitley pay two-fifths of all the cost. Capias to issue upon the violation of any term of this judgment.

Zeb Woodard, who was charged with affray and disturbance, was not convicted. Ad Wilkins was found guilty of resisting officer, and was sentenced to the roads for 30 days. The road sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and the cost. He was also found guilty of possessing whiskey. A 60-day road sentence in this case was suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and the cost.

For violating the prohibition law, Robert Woodard was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost. Johnnie McLamb was found guilty of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. A 60-day road sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$100 fine and the cost on condition that the defendant does not violate the prohibition law again in twelve months. He was forbidden to operate a motor vehicle again in 90 days.

GoKen Parker was in court charged with disposing of mortgaged property. After hearing the evidence of both the state and the defendant, the defendant was adjudged to be guilty of disposing of mortgaged property. It was ordered by the court that the defendant go to jail for a term of six months to be worked on the roads and pay the cost of the action. Capias not to issue on condition that the defendant does not drink anything intoxicating, deal in, transport, or assist in any way in anything that would be a violation of the prohibition law or Turlington act for a period of two years, the violation of any one condition set out in this judgment to be sufficient to commit the defendant to jail to serve six months as above set out. The defendant concurred in and agreed to this judgment and signed the same in his own hand.

The state failed to convict Fells Thornton, who was charged with abandonment and non-support. For assault with deadly weapon, Larkin Watson was sent to the county roads for four months and was taxed with the cost. Irvin Graham was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and was sentenced to the roads for 60 days. The road sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and cost.

Junius Wall was charged with

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Lindy's Wings



Donald Hall, 28, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who designed Col. Lindbergh's "Spirit of St. Louis" plane now finds business good, having received 29 orders for designs similar to Lindy's air bus.

Johnston County Gets Publicity

Addograph Shows Scenes of Smithfield, Selma, Benson and in the County in Middle West

Johnston county is getting a good little bit of publicity in the middle West this fall along with other towns and counties of Eastern North Carolina. N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, has just returned to the state from Ohio where he went to inaugurate a tour of the midwest state fairs designed to advertise this section.

For several months, Mr. Bartlett has been at work collecting pictures and material for an addograph which is being used on this tour. The addograph carries four loops of twelve pictures and placards each showing views in Johnston county, in Smithfield, in Benson and in Selma. These pictures present crop opportunities and industrial development of this section. Literature advertising the whole section is being distributed and soil types are being shown. The tour will require from six to eight weeks.

REPORTS TELL OF REDFERN FELL IN ALEMQUER BRAZIL

PARA, Brazil, Sept. 1.—An unconfirmed report has been received here that Paul Redfern landed in the vicinity of Alemquer, Brazil.

Alemquer, situated between 300 and 400 miles from the mouth of the Amazon river, is to be westward of the route Redfern planned to follow in passing over the great river. The aviator was to have dropped a flare at Macapa, more than 200 miles further to the east, to indicate whether he would turn to Pernambuco or proceed to Rio De Janeiro.

The unconfirmed report says that Redfern fell at Alemquer.—Associated Press.

FIRST BALE AT DUNN IS SOLD AT 25C. PER POUND

DUNN, Aug. 30.—The first bale of 1927 cotton sold on the Dunn market was brought in today by Buck Eason, Cumberland county farmer. The bale weighed 540 pounds, graded riddling and was sold to the Johnston Cotton company for 25 cents a pound. The rains of last week delayed picking and the first bale came in ten days later than last year.

Hand-Painted Hosiery.

PARIS, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Stockings with hand painted designs are the offering of a shop here. Sprigs of flowers on pale colored hose have caused some comment but there is little indication that the novelty will be taken seriously. More approved are the stockings with four points woven into the heel in place of the one women are accustomed to. There is talk of stockings of two tones, the heels and toes to show a deeper shade than the ground of the hosiery.

Invitations Out To Bentonville

September 15, Promises To Be Red Letter Day In Johnston County; Old Veteran Inquires the Route

Invitations are being sent out to persons living outside of Johnston county to attend the unveiling and dedication of the boulder marking the field of the battle of Bentonville. The public is invited to attend this exercise which will be held on September 15, but a special effort is being made to interest people over the state in the event. The invitation which is for everybody, reads as follows:

"The North Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy request the honor of your presence at the unveiling and dedication of the Boulder marking the Battlefield of Bentonville, March 19-21, 1865, on Thursday, September the fifteenth, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, eleven-thirty a. m., near Bentonville, Johnston County, North Carolina.

"Mrs. Walter F. Woodard, president, Wilson; Mrs. John Huske Anderson, Chairman Bentonville Battleground Committee, Fayetteville; Mrs. William M. Sanders, Vice-Chairman, Smithfield."

Governor A. W. McLean has been invited to make the principal address and accept the memorial. An elaborate program is being planned including a sham battle on the old breastworks which are singularly well preserved, by National Guard companies. A basket picnic will be held on the grounds and those who attend are asked to bring baskets.

This celebration will mark the culmination of the efforts of Mrs. W. M. Sanders, of this city especially. Others have more recently taken interest in the marking and the improving of the Bentonville battleground, but to Mrs. Sanders belongs largely the credit of initiating the movement. She personally took steps to repair the monument several years ago, and it was her interest in the battleground that led the U. D. C. to sponsor the movement now on foot. Since then, Mrs. J. H. Anderson, of Fayetteville, who was made state chairman of the Bentonville Battlefield Committee, has worked faithfully in the interest of placing a marker on this historic spot.

Interest in the unveiling of the marker and the attendant exercises is growing. People from a distance are planning to be present. The Herald is in receipt of a letter from an old soldier from Beaufort, route 1, inquiring the route, stating that he expects to be here on the 15th. The letter which is from Samuel Thomas, Sr., is as follows:

"If nothing happens I will go to Bentonville on the 15th of September. Do I stop in Smithfield? If so, I will call on you to show you my payroll papers, looking glass, buttons off my jacket that I wore home April, 1865. I had them at Raleigh at our reunion. Let me know the route that I will have to take to get to Smithfield. "My nephew's wife takes your paper."

Mr. Thomas was a member of Company H, 10th Regiment, Wayne County.

Presbyterian Services.

Services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock with sermon by pastor. No night service. Public cordially invited.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS—



"Some folks plays pinner, some make violent music on de fiddle, some jest blows dey own hawns."