

## ROAD COMMISSION LETS CONTRACT

SEVERAL CONTRACTS HELD UP PENDING PAYMENT OF COUNTY LOANS.

Raleigh. Consideration of bids for highway projects submitted at a contract letting occupied the State Highway Commission at its regular monthly meeting.

A delegation from Mt. Airy appeared before the commission and urged the construction of a hard surface highway north from Mount Airy to the Virginia line. A delegation from Madison County asked that a road from Marshall along Laurel River to the Tennessee line be placed on the State Highway System. Both matters were taken under advisement by the commission.

Contracts were let for the construction of the following projects: 131-B, Gates County; 720-B, Caldwell County; 416, Durham County; 4360, Harnett County; 594, Rockingham County; 558, Montgomery County; and 906-A, Buncombe County.

Contracts were held up on the following projects pending the receipt of county loan funds for their construction: 219-B, Duplin and Lenoir Counties; 334, Columbus County; 397, Robeson County; 675, Rowan County; 843, McDowell County; and 947, Haywood County.

All bids on projects 193, Tyrrell County, and 514, Caswell County, were rejected.

### Record Cotton Crop For N. C.

According to reports from thousands of farmers through the cotton belt sent to the National Crop Reporting Board, the conditions existing about August 16 warranted an increase of 362,000 bales in the estimated production for the entire crop. This is about a 2.5 per cent increase over the previous report based on August 1.

North Carolina ranks among the leaders in yield, with an estimate of 259 pounds per acre. This represents an increase of 15 pounds per acre since the August 1 report, yet the condition of the crop remains the same—75 per cent of a normal or full crop. A year ago the condition was 59 per cent. The forecasted production for this State is 1,182,000 bales. If this crop is made, it will be the largest production in the State's history. Two times before, the State has made over one million bales; namely, 1914 and 1923.

While the weevil has been seen and his presence is realized over almost all parts of the State's cotton belt, the weather conditions have been sufficiently dry so that no appreciable damage has been done over the needed setting of bolls. The Coastal Plains or Eastern half of the State is making a wonderfully good crop. Light rain in the Piedmont counties have resulted in good bollage in spite of the small plants. The prospects of the crop are good and a large crop may be expected unless adverse conditions follow.

Many reports of heavy boll weevil damage were received from Eastern counties, but more counterbalancing and favorable reports were also received. That the crop is fruiting well is also evident from frequent remarks by reporters and by field observations made. While reports of shedding were particularly numerous in the Northeastern counties, this may be expected where the plant is already well filled with bolls. Little poisoning has been done since natural conditions have held the weevil well in check.

### Demonstration Agents Report.

Twenty-seven home demonstration agents in North Carolina traveled more than 6,000 miles during the month of July, in performance of their duties. It is shown by a resume of their work prepared by the headquarters of the extension work in agriculture and home economics which is now a part of State College here.

During the month, these agents held 460 meetings which were attended by more than 12,000 people, their reports show.

Attendance at the meeting in the eastern part of the state was much better than meetings held by demonstration agents in the western section. In the east, 228 meetings were attended by approximately 7,600 people, while the 232 meetings held in the Piedmont and mountain sections were attended by 4,842 people interested.

Reports state that club women and girls in Mecklenburg County have been marketing butter, eggs, bread, etc., to make up for the vegetables they were unable to supply on account of the drought.

## 33 Years Ago

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Washington County

Items gathered from issue of The Roanoke Beacon published Friday, Sept. 2, 1892

Mr. A. C. Garrett, who has been running a saloon at Nag's Head this season, came home this week.

The crop of figs is fine this season, both in size and quantity.

Miss Addie Ralph has been visiting friends near Roper for the past week.

Misses Dean Jackson and Gertie Yeager returned Monday night from a pleasant visit in Williamston.

Miss May Whaley has returned home after spending the summer in Virginia.

Mr. J. M. Arps, who has been baking at Nag's Head this season, returned home Wednesday.

Atty. S. B. Spruill made a professional trip to Williamston Tuesday.

Miss Lorie Webb of Creswell, has opened a school three miles from Plymouth on the Roper road.

LOST—Black portfolio containing photographs of funeral supplies, between Jamesville and Roper. Reward if returned to W. T. Nurney, Plymouth, N. C.

House For Rent—Third street; apply to O. M. Chesson, Route 2. To the people of Washington County—when in Plymouth come to Hotel Brinkley for accommodations.

CORN FOR SALE—O. M. Chesson, R. F. D. 2, Plymouth.

STUDENTS ENTERING—the Atlanta-Southern Dental College in October should matriculate at once. This is the last year it will be possible to enter a dental college with only high school education, and increased enrollment must be provided for in the new building now under construction.

### State Had 299 Killings in 1924.

North Carolina contributed more than its quota to the crime wave of the nation during the past year, 299 deaths being designated as homicides in returns made on death certificates filed with the State Board of Health for 1924. Chicago, with a record of more than a murder per day for the year, may have led the country, but this State ranks well up in the forefront.

Typhoid fever not so long ago was a large factor in the death rate of the State. It has been one of the causes of death against which both state and local health authorities have waged a major offensive. Now murder and automobile accidents each levies a greater annual toll of human life than does this once prevalent and dreaded disease.

The records show more than double the number of negro victims among the homicides as compared with the whites. The distribution is 94 white, 201 negro, and four Indian.

The homicides are divided into four classifications. Of the total, 235 were killed with firearms, 47 by knives or other piercing instruments, six were babies killed closely following birth, and 11 were killed by other means.

### Name County Supervisors.

Five additions have been made to the list of rural school supervisors for North Carolina making the total 36, according to information received at the office of L. C. Brogden, State supervisor of rural schools. Four counties are employing supervisors for the first time.

Among the new supervisors are Miss Margaret Gustin, of Dearborn, Missouri, who will take charge of the work in Carteret county; and Miss Ida E. Heidel, of Chillicothe, Missouri, who will be located in York.

## HEADS AMERICAN LEGION IN WASHINGTON COUNTY



SHERIFF J. K. REID

On Thursday night of last week a meeting of ex-service men of this county was held in the office of Sheriff Reid for the purpose of establishing a post of the American Legion for this county. Members of the Legion from Beaufort and Pitt counties were here to assist them in getting started.

Despite the fact that only a few attended, the meeting was an enthusiastic success and the post formed.

The following were elected by acclamation: J. K. Reid, post commander; H. L. Barnes, vice-commander; C. E. Mizelle, adjutant; Claudius McGowan, finance officer; H. V. Austin, service officer; and Robert Tetterton, sergeant-at-arms.

Inasmuch as Washington county is credited with only one man killed in action during the late war the post was named to commemorate his memory—James Edward Jethro.

Delegates to the state convention next week at Fayetteville were designated as C. S. Ausbon and H. L. Barnes, with J. K. Reid and C. E. Mizelle as alternates.

The post will meet each Thursday night for the present, and all ex-service men are urged to become members.

## Revival Meeting Begins Sunday

Prayer meetings have been held each night this week in the Federation Hall preparatory to the opening of the revival campaign which begins in the school auditorium on Sunday night. These meetings have been well attended and the meeting promises to be a great success.

Rev. Earnhardt of Durham will conduct the services, which are held under the auspices of the various churches of the town and Mr. J. C. Coston, who is well known here and enjoys a wide circle of sincere friends, will have charge of the music.

## R. L. Whitehurst D. D. S.

Office in the Harney Building for practice of Dental Surgery. Office hours: 8:30 to 5:30. Special appointments can be made for any hours. Phone 79

## Enjoy Bridge Party Plymouth Schools Open Sept. 16

On Tuesday evening Mesdames A. L. and Herman Alexander gave a most enjoyable bridge party to their many friends at their home on Main street. The reception hall and parlors were beautifully decorated with cut flowers and potted plants. A color scheme of red and green was carried out in detail.

Mesdames Gray and Edmondson won top score prizes, Mrs. Clarence Ayers the booby prize and Mrs. H. A. Williford the consolation prize.

Those enjoying the occasion were Mesdames Percy Arps, Jack Reid, Henry Midgett, O. H. Lyon, Gary Campbell, J. B. Flaugh, J. M. Spruill, H. V. Austin, James Williamson, A. B. Litchfield, Gray, Hamlin, Roy Hampton, Fred Knight, Robert Walker, Robert Johnston, Sidney Ward, H. A. Williford, T. L. Bray, Clarence Ayers, J. B. Edmondson and Louis Horton and Misses Martha Horntha, Hope Hardison, Fannie Cordon, Mavis Thigpen, Dorothy Willy and Margaret Ward Jackson.

A delicious salad course was served and enjoyed by all.

School pupils are joyously (?) awaiting the morning of September 16th, for at that time the graded and high school will begin the session of 1925-26.

The opening exercises will be held at nine o'clock on that day and patrons of the school are invited to attend and to meet the faculty.

A very successful year is anticipated, as every effort possible has been made to equip the school in every department so that the maximum results might be obtained. It is uncertain as to just what disposition will be made of the rural schools at this time, as there has been nothing definite settled upon that will qualify students from these schools to attend the school in Plymouth.

On Saturday and Monday preceding the day of opening Prof. Norman will be in his office for the purpose of delivering books to students of the high school, and on Tuesday the faculty will meet so as to plan schedule and arrange for the year's work.

Following is the faculty for this year:

- First grade: Miss Christine Ward, Maysville.
  - Second grade: Mrs. H. A. Liverman, city.
  - Third grade: Miss Elizabeth Ramsey, Ivor, Va.
  - Fourth grade: Miss Gladys Bateman, Columbia.
  - Fifth grade: Miss Nellie Tar-kenton, Mackeys.
  - Sixth grade: Mrs. G. H. Harrison, city.
  - Seventh grade: Miss Ruby Templeton, Hepzibah, Ga.
  - High school: Mr. L. H. Hubble, Marion, Va., principal, Mrs. H. S. Ward, Southport, Miss Hope Hardison, city. The science teacher is yet to be supplied.
- Prof. Jas. W. Norman continues in the capacity of superintendent.
- It would be a fine thing if a large crowd of our parents will attend the opening exercises, for nothing helps teachers more than to know that the people whom they are serving have an interest in them and their work.

## Revival in Creswell

Revival services will begin at the Methodist Episcopal church in Creswell on Monday, September 14th.

Rev. C. B. Culbreth, presiding elder, will preach at these services. Rev. S. Salyer is pastor of the church. All denominations are cordially invited to attend these services.

## Wenona Loses to Jamesville

The base ball teams from Wenona and Jamesville met here yesterday afternoon and staged a rather interesting game.

A home run by Furbee of Wenona, with two men on bases, provided a thrill for the fans. Jamesville won by the score of 6 to 5.

## Hotel Brinkley

Plymouth, N. C.

Solicits the patronage of the city and country. Come give us a trial; we Guarantee satisfaction.

Mrs. Ross & Mrs. Rowe Managers

## Road Paving Progressing Rapidly

The J. J. McGuire Construction Company of Norfolk, who has the contract for the hard-surfaced road from Ward's bridge to Roper, is paving Plymouth at a pretty lively gait. They began construction at the east end of Main street this week and as we go to press they have progressed as far as the court house, and in all probabilities will finish through the west end sometime next week.

Then work will be hastened until the project is finished. This road is of concrete sixteen feet wide, except for the corporate limits of Plymouth which is being paved from curb to curb. The excess of sixteen feet, however, is being paid for by the town.

### Ships 2,000 Pounds of Poultry.

Henderson. — The third poultry shipment of the past several months was made from Henderson, when approximately 2,000 pounds of chickens were brought in by breeders, delivered at the platform of the Seaboard Air Line freight depot, bought and paid for by the commission men handling the shipment, and sent away by freight. It was the largest single shipment of the kind ever made from this point, and is taken as an indication of the growing popularity of this means of disposing of surplus stocks in this county.

### Curtailment Due to Long Drought.

Charlotte.—Owing to the prolonged and unprecedented drought experienced in Piedmont North and South Carolina affecting the water levels in all streams in this section, the Southern Power company announced a drastic curtailment in the amount of power available for distribution pending an improvement in condition.

Cotton mills and other manufacturing enterprises are requested by the company to co-operate in the curtailment program and a schedule is outlined under which power will be cut off from certain industries for one or more days each week beginning at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning.

All customers are requested to discontinue the use of power for the periods outlined except such power as is necessary for strictly public use or for handling perishable produce and for fire protection.

Owing to the fact that water is low on rivers on which are located the company's mammoth hydro-electric developments, the company now is using its steam plants in an effort to supply the current.

### Bicycle For Sale—in good condition;

Herman Chesson, Route 2 WANTED—A few roomers and boarders. Hotel Brinkley.

## SIMMONS PRAISES EAST N. C.

Resources of That Section of State Are Only Beginning to Be Appreciated.

New Bern.—"With exceptional agriculture and timber resources and water transportation; with excellent road, school and health programs; with a temperate climate during the late fall, winter and early spring and with ocean breezes during the summer, there is no reason why eastern North Carolina should not appeal to outsiders as strongly, if not more strongly, than does Florida," Senator F. M. Simmons stated enthusiastically in an interview at his home here.

"The advantages and resources of eastern Carolina are not fully understood or realized by the people who live here or by those who live in other sections of the state," the senator stated. "It is gratifying to know, however, that not only our own people but also those away from here are at last beginning to show an understanding and appreciation of the present and future possibilities of this section."

"Our hard-surfaced highway system is favorably advertising this section and as strangers become acquainted with it, they first applaud and then express astonishment at our inestimable advantages of soil, climate and water. It would be difficult to estimate the future of the section, when it becomes fully known and developed."

As an experienced farmer, Senator Simmons spoke of the wonderful crops of the east this year, the best in a number of years. In his opinion there is no finer agricultural country anywhere than that of eastern Carolina, its soil and climate blending particularly well for a remarkable diversification of crops.

In addition to agricultural advantages, Mr. Simmons called special attention to the exceptionally fine timber-producing lands. These he considers unsurpassed for their reproduction of timber, a new crop of merchantable timber being possible every ten or 15 years. People are also beginning to understand the healthfulness of the section, as well as its physical advantage.

### Has Sold Grain For 35 Years.

Greensboro.—C. S. Shaw, living near Julian, in Guilford county, tends 100 acres of land, with the help of his crippled son, Jim Shaw, and the two make sufficient grain to sell, at a good price. Last year they sold 540 bushels of sweet potatoes.

Machinery does it. Crippled Jim rides a plow; all the wheat is cut by him. Most of the plowing is done by the riding plow. Mr. Shaw, himself 73 years of age, says his legs are as good as ever, and he works every day.

He will have "old corn" to go on next year. The drought this summer was prolonged in his neighborhood and his corn crop will be short, but he doesn't have to buy. He has been selling corn and wheat at good prices. He has sold corn and wheat every year for the past 35 years.