

LOCAL TOBACCO MARKET OPENS TUESDAY

T. C. Young Is Chm'n Road Ass'n

Association Approves Plan to Advertise Virginia-Carolinas-Florida Short Route; Would Mean 15 to 20 Thousand Cars This Season

Organization of the Virginia-Carolinas-Florida Short Route Association was perfected at an enthusiastic meeting of representatives from cities and towns between Petersburg, Va., and Florence, S. C., held in Rocky Mount Monday night.

Mr. T. C. Young of this city was elected permanent chairman of the association and Mr. E. H. Austin, of Rocky Mount, was elected permanent secretary. This route, which is declared to be the shortest between Washington and the Florida east coast cities by ninety miles, includes highway number 22, which passes through Smithfield.

On the east coast of Florida, forty-two cities with chambers of commerce have formed an associated chamber of commerce for the purpose of advertising that section of the United States. Mr. T. W. Benedict, of Miami Beach, Fla., and Mr. L. W. Boynton, of Miami, Fla., representing the Florida East Coast Chambers of Commerce, presented a proposition from the organizations they represent at the meeting in Rocky Mount in regard to tying up Virginia, North and South Carolina, and Georgia in an advertising plan. They stated that if the towns along the Short Route would contribute each a certain amount of money toward the advertising project that they would use the Virginia-Carolinas-Florida Short Route exclusively in all of their advertising literature. The association formed at Rocky Mount approved the plan and an effort is now being made to raise the money allocated to each town, a report of which is expected to be in hand by September 2, with the idea of getting the proposition under way for the fall tourists.

Mr. Young in commenting upon the proposition states that the advertising of this route in connection with the east coast cities of Florida is the biggest opportunity that has yet come to Virginia, North and South Carolina to advertise for tourist travel. The east coast cities of Florida have raised \$6,000 for the issuing of 50,000 seven-by-eight pamphlets descriptive of the Florida east coast and giving a complete map and log of this route from Washington to extreme southern points of Florida. Mr. Young says that the cooperation of the cities and towns north of Jacksonville in this advertising will increase the circulation to approximately 150,000. These will be distributed by the East Coast Chamber of Commerce to a positively known list of prospective tourists.

ANOTHER HEARING IN SELMA POISON CASE

The second hearing in the inquest of Raymond Smith, a negro of Selma who is believed to have been poisoned to death, will be held in the coroner's office here this afternoon at three o'clock. A young negro woman has been arrested in connection with the case.

Tantalizer

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

Clifton Ragsdale recognized his name last issue.

Today's Tantalizer: zreeeekoch

WATERMELONS PROVE VALUABLE MONEY CROP

Johnston county's champion watermelon grower, Mr. George W. Hicks of Cleveland township was in town yesterday with some more of his fine watermelons. The Herald was again the recipient of Mr. Hicks' bounty, and the force expects to enjoy another watermelon feast.

To date, figures on Mr. Hicks' watermelon crop show that he has received \$227.50 from 216 hills. He sold 175 melons and gave away 31. The melons weighed from sixty to seventy-five pounds each and sold for an average of \$1.30. Mr. Hicks paid \$15 for the melon from which he got the seed to plant, but he has saved the seed this year from 47 melons. He states that he has been getting letters from people in various sections asking for seed but he does not have any for sale now. He has sold a few seeds at the rate of fifty cents an ounce, and next year he expects to have plenty to sell. He calls his melons—Hicks' Favorite.

Find Dead Body Tyson Lawhon

Officers Searching for Needham Dunn; County Health Officer to Make Autopsy

Coroner Jas. H. Kirkman in answer to a telephone message from Four Oaks went to the home of Needham Dunn about three miles southeast of Four Oaks Wednesday night about eleven o'clock to investigate the death of Tyson Lawhon, whose body was found in a field about 300 yards from Mr. Dunn's house. The dead man was about seventy years of age. He lived at the home of Mr. Dunn. Investigations showed that death must have taken place several hours before the coroner reached the scene.

Mr. Dunn who was said to have been drinking heavily for several days did not summon the coroner, but the message was evidently from someone in the neighborhood. Mr. Kirkman after making a preliminary examination of the body went to Four Oaks and impounded a jury. The jury went to the scene and made what examination of the darkness of the night permitted, after which the body was removed to the Langdon undertaking place in Four Oaks. The jury re-convened yesterday morning at seven o'clock to re-examine the body, and on this occasion it was discovered that the head might have in some way been crushed. Blood was found running freely from the right ear. Dr. Surles was summoned, who decided that he might have been struck in some way.

Immediately upon this discovery Coroner Kirkman telephoned Deputies Talton and R. B. Strickland to place Needham Dunn in jail without bond until the inquest could be completed. The officers went to the Dunn home about eight o'clock yesterday morning but found that Mr. Dunn had taken his departure for parts unknown. The officers are searching for him, though at this writing he has not been apprehended.

The body will be kept out until tomorrow when Dr. C. C. Massey, county health officer, will make an autopsy. After this takes place the coroner's jury will meet again in the coroner's office in Smithfield. Mr. Kirkman has worked diligently upon the case, having spent all of Wednesday night and yesterday making investigations.

SIX DIE WHEN BUILDINGS FALL

Excavations Causes Collapse of Two Buildings at Shelby Killing Six and Injuring Twelve

Six lives were snuffed out and twelve others were injured Tuesday morning at Shelby when two buildings in the downtown district collapsed. The dead included clerks at the First National Bank, which had temporary quarters in one of the wrecked structures, and customers of the bank. The buildings fell without warning. An excavation was being made under the building that housed the bank. Although the work of excavation was completed nine men were at work in the basement smoothing the walls when the crash came. One of the ruined structures was the Gardner building, owned by O. Max Gardner, democratic candidate for governor. Mr. Gardner and his son were among the first to reach the scene of the disaster. They were crossing the street when the buildings fell. The wreckage was so tangled that the rescue work of those caught under the debris was very slow. It took several hours to free a negro who had been caught in the ruins. The disaster is the second to occur in Shelby, a town of 6,000 people, in six months. Several lives were lost in a hotel fire there in February. It was then that the First National Bank building was burned causing the bank to seek quarters in one of the buildings that fell. In spite of the two losses of the bank, officials are said to be making arrangements for opening again in another building.

Barbecue Dinner Given.

Kenly, Aug. 30.—One of the most enjoyable events of the season was the barbecue dinner given by Mr. J. W. Darden last Thursday, August 23, at Lowell to the people working on his farm.

FORD HITS MOTORCYCLE

Wednesday evening about 8 o'clock, a motorcycle on which William Johnson, son of Mr. Bob Johnson, Russell Parrish and Bill Norton were riding, was struck by a Ford touring car on highway number 22, near the river bridge toward Holt Lake. Young Johnson who was hurt in the chest and was knocked unconscious, was taken to the Johnston County Hospital, but his injuries are not considered serious. He is, however, still at the hospital. Norton escaped unhurt, and Parrish with only minor scratches.

MR. & MRS. JOE DAVIS GO TO WASHINGTON, D. C.

Friends here will regret to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis are leaving Smithfield to make their home in Washington, D. C. Mr. Davis has been the proprietor of the Quality Clothing store for a number of years.

Mrs. Davis for the past several years has conducted a business school here which has turned out quite a number of efficient stenographers. Mrs. Davis has been active in the civic and club life of the town and is at present president of the Business and Professional Woman's club.

Mrs. Boswell Goes to Hospital.

Kenly, Aug. 30.—Mrs. Jack Boswell was taken to the Johnston County Hospital in Smithfield last Tuesday.

COTTON ASSOCIATION MAY BUY COKER PEDIGREED SEED

Mr. J. W. Stephenson, Director of Association Meets Other Directors at Coker Farm in S. C.; Reports Discouraging Crop Outlook in Palmetto State

The members of the North Carolina Cooperative Cotton Association will have the opportunity of purchasing their cottonseed for next year cooperatively, if the report of seven of the directors of the association who spent a part of this week at the Coker Farm near Hartsville, S. C., is accepted by the entire board which holds its meeting in Raleigh September 11th.

Mr. J. W. Stephenson of this city, one of the directors, in company with Mr. John T. Thorne, of Farmville, another director, and J. P. Parker, of Smithfield, route 1, a member of the association, left here Monday morning and met five other directors of the association at Hartsville. Mr. R. D. Coker, who operates a thousand-acre farm near Hartsville, has made quite a reputation with his improved cotton seed known as Coker Pedigreed seed, and the

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Writes Of Texas Talton Family Enjoys Reunion

Wright Edmundson Thinks Cotton Should Advance On Next Government Report; Touches On Political Situation

From time to time in recent years, Mr. Wright Edmundson, a brother of our townsman, Mr. E. S. Edmundson, and native of Johnston county but who now lives in Waco, Texas, has written to the Herald telling of the cotton situation. Mr. Edmundson's work takes him over the state of Texas, and his opinion is always of interest. A few weeks ago, while on a visit home he commented upon the situation, but finds upon his return to Texas, conditions changed.

Concerning the change, Mr. Edmundson writes:

"Since returning to Texas and taking a general survey of the cotton crop in the central part of the state, I find there is a wider deterioration in the crop in this section than I had observed for many years in the same period of time.

"In the first place the plant, generally speaking, is very small; in some sections there has been plenty of rain, and too much. The excessive hot weather has had a tendency to scald it in those sections, causing it to throw off a large percent of the forms; other sections have been too dry, stopping the plant from growing.

"The last Government report rated Texas condition of the crop at 70, and in my judgment the next report will be around 60 or 62.

"A great deal of cotton has died from some cause the last ten or fifteen days; some say from root rot, others claim from various other causes. Alkali, short tap root, caused by wet spring; anyway, from 10 to 15 per cent of it has died in the central part of the state since August 10.

"In making close observations of the crop through South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, personally, my estimate at the time, based upon my observation, would be something less than 14,000,000 bales. As I have said in previous letters for your paper, it is hard to estimate a Texas cotton crop at this time of year. It depends largely what develops in September and the first 15 days of October. We have received very flattering reports from the Plains, although the last few days a report came to us that they have a scarce of leaf and boll worm, either one of which will play havoc with it. An early frost will also cut the crop

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Forest City Girl Weds J. V. Ogburn

Miss Bunnah Jones Bride of Smithfield Man; Garden Scene Lovely Background For Impressive Ceremony

FOREST CITY, Aug. 30.—In a ceremony marked by beauty and elegance one of the most attractive mid-summer weddings of the season, was that on Saturday evening, August 18, at nine o'clock at the handsome colonial home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jones when their youngest daughter, Miss Bunnah Jones, was given in marriage to Mr. J. Victor Ogburn, of Smithfield.

The porch and yard were arranged as a garden scene; the walls of the porch being a mass of ferns and English ivy with white pedestals holding gorgeous baskets of garden flowers to carry out the colonial idea. The door entrance to the porch was draped with a curtain of white cloth. The folds forming a soft background of beauty for this setting were tied back with bows of white satin ribbon. At each side of entrance stood tall pedestals holding a sunburst of white tapers. The floor carried its rug of white.

Around the Lannisters of both the lower and upper porches, baskets of garden flowers in rainbow colors were artistically placed and a border of white tapers, arranged around the bannisters, gave a setting of colonial beauty. The walkways in the yard were outlined with posts and white ropes, making a pathway to the entrance to the porch, through which the ushers, bridesmaids, maid of honor and flower girls entered.

The candle bearers, Miss Miriam Green, niece of the bride, and Miss Sara Ruth Doggett attired in blue organdie colonial style dresses with silver hats and plumes, carrying lighted tapers showered with flowers and silver ribbon wended their way to the porch where they lighted the tapers which shed a brilliant glow over the wedding party, as Miss Clara Adele Self, of Cherryville, played "Moszkowski." They took their stand at the foot of steps leading to the porch. At this time wafted out on the breeze of the night two songs of beauty rendered by Mrs. Nell Padgett Norris, of Asheville, who rendered in her inimitable manner "Indian Love Call" and "At Dawning" by Cadman. Mrs. Will Smith, of Richmond, Va., gave two beautiful and outstanding numbers in a very impressive manner: "Sweetest Story Ever Told" and "I Love You Truly," accompanied at the piano by Clara Adele Self, of Cherryville, forming a most complete and artistic musical program for the evening. As the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March pealed forth, Messrs. Hubert Ogburn, of Greensboro, Will Smith, of Richmond, Va., and James Ayers and W. C. Bostic, Jr., of Forest City, made their way down the walks in the yard taking their places beside the entrance to the steps. Leading around the house and across the yard came the bridesmaids, Miss Johnnie Mae Hemphill, of Forest City, and Miss Homiselle McCorkle, of Salisbury, wearing yellow. Miss Linah Padgett, of Forest City, and Miss Mary Ellington, of Smithfield, wearing green. The bridesmaids, who wore colonial style dresses with colonial hats with plumes and silver ribbon trims, and carried shepherd staffs showered in garden flowers

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REGULAR SESSION RECORDER'S COURT

Several Criminal Cases Tried In Local Court

TWO WHISKEY CASES

The following cases were disposed of in Recorder's court here this week:

W. R. Ausley entered a plea of guilty to a warrant charging trespass. Judgment was continued upon the payment of the cost.

Mayo Stevens was charged with the larceny of an automobile. Probable cause was found and he was bound over to Superior court under a \$300 bond.

Eliza Cole was sent to jail for thirty days and taxed with the cost for giving a worthless check. The defendant took an appeal.

Lassie Allen and Eldridge Parker were convicted of possession of a still and beer and of manufacturing. They were sent to the roads for sixty days each and required to pay half the cost each.

W. H. Wimbley, Waylon Williams and Estelle Peacock were charged with prostitution. Estelle Peacock was found guilty and was sentenced to Samariland for an indefinite period. Wimbley and Williams were convicted of aiding and abetting in prostitution and each was sentenced to the roads for thirty days and taxed with half the cost. The sentence is to be suspended upon the payment of a fine of \$25 and half the cost each.

John Bunch, charged with assault and carrying concealed weapon, was found guilty of carrying concealed weapon. He was sentenced to the roads for sixty days and taxed with the cost.

Dock Wallace was convicted of possession and was fined \$10. The judgment was changed to sixty days on the roads and cost. The sentence is to be suspended upon the payment of cost and on further condition that he does not drink, possess, transport, or manufacture any intoxicant of any kind or in any way violate the prohibition law during the next two years.

KILLS BALD EAGLE

Mr. Needham Munden, who lives on Smithfield, route 1, brought a bald eagle to town Wednesday, the bird having been killed by him early that morning. On the way to the fodder field, Mr. Munden saw the eagle soaring in the sky. He watched him light in a pine tree and then returned to the house, got his gun, and shot him. The eagle measured from the tip of one wing to the other five feet four inches. The sharp talons of the eagle were a curiosity as well as the length of the bird.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO MEET WEDNESDAY

The board of county commissioners, according to Mr. Neil Barnes, clerk to the board, will not hold its meeting next Monday but will be in session on Wednesday. Next Monday, which is the first Monday in September, is the regular meeting time, but because Monday is Labor Day the session has been postponed.

Stage Is All Set For Big Tobacco Opening Here

O. C. Cawley



Manager Smithfield Tobacco Co.

Principal Tobacco Companies of World Have Representatives On Smithfield Market This Season

The stage is all set for the opening of the Smithfield tobacco market here next Tuesday. The grading rooms of the two warehouses have been busy scenes during recent weeks as well as the grading rooms of the farmers back home, and tobacco is being put in shape to put on the floors.

The Planters and Banner warehouses have ample floor space to take care of a large amount of the golden weed, and even though the sales may be large on opening day, the tobacco can be taken care of.

The principal tobacco companies of the world will have representatives on this market, and good prices are hoped for. Prices on the markets further south have not averaged so high as last year so far, but the quality of tobacco marketed has a good deal to do with the averages, and farmers usually sell their sorry tobacco first before it has had time to deteriorate. The companies with their representatives here this season are as follows: Imperial Tobacco Co., Mr. Ray; Liggett & Myers, Mr. Thompson; R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Mr. John Stokes; Glass-Staples Tobacco Co., Smithfield Tobacco Co.; J. W. Harrison; and S. T. Adams. The following exporters will be represented on this market: Jas. I. Miller & Co., A. C. Monk & Co., E. K. Veitor, and J. P. Taylor.

Besides good warehouse conditions, the facilities for redrying tobacco in Smithfield are as good as on any market. The Smithfield Tobacco company and the Glass-Staples Tobacco company are prepared to redry all that will be sold on the Smithfield market and then some.

Smithfield Tobacco Company.

The Smithfield Tobacco company has been an important factor in our civic life, furnishing employment for about 300 local people. This company is a branch of the Tobacco Trading Corporation, which has its head offices at Richmond, Va. This corporation operates on all markets in Eastern Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee.

The local branch of the Tobacco Trading Corporation is under the supervision of Mr. Robt. S. Scott, the redrying and handling of the tobaccos is under Mr. O. C. Cawley. These two men have a wide knowledge of the tobacco business, having been in the business for fifteen years. Mr. Scott is from Richmond, Va., and Mr. Cawley is from South Boston, Va.

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Aunt Roxie Opines By Mc—



Wid telefoam inforation workin' day and nite and a lot uv wisdom flyin' thru de air faum de canditates yit, and still deys a hull lot of peepie actin' lack dey's on-informed.