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## WHEN IGNORANCE IS BLISS.

We have been taken to task for our editorial in The Record last week about the consolidation of schools in Chatham county. Well, we expected to be. Everybody is not supposed to be of the same mind. However, we still maintain that it is not a good idea to move all the schools to town, and we further assert the necessity of leaving the decision to the folks that are involved. No removal of a school, no bond issue or any increase in taxes or other thing that might add to the expense or embarrassment of the country people should be undertaken unless they have a word to say about it.

We have been informed by the superintendent of Public Instruction that no action is ever taken without a majority vote of the district affected. An election is always held and in no instance has a truck ever been put on without an overwhelming majority voted for the proposition. This is according to our idea and we are glad to know the people have had a voice.

We acknowledge that we are ignorant on these matters, but as Smyth once said, "it is better to be dumb and healthy." When one is ignorant they believe everything is as it looks and when we are educated we know it ain't. The gem expert can't be happy with a green glass emerald set around with paste diamonds, because he knows. The educated musician can be made perfectly miserable by alleged popular songs and a finished artist suffers tortures looking at the pictures that we are satisfied with.

In the course of time we will all know more of the advantages of the consolidated schools, perhaps, and then we will be happy.

## IMPORTANT PHONE CALL.

Did you ever have one to tell you that someone was calling you personally on the telephone and wished to speak to you at once? Well, if you have, you know that satisfactory feeling within you that someone has something personally to say to you. You answer that phone with gladness and cheerfully talk to the party that is calling you.

In this paper is an individual call for every reader from many men who have advertisements for you to read. It is their telephone call to you and as they have no opportunity, neither the time, to call each of you personally on the telephone, they have bought advertising space from us to talk to you personally.

There is an important message in every advertisement in this paper and you should not lay the paper aside until you have read every one of them. It is as valuable as any reading matter in the paper.

The folks that advertise are the folks on whom you can rely. Business men who attempt to carry on affairs without advertising usually have shoddy, shoddy merchandise and their prices are not in keeping with modern times.

Read the ads now.

The presidential marble game has started. Senator Underwood, of Alabama, has thrown his hat in the ring. Uncle Henry Ford is waiting for the right kind of marble to shoot with. Hiram Johnson, of California, wants to shoot but is waiting for a better position to do so. Governor Smith, of New Jersey, made his shot a few days ago, but it was a wild one, and he is about out of the game, but are patiently waiting for the chance to knock out the middle man. It is probable that the death of president Harding will materially affect the whole situation.

It's no use saying that you can't learn a farmer new tricks, although some of these tricks should be punishable. Over in Mecklenburg county, farmers, so it is said, crowd a lot of bird shot in a chicken's craw to make the chicken weigh more. Next!



**BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY**  
Bible Thoughts memorized, will prove a priceless heritage in after years.

## It Profiteth Nothing.

Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.—1 Cor. 13-3.

## KNOW YOUR COUNTRY.

When addressing the senate of the State of New Jersey, in 1861, Lincoln said: "May I be pardoned if, on this occasion, I mention that away back in my childhood I got hold of a small book—'Weems' Life of Washington.' I remember all the account there given of the battle fields and struggles for the liberties of the country, and none fixed themselves upon my imagination so deeply as the struggle here at Trenton, New Jersey. The crossing of the river, the contests with the Hessians, the great hardships endured at that time, all fixed themselves in my mind more than any single Revolutionary event. I recollect think then, boy even though I was, that there must have been something more than common that these men struggled for. I am exceedingly anxious that that thing shall be perpetuated in accordance with the original idea for which that struggle was made."

Freedom in life, liberty and pursuit of happiness was the "something" which Lincoln referred to in these lines.

What do the political parties and advocates of government ownership and increased regulation of private and industrial activity promise the people that would equal, or in any way compare with the ideals which Washington and Lincoln struggled to maintain? Think it over.

## AUGUST.

Named for the most royal of the Caesars, "Who found Rome brick and left it marble." August marks the zenith of summer and the glory of nature. As is true of many great public events, there is misconception as to August and as to what it means. No other month could fittingly bear the name. Unrivaled, alone, easily without peer or suggestion of one, fruits, flowers, trees, grasses, even the star-strewn heavens, all confer distinction on August, nothing less than the accolade of nature.

Promise of spring is here full-blown; hint of disaster has revealed the worst that disaster could bring when August rolls around.

As yet no poet or chronicler, not even Prof. McCants, whose love of Red Hills may not be challenged by any, has seen fit to give August its due in the Piedmont country. The wheat stubble is sown thick with grasses in which the luscious young doves foregather. Fruits and melons are ripe; the yellow leg hill chicken has gotten his flavor from fig and other fruits and his doom is nigh; long, shady piazzas are filled with girls in white dresses and blue sashes, or other things that harmonize with the charm of womanhood; there are picnics and that most precious possession derived from Saxon forebears, the barbecue, which had its origin in America in the old ninety-six district—all these and more sunk in a haze of youth and dreams, touched always with sunsets in the Red Hills that have their like nowhere; what a realm of enchantment for a poet. Prof. McCants should devote at least a chapter of his next book to the Up-Country August.

The coast, likewise, has its charm at this season. Shrimp come in from the outer garden of ocean, from somewhere on the sea floor. Curlews sigh; tides grow stronger; bass rise; fishing of all sorts is at its best. The oyster gets himself steeped in a creamy flavor, redolent of more good things than the world is popularly thought to possess. Breezes freshen from far away isles in mid-ocean and bring inshore the odor of palms, whose fronds might sway beneath the Southern Cross. The rice bird comes South on his annual pilgrimage, to be followed by the rail. Summer ducks become numerous and the sportsman can resist no longer, but risks everything for the fine sport. The fur hunters give the raccoon something to think about from now until next fall and far into the winter.

The season for shooting deer opens and the woods are filled with hunters and with buckshot; likewise with every kind of dog known to man.

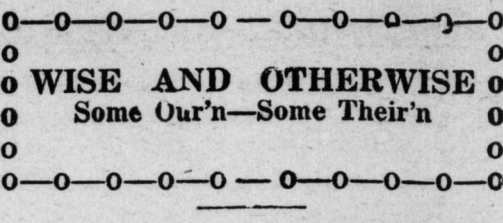
The fishermen along the strand begin to get ready for business and soon for one hundred and fifty miles the shore line will be swarming with fishermen catching mullet and salting them for the trade. All fruit is at its best.

Space forbids, but the tale is not half told. Some other time and some other hand must see and do the telling. But there is enough told to show that August merits its royal name, and has, on the coast, enough to ate even great Caesar, first of Roman emperors, when Imperial Rome was Mistress of the World.

## VALUATION OF PROPERTY.

Chatham Has a Total Valuation of \$12,295,147.00.

Township	Polls	Acres	Total
Center	356	38,269	1,331,908
Cape Fear	211	31,160	1,223,510
Albright	190	31,435	611,735
Baldwin	215	25,607	704,839
Bear Creek	373	51,722	1,202,390
Gulf	385	44,439	1,455,504
Hadley	166	28,730	586,243
Haw River	126	11,793	470,127
Hickory Mt.	309	29,213	864,127
Matthews	477	41,802	1,784,821
New Hope	241	40,171	854,493
Oakland	129	20,219	387,089
Williams	254	35,752	863,567
Total	3432	439,791	\$12,295,147



**WISE AND OTHERWISE**  
Some Our'n—Some Their'n

All scholars are self-educated but some have more outside help than others.

Confidence and money can be misplaced into some other fellow's keeping.

No man is half so humorous all the time as the man who is always serious.

Now that the audit has been completed we don't give a cuss what the weather man does.

Arithmetic has been changed—if 3 big factories be added to four other factories it makes a trust.

Right your wrongs while you are young and tender, don't nurse them until they are old and tough.

Pretty women do more to influence the morality of this world than all the conscience from the time of Adam.

It must be a smooth highway for one to carry an overloaded stomach without upsetting the gastric economy.

**A LARGE CROP OF WHEAT.**  
Corn and Tobacco Good—Local and Personal Items From Bennett.

Bennett, August 6.—Three new comers in town lately to the homes of Mr. Hal Routh, a fine boy; Mr. M. M. Murray, a fine girl; and Mr. Dewey Brewer, a fine boy.

Protracted meetings are in progress in this section now. A series closed at the Baptist church here Friday night, resulting in the best meeting the church has felt. Rev. John E. Ayscue, pastor at Carthage, did the preaching, and he presented the plain gospel truth.

Revival services began at the following Baptist churches in this section Sunday: Tysor Creek, Beulah and Coleridge. The writer attended the services at Tysors Creek and heard Rev. Victor Andrews, who is pastor of a Louisville, Ky., church. He preached an excellent sermon.

Mrs. Della Brady and two children, of Greensboro, have returned home after a week's visit to relatives and friends.

Mr. J. H. Scott and wife have returned to their home in Greensboro, after spending ten days here attending meeting at their church.

Dr. H. A. Denson and wife made a trip to Raleigh last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones visited her parents at Randleman Sunday.

Mr. Ed. S. Phillips and wife and Mr. P. C. Brady and wife visited at the home of Mr. J. D. Stone Sunday, meeting there Mr. J. M. Wicker and family, of Goldston, and Mr. Joe Whitehead and Mr. O. Marley and their families, of Ramseur.

The B. & W. Railway has completed its side track to be used by the Standard Oil Co., who is putting in a wholesale distributing station here.

Mr. Willie Murray who has been sick for several weeks, and who has been in the hospital in Asheboro, is improving and is now able to be walking around.

Eating water melons and pitching horse shoes and little tots taking orders for tin cans, hair brushes and gimlets is the side line go in this section now.

Mr. J. E. Jones, near Bennett, made the largest crop of wheat in the wheat section this year, making over four hundred bushels. Messrs Jones & Co., threshed over nine thousand bushels of wheat this season.

With the good showers, corn and tobacco are looking particularly fine in this section. In fact, seems to be the best looking crops that have been raised around here in a long time.

Cros ties and lumber continue to come to market, the buyers handling from two to three cars each day during the summer months. There is every prospect that the business will be doubled this fall.

Government agents have been here for several days locating power sites on Deep river. They report satisfactory results and that there are many good sites for power plants.

BEN-NET.

## THE FARMER'S PICNIC AUG. 16.

Don't forget the Farmer's picnic to be held in Pittsboro on Thursday, August 16th. Addresses will be made by Mr. U. B. Blalock, general manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative Association, Miss Nora Bradford, Home Demonstration Agent and others.

There will also be singing, and above all, a big dinner will be one of the big events of the day. Let everyone come and bring baskets.

Mr. John A. Park, of Raleigh, will be the song leader, and our people will hear some good singing. Miss Ethel Johnson, of Pittsboro, will assist Mr. Park.

## A GOOD LIST OF GOOD FRIENDS.

The following good people have subscribed for the paper since we corrected our list last week, and we highly appreciate every one of them: J. E. Neal, R. L. Buckner, James Campbell, R. H. Marks, J. W. Dark, W. H. Foushee, J. A. Harris, W. M. Burns, W. P. Farrell, D. S. Copeland, C. R. Beal, L. A. Tysor, Mrs. J. A. Thomas, Rev. W. E. Allen, S. M. Wilson, Mrs. H. H. Paterson, O. M. Buckner, Nancy Siler, W. G. Adeock, W. L. Siler, Rufus Farrar, W. J. Bland, Mrs. Sallie Thomas, R. B. Kidd, Palmer Brewer, F. R. Mann, Miss Janie T. Clegg, R. B. Oldham, J. D. Jones, Mrs. N. E. Bland, D. W. Tally, Louise Brooks, N. McK. Baie, Donah Oldham, W. W. Burke, D. A. Dixon, Walter Taylor, J. F. Carter, M. W. Harris and Simon Alston.

All of these will receive also The Southern Planter, published at Richmond, Va. We have a few of these papers left and to those that subscribe or renew first they will be sent.

## LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

We hear on every hand the demand for dormitories for high schools. This demand is made chiefly because board including room rent, heat and light, is so much cheaper than in private homes. But even the dormitory is not the cheapest way of going through high school. I hear frequently from people in the Pittsboro high school section of the county that you need dormitories to accommodate the high school girls and boys of the community. That may be true but the people of this section can send their children to Pittsboro cheaper than by boarding them in a dormitory. After observing for several years the cost of light housekeeping, on the part of the students, I have come to the conclusion that the cheapest way of sending students to high school is for them to do their own housekeeping. Does this interfere with their studies and their due recreation? The record of the girls who have attended our school for the past eight years and who have done their cooking, has been equal to the record of those who did not have that extra work. Yet they have ample time for outdoor recreation. They are in school six hours—leaving ten hours for recreation, study and housekeeping. Do they need any more?

By students doing their work they can bring the cost of board, which is the great item in high school education, within sixty or seventy per cent of the cost of board in the dormitory. By this means the farmers who make up the great majority of the people of this county, can utilize their own home made products. This is easier than turning their products into cash on the market and then turn the cash into paying board.

Pittsboro high school has no dormitories, but the town has a large number of good homes at which rooms can be secured for light housekeeping. With our new school building, I want the people of this community who are able to do high school work to take advantage of the increased opportunities which it offers. Let us do our part to increase the high school attendance of this section.

Our state high school inspector says that there were between forty and fifty thousand students in the high schools last year when there were 250,000 of high school age who should have been in attendance.

EARL R. FRANKLIN.

## FIVE MILLION DOLLARS IN DEBT

A. J. Maxwell Wins in His Contention That State is Far Behind.

The auditors that audited the affairs of the state of North Carolina at a cost of forty-three thousand dollars, had made an admission that if three million dollars of borrowed money had not been listed as "revenue" in its audit report of the state's finances that the deficit would have been \$5,132,087. Thus the six months controversy between governor Morrison and corporation commissioner A. J. Maxwell comes to a close, Maxwell having won his argument and clearly proven that the state of North Carolina is running behind its revenue, and there is now a deficit of more than five million dollars.

## Chronology of Controversy.

February 2—Maxwell issues statement charging treasury report shows deficit of \$5,000,000 instead of surplus of \$2,400,000 claimed by governor Morrison.

February 3—"It is not the truth and I demand that this man Maxwell be exposed in this slander of the State whose bread he eats," declares Morrison to the General Assembly. An investigation committee named.

February 5—Morrison issues statement declaring Maxwell an enemy of humanity. Senator W. L. Long named chairman of investigating committee.

February 6—Former senator A. M. Scaler, head of educational expansion committee, demands that appropriations be increased. Demands to know whose "messenger" Maxwell is.

February 10-17—Scott-Charnley and Co., invited to audit State's books and decline after preliminary survey. Price Waterhouse and Co., of New York, retained.

February 14—Speaker Dawson, with report that audit cannot be completed before April 1, nips in bud a formidable movement for adjournment or General Assembly until report is made.

February 27—Appropriations bill reported from committee, carrying appropriations of \$15,335,200 as against \$11,595,900 made in 1921.

July 1—Audit completed; force leaves city.

July 20—Investigating committee gives out statement of deficit of \$36,000. Audit statement declares deficit of \$796,000.

July 21—"Statement speaks for itself," declares Morrison.

July 22—Maxwell renews position that there is deficit of five million on basis of published reports of Treasury condition given out by committee, on balance sheet, Exhibit "A."

July 25—Maxwell responsible for deficit, declares Morrison. Says Commissioner drew revenue law, and if it is inadequate, he is to blame.

July 26—"I drew revenue bill but not appropriation bill," declares Maxwell.

July 27—"Maxwell dodging issue; appropriation bill was drawn first," replies Morrison.

July 28—Maxwell challenges Morrison to call General Assembly to rectify mistakes.

July 31—Actual figures of audit given out showing deficit of two million dollars on December 31, 1922. Maxwell finds three million borrowed money listed as revenues.

August 1—Maxwell demands explanation of auditors for listing borrowed money as revenues.

August 5—Auditors admit deficit, with all borrowed listed, to be five million dollars.

August 6—News and Observer, Raleigh, says: "It is height of folly to proclaim great progress and then try to get by without letting the taxpayers know what it is costing."

When politicians meet each wait for the other to speak.

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You have probably heard many times about Dream Books—but did you ever think of your Bank Book as a Dream Book that will make your dreams come true? Well, it will—if you do your share to help by adding certain amount to your account regularly each pay day. Start an Account right now—a dollar or more will do it—and then watch your dreams become a reality.

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# We WELCOME Our Friends

The many Chatham County people that have recently purchased goods from us have been welcome indeed. It is a great pleasure to us to have you call. We have been in business in Sanford for many years and folks everywhere have become convinced that "it is what we say it is" and this alone is a bed rock of our reputation. Remember us when in Sanford and call to see us whether you buy or not. Let's get acquainted.

"IT'S WHAT WE SAY IT IS." W. F. CHEARS. SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA.

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Write for Circular. Come !!

# Wilkins-Ricks Company, Sanford N. C.

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# August Specials

Below are listed a few of our many good buying items for the month of August beginning the first day. LL Sheeting by 50 yard bolts, 13 1-2c. Overalls, 220 good grade, \$1.50. Carhart's, \$2.00. Men's Chambray Shirts, extra quality, 85 large sizes, 95c. Anderson Fast colors, 32 inch Gingham, 20c. per yard. Men's Shoes, \$1.50 and up. Children's Shoes, 98c. to \$1.89. Ladies Shoes, \$1.50 and up. Some good Trunks at the right prices. Each Monday during the month we will sell 5 lbs. sugar for 25c, with each \$5.00 purchase. Each Thursday during the month we will sell 10 yards LL Sheeting for 75c. with each \$10. purchase. We pay 5c. extra for cross ties in trade. C. L. BROWER & COMPANY, Dealer in Quality Merchandise. SILER CITY, NORTH CAROLINA.