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Battle of Wyse's Fork 86 Years Ago This Month Was Prelude to Fall of Kinston and End of War



This is the Old Sam Howard place, now used as a tenant house on the farm of Lenoir County Tax Collector Milton Williams. It is the seat of a considerable number of Lenoir County families including that of C. W. Howard, prominent Kinston wholesaler. The builder of this home was his grandfather. The Howard home

was Major General Robert F. Hoke's headquarters at the last Battle for Kinston in March 1865, just 86 years ago this month. Today it is one of the few landmarks left that were standing at the time of that battle. It is located just west of Kelly's millpond on the Kinston-New Bern highway.

Eighty six years ago this month the Federal Army completed a task that it had delayed for more than three years—the capture of Kinston. Three years after General A. E. Burnside had stormed the works at New Bern forces under the command of General Jacob D. Cox finally entered Kinston but not before a last fierce battle at Wyse's Forks that rumbled and roared across that end of Jones and Lenoir counties for several days.

Today there is no one alive who was present at that historic encounter. But a great deal can be told about the battle since it was well documented and a careful survey of the hundreds of orders that passed back and forth between the officers on both sides paint a very clear pic-

ture of what was going on up and down the banks of Southwest Creek 86 years ago this week.

A front of about four miles, extending from Neuse Road, which is about where Southwest Creek Christian Church is today around past Caswell up to British Road and then across that to the vicinity of the Old Cobb Home that is perhaps best known to those of this generation as the King Home.

That old Cobb Home, now the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Humphrey and the old Sam Howard place are two of the few remaining homes that lived through that battle and still look down today on the passing parade of history.

The Howard Home on the Kin-

ston side of Southwest Creek was used as command headquarters for Major General Robert F. Hoke, who commanded the Confederate forces that gained the greatest renown during that last battle of the war in Eastern Carolina. General Hoke was the father of Mrs. W. D. Pollock of Kinston and he was called by Captain Samuel A. Ashe, the great North Carolina historian, "One of Lee's ablest generals and North Carolina's greatest soldier."

The overall command of the Confederate forces at the battle of Kinston was held by General Braxton Bragg for whom Fort Bragg is named and who was at one time commander in chief of

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This is the old Richard Cobb home, now the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Humphrey of Southwest Township in Lenoir County. It is just east of Kelly's millpond and it also is one of the few landmarks left today that were standing when the Battle for Kinston was fought in March 1865. The giant trees that surround the old home still bear the marks of that battle and one who takes time to stop and

examine them can see where Confederate artillery shells tore off limbs and knocked off parts of the trunks of the trees. From this home around the eastern bank of Southwest Creek to Neuse River is roughly the line of battle in that last major entanglement between the North and the South in the War Between The States.

Campaign Winners Will Be Announced Sat. Nite; \$3,000 Prizes to be Given

With the big automobile and cash offer subscription campaign of The Lenoir County News and Jones Journal ending this Saturday afternoon at 5:00 P. M., contestants in the campaign are now on the home stretch, putting forth every effort to win one of the four grand awards.

The public is urged to cooperate with the contestants in these last days of the campaign and to help them win one of the big awards that are as follows: First prize, a 1951 Ford priced at around \$1,600.00, second prize, \$50.00 in cash; third prize, \$200.00 in cash; and fourth prize, \$100.00 in cash. Active contestants who are non-prize winners will receive commissions. (See commission rules in campaign advertisement in this issue.)

The winners will be announced when the votes have been counted Saturday night, sometime after eight o'clock. Those who have agreed to act as judges are: Mayor J. W. Fields of La Grange, Attorney D. W. Koonce of Trenton and City Manager Heard of Kinston.

These men will go over the records of sales made by all contestants and from the records determine the winners. Presentation of winners will be made Saturday night, after judging is completed. All contestants are asked by the management to be present on this big occasion.

Alert contestants know that this is the time to work for new and re-sale subscriptions. Subscribers will be glad to obtain The Lenoir County News and

Eure To Speak In Pink Hill April 27

It was announced this week that North Carolina Secretary of State Thad Eure has accepted an invitation to be the principal speaker at the annual "ladies night" of the Pink Hill Community Civic Club. The speech making is scheduled to get underway in the high school auditorium immediately after a dinner that is to be served in the high school cafeteria. Eure is one of the men frequently mentioned as a likely candidate for governor in 1952, but he has not made any public statements on this point. He is an able speaker and one of the most widely known men in the state.

Jones Journal for an additional two years or longer and save bothering with subscribing each year. (See your favorite contestant whose name is listed here and subscribe today!) Re-sale subscriptions carry 10,000 extra votes for each dollar instead of the period vote.

Each \$15.00 club this last and final week carries 75,000 extra votes.

Candidates are reminded to make their report early Saturday. (See rules for close of the contest in this issue.)

The goat population in the United States increased during 1950 for the first time since 1945.

IT'S NOW OR NEVER

There is fascination in trying—real downright gratification in going on—satisfaction in striving—and the supreme enjoyment of all is to WIN!

There is abundant reward for winners in The Lenoir County News and Jones Journal Automobile and "Cash Offer" Campaign—hundreds of dollars worth.

Have you decided about the best way to intelligently and successfully guide your course during the last few hours that remain in the big race? Have you planned to win?

It takes effort—real effort—to win a big award in this campaign. Your reward will be in direct proportion to the effort you put forth and the result you obtain. Do not underestimate the great value of the awards at stake nor the honor and satisfaction of WINNING!

SATURDAY REPORTS WILL DECIDE THE BIG WINNER, THE CLIMAX—THE FINISH—THE END

Name	Address
Mrs. Claude Aldridge, Jr.	La Grange
Mrs. Lottie Harper Holt	Kinston
Mrs. J. W. Odham	Grifton, Rt. 2
Mrs. Ralph Daughety	Kinston, Rt. 1
Mrs. Melba Sparrow	Deep Run
Mrs. F. H. Pruitt	Maysville
Mrs. Carey Waters	Pollockville, Rt. 2
Mrs. W. M. Thompson	Kinston
Mrs. James Barbee	Maysville, Star Rt.

IMPORTANT: All prizes will be awarded Saturday. All commission checks will be paid at this time, therefore all candidates are requested to be present after the judges finish their count.

A MUST: Contestants are requested to turn in all re-sale subscriptions on hand by 4:00 P. M. SATURDAY; also have them properly marked before reporting to the office. Have your subscriptions and money balanced and in envelope before reporting so your report can be counted quickly.

DON'T BE DEFEATED NOW!

Better a few votes over than under. It is easy to fall to the bottom with such real hustlers working for the big awards.

REAL ACTION IS NECESSARY — FEW MORE HOURS WIN OR LOSE — BIG WINNERS WILL FINISH STRONG!