

Thinks Pasquotank Could Learn Much From Catawba

Former Sheriff F. F. Cohoon Returning from Visit to Western Dairy Section Says Eastern Carolina Has But Touched Hem of Prosperity's Garment

Pasquotank farmers could well afford to incur the expense of chartering a train to run an excursion of Pasquotank farmers from Elizabeth City to Catawba County, in the opinion of F. F. Cohoon, who has just returned from a motor car tour of that county and other parts of Western North Carolina.

"We think we are making great progress in this section," says Mr. Cohoon, "but a trip into Catawba County would show our farmers how far they have yet to go to attain the prosperity that is enjoyed by dairy farmers of the western part of the State."

Mr. Cohoon was particularly impressed with the farm of Robert L. Shuford, where milk from a fine big herd of pure bred cows and manufactured into ice cream right on the farm brings in a gross revenue of \$40,000 a year.

Mr. Shuford not only produces the milk but manufactures the ice cream in a factory in addition to this Mr. Shuford realizes five or six thousand a year, according to Mr. Cohoon from the sale of calves from his herd, and makes a big cotton crop besides without any commercial fertilizer, as his herd of cows solves the fertilizer problem.

The dairy cow, according to Mr. Cohoon, has brought prosperity to such a scale into Catawba County that mansions have replaced log cabins and plenty and affluence have replaced penury and poverty.

"I did not see a mongrel flock of chickens in the entire county," says Mr. Cohoon. "Every flock was pure-bred and Catawba County captured \$10,000 in Fair premiums this year at fairs in this and other states. That \$10,000, however, was a mere drop in the bucket compared to the value of the advertising that Catawba County got out of the exhibit. Today Catawba chickens may be marketed upon to bring better than county prices because they are advertised and known to be milk fed."

Neither did I see while in the county a single farm home I visited that was not lighted by electricity. The section is blessed with hydro-electric power and the farmers lights not only their homes but their barns, their poultry houses and their very barnyards by electric power."

"Coal in this section has little value for power purposes. Almost every bridge you ride over in crossing the streams is built on top of a dam which harnesses the water to furnish hydro-electric power not only for mills and factories, but for private homes as well."

"Nearly 20 years ago Walter J. Shuford organized a co-operative creamery at Hickory which has since grown to be the largest in the South, buying and shipping hogs, poultry and eggs as well as dairy and poultry farmer a market for all his products. These products flow into Hickory over good roads from long distances by motor truck. Butter from this creamery is sold in Elizabeth City."

"The country in Catawba is so different from ours that one feels at first that he is no longer in North Carolina; but as he mingles with the people he soon begins to feel at home. The old Albemarle country in the palmiest days of long ago—the antebellum period—never exhibited more overflowing hospitality than do these Piedmont people, and every man of them is a walking and talking advertisement of this county and town."

"Their roads are the finest I ever saw, built out of the shale that lies below the surface of the soil as does clay in this section. It was driven out in an automobile on a morning after a heavy rain, and the roads showed not a sign of ill effects from the rainfall."

"John Robinson of Hickory seems to be one of the leading spirits of the county. He is president of the Catawba Fair Association and Mrs. Robinson is secretary. They devised the plans and organized the show exhibits of poultry and other livestock which toured this State and parts of other states, exhibiting at all the biggest fairs and taking premiums wherever they went. Besides the Robinsons I met mostly Shufords. The Shufords are as thick in Catawba as the Sawyers are in Camden."

CEMETERY SOCIETY MEETS
The Hollywood Cemetery Society will meet Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. N. S. Leary on Pennsylvania Avenue. All members are requested to be present.

BRUCE AMENDMENT IS OVERWHELMED
Washington, Dec. 9.—The Bruce amendment, which would place Muscle Shoals employes under civil service, was overwhelmingly defeated in the Senate today.

RAILROAD CONSOLIDATION BILL INTRODUCED TUESDAY

Washington, Dec. 9.—The railroad consolidation bill was introduced today by Chairman Winslow of the House Commerce Committee.

WORKERS' COUNCIL MEETS
An important meeting of the Workers' Council of the Blackwell Memorial Sunday school will be held Wednesday evening at the church immediately after prayer meeting and all officers, teachers and officers of the organized classes of the Sunday school are asked to attend this meeting.

MISS SHOTWELL TO SPEAK
The meeting of the Woman's Club that was to have been held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce rooms has been postponed until Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Miss Shotwell of the social service department at Raleigh will address the club at this meeting and members are asked to note the change of date and all to come Thursday.

SAYS FORBES SOUGHT ONLY HIGH CLASS CONTRACTORS
Chicago, Dec. 9.—Charles Forbes, during his terms as director of the Veterans Bureau, sought "only high class, reliable and financially responsible contractors," hospital work he repeatedly told Elias Mortimer, contractor's agent, the latter testified on cross examination at the trial here of Forbes and others on conspiracy charges growing out of the administration of the Veterans Bureau under the administration of Forbes.

PLAY ON AT WEEKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL WEDNESDAY
At Weeksville High School on Wednesday night the B. Y. P. U. of Shiloh will present the play, "The Winning of Latane," which was put on with marked success at Shiloh last Friday. On Friday of this week the play will be presented at South Mills. Proceeds from the play will go to the piano fund of the Shiloh B. Y. P. U.

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The population of "death row" reached 17 several years ago, which is said to have been the record. There were 16 men confined in this section of the prison several weeks ago, but the commutation of sentences by the Governor and the electrocution of one man brought the number down to 13. There are 13 negroes and two white men in the death cells. A majority of the men were convicted of murder.

Prison officials say members of the colony are unusually cheerful for men in their circumstances. Some of the prisoners sing a good deal during the day, others pass the time away picking banjos and other string instruments. The prisoners spend much of the night in conversation with each other.

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The prisoners are taken out of their cells twice daily for exercise in the corridors in front of the tier of cells. They are also permitted to leave their cells when their lawyers or relatives visit them, but they are closely guarded during their trips to the office of the warden where such conferences are held.

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FOUR ROBBERS MAKE \$10,000 BANK HAUL
Chicago, Dec. 9.—Four robbers held by the officials and employes of Bryn Mawr State Bank on South Side today soon after the bank opened and escaped with about \$10,000.

Beauty and a Couple Beasts



Presenting Bessie Hallyntyne, the beauty, and the two beasts, champion English bulldogs, "Goldstone King" and "Goldstone Queen."

CHOWAN BLACKS IN DEATH ROW

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SLIGHT DECREASE IN ILLEGITIMATES

Ten Counties Report No Illegitimate Births in One Race or Other but No County Free from Stain.

Raleigh, December 9.—There were 4,095 illegitimate births, 907 white and 3,188 negro, in North Carolina during the year of 1923, according to the annual report of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Department of Health just published.

Ten counties reported no illegitimate births among the white race, while two reported none among the negro. Each of the 100 counties in the state, however, was represented in the total.

The more populous counties showed the largest number of illegitimate births. Mecklenburg led with 62 white and 100 negro, followed by Wake with 19 white and 123 negro; Forsyth, 29 white and 109 negro; Edgecombe, 3 white and 123 negro; Pitt, 4 white and 100 negro.

The 1923 report shows a slight decrease in the number of illegitimate births as compared with 1922, there being 4,261 during that year.

The report by counties follows: Alamance, 11 white, 24 negro; Alexander, 12 white, 4 negro; Allegheny, 8 white, 1 negro; Anson, 7 white, 67 negro; Ashe, 23 white, 4 negro; Avery, 14 white, 1 negro; Beaufort, no white, 66 negro; Bertie, 2 white, 40 negro; Bladen, 4 white, 45 negro; Brunswick, 5 white, 23 negro; Brunswick, 22 white, 39 negro; Burke, 18 white, 7 negro; Cabarrus, 19 white, 32 negro; Caldwell, 27 white, 5 negro; Camden, no white, 3 negro; Carteret, 3 white, 10 negro; Caswell, 1 white, 19 negro; Catawba, 19 white, 11 negro; Chatham, 4 white, 23 negro; Cherokee, 9 white, 4 negro; Chowan, no white, 25 negro; Clay, 2 white, no negro; Cleveland, 1 white, 39 negro; Columbus, 12 white, 18 negro; Craven, 2 white, 64 negro; Cumberland, 9 white, 64 negro; Currituck, 2 white, 16 negro; Dare, no white, 3 negro; Davidson, 15 white, 29 negro; Davie, 4 white, 9 negro; Duplin, 9 white, 44 negro; Durham, 8 white, 55 negro; Edgecombe, 3 white, 123 negro; Forsyth, 29 white, 109 negro; Franklin, 3 white, 109 negro; Gaston, 40 white, 34 negro; Gates, 1 white, 10 negro; Graham, 4 white, no negro; Granville, no white, 31 negro; Greene, 1 white, 32 negro; Guilford, 50 white, 64 negro; Halifax, 4 white, 99 negro; Harnett, 5 white, 32 negro; Haywood, 13 white, 50 negro; Henderson, 5 white, 50 negro; Hertford, 8 white, 41 negro; Hoke, 5 white, 29 negro; Hyde, 1 white, 5 negro; Iredell, 14 white, 27 negro; Jackson, 19 white, 32 negro; Johnston, 14 white, 57 negro; Jones, no white, 17 negro; Lee, no white, 23 negro; Lenoir, 7 white, 64 negro; Lincoln, 6 white, 7 negro; Macon, 13 white, 1 negro; Madison, 15 white, 1 negro; Martin, 1 white, 12 negro; McDowell, 60 white, 40 negro; Mecklenburg, 62 white, 100 negro; Mitchell, 9 white, 1 negro; Montgomery, 9 white, 16 negro; Moore, 5 white, 32 negro; Nash, 10 white, 56 negro; New Hanover, 8 white, 100 negro; Northampton, no white, 73 negro; Onslow, 3 white, 21 negro; Orange, 11 white, 12 negro; Pamlico, no white, 17 negro; Pasquotank, 3 white, 18 negro; Person, 3 white, 42 negro; Perquimans, 1 white, 19 negro; Person, 3 white, 20 negro; Pitt, 4 white, 115 negro; Polk, 3 white, 5 negro; Randolph, 14 white, 8 negro; Richmond, 11 white, 36 negro; Robeson, 10 white, 77 negro; Rockingham, 19 white, 37 negro; Rowan, 16 white, 27 negro; Sampson, 29 white, 15 negro; Scotland, 3 white, 45 negro; Stokes, 5 white, 5 negro; Surry, 11 white, 15 negro; Swain, 5 white, 1 negro; Transylvania, 5 white, 1 negro; Tyrrell, no white, 7 negro; Union, 11 white, 34 negro; Vance, 6 white, 31 negro; Wake, 19 white, 123 negro; Warren, 2 white, 47 negro; Wayne, 8 white, 1 negro; Wilkes, 5 white, 76 negro; Wilkes, 43 white, 10 negro; Yadkin, 9 white, 5 negro; Yancey, 7 white, 1 negro.

NOBODY INJURED IN DOWN TOWN RUNAWAY

A runaway in the down town section Monday afternoon missed everybody by a hairbreadth without more serious mishap than a broken wheel when the horse-drawn carriage owned by Bailey Harris, Providence, ran into a brick road to Newland, bolted on Federal street going east with Mrs. Harris and a neighbor of hers, each carrying a baby, in the buggy. At the corner of Water and Fearing one wheel of the buggy collapsed, as the horse tripped to the curb, the animal full speed, throwing the animal to the ground. The screams of the babies attracted attention and a crowd quickly gathered, but the buggy wheel and the horse seemed to be the only casualties. The horse was unable to get to his feet until out from the harness, and showed no injuries besides an abrasion of the eye where he had struck the paved street in falling and a bleeding mouth.

TRINITY COLLEGE MAY BE DUKE UNIVERSITY

Charlotte, Dec. 9.—James B. Duke has announced a gift of a trust fund of \$10,000,000 for education for the aid of Methodist and Methodist ministers and hospitals in North and South Carolina.

A Duke University is to be established and if Trinity will change its name to that it will get six million for buildings and a large annual income.

Other educational institutions, including Davidson and Furman College, will also get aid, as will all State hospitals.

Mr. Duke was enmeshing preparations for turning back to the people of North Carolina and South Carolina in an educational and charitable trust most of the money he has made through the development of the Southern Power System.

Announcement was made last night that Mr. Duke was creating a trust fund aggregating \$40,000,000, in which he was placing about three-fourths of his holdings in Southern Power System.

Arrest of Bishop Stirs Big Copenhagen News

Copenhagen, Dec. 9.—The arrest of Reverend Doctor Anton Bant, American Methodist Episcopal Bishop of Scandinavia, on a charge of misappropriating charity funds, is featured by all Copenhagen newspapers today.

He was taken into custody last night, the authorities fearing he might leave the country. Police searched his home and the officers seized all papers and books.

President's Arrival in Chicago



President Coolidge was wearing a high silk "topper" when he reached Chicago. Here he and Mrs. Coolidge are stepping down to the depot platform. They made the trip in an ordinary Pullman car.

FORMER JUSTICE PITNEY IS DEAD

Former Member of United States Supreme Court Comes to End Life in Early Morning Tuesday

Washington, Dec. 9.—Former Justice Mahlon Pitney of the Supreme Court died here in the hour immediately after midnight, Justice Pitney was 66 years of age and retired from the bench because of ill health December 31, 1922.

So far as a member of the United States Supreme Court could be a specialist, Justice Mahlon Pitney specialized in equity law. His predilection for this branch of jurisprudence may have come from his father, the late Vice Chancellor Henry C. Pitney, of New Jersey, whose reputation in that respect went far beyond the bounds of his state.

He was born at Morristown, New Jersey, February 5, 1858. Graduating in 1879 from Princeton University at the age of 21, the future associate justice was admitted to the bar of his state two years later. After three years' practice he was elected to the 54th and 55th Congresses on the Republican ticket, became a state senator in 1898 and president of that body in 1901. It was at this point that his unusual ability to untangle legal snarls which accompany equity cases became publicly recognized with an appointment to the state court of errors and appeals—synonymous to supreme courts of other states. After seven years' service, he was named state chancellor, the highest legal position in the gift of the state, which office he held until President Taft appointed him to the Supreme Court in March, 1912.

While sitting on the state Supreme Court, Mr. Pitney was called upon to perform what he afterward described as the hardest work of his career, that of passing upon decisions made by his father as vice chancellor. The older Pitney was known as a "vigilant" man, as well as an excellent attorney, but it is a matter of record that his decisions were not infrequently reversed by his son.

In the legal profession, the name of Mahlon Pitney is said to rest securely on two cases of major importance: Jones Glass Company vs. Glassblowers' Union, in the New Jersey courts, and Elmer vs. Macomber (Stock Dividend Case) in the United States Supreme Court in 1920. The glass company suit involved the right of an employer, holding a contract with a union, to employ non-union help and touched also upon the legality of boycott and picketing on the part of organized labor. The great clarity of Justice Pitney's opinion in this case caused it to be cited throughout the legal profession as an example of the unnecessary of involved phraseology so frequently employed by jurists.

Selected by the Supreme Court to deliver its opinion in the stock dividend case, Mr. Pitney added to his host of admirers by handling this most important suit as a law professor might a beginner's theme. The whole case turned upon the question of what the Government's contention that an issue of stock to cover undivided profits, could be taxed as income. Mr. Pitney said:

"The fundamental relation of 'capital' to 'income' can be likened to the tree and its fruit, or the land and its crop; the former depleted as a stream supplied by springs, the latter as the outlet stream to be measured by its flow over a period of time. We require only a clear definition of the term 'income' as used in common speech, to easily decide the matter at issue."

Since the interest of a stockholder was "capital interest," he continued, certificates of stock were but evidence of such interest and had no inherent value unless and until disposed of.

Thus a legal issue which had taxed the best minds in Government and private employ was disposed of in half a hundred words. The opinion aroused much criticism since it resulted in the release from taxation of millions of dollars of "paper" profits.

Like the late Chief Justice White, Mr. Pitney was proud of his "right of dissent" and did not hesitate to avail himself of this privilege, although to do so increased materially the amount of study and preparation necessary on his own part. In more than one case, his concisely worded dissent pointed out defects in legislation at issue in such a way as to enable the law-making bodies to correct them by amendments.

His hobbies were three: Golf, chess and the law. The short was

BUTLER GRANTED ONE MORE YEAR

Washington, Dec. 9.—Brigadier-General Smedley D. Butler was granted by President Coolidge an extension of one year of his leave of absence from the Marine Corps to serve as Director of Public Safety at Philadelphia.

JUDGE IMPOSES DEATH SENTENCE

Judge Sinclair Sends to Electric Chair Two Negroes who Murdered Chowan Farmer on Highway

Edenton, Dec. 9.—The Superior Court of Chowan County, just ended, has written on the pages of this county one of the most remarkable terms of court ever held in this city.

Under the careful guidance of Judge Sinclair, of Fayetteville, who is believed to be one of the best judges to ever have served in this court, passed sentences of death in two instances and two years on the roads in three others, breaking up for good one of the most threatening menaces to this community—a conspiracy of highway robbery.

The murderers of Sam Small, David Jones and George Russell, will pay for the deed they committed by forfeiting their life on January 30th, 1925. Judge Sinclair delivered their death sentence Saturday afternoon, as the lights of the day were gradually sinking into the bay. The picture was impressive on all that stood or sat in the court room. Judge Sinclair in his matter-of-fact but stern voice, after having the decision of the jury of "Guilty of murder in the first degree" on David Jones and George Russell, pronounced upon these two murderers the penalty of death.

Sam Small, a prosperous farmer of this community, living on his own homestead near the Wildcat Road, was known to always carry a little money on his person and so when George Russell and David Jones held him up with intent to rob, there was no idea, it is thought, on the part of the now convicted men that he would resist the robbery. When he got down from the wagon he was shot. Which man shot Small is unknown even now.

Sam Small had always been a widely known citizen of this community, and when the news reached town that he had been killed and yet not robbed, a mob at once went to the scene, and had they been able to have got hold of David Jones or George Russell, or both on that night, it is evident that a lynching party would have resulted.

The two murderers were only a part of a gang of five negroes who had banded together for the express purpose of robbery. The conspiracy that they formed sent the other three to the roads for two years. They are Vasa Lambeth, Wilmer Beasley and William Sumrell.

It is hoped that the severity of the sentence imposed on the murderers may lead those who are hereabouts who plan such a life in this community to take warning from the sentences meted out to those two unfortunates who shall give their lives for the murder of Samuel Small.

GRAIN ELEVATOR IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Port Huron, Mich., Dec. 9.—The Frank trunk elevator here containing 600,000 bushels of grain was destroyed and the large Alexander Maitland with cargo of barley was burned almost to the water's edge by fire on Wednesday night. Early estimates placed the loss at more than half a million dollars.

REPORTS RECORD BUSINESS

"Saturday's sales at Mitchell's were greater than on any day in the store's history," Mr. Gilbert told a reporter for this newspaper Monday.

Mr. Gilbert attributes the good business to the confidence the people held in his statement that he was selling at below cost, and also to the fact that he has used advertising space liberally every day since the beginning of his closing out sale.

SUPPLY BILL PASSED

Washington, Dec. 9.—The Interior Department's appropriation bill, the first of the annual supply measures, was passed by the House today.

COTTON REPORT

New York, Dec. 9.—Spot cotton closed quiet, Middling 23.25, a decline of 3/8 points. Futures, closing bid, Dec. 22.75, Jan. 23.25, March 23.17, May 23.54, July 23.66.

Calculations were always spent at Morristown, the home of the family for three generations, as well as the home of his wife, formerly Miss Florence T. Shelton. At Morristown Mr. Pitney's chief delight was a congenial foursome over the links there, or a fiercely contested "Queen's Gambit" with some local expert of the chess-board.

The only Associate Justice to maintain chambers in the capitol, Mr. Pitney was known to keep close at work there from 10 a. m. until 10 p. m. for days at a time. His suite consisted of four rooms, each lined from floor to ceiling with well-thumbed tomes. Complete shelves were given over to reports of foreign courts and these were kept strictly up-to-date as more recent decisions arrived.

MORE THAN TWO MAY BE LOST RESULT FIRE

San Pedro, Cal., Dec. 9.—The possibility that more than two sailors may have lost their lives in the burning of the water taxi Lamoyne was investigated today in connection with the unexplained absence from the dreadnoughts New Mexico and Tennessee of 16 enlisted men whose shore leave expired last night.

GOVERNOR DECLINES PARDON

Raleigh, Dec. 9.—Governor Cameron Morrison has declined to pardon Whisnant McGill, serving a 29-year sentence for murder in the second degree. McGill was convicted in Forsyth County in 1917. The Governor also declined to pardon Lawrence Phillips, Forsyth County, under 12 months suspended sentence for non support.