

### CONSOLIDATION WOULD LOWER

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population and wealth, population movements, the growth and vitality of trade centers, the extent of trade areas, and the determination of the boundaries of existing natural communities as a basis for promoting further county consolidations or revisions. The survey should also consider the amount of debt in each county, the condition of county buildings and the use to which they could be put if the county seat were discontinued, and the sentiment of the people in respect to consolidation. Hasty and ill-advised legislation should be avoided, but the time has come for a careful study of the areas of local government in this and every other state.

The News Letter also quotes President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt as follows:

"The people are beginning to realize that they are burdened with a host of useless officials and an intricate mass of local machinery of government that cannot function efficiently in this present age and cannot properly supply the services that they have a right to expect of government."

There should be consolidation of many existing units of government, possibly the elimination of towns altogether, or at least a consolidation of their functions and certainly the elimination of many offices that are useless.

County government is no more fit for its purpose than an ox-cart would be fit for the task of supplying modern transportation between New York and Chicago.

For Americans to be proud of their business efficiency, of their economic progress, of all the improvements which have come to us during the past generation, is highly inconsistent with the attitude of the average citizen who without objection allows local government to continue in its time-worn groove of inefficiency.

### 5,000 Pounds of Walnut Kernels Bought by Blaine

Charles T. Blaine, who has been buying and selling walnut kernels for the past 15 months, reports the market for walnut kernels has been very good for the past few months. Since the new crop of walnuts has been on the market, that is, since November 1, he has bought 5,000

pounds of kernels. Last year, he marketed around 10,000 pounds; and since he began the work fifteen months ago, a total of over 15,000 pounds have been handled.

This business has helped the farmers of the county very much, since the walnuts purchased have been Macon county grown. The kernels have been somewhat cheaper than for the past season, but this season's crop is bringing the farmers from 15 cents to 30 cents a pound. The kernels are graded as to size, and are classed into three sizes. The kernels are all hand picked to remove all decayed kernels and pieces of shells.

The larger size kernels are sold to candy manufacturers, as well as the smaller sizes. Ice cream companies buy the medium and smaller sizes.

### RATIO OF FARM TAXES SMALLER

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wealth. In 1920 they controlled about 19 per cent of the wealth and paid approximately 28 per cent of the "selected" taxes or 21 per cent of the total taxes collected in the state. In 1930 farmers controlled about 21 per cent of the wealth and paid or would have paid 18 per cent of the "selected" taxes, or approximately 10 per cent of the total taxes of the state.

### Many Attend Meeting Of Young Democrats

A large crowd attended the meeting of the Oak Grove Young People's Democratic club at the Oak Grove school house Saturday evening. The speakers were: Grady Owens, formerly of Asheville, chairman of the Cowee club; Sam J. Murray, who was Robert R. Reynolds' county manager in the last election; C. Tom Bryson, registrar of deeds of Macon county; and John W. Edwards, of Franklin.

Following the meeting, a box supper was held for the benefit of the Oak Grove baseball team.

The next meeting of the young Democrats will be held in the Ot school house Saturday evening, February 11, at 7:30 o'clock.

A terrific winter storm ravaged the Atlantic seaboard from Hatteras to Halifax last week-end, disabling shipping, damaging waterfronts, causeways and roads, driving hundreds from homes near the beach.

### JUST HUMANS

By GENE CARR



"Tell Teacher I'm Sick an' Can't Show Up!"  
"What Will I Tell Her is the Matter?"  
"Oh, Tell Her I'm Teethin'!"

### Houk Urged for District Governor of Rotary Clubs

The name of Guy L. Houk, a former president of the Franklin Rotary club, was presented for nomination of District governor of Rotary at a meeting of district officials of the organization at Rock Hill, S. C., last Thursday. Nineteen members of the Franklin club accompanied Mr. Houk to the meeting. The election is to be held at a later date.

A much smaller delegation from Asheville was also present to present the name of Robin Phillips for nomination as district governor, which is regarded as a high honor not only for the man elected but also for the town from which he comes.

The Franklin Rotary club has had one of the finest attendance records in the entire district.

Those going to the meeting at Rock Hill were:

James E. Perry, Howard Valentine, J. S. Conley, D. D. Rice, I. E. Lancaster, G. L. Houk, Earl H. Meacham, Harold T. Sloan,

### FELIX E. ALLEY GOES ON BENCH

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outstanding citizens of the state and I believe the best loved man in his section."

Alley, a native of Jackson county has made his home for years in Waynesville. He was educated at Western Carolina Teachers' college and the University of North Carolina.

### J. C. Duncan Dies

#### Father of Franklin Rector Passes Suddenly

The Rev. N. C. Duncan, rector of St. Agnes Episcopal church of Franklin and the Church of the Incarnation of Highlands, received word Tuesday that his father, J. C. Duncan, of Lincolnton, had died suddenly. Rev. Mr. Duncan left immediately for Lincolnton. He had not known that his father, who was 85 years old, was ill.

The Franklin minister had planned to leave Wednesday to spend a month's vacation in Lincolnton. He is expected to remain there until the early part of March. Meanwhile no services are scheduled to be held at the Episcopal churches in Franklin and Highlands.

### Navy Enlistment Quota For February Announced

The navy recruiting office at Asheville has received word that the February quota of first enlistments will be eleven men. These men must be between the ages of 17 and 25, will have to have at least 7th grade education and be of good moral character and physically sound. Any men who are interested in the navy are urged to call at the navy recruiting office in the post office at Asheville and see Chief Torpedoman H. E. Stone.

club to the peak of success during the difficult years of 1931-32, when it not only maintained its membership without a single loss and with a high attendance record, but was also led to levels of activity and service far beyond those of previous years.

"Guy is a natural leader, splendid organizer, fine executive, a profound student of Rotary, and a good speaker."

"The Franklin Club asks and would appreciate your support."

### Facts Compiled by Poultry Growers Show 1932 Profits

Every poultry flock owner keeping cost records for the poultry extension office at State college during the year 1932 made a profit above feed cost of \$1.27 a bird according to figures submitted by the owners and recently tabulated by C. J. Maupin, poultry specialist.

There were 214 flock owners who kept these records through the whole of the year and made a careful report month by month of the results being secured. The average for each month shows 40,358 birds from which records were secured. This was an average of 188 birds for each farm for each month. In October, the number of birds per farm reached 233 and the lowest was in August when records were received from 137 birds per farm. This indicates that some careful culling was done and that the average farm flock had been reduced more than 40 per

cent in the first eleven months of the year.

The gross income from the eggs reported upon amounted to \$102,281.20 or \$477.94 a farm. The gross value of eggs for each bird was \$2.53. The average price received for eggs was 199 cents a dozen and the average feed cost for each dozen eggs was about 10 cents.

Analyzing the figures completely, Mr. Maupin says each bird in the demonstration flocks produced on an average 152.4 eggs for the year. This is under the five-year average for demonstration flocks and indicates a need for better breeding. The profit per bird could easily have been increased 50 per cent, Maupin says, if better production bred males had been in use.



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