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## Johnston Lags In Raising Its Food and Feed Crops

Failed By \$3,148,346 to Meet Requirements of County in 1928; Surplus of Sweet Potatoes and Poultry, But Shortage of Corn, Pork, Hay, Milk and Cobblers

Although one of the state's biggest producers of the so-called "money crops", Johnston county lags behind in the production of food and feeds and as a result is dependent upon good prices and good yields of tobacco and cotton for prosperity. Its tobacco and cotton crops of 1928 were worth more than six and one-half million dollars, but Johnston farmers failed by \$3,148,346 of raising enough food and feed to meet the requirements of the county as a whole, and failed by \$2,171,895 of raising enough to supply their own requirements.

These figures are disclosed in a survey made by the agricultural extension service of North Carolina State College in connection with the "live at home" program of Governor O. Max Gardner. It is the belief of Governor Gardner and the agricultural authorities of North Carolina that the basic prosperity of the state may be best restored if farmers will raise enough foods and feeds to make themselves and the state independent of outside markets. They are advocating that every farm family before it plants a single acre in cotton or tobacco plan to produce enough of the staple foods and feeds to meet its own requirements. This program includes an adequate home garden and a cow and chickens. Those Johnston county farmers who take care to provide food and feed before planting money crops will probably be glad next fall, for every indication is that an immense tobacco crop is being planned all over eastern North Carolina, in South Carolina and in the fertile new tobacco belts of South Georgia. As a result there is every prospect for a very indifferent price for tobacco next fall.

What can Johnston county farmers turn to if they don't plant cotton or tobacco? The answer is—corn and pork, and hay and dairy cattle. There is a tremendous home market for all four of these staples due to the big demand and relatively small supply in Johnston county of meat and milk. Based on standards of the average American citizen the population of Johnston county requires annually 3,906,000 pounds of beef and veal; 4,687,200 pounds of pork; 1,613,990 pounds of poultry, and 284,580 pounds of mutton. This is about ten and one-half million pounds of meat, Johnston county in 1928, however, produced only about eight and one-half million pounds leaving a demand for two million more. Under conditions and inclinations existing among the farmers of Johnston county this two million pound shortage can best be made up by increasing pork production. Pork production in 1928 was 5,287,500 pounds having decreased from 5,792,000 pounds in 1920.

The production of more pork requires the production of more corn and Johnston county's corn crop of 1928 was 813,973 bushels below requirements. With an increased pork production there would have to be an increase of Johnston county corn production in Johnston county from 1,279,000 bushels in 1920 to 940,151 bushels in 1928.

Milk production in Johnston county in the period between 1920 and 1928 increased from 954,000 gallons to 2,090,391 as the farmers began to wake up to the profits in milk production in Johnston county lies in the tremendous increase of the average American citizen the people of Johnston county require 6,417,000

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## Only Woman Senator Dies



Mrs. Rebecca Lattimer Felton, the only woman who ever sat as a Senator at Washington, D.C., at her home in Cartersville, Ga., at the age of 94. She was appointed Senator in 1922.

## BLAZE DAMAGES RESIDENCE HERE

Howard Grady Sustains \$1,500 Loss When House Catches Fire; Partly Covered by Insurance

Fire damaged the residence of Mr. Howard Grady Friday morning to the extent of about \$1,500. The fire was discovered about 8 o'clock in the morning, and the family being away from home, it gained some headway before the fire company could reach the place.

The blaze, from all indications, started in a closet used as a storage closet.

There was no insurance on the furniture, which was somewhat damaged, but the loss on the house is covered with insurance.

Snow and ice covered the ground Friday, but the fire department was soon on the scene and did good work in preventing the total destruction of the house.

## NEGRO CHARGED WITH MURDER REV. E. E. LEE

DURHAM, Feb. 2.—A warrant charging Walter Harris, negro, with the murder of Rev. E. Frank Lee, pastor of Calvary Methodist church, on the night of January 3, was issued by the Durham police department early last Thursday morning.

Harris, who at the time of the fatal shooting was employed as janitor at the Markham apartments, has been held in custody here ever since January 4. He was arrested by police when it was learned that he had been coming to the Lee home on North Elizabeth street to see the house servant, Evelyn McLeod, Payetteville negro.

The warrant was served on him in jail this morning and he made no comment. The McLeod woman is being held as a witness.

## AUTO DESTROYED BY FIRE ON HIGHWAY

The Pontiac sedan belonging to L. W. Talton of this city caught fire and was burned on the highway between here and Selma Sunday night about eleven o'clock. Mr. Talton had started to Selma and when he was about a mile from Smithfield flames suddenly blazed up above the radiator and the car was soon a smoldering mass of ruins. It is not known what caused the fire but it was thought to be due to a short-circuit in the wires.

## ATTEND DEALERS MEET IN RALEIGH FRIDAY

Messrs. W. T. Holland and E. L. Woodall attended a meeting of Goodyear tire dealers in Raleigh Friday afternoon. About 120 dealers in this territory were present.

## W. E. PENNINGTON IS NEW SCOUT EXECUTIVE

According to the Goldsboro News-Argus, the new executive of the Tuscarora Council of the Boy Scouts is W. E. Pennington. He succeeds W. W. Rivers, who resigned sometime ago. Tuscarora Council covers Duplin, Wayne and Johnston counties.

## BUILDING BOOM FORECAST 1930

New Construction to Take Up Slack Estimated at Nine Billion Dollars

Every Part of the Country Will Benefit by Resumption of Building Activity

By CALEB JOHNSON

All the signs point to the inauguration in 1930 of the biggest building program in the history of the United States. And if it turns out that way, it will mean greater prosperity than ever for all parts of the country. For it doesn't make any difference whether new building activity is concentrated in New York, Chicago, Florida, or California; wherever new construction is under way all sections benefit.

Everything that goes into modern building operations comes from somewhere else. Our forefathers built with the material ready to hand. Today there is hardly a spot in the United States where a building of even the most modest kind can be constructed entirely of local materials.

Building activity, therefore, means first of all more business for the railroads and steamship lines. Lumber from the Pacific Northwest goes into houses in Massachusetts and Virginia. Southern pine builds homes in Minnesota. Vermont marble, Indiana limestone, cement, lime, sand and gravel, from every part of the country are used everywhere else. The mere transportation of building material makes for more employment and better times.

Steel is a big item in modern building. Let the big cities add only 5 per cent to the number of skyscrapers and it means increased activity for the steel mills. For the iron mines, for the coal miners and the limestone quarries.

Brick, terra-cotta, plaster, all the artificial building boards made of straw, wood-pulp, sugar cane, cornstalks and gypsum—stimulated demand for these means more work and more money in far outlying corners of the nation. New buildings call for more plumbing supplies, which means greater markets for iron and steel, brass and copper, renewed activity in the pottery industry. Electrical equipment of new buildings means more work for the copper miners, among other things. Nails and screws, hinges and doorknobs, plate glass—not only those who produce raw materials but the factories which fabricate them and the dealers who handle them may be located, wherever they may be located, by a building boom that may be centered three thousand miles away. And new building means more paint—benefiting the lead and zinc mines, the linseed oil growers and many others.

New buildings mean more furniture. That affects not only the great furniture manufacturing centers from Grand Rapids to High Point, but the makers of upholstery fabrics, and back through them to the growers of cotton, wool and silk, the hardwood lumber producers and importers.

So renewed activity in building, it is clear, means better business in lines which affect almost every community, all sections, all classes of people, entirely aside from the direct increase in local employment where the new buildings are being constructed. The nation is knit together so tightly by the strands of business that what benefits one benefits all.

Next to agriculture building is America's greatest industry. We rebuild the whole country every forty years. That is the average life of American buildings, whether they are frame farmhouses or great steel skyscrapers. Perhaps the modern skyscrapers may last longer than that. Physically they probably will, but steel buildings only 20 years old are being torn down in New York to make room for bigger ones, because rising taxes and land values have made the older ones unprofitable.

Any year when the increase in new buildings is not at least two and one-half per cent has to be compensated for later by a high percentage of new construction. New building has been slow for a couple of years; now it is starting up at a rate calculated to take up the slack.

The total amount of money which will be spent for new buildings in the United States in

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## "Commoner's" Widow



Mrs. Mary Baird Bryan, widow of the late William Jennings Bryan, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Grace Hargreaves, in Hollywood, Cal. Mrs. Bryan was almost as widely known as her famous husband, in whose work she took an active part for many years.

## WENDELL MINISTER KILLED BY TRAIN

Rev. O. L. Stringfield Meets Instant Death As He Walks Along Track; A Founder of Meredith College

RALEIGH, Feb. 1.—Rev. O. L. Stringfield, known over the state as the savior of Meredith college when it most needed help, was killed this afternoon shortly after two o'clock by a Norfolk Southern passenger train which came upon him while he was walking along the track.

The impression in Wendell is that the minister, who heard poorly, was not aware of the approach of the train toward which he was moving as it came from Wilson toward Raleigh. The engineer had no time to make the stop and the minister who was struck died instantly. He was accustomed to using the railroad as a walkway to his home. He was 79 years old.

Mr. Stringfield was known all over North Carolina affectionately as "Old String." He took charge of the famous campaign to save Meredith and wrought the salvation. He was one of the founders of the college, but was retired from his active ministry, but occasionally preached. Often his pulpit efforts in the past approached greatness. He had a remarkable family. One of the boys starred as athlete in college and professionally, two were marked as doctors, one of medicine and the other of theology, a third is majoring in music and making a name. A fourth was an athlete. He had lived in Raleigh but more recently moved to Wendell.

He is survived by his widow and the following children: Rev. Preston Stringfield, Asheville; Dr. Alvin Stringfield, New York city; Mrs. Mozelle Swain, Asheville; Lamar Stringfield, New York; Mrs. P. C. Brantley, Wendell; Miss Bennis Stringfield, Asheville, and Vann Stringfield, Thomasville.

NOTE.—Mr. Vann Stringfield, a son of Rev. Mr. Stringfield, formerly taught in Johnston county, having been coach in the Clayton high school.

## TWO TONS SALT USED ON BRIDGE

CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 2.—Two tons of ordinary table salt were sprinkled over the roadway of the Cooper river bridge this morning in order to insure safe passage by vehicles.

During the night, ice formed on the structure and when E. A. McManus, superintendent, found difficulty in making his car move on the roadway he ordered the salt sprinkled to melt the ice. The temperature here hovered around the freezing point during the day.—Associated Press.

## ROBBERS ENTER FOUR OAKS MERCHANT'S STORE

News reached here yesterday that thieves entered the store of Miss Maggie Tart in Four Oaks some time Sunday night and stole a lot of merchandise including shoes, shirts, overalls, and several bolts of cloth. An attempt is said to have been made to enter the store of J. D. Creech. The robbers have not been apprehended, as we go to press.

Renew and get almanac free.

## HERALD PUTS ON NEW FRONT THIS ISSUE

At least the front page of the Herald today makes its appearance in brand new type. As stated in a previous issue, new mats for our linotype machines have been purchased which we hope will make the paper show up better. For several issues, some of the old type will appear, because of articles set up before the new mats were received, but eventually the paper will don a new dress. Those who make the wheels of the newspaper press go 'round have also been at work making some adjustments, which should improve the appearance. The publishers hope that the readers will like the new type and will find it easy to read.

## COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS

Pass On Sale of Old School House Sites; Grant Election in Rock Hill District

At a meeting of the county board of education held here yesterday, the sale of certain old school house sites was considered, some being approved and others being held open for further raises. The sites had been advertised to be sold at auction, and in some instances the bidding was reported to have been quite lively.

The sale of the following sites was approved by the board yesterday:

Banner school, together with ten acres, purchased by Paul S. Lee, for \$1,705.

New Beulah school purchased by Handy McLamb, Sr., for \$150.

Corinth school purchased by E. Lee for \$150.

Yelvington's Grove purchased by James Creech for \$495.

St. Amanda (negro school) purchased by R. L. Johnson for \$100.50.

Long Branch (negro school) purchased by D. J. Wood for \$150.

The following sales of white school houses were left open for further raises: Jernigan, Oak Grove, (Bentonville), Massey, Hickory Cross, Niagara, Progress, Baptist Center, Rock Hill, Parker's, Long Pine, Pomona, Old Corinth. The following sales of

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## ANGLERS RULES CHANGED 1930

Number of New Regulations Adopted by the Board of Conservation and Development

According to Wayland Jones, Johnston County Fish Warden, North Carolina anglers who seek their favorite sport along brook, creek, river or lake will be governed this year by a number of new regulations adopted by the board of Conservation and Development. Senator J. S. Hargett has made public principal features of the new regulations, which include the establishment of closed seasons for breeding of species that have not previously been afforded this protection; a general reduction of bag limits; and the establishment of new size limits for a number of species.

Closed seasons on various species of fish are as follows: bass, all streams, crappie and all perches, April 20 to June 10; brook and rainbow trout, Sept. 1 to April 15; and small mouth bass (mountain counties only) Sept. 1 to June 10.

Bag limits are as follows: large and small mouth bass, 8 each per day; brook trout, 20; rainbow trout, 15; blue brim, red brim, robin, crappie goggle-eye, red fin, white perch, 25 each; and rock or striped bass, 8; no fisherman is allowed to take more than 75 in all of every species of fish in one day.

Minimum size limits are as follows: large mouth bass, 12 inches; small mouth bass, 10 inches; brook or speckle trout, 6 inches; rainbow trout, 8 inches; blue and red brim, 6 inches; robin, 5 inches; rock or striped bass, 12 inches; crappie or chinquapin perch, 6 inches; goggle-eye, 6 inches; red fin, 8 inches; white perch, 6 inches.

Only two poles per person will be used when fishing in inland waters of North Carolina. Persons fishing in other than their resident county must have fishing license.—Wayland Jones, county fish warden.

## TRAINING SCHOOL FOR S. S. WORKERS

At Selma M. E. Church March 2-7; Courses of Study Outlined at Recent Meeting

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

A meeting of the pastors of the Methodist churches of Johnston county and the Sunday school superintendents was held Tuesday of last week in the study of Rev. D. M. Sharpe, pastor of the M. E. church in Selma, relative to the Johnston County Training School to be held in Selma March 2 to 7. Present at this meeting were Rev. D. M. Sharpe of Selma, Rev. J. H. Prizelle and C. F. Darden of Kenly, Rev. J. D. Stott and W. S. Rowe of Princeton, Rev. J. D. Bundy and I. W. Medlin of Smithfield, L. L. Gobble, of Durham, conference Sunday school superintendent, was also present and presided over the meeting.

The courses of study to be given during the school were outlined. Four courses are scheduled as follows: the Sunday School; Missions in the Sunday School; Organization and Administration. It is not known at this time who will give these courses, announcement of which will be given later.

At the meeting last week, a board of managers was named as follows: Rev. D. M. Sharpe, chairman; C. F. Darden, secretary; Rev. J. D. Bundy, I. W. Medlin, Mrs. L. T. Royall, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, of Smithfield; M. R. Wall, G. F. Brietz, of Selma; Rev. N. C. Yearby, B. I. Tart and J. A. Keen, of Four Oaks; Rev. J. H. Prizelle and G. T. Whitley, of Kenly; Rev. B. H. Houston, of Benson; Rev. E. D. Dodd, of Clayton; Rev. J. D. Stott, W. G. Rowe, H. M. Fitzgerald and M. P. Young of Princeton.

The finance committee was named as follows: I. W. Medlin, chairman, C. F. Darden, Rev. B. H. Houston and Rev. N. C. Yearby.

Mrs. T. J. Lassiter was named as chairman of the publicity committee and Rev. J. D. Stott, chairman of the enrollment committee, the other members of these committees to be named by the chairman.

The entertainment committee is composed of W. T. Woodard and G. F. Brietz of Selma, while the committee on arrangements and books is headed by J. C. Avery.

For several years a training school has been held in Johnston county, and the benefits to be derived from it are familiar to workers who have taken advantage of the courses offered. A large enrollment is desired this year by those who are working for greater efficiency in Sunday school work.

## NEUSE HIGH FOR TIME OF YEAR

KINSTON, Feb. 2.—Neuse river continued to run high here today and persons residing along the banks feared a flood in the first days of February. An overflow at this season would be unusual. The stream is at the highest level in months and lowlands bordering two main highways out of the city are under water. Stock has been driven out of the river bottoms.

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## AT WORK ON NEW PHONE DIRECTORY

The Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company is at work on a new directory, and the local manager, Mr. D. F. Holliday, is desirous that the directory for Johnston county shall be as complete and as accurate as possible. He requests that subscribers notify him of any changes or corrections as to initials or anything else that should be changed. The directory goes to the printers on February 10, and changes must be made before that time.

Miss Ala Turlington spent the week end in Coats.

## Greatest Air Hero



Second Lieutenant William A. Marthey, U. S. Marine, has received the Cheney award for 1929 for "performing an act of valor and self-sacrifice worthy of the highest commendation." Lieut. Marthey landed his burning plane in a Nicaraguan jungle and risked death to save a comrade.

## MRS. ALF SANDERS FALLS ON SLEEP

Dies At Age of 79 After Lingering Illness; Funeral At Home Here This Afternoon

One of Smithfield's oldest and best loved citizens, Mrs. A. M. Sanders, died at her home here yesterday morning at 11:20 o'clock after a lingering illness with heart trouble. For a number of years she had been a sufferer with heart trouble, and for the past several weeks she was critically ill. For a week or more, the end was expected momentarily, and all of her children were with her when she passed away.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at the home at three o'clock. Her pastor, Rev. J. D. Bundy, will conduct the service, assisted by Rev. D. H. Tuttle, and interment will be made in the city cemetery. Nephews of the deceased will act as pallbearers.

Bettie W. Sanders, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Willis H. Sanders, was born May 6, 1851, the fourth of twelve children, all of whom preceded her to the grave except one brother, Robert A. Sanders, who lives near Smithfield.

On May 16, 1876, she was married to Alfred Marsh Sanders who also preceded her to the grave. When Mr. Sanders died on November 2, 1925, they lacked only a few months of celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Of this union, there are five surviving children, one son and four daughters. They are: Lee E. Sanders, of Rocky Mount; Mrs. Ed A. Holt, of Princeton; Mrs. John C. Hood, of Kingston; Mrs. T. W. LeMay and Miss Bettie Lee Sanders, of this city. There are also sixteen living grandchildren.

The deceased joined Elizabeth Methodist church when a young girl. She moved her membership to Centenary church here when she moved to this city. She was a faithful member as long as she lived. One of the circles of the missionary society—the Bettie Sanders Circle—bears her name in honor of her faithful service. She leaves to her children the heritage of a beautiful life. Disease did not destroy the charm of a kind, indulgent disposition, nor old age diminish her unselfish solicitude for her friends and loved ones. None ever entered her home without a warm welcome, nor left without feeling the warmth of a genuine hospitality. She will be missed in her home circle and in the community.

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## DR. MAYERBERG LEAVES SELMA

Selma, Feb. 2.—Dr. I. W. Mayerberg left Selma Tuesday night for New York to enter the post graduate Medical College. Dr. Mayerberg is one of Selma's foremost citizens, identified with every forward movement, the prime mover in many laudible undertakings, a successful and progressive practitioner. The people of Selma are loathe to give him up even for this year of study.

Dr. Edwin Booker will occupy his offices during his absence. We welcome Dr. Booker to our town.

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## WATERS VOTED SELMA'S MOST USEFUL CITIZEN

Selma Clubs Select Superintendent of School as Most Useful Citizen in 1929

PRESENTED LOVING CUP

SELMA, Feb. 2.—At the weekly luncheon Thursday evening, Fred M. Waters, voted as the most useful citizen for 1929 by the Woman's club and Kiwanis club, was presented a loving cup by Mrs. R. A. Ashworth, representing the Woman's club. Mrs. Ashworth's brief presentation was as follows:

"In the absence of Mrs. Holliday, presiding officer of the Woman's club, I have been asked to fill her place. I assure you it will not be filled as creditably as I would desire due to so short a notice.

"Notwithstanding to me the task is a delightful one, since any step toward advancement of my native town, dear old Selma, never fails to call forth a gracious feeling of pride and appreciation. With eagerness I watched her every step and tonight I have been called upon to present this trophy to our voted 'first citizen.' The Kiwanis and Woman's clubs, two of our most representative clubs have cast the deciding votes and as a result are unanimous in their decision that Mr. Fred M. Waters is the recipient. For your continued services in the pursuit of higher ideals and the promotion of so many undertakings for the advancement of our town, to you we render our heartfelt appreciation and faith in your ability to continue this onward march. The Kiwanis and Woman's clubs are with you."

Miss Margaret Creech rendered two piano solos, which was followed by two vocal duets by Mrs. H. Bueck and Linwood Richardson, accompanied on the piano by Miss Margaret Creech.

Charles W. Scales reported that the destitute families which had been reported to the club had been investigated and cleared.

W. J. Crain, Mrs. R. A. Ashworth and Miss Margaret Creech were guests of the club.

The Kiwanis attendance was good, only two members being absent.

## M'LEAN SAYS HE WILL SUPPORT F. M. SIMMONS

LUMBERTON, Feb. 2.—In a statement issued last week, former Governor Angus W. McLean declared he will support Senator F. M. Simmons in his contest for the democratic nomination at the June primary.

Mr. McLean's statement declared in supporting Senator Simmons he "surrendered his own ambitions" to run for the Senate. "After giving the matter most serious consideration, I reached the conclusion that the best interest of the Democratic party and particularly its future harmony and solidarity would be best subserved by the renomination of Senator Simmons, notwithstanding the fact that during the last campaign I followed my own convictions and loyally supported the national ticket in sharp conflict with the attitude of Senator Simmons."

## Celebrates Eleventh Birthday

Selma, Feb. 2.—Miss Helen Dixon Massey was hostess to 34 of her schoolmates and friends Thursday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Massey on Massey street in honor of her eleventh birthday. The Valentine colors were observed in the decorations of the home which was ensue for the occasion. Tables were arranged for heart's dinner and Margaret Kirby being winner of high score was presented a string of beads. Harold Fulghum received the booby, a deck of rook cards. In a heart-contest Fuller Suber was winner and was given a box of candy. Block cream and wafers were served. Helen Dixon received many lovely birthday gifts.

## CAR STOLEN IN SELMA SUNDAY NIGHT

Mr. H. W. Gaskill, an employee of the A. T. and T. company, parked his Chevrolet coupe in front of the company's building Sunday evening and about eleven o'clock the policeman saw two young men take the car and drive away, he thinking they were the owners. When Mr. Gaskill came out he found that his car was stolen and no trace of it has been found.