

# FARMERS FACING GRAVE PROBLEM

### Spending \$4,000,000 Annually Outside of County.

### Chamber of Commerce, After Careful Study of Situation, Offers Solution.

Mecklenburg County farmers are facing one of the most serious problems which can confront citizens of any rural district, according to statistics compiled by the Chamber of Commerce, showing that \$4,000,000 is annually spent outside of the county confines for food and feedstuffs.

How to remedy that problem and bring about a solution which will benefit all concerned, is a matter the Chamber of Commerce officials and committees have been studying for the last several weeks.

Secretary Edward N. Farris, especially has given his attention and has submitted to the agricultural bureau, under Director Joseph Garibaldi, a plan, which all who have heard it, claim will mean the salvation of the situation.

### \$4,000,000 Spent Annually.

"The farmers of Mecklenburg County are spending \$4,000,000 each year, which they should keep at home," said Secretary Farris, when interviewed by an Observer reporter, Saturday afternoon. "That \$4,000,000 is being spent for canned vegetables, grain and feed, cured meats and other necessities of the kind."

"The matter is thoroughly treated in statistics which have been compiled and sent out by the State department, and with a little study, farmers of this section can be shown how to remedy the evil, and instead of spending that \$4,000,000 with agents of farmers of the North and East, they can keep it at home to spend for developing their farms."

"These figures will show that for the last several years there has been a decrease in the rural population of Mecklenburg County. There has also been a decrease in the number of swine raised, the number of beef and dairy cattle and the amount of vegetables and feedstuffs produced."

"For one year \$2,500,000 is shown to have been spent outside of Mecklenburg for those things alone. With \$2,500,000 the farmers of the county could build 625 miles of the finest roads at \$4,000 a mile, could erect

165 school houses and build a big court house, with a jail thrown in. Conditions Are General.

"Those conditions are not only true and applicable to Mecklenburg County, but you will find that they are true of every other county in the State, and of practically every county in the South."

"The solution is a simple one and the farmer can be made to see it and profit by it, if a little time and care is expended in showing him what are actual facts. If the farmers of Mecklenburg County can be induced to raise more hogs, more dairy and beef cattle, more poultry and more vegetables, and other things of the kind, then they will be able to raise cotton and take the proceeds from the crop and either put it in their pockets or in the bank."

"That will make the farmer a cash customer and the merchants of the different towns and townships will not have to carry him from season to season as a credit proposition. First, he must raise enough to feed himself and his stock, and then he can raise his crop, or crops, for the profits which can be derived from them."

"In that way the \$4,000,000 will be spent at home, right within the confines of the county, and the farmer or his friend, the merchant, will reap the benefits. In time, that system will bring about better roads and a general rural development, which I do not think could be brought in any other way."

### Self-Sustaining First.

"First, be self-sustaining, and then reap the profits from the cotton or other crops. Not only will the farmer be enriched, but the towns of Mecklenburg County will show a general improvement after that kind of system gets to working."

In the campaign now being conducted by the Chamber of Commerce and its agricultural bureau, to organize auxiliary Chambers of Commerce to the one in this city, that is the argument which is being presented by the workers.

"Not only are they firm believers in it, but county agents and farm development workers have taken it as the slogan under which they, too, will work."

Meetings which have been held at the Chamber of Commerce during the last several months have all had up for discussion, the problem of first building up the rural community surrounding Charlotte, before working for a greater and bigger city, and it is felt by those interested, that that is the solution to one great problem.

"Feed yourself first," is the slogan Chamber of Commerce workers are taking to the farmer, and according to reports which are being daily received here, the farmers are listening to the slogan and are preparing to fall into line with the campaign to pull with the city merchant and manufacturer for the general growth and development of Mecklenburg County, and this section of the State.

# INFILX OF RAILROAD MEN BRINGS PROBLEM OF HOUSING FAMILIES

### No Places Available to Take Care of Number of Persons in Short Length of Time Allowed.

Within the next several weeks Charlotte will be brought face to face with a problem, which will have to be solved, and solved quickly, according to reports in real estate and railroad circles Saturday. Within a short length of time several hundred employees of the Southern Railway will begin pouring into the city, and as far as can be ascertained there are no facilities for housing them.

A canvass of real estate offices has shown that there are practically no facilities at the present time for handling an influx of railroad men and home seekers. No apartments are reported vacant throughout the city, that are not flanked with long waiting lists, and every available house of the kind which will be required is said to be rented or on the verge of being rented.

By February 1, it is asserted that there will be at least 100 families of railroad people to come here to procure homes, with the establishment of the general manager's headquarters in Charlotte.

### At Least 300 Persons.

One hundred families will mean at least 300 persons according to railroad officials of the city, and the question is, where will those 300 persons live?

The situation is a serious one and one for which there must be a remedy found, is the assertion of business and commercial leaders who are doing everything in their power to work out some way in which to provide the facilities, which are going to be required.

It has even been suggested that railroad boarding houses be started, but that brings on another question, as to who will start them and where they can be located?

With that question is the problem growing from the fact that the Southern employes coming to Charlotte are all a high class of people and will necessarily require good substantial homes of the best character.

It is an assured fact that at least 300 persons are coming here, and also an assured fact, according to reports, that there are no places available for taking care of that number.

What is to be done is the question which is now before realty men for a solution.

### No New Announcements.

No new announcements were made from the Southern office relative to the probable location of its new headquarters here Saturday, although reports were that several buildings and sites are being investigated.

Other than the Piedmont building, ample office space has been offered in the Commercial Building and the Charlotte office are said to be considering both propositions.

B. Herman, chief engineer of maintenance of way and structures, Saturday announced the appointment of J. S. Lemond, as his assistant with offices in Charlotte.

Several railway employes were in the city Saturday, with the end in view of getting a location for their families, and according to reports from one office of the Southern, were discouraged over the outlook, which they considered unfavorable.

Some real estate agent may have a solution to the problem. In the event there is such, both railway officials and civic leaders of Charlotte request that the solution be presented.

# BUILDERS' EXCHANGE TO HOLD RALEIGH MEETING

### Members of State Organization to Enjoy a Fine Program on Tuesday and Wednesday. Big Banquet Planned.

Special to The Observer. Raleigh, Jan. 20.—The eighth annual convention of the Builders Exchange of North Carolina will be held here on Tuesday and Wednesday. The general sessions of the convention will be held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms and the convention headquarters will be at the Yarrowborough.

The Builders Exchange includes in its membership leading building contractors and manufacturers of building material from all parts of North Carolina. Its annual meetings are always largely attended and there will be an unusually large gathering at Raleigh.

The program includes addresses by A. L. Brooks, Lieutenant Governor; Max Gardner and Attorney General J. S. Manning, of North Carolina, and B. A. Ruffin and R. B. Tucker, of Virginia.

The most notable feature of the entertainment program will be the banquet, which is to be held at the Yarrowborough on Wednesday night.

The officers of the exchange are: President, Joseph W. Stout, Sanford; first vice president, R. McClamroch, Greensboro; second vice president, E. D. Tessier, Greensboro; treasurer, L. G. Berry, Charlotte; secretary, Philip Williams, Winston-Salem; traffic manager, J. B. Bunch, Greensboro; attorney, Philip Williams, Winston-Salem.

# DR. HENDERLITE HEARD BY LARGE AUDIENCES

### Gastonia Pastor Charmed St. Paul's Congregation—Special Musical Service This Evening.

The first week of the two weeks' series of meetings at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church was a decided success in spite of the inclement weather the first part of the week. Dr. James R. Henderlite, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Gastonia, conducted the meetings. Doctor Henderlite's sermons were clear, analytical efforts, which were heard by attentive audiences.

Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock a special effort will be made to secure a large congregation. At this service, Doctor Henderlite will preach on the subject, "Prepare to Meet Thy God." There will be a special musical program at the evening service, directed by Nat C. White. Miss Estelle Redfern and Miss Marie Beattie will render a duet, "The Lord is My Shepherd." Nat C. White and Miss Redfern will sing a duet, "Will There Be Light?" A special invitation is extended to the public to attend these meetings.

### THIEF STEALS POTATOES.

Maxton, Jan. 20.—C. L. McLean, of the Coast Lines agency here, had his home visited by a thief, who stole 10 bushels of potatoes.

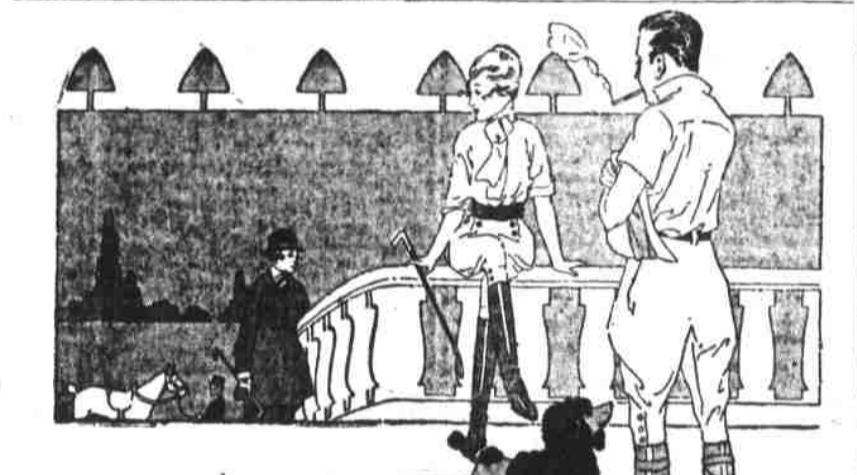
# Doctor Tells How to Strengthen Eyesight 50 per cent In One Week's Time In Many Instances

### A Free Prescription You Can Have Filled and Use at Home.

Philadelphia, Pa. Do you wear glasses. Are you a victim of eye strain or other eye weakness. If so, you will be glad to know that according to Dr. Lewis there is real hope for you. Many whose eyes were failing say they have had their eyes restored through the principle of this wonderful free prescription. On man says, after trying it: "I was almost blind; could not see to read at all. Now I can read everything without any glasses and my eyes do not water any more. At night they would pain dreadfully, now they feel fine all the time. It was like a miracle to me." A lady who used it says: "The atmosphere seemed hazy with or without glasses, but after using this prescription for fifteen days everything seems clear. I can even read fine print without glasses. It is believed that thousands who wear glasses can now discard them in a reasonable time and multitudes more will be able to strengthen their eyes so as to be spared the trouble and expense of ever getting glasses. Eye troubles of many descriptions may be wonderfully benefited by following the simple rules. Here is the prescription: Go to any active drug store and get a bottle of Bone-Opto tablets. Drop one Bone-Opto tablet in a fourth of a glass of water and allow to dissolve. With this liquid bathe the eyes two to four times daily. You should notice your eyes clear up perceptibly right from the start and inflammation will quickly disappear. If your eyes are bothering you, even a little, take steps to save them now before it is too late. Many hopelessly blind might have been saved if they had cared for their eyes in time.

Note: Another prominent Physician to whom the above article was submitted, said: "Bone-Opto is a very remarkable remedy. Its constituent ingredients are well known to eminent eye specialists and widely prescribed by them. The manufacturer guarantees it to strengthen eyesight 50 per cent in one week's time in many instances or refund the money. It can be obtained from any good druggist and is one of the very few preparations I feel should be kept on hand for regular use in almost every family." It is sold in Charlotte by R. H. Jordan & Co., Beatty's (S) Drug Store and other druggists.

### MOST WORKERS READ OBSERVER WANT ADS.



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# POLICE OFFICIALS TO ASSIST IN CANVASS

### Approaching Publication for Benefit of Pension Fund, Will Be Boosted by Members of Force.

Chief Horace Moore and his men will personally assist in the advertising canvass, which is now being carried on in the city by Lewis M. and Lewis J. Black, representatives of The Policemen's Monthly, the New York magazine which is to evolve a history book of the local department for the benefit of the recently founded Policemen's pension fund. Chief Moore or some other member of the force will accompany the solicitors upon their daily quest and actively aid in the work.

The volume, which will be published about February 15, will treat the present police conditions, methods and needs in a broad way, and while providing a record of present-day efficiency and improvements, it will also realize since the appointment of Chief Moore, will cite statistics and facts demonstrating the crying need of yet more adequate policing by the necessary addition of more policemen, more desirable quarters, permanent and substantial pension fund, etc. Local firms and individuals will be invited to make the record throughly representative of Charlotte by placing dignified announcements in a section provided for that purpose, and since the book will be placed in public libraries throughout the South and otherwise circulated, this work is expected to prove of much interest in the years to come.

# CHARLOTTE MINISTER TO LEND AID TO MEASURE

Dr. A. A. McGeachy, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of this city, will speak in the First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh, this morning, with reference to the proposed establishment of a State home for fallen women.

The bill which is receiving, and has received, the hearty support of the Charlotte minister for the past two years, will be presented before the Legislature within the next few days by Senator Scales of Guilford County. In a personal letter to each legislator, President Edward Kidder Graham, of the University of North Carolina, has requested announcements in a section provided for that purpose, and since the book will be placed in public libraries throughout the South and otherwise circulated, this work is expected to prove of much interest in the years to come.

# BISHOP KILGO AT CALVARY.

Bishop John C. Kilgo will preach a special sermon at Calvary Methodist Church this morning, at which time a special musical program will be rendered.

# HOW TO CHECK THAT COLD

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# DAIRY SCHOOLS WILL BE HELD AT THREE CENTERS

### County Farm Demonstration Agent Announces Itinerary for Ensuing Week.

County Farm Demonstration Agent R. W. Graeber has announced his itinerary for the ensuing week, which will include the organization of farm loan associations in two townships and the inauguration of dairy schools at three different community centers.

Monday he will be at Mallard Creek Township, where a farm loan association will be formed at a meeting of all farmers of that section, at the Mallard Creek school house.

Another farm loan association will be formed at the Observer School in Steele Creek Township, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and that organization will make the ninth of its kind in the county since the inauguration of the farm loan association movement several months ago.

The dairy school work will be begun Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at the Fiddler School in Lemley Township. The second school is to be conducted at Mint Hill Thursday, and the third one at Carolina Academy in Providence Township on Friday.

At each of the schools, J. A. Arey, of the Dairy Field Office at West Raleigh, will be in charge of the program of work, assisted by Mr. Graeber and other county officials.

Each of the schools will begin work at 10 o'clock in the morning and will be in session until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. During that time the latest improved methods of dairy farming will be shown and illustrated lectures will be given by the experts.

There will also be demonstrations in handling dairy machinery and cow judging, and according to assertion on the part of Mr. Graeber, representative audiences from each township are expected to be present at each school.

# CONDITION NOT IMPROVED.

The many friends of Mrs. J. N. Parker, of 308 West 12th street, who has been critically ill for the past week or more, will learn with regret that her condition is not improved. W. R. Parker of Greensboro, who has been with her for several days, returned to his home yesterday.

# GRIRLS' CLUB AT WORK.

The Girls' Club of the high school is at work on clothes for the loan chests of the Associated Charities. The members are now rehearsing songs to be rendered at the banquet January 25, under the leadership of Miss Ella Ivey and Miss Mildred Roe.

# MONROE MAN TO CHARLOTTE.

Monroe, Jan. 20.—Horace Neal of this city has accepted a position with the E. C. Griffin Company in Charlotte, where he is State agent for an automobile manufactured in New York. Mr. Neal is well qualified to meet the demands made upon him. Owing to his inability to secure a desirable location in New York, he will move to Charlotte for some weeks.

# For Those Who Suffer Pain in Stomach, Back or Joints

(By Samuel Hamilton, M. D.)

In recent years investigations by means of X-rays, the observations of scientists, such as Cannon, Gutzner, Pavlov, Fowler, Hawk, prove that an abundance of water is necessary in good bodily housekeeping. To drink a pint of hot water before meals is a good practice, and those suffering from a catarrhal condition of the stomach will find benefit in adding about 10 grains (one-sixth of a level teaspoonful) of baking soda, drinking it an hour before each meal.

If your kidneys are sick and you suffer from lumbago or rheumatism at times, pain in the back of the neck, take a little Anuric before meals. Anuric (double strength) can be found at any good drug store, and was first discovered by Dr. Pierce of the Surgical Institute in Buffalo, N. Y.

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