

PLOW LAND NOW FOR BEST YIELDS

(F. H. Jeter)
Raleigh, Nov. 24—Fall plowing of farm land in North Carolina pays large dividends in increased yields as well as in the saving of time normally used in planting.

"The fall plowed soil, if left rough through the winter, will freeze and thaw out a number of times," says E. State College. "This action causes the soil to crumble and set into a fine seed bed for work the following spring. Another feature which should not be overlooked is that the rough plowed surface absorbs and holds more moisture than the unplowed land."

According to Mr. Blair, the soil, when plowed in the spring, is very likely to break up into heavy clods which will require five or six harrowings to get into shape for the seed bed. This is especially true of the heavy clay soils. This extra work takes time and is an added expense that could be eliminated by plowing in the fall, he says.

Fall plowing not only benefits the soil by creating a mulch that aids in planting and cultivation but in many cases it destroys insects that prey upon field crops. This is especially true in the eastern part of the State where the insects live over in the soil. The process of freezing and thawing of freshly plowed land will destroy many of these pests as well as kill the organisms of many plant diseases.

Mr. Blair states that the plowing should be done in November if possible but should always be done before Christmas. For Western North

Carolina the plowing should be done in November and December on all soils intended for cotton, corn, soybeans and other spring crops. There is no part of farm work that will pay as big a dividend for the labor involved as fall plowing, he says.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION HEARINGS HERE TUESDAY

Raleigh, Nov. 24—Chairman Matt H. Allen, of the N. C. Industrial Commission, has scheduled three Workmen's Compensation hearings to be held in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Carteret County, at Beaufort, on Tuesday, December 2. The cases are: R. B. Golden vs Atlantic Beach and Bridge Corporation, at 2 P. M.; L. H. Daw vs Atlantic Beach and Bridge Corporation, at 2:30 P. M.; and G. L. Dudley vs The Texas Company, at 3 P. M.

for purchase of homes or farms was carried by a good majority, while the three amendments to the Constitution were lost, although complete returns are not yet in.

State Republican headquarters spent almost \$2,000 more than did the Democratic headquarters in the recent campaign, according to statements filed with the Secretary of State.

Democratic Chairman O. M. Mull reported that he spent for headquarters and in funds to county organizations a total of \$15,812.83 and that he has a balance of \$80.54 in the treasury.

Republican Chairman J. S. Duncan reported that he had received \$17,718.69 in contributions, but of which \$875 was borrowed on a note and that he had left \$513.92, which, if applied on the note, would leave a deficit of \$361.08.

Governor Gardner has declined to call a special session of the General Assembly in December, as requested in a petition presented by officers of the N. C. Tax Relief Association, on the ground that it would interfere with the preparations for the regular session in January and would result in two sessions, without adequate, organized preparations for either. "I have reached the conclusion that it would not be wise nor in the interest of the public welfare to call the General Assembly into extraordinary session in December, and therefore cannot comply with the request made in the petition," Governor Gardner stated, after saying he had given the matter and the facts presented serious consideration.

Although Chairman R. A. Doughton does not look with favor at the proposal to increase the gasoline tax from five to six cents a gallon, he is frank to admit that he can see no other way by which the State Highway Commission could take over and maintain the 45,000 miles of highways in the 100 county systems in the State, thus taking this burden from property taxes.

The last General Assembly added one cent to the gasoline tax, bringing in about \$2,500,000 and appropriated \$500,000 additional, the \$3,000,000 going to the counties to maintain roads and pay off road bonds. If another cent should be added and another \$500,000 allotted to the counties, the \$6,000,000 would be

sufficient to maintain the 45,000 miles of county roads at their present standard and at about 75 per cent of the present cost, Chairman Doughton thinks.

This would enable the State to take all the road maintenance cost from the counties, except administration costs, but the proposal will meet with strenuous opposition from the nearly half a million automobile owners, who would pay the shifted tax.

May Increase County Aid
The State Department of Education has added \$1,000,000 to the State equalizing fund, making it \$7,500,000, in its request presented to the Advisory Budget Commission, for appropriations for the next biennium. If this amount is recommended by the commission and appropriated by the General Assembly, it will add more than 15 per cent to the amount the State is now paying toward the operation of the schools in the 93 participating counties. The amount was

doubled by the last General Assembly, increased \$1,500,000 a year from the \$5,000,000 recommended by the Budget commission.

Failure of the Central Bank and Trust Co., Asheville, a \$21,000,000 bank, last week, and the sympathetic failures of several other smaller banks in Asheville, Biltmore, Hendersonville, Waynesville and other places, is not a reflection of conditions in general in the State, but is an aftermath of the boom conditions, inflation of real estate values and highly valued real estate in now frozen assets, carried on some three years ago by high-pressure operators after the

Florida boom, according to John Mitchell, chief State bank examiner. Mr. Mitchell warns the people of the State against hysteria, a condition which often results in a "run" that few banks can withstand. Announcement of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., that a million or more dollars was ready in its Asheville branch for any depositors who sought to withdraw is believed to have helped to allay the fears of many people of Asheville and vicinity.

Many will undoubtedly suffer from these failures, as well as failure of the smaller bank and its branches in Stokes county last week.

KNOWING HOW TO SPELL
By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
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A group of educated men in New York city—congressmen, senators, newspaper reporters, public officials—held a spelling contest not long ago.



the words being given out by a statesman who used an old-fashioned spelling book such as we were familiar with sixty years ago in the district schools of the country. It didn't take long to

floor the whole lot, and they went down like a row of untrained soldiers facing the fire of machine guns. The simple truth is we don't know how to spell. If a misspelled word creeps into our correspondence, we blame the error upon our stenographers.

It is rather interesting to see what common words floored the statesmen—"senable," and "mortise," and "tranquillity" and "initial." Words which one should expect every intelligent person to be able to manage were too much for them.

In my own experience there are a dozen simple words in common use which more than half the high school graduates who come to college are likely to stumble on. "Sophomore" and "laboratory" and "athlete" and "truly" and "receive" and "embarrassment" and "judgment" are quite commonly too much for the young student. "Accommodate" and "transferred" are more often misspelled than spelled correctly. Even in railway stations I see "Pullman Accommodations" in gold letters.

It seems now to be no disgrace not to know how to spell.

"Oh, I can't spell," a healthy, intelligent sophomore says to me, and that with him seems to end it. He admits the fact and feels no obligation apparently to strengthen his orthographic weaknesses. I had a brief note last week from a high school boy who managed in a short page to misspell seven words. Pretty good, I thought, considering the opportunity which he had.

In the old days there were two or three things which we did learn in school—quick arithmetical calculation, the grammatical construction of sentences, and spelling. Not to be able to work all the problems in Ray's Third Part Arithmetic was a disgrace. If one could not diagram, analyze and parse the words in any sentence which came along he was anathema, and spelling was the chief indoor sport. We drove miles on winter evenings to demonstrate our ability in spelling contests. I was the pride of the community once when I was fifteen, for I entered a spelling match at the Burrill schoolhouse a dozen miles from home and spelled down seven school teachers. It would not be so much of a task today, I suspect, nor so much of an honor.

It still gives me a shock to get a letter from a man of standing and to find in it misspelled words. It suggests carelessness, inaccuracy, inexcusable ignorance. I had always thought well of Carson. He is a graduate of one of the great educational institutions of the country, and he goes into good society. I had a letter from him last week in which in three distinct places he speaks of the "alumnae" of an organization to which he belongs. Carson doesn't know how to spell.

World's Most Precious Flower



Here is a close-up of one of the prize blooms that caused a sensation at the annual orchid show in Washington. It is valued at \$29,000, being probably the highest priced flower in the world. The total value of the orchids exhibited was estimated at \$3,000,000.

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