

### Biography Of King Cotton

First Of Family Bearing The Name Have Flourished In Garden Of Eden—Dates Back To Early Days Of India, China And Egypt.

—BY MRS. STEVE BARNWELL—

It is not known just when cotton was first heard of. The first of the family bearing that name probably dwelled in the Garden of Eden, and history first mentions cotton as being found in either India or China, but does not definitely establish its first residence. Cotton was well known and much sought after in Egypt, in the earliest days of the glories of King Tut. Some cotton was probably associated with Helen and Paris during the siege and fall of Troy, and later with the Caesars during the pomp and glory of Rome. Cleopatra herself loved cotton, and he was a frequent visitor to her palace.

Cotton was next exploited in the European cities and countries and was most popular during the reign of Louis of France. As a result of this favoritism in the French courts we have at the present time, Tulle de Jouy, and Corduroi.

In 1621 cotton came to Virginia as a stowaway, having been hidden in the head of a doll. In the rich and virgin soil of Virginia it soon became acclimated and there it flourished. Its cultivation was limited to the clear acreage, and the slave hands available, and after the snow fleece was picked from the bolls which covered the luxuriant stalks of the plant itself, the separating of the seeds from the cotton was a long and painful process, all done by hand.

In 1793 cotton became intimately associated in business with the gin, the brain-child of Eli Whitney. After this cotton rapidly made good, and soon became a figure of note in

both the agricultural and business world. Then was he literally king of all the broad acres of the Southland, and his kingdom spread from the comparatively small acreage in Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia, throughout the entire south and embraced what now is represented by many states.

Then did the cotton planter build the homes which still represent the true epic of the old South. Then did the darkeys sing down on the Seaway river, and Old Black Joe was the most beloved of the blacks. Then did the girls wear crinolines, and then did the Southland really and truly come into its own.

The years passed, and those who had been made wealthy and happy by their associations with King Cotton became disloyal, and would have none of him.

King Cotton's lady-friends turned from him to the sly and yet attractive gigolo, that guy known as Rayon, who inveigled himself into their graces by false flattery. Cotton, who claimed lineage as noble as any, who had been the associate of kings from time immemorial, who was truly the aristocrat of fabrics, who had himself been called king for generations, was turned down cold by those ladies to whom he had given all.

Now the day of the gigolo is past. The woman who once allowed their heads to be turned by flattery have realized that after all the old true lovers are best. Again they are happy in the steadfast affection of cotton, that boy from the country who has recently made good in a big way.

### Farm Agent Tells Live-at-Home Plan

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start out with a program of making a living on his farm this year. And to do this, if he has tenants on his farm, he must provide some means of feeding tenant and his family and live-stock. Now if you have the money, and planned on buying your food and feed for the tenant and his live-stock, this is different, but we should grow every thing we possibly can and buy as little as possible. We hear a great deal of the landlords say that their tenants will not grow what they suggest. Now I believe if you will go to these tenants, sit down and figure out the amount of things they need for this year and tell them how to grow it, if they do not know, I don't think there should be very much trouble in solving this problem. If we do have a great many tenants in the county that do not know how to grow these crops and, therefore, it is no use to fool with a man who is contrary to this great need. I would suggest every farmer who has tenants on his farm should set aside so much land near his house for the necessary food and feed crops. Near the house makes it easy to give the crop the right attention.

Probably we do not know the things we should suggest to our tenants to grow this spring for their families and live-stock. Now in general, we know these things, how much to plant, how much is needed per person and per animal. From the North Carolina extension department, I have secured information as to the requirements for the different amounts of each crop. I would suggest that you sit down and take your pencil and copy this article, or get it from some other source. Now the exact information needed is given as nearly as possible, so take this and give a copy to your tenant and help him outline this program.

The food requirements for one person for a year is approximately as follows:

- Wheat ... One and one-half bu.
- Corn ... One and one-half bu.
- Potatoes (Irish and sw.) ... 145-lbs.
- Fresh meat ... 52-lbs.
- Fresh poultry ... 31-lbs.
- Pork and lard ... 21-1/2 lbs.
- Eggs ... 31-doz.
- Milk ... 73-gal.
- Butter ... 21-lbs.
- Garden ... 1-3-acre
- Laying hens ... 10

Figure out from this table the needs for the number in families you have on your farm. The requirements for fifty hens for one year:

- Wheat ... 35-bu.
- Corn ... 44-bu.
- Oats ... 23-bu.
- Fish or meat meal ... .570
- Bone meal ... 176-lbs.

Only two of these ingredients we should buy. The requirements for one dairy cow for one year:

- Corn ... 15-bu.
- Oats ... 12-bu.
- Cotton seed meal ... 500-bu.
- Wheat bran ... 200-bu.
- Hay ... 6,000-lbs.

mule or horse for one year:

- Corn ... 50-bu.
- Oats ... 20-bu.
- Hay ... 4,000-lbs.

From the above table requirements there is no need for any one not to make preparations for feed and food crops for the coming year.

Some of the farm crops that we should sow this month:

Oats, grasses, wheat clover, lespedeza, pastures, meadows, kudzu. Some of the garden crops we should plant this month: Beets, cabbage, carrots, kale, lettuce, mustard, turnip, onions, English peas, Irish potatoes, radish, rapo, spinach.

The above table is not only for your tenants, but for your own farm if you do not have any tenants, this will fill your requirements just as good, and there is no complete farm that I have ever seen without chickens, hogs and the dairy cow.

This table does not include various other things that we might produce on our farms, such as cane to make our syrup which every farmer should have and fruit of various kinds for summer use and canned for winter.

### Town Talk

Frank Hamrick, of the T. W. Hamrick Jewelry company, says advertising has proved its real worth. He made his point by saying that "this depression has been the result of one of the most extensive and intensive advertising campaigns this country has ever experienced. Newspapers featured hard times, radios broadcast hard times, people thought spoke and acted in terms of hard times. Everybody indulged in hard times and business everywhere was paralyzed with hard times. I never before saw concentrated advertising get such vigorous results."

A. M. Hamrick, clerk of Superior court: "We're going to have plenty of court here now. Federal court all week and recorder's court almost every day with Superior court coming next week."

Ben Cooper, deputy sheriff: "Spring fever must be getting them. We had very few arrests and hardly any activity at all over the weekend."

Billy Burns, who doubles in the movies for Harold Lloyd, now visiting in Shelby: "This weather you folks have here is wonderful. Doesn't seem right to do anything but go fishing."

### Dry Law Is Here To Stay, Says Webb

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City, is foreman of the grand jury which will take up matters for the Stateville and Charlotte districts as well as for this district.

11 Prisoners. This morning's session saw the main court room packed with spectators, witnesses, and defendants coming from the several counties of the district. The crowd in town resembles very much the court week crowds of the old days.

Eleven prisoners whose cases will be disposed of were placed in the county jail over the week-end.

### Mother of 26 Babes Leads Stork for Prize

Satirical Bequest of Toronto Millionaire Donating Half a Million to Mother Giving Birth to Greatest Number of Children During Ten Years After His Death, Gives Added Incentive to Dominion Birth Rate.



Mrs. CATHERINE PIZZI, CHARLES V. MILLAR, M.M., Mrs. LEWIS CROSS.

New York.—Statistician, whose job it is to keep track of such things, tell us that the birth rate of the United States is rapidly declining, and that something should be done about it.

Well, if it is any news to the alarmist, something is being done. Modern Baton Rouge, La., boasts a Baby-of-the-month club. The first child born in that progressive community every month receives gifts from the merchants, ranging from thermometers for the baby's bath to flowers for the mother.

But if some of our patriotic millionaires would follow the example of Charles Vance Millar, Kings counsellor of Toronto, Canada, there never would be cause for a wall about declining birth rate.

Mr. Millar, who died October 1927 had the reputation of being an incorrigible practical joker. People who know him are very fond of relating his many and various escapades, but the greatest joke he ever played was the will he left when he died, and which, despite its eccentric provisions, is declared as sound as a dollar.

As we are only concerned with birth rate we will confine ourselves

to the cause of this will dealing with that subject. In short, it states that \$500,000 shall be set aside and in ten years after the death of testator awarded to the woman who has given birth to the greatest number of children in Toronto during that time.

Of course this was regarded as just another of Mr. Millar's jokes, but such a sum of money is worth competing for, joke or no joke, and the race is on in Toronto. The leader in the novel competition so far is Mrs. Florence Brown, a slender blonde housewife of 42, who has been married 22 years and given birth to 26 children, six of which were born within the period stipulated by the Millar will. Mrs. Brown takes pride in the fact that all her babies were single births. Mrs. Brown proposes to buy a farm if the prize should come her way, as she is of the opinion that the country is the only place in which to rear a family.

The lady who occupies second place in this strange competition is Mrs. Grace Baganto, a Toronto born Canadian-Italian. She was married at thirteen and has borne 20 babies, eleven of whom are still

alive. She is 37 and a grandmother.

To return to our own U. S. Were such a prize offered here 'the stork would be compelled to take a more help. Mrs. Catherine Pizzi, of East Cambridge, Mass., without the incentive of a half a million dollars, brought twenty children into the world. She believes that the wife who sees nothing but poverty in large families is missing the real joy of motherhood and says that it is her intention to have as many as she can. Another proud mother of 20 children is Mrs. Lewis Cross of Fitchburg, Mass., who is only 38 and points with pride to the fact that all her children were born singly.

In sharp contrast to the foregoing cases is that of Mrs. Ethel Cromwell of Bridgeport, Conn., who had her husband arrested because he wanted more babies. Mrs. Cromwell gave birth to 13 children in ten years, but only four lived.

A recent judgment by the Supreme court is of interest here, inasmuch as it sustained the right of Mrs. Marion Kahn, of Brooklyn, N. Y., whose refusal to bear children was made the grounds for an annulment suit by her husband.

### Japan Again Disappointed in Arrival of Male Heir

Birth of Fourth Daughter Leaves Chichibu Heir, but Etiquette Decrees That He Must Remain Childless.



PRINCE CHICHIBU, PRINCESS TAKA, EMPEROR and EMPRESS of JAPAN.

The arrival of a fourth daughter to the reigning house of Japan, still leaves Prince Chichibu heir presumptive to the throne. There is a law imperial etiquette decrees that a male child must be born to the head of the dynasty before any other member of the family may produce an heir, so that Prince Chichibu and his bride, daughter of the Japanese Ambassador to Washington, although enjoying the right of succession to throne, must remain childless.

### Cleveland Marshal After Bootleggers

F. B. (Gard) Hamrick, of Bowling Springs, who is attending federal court here this week as deputy U. S. marshal, assured plenty of court action at the next federal term in Charlotte by rounding up 35 alleged whiskey dealers there on Friday the 13th. A Charlotte dispatch tells as follows of the raids:

"Thirty five persons, most of them white people were arrested here Friday on liquor charges when F. B. Hamrick, deputy U. S. marshal, joined with city and county officers in a drive to 'dry up' Charlotte. After hearings before a U. S. commissioner, 18 of those arrested were ordered held under bonds ranging from \$200 to \$1,500 each. Thirteen arranged bond. The other 17 will be given hearings later.

"Acting on under cover information with surprising suddenness, the officers spread their dragnet from the uptown business section to outlying suburbs and negro settlements of the city.

"The 'dry up' campaign was the most extensive one conducted here in many months. Last May, a similar drive, made by federal agents, netted 14 arrests.

"Mrs. Bertie Scott, former operator of 'Scott's Place,' a night club on the York, S. C. road, and Don Anderson, one of her associates, were among those arrested. Mrs. Scott is now under indictment in federal court for violating the prohibition laws.

"She was tried and acquitted in county recorder's court several months ago on a charge of murder in connection with the death of a girl who leaped or was thrown from Mrs. Scott's automobile and was fatally injured."

### Holler Winner Of Rutherford Honor

Rutherford, March 16.—Using as his subject, "The Voyage of Life," Dan Holler, senior of Central high school of this place won the silver loving cup for the best declaimer in the high schools of Rutherford county awarded by R. E. Price. This makes two years in succession that the local high school has won this cup, which makes it their property to keep permanently. This is the first school to win a cup permanently in 15 years history of the contest.

### Dowtin Given Place Offered To Blanton

Athlete Becomes Alumni Secretary Instead of Cleveland County Man.

Wake Forest, March 16.—Alfred A. Dowtin, newly elected alumni secretary at Wake Forest college, entered upon his duties here today filling a position left vacant over a year ago by the resignation of Rev. J. A. McMillan.

The work of the alumni secretary has been for the past year in the hands of the alumni council, with Dr. A. C. Reid, as chairman.

Mr. Dowtin completed work on his LL.B. last fall. His return to Wake Forest has brought many expressions of approval from students and alumni.

The executive committee of the Wake Forest board of trustees recently elected Mr. Dowtin to this office when it was learned that Rev. S. L. Blanton, Cleveland county native, to whom the position was previously offered, had declined.

During his college days at Wake Forest he established an enviable record. He possessed to a rare degree the happy combination of student and athlete. He was a member of the much coveted Golden Bough, an organization whose members embody to the highest degree qualities of scholarship, leadership and Christian character.

He was a member of the varsity basketball and baseball teams here for three years, and was captain of both his senior year.

### South Watching Shelby Golfer

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up under Webb's fast pace and lost five and four.

"The semi-final match between Spicer and Webb was a thriller. Spicer took the first four holes as Webb was encountering trouble on every hole.

"For many golfers, this quick setback at the start from an old hand who was the favorite to win the title would have been enough to make many good golfers fold up. "But not Webb. He gained little by little and was only two down as they made the turn.

Stage Comeback. "The tenth was halved and Webb took the eleventh.

"Spicer won the twelfth and fourteenth, after halving the thirteenth, to become three up.

"Undaunted, the youngster shot par golf to win the next two holes. "The seventh was halved and they drove for the final hole with Spicer one up.

"Webb's second shot landed on the edge of a trap and his pitch was just inside the green, leaving him a long putt which he missed as Spicer sank a six-footer for a birdie four and the match.

"Those who follow the Southern tournaments closely predict a fine future for the Carolina left hander. He'll probably be in the field this year, and who knows, this may be his year."

### Want An Election On Advertising For City

Fayetteville, Mar. 11.—W. C. Ewing, legislative representative of Cumberland county, has been requested, by the Fayetteville board of aldermen to introduce in the general assembly a bill authorizing the people of this city to vote on the question of allowing the aldermen to appropriate money to advertise Fayetteville. It is estimated that the advertising fund will add about four cents to the municipal tax rate.

### Celebrate Kings Mountain Park

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Richards of South Carolina, Col. L. H. Landers, historian of the war department; Judge E. Yates Webb of Shelby, who started the fight for the park when he was in congress, and many others who have participated in activities promoting the battlefield for development as a park.

Many Sought Affair. Invitations to hold the dinner in Charlotte, York and Rock Hill were received and Kings Mountain was also mentioned. It was decided that as the movement for staging the big celebration was inaugurated at York that it would be the most appropriate place and the invitation of the D. A. R. chapter there was accepted. About 100 or 125 are expected to attend the banquet.

### Penny Column

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### Racing Bill Talked; Assembly Review

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reduction on land. The finance committee, which have been through torment in their efforts to find the \$19,500,000 to operate the schools for six months without an ad valorem tax, heard them, as it has heard merchants and manufacturers who are opposed to sales or production taxes. While probably close, doubt is expressed that a sales tax can be enacted, although one will be necessary to carry out the six months school plan. The committee is probably approaching, but has by no means arrived, at a solution of the problem. It may yet be necessary to continue the present plan with an increased equalizing fund.

While the 70th day is about here, the general assembly members are by no means near their return home. Most of the important bills are yet to be introduced on the floors of one or both houses. The local government bill is passed and out of the way, and is to be printed and distributed at once. But amendments are being added to it. The highway measure has passed both houses, but conference committees are still trying to iron out minor differences.

Bills Pending. All of the bills relating to reorganization of the government have made some progress during the week, including those to establish a personal department, a purchasing agent, reorganization of the department of agriculture, establishing a separate banking department, appointment by the governor of the members of the corporation commission, but time will be required to get them through. A bill to create a new department of labor, making the commissioner appointive, and specifying divisions, is under way. The finance and the appropriations bills are by no means complete and will require fully a week after they are reported out.

Amend Compensation. The bill to provide for a state insurance fund for insuring employees under the workmen's compensation act was killed in the senate, but other bills to amend the compensation act, interpreting and modifying it, will probably pass.

The omnibus bill, naming members of the county boards of education, has been introduced. It usually brings out many local fights and efforts to turn out boards by other factions. The omnibus bill naming magistrates has not yet made its appearance.

May Adjourn April 1st. Prognosticators are moving up their dates for adjournment, most of them now believing it will be April 1 before the general assembly can finish its work.

A summary of the activities so far shows that almost exactly 1,500 bills have been introduced, 1,050 in the house and 450 in the senate. Up to last Saturday only 460 had been ratified, 357 house and 103 senate bills. Last week 180 bills were introduced and 105 ratified and of this

number 81 were local and 24 were public or general, many of them resolutions.

Bills Passed. Among the public laws ratified the past week were two relating to county government, one creating a commission for improvement of the laws; providing for spending the \$400,000 appropriated in 1927 for a new central prison; providing for an amendment to allow elections or amendments to the constitution to be held at times other than general elections; authorizing declaratory judgments; requiring tobacco warehouse checks to be made payable to order; allowing county commissioners to establish county court with criminal jurisdiction; preventing employment of females under 18 years of age in all kinds of industrial work at night; providing for an alternate juror in certain cases; recording instruments by photography; requiring reserve fund and regarding mutuality of B. and L. associations; regulating sale of mixed feed oats and allowing two pre-emptory challenges to the defendant and one to the state in criminal trials.

Revaluation, an important matter, postponed until March 15, has again been postponed until April 1 while bills have been introduced postponing it until 1933. This is to precipitate another hard fight before the session ends.

Although an effort was made to stop introductions of bills after March 10, a resolution to that end having passed the senate, except by consent on two-thirds vote, it failed in the house and they continue to be thrown into the hopper, but not as many as formerly. The high peak was reached March 10, when 51 bills were introduced in the house and 27 in the senate.

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Well, we sure enjoyed our golf game, even though our opponent could not do so well. As the old saying goes, it pays sometimes to talk a good round, and that's what I did. I am offering to take on this same guy again this week, and what a line of chatter I have arranged for him—with a return engagement of "THE MAN WHO CAME BACK," and that famous old love story "EAST LYNNE," and that most fascinating DIETRICH coming in "DISHONORED." I feel sure that I will completely rout him. He ain't heard nothing yet. Will see you about Thursday, W. J. L. Don't miss me. JIM

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Submitted by R. A. J.

P. S. We forgot to tell you our Family Tickets will be on sale all day Monday and Tuesday, they will sell for \$1.00 each.

WE THANK YOU!