

HAPPENINGS IN OUR NEIGHBORING VILLAGES

FLOWES. The health of this community is right good at this writing. Crops have improved somewhat since the recent rains. Miss Mae Bostie, who has been visiting her aunt, Miss Odell Worthly, in Concord, N. C., has returned home. Mr. Will Christenbury and family spent the last week near Marshville, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barr, Mrs. C. M. Barr and Mrs. Hattie Ritch spent one week near Allison Grove, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Barr, of Concord, N. C., spent last week on a number of people spent last week on the old Crooked Creek fishing. The day on the way were: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Moore and family, Mrs. Hattie Ritch, Clyde and Morrison Ritch, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barr, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Dees, Mrs. Barr, Mr. and Mrs. F. Barr, of Concord, N. C., Miss Lena and Annie Barr, of Monroe, Ga., and Mrs. J. P. Barr, of Monroe, Ga. Messrs. Marshall and Lawrence Barr, of Monroe, Ga., and Mrs. J. P. Barr and family, of Allison Grove, N. C. Mr. J. P. Barr was born and reared in Union county and it was a great pleasure for him to go back and spend the day on old Crooked Creek with his two brothers, W. L. and S. F. Barr. It reminded him of his boyhood days. Mrs. Mike Hartsell is spending the week in Monroe. Mr. L. R. Hargett spent last week visiting relatives near Hickory Grove, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Marr and son, Walter, of Concord, spent Thursday at Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barr's. Mrs. Ross, of Marshville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Will Christenbury.

The Road Hog.

Having made up his mind that nothing can improve the "breed of road hogs," it is the lowest rank in the species, and what one might consider as beyond redemption," the Durham Herald still believes that a drastic application of the law will serve to decrease their ranks. "The careful driver," says The Herald, "is only protected about 50 per cent, that is, he assumes half of the danger in getting out on the road. The State Legislature has passed certain laws for controlling traffic and the cities and towns have other laws. The State highway commission has put out a lot of rules which will aid in reducing the risk. There are sufficient laws and rules for providing a reasonable degree of safety for the motoring public. The fault is that there are too many fools who think they know more how traffic should be guided than the legislators and the State highway commission. Those are the fellows who from the shoulders up are standing invitations for kidnapping by jay hunters, and the best friends of the undertaker and casketmaker.

The average automobile driven has at least one narrow escape from an accident in every 50 miles he travels. Sometimes he will have two or three good opportunities to get killed in traveling a couple city blocks, and then sometimes he will drive all day without getting soiled half to death, but the average will be one close call for about 50 miles of travel. That is a tremendous risk to have hanging over one every time he goes out for an automobile ride. A few evenings ago, a Durham man only had what seemed to be a miracle avoided two serious accidents while going to Raleigh on account of cars parked along the hard surface road without tail lights. "Every day there are numerous escapes from wrecks by persons coming into heavy traffic streets without slowing down to see if the way is clear. Turning corners without signaling to the car behind is another means of getting sent to the hospital. Dashing by street cars while passengers are alighting is also a booster for the business of undertakers. Those folks who are constantly endangering the lives of others should be given an opportunity to improve the county roads for periods of about six months, then they would appreciate the privileges that the roads offer to motorists."

A Very Probable Amendment.

The Carolina Motorist, published at Greensboro, has let it be known that it proposes officially to challenge the North Carolina Railroad Stop law at the next session of the Legislature. It serves notice on both the insurance companies and the railroads, the twin of them being held responsible for the measure which, in the estimation of that publication, entails so many inconveniences that its assets are overweighed. It does not deny that the law goes a long way in preventing accidents, but it feels that a less drastic statute would serve the purpose equally as well, at the same time allowing automobile drivers to escape some of the many disadvantages and inconveniences that the present restrictive law provokes. Its position would appear to be entirely defensible, since some way ought to be more elastic, at least allowing automobiles to cross without stopping at grade where there are so infrequent that there is practically no peril at all in going ahead. There are crossing at which thousands of cars undoubtedly pass each day to only two or three trains and the disposition, therefore, smacks off too much concession to the railroads and too little to the public. And there are also that, unless the law is somewhat modified, bring about untold confusion in traffic. We have no doubt that the law will be revised at the next session of the Legislature, as it should be, not to enable the auto driver to evade all responsibility at grade crossings, but to make the obligation as between them and the railroads more balanced and evenly distributed. As it stands now, it is too much one way.

Two Million Pounds Marketed in Wilson.

Wilson, Sept. 7.—The following are the official figures of tobacco sales for the week ending September 6th, furnished by H. B. Johnson, supervisor of sales: 2,024,696 pounds sold for \$465,314.37, an average of \$22.98 a hundred. For the two weeks since the market opened 3,067,108 pounds sold for \$622,800.04, and all round average of \$22.57 per hundred.

LEAVING THE FARMS.

Charlotte News. Senator Capper, who is one of the organizers and originators of the farm bloc in the Senate and who is known throughout the country over as an able protagonist of the cause of the American farmer, in a recent address, made the declaration that 600,000 farmers will leave the fields this year for the industrial centers and occupations unless some remedial measures are adopted by which they can be relieved of their plight. And the drift, he predicts, will continue to the Great White Way until the purchasing power of the farmer is restored to a more nearly normal ratio.

It was because of a knowledge of the sad and serious situation that exists on the American farm, the Senator remarked, that induced him and others in the Senate to promote the farm bloc for the procurement of legislation which the agricultural interests demand in this new day. Commenting on what the farm bloc discovered when it set itself to its task of looking into the status of the American farmer, Senator Capper declares that we found our system of distribution to be the most expensive and inefficient of any country on earth. When the consumer buys a dollar's worth of the products of the farm, according to Government statistics less than 30 cents of the consumer's dollar reaches the farmer. The manufacturer, the wholesaler, the merchant, the railroad, all pass on the increased cost of production and distribution, but the farmer is powerless to pass on his increased costs. He is compelled to take what is offered.

"We must get some relief from excessive transportation costs reasonably soon. I believe that freight rates are too high and must come down. Today it costs 22 cents to ship a bushel of 90-cent wheat from the heart of the Kansas wheat belt to Chicago, our leading grain market. Five years ago it cost 11 cents to ship a bushel of 82 wheat from Kansas to the same market. Then the freight charge was 11 cents a bushel the farmer was making a good profit on his 82 wheat. But he has lost money on every bushel shipped the last two years at the present freight rate of 22 cents a bushel. He knows that two railroads carrying the bulk of the Kansas crop are earning from 12 to 14 per cent. on their capital stock, while he lost on his 1921 and 1922 wheat crop and will lose on his 1923 crop. Can you blame the farmer for feeling that he is not getting a square deal? Isn't it apparent to any farmer that many of the farmer's reward for his labor and investment is wholly out of balance with the carrier's reward for its service and investment?"

Smallest Precinct in the United States Has Four Voters.

St. Louis, Sept. 8.—A voting precinct in St. Louis county, with four perennial residents, is believed to have the smallest population of known qualified voters of any precinct in the United States. The precinct is at Washington University, just west of St. Louis city, and the four residents are wondering how they can distribute themselves at elections to provide the necessary six precinct officials.

The quartet, however, takes comfort in the fact that some members of the faculty stay at the dormitories when the university is in session, and some of these may be qualified voters in St. Louis county. Those who reside at the university throughout the year are Jake Reichert, a janitor, and his wife, and Morris Boorstin, superintendent of buildings and grounds, and Mrs. Boorstin. Formerly they voted at the county court house at Clayton, but at the last session of the State Legislature a law was passed providing for a board of election commissioners in St. Louis county. This law necessitated a redistricting of precincts, as it forbids the adjoining of municipal and rural, or unattached territory in a precinct. As Washington University is not in a municipality, it was necessary to make the grounds of the institution a separate precinct. The unique precinct will be in operation for the first time September 18-20, when a registration will be held in St. Louis county.

DAVIDSON AUDIT PROMISES THRILL

Shortage in Accounts Found, It Has Been Reported. Lexington, Sept. 6.—Courtroom circles are agog here over the audit of the books of the county from 1918 to the beginning of the present year. This work was done by the State Auditing Bureau and consumed about eight months, the State bearing the cost above the sum of \$4,000 guaranteed by the county.

What the audit contains is as yet known to but a few. No summary has yet been prepared and the county commissioners have under consideration what action they shall follow as a result of several items covered by the audit. They expect to collect a good many thousand dollars from former office holders, it is known—and the matter may not stop there, it being rumored that there are things that might be termed sensational that the auditors have discovered. As soon as the commissioners have canvassed the report its findings are expected to be made public here, and they are certainly being awaited with interest by those who from time to time have heard rumors as to what has been found.

Makes Terms.

Paris, Sept. 8 (By the Associated Press).—The inter-allied council of ambassadors in its note to Greece made public today, lays down terms providing that satisfaction be given for the assassination of the Italian mission engaged in delimitation of the Greek-Albanian frontier near Janina on August 28th. The terms are very similar to those in the Italian ultimatum, part of which was rejected by the Greek government leading to the Italian occupation of the island of Corfu. The council holds that an outrage committed under circumstances attending the slaying of the Italian "directly involves the responsibility of the State and territory in which it took place."

Weather For Next Week.

Washington, Sept. 8.—The weather outlook for the beginning of the week: South Atlantic states: Generally fair but with a probability of local showers the latter part of week; moderate temperature.

LOCAL MENTION

Miss Jessie Deaton, of the clerical department of the Parks-Belk Co., is enjoying a vacation at present. Rev. L. A. Thomas is in Albemarle today to preach the dedicatory sermon at the dedication of St. Martin's Lutheran Church.

Miss Ruth Morrison has accepted a position with the Parks-Belk Company. She began her new duties with the company this morning. One case of scarlet fever and two cases of whooping cough were reported to the county health department this morning for over the week-end.

Mr. Charley Linker has accepted a position with the St. Cloud Barber Shop. This gives the St. Cloud shop a personnel of six barbers. Friends and relatives here of Mr. Jesse Griffin have been advised that he is rapidly recovering from an operation which he recently underwent in a hospital in Columbia, S. C.

Mr. P. G. Cook, who has been critically ill for some time, is able to sit up for a short time each day now. His condition today is reported by relatives as much improved. Mrs. Bessie Long Hartsell has resumed her work at Elfr's after enjoying a vacation. She spent some of the time in Charlotte and Mt. Pleasant with relatives and friends.

Mr. Clifford Hahn and Miss Elizabeth Hahn will leave tomorrow for Hickory, where the latter will enter Lenoir College. From Hickory Mr. Hahn will go to Asheville, to attend a convention of Metropolitan Life Insurance Agents.

All persons who are interested in the Center Church cemetery are asked to meet there Thursday afternoon, September 13th for the purpose of cleaning off the cemetery. They are asked to bring tools.

The condition of Sheriff W. P. Mabrey, who has been confined in his home for several days with a severe attack of tonsillitis, is reported today as improved. He is not yet able to return to his office in the court house, however.

Marriage licenses were issued Saturday to the following couples: Daniel Blackwelder and Miss Elva Farr, both of Concord; Glenn Scott and Miss Lotie Sifford, both of Rockwell; and Robert E. Stewart, of Charlotte, and Miss Sosalyn Threadgill, of Concord.

Prof. J. B. Robertson has returned from Raleigh, where he spent several days. While in the State capital Prof. Robertson conferred with State school officials, and made plans concerning the conduct of schools in Cabarrus county this year. Mrs. Charles Starrett died Saturday night after a lingering illness of more than a year. Funeral services were held Sunday and interment was made at the Enochville cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. B. S. Dasher, pastor of the Church of which Mrs. Starrett had been a life-long member.

Miss Lelia Tuttle, missionary supported by the Woman's Missionary Society of Central Methodist Church, was heard with interest by a large congregation at the church yesterday at the morning service. Miss Tuttle has been in the mission field for many years and she is always heard with interest here when she speaks on her work.

Macon won the pennant in the second half of the South Atlantic race. By winning a game Saturday the Georgia team won the pennant and this week is playing Charlotte for the season's championship, Charlotte having won the first half. Wilson won in the Virginia League, defeating Richmond by one point, and probably will play a series with the winner of the Charlotte-Macon series.

At the Bethpage Community Club meeting Friday night representatives of the Cabarrus County Fair were heard with interest. Representatives of the Fair will speak at two community meetings in this county this week and after that they will visit communities in other counties which adjoin Cabarrus. Great interest in the fair is being shown in every community, representatives of the fair state.

School children who have not yet been vaccinated, can get the treatment at the office of the county health department each afternoon this week from 3 to 5 o'clock. The State law required all children to be vaccinated before beginning school and the treatment will be given this week at the health department to accommodate any children who have failed so far to comply with the law.

A number of cases were on docket for trial in recorder's court this morning. Among the defendants were 14 charged with gambling, nine of them having been arrested immediately after the officers flushed the covey of gamblers yesterday afternoon. Three of the defendants were charged with speeding, one was charged with intoxication and another with using profane and indecent language.

Farmers of Cabarrus county who are members of the Co-operative Cotton Growers Co-operative Association should deliver their cotton either to Concord, Kannapolis, Harrisburg or Midland, an officer of the association stated this morning. "The cotton should be delivered during the last three days of the week, when this is possible," the officer stated. He pointed out that the association this year is making an advance of \$60 on each bale weighing 400 pounds or more.

Mecklenburg Tax Levy 87.1-2; 20 Cent Road Tax Refused.

Charlotte, Sept. 7.—A tax rate of 87.1-2 cent was adopted for the county for the fiscal year 1923-24 at a meeting of the board of commissioners today. This is an increase of 11.1-2 cents over the rate obtaining the past fiscal year. The refusal of the board to levy a road tax of 20 cents on the \$100 of property, means the immediate abandonment of a number of road projects.

Crowned Again.

Atlantic City, Sept. 7.—Miss Catherine Campbell, (Miss Columbus), retained her crown as "Miss America" for the second straight year tonight. WEATHER FORECAST. Fair tonight and Tuesday; cooler on coast tonight.

Imported Revolution Threatens The United States, Says Mine Workers

New York, Sept. 9.—The United Mine Workers of America today made public the first of a series of six articles charging that "red forces, under the direct supervision of Moscow, are attempting to seize control of the organized labor movement of America and use it as the base from which to carry on the Communist effort for the overthrow of American government."

"Imported revolution is knocking at the door of the United States and Canada," says the introductory article, which adds that its disclosures are "the result of an independent, searching investigation by the miners' organization which led directly to original sources."

Through a revolutionary movement on this continent the Communist Internationale at Moscow has undertaken, according to the miners, to carry out the following program:

"Overthrow and destruction of the federal, state and provincial governments, with the elimination of existing constitutional forms and foundations."

"Establishment of a soviet dictatorship, absolute in its exercise of power, owing allegiance to only the Communist or third Internationale at Moscow."

"Destruction of all social, economic and political institutions as they exist at this time."

"Seizure of all labor unions, through a process of boring from within them, and utilizing them as a strategic instrument in fulfillment of their revolutionary designs upon organized and constitutional government."

COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT BRIGHTENS LIFE ON FARM

Great Strides Have Been Made Through Work of County Agents. Durham, N. H., Sept. 8.—Significant changes tending to check the economic trend which has been sapping farm life have been brought about by county agent work in the interest of better farming, according to a report by J. C. Kendall, director of cooperative extension work in the University of New Hampshire. Taking as a basis conditions in Sullivan county, where in August ten years ago county agent work was first begun, Director Kendall points to numerous developments which he attributes directly and indirectly to extension activities.

"In the first place, the spirit of aloof individualism has very largely gone," Mr. Kendall says. "People in the old days used to go to meeting to scoff at the agricultural specialist; now they stay and ask questions. They used to think it was a mistake to share their ideas as a farming with each other; now they get together and discuss ways in which they can cooperate to advantage. "But the advance has not been one in spirit only," he adds, and points to scores of new houses built according to extension recommendations; to standard feeding; the testing of two score thousands of birds; and to hillside of MacIntosh apple orchards destined to the acre and saved only by demonstrations that the soil could be controlled.

The building up of new-testing associations, the tendency toward better sires, hundreds of alfalfa fields that yield three crops instead of two, farmers exchange which do an annual business in the state of \$1,200,000 are all evidences of the movement, Mr. Kendall asserts. Substantial results in making farm life more desirable for young people and their elders alike are also observable. He points to better balanced meals, more economical and attractive wardrobes, walls of more prepossessing appearance and kitchens with modern conveniences. Last year 10,000 women worked together to make each other dress forms of gummed paper, cooperated in making patterns and helped each other make fire-

less cookers. In addition, Mr. Kendall points to boys' and girls' clubs and asserts that the significance of 2,000 youngsters training in various farm and home projects is not to be easily waived aside.

CO-OPS NEED NOT PAY INCOME TAX

Provided There Is Proportionate Distribution of Proceeds of Sales. Washington, Sept. 7.—A proportionate distribution of the proceeds of the sale of their products to the members of cooperative associations was declared by the Internal Revenue Bureau here to be the only method by which the income of such associations is made tax exempt. The bureau's findings were announced in a final decision amending previous income tax regulations.

The new regulation provides that cooperative associations, acting as sales agents for farmers, fruit growers, live stock growers, dairymen and others, or engaged in the marketing of farm products and turning back to the producers the proceeds of the sales on a pro-rata basis, are exempt from income tax and shall not be required to file returns. "If the proceeds of the business are distributed in any other way than on such a proportionate basis," the regulation continued, "the association does not meet the requirements of the statute and is not exempt. The accumulation and maintenance of a reasonable reserve for depreciation or possible losses, or a reserve required by a State law, or a sinking fund or surplus to provide for the erection of buildings and facilities, will not destroy the exemption."

The regulation makes it clear that in every case the association will be required to show that the ownership of the stock has been restricted to producers. The regulation extends the same tax exemption to co-operatives which operate as purchasing agencies for organized producers, allowing them all privileges extended to the associations engaged only in selling.

Story-books for blind children contain raised pictures which the little ones linger over lovingly with their fingers.

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Advertisement for Browns - Cannon Co. featuring the text 'We could build a Wall around Wall Street' and 'Put these hats in the center and every banker and broker would turn out head first a winner.' It lists prices for New Knox Fall Hats (\$7.00 up), Others (\$3.00 up), New Fall Caps, and New Fall Shoes.

Advertisement for Bell-Harris Furniture Co. featuring the text 'Building For the Future With RELIABLE FURNITURE' and 'The one outstanding feature of our business is the degree of Service we can render you.' It lists items like Bow Bed, Chiffonette and Full Vanity Dressing Table.

Advertisement for Specialty Hat Shop featuring the text 'FALL HATS!' and 'The Shapes are New. The Colors are Becoming and Youthful. The Prices are RIGHT.' It includes the address '117 Phone One-One-Seven 117'.

Advertisement for Ritchie Hardware Co. featuring the text 'YOU!!' and '117 Phone One-One-Seven 117'. It lists 'Your Hardware Store WILL SEND At Once, Anything, Anywhere THAT YOU NEED IN The Hardware Line' and 'Ritchie Hardware Co YOUR HARDWARE STORE WE SPECIALIZE ON BUILDERS HARDWARE'.

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