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### THINKS AL SMITH IS PRESIDENT—

Apropos the hard times which are prevailing not only in the South, but in other sections of the country, the following story has been copied in numerous newspapers:

Senator Wheeler told a story in the course of a Senate debate of a young man in Montana under examination for citizenship papers, who answered most of the questions correctly until the judge asked, "Who is President of the United States?"

"Al Smith," was the prompt reply.  
"What makes you think Mr. Smith is President?"  
"Well," replied the applicant, "all I know about it is that the Republican orators told us that if Al Smith was elected we would have a general panic in the country; that prices in Wall Street would drop; that men would be out of employment; that the farmers would go broke and banks would fail. All of these things have happened, so I think Al Smith must be President of the United States."

### HOME AND FARM DEMONSTRATION WORK IN JOHNSTON—

The Herald does not expect everybody to agree with it on its views affecting the public interests of Johnston county, and in discussing matters of a public nature in these columns we do so with no intention of trying to create an issue, but we do so prompted by our own conscientious convictions.

Three fourths of the people of this county get their living by tilling the soil, and if the farmers have a good year, the county is prosperous and if they have a bad year, the county is not prosperous. Whatever affects the farm problems of the county necessarily affects everybody in the county, and it is a matter of prime importance that the farming interests should receive every possible encouragement from the governing powers of the county.

We have been impressed with this idea in several ways since the county commissioners have discontinued the farm demonstration work in the county some four or five years ago and the home demonstration work a year ago. But this matter has never been so clearly outlined in the farm and civic life of our county as it has been within the past year. The county commissioners have put thumbs down on both farm and home demonstration work, claiming that they have been actuated in the discontinuance of these offices by economic demands. Whether this has met popular approval or not we do not know, but we do know that it has not met universal approval. In spite of the fact that the demonstration work was discontinued as a public expense by the county commissioners a year ago, the work has gone steadily on, and despite the fact that the demands of the farmers for a farm agent have met with repeated refusals, somebody has seen to it that a farm agent has been at work in the county for the past year.

We did not attend a meeting of the farmers that was held here last Tuesday, but we saw enough of that meeting to know that the farmers of Johnston county are interested in their own improvement and in the general welfare of the county. It was an inspiration to see the fine body of good and sturdy farmers who met in the commissioners room here on that day and seated themselves as school children under a trained farm agent. These men met here for no other purpose or motive than to learn something of interest and value as to how they can improve farm conditions and meet an impending crisis that threatens the welfare of every person in this county through boll weevil devastation of the cotton crop or some of the other conditions that add to crop failures from year to year. There were perhaps three dozen of our leading farmers in this meeting, and they were from practically every section of the county. If they received no more than one good, practical idea from the farm agent that day, those three dozen ideas when put into practice on our Johnston county farms in 1930 will have incalculable benefit.

The farm demonstration work in this county cannot rest its right to live upon this one meeting. The benefit of the work for the past year could not be told in a few paragraphs such as these. Through the wisdom and energy of Mr. J. B. Slack, farmers are beginning to get

hold of a fair conception of what club marketing, improvement of breeds and flocks, and general diversification mean to them. The farmers of Johnston county have been hard hit for the past two years, and while we have not as yet seen any soured lines established in our more populous centers, we hear of hard times on every hand. There is no surer way out than through a wise and practical system of farm improvement and of farm management that will adjust ourselves to the less lucrative yields from the farms which has been brought about by the boll weevil. The farm agent more than any other individual will be the official who will shield the farmers from the impending crisis just ahead. The service of Mr. Slack in the county for the past year is most commendable and the action of the public-spirited men who made his work possible in this county is a public benefit that deserves public commendation. The county commissioners could do no safer or saner thing for the county than to investigate the work that Mr. Slack is doing and to give him all the encouragement that he needs both by way of official cooperation and by backing him financially. The same thing can be said of Miss Garrison, whom the home demonstration club women have kept on the job since last July by their individual efforts.

To finance these worthwhile agencies, in our opinion, would be contrary to their rigid system of public economy, but would certainly be the means of creating better times and more prosperity for our hard-run people.

### NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of authority contained in a certain deed of trust executed by Martha A. Weaver (widow) to the undersigned trustee, which deed of trust is recorded in Book 204, at page 117, office of the register of deeds of Johnston county, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the note secured by said deed of trust, and the owner of said note having made demand upon the undersigned trustee to foreclose the same.

Now, therefore, the undersigned trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door in the town of Smithfield, Johnston county, N. C., at 12 o'clock M. on Wednesday, February 26, 1930, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, to-wit:

All that certain lot, parcel or tract of land containing 99 3/4 acres lying and being in Bentonville township, Johnston County, North Carolina, being bounded on the North by the lands of Perry Adams, on the East by the lands of E. F. Weaver; on the South by the lands of William Weaver and John A. Parker; and on the West by Mill Creek and being such shape, metes, courses and distances as will more fully appear by reference to a plat thereof made by N. T. Ryals, surveyor, December 9, 1924 and more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a holly, Perry Adams' corner on the north bank of Mill Creek, and runs as his line E 78 chains 50 links to a blackjack in E. F. Weaver's line; thence as his line S 22 W 14 chains to a pine, his corner; thence as his line E 6 chains and 50 links to a stake, his corner; thence as his line S 2 degrees 30 minutes W 5 chains and 50 links to a stake, William Weaver's corner; thence as his line S 71 degrees W 6 chains and 75 links to a stake, John Parker's corner; thence as his line N 82 degrees W 77 chains and 50 links to a blackjack on the bank of Mill Creek; thence down the run of said creek to the beginning, containing 99 3/4 acres. Being the same land conveyed to Martha A. Weaver, by deed dated December 21, 1901, recorded in Book R No. 9, page 493, office of the Register of Deeds of Johnston county, North Carolina.

This 27 day of January, 1930, W. R. STRICKLAND, Trustee, Jan 31 Feb 7 14 21

### JOHNSON-LEWIS WEDDING.

"Mr. and Mrs. Lomie Lewis announce the marriage of their daughter Dorothy Louise to Mr. Carl Johnson on Wednesday, the twenty-ninth of January nineteen hundred and thirty, at Kightsdale, North Carolina.

"At home 802 South West Street, Raleigh, N. C."

S. L. Kline of Valdese in Burke county reports 5115 eggs from a flock of 338 white leghorn pullets during December. The eggs sold for 50 cents a dozen making a gross return of \$213 for the month.

## And It Came to Pass—

In the year when Gardner began to reign in Carolina, the rains fell and the floods arose and in some portions of Carolina the boll weevil devoured all but a third part of the cotton of the land. And the hearts of the inhabitants grew faint within them and they were almost persuaded that man could no longer hope to gain a livelihood from tilling the soil. And many were they who were distressed.

Now it came to pass that the chief men in Carolina took note of the condition of affairs, and they set about to help the disconsolate ones. And in the month of January, the first month of the second year of Gardner's reign, it was noised abroad in the province of Johnston that certain of the learned men from Raleigh would come down and sup with some of the elders and tell them how they could make more talents from their crops in spite of the ravenous insects, and the inhabitants heard the saying joyously and awaited the arrival of the learned men.

Now when the captain of the hosts of the Co-ops knew that the noted men would come down, he cast about in his mind to see who would prepare the feast and set food before the distinguished guests and the company of men who were invited. And it was made known unto him that the housewives would do the thing, that they might receive shekels with which to pay the young woman who teacheth them the science of cookery, the gift of stretching a dime into a dollar, and the art of home-making. And the women got their forces together and prepared a feast fit for kings, for they said, we will show the visitors from afar that there is yet bounty in this fair country and that this province is a land which floweth with milk and honey. And all the food they set before the guests had been grown in the province and of the food not grown in the province was there not anything served. And the learned men marvelled when they saw the bounteous feast and the tables which were a thing of beauty, and no man who rose to speak that evening could refrain from praising the banquet and paying tribute unto the women who had prepared it. And the savory food went pleasantly to the tune of the fiddle and other stringed instruments which furnished music for the feast.

And the learned men spake unto the chief men from the several occupations of the province, and their speeches were messages of hope and cheer and courage. And every sower and every man of business there caught a new vision and hope rose within him. And they perceived that by sowing only the purest of seeds and by diligent care of the crops from seedtime to the harvest they could yet have more shekels in the banks and more food for their tables. And the messages delighted the company of guests and the evening was one of pleasure and profit for all.

Now there was present at the feast a certain ginner by the name of Green, of the tribe of Holland, who is an heavy man and fat; and he weareth a large hat. After the feast was at an end, Holland tarried behind and conversed with his friends and acquaintances who also were present, and when he was ready to depart all the guests had left but himself and the friend who stood with him and behold when he went to get his hat it was gone. Now the only remaining hat was a small one which sat high upon the head of Holland but he needs must wear it, for he feign would not depart from the banquet room hatless, for he was also a chief speaker in some of the synagogues in his country, and any unseemly behavior after a merry feast might arouse the suspicions of his congregations. So he shut his eyes to the smiles of his friend, and departed with the hat adorning the top of his head. Now the exchange of hats could not have been due to the redness of the wine, for there was nothing to drink served at the feast save milk and fresh juices of fruits, howbeit the banquet was in a province wherein it is said moonshine may be found, notwithstanding the law of the land.

Now some accused one Burgess, a ginner and merchant of the city of Benson, of taking the hat of Holland, and the suspicions of others rested upon Geddie, captain of the Co-ops in the province of Cumberland, for they are both of the size of Holland. But the evidence is strong against Lib, of the tribe of Lee, who was introduced unto the assemblage as the champion corn grower of the

whole province, for Lee is small of stature and doth not require a large hat. But after his achievement was made known unto the company of guests and divers of the men who were present had praised him for his success, it probably took the biggest hat in the house for him to wear home.

And who can reproach him? Any man who can grow an hundred and seven bushels of corn upon an acre of ground deserveth all the praise his friends can bestow upon him. And he is a citizen whom other sowers in the province may take note of, for he, also, can tell how to make a good living by tilling the soil.

### SPILONA NEWS

FOUR OAKS, Route 4, Jan. 30.—Rev. W. Y. Moore of Benson filled his regular appointment at Hickory Grove Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Shepard Lassiter and family, of Hopewell, spent Sunday afternoon in our section.

Mr. Jim Messingill and mother, of Hopewell, passed through our section Sunday afternoon.

Quite a number of our people attended church at Hopewell Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Dallos Byrd, of Piney Grove, spent Saturday night and Sunday with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Langdon.

Mrs. Walter Langdon spent a while Friday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Coats in the Rehobeth section.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Reardon and son, of Hopewell, spent Sunday afternoon in our community.

Mr. Willie Byrd and family, of Piney Grove section, spent a while Sunday night in this section.

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Under and by virtue of the powers and authorities contained in mortgage deed from E. B. McCabe and wife in book 233, page 115, Registry of Johnston county default having been made in the payment of the debt therein secured we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder for cash, at the courthouse door in Smithfield on Saturday, March 1, 1930 at 12 o'clock M. the following lands in Elevation township:

"Beginning at an iron stake J. C. Beasley and J. G. Dixon corner, and runs N 7 E 5.25 chains to a stake, Mrs. Auriba Johnson's corner, thence E 3 chains to a stake; thence N 7 E 3 chains to an iron stake, formerly a post oak, thence N 84 W 2.45 chains to a dead pine in the Horse Pen Branch, thence up the old run of said branch about 9.25 chains to an iron stake, maple called for, thence about N with J. D. Barber's line 12.69 chains to an iron stake, J. D. Barber's corner, and thence E 18.77 chains to a stake on the west side of the Reed branch, W. L. Lassiter's corner, thence with the high water S 4 W 2.50 chains, thence S 39 E with the high water mark 5 chains thence S 15 E with the high water mark, 2.88 chains to a stake, thence S 19 chains to a stake, J. C. Dixon's line, thence W 6.77 chains to a stake in the center of lane, thence S 2.77 chains to a stake, J. G. Dixon's corner, thence W 11.54 chains to the beginning, containing 57 acres, more or less.

On this property there is situated a saw mill and saw mill property, boiler and engine and this will be sold separately, and then the machinery will be sold with the land, in order to receive the highest bid possible for the entire property.

### NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the authority contained in a judgment of the Superior court of Johnston county in an action entitled "J. L. Cokenham and A. M. Noble, trustee, vs. R. L. Ray," the undersigned commissioner will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash in front of the courthouse door of Johnston county, North Carolina, on Tuesday, February 25, 1930 at twelve o'clock noon, the following described lot or parcel of land:

Beginning at the intersection of Green and Waddell streets and running S 37 W along the building line of Green street 145 feet to a stake; thence S 53 E 100 feet to a stake, corner of George F. Brietz; thence N 37 W along the line of the said George F. Brietz, 145 feet to Waddell street, thence N 53 W along the building line of Waddell street, 100 feet to the point of beginning, and being lots numbers six and seven, as will be seen by reference to the plat of the Selma Graded School property which is recorded in Plat Book No. 1, page 37, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Johnston

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### High Analyses Would Save

"The annual freight bill for moving finished fertilizers from factory to consumer is \$20,000,000, and bags and bagging cost another \$15,000,000. If we were able arbitrarily to double analyses and put into the hands of the consumer the same quantity of plant food, he is now buying, the savings on the two items would be \$17,500,000. The consumer himself would gain, for he would haul and handle only half as much material."—E. L. LARSON, Anacosta Copper Co.

### Must Make a Profit

Every man to his trade. Some men make good farmers, some are cut out for the law, others are natural-born doctors, and so on.

Anybody can open a store and buy and sell things—for a while. There is no law against anybody's trying to be a merchant. But there are some mighty hard and fast laws against keeping on being a merchant, and they're not all on the statute books either.

These laws are just as strict as any others. One of them says that if a merchant gives away his profits, the sheriff will get him. If he gives away just part of his profits at a time, all he does is put the sheriff off.

V-C dealers, with honest goods at honest prices, have their profits in their hands when V-C delivers the fertilizer to them. If they keep these profits, they keep on being V-C dealers. If they give these profits away, even to their best friends, the time will come when they can't survive—and that's our loss, and yours, and theirs.

There's an art about grading tobacco. The leaves that BELONG together must be put together. That kind of grading brings the price.

The seed of Cuba tobacco was introduced into Florida about 1828 by William P. Duval, one of the early civil governors of the territory.

City Visitor—"Why do you go over the potato field with such a heavy roller?"  
Farmer—"I want to grow mashed potatoes this year."—Flyvende Blaetter, Germany.

"Used BloomAid on one of my tobacco plant beds. The plants were earlier, healthier, and had a much better stand. Never had been secured in growing tobacco plants till I used BloomAid."—V. R. LEIGH, Drewryville, Pa.

"Georgia tobacco has come to be recognized by manufacturers of cigarettes and smoking tobacco as a highly desirable type. High quality tobacco fertilizers have played an important part in its production."—J. B. PURDOM.

### Must Meet Quick Changes

"The time has come for farmers to take stock of their agricultural assets and liabilities, in order to meet the rapidly changing conditions brought about by the new methods and inventions of science."—Dr. H. G. KNIGHT, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

### Laws Can't Re-make Men

"Federal legislation can meet but a few of the difficult farm problems. Farm taxation is mostly a state and local matter. Standards of living are not subject to legislation. Organization of farmers is short of other groups—legislation may encourage

but cannot compel it. Study and research may suggest better rotation, better livestock, better seed, better methods, but there is no compulsion. The personal element has always been the largest factor of success in agriculture as in everything else. Legislation will not bring success to a farmer who has not the elements of success within himself."—Congressman Ketchum.

"OUT OF THIN AIR scientists in 1928 captured nearly 1,000,000 tons of plant food nitrogen—directly from the air, which contains an inexhaustible supply. The process requires electric power, but cheap electric power is no longer the determining factor it once was. Recent developments have solved the power problem."—The Fertilizer Review

"Any industry that believes it has no scientific problem is headed for oblivion."—EXCHANGE.

"Used 400 lbs. of V-C Owl Brand under my tobacco with gratifying results. V-C gives color, size, quality. The tobacco stays green all the way to the bottom until cutting time, and there is no firing of the bottom leaves. Been using V-C 15 years and have no desire to change."—C. A. HILTON, Greenville, Tenn.

### Quality Product Needed

"We have dealt largely with quantitative production of cotton, but we need qualitative production. We must know the right plant food and its proper application. The right seed, the proper cultivation. We have a problem in the quality of the product."—DR. E. C. BROOKS, President, North Carolina College of Agriculture.

### VIRGINIA-CAROLINA CHEMICAL CORPORATION

county, and being in the town of Selma, Johnston county, North Carolina.

Bidder will be required to deposit ten per cent of his bid on day of sale.

This January 25, 1930. A. M. NOBLE, Commissioner. Jan 31 Feb 7 14 21

### NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the powers of sale in a mortgage deed executed on the 7 day of August 1928 by Maude Smith and husband, W. H. Smith, recorded in Book 233 at page 230 in the office of Register of Deeds of Johnston county, the conditions of said mortgage not having been complied with and said mortgage deed and debt, secured thereby, having been duly transferred and assigned to the undersigned, I will offer for sale at public auction for

cash at the courthouse door, of Johnston county on Friday, February 28, 1930 at 12 o'clock noon the following described real estate, to-wit:

First Tract: Beginning at Delman Messingill's corner on the East side of Main Street, runs on said Street S 150 feet; thence E 150 feet to A. B. Adams' and Dalton Lee's corner; thence N 150 feet to Delman Messingill's and W. H. Lee's corner; thence West to the beginning, containing one-half (1/2) acres, more or less.

Second Tract: Beginning at a stake corner of A. B. Adams' lot, and runs with Baker Street about N 140 feet to a stake, corner of B. E. Barbour's lot; thence about W 150 feet to a stake; thence about S 140 feet to the corner of A. B. Adams' and J. E. Barbour's corner; thence about 150 feet

with A. B. Adams' line.

A deposit of 10 per cent will be required of the highest bidder on day of sale.

This 27 day of January, 1930. D. F. PEEDIN, Transferee of Mortgage.

### HIGHWAY COMMISSION

OBJECTS TO DUMP HEAP This is notice to any and all persons that the Johnston County Highway Commission objects to the dumping of refuse, etc., on and in the immediate vicinity of the public road across Buffalo just north of the town of Smithfield. Please observe this notice and make it unnecessary for the Highway Commission to take further action. JOHNSTON COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION, E. A. JOHNSON, Chairman.

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Other resources .....	14,610.81	Reserved and unearned interest .....	1,079.49
Total .....	\$368,083.71	Deposits .....	333,451.37
		Total .....	\$368,083.71

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