

Under normal conditions the land which farmers carry is burdensome enough, but under recessionary conditions, such as exist now, the burden becomes so excessive as to be unbearable without financial disaster.

Governor Morrison announced the appointment Saturday of Col. A. D. Watts, of Statesville, as commissioner of revenue under the act creating this office.

When President Wilson went into office in 1912 only fourth-class post-offices were under Civil Service. Eventually he broadened this by executive order to include second, third and even first-class offices.

If farm lands should be valued for taxation according to the income—the net value of crops produced—should not the same method be applied to manufacturing plants and industries of that character and to buildings for rent? We all know that there are periods of depression in which manufacturing industries are shut down for lack of business, or are run at a loss or simply break even.

Senator Tom Watson is authority for the statement that "eighteen hundred palatial, luxurious private cars are on the sidetrack at Palm Beach and the superb yachts of the millionaires pass up and down the coast, or rest at ease in the harbors; the latest thing in limousines is parked by the thousands, from Tampa to Miami, and such a golden stream of money never before deluged the pleasure houses and grounds of Florida."

It is predicted that one of the greatest peach crops in the history of the industry will be raised in the sandhills country this year. It seems that the crop has not been seriously damaged by the cold weather. It is stated that it will be necessary to thin the fruit from the trees by hand.

Thrift Commandments

The ten thrift commandments are constantly being printed for the benefit of the unthrifty, and they apply to all alike—

Work and earn. Make a budget. Record expenditures. Have a bank account. Carry life insurance. Own your own home. Make a will. Invest in reliable securities. Pay your bills promptly. Share with others.

Recently London Opinion, in a thrift article, named "The Success Family," as follows: The father of success is work. The mother of success is ambition. The oldest son is common sense.

Work and thrift are for every day and everybody. There is no shifting of a personal responsibility. Get the Thrift Commandments by heart, and put them to work.

Longer by four days than the term of any other American who has held the office of Secretary of the United States Navy was the tenure of office of Josephus Daniels, according to a recent issue of the Army and Navy Register.

"When Secretary Daniels turned his office over to his successor last Saturday afternoon he completed two full terms as Secretary of the Navy. But once before in American history has a Secretary of the Navy served a similar period, this being Gideon Welles, Lincoln's war Secretary, who served from 1861 to 1869.

Formulation of a program designed to aid the cotton interests in reviving export trade was begun at a conference in Washington Monday between representatives of bankers from twelve Southern States and Secretaries Hoover and Mellon, as well as Governor Harding, of the Federal Reserve Board, and directors of the War Finance Corporation.

A committee was named by the conference to pursue further studies of plans to create local or sectional banking syndicates, which would serve as agencies to combine the financial strength of interests in the cotton crop.

In some counties of the State the new law governing marriages is playing havoc with the license business. Many couples who have been turned away on account of not having health certificates from physicians, have hid themselves away to South Carolina where the health test is not imposed, and were married down there.

BIRTH RATE UPSETS THEORY

With Pure-Bred Americans of North Carolina Leading With the Highest Birth Rate Known in This Country, There is Proof That the Anglo-Saxon Stock Will Not "Breed Out" for the Lack of New Blood and Prolificness.

The highest birth rate in the Union and one of the lowest death rates, combine to explain North Carolina's rapid increase in population, for we have had little immigration, according to the February bulletin of the State Board of Health. The birth rate in North Carolina for 1920 was 32.8 per thousand—not merely the highest in the Union, but the highest ever recorded in this country.

These figures upset some theories that had gained pretty general credence. For instance, we have been assured that the only really prolific element in American life is the immigrant element. We have been assured that the old American stock constantly tends to diminish, and is gradually being replaced by the newer importations, because the primitive vigor of the original British and Teutonic strains has weakened as economic conditions improved.

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Undoubtedly, though, the thing on which the State has most reason to pride itself is the showing made in the matter of the death rate. That is now down to 12.9 per thousand, well below the average for the United States. But it ought to be lower.

Why Not Work Our Criminals at Home? There is talk of establishing a chain gang in Lee county so that the county can get the benefit of the labor of criminals who are given road sentences by our courts. Why send our criminals to other counties to serve their sentences when their labor is needed on our own roads?

Let their neighbors see blockades and bootleggers serving time on the chain gang and their punishment will be keener and it will do more to restrain them from committing crimes than any penalty that could be visited upon them. Put every man found guilty of blockading to building roads in the county and Sheriff Rosser and his deputies will not have to spend half of their time in the woods destroying stills and running down the bootleggers.

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Table listing land parcels with names, acreage, and amounts. Includes entries for Greenwood Township, Cape Fear Township, and Deep River.

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My dear mother, I am writing you this letter to tell you that I am still here and well. I am still here and well. I am still here and well. I am still here and well.

The Open Road

As I understand it, one notion that opponents of farmers' organizations have got to get out of their heads is that the farmer wants an artificially boosted price for his produce. What he's after is just an honest price and an open road to market.

The Country Gentleman

In next week's issue is a most helpful article which discusses plans for cooperative marketing, not only locally, but at the terminal market points. I wish all you farmers could read it.

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