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Weddings And Divorces Slump In County First Cotton Contracts Show 35% Cut

Only 174 Wed Here Last Year

Huge Decrease In Marriages In State Since 1922

16 ARE ANNULLED

Marriages and divorces both declined in Rowan county in 1932 as compared with 1931, according to an announcement just released by the bureau of the census.

In 1931 there were 208 marriages performed in Rowan county, while only 174 were performed in 1932, a decrease of 34.

In 1931 there were 30 divorces granted in this county while in 1932 there were only 23.

There were 11,614 marriages performed in North Carolina during the year 1932, as compared with 13,130 in 1931, representing a decrease of 1,516 or 11.5 per cent. In 1922 there were 22,427 marriages performed.

During the year 1932, there were 1,311 divorces granted in the State, as compared with 1,525 in 1931, representing a decrease of 214 or 14 per cent. In 1922, there were 1,317 divorces granted. There were 16 marriages annulled in 1932, a number identical with that reported for 1931.

The estimated population of the state of North Carolina on July 1, 1932, was 3,244,000, and on July 1, 1931, 3,217,000. On the basis of these estimates, the number of marriages per 1,000 of the population was 3.6 in 1932, as against 4.1 in 1931, and the number of divorces per 1,000 of the population was 0.40 in 1932, as against 0.47 in 1931.

The number of marriages was reported by the Register of Deeds and the number of divorces by the Clerk of the Superior Court, of each county. The figures for 1932 are preliminary and subject to correction.

2 States Join 'Wet' Parade

In Tuesday's balloting, West Virginia and California voted for the repeal of the 18th amendment by large majorities.

4 KILLED IN TRUCK CRASH

In the middle of a level and straight highway near Wilson, two trucks collided on Thursday morning, and went up in flames, four men dying. Marion Truluck, Lake City, S. C., and Frank Brockingham, Olanita, S. C., dying instantly in the wreckage of their truck, Herman Waldrop, Lumberton, burning to death pinned under his steering wheel, and Vick Graves, of Monroe, dying of burns several hours later in a Wilmington hospital.

GOOD MORNING

THINGS I DO NOT LIKE

1. Overcoats in June.
2. Vests any time of the year.
3. Sad motion picture stories. (There's plenty of grief without seeing it on the screen).
4. Misunderstood married men.
5. Misunderstood married women.
6. Gardens that won't grow without a maximum amount of work.
7. Cow that flap you in the face trying to brush off the flies.
8. Peaches which the worms get first.
9. The auto driver who goes nowhere in a hurry.
10. Women who fool men.
11. Men who fool women.
12. Those who seek soft jobs.
13. Women who could take the advice of others and dress tastefully, but won't.
14. Watches and clocks which are always fast or slow.
15. Food that is good for you.

PROFESSIONAL

Dick: "You took that little blonde from the notions department home last night, didn't you?"

Tom: "I'll say I did, and kissed her goodnight, too."

Dick: "What did she say?"

Tom: "Oh, she just said, 'Will that be all?'"

Sunday-School Teacher — And why did Noah take two of each kind of animals into the ark?

Bright Child—Because he didn't believe the story about the stork.

For all of us in the world
Let there be—Light!
Let there be—Health!
Let there be—Prosperity!
Let there be—Freedom!

He had risked his life to rescue the girl from a watery grave and, of course, her father was grateful.

"Young man," he said, "I can never thank you sufficiently for your heroic act. You incurred an awful risk in saving my only daughter."

"None whatever, sir," replied the amateur life-saver, "I am already married."

"It is said that paper can be used effectively in keeping a person warm."

"Yes, I remember a 30-day note once kept me in a sweat for a month."

Passenger (to lady sitting on his hat)—"Excuse me Miss, but do you know what you're sitting on?"

Lady—"I've been sitting on it for twenty years, I ought to."

Beautiful large room for refined gentleman; strictly private, elaborately furnished; reasonable to permanent party; references excellent and hot baths. —Advertisement in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

AFTER WE are thoroughly off the gold standard maybe something can be done about the people who have too much brass.

Skipper Franklin Roosevelt Goes Down to the Sea



Sea-faring men along the New England coast thrilled to their toes when Skipper-President Franklin D. Roosevelt pointed the nose of the tiny sloop, Amberjack II, out of Marion Harbor, Mass., on the first leg of his well-earned vacation, which is to take him for a short stay at the Roosevelt home at Campo Bello Island, off New Brunswick, Canada. Photos show Skipper Roosevelt at the wheel; the Roosevelt home at Campo Bello Island; the Amberjack II under full sail in a stiff following wind.

State Loan Office Is Opened Here

Alan S. O'Neal, state manager of the Home Owners Loan corporation, opened state headquarters Tuesday with preliminary organization under way and numerous applications for loans and positions on file.

O'Neal said the personnel of the state organization would be selected "in a short time," and that branch offices in Asheville, Raleigh and probably Greenville would be opened, "perhaps the latter part of this week."

The purpose of the bank, he said, is to give relief to home owners as quickly as possible and "the organization will be set up with that in view."

O'Neal said the number of workers to be employed would depend on the amount of business done.

"Little Egypt"



Zeena Addie, 21, of Alexandria, Egypt, is the "Little Egypt" of Chicago's 1933 World Fair, where she dances daily to make oldtimers forget the Little Egypt of 1893.

Sales Tax To Be Effective In North Carolina July 1

North Carolina's new taxation plan—the three per cent tax on all retail sales of articles except gasoline, fertilizer and foodstuffs—will go into effect at one minute after the stroke of 12 o'clock, Saturday morning, July 1.

Authorities predict it will raise approximately \$9,000,000 a year and is expected to go far toward balancing the 1933-35 budget, which calls for support of a state-wide eight months' school term. Exemptions are made only on "necessary" foodstuffs.

To beat the sales tax, a number of local merchants this week are offering merchandise at exceptionally low prices today and tonight, and are anticipating a spirited sale of goods.

Entitled "emergency revenue act to provide for the deficit in operating expenses of the state government and to protect its credit, to provide a balanced budget for the ensuing biennium to provide additional tax relief through a uniform state-wide public school system without a tax on property," the bill was passed by the 1933 legislature which adjourned after about five months in Raleigh.

"The tax was revised as a license or privilege tax for engaging or continuing in the business of merchandising," Commissioner A. J. Maxwell of the revenue department said in a recent statement. "It is the purpose and intent that such a tax shall be added to the sale price of merchandise and thereby be passed on to the consumer instead of being absorbed by the merchant," he said.

Commissioner Maxwell last week met with a large group of merchants in Raleigh to discuss details of levying the tax. No definite announcement was made at the time by Mr. Maxwell as to details of collection, but the merchants were assured there would be no revenue stamps to moisten and paste on price tags, with possibility of low-priced articles being exempted from the tax, inasmuch as it would be difficult to fix tax on articles selling for five and ten cents. The merchants were assured by the Revenue Commissioner that rules and regulations for collecting the tax would be promulgated within a few days.

The sales tax levy lifts the 15-cent ad valorem tax off property and also removes special taxes in special school districts.

BOY KILLED BY TRAIN

While Fred Duncan, 13, stood on the line of the Clinchfield road at Spruce Pine and watched a freight train shifting, a passenger train came along from the other direction and hit him, inflicting fatal hurts.

500 MEN TO REGAIN JOBS

Baltimore.—Officials of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad said that more than 500 men, many of them former employes, are to be given employment over the lines due to increased passenger traffic.

COTTON CO-OPS PICK LEADER

Norris C. Williamson, of Lake Providence, La., was last week chosen by the American Cotton Co-operative association as president to succeed U. B. Blaylock, Raleigh, who has headed the association for two years.

Photo Wins Screen Test



Mrs. F. B. Jelke, of New York, pretty society woman who figured in a recent divorce action by her husband, was photographed on the beach and the picture won her a screen test, coming to the attention of a well known motion picture producer.

NEWS BRIEFS

COUNTIES IN DEBT TO STATE

Under the 15-cent school levy of the fiscal year ending June 30, the counties have paid only \$2,345,093 of the \$4,461,691 due the state government, reports Treasurer Charles M. Johnson.

MANTEO TO MURPHY PAVED

With completion of paving on a 13-mile link in Currituck county, the state has at last completed the paving of a continuous highway from Manteo, on Roanoke Island, to Murphy, on the western border of the state.

SHOOTS GIRL, KILLS SELF

Raymond Greer, 30, Sampson county, fatally wounded Miss Fay Bridges, 27, with a shotgun charge to the breast and then killed himself with a shot to the head.

FIND LOCK BOX IN RIVER

A lock box stolen in November in the robbery of the bank at Catawba, was found in the Catawba river by Frank Davis, a road foreman. It contained several thousand dollars in bonds belonging to Dr. Fred Long, president of the bank.

LA GRANGE BOY KILLED

Carlton Newkirk, 14, LeGrange died in a Rocky Mount hospital on June 22 from hurts taken there when he stepped from behind a parked car into the path of the machine of E. E. Herring.

KIDNAPER BUCK SENTENCED

Kenneth Buck, admitted kidnaper of little Peggy McMath, at Barnstable, Mass., was given 24 to 25 years in state's prison. His brother Cyril was acquitted.

CIGARETS AT TOP PRODUCTION

All records for cigaret production in the United States were shattered in May with the month's output exceeding April's by five billion cigarettes. Federal tax on cigarettes totalled \$38,470,693.

WALLACE GIVEN \$70,000,000 TO BUY GOVERNMENT COTTON

A credit of \$70,000,000 to the secretary of agriculture to enable him to purchase all cotton now in the hands of the Federal Farm Board, all departments and other agencies of the government, was announced by Jesse J. Jones, chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

The cotton acquired under this agreement will be used by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace in granting options to producers of cotton who agree to reduce their acreage.

These options, it was stated, will enable the producers to buy cotton in accordance with the plans of the Agricultural Department for reduction acreage at any time up to January 1, 1934.

The credit extended to Secretary Wallace, it was announced, will enable the Agriculture Department to carry approximately 2,000,000 bales now in possession of various governmental agencies.

The money is to be used to acquire cotton and to pay the classing, carrying and merchandising costs thereon, in such amounts and upon such terms as may be agreed upon by the secretary of agriculture.

CARNERA NEW WORLD CHAMP; SHARKEY KNOCKED OUT IN 6TH

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Sharkey took the offensive during the first five rounds and also the beginning of the sixth and was winner on points until he received

the knockout punch in the sixth round.

The knockout last night was the 57th in the ring career and to the credit of the new champion. Sharkey has been knocked out three times.

This is the second time in the history of boxing that the heavyweight crown has gone abroad.

12 Counties File Reports Of Action

This County Among First To Accept New Plan

OTHERS TO JOIN

First reports from the battle fronts to reduce cotton acreage in North Carolina show farmers signing government plan contracts to reduce their crop by an average of 35 per cent.

So far 12 counties, including Rowan, have reported a total of 432 contracts signed offering retirements of 1,876 acres of cotton. Dean I. O. Schaub, of State college extension service, announced.

The average yield per acre was estimated at 324 pounds, and the average cash rental under the government plan was \$11 an acre.

Combined rentals, under both plans, amount to \$1,343, of which \$954 will be paid farmers who signed under the straight cash-rental plan and \$17,944 under the rental-option plan, together with options on 1,031 bales of government cotton at six cents per pound.

Dean Schaub attributed the high yields per acre in early reports to the fact that the state's best growers were first to sign the contracts.

The reduction campaign is being waged in North Carolina's 67 cotton producing counties, having approximately 1,300,000 acres in cotton this year. The state's reduction quota is 363,000 acres, which was based on the 1,175,007 acres in cotton in 1932.

San Francisco.—The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway system reported May net operating profit of \$856,839, a sharp gain over the \$58,660 of May 1932.

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Do You Know The Answer?

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1. Name the capital of Oklahoma prior to 1910.
2. Who preceded Charles Evans Hughes as Chief Justice of the U. S.?
3. What caused the sinking of the Titanic?
4. Where did Brussels sprouts get their name?
5. Give the title of the head of the bureau of military justice of the U. S. Army.
6. Who is Josef Urban?
7. What is the general name for domesticated bovine animals?
8. What well known American university was founded in 1636?
9. What special government protection for his book can an author obtain?
10. Of what country is Willemstad the capital?