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KEEPING COUNTY HISTORY STRAIGHT.

How many counties in North Carolina have in published form a county history?

We wager the opinion that the number is small, this matter being one that has failed to attract and receive the attention it deserves. We have been content, as it were, to rock along, leaving such BW Umatters to the State Historical Commisbiamon sion or some other agency. Most of the Total North Carolina counties are rich in hisbnorv tory but their inhabitants just never

have thought much about preserving in soilogdocumentary form this history. Head . For this reason we are gratified that dignoithe North Carolina Historical Commis- AS EDITOR SEES NEEDS OF STATE sion has inaugurated a movement looking to the organization of a local historical society in each of the one hundred coun- ston-Salem Journal, addressed the alumties in the State and the appointment of ni of Wake Forest the other night and in statistical agency the discovery that few-

There are several persons in Concord a better day. fully capable of doing this work. We hope the Cabarrus commissioners or oth- miles of concrete highway we could build the murder rate for 1926 was 9.9 per und der proper agencies can see fit to carry out an institution that would not require 100,000 population as against a rate of oibus the suggestion in this county.

----ents and city superintendents of educa- eration. tion throughout the state. It is as follows:

"North Carolina has a history which a state law requiring the appointment of er. a local historian in each town and city has writing of local history.

be written; yet if not collected and pre- traffic ever was, there are these who say 1925; Birmingham with 124 in 1926 and farmers are wealthy and prosperous and Gastonia Gazette.

year should run considerably over that, were making it mandatory for judges to is in his ability to operate a plane for long with the result that the total internal impose the certain and stated sentence stretches at the time. revenue collections for this fiscal year on every one convicted of driving while should be in excess of \$200,000,000, ac- intoxicated or "under the influence." If that was not the intention of the solons

cording to Mr. Grissom. The Budget Bureau expects that the why the law? There was sufficient law total collections for the entire year in already on the books for judges to rethe revenue division will amount to fully voke licenses when they saw fit to do so. \$13,483,000, as compared with collections Is the man who has taken one drink of but \$12,672,000 for the preceding year, "under the influence?" That's the big line tax and the automobile license sales may take one drink without being inyear of but \$12,229,000.

lected from all sources for this fiscal drink of liquor can chance a man's sense year amount to \$27,583,000, as compared of distance, making it dangerous for him cal year of but \$23,499,528, which means be able to judge distance if he can do that approximately \$4,063,472 more will nothing else. have been collected this fiscal year than last, and that there will be a surplus or ter of intoxication and "influence" then "credit balance" of about \$1,650,000, ac- the law means nothing. The Supreme cording to the Budget Bureau.

All of which indicates that prosperity finally, determining how much liquor a is no total stranger in North Carolina.

Santford Martin, editor of The Windelegated to write the county's history. | tical needs of North Carolina to usher in try last year than in the year 1925. "The

youthful offenders to be put in prison 11 for 1925. -izongen The plan is set forth in a letter sent a with hardened criminals. That is a matfew days ago to the county superintend- ter that ought to receive serious consid-

> Here is what North Carolina needs declared Mr. Martin:

What North Carolina needs most toby the State Literary and Historical As- Woodrow Wilson summoned to his side and England are comparatively free of sociation and the North Carolina Histori- "all forward-looking men." He wanted murder because they hang murderers. Carolina has not generally had that sys- in which industry and culture must learn cution are the order in their courts." tematic promotion which its importance to live together in the same house, the deserves. What has been done for state commonwealth will be safe only as sne history should and can be done for local succeeds in summoning forward-looking United States share in this record?" history by local agencies. In New York, men to places of responsibility and pow-

When the fight was on against the dis-"In every county in North Carolina be won by local option. In the fight on 178 in 1926 and 192 in 1925; St. Louis business. there exists historical material without ignorance, a far more strongly entrench- with 154 in 1926 and 163 in 1925; New "It is interesting to note that the ratio] which an adequate county history cannot ed enemy of the race than the liquor Orleans with 141 in 1926 and 154 in of mortgaged farms is usually high where

FEW FARMS IN STATE MORT-GAGED.

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Taken as a whole few North Carolina farms are mortgaged, according to the 1925 Census of Agriculture. Of the 132,- all dispositions alike. 610 farms operated by full owners only 24,983 or 18.8 cent. were mortgaged. In portant trifles. and that the collections from the gaso- question it seems. In our opinion a man two States, it is shown, are the ratios of mortgaged farms lower than in North tion in our own actions. will amount to approximately \$14,100,- toxicated but he can't take one drink Carolina-Virginia 18.6 per cent. and 000, as compared with collections last without being "under the influence" of West Virginia 11.8 per cent. For the and others about what can not be remeliquor. We believe even one drink can United States slightly more than one- died. This would make the total revenue col- affect a man's driving ability. One third of all farms operated by full owners are mortgaged.

The ratio of mortgaged farms is high with a total revenue for the preceding fis- to drive, for the man at the wheel must in such states as California, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, and Wisconsin, and lowest in West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, and Ten-

The University News Letter thinks the low per cent. of mortgaged farms in the South is due largely to the fact that mortgage houses have not considered Southern farms good risks.

The News Letter also says "it is a mistake to infer that a low ratio of mortgaged farms is a healthy or favorable weeks, rains throughout North Carolina The Charlotte Observer finds from a sign. The business of the world today during the past week have aided crops 10 Vian historian in each county who shall be his excellent address discussed the prac- er murders were committed in this coun- is conducted on credit. Credit may be and water supplies. Rain has fallen in Rocky Mountain Telegran used wisely or unwisely, by farmers as practically all sections of the State within reduction is encouraging but it is nothing well as other groups. The wise use of the past week or ten days making it pos-He declared that for the price of five to brag about," the Observer finds, since credit is as good business for the farmer sible for farm work to be carried forward as it is for the factory operator. But it satisfactorily. must be used wisely, and too often the

this being 53 less than the total for 1925. consumptive or productive purposes.

"The murder record in this country is "Whether or not a large per cent. of one of distressing contemplation and is mortgaged farms is good or bad depends anteed by the impounding dam completin marked contrast to the records in Eng- entirely upon the nature of the debt se- ed last year, some sections of the county surpasses both in scope and in richness day is not industrial leaders of wider vis- land and Canada," says The Observer, cured by the mortgage. A farmer who were facing a water shortage when the can Union. But whereas state history ears the school bell rings louder than the stand it all, so comparatively free are er of his farm does just what other prop- county were beginning to show the afas good business for a farmer to use bor- hension had been aroused by the drought. cal Commission, local history in North no other type. In his transition period, Prompt arrest, trial, conviction and exe- factory or for local, state, and national has been sufficient, however, to relieve The Observer wonders "just what degree of responsibility do the courts of the ly, of course, and such practices should summer.

Next after Chicago in murders come be discouraged. Many farms are mort-

2. It's a mistake to try to measure the enjoyment of others by your own. 3. It's a mistake to expect uniformity of opinion in this world.

4. It's a mistake to look for judgment and experience in youth.

5. It's a mistake to endeavor to mould

6. It's a mistake not to yield to unim-

7. It's a mistake to look for perfec-

It's a mistake to worry ourselves of crops. Already taken against typhoi been taken in the of thousands of

9. It's a mistake not to alleviate, if we against these can, all that needs alleviation.

10. It's a mistake not to make allowhealth regulati ances for the weaknesses of others.

12. It's a mistake to believe only what the finite mind can grasp.

13. It's a mistake to live as if the moment, the time, the day were so important that it would live forever.

14. It's a mistake to estimate people by some outside quality, for it is that within which makes the man.

BENEFICIAL RAINS.

Following a drought season of several grounds

There has been plenty of rain in Camortgaged farm is not the result of a barrus. Since Saturday, May 28th, there productive investment. Few North Car- have been daily showers, the precipita-1926 there were 510 murders in Chicago, olina farms are mortgaged, either for tion in most instances, being sufficient for local needs.

While Concord's water supply is guarthat of many of the states in the Ameri- ion so much as political leaders in whose "which countries are unable to under goes in debt to increase the earning pow- rains came. Wells in some parts of the violation of any marine has been preserved and made available cash register. In his first inaugural, they from crimes of the kind. Canada erly conducted businesses do. It is just fects of the dry season and some appre- judgment of conviction. rowed capital as it is for a railroad, or a The rainfall during the past ten days release governments. The farmer who mort- any threatening shortage and if anything of any person during gages his farm in order to buy luxuries like normal conditions prevail in the fu- Clerks and consumptive goods is acting unwise- ture, there should be no shortage this against convicted persons i

Crops as a whole, are making satisfacgaged during periods of depression in ag- tory progress in this county. Cotton is and other data and New York with 340 murders in 1926, riculture, and this is unfortunate. But off to a good stand and other crops, while entails a penalty of stimulated greatly the preservation and tillery and saloon there were those short- and 374 in 1925; Detroit with 327 in to incur debt in order to make the farm not so good as last season, and this ap- 30 days nor in the incur debt in order to make the farm not so good as last season, and this apvisioned men who said the battle could 1926 and 243 in 1925; Philadelphia with more efficient as a producing unit is good plies especially to wheat and oats, are juils or in the state prise satisfactory.

BALE OF COTTON A WEEK.

TO KEEP TRAFFIC Violators of the

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WHAT IS EDUCAN

erv county there has been a record of North Carolina needs leaders who can see achievement which, if written, and pub- that local option in public education has lished, would stimulate local pride and served its day and that the time has come achievement and add to the knowledge of for the State to put its resources back of North Carolina history. In every coun- the fight against ignorance just as it finalty there is someone already experienced ly rallied its forces against the liquor trafin historical work or deeply interested fic. therein, who, if given the position of local historian, would be honored and stim- jective is a free ballot. Government nevplated to greater efforts in collecting ma- er will be humanized in North Carolina terial, writing history, and organizing a until all the voters shall have a fair oplocal association. In every county there portunity to cast their ballot without is a sufficient number of persons inter- fear of intimidation or the dread of emested in history with which to form a barrassment at the polls. The present county historical association. In the system at the voting places tends to proface of these conditions, there is no need mote and foster, not majority, but minorfor those interested in the cause of edu- ity rule. cation and history to await the legal establishment of the office of county his- North Carolina that will tend to encourtorian. If results can be achieved inde- age, not discourage, a majority of the pendently, the prospect will be favorable people to attend elections. We should

PROSPERITY INDICATED.

hence.'

If tax payments are an indication of prosperity then North Carolina is al right financially at the present time.

Indications now are that by June 30th a total of \$27,583,000 in State taxes and \$200,000,000 to \$205,000,000 in federal taxes, a total of \$230,000,000 or more will have been collected in this State during Assembly requiring judges to revoke the year. There are indications further- drivers licenses for all persons found more, that a credit balance in the State guilty of driving an automobile while intreasury of \$1,650,000 will be shown at toxicated or "under the influence" of the end of the fiscal year. Most of this liquor is being challenged. The trouble increase in federal revenue collections is seems to be that judges do not agree as It may be that he will accept some condue to the steadily mounting sale of to- to when a person is intoxicated or "un- tract that will mean a fortune to him, but bacco stamps, chiefly cigarette stamps, der the influence" of liquor. On one day in May, more than \$1,000,000 One man hailed into court in Winston- to be of such a nature that he can continworth of cigarette stamps were purchas- Salem under the law had his license re- ue his aviation career. In discussing vaed by North Carolina eigarette manufac- voked and he immediately appealed. The rious offers that have been proferred, the turers.

eral taxes in the state by the Internal taking the position that while it was future any work that will hinder his avia-Revenue Collector has been phenomenal, proven that the man had been drinking tion experiments. Several noted motion according to the figures for the first elev- it was not established that the was "un- picture producers, men with influence en months of the current fiscal year as der the influence" of liquor. made public by Gilliam Grissom, collect- So perhaps the law, so generously ap- tain Lindbergh in movie contracts but he or for North Carolina.

tions amounted to \$18,381,949.05, which have the right to determine when a man ing that he did not fly from New York to was \$3,528.976.83 more than was collect- is intoxicated or "under the influence." Paris solely for the money in such a vened in May, 1926. Collections for the past Judges do have much authority in the ture. His attitude has certainly not deeleven months amount to \$170,610,613.36, matter of discretion but we are convinced creased the favor in which he is held by which is a gain of more than \$12,000,000 that members of the Legislature did not the public. He made the fight as a over the same period last year. And since intend to leave this matter of discretion means of increasing the efficiency of av-

served, its destruction is certain. In ev- the battle can be won by local option. 112 in 1925.

In the battle that is ahead, the first ob-

We should have an election system in for legislative co-operation two years have a system that invites and challenges station in life, to be good citizens. We should have a system that will make it in groups and as easy as possible to obtain the independent expression of individual opinion at the ballot box.

ABOUT DRUNKEN DRIVERS.

The law passed by the last General

judge of the next highest court told him noted trans-Atlantic flier made it plain

During May, internal revenue collec- if all judges take the position that they business sense and at the same time prov-

the following cities ::

CHAUTAUQUA AGAIN.

If judges are going to decide the mat-

Court may have to decide the matter

man ordinarily has to have before he is

HEADED IN RIGHT DIRECTION.

The statistics show that for the year

drunk or "under the influence."

Concord is to have the Redpath Chautauqua again in 1928, seventy-four business and professional men of the city guaranteeing the attraction, which again will be sponsored by the Woman's Club. Just before the final program for this year was concluded Wednesday night 1928 season tickets were distributed and it is understood that enough were signed for to care for half of next season's season will be an easy one.

year after year. The Redpath enter- stead of having him met at New York. tainers rank with the best in the nation, viduals and agencies which made possi- nouncement came from Washington. ble the excellent program this season deserve commendation from the hundreds who so profitably heard and saw the programs.

Captain Charles A. Lindbergh has declined so far to capitalize his adventure. if he does the contract may be expected

The increase in the collections of Fed- it was all right for him to drive his car, that he does not intend to take up in the and wealth, have sought to interest Cap-

plauded, may not mean so much after all, has signed none of them, showing a keen

low where farmers are poor. The farmers of 'Denmark are conceded to be Shuping, who sells a considerable amount of butamong the most prosperous in the world, ter, milk and other dairy products in Salisbury yet their farm debt is appalling. The debt has been incurred to make agriculture more productive and the farm more efficient. The Danes operate largely on borrowed' capital, and much of their prosperity is due to their wise use of this borrowed capital."

WHY THE CHANGED PLANS?

Newspaper correspondents in the capguarantee. Persons who signed these ital say that when they met for their ustickets should consider their action as a ual conference with President Coolidge tate next season to take such tickets as about Captain Charles A. Lindbergh gothey agreed to take. If every one will ing to Washington upon his arrival from man's daring feat was mentioned several

was offered this year during the Chautau- tive made no mention of any plans he to add to his small, but growing herd. all men and women, no matter what their qua program. The same has been true had to receive the flier in Washington in-

Then suddenly Tuesday afternoon High Point Enterprise as hard as possible for people to be voted no doubt, and their programs here were came the announcement that Lindbergh is money well spent when the Chautau- had not been consulted, it was said, and qua is brought to town, and those indi- his wishes were not known when the an- ularly surprising to those familiar with the almost

One correspondent, representing the New York World, said the President's decision to welcome Lindbergh came with unexpected suddenness because of the fact that in the capital much was being said about the apparent lack of inin the airman's home-coming. This corat first the President intended to go on tion the teacher might assume in the beginning. to his summer White House and miss Lindbergh a day or two, rather than re-

main at Washington to show such hom- Hickory Record. age from this government as has been paid by European governments.

There is something behind the plans outlined for the President. Is there a political motive behind the sudden interest being taken in the matter by the truthfully states Charity and Children. Editor administration?

FOURTEEN ERRORS OF LIFE.

A London judge has listed what he considers the Fourteen Great Mistakes of Life, as follows:

1. It's a mistake to attempt to set your Remembering the time when the red nose of an collections in June, 1926, amounted to open when this law was passed. It is jation, and not as a means of making a own standards of right and wrong and excessive drinker was called a rum blossom, we suppose nowadays the adornment is really a corn \$21,620,902, collections for June this our belief that the solons thought they fortune. He is as unusual in this as he expect everybody to conform to them. flower .- Kansas City Star.

The equivalent of a bale of cotton a week is the record of a Rowan county farmer, Mr. R. L. The latest conti tion comes from Mr. Arth editorial writer of the Hea every week.

Salisbury has a curb market and on Saturdays "By the way, fathers a Mr. Shuping sells there. On Tuesdays he makes their sons lack college educe deliveries to his customers at their homes, accord-Lindbergh went to n ing to information from the county agent, Mr. school was a plow on hi W. G. Yeager. Of course parents will

Mr. Shuping's sales this past Saturday morning very thing, provided their e consisted of 30 pounds of butter, 36 gallons of buttermilk, 16 pints of cottage cheese, and 27 University of Wisconsin cated. Naturally, as pints of cream, returning to him a total of \$324.35, and this with his Tuesday sales of a somewhat is the normal thing to lesser amount is returning to Mr. Shuping \$50 or cience teachers to t more a week from his small dairy herd, or turn ignorance, and it is Representative Lindbergh it around, Mr. Shuping is making a bale of cotton each week in addition to his other farming which Charles. to become an We really wonder is no small quantity.

Mr. Shuping's bale of cotton from his cows is so many other good illu being made at a very much smaller outlay of time education. He might have binding obligation and should not hesi- last Tuesday morning nothing was said and labor, and investment than would be a bale quit Harvard to ship a of cotton each week, and he is carrying home the that O. Henry learned to write If the distinguished Hears

would be highly In addition his farm is becoming-more fertile, do this the task of raising the money next Europe. The matter of the young air- his boys are interested in farming, and Mr. Shuping penitentiary alumni now is not worrying about the low price of lint cotton, world, and to read a comf Nothing but high class entertainment times, it was said, but the Chief Execu-

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High Point Enterpri

THE TEACHES' PLEDGE.

Of late years we That North Carolina's one hundred counties can of whiskey in this entertaining and instructive this year as would go to Washington, to be received and teachers, pledging the latter not to "fall in furnish forth a contract between school authorities prohibition they have always been in the past. It by the President. At the time the flier love," not to dance or dress immodestly and not whiskey in the cot to encourage or tolerate "the least familiarily on hill, but the part of any boy pupils" ought not be particis relatively as notable Eastern Carolina infinite variety of Tar Heelia. The astonishing the mountain could thing is that Prof. Charlie Coon's contract contains evidence and testin these provisions which amuse the rest of the counmade his liquor in try and which impress some home school men as old days and the ea insulting to the teachers. Since p tax paid.

A young lady who could definitely contract not to "fall in love" during a specified length of time converting his corn cr has remarkable control of her emotions and no has erected stills doubt should make a superb disciplinarian. But eer's little equi we fancy that a teacher whose pledge will suffice to The easterner has cu terest being shown at the White House keep her loveless is quite safe from love even with- timber that he has out her signature to the covenant. We also incline outside of the s to the opinion that an occasional teacher conferrespondent said a number of persons had ence about deportment for the benefit of recruits case couldn't take a littl discovering a big still been heard to comment on the fact that to the teaching staff would be less offensive and more effective than any sort of contractual obligadeputy sheriff leads factory.

THE STATE WATCHING.

whoe state is watching.

and it would be hard to right.

has this comment to make about the-matter :

DOES PROHIBITIO

The man who takes the place of Dr. Poteat at Wake Forest will step into shoes that resemble the proverbial battleship in size. And for that reason 1915 of those el The Salisbury Post have violated the Although the "The trustees of Wake Forest are taking their | ily, though not time about selecting the successor to Ur. Poteat, yet the number .In 1915. Johnson commends the wisdom of this course, for charged for dri he rightly sees in hasty, ill-considered action, danger 1919, it was 1.14 pe of mistake. The Baptist church has a number of per cent. In 1924 i e following years

men capable of handling this job, but remembering that it is perhaps the biggest job that the church has in the state, the right man should be found, The trend of dicates that prohib must be found. A misfit there would be disastrous intoxicating liqu the worker, whether

> fighting they people