

Net Loss In Population Haunting North Carolina

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Some 329,727 "ghosts" haunt the progress-minded in North Carolina.

These are the shadows out of the Fifties, the Tar Heels who left their state to live elsewhere. They stand for an untold potential of North Carolina citizenship. For these are not the prodigals, the wanderers or the exiles, for the most part. They are the children too bright for us to contain, the able who found too many vacuums of enterprise in their homeland, the quick and impatient whose growth we could not nurture.

There were inklings, as the decade waned, of this burgeoning host of shadows. Not until the reckoning came with the census were we aware of the impact of the lost. We will wince for months and years as the subsidiary effects become known.

Most of us know now that North Carolina is far behind the nation in new citizens. In cold figures, we gained population by 11.4 per cent—the lowest rate of increase for the state since the 1870 census. The actual number of gain was 461,722.

For America, the percentage of gain was 18.6. North Carolina would have topped that, had it not been for the lost 329,727 Tar Heels.

A man who knows intimately the trends and vacuums and strains of North Carolina population is Dr. Selz Mayo, a professor of rural sociology at N. C. State College. His studies have taken him throughout the state, as well as through a multitude of population reports.

"We lost population during the Fifties in 38 of our counties," says Mayo. "And 75 counties either lost population or increased less than the state average."

From the mountains and the Coastal Plain they migrated. And the state found itself with new peaks and summits—a "mountain range of people" in the Piedmont cities and towns.

"The eight largest counties increased by a total of 280,814 in the decade," says Mayo. "The percentage of gain was 25.4, compared to 11.4 per cent for the state."

Gastonia was the "Topsy" among Tar Heel towns, gaining 61.4 per cent. Greensboro was only a staircase behind with 60.4.

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ABUNDANT LIFE

by ORAL ROBERTS

HOW TO TACKLE LIFE'S PROBLEMS

Have you ever tried to prune a quince bush? If you have, then you know how the tiny thorns prick at your fingers painfully as you grasp the branches.

But if you take hold of only one branch at a time and proceed with caution, the little thorns don't have enough strength to prick your fingers. Individually, the branches seem powerless against you. But when they are pressed together, watch out!

Here is a good example of strength through unity. One branch from the bush cannot do much harm. The thorns are there, all right, but they don't have much "bite." When they unite, however, they have enough power to keep anybody out.

This can serve as a lesson. Tackle life's problems one at a time, and they are more easily overcome. But try to tackle all your problems at once, and you could be defeated by those problems.

Yes, there is unity in strength; and this holds true in just about all situations. A group of dedicated people, pressed together with one common purpose in mind, has more power than do

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FISHING

One of the main snags in being a fisherman is hooks—snagged, that is. To release a snagged hook, try this. Fasten a small padlock on your line and let it slide down. With any luck it will knock the hook loose. Reel in your line and remove the lock. Now you're all set to get snagged again.

A handy item for cleaning fishing reels is a child's toothbrush. Once you've used it, though, best buy a new one for Junior.

Eager bait fishermen often make the mistake of using too large a bobber. The big 'uns look good floating around but can get the angler in trouble. Too large a bobber can offer so much resistance to a biting fish he'll become suspicious and drop the bait. A float just large enough to hold the bait off the bottom will catch more fish.

HUNTING

Deer hunters lucky enough to bag a buck are always faced with the problem of getting the deer out of the woods. This helpful hint should save some wear and tear. Tie both ends of a 15-foot length of rope to the rack. Step inside the loop and run the rope under both arms and behind your neck. Keep the rope outside your coat to prevent rope burns. As you drag your buck out, both hands will be free for carrying other

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"It seemed like a big job at first, but now we are glad we began keeping a good set of farm and home records," reports the Fred Snows of Dobson, Route 2. They recently completed their first year of record keeping and have found it helps to know how much labor and money is spent on an individual enterprise.

Miss Ella Hampton, assistant home economics agent in Surry County, says the records also help at income tax time. Mrs. Snow is an active Home Demonstration Club member and her husband was recently named as Surry County's Outstanding Young Farmer for 1960.

Slipover Workshop

"The money saved is well earned in making slip covers, but the pleasure of a neat, good fitting slip cover pays for the work it takes," says Mrs. Dallas Davenport, Creswell.

Mrs. Frances Darden, home economics agent in Washington County, says Mrs. Davenport and Mrs. Lindsay Snell worked on a chair together at the workshop.

House Furnishings Institute

Mrs. George Davenport, house furnishings leader in Macon County, recently arranged for a house furnishings institute in the county.

"Excellent demonstrations were given on color, finishing seams in wall board, painting, and wall paper hanging," says Mrs. Florence Sherill, home economics agent. "The women practiced applying paint with a roller and planned color combinations during the workshop."

Apron Contest

Patricia Lorbacker of Harrisburg in Cabarrus County recently won first place in the 4-H apron contest. Miss Barbara Kistler, assistant home economics agent, says there were 1 aprons in the final judging.

The aprons were judged on the basis of appropriateness, workmanship, and beauty.

Chair Bottoming Workshop

Eleven club women in Northampton County recently attended a workshop to learn to bottom chairs. Some of them re-finished their chairs before the workshop.

"Some of the ladies had already discarded the chairs in the wood sheds before hearing about the workshop," reports Mrs. Autrey Jenkins, home economics agent. "However they

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