

## WARREN COUNTY IMPORTS \$3,222,212 MORE FOOD THAN FARMERS PRODUCE

University News Letter Presents Statewide Survey of Farm Facts. And the Fact That Monied Crops Do Not Bring Prosperity to Farm.

### ONLY THREE SELF-SUPPORTING COUNTIES IN STATE

Warren County imports \$3,222,212 more food and feed crops than the value of its produce, according to the University News Letter, which tells of a State deficit of \$229,000,000.

These figures are based on the 1920 census of quantities and values of bread and meat produced in each county; on the consuming population of folk and farm animals; on standard staple farm and garden products—not extras, dainties, and luxuries, and on the per capita averages.

There are only three—Currituck, Alleghany and Camden—self-feeding counties in the State.

Franklin ranks 64. Vance is 78 on the list and Wake 97th. Halifax is ten from the bottom and Warren ranks 80th. Northampton, Alexander and Hertford counties are 4th, 5th, and 6th from the top. Northampton County's deficit being only \$5,381.

Says The News Letter: In fifty years the people of North Carolina have been able to accumulate 170 million dollars in bank-account savings in banks of all sorts, State and national.

In a single year—the year 1920—we sent 230 million dollars out of the State in cold cash for bread and butter, hog and hominy, hay and forage that we could have produced at home.

The bills for imported food and feed supplies ranges from five thousand dollars in Northampton to more than nine million dollars each in Guilford, Forsyth, and Mecklenburg.

Only three counties are self-feeding—Camden, Alleghany, and Currituck. If these three counties had roads, schools, and bank facilities adequate to their needs, and swift, easy transportation to the market centers, they would quickly be the wealthiest farm counties in this or any other State. They are now on the safe side of the deadline, and they will be wise to hold on to this advantage as they move into modern contacts with the outside business world.

In not one of the ninety-seven deficit counties of the State do the bank capital, surpluses, and undivided profits accumulated in fifty years equal the bill for imported farm and pantry supplies in a single year.

And let us say again that these food and feed deficits are minimum figures (1) because they cover only the standard, staple farm and garden products, not extras, dainties and luxuries of diet; (2) because the values used in the figuring are farm values and not retail prices at the stores; else the deficit in each county would have been at least twice as large in 1920.

### An Important Matter.

The home production of food and feed is an important detail of State economy, because it is directly related to the critical matter of wealth-retention; and wealth-retention is far more important than wealth production—at least to the producers. The farmer's share of the consumer's dollar is the main thing, the farmers considered. And at last it is a main matter for all the people of the State and the nation because the farmers will not forever go on living "at a poor dying rate." And if they quit, and they are quitting in large numbers in every State every year, America will some day be asking, "What shall we eat and where-withal shall we be clothed, and how shall we command the wherewithal to pay for existence necessities?"

Now, the retention of farm wealth is a complicated problem. Many factors are involved in it, but for southern farmers at present the most important factor is the production of cotton and tobacco on a bread-and-meat basis. If they cannot or will not learn this lesson, it is hardly worth while for them to learn any other.

For instance, in 1919, our cotton and tobacco crops turned loose in the State 320 million dollars in cash, which was 90 million dollars more than the State's bill for imported food and feed supplies. But these ninety million dollars shrank at once to forty millions when our fertilizer bills were paid. The cotton and tobacco money left in North Carolina—supposing that

the cash-crop farms had it—was just \$16 per farm family, or around \$3.00 per farm inhabitant—and this in the prosperous year 1919. It is safe to say, that it was a great deal less in 1921 or nothing at all; and when the cotton and tobacco balances are nothing at all or worse, then local merchants and country bankers are in dire distress along with the farmers.

### The Lesson of History.

For a half century we have tried to get rich raising cotton and tobacco and buying farm supplies with cotton and tobacco money, and we have tried it long enough to know that it cannot be done—that as a matter of fact it has not been done by any county of the State.

We lead the South in the per-acre production of cotton and tobacco values and we stand ahead of thirty-eight states in the per-acre production of gross crop values, all crops counted. But in the per worker production of crop wealth thirty-one States make a better showing and only seven States are poorer in the per capita accumulation of wealth in farm properties—farm lands and buildings, livestock, farm implements and the like.

Near the top in farm-wealth production and near the bottom in farm-wealth retention—that's history in North Carolina.

When a farm people are worth less than \$684 per capita after two hundred and fifty years of history, it is high time they were doing some first-class thinking. And it's high time merchants and bankers were helping them to think the problem clear through to the end and to think straight.

No city can safely live up to itself alone. In sheer self-defence it must take generous thought of the countryside that supports it. That city is richest whose trade territory is richest.

### CONTRASTS FOOD RAISING IN WEST OF STATE WITH EAST.

RALEIGH, June 26—In analyzing the economic situation in the farming sections of North Carolina, it is interesting to contrast the results that have come from the farming practices in the rich Eastern counties with their large plantations and scores of negro tenants, and those in the mountain and western counties where there has been comparatively less tenant farming and where all farmers, land owners and tenants alike, have had greater encouragement in, as well as necessity for, producing their actual living from the land.

In the East and in some counties in the central part of the State a few plantation owners and supply merchants have grown wealthy at the expense of tenants and small farmers. Not all, but many, of these plantation owners and supply merchants have discouraged, even by drastic means, the growing of food for the family, the keeping of cows, hogs, and even the growing of corn and other feed for work stock, for the very simple reason that they have made constant and large profits from the handling of these supplies.

In 1920 these folks were caught in their own trap and hundreds of plantation owners and supply merchants in Eastern Carolina today would be bankrupt if they were forced to liquidate under present conditions.

### BIG VOTE FORECAST ON NEXT SATURDAY

A record vote is forecasted for the election of tomorrow. Candidates to be voted for are:

For Register of Deeds—Simon M. Gardner and J. A. Dowtin.  
For Sheriff—H. E. Rodwell and R. E. Davis.

A vamp is nothing but a revamp when she uses too much paint and powder.—The Merchants Journal and Commerce.



### JULY THE FOURTH.

To the sages who spoke, to the heroes who bled,  
To the day and the deed, strike the harpstrings of glory!  
Let the song of the ransomed remember the dead,  
And the tongue of the eloquent hallow the story!  
O'er the bones of the bold Be the story long told,  
And on fame's golden tablets their triumphs enrolled,  
Who on freedom's green hills freedom's banner unfurled,  
And the beacon-fire raised that gave light to the world!

They are gone—mighty men!—  
and they sleep in their fame,  
Shall we forget them? Oh, never!  
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Let our sons learn from us to  
emblem each great name,  
And the anthem send down—  
"Independence forever!"

Wake, wake, heart and tongue  
Keep the theme ever young;  
Let their deeds through the long  
lines of ages be sung,  
Who on freedom's green hills  
freedom's banner unfurled,  
And the beacon-fire raised that  
gave light to the world!

—Chas. Sprague.

Where liberty dwells, there is  
my country.—Benjamin Franklin.

The God who gave us life, gave us  
liberty at the same time.—  
Thomas Jefferson.

God grants liberty only to  
those who love it and are al-  
ways ready to guard and defend  
it.—Daniel Webster.

### REV. BAXTER HERE DRILL WEDNESDAY; ON SUNDAY NIGHT TO CAMP SATURDAY

The Rev. E. W. Baxter will preach in Warrenton on next Sunday afternoon at 8 o'clock in Emmanuel Church. Mr. Baxter will drive from Wilson on Sunday afternoon.

The former Rector of the Episcopal Church here has many friends here who delight to have him visit Warrenton, and will go out to hear him. The public is cordially invited to attend service and hear Mr. Baxter.

The next Company B drill will be held on Wednesday night at 8 o'clock instead of on Monday night as announced at the last drill, Captain John Rodgers said yesterday. The company leaves on Saturday, July 8, for the Summer encampment at Morehead City. "I am particularly anxious for the men to attend drills in order that B. Co. may rank high in its general military bearing at camp," Captain Rodgers added.

### MARRY IN NORFOLK SURPRISE FRIENDS

Miss Jennie Jeffress and Pryor Allen wed on Wednesday in Virginia Seaport.

### AT HOME AFTER JULY 9

Miss Virginia Watson Jeffress and Mr. Charles Pryor Allen were married on Wednesday, June 28, in Norfolk, according to announcements which were the surprise of the Wednesday morning mail. Madame Rumor had frequently coupled them as life partners but the wedding bell tinkle assuredly caused surprise.

Many persons were talking of the wedding all yesterday but no one knew many details. Miss Jeffress left here on Friday. Mr. Allen went away Sunday. Thursday they were on their honeymoon.

Miss Jeffress is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Jeffress of Palmer Springs. She has been for a number of years in the employ of the Citizens Bank here and she is widely and favorably known over Warren County.

The groom is a successful business man of Allen & Fleming Co. During the war he served with the Quartermaster Corps. He is a brother of Supt. of Schools J. Edward Allen and a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Allen of Warrenton.

Mr. and Mrs. Pryor Allen will be at home here after July 9.

### CRAZY NEGRO KILLS WIFE; SLASHES SELF

Silas Palmer Fires Upon Daughter Who Jumps Out of Top Window and Flees Wrath.

### SON COMES FOR SHERIFF

"I'm going to the house and play hell," Silas Palmer told his son yesterday morning. Mary Palmer, his wife, is dead, his daughter's back peppered with gun shot and Palmer, with throat badly slashed, is in the County Home under care of County Health Officer W. D. Rodgers Jr. today as testimony to the success of the attempt.

The son did not pay any attention to the father until he heard the shot gun thunder. He ran to the house to find his mother dead and to see his sister running away from home. She had been chased upstairs and after being fired upon by the supposedly crazed negro had jumped from the upstairs window.

The son grappled with Silas Palmer and locked him in the crib. He came immediately afterward to Sheriff R. E. Davis, who returned with the boy.

They found Palmer bleeding profusely from wounds on the neck, inflicted by a razor. Dr. W. D. Rodgers arrived and Sheriff Davis left the negro in his keeping.

Palmer was brought to town and later taken to the County Home. His recovery was in doubt yesterday.

### S. S. RALLY TAKES MINERS BATTLE IN NUMBERS TO GROVE HERRIN COAL FIELD

Girls Defeat Men In Ball Game; Other Amusements Enlist General Participation.

### DINNER A GREAT SUCCESS

Picnicing with chicken instead of discussing creed, happy in the delights of outdoors instead of the deviousness of dogma, Warrenton Sunday School folk rallied to Crinkley's grove on Tuesday for the second annual outing amid the shade of protecting oaks and friendly town persons.

Wholesome games enlisted men of years who turned boys for the day. Some accused Chas. Tucker of the Episcopal camp of trying to slip something over Town Commissioner Rodwell of the Baptist clan in a game in which the ladies were contestants. The judges ruled in favor of the ladies and Tucker.

By all odds the baseball game was a feature of the morning. W. H. Dameron landed on the pill and made a stumbling slide into first and Mrs. W. D. Rodgers Jr. biffed a pill for extra bases. The doubtful decisions were given by umpire McRobt. Booth to the girls' team which came out ahead. Misses Norma Connell, Mary Harris, Ella Brodie Jones, Mrs. M. C. McGuire, Mrs. Moore, Cate Monroe Gardner, Roberta Porter, Martha R. Price, and Mrs. Rodgers were in the line-up. W. H. Dameron, Boyd Massenburt, Laurie Beddo, M. C. McGuire and other devotees of the national pastime were defeated.

Whenever thirst came a table of lemonade beckoned and A. J. Ellington and T. B. Gardner served it bountifully.

Dinner was a feast. The table had enough to feed many more than those present. "It was the largest spread I have ever seen in Warren," a gentleman, who has attended many such dinners, said yesterday. Dr. T. J. Taylor asked the blessed. Hearty appetites and good fellowship held full sway as the dinner was eaten in picnic style.

More than 300 were present for the outing which came as a result of a conference by Sunday School leaders more than a month ago. J. Willie White was general chairman, with the following committees: Time and Place—R. S. Booth, H. A. Moseley, C. A. Tucker, C. R. Rodwell.

Table—Mrs. R. J. Jones, Mrs. W. N. Boyd, Mrs. Daisy Henderson, Mrs. J. E. Rooker.

Lemonade and Water—T. B. Gardner, W. R. Strickland, Alfred Ellington, R. B. Green.

Grounds—E. A. Skillman and J. J. Crinkley.

Entertainment—Mrs. M. C. McGuire, Mrs. J. Edward Allen, Mrs. W. D. Rodgers Jr., Mrs. C. R. Rodwell, Miss Belle Dameron, Miss Sue Williams, M. C. McGuire and W. Brodie Jones.

Many, in review of the pleasant experiences of Tuesday, will look forward to another Summer outing of similar scope.

### Mrs. R. J. Jones Entertains.

Mrs. R. J. Jones tendered a delightful picnic to her Sunday School Class last Friday afternoon at the Bennett Grove.

Each of her class was privileged to invite a friend. Barbecue and Brunswick stew were much enjoyed and the afternoon was one of pleasure to all present.

### COMMISSION LETS HENDERSON TO MANSON CONTRACT

The State Highway Commission let the contract for a hard surface road from the Warren county line near Manson to Henderson, a distance of 7.83 miles—a little more than seven and three-quarter miles—on Wednesday. R. G. Lassiter & Co. were awarded the contract at the price of \$236,071 for the road way, and \$5,335.00 for the structures.

### Among the Travelers.

Misses Josephine Ballou of Oxford and Lucy Powell of Henderson have been guests of Miss Lucy Boyd this week.

Miss Lucy Boyd left for Wilmington today to visit her aunt, Mrs. W. A. Graham.

Gompers Elected President of A. F. of L. 41 Times—William Rockefeller Dies

### R. R. MEN MAY STRIKE

Half a dozen wounded men, some of them lying on death beds, gave an Associated Press correspondent the first actual eye witness accounts of the mine fight at Herrin, Ill., last week which brought dozens of casualties, when 5,000 armed striking miners attacked the Lester strip mine near Herrin, the mine being operated by imported workers and guards.

The substance of the statements by the wounded, who were among the besieged, was that not a mine worker was injured during the fighting, but that the numerous killed were shot down in cold blood after they had surrendered themselves and their arms. There was nothing from the union miners to contradict these claims.

Several of the men imported to work the mine absolved the strikers from blame, saying that the ones responsible were those "who sent us here under false promises that there would be no trouble" and that "the miners would not object."

Some of the wounded interviewed were in the hospital at Herrin. Others were located in their homes through secret channels.

President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor was re-elected without opposition at Cincinnati on Friday, the Federation's annual convention. It was his forty-first election to the office.

After the unanimous vote had been cast for Mr. Gompers, a demonstration broke loose among the delegates which continued a few minutes. Then Mr. Gompers thanked the delegates and added:

"I shall endeavor to give the best that is in me."

William Rockefeller, oil magnate and brother of John D. Rockefeller, died at Tarrytown, N. Y., on Sunday.

Mr. Rockefeller, who was 81 years old, had not recently been active in business, although he was active head of the Standard Oil Company of New York from its establishment in 1865 to 1911. Mr. Rockefeller was one of the richest men in America.

Although he maintained many of his directorships, Mr. Rockefeller of late years, shifted most of his business responsibilities to the shoulders of his son, Percy.

One of his street associates has ventured an estimate of his fortune, but it is said that he has between \$100,000,000 and \$250,000,000, concentrated in various Standard oil companies, Anaconda copper, consolidated gas, Brooklyn Union Gas, St. Paul and National City Bank.

A strike of the 400,000 railway shop men of the country will be called for July 1 unless the railroads agree to stay the \$60,000,000 wage cut due the shop workers on that date and to restore certain working conditions formerly in effect, it was made known on Tuesday through a telegram from B. M. Jewell, head of the shop crafts, to the Association of Railway Executives.

Decision to call a strike came late Tuesday after a lengthy discussion by the executive committee of the six shop crafts unions, based on the strike vote of the men thus far tabulated.

Should the rail heads arrange an immediate conference, agreeing meanwhile to continue present wages, restore working rules modified by the railroad labor board and discontinue farming out railroad work, however, a walkout can be halted, the telegram said. Otherwise "a sanction of withdrawal from employment July 1, 1922, as voted by the employees, will be unavoidable."

### Stores Close Here On Fourth.

All stores will be closed here on Tuesday, July 4. The only events scheduled for the day are the two ball games with Littleton. The morning game there at 10 o'clock and the afternoon game in Warrenton at 4.

"Even the milk of human kindness, if stirred too much, turns sour."