

South's Farming is Behind the Times

Chapel Hill.—"The farming methods of the South have become obsolete, and the farmers who steadfastly refuse to change their methods to meet new conditions that have arisen in recent years are doomed," Hugh McKee, of Wilmington, prominent planter and civic leader, who is president of the North Carolina Social Service Conference and acting chairman of the Southeastern Council, declared here Friday night in an address before the regular meeting of the North Carolina Club.

"Practices in other parts of the nation have left the average Southern farmer with little more chance of success than has a hand-loom against a modern power-loom," Mr. McKee asserted. "Most of the land-owning farmers have moved to town; a majority of the farmers are tenants; only the home-owning farmers have gardens and are prepared to live at home."

"Since the period of deflation following the World War, farm conditions in North Carolina have become critical," Mr. McKee stated. "The coming of the boll weevil has been an important factor. Surveys give proof of the widespread distress among the small farmers of the South. This year's cotton crop averaged less than a half-bale per acre. This means to the farm family a starvation wage."

GOVERNMENT BUREAU SHOWS AN INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT

A slight increase in the number of persons for whom jobs were found by the State-Federal employment bureau was noticeable last week over the preceding week, according to the report, issued yesterday, which showed 227 persons placed as compared with 206 the week preceding. Placements among skilled workmen and domestic help increased while those of unskilled and clerical and professional workers decreased.

The various bureaus reported placements as follows: Asheville 63, Bala 11, Charlotte 69, Raleigh 39, and Wilmington 64.

Comments were submitted by the bureaus as follows:

"Asheville—there has been very little change in employment conditions during the week. No building or construction work of any nature begun. Surplus of clerical help and unskilled labor. Demand for skilled labor fair."

"Charlotte—Conditions in general seem to be on the upward trend, some improvements shown in the demand for skilled labor, however, there was an increase of applicants for unskilled work and less demand than previous week. Supply and demand of domestic help about equal. Surplus of clerical workers with a fair demand considering conditions. Textile work at a standstill. No demand for farm labor."

"Raleigh—Large surplus of clerical workers and skilled labor. Owing to the Negro State Fair there were fewer applicants during the week than formerly. The demand for domestic help good. No demand for farm labor or textile workers. Very little construction work under way and building is very light."

"Wilmington—Fair demand for unskilled labor and skilled mechanics. Large surplus of clerical help with scarcely any demand. No demand for farm labor."

POSSUM DOGS TREE, KIDS FIRE THRICE, BEAR BITES THE DUST

(McDowell News)

It seems that possums are a bit scarce this season and that those that do roam the woods are wary creatures. Hunters though are willing to trudge the woods for hours and over miles of country for the fun of catching the "simmon" loving brute, maybe. Most of the old heads, however, are willing to stop an unfruitful hunt by midnight, but not so with the sport-loving youth.

Last Monday night three youngsters, Clyde Epley, aged 9; Clifford Day, aged 12, and a Morgan boy of about 12 summers, fared forth with a couple of good possum dogs in search of some fun as well as a nice, fat, night-loving marsupial. Luck was rotten and along about midnight even the pups were in the depths of despair. They couldn't find a trail that was under twenty-four hours old. The boys were determined not to come home empty-handed and continued the hunt.

Along about 1 o'clock the dogs struck a trail; not that of a possum, but they were too excited to impart this particular bit of knowledge to their master, and away they went with the kids following as fast as the rough ground and their short legs would permit. The dogs finally treed the possum well up in a fair sized tree, too large for them to cut. Young Day loaded his .22 rifle and banged away at the catlike eyes that glinted in the beams of his flashlight. Mr. Possum failed to come down and he shot twice more. On the last shot the animal wavered, lost his clutch on the tree and tumbled to the ground. It was the largest and the blackest possum that they had ever seen, only it wasn't a possum. It was a 75-pound black bear cub.

Dr. C. B. Baughman, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist, Johnson City, Tenn., will be in the office of Dr. J. B. Hagaman in Boone, on the first Monday in each month for the practice of his profession. 10-17-30

'Way Back When



"Nine-a-Minute Murphy," who held the world's speed record in 1899, at a recent meet of old bicyclists held at Cwynedd, Pa.

Funds Needed for the Support of Orphanages

Editor Watauga Democrat:

If you have the space to spare, kindly carry this brief reminder of the approach of Thanksgiving to your readers and thus contribute to a wider circulation of the appeal for liberal contributions to the various orphan homes of the State.

The needs of the homes were never so urgent as they are today and the citizens of the State are asked to rise to the dignity and demand of the hour by each doing his level best to help swell the orphanage treasury during the Thanksgiving period.

The pastors of churches, Sunday School superintendents, city officials, superintendents of schools and city schools, county officers, lawyers, doctors, business men, lodge officials, community clubs, farmers and housewives, wage earners and all other classes of our citizenship are requested to enlist in the effort to help the destitute and honor the lowly.

It is personal effort that usually brings results and special committees of churches, fraternal orders and community organizations, to bring the matter to the attention of the public, would be wise.

Those capable of estimating the value of the life of a child bereft of the blessings and comforts of a home should cheerfully enlist in this holy movement to provide means of sustenance for the orphanages during the long dreary months of the approaching winter.

The income of a day is suggested. Very respectfully,

M. L. SHIPMAN,
Chairman Publicity Com.,
Raleigh, N. C.

Sunday School Lesson

REV. SAMUEL D. PRICE, D. D.

International Sunday School Lesson
for November 9th
THOMAS—THE HONEST
DOUBTER

John xi. 14-16, xiv. 5-8; xx. 24-29
John xxi. 1-2

When a special name is related to a person it is hard to get away from it. That nickname may not characterize the individual with any fairness but be merely the emphasis on some peculiarity. It has been just that way in the case of Thomas during all of these 1900 years. He has been called the Doubter, and even that appellation is not altogether fair. Thomas, in fact, is a truly great character and deserves more recognition than is generally given to him.

It was toward the latter part of the ministry of Jesus, when he was in Berea, that word came from the sisters at Bethany that their brother Lazarus was sick unto death. At this point in His ministry there were increasing threats against His life by leaders in Jerusalem. All who were with Jesus were evidently pleased when no intention appeared of going to the help of Lazarus. But after two days Jesus said He was going there. Usually Peter was the impetuous spokesman. This time it was Thomas who declared, "We will go with you."

We know that he was not present with the Ten when Jesus came into their midst in the upper room on the evening of Resurrection Day. When these tremendous facts were narrated Thomas made his own terms for proof before he would be ready to accept their statements as truths. The next Sunday Jesus came into their midst and directly addressed Thomas, asking him to seek the proofs that he had called for—to feel of the nail prints and where the sword had been thrust in His side. The Presence was enough and Thomas gave a glorious declaration of faith as he asserted, "My Lord and My God."

Joe: "How were your grades last quarter?"
College: "Julius Verne."
Joe: "How's that?"
College: "Twenty thousand leagues under the C."

SPECIAL NOTICES

FOR RENT—Nice new five-room house in Daniel Boone Park, modern conveniences. See Edw. N. Hahn. 10-16-30

FOR SALE—Good cooking apples, 50c; unselected picked apples, 75c. Well-sprayed, clean fruit and a number of varieties. Rich Mountain Orchards, R. L. Baldwin, Manager, Zionville, N. C. 9-25-30

NINETY DISASTERS CALL FOR RED CROSS RELIEF, AT COST OF \$1,200,000

Vice Chairman Fieser Cites Readiness to Act of National Society, Which Lessens Loss of Life—3,500 Chapters Aid in Work.

Readiness to act in an emergency should a disaster strike, has become part of the Red Cross Chapter program in thousands of communities. The need for this training of local committees was revealed last year, when more than ninety communities required disaster relief work by the Red Cross.

As in former years, tornadoes brought the greatest damage. Twenty-four serious tornadoes occurred. Fire also took toll of life and property in twenty-four communities. Seven forest fires did great damage; eighteen areas were affected by floods, and nine storms caused heavy losses. Other disasters were earthquakes, epidemics, mine explosions and shipwrecks. In the insular possessions of the United States the Red Cross gave relief in twelve disasters, chiefly from hurricanes. In foreign countries relief was given by the American Red Cross in six instances of earthquakes, floods and to refugees.

The disaster relief work of the Red Cross cost \$1,208,181 last year. Statistics showed an approximate death rate of 750 persons in these disasters; buildings destroyed or damaged, 19,578; persons injured, 1,487, and persons assisted by the Red Cross, 96,872.

Through disaster preparedness of Red Cross Chapters, undoubtedly great numbers of lives were saved, and much distress and grief following the calamities was prevented, according to James L. Fieser, vice chairman in charge of domestic operations of the Red Cross.

"This type of work is supported by the membership of citizens of the United States, their volunteer contributions, and their devoted work," Mr. Fieser said.

"Every man and woman is urged to join as a member of the local Red Cross Chapter, not only to be a partner in supporting the work through his membership, but also to serve should an emergency occur."

Life Savers Numerous

More than a quarter of a million persons are entitled to wear the American Red Cross insignia, denoting they have been taught the expert life saving methods of the organization. The number enrolled to date is 273,202.

Six Foreign Countries Receive Red Cross Aid

Relief was given by the American Red Cross during the year in six foreign nations in disasters ranging from a tidal wave in Newfoundland, an earthquake in Persia; floods in France to help for refugees from Russia and prevention of a smallpox epidemic in Costa Rica.

The \$5,000 Red Cross contribution to Newfoundland, following the tidal wave, which took twenty-six lives and destroyed many homes and fishing boats, was the first from an outside country to reach the distressed people.

The sum of \$5,000 was given to the fund for the relief of the Memel refugees of German descent, who had determined to leave Russia for new lands. About 47,000 passed through Germany, where the German Red Cross, aided by Red Cross societies of other nations, helped them. The majority are being transported to new countries in the western world and the American Red Cross has transmitted contributions from individuals in this country.

When Costa Rica was menaced by a smallpox epidemic, the American Red Cross sent fifty thousand tubes of vaccine, in two airplane loads, undoubtedly saving the country from a serious outbreak of the dread disease.

NORTH CAROLINA'S CIGARETTE TAXES SHOW A BIG INCREASE

Washington.—The Internal Revenue Bureau has issued a comparative statement of internal revenue receipts from the tax on tobacco manufactures for the first nine months of the calendar years 1929 and 1930. The figures, given by states, indicates an expansion of the cigarette business, but no material change in the volume of business as it affects cigars, manufactured tobacco and snuff.

Cigarette manufactures in North Carolina, for the nine months period, paid the government, in internal revenue taxes, \$179,668,405.20, while for the same period, for the year previous, the same manufacturers paid \$168,497,536.95. The State paid \$88,534 tax on cigars.

The total tobacco tax for the first period was \$342,737,534 as compared to \$341,447,987 last year. The increase was due entirely to an advance in the cigarette tax, which jumped from \$271,671,338 last year to \$276,204,079 this year.

The tax collected on cigars declined approximately \$2,000,000 to \$14,306,687 while the tax on manufactured snuff dropped from \$52,384,109 to \$51,135,755 and the tax on cigarette papers increased from \$1,011,652 to \$1,091,011.

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