

### Two Old Dwellings In This County And Gaston Described

One Supposed To Have Been Built 180 Years Ago. Both Occupied Now.

Cherryville Eagle.

There are two very old dwellings not very far from Cherryville that very few people know anything about, one located in Gaston county three miles from Dallas, the other in Cleveland county about two miles northwest from Kings Mountain Battle ground. The one in Gaston is supposed to be about 180 years old and is a large two story log house, now owned and occupied by a Mr. Stoup. In 1741 pioneer Peter Hoyle came from Germany to America and lived in Maryland three miles from Dallas in 1744.

According to tradition Pioneer Hoyle built a cabin in which he lived four or five years before he built the house in question, his permanent home. The house is a large two story log house ceiled with walnut ceiling.

About two hundred yards from the house is a family grave yard with several graves marked with the finest kind of tombstones that came from Germany, but strange to say that while the inscriptions on the tombstones shows that Hoyle is buried there, the resting place of Pioneer Peter Hoyle is unknown, though it is thought that he is buried somewhere on the place. The grave yard is enclosed with a strong rock wall with a heavy iron gate. The grave yard is only a few yards from the hard surfaced road leading to Stanley yet it cannot be seen from the road on account of the dense growth.

The Hoyle clan is going to hold a reunion on the premises some time next year and Mr. J. C. Hoyle of this place is in the meantime going to clean off the old grave yard and make a road to it from the hard surface road.

#### The Rock House.

The rock house is located in Cleveland county about two miles from the Kings Mountain Battle ground. This is a large two story house built with rock, the walls of which is as smooth as a brick wall. Above the front door is engraved on the wall "Henry Houser stone mason" under which is engraved "Jane Houser, 1803" the year in which the house was built. The house has six rooms three above and three below. The front rooms above and below extend across with a petition making two rear rooms. The door and window facing is made from Chestnut boards but has been replaced with a metal roof. This building is now owned by a Mr. Gaffney of Gaffney, S. C., with a tenant now living there.

The family grave yard is situated a couple hundred yards from the house in a clump of woods uncared for. We noticed 10 graves there.

One tombstone contained the epitaph: Henry Houser died March 4, 1822, age 66 years.

Adieu to all both far and near Farewell my wife and children dear

For my immortal soul is fled I am now numbered with the dead.

On another tombstone was the epitaph: "Henry Houser, Jr. died 1842, age 48

My day was come, my time was run My body now lies here Now caution take before too late For death is always near."

On another tombstone was: Cyrus Houser died 1857, age 23 years.

Stop my friend as you pass by As you are now so once was I As I am now so you must be Prepare for death and follow me."

On another was: "Nancy Houser died 1840, age 40 years.

Farewell children scattered near and wide

While by your father's side I lie When Christ appears I then shall rise

And see you with immortal eyes." Another grave was marked, John Houser died in 1844, age 4 years.

We could find no one that could give us any information pertaining to either of these old buildings. The Hoyle building supposed to have been built 180 years ago and the Houser building 126 years ago. All that we could learn about either was what we saw.

#### CANDLER BROTHERS ARE HEAVILY INSURED

According to figures compiled by The Spectator, New York insurance publication, two Atlantians, William Candler and his brother, Asa G. Candler, have life insurance policies in excess of \$1,000,000. The publication lists William Candler's policies at \$1,385,000 and his brother's at "over \$1,000,000."

Rogers Caldwell of New York and Nashville, Tenn., has his life insured for \$3,000,000; Victor Hanson publisher of the Birmingham News and Age Herald, \$1,750,000; Colonel Leroy Springs, of Lancaster, S. C., for over \$1,000,000.

A second crop of apples and pears was picked in a garden in Sevenoaks, Eng., one apple weighing 13 ounces.

### Want Horned Toad? Bill Will Send It

Ramblin' Bill Sends Letter By Air Mail. Also Horned Toad Offer.

Editor of The Star: Please publish the hour and date this is received by the Shelby post-office in order that we can make a check on how long it takes a letter to go from Arizona to Shelby, N. C., via air mail.

This is posted on the train at 3:20 p. m. Wednesday, September 11, 1929, at Douglas, Arizona. It should reach Williams, Arizona where it will be picked up by T. A. T. plane, at 3 p. m. September 12. I have noted that a letter through ordinary mail process arrives in Douglas four and one half days after being posted in Charlotte, N. C. Douglas, is located on the Standard Air Line route from Los Angeles to El Paso, Texas, but this line does not have the mail contract yet, although maintain schedule with one tri-motored fourteen passenger plane each way every day. It is hoped that they will have the mail contract soon, which would make the mail from here to Los Angeles just about as fast as a night or day letter sent over the telegraph.

Douglas has the only international airport in the southwest making it possible for planes to land in either Old Mexico or the United States.

I wish to inform the good folks back in Cleveland county that my pet Bob Cat got into a mix-up with a German Police dog and the Bob cat is no more. To be frank the police dog does not look so good. I did not witness the fight myself but some boys saw the whole thing from first to last and they state that the Bob Cat gave a good account of himself and several times the police dog tried to quite the scrap but the cat would not let him do so and finally the police dog got the cats head in his mouth and brought his jaws together with fatal results for the cat.

Its impossible to get loose from a Bob Cat, and this reminds me of the story of Pat and Mike. Mike it seems discovered a wild cat up in a tree and went up to catch him leaving Pat on the ground to watch. In the melee there seemed to be quite a bit of action and Pat inquired if Mike needed any help to hold the cat whereupon Mike replied that he did not need any help to hold him but would like some help to turn him loose.

Horned toad racing in this part of the country has become quite a sport. They simply select their favorite toad and bet their money. Get Mr. Toads on the line and twist their tails and turn them loose. They will run in a straight course for several yards and the first one over the line wins the money for his master and those others who have bet on him. And there is quite a bit of history to Mr. Horned Toad. They are in fact not toads at all, but a short flat spiny lizard, with a very reduced tail, a character that evidently suggested the name toad for it. Scientifically it is Phrynosoma cornutum, fledgling of the tribe of modern lizards.

It is the great granddaddy of the Paleozoic age represented by quick running slender lizards, and was ancestor to the reptilian family which gained world supremacy in the Mesozoic age, exercised undisputed sway over land animals, chased fishes in fright about the seven seas, and dominated in what is known in the Golden age of Reptiles.

Cornutums living sisters, brothers and cousins are found today adapted to running swiftly over the ground, to tree climbing, lying, living in water and are of the fossorial and ant eating type. Many of its blood relation are well known and called by common name "Gila Monster" (pronounced Heel 'a). Although the horned toad, unlike his terrible cousin the Gila Monster, is not poison, neither is he vicious, but apparently good natured and takes life easy as well he can for he has been known to live for thirty years inside a solid block of concrete where no food nor water could be had.

If there is anybody that reads The Star who wants one of these little fellows, I will gladly send them one. They make a very good pet and novelty and will destroy ants by the hundreds. They can also be effectively use to frighten the ladies, and any wife who will slip one into her husband's pocket and make the fact known need not be afraid of said hubby stepping out with any ladies if they are aware of the fact that Mister hubby is carrying around a reptile of the Paleozoic age in his pocket. It would make no difference at all to the horned toad. He would get along just as well inside a cake of ice or sealed in a block of concrete as he would under one's door step in the cool shade.

Business houses out here use toads in decorating their windows. I will gladly send one to anyone that wants to use him for this purpose or to anyone that wants to use him for keeping hubby straight.

(Mister Editor, Now I do not mean to imply that it is necessary that any Tar Heel hubbies need keeping straight.)

I will gladly supply any park, zoo or anyone interested with a Gila Monster, if they are willing to pay the small price necessary for cap-

### CHARLOTTE BUYERS THINKS CAROLINAS

Shortness Of Cotton In Belt Is Likely To Boost Prices. Crop Is Good.

Mr. J. H. Cutler, cotton man of Charlotte, thinks North and South Carolina cotton growers are going to sit pretty this fall.

With a crop of 14,825,000 bales of 500 pounds each predicted for the present season as compared with an estimate of 15,543,000 bales on August 1, the supply likely will not reach the demand, Mr. Cutler said. Last year's final cotton crop was estimated at 14,450,000 bales of 500 pounds each while the consumption was 15,275,000 running bales of slightly more than 500 pounds each. The carry over or surplus of cotton on August 1 was estimated to be 4,295,000 bales.

For the past three years, Mr. Cutler continued, the cotton mills of the world have been consuming more cotton than was produced, thus making inroads into the surplus which has been a large factor in keeping the price of the staple down.

Carolinas In Best Place. Should the consumption, during the present year, remain the same as last year, approximately 700,000 more running bales of cotton will be produced, according to the latest cotton report. This still will leave a surplus or carry over of 3,700,000 bales, however.

While the prospects for good prices in cotton are common to the entire belt, North and South Carolina growers have reason to be unusually delighted with the forecast released yesterday, Mr. Cutler pointed out.

Since the prospective crop is comparatively small, and since the demand for cotton probably will increase, the law of supply and demand will send the price of the staple to a slightly higher level. A rise of approximately three cents per pound was noted on the market yesterday immediately after the crop report was flashed to the world and made public.

With the general cotton supply low, the Carolina crop promises to be better than in the past several years, Mr. Cutler said. The government report predicted North Carolina would produce 942,000 bales of 500 pounds each, according to the crop indications as of September 1, while the report on August 1, indicated 787,000 bales. Last year's production was 836,000 bales. The prediction released yesterday is for the largest crop in the past three years.

#### Almost Bumper Crop Here.

In South Carolina, a crop of 1,044,000 bales is predicted as against an estimate of 909,000 made on August 1, and a production of 724,000 bales last year. Should the predictions of the government experts released yesterday prove actual, the largest crops for South Carolina in the past year would result, Mr. Cutler explained.

The crop in Texas, the largest cotton producing state of the west, shows that a very small crop will be made west of the Mississippi as an estimate of 4,107,000 bales was made by the government on September 1 as compared with a prediction of 4,798,000 bales on August 1 and 5,105,000 bales produced last year.

This shows that while the entire crop over the whole cotton belt is small, the loss is to be sustained in the western end of the belt where crops have been good in the past several years.

"The law of averages is now beginning to work out in favor of the southeastern states," Mr. Cutler explained.

The possibility of a large cut in the surplus cotton supply is not due entirely to the crop, but also to the fact that mills are now operating full time while 12 months ago many of the mills were shut down or operating on limited time, Mr. Cutler explained.

The favorable cotton crop will not only aid the farmer and planters of the Carolinas, but will have a favorable reaction upon the mills of the section," Mr. Cutler said. "The increased demand and reduction in supply will tend to stabilize the entire cotton and cotton goods market," he said. "Many of the mills have been unable to dispose of cotton goods which may now be sold at a good price. Others have sold

turing same and the express charges from Arizona. But these are poison, even their breath are poison, so they tell me here—those supposed to know.

We also have the tarantula, centipede, rattlesnake and a number of other dangerous reptiles, insects and animals. As well as the "greaser" (Mexican) who, after all is the most dangerous animal in this part of the country, if he can catch you back turned to him when he gets on the war path, or when he has been smoking Marijuana, or better known as "Loco Weed."

With the best wishes, to The Star and its many readers, I am, Sincerely,  
RAMBLING BILL.  
Box 1125, Douglas, Arizona, September 11, 1929.  
(Editor's Note: Ramblin' Bill's letter at 5 o'clock on the morning of Sept. 15. Figure out the time for yourself.)

### Don't Kid Yourself — Money In Goats

Fifty cents a quart for milk! And not enough to supply the demand! Yes, indeed, money in goats. Goat's milk is wanted everywhere, and especially in hospitals, for invalids and babies. No one need fear contracting tuberculosis from drinking goat's milk, because goats are not subject to that disease.

Hundreds of farmers are beginning to raise goats as a means of making money. It is simply another one of those many phases of the agricultural enterprise which pays big profits when properly managed. There are five breeds of dairy goats known in the United States, of which only three are present in large numbers—Saanes, Nubians, and Toggenburgs. Alpines and Royal Murcianas are increasing in popularity.

Saanens. The Saanens came, originally from the valley of that name in Switzerland. They are large, white, and usually hornless. They are the "Holstein" of the goats, giving large quantities of milk, but comparatively low in butterfat. I do not know of any goat of any breed that exceeds any of the quantity records held by Saanen does—the best daily record 21 pounds 3 ounces and the best for 300 days is 4,570.3 pounds. The popularity of Saanens has increased tremendously in the past five years, until they are almost tied with Toggenburgs in numbers.

Nubians. The Nubian, originally called the Anglo-Nubian, is descended with stock imported from India, Arabia, and Egypt to England and there crossed with native milking goats to increase hardiness in the colder climates. They are characterized by the large variety of colors, long, drooping ears, Roman nose, tendency to carry more fat, docility, and extremely large size. They are the butterfat breed, with tests running from 5 per cent to 8 per cent, and a few even higher. Highest daily yield on record is now being made by Shirley Rona, with over 15 pounds a day.

Toggenburgs. Toggenburgs come from the Toggenburg valley of Switzerland and were the first dairy goats imported to the United States, and therefore have been most numerous. They are varying shades of brown, with white markings on face, tail and underneath. A good quality of milk, their products and are now ready to buy more cotton from which to produce additional finished products to replace that already sold. A general wave of prosperity for the Carolinas should result," he concluded.

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