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The editor of the Record regrets the passing of Congressman Hammer as a friend and a fellow newspaper man. The tribute paid him at the funeral service by Editor Josephus Daniels and Congressman R. L. Doughton were of the highest possible character. The outpouring of thousands to his funeral also bespoke the love and esteem of those who have had best opportunities to know Mr. Hammer. He was a man who made friends and held them. The editor was glad to hold him in that rank, and very much sympathizes with his good wife and daughter in their sore bereavement.

Buying books and shoes for the children is a serious problem to many a poor farmer this fall. We heard one say Monday that he simply could not pay even \$4 or \$5 for books needed by his children, and that as for shoes it looked as if he would have to buy shoes for two of them and let them cut wood to keep the others warm. The only alternative, he said, is to mortgage his little farm, and he cannot afford that, as he feels that to retain the farm to make a living for the children is more important than sending them to school this winter. Fortunately, he made a good wheat crop and corn crop, but money wherewith to pay taxes and buy books, shoes, and clothing is the problem.

The recommendation that the state aid to mothers be doubled is one that meets our utter approval. Orphanages and poor houses can be abolished when widows, the aged, and the disabled receive comparatively small pensions. Any occupant of the Chatham county home can be boarded in a home of the kind to which he or she has been accustomed and would probably enjoy most for practically the cost of shelter at the county home. The very \$4,000 covering interest on the construction cost, plus the cost of upkeep, would come near boarding thirty old people.

Instead of our telling Record readers about the Battle of King's Mountain, the 150 anniversary of which is to be celebrated next Tuesday, let us suggest that you take up a North Carolina history and read all about it. It was a very important battle, but we should say that the victory there was not of equal significance with that Moore's Creek Bridge, without which it is doubtful if there would have been any declaration of independence on the 4th of July 1776, or any battle of King's Mountain in 1780. The victory at Moore's Creek Bridge prevented the early overrunning of North Carolina by the British and the utter elimination of South Carolina and Georgia from successful participation in the Revolution. Moore's Creek Bridge was the most important battle fought in the South, when its true significance is taken into account. So let's not get history twisted while magnifying the victory at King's Mountain.

President Hoover will come to the celebration of the 150 anniversary of the Battle of King's Mountain next Tuesday. It is feared that he will not take time to visit the birthplace of his ancestors in Randolph county. The homing instinct in some folk is very weak. When "Uncle Joe" Cannon was finally persuaded to visit his birthplace in Guilford county he had enough of it within a few moments. Mr. Hoover could run down to Randolph almost any week-end if the homing instinct were strong enough to induce him to slip off from his mountain cabin unknown to reporters.

What is a state auditor for unless to audit? Auditor Durham could have saved the \$16,000 pension money lost in Guilford county, or the most of it, by a simple comparison of the pension list with the vital statistics for Guilford county, and that would seem his only means of keeping a check upon the pension funds sent to the clerk of court. But that is sufficient, and so simple that a fifteen-year old boy could make the check. Only such pensioners as may have died beyond the limits of the county would thus be unchecked, and by using the vital statistics for the whole state practically all those except those dying out of the state would be checked. The Sampson case should thoroughly have put Mr. Durham upon the job.

No doubt Dr. Jacocks, who was elected secretary of the State Board of Health to succeed the late Dr. Laughinghouse, is well versed in health work, after his experience in America and India, which latter country he has worked for ten or fifteen years as a representative of the Rockefeller Foundation. However, we are still confident that Dr. George M. Cooper is better prepared to administer the work of the State Board of Health. Dr. Cooper knows the work of the Board and the needs of North Carolina from a to a zizzard. However, what is done is done, and peace is assured.

What a bunch of high-priced men are up at Greensboro examining the stable from which the horse has been stolen! A little bit of care before hand would have saved the necessity for the present expenditures, as well as the loss of the pension funds, if there is really any necessity for such an array of auditors and lawyers. It didn't take any such hurrah down in Sampson to determine the amount of defalcations of the defaulting clerk. Mr. Humber came down for a few days, we recall, but we do not remember seeing any such bunch of auditors and lawyers detailed to that case as is now running up an expense account at Greensboro. As far as the pension matter alone is concerned, anybody could find the losses by a comparison of the pension lists and the vital statistics, except in possibly a few cases of identity of names.

We have the highest respect for both Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Hammer, but we do not desire to see the important position of congressmen bandied about as playthings. We need to get some men in congress who will begin a deep study of economic principles. Doubtless, the ladies in question could attend to the details of the jobs for a few months; but the fact that congressmen have become mere clerks and waiting boys for their districts is one of the reasons that we see no really important thought given to the world's economic problems.

We have had a spell of reading Thackeray recently and have been struck with the occurrence of the saying "tell it to the marines" and other expressions which one might imagine to be of more recent inventions. Another thing we discover: Thackeray managed to get along without the use of that recent popular double conjunctive "when and if" (or is it "if and when"), which came into current use in North Carolina newspapers subsequently to the Al Smith campaign. We'll give any one a dollar who'll cite the use of that abomination in Thackeray, Dickens, Shakespeare, Milton, Carlyle, or any other older English classic. Any one of those worthies certainly knew how to express ideas clearly and definitely. We will risk the dollar in order to know definitely whether there is any authority for the thing. Within the last month we find occurring "unless and until".

The appearance of the word "community" instead of "country" in an article last week made it appear that we might have "over-swollen fortunes" in Pittsboro and vicinity, but we hardly think so.

The editor of the Record extends sincerest sympathy to Herbert Peele, editor of the Elizabeth City Advance, and Joe Peele, editor of the Edenton paper, in the death of their honored father, Rev. R. E. Peele. The father was one of our best friends and a pastor of earlier days. He was a most profound thinker, yet a man of striking humor. We have heard him preach some of the ablest sermons we ever heard and some of the funniest, yet withal effective. He was unhampered by conventions. We recall seeing him choose a text and start his sermon and deliberately quit and say that "text will not preach" and choose another and go to it. He was as ugly as Cal Desern or Floyd Womble, but he was used to it and made a joke of his lack of pulchritude. It was related of him that, when pastor of one of the Wilmington churches, he met an utter stranger on the streets of that city, deliberately stopped him, pulled a key from his pocket and handed to the stranger with the remark that he was given that to keep till he should see an uglier man. Mr. Peele was 78 years of age when he died Monday. His last pastorate was at Clarksville, Va., where he was buried. He was a brother of the late scholarly W. J. Peele, a Raleigh lawyer for many years.

Wonder if there is still surviving in Chatham county a single bona-fide owner of slaves sixty-six years ago? It will be of interest to know who is, or was, the last man or woman in the county to have actually owned another human being.



Farm Notes

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News of the Week on Chatham County Farms

Cotton Fields in County White With Fleecy Lint

The hot weather during the past three weeks is keeping Chatham county gins busy, ginning cotton. In spite of the late start, to which cotton was subjected in the county this year, the crop is opening at a more rapid rate than we have ever seen it, and most farmers concede a better cotton crop in the county this year than any time during the past three years.

Poisoned Cotton Versus Unpoisoned Cotton

Rudie Johnson, colored tenant farmer on the farm of Mr. N. J. Dark of Siler City RFD, made only two bales of cotton on eleven acres this year, while Nume Milliken, another colored farmer on the same farm has already picked out three bales on six acres and has at a low estimate, two more bales yet to pick—the difference is due to poisoning. Nume's cotton had four applications of dust for control of the boll weevil while Rudie did not poison. Nume will "pay out" this year, while Rudie will have to do extra work this winter to pay for provisions and fertilizer.

Moncure Farmer Lives at Home

Mr. Charlie Wilkie, Moncure RFD No. 1, stated recently that with four good cows, he has made more clear money than he has ever made with cotton and other cash crops. "The day of hiring farm labor and farming successfully in this section has passed," declared Mr. Wilkie. "I am seeding my farm in soil-improving legumes and pastures, and hereafter, I expect to devote the major part of my time to growing feed for my livestock." Mr. Wilkie knows whereof he speaks. He has long been known as a successful farmer who has the building up of his soil first in mind. He has five acres seeded in lespedeza this year, ten acres in pasture, seven acres in soy beans and a good corn crop made. Mr. Wilkie expects to seed additional acreage in lespedeza this winter.

Good Dry Weather Corn Crop

Mr. Marvin Melver, prominent Corinth farmer, has five acres of upland corn that is as good as any we have seen, considering the soil and weather conditions. The corn is well filed out, and most of the stalks have two ears. Mr. Melver plants a yellow variety of corn.

"FARM PHILOSOPHY"

It is a wise farmer that knows to plant cover crops early and acts on his knowledge.

A half dozen good milk cows with good feeding and care will go far towards supporting the average-size family.

As to quality, cotton is a perishable crop, and no bale should go unprotected.

We were rather startled to find that we had used in a serious paragraph last week the word "tell" for "perceive". We discovered that we have been using it all our life in that sense, and presume that it is generally so used, colloquially at least. The interesting thing is to account for such use.

State Auditor Durham, it would seem, may be justly held responsible for negligence which permitted the loss of pension money in Guilford county. It took this editor only a few minutes to discover 30 dead pensioners on the state auditor's pension roll for Sampson county when the clue as to the stealings of the Sampson clerk had been received. With the vital statistics for each county available to the Auditor and with the example of the easy stealings of the Sampson clerk in mind, the continued loss of pension money in Guilford, or any other county, is utterly inexcusable on the part of the state auditor. We have never fully excused Mr. Durham and his predecessors for the Sampson stealings, since the fact that practically no deaths of pensioners in Sampson were reported should have given a sufficient hint of the rottenness up the creek.

It is good news that Florida oranges, grapefruit, and lemons may come to North Carolina after October 15th without having been stewed as for the last year or two. No fruit flies have been seen in Florida, it is stated, within nearly a year. The cure, Floridians doubtless think, was as bad as the disease could ever have been. Good Florida oranges will be a treat.

It is very evident that little will be done for the tobacco growers through the organization of a co-operative association this year. A few weeks more and the tobacco will be sold.

Winter Legumes Make Feed and Build Farm Incomes

With the low price of cotton, more attention must be given to lowering the cost of its production and to the building up of other sources of farm income winter cover crops will fill both of these objectives.

The low price of cotton is discouraging, but the price of winter cover crop seed has come down almost in proportion to the price of cotton. Last winter, a pound of 18 cent cotton bought one and one half pounds of Austrian winter Peas. At present, one pound of ten cent cotton will purchase one and one half pounds of peas. Winter legumes conserve and save from loss much residual fertilizer and collect large amounts of nitrogen from the air. When the crop is turned under the following crop is increased by the fertilizing value of the legume and the soil is put in a condition to use more efficiently any fertilizer that may be applied.

As a grazing or hay crop, winter legumes and the grains furnish the finest feeds for poultry, cows and hogs. The products of these animals can readily be turned into cash.

Early Planting of Oats Necessary For High Yields

In a time-of-planting test at Clemson College, the Oct. 1st planting of oats gave a yield of 54.8 bushels per acre, Oct. 5th, 42.8 bushels per acre, and the Nov. 15th planting gave a yield of only 18 bushels of oats per acre. It is probably that in this section, the yield of oats is reduced more from late seedings than

any other one factor. The late planting does not permit the establishment of well developed root systems before cold weather; consequently, the stand is reduced or killed out by cold weather. If by any means possible, oats should be seeded by October 15.

TIMELY CHATHAM COUNTY FARM TOPICS

Hay Will Be Scarce and High This Year and Next, Plan Now for Winter Feed.

At the risk of becoming monotonous, we are calling Chatham county farmers' attention again to the importance of making adequate preparations now for ample winter feed and food crops. It is a pitiful thing at best for a farmer in this section to be forced to buy rough feed, but when one buys it this year, it will be doubly bad, as good hay will be scarce and at least a third higher than it has been any time during the past ten years. In view of this fact, farmers should take advantage of the adaptability of winter hay crops to this county. A combination of vetch and barley, or vetch and oats, makes an excellent hay, high in feed value. Sow now at the rate of 2 bushels per acre of oats and 20 pounds of vetch; be sure that you inoculate your vetch in case vetch has not been on the land before. Do not wait until after Oct. 15 to seed this mixture. Fertilizing it at the rate of 300 pounds per acre of an 8-4-4 or 10-4-4 fertilizer will pay well. Barley may be substituted for oats in this feeding combination, or one may seed one bushel of barley, one bushel of oats, and 20 pounds of vetch. Two bushels of oats per acre will make fair rough feed next year, or one may seed two bushels of beardless barley per acre with good results. Austrian Winter Peas seeded at the same rate as vetch with grain will also make excellent feed. If you are short on your corn crop this year, make up this shortage with beardless barley, seeded for

threshing at the rate of one and one half bushels to two bushels per acre. Barley yields considerably better than wheat, and has about 85 percent of the feed value of corn.

Cattle Now on Pasture Should Be Fed Some Grain

Pastures have been greatly damaged during the past month by the hot dry weather and are not now sufficient to carry cattle. All cattle on pasture now should be fed some grain. For dairy cattle a mixture of 400 pounds corn and cob meal, 300 pounds cotton seed meal, 200 pounds wheat bran and 100 pounds of ground oats makes an excellent combination for milk production. Amount of this mixture to be fed is to be judged by production of the cow.

Cattle Produce More Milk on Winter Pasture

The farmer who now sows Abruzzi rye or a mixture of Abruzzi rye and Barley for pasture for his cattle will find that it will pay big dividends in increased milk flow in December, January and February. In addition to increasing the milk flow, succulent pastures keep cows in good physical condition. Seed Abruzzi rye at the rate of one and one half to two bushels per acre, and beardless barley at the same rate. Equal parts of rye and barley seeded, makes a good pasture combination.

On Saving Lespedeza Seed

With five thousand acres in Lespedeza in this county, there is no reason why some of this acreage should not begin paying dividends from the production of Lespedeza seed. If your lespedeza is 8 to 12 inches high, it is high enough to probably be heavier than if the lespedeza seed, and the seed crop will be higher. Lespedeza seed pans for saving seed are cheaply installed on mowing machines, the cost being only \$7.50. These pans fit behind the cutter bar, and as the lespedeza is cut, the seed shatter in these pans.

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