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FARM TENANCY IN NORTH CAR-OLINA.

The University News Letter from time to time has devoted space to the question of farm tenancy in North Carolina and in its latest issue carries a rather comprehensive review of the subject by Paul W. Wager. We say comprehensive because this latest review covers a fifteenyear period, showing the trends between 1910 and 1925. The period covered includes years before the World War and after the World War to register a general movement rather than a war fluctuation

In this fifteen-year period North Carolina's tenant farmers increased in num-11.7 per cent., while farms cultivated by and pride. owners increased only 6.5 per cent. Stated differently, the ratio of tenants to all At this rate of increase the state will soon have more farm tenants than owner cultivators.

It will be noticed that forty-one counties witnessed a reduction in the number of tenant farmers in the fifteen-year period and hity-nine counties had increases. Three of the counties in which tenancy decreased owe part of the reduction to loss of territory, Mitchell, Watauga and Caldwell each surrendering some territory to form Avery. Since Avery did not from which it was created.

Henderson, rather than Mitchell, 1 thus probably enticled to the distinction of having the most rapid reduction in farm tenancy. Buncombe follows closely, and all of the first ten places are held by counties beyond the Blue Ridge. Of the forty-one counties which saw a decrease in tenancy only six-Brunswick, Carteret, Hyde, New Hanover, Tyrrell and Jones-are eastern counties, and they are tidewater counties which do not

"Schneider wanted to go on the train, but the University coaches would hear none of that.

"According to word left here by Schneider, he will leave the University it at Chapel Hill."

Suppose Schneider had been only

star student. Would this have happened? We have been expecting a denial of the whole thing but this can't be deniedhe went to Chapel Hill for some reason when he had signed up for Syracuse. He may have gone there anyway, but we doubt it. Would an excellent student have had the same experience?

LIKE TO WORRY.

The Kansas City Star finds that "a lot of people find consolation if not a certain brand of happiness in worry.'

This statement came on the heels of a declaration by a New York health auber from 107,287 to 128,254, an increase thority that worry never gets any one ary insanity. And if she does there will of 19.5 per cent. In the same period the anywhere and that the chief things we total number of farms increased only worry over are health, position, wealth

That is so and we have not vet been able to see where worry helps in any of farmers was 42.3 in 1910 and 45.2 in 1925. these problems. The Salisbury Post says "if all this is true why worry over worrying?" and goes on to offer this suggestion from the Star:

> "Perhaps worry shortens life. But where is the proof? Most of the bright, cheerful people we have known have died young, while the grouches survived. This helps to account for the fact that worrying is extremely common today.

"Obviously, we need a new slant on the worrying business. Perhaps if it is desirable to stop worrying the best thing exist in 1910 it is credited with the aver- to do would be to create the impression age rate of decrease of the three counties that it is a valuable habit which ought to be cultivated, and to devise a law com-

pelling its practice. Then people would take a particular delight in breaking the law and in freeing themselves from worry altogether. Otherwise it would be well enough to let matters stand as they are. For the chap who-worries probably does it because he likes it. So why should other people worry about that?'

A REAL VACATION.

Governor McLean is back from a vacaengage extensively in cash crop farming. tion spent in the north woods and we are

THE CONCORD TIMES 'to reconsider. Finally one of them pick- body was found and death was said to question. ed up his baggage, which was already have been caused by blows on the head, packed to go Syracuse, and put it in the minister having declared the girl told their car, and the trio left Sunday morn- him she struck her father on the head with an axe.

And then there's another angle to the case-just how far should a minister go in making public confessions of crime? Is it right for a preacher to tell anything told to him in the confidence of a confesand go on to Syracuse if he does not like sion? This question will never be solved, for there are hundreds who think it is wrong for a minister even to uncover a murder when he got his information through a confession, and there are just as many who feel a minister should have done as this evangelist did.

The public is following closely every development in the case, and the Petty case may give to North Carolina the same interest the Willis case has given to South Carolina. There's mystery and a woman involved in the case and these always touch the imagination of the public.

Mrs. Gatlin may continue to maintain her innocence but we would not be surprised to see alienists in the case. Maybe she will follow the old defense of temporbe alienists aplenty for both sides.

TOR.

ead carefully the following:

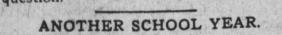
youth of the land. being subsidized.

If he denounces liquor and advocates prohibition people say he is a fanatic and Asheville, N. C. _____ \$100,000 a reformer. If he keeps silent on the subject they say he is afraid to talk out and intimate that he is a likker-head.

If he contends for what he thinks is Chattanooga, Tenn. _____ 65,000 ight and his ideas don't happen to coincide with the opinion of those in high Daytona Beach, Fla. _____ 20;000 places, he is denounced for showing disrespect to constituted authority.

say on his editorial page the other papers won't exchange with him. If he proposes public movements some-

body on the outskirts casually suggests Miami, Fla. _____ 250,000 that the editor is after some graft. If he endorses one man for public



Concord youngsters have entered up on another school year. School officials are confident the term will be one of the most successful in the city's history due to the excellent faculties secured, and announce that the work has started with less confusion and with more confidence on the part of all than ever before.

It is to be hoped that the year will not be wasted and this wish is directed es pecially toward the high school students Children in the lower grades are not so prone to waste their time and time wasted there is not so important. The older

student should realize the importance of exerting all of his power toward mastering the subjects presented to him. He is at the stage where a careless, indiffer ent attitude may effect his whole life. Parents, should co-operate with the teachers and officials, should try to instill within their children the importance of an education and see to it that the children go at least half-way in solving difficulties that naturally will arise.

IT IS AN INVESTMENT.

According to the Bureau of Advertis-GEE, IT'S GREAT TO BE AN EDI- ing of the American Newspaper Publish ers Association, fifty-one cities and five State groups of the United States are in

You who often think, perhaps, that the vesting \$4,703,333 in community adverife of an editor is an easy one should tising this year. Of this amount the cit ies are spending \$4,350,000 and the State An editor is just naturally up against or regional associations the balance.

Of the fifty-one cities appropriating \$4, If he publishes cigarette advertise- 350,000 for advertising, the South shows ments he is accused of debauching the twenty-six cities, or more than half of the total, with appropriations amounting in If he doesn't like Coca-Cola he is liable the aggregate to \$1,985,000. These ap to lose an advertising contract. If he propriations are for the year 1927. The says it is a fine drink he is suspected of list of Southern cities with the amount appropriated by each is published by Editor

and Publisher as follows:

Atlanta, Ga. 250,000 Biloxi, Miss., _____ 15,000 Birmingham, Ala. _____ 10,000 Charleston, S. C. El Paso, Tex. _____ 35,000 Fort Worth, Tex. _____ 10,000 If he doesn't have anything at all to Greenville, N. C. _____ 30,000

Jacksonville, Fla. _____ 135,000 Kansas City, Mo. _____ 150,000 Key West, Fla. _____ 23,000 Memphis __ ____ 50,000

ing the year, who had not previously been under treatment in any institution for feeble-minded and epileptics.

For the 36 states represented, there were 7.6 first admissions per 100,000 of the general population, as compared with .4 first admissions per 100,000 in 1922 In other words the number of first admissions has increased only a little more rapidly than the general population.

Increase in the number of such cases treated does not necessarily mean an increase in the State since the figures deal with only those cases taken up for treatment. Such an increase may mean only an increase in facilities for handling such

The extent to which provision has been made for the institutional care of feebleminded and epileptics is perhaps best indicated by the number of patients in the institutions on a given date. In the 36 states covered by this statement the number of feeble-minded and epileptic pa tients under institutional care shows steady increase, as indicated by the figures for the dates at the beginning and the end of the two most recent years for which data are available, which are as follows:

January 1, 1922, 39,596; January 1 1923, 42,164; January 1, 1926, 49,788; and January 1, 1927, 52,043. The number of such patients under care per 100,000 of the general population increased from 47.0 on January 1, 1923, to 54.7 on January 1, 1927. For the most part the figures for the individual states show simi lar increases

In many of the States adequate facilities for caring for these people have not been provided, and it is encouraging to note that from year to year we are giving more of them the attention they so much need. No State should boast of its wealth, culture or background until it has provided for these people who cannot help themselves.

CONDITIONS IN THE SOUTH.

Mr. Walter S. Case continues to see the South a region prosperous and ad-25,000 vancing. Concluding a discussion of Southern Railway affairs, he says: "The various basic activities in the South have been undergoing a sound and healthy development. Agriculture has kept step with the rest of the country and wider diversification has helped to bring greater profits to the farm. Mining development has been actively pursued Bern chamber of con

Greensboro News. A dispatch from New Ben that a meeting was to afternoon to develop the harbe and build a railroad from the state with connections with en The "necessary companies and ; organized. The Tidewater . corporated, will immediately se surveys of the district, acou and inspecting the port at the and the rich mineral deposits of the South whole section is interested, a been summoned saw is to be made forth with "an as well as repair and fueling stati will be affected It has got so these days m tell what will happen, an miles there, seeking what sh can say this will not

Our scouts advise

Monday, s THE CHILD WOR

Albemarle Press. A few years ago, when mong indigent paren ome idled his time away

forced to work and keep t ng—a great injustice In those days, the chil he mill section was un had been deprived of

The day followed

ook up the cry in the

nust go to work ; the child better day began to daw change is reflected today f children all over the While this is true, eform a tendency to ov hing, and already read The child is unemplo law to work under very definite restriction These laws apply to t nd cities e law says it shall not

> erience; and there azzes around to amus ss authority th thers feel that co e made to answer ever employment of boys a age on up is far better Towns feel that m hould be made to

words, if it is good it in all. There part of town folks to employment from early it is a little hard practice of allowing th When the farmer hild through the sum when harvesting and gath nployment of all available al need of the hour. calls, he frets over the which requires that his the same cry against aut of the law with what one personal rights and to its final analysis, on eves of the law are no

easures of this kind sacrifice their own childr and future prospects for t Hence, the best one si aw itself be sensible The does not set up another that there is great room for change labor, in spite of all that h

MESSING UP CAPE IN

Some of the piedmont counties lost tenants; others made slight gains; only Cleveland and Alamance witnessed substantial increases-and of these Cleveland is a big producer of cotton.

In nearly all of the eastern counties Probably no other area in the nation experienced such an increase in farm tenants as eastern North Carolina. In thirty-six counties there were increases in excess of twenty-five per cent., and in eighteen counties in excess of fifty per cent. Practically all of the counties in the cash crop belt had increases of from twenty to seventy percent. It is rather significant that the greatest increases of all were in the northeast tidewater counties-Chowan, Washington, Martin and Beaufort. Dare's five-hundred per cent. increase loses its significance when it is observed that its tenants increased in number from one to six. Hoke county, like Avery, was not in existence in 1910. It is credited with an increase equivalent to that which took place in the parent counties, Robeson and Cumberland.

Edgecombe leads with 83.3 per cent. cent. In thirty-seven counties more than fifty per cent. of the farmers are tenants. On the other hand, there are eight mountain counties and two tidewater counties (Dare and Brunswick) with a farm tenancy ratio of less than fifteen per cent. Fifty-six counties have less than the state average of 45.2 per cent. of farms operated by tenants, and forty-four coun-

ties are above the state average. Fifty counties had a higher tenancy ratio in 1925 than in 1910, and fifty counties had a lower ratio.

EMPHASIS IN WRONG PLACE.

The case of "Rabbi" Schneider, of Gastonia, seems to us an excellent illustration of the often-repeated charge-that emphasis is placed in the wrong place at many colleges. Schneider is a football star and the following from the Gastonia Gazette is relative to his case:

"Rabbi" Schneider, prominent Gastonia high athlete who was all set to enter Syracusce University this fall and had his Pullman reservation made to leave ministers. In this case an evangelist that Judge Bowie would have accepted Sunday night, is at the University of North Carolina.

by Coach Grady Pritchard and Harry Schwartz in their car, despite the repeated declaration of Schneider that he wanted to go to Syracuse.

week that Schneider was headed for Sv- of wandering around and they just took racuse, the coaches at the University got it for granted that he had gone again. together and tried to prevent his going. Later developments confirmed the minis-When it was definitely announced that ter's statement, or at least he was parhe was leaving Sunday night, Pritchard tially confirmed by the finding of the and Schwartz blew into Gastonia Satur- body. day night about ten o'clock. From then Mrs. Gatlin denies that she told the anxious to see just what will happen compared with 6,633 in 1925, or an in-

ready to believe he was really benefitted. fice he makes all the other candidates We call this a vacation because . ap- mad. parently the Governor did things there he was not accustomed to. He spent the he hasn't any backbone.

time profitably. He built up his body by physical exercise and in so doing made it are presented his credit rating goes down there were big increases in farm tenancy. possible for him to better carry on the to zero in five minutes. If he tries to coltedious tasks that confront him in Raleigh

> The Greenville, S. C., News recently commented on the Governor's vacation, stressing the point that the Governor did not spend his time idly sitting. The excellent editorial reads:

"Governor McLean, of North Carolina, each day doing outdoor work. He left a is charged with being "stuck up." monument to his pick-an excavation eight feet deep and 18 by 24 feet wide. 'It the editor says so he makes big taxpaywork,' he said, 'but I found it came back his subscribers say he is afraid to tell the pretty easy.'

"Vacations would be a good thing for men of sedentary occupation if they followed the precedent of the Tar Heel Governor. But unfortunately many of them get the habit of sitting so much that they and Greene ranks second with 82.0 per sit out their vacation too-in an automobile or on a resort porch. Sitting is an insidious habit. If more men would break themselves of it periodically, there would be an increase in the gubernatorial timber. One can literally sit one's self to death.

REIDSVILLE'S MURDER MYSTERY

North Carolina has on its hands a murder mystery that may take rank with the most interesting and most baffling in historv

Mrs. Gatlin, pretty young bride, is charged with slaying her father, R. Smith

Petty, and burying his body in the base- Judge Deal, of Winston-Salem, and was ment of a house the family formerly occupied. She is in jail, but emphatically denies that she had any part in the slaying

There is another interesting and unus- certed support for him and he does not ual angle to the case-the manner in want to serve under such circumstances. which the evidence was submitted. Fratricides are not unknown in the State, all of them. That will stop Some of the but it is unusual for arrests in murder political gossip but not all of it. There cases to follow alleged confessions to are many who will maintain right along told police officers Mrs. Gatlin came to the place and kept it had Governor Mchim at the close of a service and confess- Lean offered it to him. What the people "He was taken there Sunday morning ed that she had killed her father, then of his district thought would not have

missing for several weeks. Police officers must have put little confidence in the minister's statement for at first they refused to make an investiga- added fuel to the fire. There were those

"After the announcement came out last tion. Petty, it seems, was in the habit

until eleven or after they talked to the lo- minister anything but she has this dam- should he and Governor McLean have to crease of 8.6 per cent. These first ad-

New Orleans ... Norfolk, Va. _____ 100,000 Orlando, Fla. _____ 50,000 If he doesn't indorse anybody he is told Palm Beach, Fla. _____ 50,000

If he doesn't pay his bills when they Savannah, Ga. _____ 50,000 St. Augustine, Fla. _____ 100,000 lect the money owing him, he is told to Tampa, Fla. -- 145,000 come back next week. Tulsa, Okla. __ 25,000

If he stops the paper of a subscriber who owes him for five years back, he makes an enemy. If he doesn't stop it he that this list does not include all of the loses that much every week.

Gee, it's great to be an editor.

JUDGE BOWIE EXPLAINS.

Judge Tam Bowie hastens to explain

hat he resigned from the Superior Court

bench because the people of his district

did not support him when the question of

a successor to Judge Parker came up,

and because he wanted to be home more

people of his district did not offer con-

entered into the question so much then.

Judge Bowie is one of the most popu-

lar men in North Carolina, and this too

would amount to something.

truth.

coward.

If Si Perkins comes to town to sell for advertising during the present year. two and a half dozen eggs and the paper It is sure that there are others that are returns from his vacation in Wisconsin doesn't say that Mr. Perkins made a bus- advertising rather heavily, but it gives no with the news that he put in eight hours iness trip to the city last week the editor names.

As to the probable extent of commun-If the town needs improvements and ity advertising, Editor and Publisher quotes a California authority on the subwas a long time since I did that sort of ers mad. If he sleeps over the subject ject as follows:

"A survey of the community panorama at the beginning of 1927 is bewil-If he doesn't do cheaper job printing dering. It is doubtful if anyone can say than the out-of-town printer he loses the how many community advertisers there

order. If he does charge less and gets the are and just how much they are spendorder he fails to make any profit. ing. There are dozens in the national If he calls names he is liable to get all field, scores advertising on a regional beat up. If he doesn't they say he is a

basis and hundreds engaged in more or less local appeals." To which Editor and If he lives at all he is lucky. If he Publisher adds: doesn't they say it served him right.

"These appropriations range from as low as \$1,000 to as high as \$100,000. California can probably still claim leadership among the boosters. The citizenry of two cities of the State, anxious to have Easterners go there to live and spend their money, contributed \$1,100,000 this year for advertising the two proud California cities being Los Angeles, with an advertising appropriation of \$700,000 and San Francisco with \$400,000.

The resignation came immediately af-"Florida as a State is second to Caliter Governor McLean had appointed fornia as a believer in the power of advertising. Some of the cities with montaken by many as an indication of Judge ey available this year to be used to tell Bowie's displeasure. That was not the about themselves include Daytona case, the judge says. He found that the Beach, Jacksonville, Key West, Miami, Palm Beach, St. Petersburg, St. Augustine and Tampa.'

Advertising as an investment, whether That will satisfy some people but not t is for community or private enterprise. Business concerns familiar with the success of advertising include in it their budgets just as they do rents, clerk hire and the like. It is necessary to success and every community can study with profit the figures outlined above.



Complete returns received by the Dewho saw in his resignation a warning that partment of Commerce from 36 States, he would be the political foe of Governor covering 60 institutions out of a total of McLean hereafter, and such opposition 75 State institutions for feeble-minded and epileptics which were in operation in We are ready to accept Judge Bowie's 1926 show an increase in the disease. explanation, but just the same we are go- These 60 institutions had a total of 7,203 ing to watch for the reaction. We are first admissions during the yeaer 1926, as

20,000 are utilized as industry has increased its demands for raw materials. Manufacturing has shown the greatest rate of increase and a new industrial region has Sapulpa, Okla. _____ 2,500 been created in the South which is taking full advantage of the many opportun-St. Petersburg, Fla. _____ 250,000 ities which this region offers. This well balanced progress has brought with it rapidly increasing demands for transportation. Railroad traffic in the South has Wilmington, N. C. _____ 25,000 accordingly grown at a much faster pace The Manufacturers Record is certain than in other sections of the country Moreover, this traffic is well diversified Southern cities that are spending money between products of agriculture and mines and manufactures. Such diversification is particularly desirable for a railroad as depression in any one line may be partially offset by continued activity in others.

> "The railroads of the South can confidently expect a continued growth in well balanced traffic for many years to come. With the establishment of satisfactory earning power and good credit these roads have been able to expand their facilities and to keep well ahead of the demands made upon them for prompt and efficient service. The value of such rail-

road service is becoming more generally recognized in the South and it is probable that good earnings will be assured to muscled, strong-backed man com these roads as long as the South continues to advance along the lines which assure a general prosperity to all."

We doubt whether the Anti-Saloon League can find a man ready to carry on the work of Wayne B. Wheeler. Men just as able can be found but it will be difficult to locate one ready to put as much enthusiasm, energy and time into the work. Many of the policies of Mr. Wheeler we did not sanction but we are ready to agree that he was honest, tireless and effective. His salary was always

small yet there has never been a hint that a dollar of the cause money was ever misplaced; he was a fanatic in a sense on prohibition and could not see the viewpoint of the other man, yet he was sincere with it all; and he labored many years, with one of the finest organizations in the world, for his cause. He will be missed in prohibition circles.

HOW DEBTS HAVE CLIMBED UP.

The people of Craven County owe \$15,000,000 and the total valuation of property a late estimate is \$26,000,000

The debt part of the above statement ne to make, but a careful analysis of the facts will bear this statement out, according to one of our leading citizens, who has taken the trouble to make the estimate. The county owes 2.600.000

1,750,000 Loans of the banks to the people ... 5.000.000 State debt (Craven's part) 150,000 National debt (Craven's part) 1,000,000)wing investment companies ... 500.000)wing land banks and others of the kind 500,000 Private debts to others, including de-

ferred payments on autos, etc. 2.150.000 Total\$15.000.000

The property of the people of Craven County is good for all of this \$15,000,000 debt. Did you, dear Sun-Journal readres, ever stop and think of

crowding in amongst the personage has built himself a bo eck and call. Mail comes on common or garden variety of su and go with the mail boat. I of Fords chug-chugging about folks to and from the pearest land. There are two stores; varieties of tailored cigarettes, We gather that George scribe might still spend a week and barefoot without being dis s getting all cluttered up w ts ancient virtues. The angling not what it was. To go su village up to the point used to be equiring an hour's walk with a ods, reels, bait, sinkers; with a heavy burden of fish to drag on one may get to the point in al truck. Effeteness, we hear, h

messed up

WASTE.

High Point Enterprise way, an overfed and pam limousine, an artist sleeping in images of waste. Walk down any street and of it-waste walks through the slums, through the halls of laws courts of justice, along t What is the remedy? How & captalize low shall government humanity bend down and How? There can be hers know it and waste answer is knowledge.

GENERAL COX NAMES A M

education.

What could be

Raleigh Times In itself the appoint is State Adjutant of the nounced by General Albert will give general satisfact the war and in interest i Mr. Powell has fully qua

tant post o two other members had been suggested for is to fill. Appreciating General Cox lays it down thinks it employ as Adjutant any

or State position. To this there will all who are mindful of without political taint. the Great War. country in high fashion. directing officers should be th will be a minimum

ssential truth. Workman says he plant at Detroit the up bolt A instead Florida Times-Union

If you will take full death, and exonerate saving J

childless

