

CHATHAM RECORD

O. J. PETERSON
Editor and Publisher

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE:
One Year \$1.50
Six Months75

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1930

Editorials

A letter from Mr. A. M. Cotten, commenting upon the importance of the Board of County Commissioners and especially commending his life-long acquaintance, Mr. E. E. Walden, meets our approval. Those who know Messrs. Moore and Hester can speak as well of them as Mr. Cotten does of Mr. Walden. In fact, the Democratic candidates for commissioners are all capable, honorable, and sincere. And as much may be said for every man on the county ticket. In fact, it would be hard to find a better set of men for the county offices.

The pension robbery by Clerk of Court Gant of Guilford county is now reckoned at more than \$55,000 by State Auditor Durham. Mr. Durham states that the larger number of those on the pension list from Guilford were dead. That is a shame, and Mr. Durham cannot avoid responsibility. It was largely that way in Sampson, nearly three dozen being dead on a list not many times larger. A comparison with the vital statistics list in the Sampson case would have discovered the rogues long before it was discovered. But Mr. Durham was not so blamable for that, as no one had thought of a clerk's stealing pension money. But since that discovery, Mr. Durham is necessarily seen to be negligent in not having made such comparisons as a part of his work as auditor. Again we ask what is an auditor for if not to check and double-check the expenditures of the state.

The death of young L. J. Bell, instructor in German at the University is tragic. Loading himself with various weapons and poisons he took a room in a Durham hotel and there both shot and poisoned himself, dying a few days later. He was either drunk or crazy, or both. If he was a drinking man, it is a poor commentary on the judgement of the University authorities. No man who takes a drink of liquor should belong to the university faculty. The influence, especially if the drinking teacher is a man of striking personality, is of incalculable harm. However, if this tragedy may be ascribed to drink, the lesson should be of much value to hundreds of young men at the university who may think it smart to dabble in the fatal poison.

Clearly, Buddy Jackson, the Pittsboro negro who ran amuck with a pistol at Weldon and is probably paying with his life, was drinking. Buddy was accounted a fairly good negro when he wasn't drinking. Drinking liquor and carrying a pistol is an effective way to commit suicide. Even the drinking man himself should have sense enough when sober to know that carrying a pistol is almost sure to get him into trouble. Buddy got what was coming to him. He, of course, had never had the chance that the white youth has, but he had plenty of chance to know better than to lug a pistol around with him. An appetite cultivated for liquor is hard to overcome and its possessor is to be more pitied than condemned. But there is no uncontrollable appetite for carrying guns. Only such a disposition as deserves the worse that comes can account for any such behavior. His poor mother is in much distress about the scamp whom she tried to raise right, and hasn't a dollar to help in this crisis. Any other Pittsboro negro that totés a pistol should get his lesson from Buddy's end.

Ike London, in his Rockingham Dispatch, complains that football tickets are still high in North Carolina, while in the North they are as low as \$1.00. But any man that has no more to do than run across half a state to see a football game ought to be penalized.

W. F. Marshall, of the Progressive Farmer force, wrote that President Hoover mispronounced "comparable" in his King's Mountain speech. The writer didn't notice that error, but did hear him pronounce "horizon" with the accent on the first syllable. However, it is not Mr. Hoover's pronunciation that worries us. It is his conception of the meaning of words. Take "prosperity" or "farm relief" as an example.

A letter from the extension department of State College tells us how a Gaston county boy is reclaiming an eroded hillside by growing black locusts. The seedlings were furnished free by the State Forest Nursery. The black locust is valuable for pests, being the most durable wood grown in the state, and besides is a legume and enriches the land the same as any other legume, whether pea, bean, or clover. The boy hopes that his locusts will be big enough to cut within ten or twelve years and that he will find the gullied hillside ready to produce pasture grass. The idea is a good one for owners of denuded Chatham lands. If you do not know what a black locust is, note the fine clump growing by the side walk to the depot just before you reach the home of Mr. J. L. Griffin. They are on the London lot.

We have written it "Rowland" Beasley in another paragraph, and that, we believe, is right, or the way it was earlier spelled, and maybe yet by Mr. Beasley himself. Our idea has always been that he was named for Col. Alfred Rowland, who long represented the shoe-string district in Congress.

Recall those Clemson college experiments with oats and the evidence that the earlier planted the better the output and get busy planting. The 15th of October was fixed as the most desirable time to plant oats by the Clemson men who thoroughly tested the matter. The 15th is past, but oats planted before Nov. 1 will hardly fall short much of the best returns.

The question is: Shall the masses of the people permit the industries, including agriculture, to be monopolized by a comparatively few capitalists who can afford the machines that make it impossible for the poor man to compete? The only hindrance, apart from revolt against such a process, is the fact that, while the few may monopolize production on the large scale, all the people have to be able to buy or the machine-age products have no adequate markets. One third of the farmers and one third of the industrial population will, apparently, soon be able to produce enough for a l. But if two-thirds of the people should be cut off from profitable production who could buy the goods of the other third? Then, if unable to dispose of the goods, the number engaged in power production should again be reduced, and thus on and on, it is apparent that the machine would ultimately eradicate itself. But it will be a travesty upon human intelligence if the machine shall not be utilized to the good of all humanity. But at present, the men unable to equip themselves with modern machinery and means to operate it successfully have as little chance to survive economically as the savage with his clubs and bows and arrows would have to survive against competitors armed with machine guns.

We note that the G. M. Brooks land, which after being sold at auction four times has reached only \$6 an acre, is listed at \$16 an acre. Pray, tell us what it the criterion for the value of land. Certainly, \$6.00 an acre is too cheap for that fine 180-acre tract, if land has any value at all. Yet after four attempts to get more for it, the hundred and eighty acres, with houses and barns, stand now at a \$1155 bid. We note that our friend Rowland Beasley asserts that cheap lands mean prosperity. If that is the case, Chatham should soon be a land flowing with milk and honey. And, by the way, the tract in question lies close to the section from which 700 gallons of milk a day passes through Pittsboro to the Durham Market.

Since writing the paragraph about the mispronunciation of "horizon" by President Hoover, we note that a Union county citizen also detected that error. It is hard for a country bred boy to ever get rid of all his early pronunciations, but it would seem that an engineer would certainly have learned the pronunciation of horizon. Often an engineer must resort to artificial horizons.

The man who owns and cultivates a small farm is as completely assured of the necessities of life as the average man can well be. Particularly in Chatham county is the small farmer happily situated. Here, within an hour's ride of cities having 150,000 people in three or four, practically everything a farmer makes can be sold if it is well graded and otherwise well prepared for marketing. In the approaching day when it seems that the staples will be produced for the general market by the broad plain lands where machine farming is feasible, the Chatham county farmer may well account himself blessed. Con-

sider the plight of a one-horse farmer in an area of farms of ten-thousand acres operated by a dozen or two families with tractors. The problem of all problems now is what is to become of the tens of thousands being displaced in industry and in agriculture by machinery. But the Chatham county farmer who adapts himself to the production of home supplies and produce for the near-by markets has little to worry about.

Clearly, the editor would better stick to the type-writer in preparing copy. Last week we had occasion to pencil in the following phrase in the Wake Forest article: "a chapter of Livy taught in another class". If you were puzzled as to what was meant, you understand why type-writing is safer for us than pencil.



The good die young, which accounts for the origin of the expression "you mean old thing."

There is no substitute for a square deal.

The home is still the center of civilization, but there are lots of people off center.

In a few more years we can say "What's become of the fellow who wouldn't get into an airplane?" and get away with it.

If, instead of prohibition, we had temperance, you never would hear of anybody wanting to repeal it.

A reader asks what a United States senator does while Congress is not in session. But first we would like to know what he does while it is in session.

If the business depression keeps up we can still eat boloney. There's plenty of it going around.

We note that on the beaches of Russia, under Soviet rule, men and women bathers wear little or no clothes. The difference is that in America we don't legalize it. However, the Bolsheviks are to be congratulated for bathing at all. What they next need most is a few more barber shops.

MORE ABOUT MORRISON SPEECH STARTS ON PAGE ONE

state secures its funds from such sources as taxes on insurance policies, telegraph and express receipts, gasoline, and income taxes, and does not touch the property of the poor man.

It sends back tens of thousands of dollars to the counties for schools. And the Republican counties secure the largest quotas. Wilkes, a Republican stronghold, gets \$162,000 from the state equalization fund; Sampson gets \$168,000 from the same source. Yet the Republican counties still continue to have the highest taxes. Then, how could the counties benefit themselves by turning the affairs over to the Republicans? He might have said that Johnston county tried that two years ago, with a consequence that it jumped from the frying pan into the fire. The lowest tax rate in the state is in Forsyth county; yet the Republicans up there are complaining of high taxes. It is all politics. A speaker from a Republican county was down in Mecklenburg talking about high taxes and it developed that Mecklenburg has a 98-cent

Dr. J. C. Mann
EYESIGHT SPECIALIST
will be at Dr. Farrell's office in Pittsboro from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., Tuesday, Oct. 28.

"WANTED - A GOOD HEALTHY CAT"

rate while his Republican county has a \$1.26 rate, and Mecklenburg gets none of the equalization fund. The per capita cost of state government is the lowest in the country. And of every dollar that goes into the state treasury only three cents go to pay officers who run the machine. The 97 cents go to the institutions supported by the state for the benefit of the people. Moreover, there has been not even a hint of corruption in state government. Even Republicans make no charge of the kind, and that in an age in which corruption has been rampant.

He had little time to devote to the ills brought on by the National Republican administration. But this country, which was exalted in the hearts of all nations under Wilson's lead, has been isolated among the nations of the earth. No nation now wants to do business with us if it can help it. The Republicans, first, wouldn't let America join the League of Nations, and last year when all the world was already in a measure irritated against America and its selfish attitude, the nations were again slapped in the face by the enactment of a tariff law that makes it impossible for the commerce of the world to thrive. More than twenty nations have taken retaliative measures against us. England has a tariff of 56 cents a bushel on wheat; France 52 cents. We cannot sell out farm products abroad.

The Republicans claim that it is a world-wide depression, and it is largely so, but as largely brought about by Republican measures and attitudes. For years Cleveland and the soup kitchens of his time were

Dr. Arthur H. London, Jr.
WILL ME AT DR. CHAPIN'S OFFICE
on Tuesday of each week from 11:00 to 12:00 a. m. for the Practice of
Disease of Infants and Children
BEGINNING TUESDAY SEPTEMBER, 23rd.

THREE NIGHT ITCH REMEDY
Mail Orders Promptly Filled.
Mail Ordes Promptly Filled.
PRICE \$1.00
Thomas Drug Store
PHONE 48 SANFORD, N. C.
WE SAVE YOU MONEY.

WANTED
Good renter, with stock to cultivate 100 acre grain farm in Alamance County, near school, 8 miles from Burlington. Apply
N. S. CARDWELL
Phone 218 Burlington, N. C.

thrust at the Democrats; but now the Republicans seek an a.b.i. The Cleveland panic was brewed during the Harrison administration. But this one has no roots in a Democratic administration. The interests have so determinedly insisted upon tariff favors that the fools have ruined themselves along with the rest of us. More men are walking the streets seeking work than ever before. The factories are stopped or running on short time, and frequently when running are doing so for mere pity in order to help keep the employes from hunger.

It is the people's first business to drive the Republicans from power. No restorative policy can be launch-

ed till this is done. But always when the interests have rooted over the people's rights, resort to the Democratic party has availed. It is the oldest political party in the world. Established by Jefferson and his compatriots to conserve the interests of the weak, it is still on the job, and it behooves the people to drive out the champions of interest and bring in the party of the people.

The address was much generously approved, and there is no doubt that the speaker did a mighty good day's work for the party in this county. The general expression was that Morrison is the next man for the Senate.

WILLIAMS-BELK CO.
NOW IN THE NEW STORE ACROSS THE STREET FROM OLD STAND.

Ladies' and Misses' Sport Coat, new short length, sizes 14 to 20, black or deer, \$4.95 and \$9.95
Misses' Knit 3 piece Suits, size 14 to 42, Assorted mixed combination \$3.95 to \$14.95
1 Rack Printed Crepe Dresses, size 14 to 48, ea. \$1.98
Complete Range Ladies' and Children's Suits 59c to \$3.95

BE SURE TO VISIT THE NEW SHOE DEPARTMENT, FIRST FLOOR.

Special, 10 pieces Silk Flat Crepe, \$2.00 Values while it last \$1.00 yard. NOT RAYON.
New Fast Color Dress Print, first quality, yd. 15c
School Bags each 25c to 98c
Sanford LL Sheeting yard 8c
Ask to see the New Duette Dry Cleaner.
Men's Dress Shirts each 79c

NOW A BARGAIN BASEMENT IN THE NEW STORE AT WILLIAMS-BELK COMPANY

Note Few Items Listed

Two Big Tables Wool, Cotton and Silk Remnants one-half price.
300 pair Star Brand Shoes both in Ladies', Men's Dress and Work Shoes, now 1/2 regular price.
Boys' Corduroy Suits, large size only, Sale Price, \$7.50 value, each \$1.98
Good 16 lb. Union Suits for real men, each 79c
Ladies' Slips \$2.00 values, sale price, each 48c
Children's Winter Coats, Special \$1.98 each
Belk's Big Tablets, 2 for 5c
Children's 35c Stockings, black or brown, 19c pr. 9x12 Rugs, while they last,, in the basement, \$2.98
Big Assorted \$1.00 and \$1.25 aluminum ware, extra special each 85c
Oil Cloth, yard 19c

EXTRA SPECIAL

50 Men's high grade suits such as Kuppenheimer, Curlee and other makes. Priced \$25.00 to \$50.00. Sale price \$12.50 to \$25.00. Just 1/2 regular price.

WILLIAMS-BELK CO.
IN THE NEW STORE OPPOSITE OLD STAND, SANFORD, N. C.