

MARRIAGE PERMIT RULING IS GIVEN

RALEIGH, July 21.—(U.P.)—It is not necessary for a couple to obtain a marriage license in North Carolina in order to be united in wedlock, attorney general Harry McMullan today wrote a member of the Woman's Army Corp in South Carolina.

The failure to procure such a license, he said, will not invalidate the marriage, but the minister or the officer performing such a ceremony is liable to a penalty. McMullan wrote the opinion in answer to a query from Lt. Ruth McClain, of Fort Moultrie, S. C., who, in her letter, referred to a marriage ceremony she said had been performed by a minister in Wilmington, N. C., in 1927. The ceremony, she said had been celebrated without a license.

The State Supreme Court, McMullan said, has upheld the legality of such a ceremony under North Carolina statute. However, he pointed out, that another statute of the North Carolina code, made it a misdemeanor for a minister or an officer to perform such a ceremony without the license.

McMullan also ruled that there is no law in this state which prohibits "tipping" in any form or fashion.

Tips, he said, are recognized as a method of remuneration by our laws dealing with unemployment taxes, and these taxes are based on this form of remuneration.

Other opinions were:

1. The sale of wines containing more than 14 per cent of alcohol is prohibited in counties which have not adopted the provisions of the alcoholic beverage control act. A person residing in a dry county may, however, purchase such wine at an ABC store and transport it or have it shipped to him in a dry county so long as the wine is not purchased for the purpose of sale.

2. No license to sell beer and wine can be issued to a person who has been convicted of a felony or some other crime involving moral turpitude.

3. For the purpose of taxation, personal property, the title to which is in dispute, shall be regarded as the property of the person who possesses it unless the list taker or supervisor is convinced that some other person is the true owner of the property.

4. An action for the annulment of a marriage celebrated in this state may be brought when the plaintiff in the action is not a resident of this state and when the action is begun within six months after the marriage was solemnized.

5. There is no statute which prohibits a minor 17 years of age from serving as a volunteer fireman for a municipal corporation.

6. In the operation of fire trucks a city is performing a governmental function and therefore is not liable in tort for personal injuries sustained as a result of the negligent operation of the trucks.

7. A majority of the members of the governing board of a municipality constitutes a quorum, and a majority of the members of the board present at a meeting which there is a quorum may adopt the municipal budget or do other acts that the board is required and permitted to do.

8. A justice of the peace who desires to resign should tender his resignation to the clerk of the superior court. All vacancies occurring in the office of justice of the peace before qualification of the justice are to be filled by the governor, and all other vacancies are to be filled by the clerk of the superior court.

9.—A deputy clerk of the superior court is not authorized to make an appointment of an administrator.

10.—The North Carolina statutes designate the superior court clerk as ex officio clerk of the county recorder's court. In the latter capacity, the clerk receives such compensation as the board

'Civilian Jeep' Toils On Farm



Just as rugged as its battlefield brother is this "civilian jeep", shown furnishing power to help store the harvest. Planned for four principal uses—tractor, light truck, mobile power unit, and passenger conveyance—jeeps are being turned out for the open market on the assembly line of the Willys-Verland Company plant in Toledo, O. (International)

Chain System To Stay Roger W. Babson Says

By ROGER W. BABSON
GLOUCESTER, Mass., July 21.—Once more I am here for my annual vacation in the city in which I was born. It is a splendid locality with a sturdy people. It is on a stern and rock-bound coast projecting out into the ocean. It is one of the nearest points to England,—in fact an Atlantic cable lands here.

The greatest change which the returning boys notice is in the character of the leading business street. When a boy, this street was lined on both sides with business firms of local people who were active in the community and examples to the youth of the city of integrity and industry. With two or three exceptions, these firms have gone out of business and Main Street is now lined on both sides by chain stores, the managers of which are "here today and gone tomorrow". I believe that the chain system has come to stay and has even greater possibilities of development; but the chains must learn to take a greater interest in community development.

Another change that returning boys notice is in connection with the nationality of the people. There always were a considerable number of Portuguese and Italians in Gloucester; but they lived in a small district and were not a factor in the community. During the past thirty years, however, this so-called "foreign" element has been having six or eight children, while the native population has been having only one or two, or perhaps none.

Moreover, these Italians and others are very hard workers and thrifty, while the descendants of the native population prefer to take life easy and buy whatever they wish. As a result, the Italians are taking over the best localities in the city and are constantly becoming a more important factor. I fear it is largely another illustration of the old saying: "Only three generations from shirt sleeves to shirt sleeves".

While there is a shortage of houses, I notice many vacant stores and vacant offices as I go through the city streets. These have been vacated by men who have gone into the Service and will probably again be in demand after World War II is over. Readers having vacant stores or offices to rent should not sacrifice them at this time.

The Law of Action and Reaction is always in force. Property which is now in tremendous demand—like small houses—will some day again be a drag on the market. Small stores and offices which are now vacant will some day again be in brisk demand. Therefore, if you are a tenant renting such, try to make as long a lease as you can; but if you are a property-owner, make as short a lease as you can on empty stores and offices.

Different forms of real estate will

have different postwar rent experiences. Some farm land will go up in price, and other such land will go down. There should be a good demand for suburban real estate; while city property—especially in districts enjoying wartime booms—will decline. I, however, see little possibility of reduction in rents. Except in the wartime boom districts, tenants may pay higher rents after the "rent ceilings" have been removed. Of all parties, the landlords of rented properties have been treated most roughly by the OPA. Both from lack of funds and an inability to secure carpenters, plumbers and material, maintenance has been neglected. To get the funds to make these needed improvements, landlords must charge higher rents.

This brings me to the final change which I have noticed this Summer, namely, the way old houses are being made into small apartments. When a boy, one of the finest colonial houses in Gloucester was owned by my uncle, Captain Charles Babson. I assumed that this would always remain such. But, No! It has recently been made into six apartments, each consisting of three rooms and a bath. Probably this is the best practical use for such large old houses; but I hate to see it come about.

In canning fruit do not use molasses or brown sugar as a substitute for white. The flavor overpowers the fruit, gives it a dark, unattractive color, and may cause spoilage.

COUNTY DOUBLES NUMBER OF FARMS

The number of farms in New Hanover county has more than doubled in the past five years, according to the preliminary count of returns of the 1945 Census of Agriculture released yesterday by Newton Robinson, supervisor for the 1945 farm census in the Second North Carolina Census District.

There were 720 farms reported in this county in the current survey, as compared with 324 in 1940, and 435 in 1935.

The total land in farms in New Hanover County, according to the preliminary count had also increased, with 28,525 acres reported as compared with 21,572 acres in 1940, and 21,287 acres in 1935.

The average size of farms has

decreased considerably in the past five years, however, and the average farm today is 38.8 acres, as compared with 66.6 acres in 1940, and 48.9 acres in 1935. In announcing the 1945 census of farms and land in farms in New Hanover county, Supervisor Robinson pointed out that the figures are preliminary and subject to correction. Final tabulations of New Hanover county farm census returns will be made by the Bureau of the Census and announced in Washington when completed, Robinson said.

ORDERED TRANSFERRED
NORFOLK, Va., July 21.—Commodore Gordon T. Finley, Fifth Coast Guard officer of the Fifth Naval district since November 1942 has been ordered to New Orleans as district Coast Guard officer of the Eighth Naval district. He will be detached on duty at Norfolk July 31. His successor has not been named.

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Cherry Asserts Barriers To Advancement Lowered

North Carolinas's Chief Executive Makes Radio Address At Mobile

MOBILE, Ala., July 21.—(U.P.)—The barriers against progress in the have been lowered, Gov. R. Gregg Cherry, of North Carolina, said here today in a radio address. Cherry, meeting here with southern governors at the Freight Rate Committee, declared that the lifting of the freight rate discrimination east of the Rocky Mountains would be reflected "in a vast challenging pattern of industry."

"It would be difficult," he said, "to exaggerate the importance to the south and to the nation, of the decision of the interstate commerce commission, eliminating present freight rate discriminations east of the Rocky Mountains."

He pointed out that these rates "have constituted a domestic tariff wall and the wall has existed for generations." "This action (of the ICC) paves the way for the greater industrial development of our nation," he said. "Manufacturing establishments that have long suffered a disadvantage in competition because of an indefensible discrimination have... had the door opened and the path cleared of obstructions so that they can now improve the economic wealth of the South and West."

"And of course this growth and development works to the eventual benefit of all sections of our nation and of the nation as a whole." He said that contrary to what

some have attempted to read "into this newly acquired parity, it does not signal the mass removal of industry from the North and the East to the South and the West, but indicates the development and the growth of industries already existing in the South and the West."

"In a land where raw materials are close at hand, competent labor is abundant and local capital is available, the removal of the freight rate shackles will release a great and powerful industrial energy in the section that has for so long been in an unfair position and suffered unequal opportunity in the establishment and development of industry."

Cherry said that with a free transportation and a fair rate structure, southern industry needs no longer to be retarded.

"Agitation for the change that was recently ordered," he said, "has stemmed from long years of demand throughout the south and the west for a parity. This parity with the east was necessary to stimulate the development of industries. Now it is here. Now the long effort has culminated in a lifting of the barriers to the development of the south—in the realm of agriculture as well as industry."

Cherry said that "we have seen the culmination of a long felt and established principle that freight rate discrimination is a barrier to development and diversification of economy. The per capita wealth in the south should show an increase, and that increase will reflect in the per capita wealth of the nation."

"Now in the south, we can improve what we have and develop new fields from the vast and challenging pattern of industry that is foretold in the laboratory phases of World War II."

of county commissioners shall determine. The law does not require the board to allow any compensation for the performance of this duty, but merely authorizes it to make an allowance if it sees fit.

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But looking ahead—

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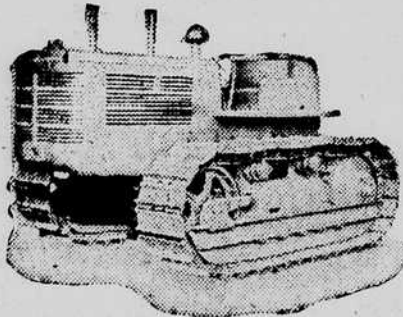
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