

**THE CHATHAM RECORD**

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The football season is over and those who take their exercise by proxy will have to wait till the baseball season opens.

That man Coolidge has the courage of his convictions. If half the others who are really bored by watching a football game between teams neither of which they are specially partisan would walk off as did the President, we opine that the crowds would be considerably decreased. Its our idea that thousands simply feel themselves under the compulsion to appear to be "sports." Coolidge felt no such compulsion, and evidently considers his electric horse affords better exercise than that got vicariously at a football game. Of course, any kind of a contest in which one is a real partisan is interesting, or if one is an expert. But it seems a senseless thing for tens of thousands who care little who wins and who know practically nothing of the game to pretend that they are interested enough to drive a hundred miles or so to see it and pay the present exorbitant prices.

Senator Wylie Person is reported as setting for lobbyists at the meeting of the legislature. He expects to present a bill requiring registration of all lobbyists, with severe penalty for one falsely representing himself. Tom Bost, versatile correspondent of the Greensboro News, reports Mr. Person as also favoring cutting teachers' salaries, a thing, along with cutting of public officials' salaries, which will have to come sooner or later if the present state of affairs keep up. When the average farmer and business man can scarcely make ends meet it is hardly a fair proposition to sell them out for taxes to pay salaries that afford more than a comfortable support. The sum at present paid in teachers' salaries if more wisely distributed should support the teachers for the full eight-months term in all schools, which is so insistently demanded by some of the agitators. Take, for instance, a teacher here teaching a special class of eight or ten at a salary of \$1800 a year! Consider school principals working eight or nine months a year at big salaries without a worry when they could not make half as much upon their initiative! Then consider the fact that a real teacher doing actual class room work, the one essential of the schools, can get only \$1200 a year under the salary schedule, a salary that drives a teacher from the school room if he must support a family. That is all the law would allow a Socrates unless he should become a principal or superintendent and devote his time to the details of supervision, while he would probably be as unfit for as the sorriest tyro at the head of any North Carolina school.

War is breaking out in the wake of Mr. Hoover between Bolivia and Paraguay. It is to be hoped that he not only creates good will down there toward America but can also inspire the same between the hostile republics. He has visited neither country; yet, but did have a visit from representatives of Bolivia.

Well, if Clyde Hoey will not accept our suggestion and come east, we shall join with "O. J." of "Shucks and Nubbin" fame in his request of Santa Claus to give "J. W. B." a clear field for a race with Senator Simmons for the nomination for senator two years hence.

Thos. F. Ryan's fortune of \$500,000,000 is an illustration of how the wealth of the country, or its control, is passing into the hands of a comparative few. In feudal days the man on the land was at the mercy of the lord. Today the average man is becoming a dependent of the capitalist. A great majority of the farms are mortgaged, if we are correctly informed, and the farmer is bound for many years to pay his annual or semi-annual tribute to the money lender, under stress of foreclosure. True, he has borrowed the money, but he seemingly had to borrow it, and he had to borrow because he was not getting his share. It would surprise the average reader to know how many farms in Chatham county are mortgaged to the land banks. But a similar state of

dependence exists in other industries. Great manufacturing plants make it impossible for capital to compete, and the average man, other than the farmer, is becoming a hired man. Mr. Ford himself has had much to say about the disastrous effect of interest, but if Mr. Ford should continue to make a net profit of ten dollars on a car, making a million a year, and at the same time selling at a price to cover deterioration and interest on the investment, it would seem only a matter of time when the Ford business would monopolize all the money in the country, not to speak of the thousands of other great institutions that are garnering a constant harvest of coin. Try the law of geometric progression on the processes and figure out how long before the few great money making organizations could have it all.

Land will have to be taxed upon an income basis. There is more land than is needed for farming purpose or will be needed in many years. True, the average Chatham county land will make in the course of thirty years a goodly percentage on its present valuation in increase of timber, but nobody is disposed to make an investment from which no proceeds are to be received in thirty years, especially if he has to pay taxes upon a valuation based upon the average production for a long term of years. Necessarily, then, the time is coming, if not at hand, when uncultivated lands must be taxed on a merely nominal basis during the period of timber growth, or not at all, letting the state secure its part when the timber is mature and cut. A stumpage tax will then recoup for the state all the annual levies which it has forgone during the years of the growth of the timber. If such arrangement is not made, this writer foresees nothing short of a surrender of the larger part of the unproductive lands to the state for taxes, and that is hardly desirable. We heard a good farmer say the day before this is written that he would not have a mile square of land of the character of the larger part of the Chatham county lands if he had to hold it and pay taxes on it at the present rate. The county is getting possession of much land sold under the sheriff's hammer, but it can derive no income from it, and to sell it will probably result in its coming again under the hammer if the present rate continues. The legislature had as well take this matter to heart. In many counties only about 25 percent of the land is in productive condition. This fourth cannot continue to pay a high tax rate on the other three fourths.

Nobody wants to be taxed at a higher rate. The textile men, represented by one of the Cones, insists that higher taxes, if not the present rate, would destroy the textile industry of the state. Mr. Richardson of Vick's Chemical Company has steadfastly declared that the taxation of such institutions as his is so high as to tend to drive them from the state and to deter others from coming. The farmers know that land cannot stand any more tax, and want relief and apparently must have it, at least on unproductive land. City property owners find the county and city taxes a sufficient burden and feel indisposed to have more taxes settled upon them for the support of an eight-months school term in remote counties. Everybody wishes swilling to admit that he is tired to be relieved of taxes but nobody fellow to take upon himself a greater share. And, in our opinion, practically all are justified in resisting a greater levy upon their property or income. Accordingly, the only thing to do is not only to refuse to raise the tax rate, but to begin to trim expenses and lower, if possible, rates. Three fourths of the people of the state, we should estimate, are living from hand-to-mouth and many of them have mortgaged their property and consumed the proceeds. The average man is making very little net wages, or income, and where the average man is getting apparently high wages real estate values have been so hoisted that a large part of the income goes for rent. Yet North Carolina has in recent years sought to pay office holders and all men engaged in public work on a basis comparable with the incomes of the most prosperous men without income from large properties. Yet the latter class prosper because of their initiative and administrative ability, while the public officer or school man has never proved any such ability, and would probably be among the earners of the most moderate incomes if left to their own headway in competition with the world. It is not fair for men of the same stamina or less to be getting more than a good living income without thought or worry while the men who are paying them that income are actually falling short of making a living and are consuming a host of their former possessions.

It is now Judge McPherson, Attorney T. J. McPherson, of Sanford, having become judge of the Lee county recorder's court. Here's betting the portly gentleman makes a good judge.

We have heard of a man who thinks he cannot live in Pittsboro on \$2,000 a year. Well, there are a good many people here who can show

him how it is done on much less and with half crop in the county following four other bad years, he will probably need to know how before next December.

If the charges against Dr. Carroll, of Asheville, depend for their maintenance upon the testimony of morbid women, we vote his acquittal in advance of the jury's verdict. The writer as a teacher came across two specimens who would lie about things that could be disproved in two minutes, if it was lying. Our theory is that imagination registered in the memory cells as actual happenings, and that they were not morally responsible for the lie, but for the imaginations.

**U. D. C. BAZAAR QUITE A SUCCESS**

The bazaar held by the Daughters of the Confederacy Saturday in the Woman's Club room was a noteworthy success. In addition to the sale of numerous attractive articles of the handiwork of members, and of goods presented by others, an excellent dinner was served at 50c a plate. The entire income amounted to quite a handsome sum.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE**

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of A. D. Farrell, late of Chatham county, I hereby warn all persons having claims against said estate to present them duly proven on or before the 10th day of December 1928, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery on same. All persons owing the estate will please make settlement.  
This December 10th, 1928.  
R. T. FARRELL, Administrator.

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**FOR THE HIGHEST CASH PRICES** for Cedar posts and white oak ties take them to R. M. Connell, Pittsboro.

**FOR SALE—ONE SECOND HAND** Fordson tractor equipped with new wood saw. This is a good buy for a man who wishes to saw wood in and around Pittsboro. Terms if desired. Weeks Motor Co.

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THE IDEAL JEWELRY COMPANY has inaugurated a selling campaign unparalleled in their 17 year retailing. Their great stock has been marked down, presenting attractions unheard of in a High class attractions unheard of in a High Class Jewelry Store.

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To those in search of the finest grade of merchandise at low price for their CHRISTMAS GIFT selection, these attractions will be a distinct revelation. We propose to demonstrate that it is sound economy to choose articles one hopes to cherish and treasure, from a store of this type where integrity, reliability and honesty can be pointed to as the bulwarks and foundation of a business built here for eight years, in the same location. (The Page Trust Company is next door to us).

Featured in This Sale are our magnificent DIAMOND CREATIONS and other GEM SET PIECES, well known American and European Watches, masterful examples of SOLID SILVER craftsmanship, objects of Art from many sources, finest quality of Silver Plated Ware, Ulatinum and Solid Gold Jewelry, reliable Clocks and a well chosen stock of imported and domestic novelties. Without any exceptions the stock bears drastic reductions.

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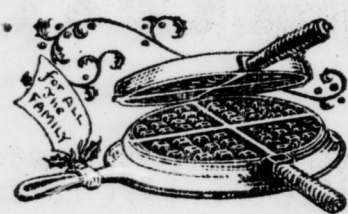
**Christmas Goods**

In addition to complete lines of Heavy Hardware for the Builder, the Mill and the Farm, we have many things.

**Suitable for Christmas Gifts**

and such as are of permanent value. We list below a few articles that you will appreciate:

- Ornamental Heaters (Coal Circulators)
- Beautiful and Last Ornamental Andirons and Fire Sets
- Aluminum Ware



- Handsome Electric Waffle Irons
- Electric and Ordinary Perculators
- Toasters, Table Grills

- Flower Pots
- Electric Irons
- Lamps, Oil, Gasoline and Electric
- Flash Lights, Pipes
- Pocket Knives
- Razor Sets



- Boys' Tools Sets
- Toy Automobiles
- Thermos Bottles
- Carving Sets, China Ware
- Sportman's Goods



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Sanford, N. C.