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SAYS CENSUS GAIN SHOWS PROGRESS

Governor Gardner Is Pleased With Growth of State; Addresses Teachers

APPEAL TO GOVERNOR

By M. L. SHIPMAN

RALEIGH, July 21.—The heat wave of unusual duration and intensity here and elsewhere in the State gave way during the week to falling mercury following the approach of clouds accompanied by refreshing showers. The very welcome showers appear to have been general over a wide expanse and farmers are greatly heartened over crop prospects. Border counties along the Virginia line had been reported dry for several weeks, a condition which prevailed in other sections, and growing crops were menaced by the absence of moisture. "A million-dollar rain" is the estimate placed upon the showers experienced in the "dry sections" on Thursday, and Governor Gardner's live-at-home program advanced another step forward.

To a conference of teachers of vocational agriculture at State College the Governor spoke encouragingly of the part they are playing in carrying out the program and urged them to cooperate with all organized agencies and groups of county and community by taking the lead in the movement for full utilization of foods being produced through their leadership. Other addresses to the conference were by Robert D. Maltby, agent of the Federal Board for Vocational Education, and Roy H. Thomas, State Supervisor of Vocational Education, who were in complete agreement with the suggestions advanced in the address of the Governor. During the last year, according to the speakers, vocational agricultural departments were in operation in 18 white schools, located in 70 counties of the State, and nearly 200 persons were enrolled in the agricultural classes in these departments.

Commenting on the 1930 census, which gives North Carolina a population of 3,165,146, Governor Gardner says he considers the 23 per cent increase made by the State during the last decade as "a complete vindication of the progress started by Morrison and sustained by McLean," and congratulates the people on "living at home and boarding at the same place." The increase in the population of the State is six per cent more than the average for the country as a whole which, the Governor considers, rather remarkable in view of the fact that from 1860 to 1890 rather small increases were reported from one ten-year period to another.

The Governor appointed a long list of delegates recently to represent the State at the Fourth Session of the Institution of Public Affairs to be held at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, August 3 to 16. He has himself accepted an invitation to be present at the meeting and deliver an address in the round table discussions on "Reorganization of State Government." A number of governors and ex-governors of various States are to participate at the meeting over which former Governor Harry Floyd Byrd, of Virginia, will preside.

During the week representations were made to Governor Gardner by C. W. Bolick, organizer for the United Textile Workers Union, and Karl R. Massey, Leaksville attorney, that men had been discharged from the Cone mills, at Greensboro, for no other reason than that they had joined the union and requested that some action be taken relative thereto. No illegality was charged, but the situation was described as "very strained and imminent of almost anything," because of ejections of discharged employees from their mill-owned homes. The "complainants" were advised by His Excellency that there was nothing he could do about it, in the absence of sufficient reason for State action. Mill authorities refuse to treat with representatives of the union and there is apprehension that the Gastonia-Marion troubles between the mills and employees may be enacted in Greensboro.

At a meeting of State Prison directors recently held here a resolution in respect to the memory of the late chairman, Walter D. LaRoque, was adopted and routine matters transacted. A proposal for the removal of the plant of the Carolina Culvert Company from Salisbury to Raleigh in order that

Men Wounded In Run-in With Sheriff And His Deputies

Raymond Acree, reputed bootlegger is in the Roanoke Rapids hospital with a pistol wound in his hip, and Hinton Faison, also reputed bootlegger, is awaiting trial in the county jail at Halifax as a result of a run-in with Sheriff Johnson and his deputies at Rosemary on Friday afternoon around 5:30 o'clock.

Having been notified that Acree and Faison were to be in Rosemary on Friday afternoon with a load of liquor, Sheriff Johnson and Deputy Charles Lawrence went to Rosemary where they were joined by Chief of Police Grey and by Deputy Sheriffs Bell and Keeter. Acree and Faison and an unknown man were parked in Acree's car in front of the Park in Rosemary when they were discovered by the officers.

Chief Grey cut his car in front of the men and Sheriff Johnson drove up in rear, making escape of his car impossible. As the officers got out of their cars, Acree stepped out on the left side with his Luger automatic in his hand, but before he could get a shot at the officers, two of them had fired, the bullet from one of the guns taking effect in Acree's hip, causing him to drop his gun and surrender.

Faison was captured by Deputy Sheriff Keeter when he attempted to make his get-away across a ditch on the right side of the road. The third occupant of the car made good his escape.

Acree was carried to the Roanoke Rapids hospital where he is recovering from the pistol wound. He is being kept under guard while there, it was said by one of the officers.

Acree was driving a new Chrysler, which when searched by the officers was found to contain 32 gallons of liquor. The liquor was in five 5-gallon containers, one case of 6 gallons in fruit jars, and one gallon in another case in fruit jars. The car and whiskey are being held by Sheriff Johnson, who is also holding \$55.50 found on Acree. Faison was placed in the Halifax jail awaiting the recovery of Acree, when both of the men will be given a preliminary hearing on a charge of possession and transportation of liquor for the purpose of sale.

Blair Says Corn Growers Maintain Fertility of Soil

Returning from a field trip in eastern Carolina where he inspected 1,033 corn fields in seven counties, E. C. Blair, extension agronomist at State College, reports that 55 per cent of these fields had soybeans, cowpeas or some other summer growing legume interplanted with the corn.

"This is a wonderful showing and indicates that our best corn growers are realizing the importance of keeping up the fertility of their land through the use of legume crops," says Mr. Blair. "My trip was made through Wayne, Duplin, New Hanover, Brunswick, Columbus, Robeson, and Cumberland counties. This is not generally accepted as soybean territory; yet, 565 of the 1,033 fields of corn inspected were planted with either soybeans, cowpeas, velvet beans or snap beans with the soybeans being far in the lead of all other combined."

New Hanover county had the highest proportion of legumes in corn, or 64 per cent, while Duplin came second with 60 per cent. Mr. Blair said as a general thing, the best and most thrifty looking fields of corn had legumes in them, while most of those on poor land, and those showing evidence of poor farming did not have the legumes interplanted. It was also worthy of note, he said, that the most fields without legumes were found in the remote sections of the counties visited.

Some farmers argue, says Mr. Blair, that planting legumes in corn will cut the yield but results of field demonstrations does not bear this out. As a usual thing the yield of corn is maintained and the land made more fertile when the crop residue is thoroughly plowed under. Mr. Blair has some demonstrations which show an increased crop yield the following year. Planting legumes in corn is a good practice and should be more generally followed throughout the State, he recommends.

A cooperative carlot shipment of 149 lambs was made by a group of Jackson county farmers recently.

LUCKY BREAKS

By C. R. Miller



PSYCHIC SAVES QUEEN OF COMIC OPERA

A STRANGER, RUSHING IN WHILE LILLIAN RUSSELL FAMOUS ACTRESS WAS AT BREAKFAST, URGED HER TO LEAVE THE ROOM AT ONCE—SCARCELY HAD SHE DONE SO WHEN A HUGE MIRROR FELL ACROSS THE TABLE.

THE MAN—BERT REESE FAMOUS PSYCHIC

Man And Woman Forfeit \$50 Bond; Tries Several Cases

Charged with fornication and adultery, T. H. McMichael and Mary J. Thomas, white man and woman of Weldon, forfeited their bond of \$50 when they failed to appear for trial Tuesday morning. The bond was placed on them Monday night after they had been found living together.

Chief Crewe and other town officers caught the man and woman living together as man and wife when they went to the home they were occupying, but later found that they had a wife and a husband elsewhere.

Lucile Pippen was given a 30 day suspended sentence on Monday morning at Mayor's court for being disorderly. She used some very abusive words.

John Price and Sarah Scott didn't fare so well when they were tried for being disorderly and Mayor Daniel said \$5 and costs each.

John Coleman was bound over to the next term of criminal court for receiving stolen goods, and was placed under a \$100 bond. Edward Jones, from whom he received the goods, was under 16 years of age and his case was remanded to juvenile court, to be tried by Sterling M. Gary, Clerk of Court for Halifax county, juvenile judge. Jones stole a tub of lard from the truck of Acme Grocery Co.

4-H Short Courses To Be Held August 4-9

With reservations for about 800 farm boys and girls anticipated, plans for the ninth annual 4-H short course to be held at State College during the week of August 4 to 9 are being rapidly matured.

The course will be given under the direction of L. R. Harrill and Miss Elizabeth Cornelius, club leaders of the extension service, and will embody instruction in work now being conducted in the field and home by the 23,000 club members now enrolled in North Carolina. Each course will be of such practical nature that the club representative may take the main facts back to the community which he represents.

Mr. Harrill says one of the most interesting features of the short course will be the general sessions at which the club officers will preside and where the club members will arrange their own programs. It is expected that reports will be made at these sessions from the delegates who attended important club gatherings both in and out of the State during the past year. A report of the progress in club work will also be made.

Recreation, health, culture, judging contests, and demonstrations will be some of the main activities or studies of the meeting. The King and Queen of Health will be crowned on Thursday evening, August 7. (Continued on page 4)

SAYS FIRES DUE TO CARELESSNESS

District Forester Reports 445 Forest Fires In North-eastern Part of State

ESTIMATE LOSS \$42,302.00

By L. A. CARTER

District Forester
Four hundred forty-five fires, largely due to carelessness, during the year ending June 30 burned over an area of 20,484 acres of forest land in the 8 cooperating counties with the Department of Conservation and Development in forest fire protection in the North-eastern part of the State and caused a loss estimated at \$42,302.00.

The extremely long, dry spring fire season that covered the entire first six months of 1930, together with the notion held in some sections that woods burning would control boll weevils, was responsible or much of the increase in the number of fires.

Compilation of fire reports shows 136 fires due to brush burning, 16 to hunters or fishermen, 23 to railroads, 10 to lumbering, 68 to incendiarism, 85 to smokers, 43 to miscellaneous causes and 53 of unknown origin.

The number of fires by counties and acres burned are: Bertie 106 fires, 3,655 acres; Chowan 20 fires, 278 acres; Edgecombe 61 fires, 1,155 acres; Halifax 91 fires, 3,136 acres; Hertford 26 fires, 630 acres; Northampton 48 fires, 1,057 acres; Warren 61 fires, 2,039 acres; Washington 30 fires, 7,725 acres; Camp Protective area—Gates County 2 fires, 410 acres.

The Warden's Activity Record shows that during the year the forest wardens collected fire fighting costs from 76 responsible parties amounting to \$524.75; conducted 12 prosecutions for violations of the forest fire laws, winning 8 cases, losing 2, while 2 cases were appealed and have not been settled. Fire prevention work included visiting 398 schools, inspecting 91 sawmills, posting 2,141 fire warning notices and interviewing 13,780 people. In addition to the above 106 motion picture showings were made with a total attendance of 10,364 adults and 15,331 children.

District Forester L. A. Carter, of Windsor, states that while the forest wardens had one of the worst fire seasons known to combat, that practically all of the wardens did excellent work and in most cases made better records this year than last, and have saved their respective counties thousands of dollars in forest land valuations that might have been destroyed had they not been protected.

United States Shows Substantial Growth

WASHINGTON, July 22.—A total of about 122,957,000 people—just a few thousand under 123,000,000—probably will be shown as the population of the United States for 1930 when the final count is announced here by Director W. M. Stewart of the census.

The 1920 population was 105,710,620. Should final figures bear out the calculation, the country will show a growth of around 17,246,000 people in the ten years.

This approximate total figure has been calculated by the Associated Press on the basis of actual preliminary returns from 40 states and the District of Columbia. In these states census supervisors have reported a total of 120,807,723 people as against 86,667,858 ten years ago, an increase of 14,139,845, or 16.31 per cent. For the decade of 1910-20 the date of growth was 14.9 per cent.

The growth of these states, comprising almost 81 per cent of the population ten years ago, forms a close approximation of the rate of growth of the nation. On that rate the entire country's population would be 122,957,307.

Of this population North Carolina furnishes 3,165,146—a gain of 23.9 per cent over the census of 1920.

The corn crop of Onslow county will be increased by 200,000 bushels this season due to improved methods and the effort to decrease the shortage of 400,000 bushels existing last year.

Parching winds and dry weather has played havoc with the clovers and grasses planted in all parts of Burke County this spring.

Circulate Petitions For Special Session General Assembly

NEW BERN, July 22.—Two petitions will be circulated throughout the counties of the State during the next three weeks, for the signatures of landowners and taxpayers, asking Governor O. Max Gardner to call a special session of the State Legislature as soon as possible after November elections and urging the General Assembly to provide tax relief on real estate. The petitions are sponsored by the county and State Tax Relief Association.

The members of the General Assembly of the State will be asked in the petitions to enact laws "that will insure a more equitable distribution of the tax burden on all properties in North Carolina and thereby relieve our farms, homes and real estate from the unjust proportion (70 per cent or more) of the city and county taxes that real property is now bearing."

"That you enact laws that will give the farmers and landowners an opportunity to redeem their property from the cities and counties, where they have foreclosed, with an opportunity of paying the enormous taxes, penalties and costs already incurred on a partial payment plan, at a rate of interest, not to exceed five per cent for deferred payments; and that you will enact laws that will do away with the penalties and excessive costs in collection of same."

"We favor and urgently request that the State take over the full support of the public schools of the State and save the counties and school districts of any part of the cost of maintaining the public schools for the full period required by the constitution."

"That the State Highway Commission shall be required to take over and maintain the public roads and bridges of the counties of the State as rapidly as the revenue will permit. That you enact laws providing for a complete reform in the methods of appraisals and valuation of all property in the State."

"That you enact laws doing away with all unnecessary officers and duplication of officers and exercise the most rigid economy in the administration of all departments of the city, county and State government and that expansion in all departments be discontinued until the income of the people of the State will justify the same."

In the petition to the Governor, he is urged to call the special session not later than November 3, "that laws may be passed to stop the heavy and unnecessary expense of organizing the Appraisal and Assessment boards in every county in the State, so that laws may be enacted to guarantee a fair, just and equitable appraisal system for all classes of property, that the heavy burden may be reduced on real property; and that said special session may prepare for the enactment by the ensuing General Assembly the Revenue and Machinery Acts; and consider and prepare measures for the relief; and the passage of necessary remedies for the relief of the landowners of the State."

"We feel that it is your bounden duty, as Governor of North Carolina, to take necessary steps to save the real estate property owners from having their property confiscated and save the great citizenship of North Carolina further wasteful and unnecessary expenditures of thousands of dollars, which you can do by calling the Legislature in special session immediately following the November 1930 election."

Weldon Men Make Big Catch At Beach

The biggest haul of the season at Ocean View was made on Friday when Capt. Philip Moore, Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, Z. Stringer and J. C. and C. G. Tighman caught over 200 pounds of fish in a little over three hours of fishing.

The party left here Friday morning and returned that night. The fish, which filled a barrel and weighed over 200 pounds, consisted of two sharks, croakers, spots, hog fish, and trout, and was said by fishermen at the well known resort to be the biggest catch made there this season. The men report a wonderful time, and stated that Capt. "Zack" Stringer claimed credit for all the spots caught.

Because of the recent dry period, tobacco in Beaufort county is ripening too fast and some is going to waste in the fields.

TENTATIVE TAX RATE IS \$1.20

Halifax Tax Relief Association Confers With Board County Commissioners

MAKE 14 PER CENT CUT

Scotland Neck News.

Following a meeting with members of the Halifax County Tax Relief Association at the court house in Halifax on Monday the Board of County Commissioners squeezed several points and tentatively set the 1930-31 county-wide tax rate at \$1.20 on the hundred dollars.

Before the joint meeting with the tax payers the commissioners had figured their way clear to cut the rate by 17 cents, according to a member of the road board who was at the commissioners' meeting, but after hearing cries of reduction from members of the tax association, the commissioners went into the afternoon session and when they adjourned they had about settled on the 20 cents reduction on the hundred dollars, making a little more than a 14 per cent cut.

Permanent Association

A representative group of tax payers met for the fourth meeting of the Halifax County Tax Relief Association and aided in the organization of a permanent association. Chairman W. T. Shaw called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of the meeting, which he said was to form a permanent organization and associate it with the State Association. The tax payers present voted to form a permanent body and W. T. Shaw of Weldon was elected president with J. T. Maddy of Scotland Neck secretary and treasurer. The by-laws called for three vice-presidents, an executive committee, with a chairman and secretary, and several committees to be appointed by the chairman of the executive committee.

The following were elected as vice presidents: R. Hunter Pope of Enfield, L. H. Kitchin, Scotland Neck, and C. R. Emry of Rosemary.

The executive committee was made up of a representative from each of the 15 precincts in the county: Scotland Neck, C. J. Shields; Hobgood, R. G. Shields; Palmyra, B. B. Everett; Rosehead, T. R. Whitehead; Conoconara, E. J. Parks; Enfield, Waldo Whitaker; Ringwood, Hugh Bloomer; Butterwood, S. T. Thorne; Littleton, J. R. Wollert; Roanoke Rapids, No. 1, Wells D. Tillery; Roanoke Rapids No. 2, C. R. Emry; Weldon, H. V. Bounds; Hollister, W. W. Galloway; Faucetts, W. R. Neville; Halifax, Arthur Gregory. All of these men were unanimously elected.

In the future the executive committee will handle all matters for the Association and a full meeting of all the tax payers in the Association will not have to be held unless an emergency arises. C. R. Emry of Rosemary was elected chairman of the executive committee and C. J. Shields of Scotland Neck, secretary. The by-laws and platform of the State Association were adopted by the Halifax Association.

Facing Critical Period

President Shaw told the tax payers that "We are now facing a critical period of distress and the tax payers of Halifax County have their destinies in their own hands and must get proposals before the legislature and get the desired reforms. There is an urgent need for a reduction in taxes," he concluded.

The Association named L. H. Kitchin, W. R. Neville and W. T. Shaw as spokesmen for the Association before the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Shaw told the commissioners that it now takes two bales of cotton to pay the taxes that one bale paid a year ago, and Mr. Kitchin added that it now takes the production from 5 acres of land to pay what two acres paid a year ago. He implored of the commissioners to make a reduction in the tax rate "if it takes prayer to do it." Mr. Neville asked the commissioners to make a careful study of the budget and reduce where possible.

Stuart Smith of Scotland Neck compared the tax rates of Edgecombe and Halifax counties and stated that most of the difference was in the cost of road work. Edgecombe's county-wide rate is 85 1-2c. John B. Davis asked that the road board be cut.

"Hell of a Fix"

George C. Green, county attorney, speaking for the commissioners, flattered the farmers by telling them that they are the most essential (Continued on Page 4)