

FALLSTON SCHOOL
NOTES OF INTEREST

(Special to The Star.)
Fallston, Oct. 27.—School opened on the 17th of August, and has closed its second month with an enrollment of 97 in the high school, and 170 in the grades. The new building is filled which indicates the rapid growth in educational interest.

The high school students have organized two literary societies. Three basket ball courts have been erected, and the Fallston High team will soon be ready to tackle any opponent strong or weak.

The principal has introduced a first aid service which has already administered service in the case of several injuries. This is an important item in the equipment of any school. Most cases of blood poisoning and aggravated sores are due to neglect when the injury is first received.

Feeling the need of greater cooperation between parents and teachers, the faculty has called the parents into consultation, and organized the Fallston Parent-teacher association. Through the united efforts of parents and teachers it is believed that a much more efficient program of work

can be carried on. The association will strive to meet many needs of the school in the way of equipment. Also, it will attempt to make the school a real community center, and bring it closer to the interests of all citizens of the district.

The association will do its first bit of work on the night preceding Halloween, Friday night, October 30, when it will give a party open to the public. Admission to the auditorium will be free.

We are for better local schools, better county schools, and better schools throughout the state of North Carolina.

Oak Grove Items
Of Recent News

(Special to The Star.)
Kings Mountain, Oct. 26.—This section probably received the best rains during the last few days that we have had since last winter. Small grain is coming up nicely and most of the corn and cotton has been gathered.

Mr. Quince Philbeck and family moved into their new home last Friday. The house was built during the fall. Mr. David Lovelace was the carpenter.

The public school at Oak Grove has been in progress for two weeks under the efficient management of the same teachers who taught last year. Mr. S. L. Dellinger, principal, Miss Edith

Roberts intermediate and Miss Dovie Beam primary teacher.

A few weeks ago Mr. A. V. Washburn awarded several diplomas to Sunday school workers who had attended the training school at Oak Grove. The Sunday school has gained several new members since the training school was taught.

Sunday after Sunday school Mr. W. G. H. Ware invited the Superintendent Mr. Clarence Blanton to go home with him. At first the superintendent seemed to decline but finally agreed to go. When they started most of the folks present accepted the same invitation and followed. When they reached Mr. Ware's home, his sons who had been let into the secret began to arrange a long table, then it dawned upon Mr. Ware that his friends had met to celebrate his 63rd birthday. All who were present seemed to have a good time. This couple has been married nearly forty years and have been living on their farm for 38 years.

Lincolnton Reveals
Population Increase

Lincolnton, Oct. 27.—Lincolnton's population has increased 765 during the past five years.

Mr. W. H. Harris, and Mr. G. T. Swain, representing the Pioneer Directory Co., of Pulaski, Va., and local assistants Miss Catherine Harrill and

Miss Dodd, have made a complete house to house canvass of the city of Lincolnton, inside the corporate limits, and by actual count finds a total of 4,155 folks who claim Lincolnton as home. This is a very healthy growth for this city. The U. S. census made in 1920, five years ago, gave Lincolnton a population of 3,390. Lincolnton has not extended its corporate limits during the period of increase mentioned above, the increase comes from a steady growth. Should Lincolnton extend corporate line and take in the hundreds who live along adjacent territory there would be a different story to write, it might be around 6,000. As it is the growth of the city inside is steady, and the next U. S. census, five years hence will very probably show Lincolnton above the 5,000 mark. There is no boom on here but a steady healthy growth.

BESSEMER CITY VISITED
BY A SMALL TORNADO

Gastonia, Oct. 26.—Houses, barns and trees in the Bessemer City section yesterday were damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars by a small tornado.

Very little rain, compared to that in other parts of the county, fell in Bessemer City during the high winds.

The roof of the E. T. Ormond residence was damaged, according to word received here. An Osage mill ten-

ant house was damaged. Outbuildings and shade trees at Z. T. Payne's place were destroyed; J. L. Kiser's garage was blown over. The A. G. Gantt barn was damaged along with a number of valuable fruit trees.

100 CENTENARIANS DIED
IN NORTH CAROLINA, 1924

Raleigh.—One hundred persons, more than 100 years old, died in North Carolina during 1924. The report of the bureau of vital statistics of the state board of health for that year, just published, discloses this fact.

Of these 100, 75 were negroes, 23 white and two were Indians.

These centenarians were well scattered over the entire state. Seven, the greatest number to die in any one county, died in Edgecomb county. Six of these seven were negroes.

COMMISSIONER'S RE-SALE OF
LAND.

Under and by virtue of a decree made in Special Proceeding, entitled, "Perry Philbeck, et al., vs. Hammond Philbeck, et al.," by the Clerk of the Superior court of Cleveland county, North Carolina the undersigned commissioner will offer for resale at 12 O'clock P. M., November 7th, 1925, at public auction to the highest bidder, at the court house door in Shelby, N. C., the following described tract of land:

Beginning at a post oak, McKee's

corner in Crowder's line; thence with said line S. 67 W. 17 poles to a hickory; thence N. 25 W. 48 poles to a white oak; thence N. 84 W. 7 poles; thence N. 25 W. 11 poles to a pine knot; Grigg's corner; thence S. 65 W. 92 poles to a stake in a swamp; thence S. 32 E. 86 poles to a stone on the bank of a gully, the down corner, thence with down line N. 66 E. 100 poles to a stake in McKee's line; thence with said line N. 13 W. 21 poles to the beginning, containing 52 acres.

Terms of sale are as follows: 1/3 cash on day of sale, the balance in one and two equal annual installments to be evidenced by notes bearing interest at 6 per cent per annum, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay all cash upon confirmation of sale.

This the 26th day of October, 1925.

C. L. BYARS, Commissioner.
D. Z. Newton, Atty.

Retail prices for food for 59 cities covered in the Department of Labor's monthly survey showed an average decrease of eight-tenths of one per cent in the month ending September 15. The average level as announced this week, however, was still eight per cent above that on September 15 of last year.

Among 39 cities showing a decrease, Detroit with a maximum of four per cent, was followed by a group of 14 cities, having just half that percentage of decrease, the others ranging down to less than one-half of one per cent. Twelve cities,

showed increases, none exceeding one per cent.

Twenty articles of food showed a decrease in price, 14 an increase and 13 no change.

Dusted cotton gave a yield of 520 pounds of seed cotton over undusted cotton in a demonstration made for County Agent C. E. Littlejohn of Halifax county.

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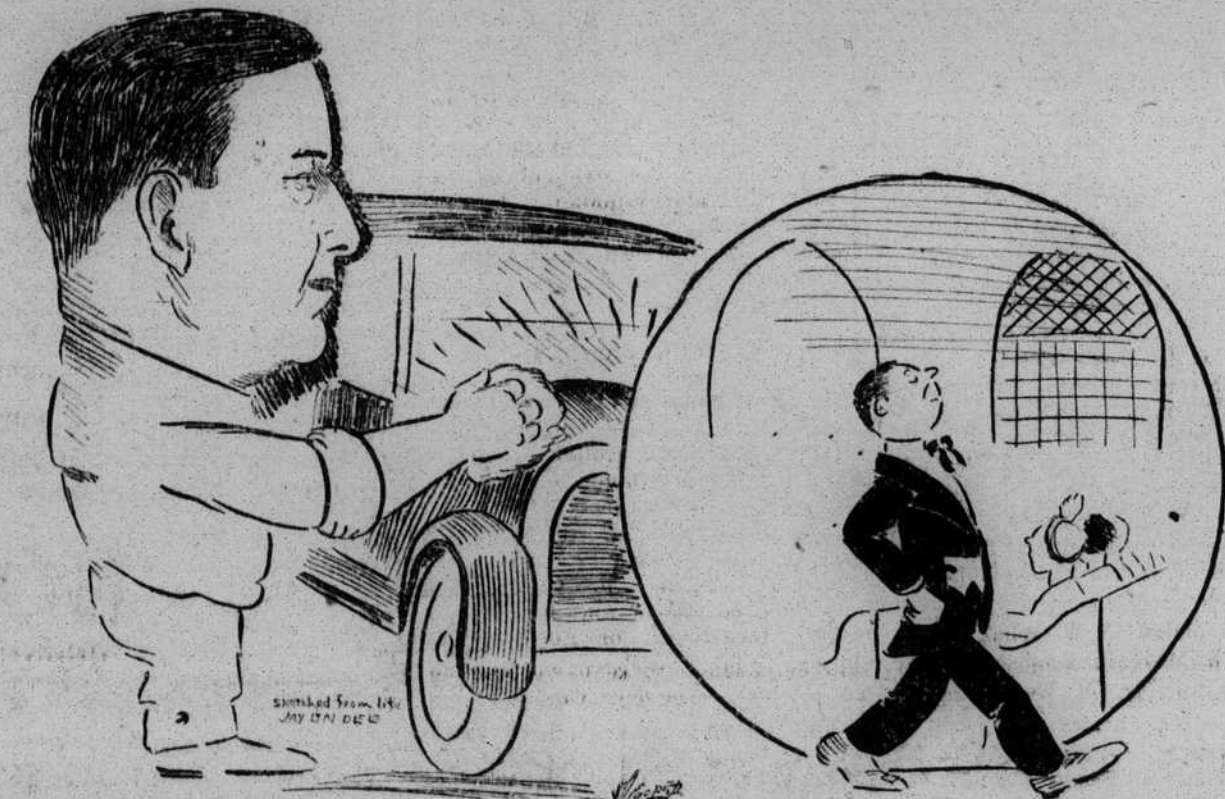
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Thad C. Ford And The 35 Year Old Firm of O. E. Ford Company

When the artist went to sketch Thad C. Ford, merchant, alderman and churchman, he found him busy as usual, but this time he was polishing his car. He loves to ride (with his family) but he gets more joy and pleasure out of his church work, hence the insert shows him marching down the aisle at Central Methodist church, showing some members of the congregation to a choice seat. When services start at Central Methodist, Mr. Ford is always there. Nothing but sickness could keep him away. For four years he was aid erman from his ward, now teaches a Sunday School class, is chairman of the finance committee of the church and is steward and-usher.

Mr. Ford was born in Johnson county. At that time it was one of the most backward counties in the state. Today Johnson is at the top in farming, especially in the production of cotton. While Mr. Ford did not have a chance to contribute to the progress of Johnson, he has done his bit in Cleveland's most wonderful advance. As manager and part owner of the O. E. Ford Co., he sells fertilizers, farm implements, buggies and wagons, Nissen wagons, John Deere farm machinery and the Fairbanks-Morse line of gasoline engines are leaders. In fertilizers the Ford Co., handles the best brands and is perhaps the largest fertilizer dealer in this county. Two years ago Ford & Company was the largest dealers the American Agricultural Chemical Company had in America. Fertilizers are received by the car load and farmers consider this place headquarters, knowing that Mr. Ford and his business associate, Mr. Earl Honeycutt, will give a fair deal. Both are noted for their honesty and straightforward dealing.

In addition to fertilizers and farm implements the Ford Co., has built up a large trade on Mount Holly common brick made by the Kendrick Brick and Tile Co., and shale brick made by Johnson City Brick Co.

Mr. Ford went to the Barium Springs Orphanage at the age of 5. At age 19 he came to Belwood, taking charge of the Ford store and harness plant. He was postmaster there from 1909 to 1918 when he came to Shelby. He was married to Miss Tommie Baber who was teaching school at Cherryville.

Associated with Mr. Ford is Earl Honeycutt, a brother of Mrs. O. E. Ford. He is the son of a Methodist minister and veteran of the world war. He is a most courteous, affable and business-like gentleman and Ford and Honeycutt make a pair that hold the respect and esteem of their many customers, carrying on in a bigger way than ever before a business established 35 years ago.

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