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Federal census report figures show that a little more than a third of the farms in North Carolina are mortgaged. To be exact 37.18 per cent. This was the figure for 1930, which was an increase over the year 1920 by 6.23 per cent. The report shows that 279,708 farms were operated in the State during the year 1930 which was an increase of 945 over the year 1920. These figures show that agriculture is still a very large industry in North Carolina and probably always will be so.

PUBLICITY FOR BEAUFORT

A recent Sunday edition of the Philadelphia Inquirer gave Beaufort some nice publicity which no doubt our citizens will appreciate. The Inquirer is a newspaper with large circulation and prestige and of course an article like the one referred to necessarily attracts attention.

The article in the Inquirer was occasioned by an automobile tour recently mapped out by the "Keystone Automobile Club," a Philadelphia institution. This tour comes south via Baltimore, Washington, Richmond, Petersburg, Elizabeth City, Edenton, Windsor, New Bern and ends at Beaufort. From here the return trip to Philadelphia goes by way of Raleigh, Greensboro, Roanoke, the Shenandoah Valley, Hagerstown, Lancaster. As the Inquirer says this route goes through a section "rich in historical interest" and besides there is much in the way of fine scenery to be viewed. We hope that a good many Philadelphians will be moved to take this trip and that they will not travel so fast that they will miss many of the worthwhile sights as motorists often do.

BEAUFORT GOES FORWARD

The town of Beaufort seems to be about to do something that will be very helpful and which might well be followed by some other towns and counties if they can. That is to say Beaufort is paying her debts and making a good start towards restoring her credit which has been somewhat impaired. Beaufort is very fortunate in that it has not been necessary to borrow money to pay debts. That sort of paying is just a temporary expedient and while it helps sometimes, it does not really meet the demands of the situation. The debts here are not being paid out of borrowed money. Beaufort converted a non-productive asset into actual cash and is paying debts with it. And now if no new debts are created for the next five years Beaufort citizens will not have to go to bed at night wondering how they are going to pay their taxes.

COTTON ACREAGE REDUCTION

North Carolina farmers very wisely reduced their acreage in cotton this year. They did this without being forced to do it by law. Some of the other states, Texas in particular, increased their cotton acreage. The second largest crop in history was raised and this fact combined with the general depression in business have forced prices for cotton down to below cost of production. If another such crop should be raised next year cotton might go to two or three cents a pound. Of course the cotton acreage ought to be cut and cut heavily at that. If a man gets as much money for ten bales of cotton as he can for twenty he is a fool to raise twenty. But folks are prone to do the things they ought not to do.

ENGLISH SUPREMACY IS A THING OF THE PAST

There was a time when England, and to some extent Scotland and Ireland, was the work shop of the world. France has never been a very great manufacturing country and it was only in comparatively recent times that the United States and Germany have built up their manufacturing business to the point where it could compete with the English manufacturers. Russia and Italy hardly competed at all. Now it is all quite different.

The United States leads the world in the value of its manufactured products. Germany has a large manufacturing industry and one of the most efficient in the world. Mussolini is trying to develop a manufacturing industry in Italy and is reputed to be meeting with considerable success. Japan has factories that make many commodities for export as well as home consumption. While far behind England, the United States and Germany, France specializes in certain fine products and has considerable export trade in them. Belgium, Holland, Denmark all do more or less manufacturing and now Russia, with her much advertised five year plan, is trying to get in the contest for world trade.

It is now apparent that England never again will dominate the markets of the world. On the contrary she must fight to hold the trade of her people at home and in her colo-

nies. This is the reason Great Britain has adopted the protective tariff system. When she had no competition to speak of she didn't need any protection. Now it is different. There is much competition now and it is going to be keener. A tremendous and financial struggle is going on between the leading nations of the earth. What its outcome will be no man can tell at this time but it looks like some mighty interesting things are going to happen in the next ten or fifteen years.

CONSERVATIVE LEGISLATION DOES NOT CREATE DEFICITS

Extravagant expenditures by Congress, by state legislative bodies, by counties and municipalities have loaded upon the individual taxpayers and corporate bodies of the United States a load that is very hard to bear. Vast quantities of bonds were issued, so vast that it seems utterly astonishing that they were ever sold. But they were sold and now the chickens are coming home to roost in the shape of treasury deficits that are painful to behold.

There are only two courses to follow in meeting the debt situation that seems to be practical. The first is to pay every debt possible to pay and the second is to avoid making new ones. Congress is going to meet now in a few days and immediately there will be attempts by such Senators as Brookhardt, La Follette, Wheeler, Norris and others to appropriate vast sums for this or that and to still further increase the nation's debt load. Special interests like the Navy League will be on hand and all the bureaucrats around Washington will be holding out their hats for donations. President Hoover has been doing all he could to hold down the Government's expenses. Conservative men of both political parties will support him but there are many members of Congress who will vote for almost any sort of appropriation if they think it will gain them a few votes. The welfare of the nation is a secondary consideration with this sort of Congressman. The people back home ought to express their opinions in no uncertain way on this sort of statesmanship. If they would do this a check would soon be put on extravagance in legislation. Deficits are not caused by conservatism.

Press Gleanings

One of our contemporaries observes that no one knows how to cure a depression. But the number who think they know is legion.—Boston Transcript.

THESE DAYS OF TRIAL

An Ontario paper says that in a time of depression people learn to do without things their parents never had.—Minneapolis Journal.

NO POLITICS REQUIRED

The place to settle the farm problem is on the farm. Forbes Magazine.

The Woodstock Sentinel-Review says this paper "warns its readers" of the increased penalty now imposed for chicken stealing. What does it mean by "warns its readers?" Readers of this newspaper do not steal chickens.—Toronto (Ont.) Star.

Uncle Hiram remarked to Aunt Sade at breakfast the other morning that about the only thing that you can get in the public eye these days, without the help of the newspapers or the radio, is grapefruit.—The Farmer's Wife.

A budget as large as ours with only two-fifths as many people to collect it from; a public debt four times that of the United States, an income tax rate exceeding 25 per cent. That is the situation to which Great Britain has been brought by war, the dole and free trade. No wonder the late election was in effect a revolution.—(National Republic).

GARDNER.

In our opinion Governor Gardner has displayed a very fine quality of leadership in his refusal to so far call an extra session of the legislature with the express purpose of enacting law to govern the acreage of cotton, tobacco, peanuts and potatoes. The farmer reaction to such legislation might be revolutionary. We believe there are farmers just as big in mind, body and soul as the members of the legislature are and they have a right to resent legislation restricting their manner of farming.

The live-at-home slogan is capable of doing more for the farmer than another six months session of the legislature and is his surest road to independence.—(Montgomery Herald).

AS A FOREIGNER SEES IT.

The editor of a London newspaper has been spending six months in the United States visiting all sections of the country and in a parting statement he declares he sees on the surface of life "few signs in any American city of the severe distress which I was assured by nearly everyone would create in the coming winter one of the greatest social problems in American history." The standard of living is still very much higher in America than anywhere else in the world, this widely traveled observer declares, and Americans of all classes "live with an air of opulence that cannot be matched in any European country." And then he adds:

"They are more finely clothed. They eat better and more varied food. They live in more material comfort. The working classes have a wider margin of personal pleasures. They enjoy luxuries which no other proletariat could possibly afford.

"Hundreds of thousands of working men travel to the factories and mills every morning in their own motor cars. The motor is to an American man what a bicycle of a 2-penny tram car ride is to an English artisan.

"Until he has crossed the Atlantic ocean the average American citizen cannot clearly perceive the chasm that separates his own conception of social comfort from that of the average European."—Lenoir Record.

Letters From Our Readers

MR. MCCAIN MAKES SOME OBSERVATIONS

Editor of The News:

There are a few things I have to mention this week, my general health is better but my strength is just about gone. I am bothered with indigestion and other complaints that go with it. Dr. E. S. Weaver from Beaufort paid me a visit last week and told me what kind of food was best for me to eat and what not to eat and I am going as high to what he said as I well can and I have found help in it. I am feeling lots better.

My friends we have had a very nice rain and I hope that most of the forest fire have been put out for I almost thought that the time had come that is spoken of in the 3rd chapter of Peter. If you will find it and read it. It just looked like God word was being fulfilled.

Now my readers we are having a plenty of whiskey and the government is getting no revenue out of it but still paying out lots of money to break it up but when an officer gets news where there is a still he sends out a signal ahead, "be on the watch revenuers are coming, have everything cleaned up." Now my friends that shows that they don't want to break it up. If they break it up it cuts them out of a job and the lawyers and judges wouldn't have so much to do. We would need less courts than we have. We still have plenty of men around Newport who will drink the damnable stuff and will sell some on the sly but if no one would buy they could not sell it and if we could stop our church members from buying it that would cut the sale short for there are several of them that will drink and that is setting a bad example before the outsiders, because they will say just look at him he is a church member and he drinks. How nice it would be if the church members would set a better example before the world and cut it all out and live more by the rules of the church.

Now my friends the way I look at that I don't care what church he belongs to when he gets the true love of God in his heart he will see then where he is wrong. You know that God says that wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. My readers I fully believe that if we all would live close to God we would have better times all the disasters that we have I believe are sent on us for our disobedience to God. Well I will close.

Yours very truly,
E. L. MCCAIN.

Newport, Dec. 1.

Ambition and Talent

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
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Ambition and persistence will carry us a long way in the ordinary affairs of life, and in most of the professions for that matter, but not in matters artistic unless there be combined with these other qualities some trace of talent. It is said that Matthew Arnold learned to be a poet through hard work, and that Stevenson so learned the art of literature, but there was talent combined with the other very necessary qualities which these men had.

It was Saxton's ambition to be a writer from the time, when he was a boy, he had been thrilled by the tales of Scott and Cooper. Adventure, the romantic, appealed to him in the strongest way. He labored at his compositions in school and college with the greatest persistence and the most swelling ambition. Try as he would he could never get higher than a "B" and that only rarely.

That was twenty years ago or more. He is dubbing along today on a small salary as a newspaper reporter, still trying to write, but never getting anywhere. Possibly he might have made a business man; maybe he could have been a lawyer or a physician, or he might even have taught other people how to write—it often does not seem essential that one should know how to do a thing himself in order to teach others—but he could not write himself. He had no talent for it, though he had immense persistence.

I saw in a great art show some time ago scores of men and women whose feverish ambition was to be great painters. Some of them were stout and healthy looking, but the thing that seemed to me the saddest about it all was the fact that many of them were old, gray, pale-faced, who were possessed of this high ambition to do something outstanding, and yet who had grown old doing only the commonplace.

Jacobs has just asked my advice as to his taking up music as a profession. "Learn all you can for your own pleasure and the pleasure of your friends. You'll need to make a living, so I'd sell gasoline or automobiles."

Burglar Insurance



ST. PAUL'S IS VICTOR IN BASKET BALL GAME

The boys of St. Paul's School won their first basket ball game of the season, Wednesday by a score of 20 to 15. This being the first game of the year drew a large crowd. St. Paul's Boys are all beginners with the exception of their center. They proved themselves hard fighters and expect to show real skill.

The two teams will meet again Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. St. Paul expect to meet Smyrna here, Friday afternoon.

The lineup of Wednesday's game follows:
St. Paul's

Vance Lewis	C	Raymond Paul
Roland Longest	R F	Will Congleton
Frank Thomas	L F	Ray Hassell
Gordon Willis	R G	Troy Johnson
Charles Thomas	L G.	Lance Smith

Subs for St. Paul's: John Austin and Clyde Owens.
Sub: for Beaufort all stars: David Beveridge.
Referees: Owens and Lewis.

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T. M. THOMAS JR.
CITY CLERK

WE MAKE ALL ARRANGEMENTS

When death occurs at a hospital in a distant city, it is still possible for the relatives to make all arrangements through a local funeral director. This is always appreciated, as it obviates the necessity of dealing on so delicate a matter with unknown parties.

We are able to handle such assignments with the same thorough attention to details as when death occurs at home. If it is impossible for a member of this organization to reach the scene in time, we have connections with out-of-town funeral directors who will act as our agents.

When this procedure is followed, it assures the family of sympathetic service and the protection of their interests.

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