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Facts About Wilkes

Economic indices of North Carolina counties, as published recently in the University of North Carolina News Letter give some interesting facts about all the counties.

In comparison with other counties of the state Wilkes shows up exceedingly well in some respects and not so well in others.

We find that according to the last census 68 per cent of the people of Wilkes county were home owners. This is far above the average for the state and farther above the national average.

The percentage of persons owning their homes in the state as a whole was only 44 per cent, ranging all the way from 88 for Dare (which has but few homes) to Greene county with only 22 per cent home ownership. There are few counties in the state with a higher percentage of home ownership than Wilkes.

In sales per capita Wilkes is listed at \$112, which doesn't look so good compared to Mecklenburg's \$265 but stands up well when compared to Clay with \$29. In fact, Wilkes is far above the average county in sales per capita.

Wilkes had only four persons per thousand making income tax returns but several counties in the state barely had one per thousand with enough income to make a return. Mecklenburg was highest with 39.

In 1936 Wilkes was under the state average for automobiles per 100 families with 38. The state average was 57. We ranked better in radio ownership with 54 as compared to a state average of 63 per 100 families. Durham led with 86 and Alleghany was lowest with 49.

The average value per farm in Wilkes was listed at \$1,402, about \$600 under the state average of \$2,069.

These facts give persons interested in the economic status of Wilkes people food for thought. We are not so bad off, yet there is ample room for plenty of improvement.

Be Thankful

While the rest of the world is depressed by wars and the misery they entail, it is interesting to know that two great fairs for education and amusement will again open shortly in New York and San Francisco.

What a contrast to the death, destruction and debt that face warring nations. At the fairs in California and New York will be presented a record of industrial and intellectual achievement for the betterment of humanity.

This nation should feel most thankful that it can devote itself to such constructive undertakings. Our record of progress as shown in these two great fairs, should be an object lesson to our citizens to stand firmly for policies which recognize the superiority of intelligence over brute force in securing lasting settlements of disputed questions.

Let us hope that as our people visit these interesting expositions on the two sides of our continent, they will think of the important principles they represent beyond the mere giving of pleasure. Be thankful you can travel in America as a free citizen and enjoy the privileges it has to offer.

Speed And Time

Speed is the leading cause of highway deaths.

Ask ten people who go speeding along the highways in their automobiles at the rate of a mile per minute or more and if you find one of the ten has a logical reason for making such a high speed it will be surprising.

The speeders are not those who really need to get some place quick. Most of them are not going anywhere in particular and have all day to get there. Yet they

want to "burn the wind" and endanger other lives as well as their own.

One of the best articles we have seen on the subject of speed is the following comment by J. F. Winchester, who is connected with one of the big oil companies:

Have you ever tried to figure out just how little time you actually save by tearing along the road, violating the rights of others, passing stoplights, jeopardizing your own life and the lives of others and engaging in reckless weaving in and out of traffic? The chances are that you feel this saves you a great deal of time.

As a matter of fact it saves you very little time, disregarding totally the fact that such practices are quite likely to result in your not getting to where you're going; or at least, not getting there in one piece.

A mid-western police department made a test which proves this. Two cars were directed to cover a twelve-mile course. Driver A was instructed to drive normally; that is, to obey every traffic regulation and to drive with courtesy to the other fellow. He was told to avoid needless delay and instructed not to dawdle.

Driver B, an old-time race driver, on the other hand, was told to dash madly along, beat traffic lights, weave in and out of traffic lanes, pass street cars on the left and to make all possible speed.

Both drivers did as they were instructed. The result was that the crazy driver beat the careful driver to their joint destination by only three minutes!

Draw your own moral from this; but remember it the next time you are in such a hurry you're tempted to drive like the proverbial bat.

Tommy's A Real American!

Tommy Wadelton is thirteen years old. He belongs to a typically individualistic American family, and a short time ago he sat down and wrote a book about himself. Last week it was published.

For those who have expressed a concern about the soundness of the next generation certain passages in Tommy's book are heartening, particularly one in which he tells about his visit to a "Youth Congress". Here is Tommy's comment:

"I asked them if they thought Communism was a good thing, and they mostly did. They said no country had a really good government and I said the U. S. A. certainly had a swell government and one lady Youth said I was a Quaint Child, so I got up and left".

Tommy's departure from the meeting, we think, reflects the attitude of the vast majority of American youth today. Most young Americans are more interested in the opportunities provided in this country than in arguing about the futile and vicious "isms" of other lands.

There's as much good common sense as humor in Tommy Wadelton's reaction to the remark made by the "lady Youth"—and there's certainly nothing "quaint" about his attitude!

Italy would like to know who is going to win the war because Mussolini wants to help divide the spoils.

The coming campaign probably wouldn't be so bad if it were not for the very stale and rotten political jokes which will soon be making their rounds.

Borrowed Comment

SAVE US FROM THIS NOW
(Pennsylvania Grit)

This is presidential election year in the United States. In the light of the present European situation, plus the possibility that the war may eventually affect certain parts of the Western Hemisphere, it is well for us to make this presidential campaign as short and sweet as we possibly can. We shall need a country united, not divided, after the campaign is over. To have this we must eliminate as much bitterness, rancor, and deadly internal strife as we possibly can from the campaign.

It is to be sincerely hoped that those now in authority realize this fact, comprehend the very great importance of a firmly united nation after the vote has been counted in November, and do their part to bring about such a happy state of affairs. We should have no battle over a third term at this time, for that would result in wide dissention, much resentment, even open enmity, all of which would make for a divided nation.

If ever we needed a united America, a people undivided in their allegiance to government, we shall need it as the European war extends its ramifications to all parts of the globe. We are in grave danger of sacrificing this solidarity if we descend to the depths of a third-term political battle this year

Good Foundations Lessen Repairs

Three out of four city and 9 out of 10 farm homes in the United States are all-wood construction, and they house 100 million of our people. In the remaining homes wood also plays an important part. The importance of obtaining the maximum use and longest service from the most widely used material in house construction cannot, therefore, be overemphasized. Desired results in the use of wood in home construction are, however, conditioned first of all on proper foundations. There is nothing showy about footings and foundations but if you skimp on either, you will be busy for years trying to cover up plaster cracks in your walls, says a new publication of the Forest Products Laboratory, Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture entitled "Use and Abuse of Wood in House Construction." Settling walls and wood-rotting dampness in basements are the glaring consequences of poor foundations. In regions subject to wind damage the house should be anchored to the foundation by five-eighths inch bolts, spaced 6 feet apart, and extending down 2 feet into solid masonry walls. Better anchorage is required for hollow masonry. Block walls outnumber poured-concrete walls in many cities.

Proper footings, to prevent unequal settlement, are important to each type, but particularly to block walls, and should be laid below the frost line. Poorly mortared joints, lack of drainage, and absence of exterior waterproofing result in leaking walls and wet basements.

The rough, uneven top surface of the concrete foundation necessitates that all joists as well as headers, when no sill plate is used, be carefully leveled. Too frequently only a few joists are wedged, the space between concrete and header is not properly filled, and air leakage chills the basement and the floor above. The space between the sill and wall should be filled with cement grout.

Enclosed foundations for houses with partial or no basements require ample ventilation to a-

void decay in joists, headers, and other wood members enclosed within foundation walls especially those within 2 feet of the soil. Screened vents totaling at least 1 per cent of the house area are best, with a thoroughly insulated floor. Adjustable windows are frequently forgotten and ventilation thus may be neglected. Carelessly constructed piers, where full foundations are omitted, deteriorate rapidly and are responsible for sagging and twisting of frames of many houses.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

North Carolina, Wilkes County. Under and by virtue of authority of a judgment of the Superior Court of Wilkes County in a special proceedings entitled Wade Howell Administrator of Isabella Howell et al vs. Ethel Howell et al in which judgment the undersigned was appointed commissioner to sell certain lands and pursuant to said order and under the authority and direction of same, I will on the 13th day of May, 1940, at the hour of 12:00 o'clock noon at the Court House door in Wilkesboro, North Carolina, offer for sale for cash to the highest bidder the following described lands, lying and being in Wilkes County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

1st Tract: Beginning on a hickory, Laxton's corner, and running with an agreed line between Howell and Somers an eastward course to a sourwood on the bank of the branch, then crossing the branch a northward course with a marked line to a holly bush by the old Ferguson road, then with said road to Laxton's and Parson's corner, then S. West with the public road and Parson's line to Howell's corner, then with Howell's line South to the beginning. Containing 10 acres, more or less.

2nd Tract: Beginning on a red oak near the wagon road, Ferguson Howell's corner North west of T. C. Howell's house, running South 53 East 13 poles to a small white oak, near the old mill road, then North 3 each 19 poles to a stake in the wagon road, then South 36 West 14 poles to the beginning. Containing 3-4 of an acre.

3rd Tract: Beginning at a stake at the public road G. S. Ferguson's corner, running South 53 East with his line 20 poles to a small hickory in his line, then South 50 West 21 poles to a white oak in Sallie Watkins' line, then North 19 West 22 poles with said Walker line to a stake at the public road, then with the said road 9 poles to the beginning.

This the 13th day of April, 1940.
T. R. BRYAN,
Commissioner

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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

North Carolina, Wilkes County. Pursuant to the power of sale contained in a certain judgment of the Superior Court of Wilkes County in the case of George J. Jones vs. Cleo Brodyhill and wife Basie Brodyhill, in which judgment the undersigned was appointed Commissioner to sell certain lands, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said judgment, the undersigned Commissioner will expose to sale at public auction at the Courthouse door in Wilkesboro, North Carolina, for cash, to the highest bidder at 12:00 noon, on the 13th day of May, 1940, the following described lands, lying and being in Wilkes County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning on a pine stump in the forks of the old and new road, running South 180 poles to a stake in the Moravian line, then East 20 poles to a stake in Elizabeth Joines line, then South 75 poles to a stake in J. A. Davis back line, then West 70 poles to a stake in C. H. Ferguson's line, then North with said Ferguson's line 60 poles to a gum in the Moravian line, then West 4 poles to a dogwood at an old road, then a northward course with said old road to the point of beginning, so as to include 100 acres more or less.

This the 11th day of April, 1940.
T. R. BRYAN,
Commissioner.

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NOTICE SERVING SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

North Carolina, Wilkes County. IN THE SUPERIOR COURT Mary Eller Melton

vs.— Ernest Eller and wife, Pauline Eller.

The defendants Ernest Eller and wife, Pauline Eller, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Wilkes County,

North Carolina, to have a deed or other conveyance executed by said defendants to the plaintiff reconveying to the plaintiff a life estate in a certain tract of land located in Township, County of Wilkes, State of North Carolina described as follows: Adjoining the lands of J. A. Pierce Heirs, C. G. Nichols, Minerva Minton and others. This property having been conveyed by Trustee's Deed by John R. Jones to Richard Eller, former husband of this plaintiff and thereafter conveyed under the terms of separation agreement by the said Richard Eller to the plaintiff, Mary Eller Melton for life, the remainder in fee to their son, Ernest Eller. The defendants agreed to re-convey said life estate to the plaintiff, as soon as a deed of trust or mortgage was recorded the facts with reference to which are set out in the Complaint. That the condition has happened, namely the Deed of Trust has been executed and recorded according to the agreement procured by the representations and promises of the defendants as set out in the Complaint; that a deed was prepared by the plaintiff and presented to the defendants to be executed by them according to such agreement with request that they execute and deliver the same to her but they refused and have refused to execute the same or any other deed of conveyance reconveying to her, her life estate in and to said lands; and the said defendants will further take notice that they and each of them are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said county at the Courthouse at Wilkesboro, N. C., within thirty days after the 15th day of April, 1940, and answer or demur or otherwise plead to the Complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said Complaint. This the 15th day of April, 1940.
C. C. HAYES,
Clerk of the Superior Court of Wilkes County, N. C.

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